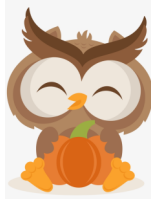


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*Happy Fall!*



# October Faith Matters 2024

*The mission of Faith Lutheran Church* is to reflect God's love through our actions and Christian witness.

**“God’s Work. Our Hands.”**  
**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**



God’s work. Our hands.

*-3 ways to participate-*

**Faith Lutheran:** free car washes for area emergency personnels’ work and private vehicles Shell Rock Car Wash (421 N. Cherry St.) beginning at 11:30 a.m.



**St. Paul’s Lutheran -Waverly:** Northeast Iowa Synod’s flood buckets assembly beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**Redeemer Lutheran-Waverly:** tying of fleece blankets beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**Wartburg College Chapel:** Blessing Service at 2 p.m.

**Church Address:** 422 N. Prairie St. PO Box 170, Shell Rock, IA 50670 **Church Website:** [www.faihtsr11.org](http://www.faihtsr11.org)

**Pastor:** Joel Becker 319-464-0677 Email: [pastorjoel.faihtsr@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoel.faihtsr@gmail.com)

**Parish Coordinator:** Sarah Amfahr **Office Phone:** 319-885-4547 **Office Email:** [faihtsr@butler-bremer.com](mailto:faihtsr@butler-bremer.com)

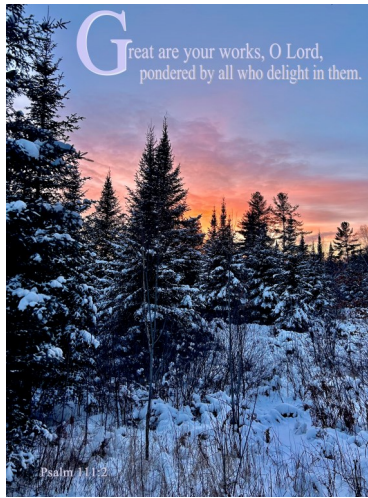
**Parish Coordinator Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am-11 am **Youth Leader:** Jarod McLey



**A Word from Pastor Joel...**

**Faith calendar – coming soon!**

About a year ago, Faith updated our office printer, allowing us to print our own bulletins. We had the idea of creating our own bulletin covers using congregation members' pictures and artwork, and I believe this has been a wonderful addition to our ministry at Faith. Even family members and non-members have begun submitting their creative images for use on our covers.



Creating the images every week for our bulletin covers is a spiritual practice for me. Spiritual practices are important for us to do as a way to center ourselves and do something in ministry that is both stress-relieving and helps us to focus.

Pastors are really good at putting off spiritual practices because there's always something else to do. But, because we need a bulletin cover every week, I cannot put off until next week what should be done today!

Two years ago, I assembled a calendar of my personal images and used it as a fundraiser. I heard many positive comments on that calendar, and some missed not having a Faith calendar this past year.

So, due to the success of our bulletin cover images, we are going to put together a Faith calendar for 2025 using images that have been produced in the last year or so. We cannot use them all, so I'd like you to vote for your favorites. We'll set up a display with printouts of the



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images and we'll use as many of your favorites as we can. I need to submit these images to The Printery by Nov. 1, so the cutoff for voting will be on Reformation/Confirmation Sunday, Oct. 27.  
-Pastor Joel



**October & November Baptism Remembrance will be celebrated Sunday, November 24th**

**October Baptisms**

- 10/3 Chase Backer
- 10/4 Lavon Grimes, Trista Juel
- 10/5 Larry Wildeboer
- 10/7 Reagan Miller
- 10/9 Allison White
- 10/11 Blake Seehusen
- 10/12 Judy Meyer, Brylie Porath
- 10/13 Tom Reints, Rondalyn Brase
- 10/18 Emersyn Kasemeier
- 10/19 William Hamilton, Terri Thomsen
- 10/24 Caleb Hunter
- 10/25 Justice Ballhagen
- 10/26 Michael Pothast, William Zuck
- 10/28 Dave Diercks, Myles Kasesmeier, Seth Klobassa
- 10/30 Emily Pothast
- 10/31 Michaela Cox, Tom Willson

**November Baptisms**

- 11/1 Carter Schulte-Dilger
- 11/2 Zachary Bibler, Joy DeWitt, Haylee Niemann
- 11/3 Jack Thomsen
- 11/4 Willson Marchant
- 11/6 Braylon Porath
- 11/7 Elizabeth Bibler
- 11/11 Kim Lursen
- 11/12 Steve Reints
- 11/14 Jacob Downing, Brad Kuethe, Rowan Miller
- 11/16 Monica Lursen, Janel Rewerts,
- 11/17 John Rewerts
- 11/23 Aleasha Bibler, Patrick Lursen
- 11/24 Karen Neff
- 11/25 Austin Rottink
- 11/26 Allison Mohn
- 11/28 Parker Krull

**2024 Altar Chairs**

- January: Galan & Lisa Kramer
- February: Cleo & Mary Porath
- March: Galan & Lisa Kramer
- April: Dan & Becky Willson
- May: Open
- June: Jo Wyatt
- July: Ann Juel
- August: Open
- September: Karl & Jan Nelson
- October: Tom & Rosemary Willson
- November: Dave & Kim Diercks
- December: Lisa & Galen Kramer

*Thank You for volunteering your time!*

**2024 Monthly Funeral Chairs**

- January & February: Barb (Bill) Harken & Cheryl Wilson
- March: Nikki Harken & Missy Ahrenholz
- April: Open
- May: Lyn Nebel & Janet Withers
- June & July: Gloria DeGroote & Dorothy Schwab
- August & September: Diane Harms & Kathy Henrichs
- October: Lyn Nebel & Janet Withers
- November: Steve & Rhonda Reints, Karl & Jan Nelson
- December: Bonnie Lehman & Carolyn Schrage

*Thank You for volunteering your time!*



Even though the seasons are changing, our south entryway décor has changed right along with them. Thank You, Cheryl Willson, for always making Faith a welcoming place for all from the outside! Mowing season has slowed a bit now, but we are still so very grateful for the time John Lubben has dedicated to yard work and lawn mowing at the church. A BIG 'Thank You' both for giving your time to keep Faith looking its best!



**Altar Flowers** are currently being provided by Love & Lace at the cost of \$55 per Sunday. Please make payment to Faith Lutheran Church and leave a memo on your check or cash envelope noting 'Altar Flowers'. The 2024 flower chart is now posted in the narthex above the visitors book.



**Let us valet for you!**

For those who have difficulty parking their vehicles when coming to church due to physical difficulties and/or the weather, let us help! Park on the South covered entrance ramp and ask a congregation member to park your vehicle. Someone will happily park your car and return your keys!



**50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The family and Ernie & Nancy Ramige would like to invite the congregation to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on **Saturday, October 5th from 2-4 pm** at the Boyd Building.

**Deadline for Sunday Announcements** is

Thursday mornings by 9 am. If you have items to include, please have them to the office by then.

**A Note on Quarterly Financial/Giving Statements**

If you are interested in a quarterly giving statement, please let Sarah know and she can either email, mail or leave a copy for you to pick up at church.

**The Church Food Pantry** in the south entry

is being used on a very steady basis reflecting its importance in meeting the needs of our community. All are encouraged to take a part in sharing the continued success of the food pantry by donating **non-expired** dry good foods, non-perishable canned goods and items to meet personal needs. Thank you for your support!



Free Little Pantry

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**Please Pray for:** Dan Willson, Steve Brackett, Wayne Kuethe, Harley Henrichs, Luanne Ervin, Diane Harms, Ruth Pothast, Dave Stobbe, Gary Dean, Linda Hamilton, Rose Beckham, Steve Pruisner, Roberta Jurgens, Carolyn Schrage, Don Albrecht, Kyle Kramer, Pastor Paul Schaedig.  
**At Bartels:** Barb (Bob) Harken; Paul Kramer  
**At SR Senior Living:** Nancy Ramige  
**At Bartels, Rm 270:** Don Albrecht  
**At SR Senior Living, Rm 18:** Lavon Green  
**At Heritage Care & Rehab:** Helen Rostad

If you are going to be in the hospital or know a church member who is ill, please inform the Pastor.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

**Faith's Bulletin Board**

**Stewardship Emphasis 2025**

We are pleased to announce our three-week stewardship program – **Grow as Stewards through Faith, Love & Hope** beginning Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024.

Each week during our worship service, we'll hear about what it means to grow as stewards of what God has first given us and then return those gifts back to God through our faith in God, our love of God and of one another, and with the promised hope of what God can accomplish through the multiplication of our gifts.

**Here's what is needed from you:**

- Please review and complete the enclosed **Estimate of Giving and Information Update** sheets your household has received in the mail. If for some reason, you have not received the Stewardship mailing, please call the office to request one and we'll get you one in the mail right away. We are forgoing our usual **Time and Talent** sheet this year. But if there are specific areas of ministry in which you would like to participate, please note that on the **Estimate of Giving** card.
- Return your completed cards in the provided envelope before October 6, 2024.
- Please plan to join us for celebration **Sunday, October 13, 2024!**

We pray that God will bless us in our learning, revealing and giving of our myriad of gifts.

*Faith Stewardship Committee*

Mary Porath Barb St. John Wayne Kuethe  
 Dave Pruisner Linda Hamilton Pastor Joel Becker



# Youth Ministries at Faith

## Confirmation

Oct. 2: Exodus  
Oct. 9: Movie Night– The 10 Commandments  
Oct. 16: Movie Night– The 10 Commandments  
Oct. 23: Law, Judges  
Oct. 30: Ruth, Esther

## October Acolytes

Sunday 6th: Cohen & Melanie  
Sunday 13th: Cohen & Melanie  
Sunday 20th: Cohen & Melanie  
Sunday 27th: Cohen & Allison

**Confirmation Sunday** is scheduled for  
*Reformation Sunday — Oct. 27, 2024*  
*Rehearsal & Photos– Sat. Oct. 26 at 10 am*

**Faith Chests** will be presented on Sunday, November 3rd

**FLY Group**– Wednesday nights at 7 pm  
4th-12th grades welcome.



**Sunday School Teachers** were installed during service on Sept. 15th. Thank you for answering the call to teach and serve the youth at Faith!

## Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes

September 18, 2024 at 7:30 pm

In-Person: Conference Room

**Present:** Reints, Juel, Kramer, Brase, Harken, Hamilton, Miller, DeGroot, Rosendahl

**Absent:** Sauer, Lursen

**Opening Devotions** were given by Pastor Joel.

**Secretary's Report.** Approved via email.

**Treasurer's Report.** DeGroot moved to approve. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor and Intern Jared will have a pulpit swap on October 20.

## Standing Committees

**Property.** The outside of the church was washed by Jensen Softwashing out of West Union. The parsonage will be washed soon. Trees that were close to the church building have been trimmed. SSPI Solutions has been hired to trim/remove trees around the Reints house. The carpet is being restretched.

**Stewardship.** Letters went out on Monday, 9/16. The celebration on 10/13.

**Worship & Music.** Gathering feedback/thoughts from screen use on 9/8 are being sought. Altar instructions are being updated. Special upcoming dates: God's Work/Our Hands on 10/6, Stewardship Celebration on 10/13, Reformation/Confirmation on 10/27, Faith Chests on 11/3, Veterans Day Recognition on 11/10.

**FES.** God's Work - Our Hands will be held Sunday, October 6th with a free car wash at Patrick's car wash on Cherry Street. The emphasis will be on offering emergency support personnel with free car washes of both their emergency and personal vehicles. The timing is tentatively set for 11:30 - 1:30 as there is an event celebration planned for 2 p.m. at Wartburg. The other entities involved are St Paul's, Redeemer, and Wartburg. We are exploring purchasing cards with Faith's logo to send to those who need visits.

**Christian Ed & Youth.** Confirmation has started. We discussed the need for tables and chairs for the kitchenette room. Installation of teachers was on Sunday, September 15.

## Old Business

**Mutual Ministry.** Met on 9/15 - will work with Pastor on goal-setting and problem-solving.

**Youth Director Update.** We will be paying Jared McLey \$20/hour (5-8 hrs/week) to lead youth group on Wednesdays after confirmation. Jared will be added to the youth bank account to enable purchasing of supplies.

**Church Mailbox.** The mailbox will be installed.

## New Business

We will begin gathering information about upgrading our telephone system.

**Next meeting date: October 16, 2024, at 7:30 pm**

**Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer**



# Church Council & Committee News



Remember to turn in your 2025 Stewardship pledge card and pick up a Faith Lutheran pen & notepad available on the table in the narthex. They are going fast, so pick yours up today! Thank you for those who have already turned in their pledge cards!



## 2024 Church Council Council Officers

President– Fritz Sauer (2nd year)  
Vice-President– Barb DeGroot  
Secretary– Nikki Harken (2nd year)  
Treasurer– Ann Juel (2nd year)

## Council Members

Rondalyn Brase (2026) Chris Lursen (2026)  
Linda Hamilton (2025) Galan Kramer (2026)  
Jennifer Miller (2025) Jeff Reints (2025)  
Pastor Joel Becker

## Faith Lutheran Treasurer's Report

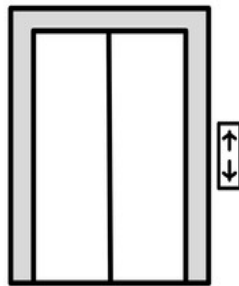
As of September 18, 2024

Checking Balance	\$36,183.24
Savings Balance	\$5,132.24
Good Sam. Fund	\$319.56
Reints House	\$39,605.80
Elevator Loan	\$35,994.65
Monthly Expenses:	\$16,307.35
Aug.20-Sept 16	



We are **ALMOST** there!! The elevator loan is disappearing quickly, with our current balance left on the loan of \$35,994 (as of Sept. 18, 2024). There are still a few fundraisers planned in the upcoming months and we have Rada Pie Alamode sets available to purchase yet as well. The "1232 Promise" continues to be of great help knocking the balance down because we are making "double" payments each month. If you are interested in donating a month's payment, please talk to Pastor, Nikki Harken, or Barb DeGroot. These payments can be anonymous, in honor of, or in memorial of.

*Thank you all for you time and giving on this project!*



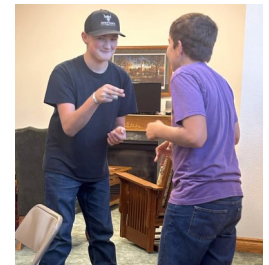
## "1232 Promise" Elevator Fund

October given by  
The Sauers

**Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY)** are getting together weekly on Wednesdays, immediately following confirmation. Confirmation class runs from 6-7 p.m. with FLY beginning at 7, led by student pastor Jared McLey, which includes a game. On orientation night, the group is pictured playing a chaotic game of pickleball. As many of the students arrive for confirmation or youth group without having a chance to eat supper, a light meal -- provided by FLY, parents or congregation members -- is available at 7 in the basement kitchenette. Those who would like to assist with meals, please contact Sarah or Pastor Joel. FLY is open to youth in 4th through 12th grades.



**Confirmation at Faith** There are six students in the Faith Lutheran confirmation class this year. The topic of study this fall is the Old Testament. Along with lots of discussion on creation- what it means to be made in the image of God in the book of Genesis, the group is pictured playing an ice-breaker game of egg, chicken, lobster, t-rex.





## Shell Rock Community Activities



# BACK TO THE FUTURE HAYRIDE



(FORMERLY KNOWN AS NITE HIKE)

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024  
3-5 PM



TESLA TRUCK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LOOK AT

Horses

Join us as we travel through Shell Rock history and back to the present and future. This fun little hayride will start at the County Park in Shell Rock and will move through the town ending back at the County Park. Walking tacos, water & snacks will be available free of charge.

**DUE TO LIMITED SEATING**

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

To register call or stop in at the library at 319-885-4345

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Parents must always be present with their children. Unaccompanied minors will not be allowed on the hayride.**

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## Get Involved at Faith!



### Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct 16th at 6:00 pm  
Food- Cathi Dessert-Ann  
Devotions: Lisa



### Faith Quilters

Faith Quilters are meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9 am. Come for the fellowship and maybe learn a new skill!



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 20th at 8:00 am  
Join us for Great Fellowship & Food!



### MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, October 29th  
at 6:30 pm

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. A light supper is served.



### Faith Singers

Rehearsal

Wed. October 9th at 5:30 pm

Will sing during service  
Sunday, October 13th

### Invitation to Join Faith Singers

If you enjoy singing, we'd love for you to join us! Rehearsal takes place the Wednesday before they sing. No experience needed. Will train. If interested, please contact Susan Brackett.

### October Sunday Servants

Altar Chairs: Tom & Rosemary Willson

Worship Assistant & Scripture Reader

Sunday 6th: Lyn Nebel

Sunday 13th: Open

Sunday 20th: Open

Sunday 27th: Open

Fellowship & Coffee Host

Sunday 6th: Ernie & Nancy Ramige

Sunday 13th: Open

Sunday 20th: Open

Sunday 27th: Open

For the most up to date information, check the bulletin board sign up sheets in the narthex.

Thank You to those who continue to serve faithfully!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Teachers Needed

We are looking for Sunday School teachers for the 2024-2025 season. We have 3 classes and would like to have 2 teachers per class so no one has to teach every week. Lessons and materials are super easy to use. If interested in being a teacher, please reach out to Judy Meyer or Stacey Reints.



# Your Artwork on the Bulletins at Faith!

You may have noticed pictures taken by Faith members in our bulletins. With our new copier, we are able to creatively build and print our own bulletins in color and on colored paper. All the readings are now on a preprinted insert as well.



**We are looking for YOUR artwork to feature on a bulletin cover!**

Kids and adults are encouraged to continue submitting drawings & photography! As long as it's a high-quality image that is able to be scanned or downloaded, we can use it! Have an image to submit? Please email your images to [faithsr@butler-bremer.com](mailto:faithsr@butler-bremer.com).



Image submitted by Rosemary Willson



## Wipe Out Elevator Debt

There are exactly three of these beautifully hand-knitted dish cloths left that were made by Jan Neal. As you know, Jan died at the beginning of September. The dish cloths will be auctioned off during the annual pie auction in January 2025, helping to continue raising funds towards the elevator project.



## LSI October Newsletter

**Now through December 31st, Double your Donation!**

Consider giving a gift to Lutheran Services in Iowa to support Iowans from all walks of life. Until the end of December, all donations will be doubled! A handful of generous donors agreed to match donations up to \$80,000. Increase your impact by donating today at [LSIowa.org/donate](http://LSIowa.org/donate). You may be able to increase your gift even more! See if your employer has a matching gift program.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

## Renting the Fellowship Hall at Faith

Did you know that Faith rents out the fellowship hall for birthday parties, graduations, baby showers, family gathering events and much more?

If you're looking for a place to host your next gathering without having to clean house, check out the fellowship hall. Simply contact the office with your event date to see if it's available. You can pick up a hall rental agreement in the black magazine rack by the south entry way, or call the office and we'd be happy to send you a copy via email or mail.






2024

**October Anniversaries**

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| 1 Harley & Kathy Henrichs<br>Marc & Beth Hallman | 20 Jack & Marietta Kramer                      |
| 5 Ernie & Nancy Ramige<br>Curt & Meighen Chase   | 24 Larry & Ellen Day<br>Robert & Miriam Garbes |
| 10 Brad & Stacey Reints                          |  |
| 12 Steve & Marty Downing                         |  |
| 16 Adam & Angel Schmidtke                        |  |
| 18 Brad & Amanda Dixon                           |  |



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u></p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee &amp; Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School</p>		<p>1 2 pm P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Grief Group</p>	<p>2 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall. 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>3 5:30 pm Ringers Rehearsal</p>		
<p><b>6– 20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Holy Communion God’s Work Our Hands Sunday</p>	<p>7 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 7 pm Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 9 am Quilters in hall 2 pm P-Ball in Hall</p>	<p>9 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 5:30 pm Singers Rehearsal 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>10 5 pm Stewardship 6 pm Christian Ed</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Stewardship in hall</p>
<p><b>13– 21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> Faith Singers Stewardship Celebration Sunday 10:30 am FES</p>	<p>14 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall</p>	<p>15 2 pm P-Ball in Hall 7 pm Ringers Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Women’s Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group 7:30 pm Church Council</p>	<p>17</p>		<p>19</p>
<p><b>20– 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> Faith Ringers 8 am Men’s Breakfast 10:30 Worship &amp; Music</p>	<p>21 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall</p>	<p>22 9 am Quilters in hall 2 pm P-Ball in Hall</p>	<p>23 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p><b>27– Reformation Sunday</b> Holy Communion Confirmation</p>	<p>28 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall</p>	<p>29 6:30 pm Men’s Group</p>	<p>30 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>31 Happy Halloween!</p> 	<p><u>Parament Colors</u> 6th: Green 13th: Green 20th: Green 27th: Red</p>	

**October Birthdays**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 2 Lori Green   | 27 Margaret Wildeboer<br>Curtis DeWitt          |
| 3 Patrick Lursen<br>Dave Diercks<br>Joel Becker        | 28 Rhonda Budlong-<br>Reints                    |
| 5 Jamie Backer<br>Wesley Ballhagen                     | 29 Lesley Mehmen                                |
| 6 Jamison Orth   | 30 Tim Green<br>Ryan Pruisner<br>Mason Arenholz |
| 7 Kristi Bohlen<br>Sande Fehring                       |   |
| 10 Kaylee Carney                                       |   |
| 11 Lisa Willson  |   |
| 12 Allison Mohn  |   |
| 14 Mary Stevenson<br>Cora Stoltenberg                  |   |
| 15 Darrell DeGroot<br>Corey Backer                     |   |
| 16 Fritz Sauer<br>Jacob Hunter<br>Grant Hunter         |   |
| 17 Jacee Orth  |   |
| 18 Randi Fehring<br>Kendal Klobassa<br>Masyn Kasemeier |   |
| 20 Karen Neff  |   |
| 23 Mark Pothast  |   |
| 25 Bonnie Lehman<br>William Zuck                       |   |
| 26 Jaymis Weaver<br>Sawyer Schwartz                    |   |

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?  
Contact the church office so we are able to  
celebrate with you next time!