

Faith Lutheran Church
PO Box 170
Shell Rock, IA 50670

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28-29 Church Office Closed.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!



November Faith Matters 2024

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th will be our

Veteran's Day recognition at Faith Lutheran. Watch for more details on this event. Special treats will be served by FES during coffee fellowship.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE



Plans are being made for a joint Thanksgiving Eve Service with Redeemer Lutheran & St. Paul's Lutheran in Waverly. Stay tuned to the Sunday announcements for further details.

Confirmation Sunday

October 27th

Photos from the day can be found on the inside of the newsletter.



Looking Ahead to December

Sunday, December 15

Sunday School Christmas Program at 9 am

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



Church Address: 422 N. Prairie St. PO Box 170, Shell Rock, IA 50670 **Church Website:** www.faithsr11.org

Pastor: Joel Becker 319-464-0677 Email: pastorjoel.faithsr@gmail.com

Parish Coordinator: Sarah Amfahr **Office Phone:** 319-885-4547 **Office Email:** faithsr@butler-bremer.com

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



A Word from Pastor Joel...

Learning (and teaching) as we go

Thank you for continuing to be supportive of my intern – Jared McLey – as he serves at St. John Maxfield and St. John Crane Creek through Wartburg Seminary. Our work together is going well but it's mostly because we have three congregations doing an awful lot of teaching and learning together.

As a part of our learning and as a way for Jared to learn in more churches, we did a pulpit swap on Oct. 20. I served at his congregations and he led worship at Faith. It was an opportunity for Faith members to see and hear Jared in action and to give him feedback, as well as for me to go to his congregations, see how they do things, and for them to give me feedback about how they experience Jared.



That's all part of being teaching congregations, where we set future pastors up to succeed. It's kind of a continuation of when we had Wartburg College students Madelyn Anderson and Kari Kitchen gaining experience through their college internships. But a seminary internship is a deeper level of learning, teaching and education as one of the final stepping stones on the journey from student to pastor. Jared's internship with me culminates at about the same time as his seminary graduation in May. It's likely that he'll then receive a call into ministry shortly thereafter. But, until then, we have lots of learning and teaching together. Jared and I are planning another pulpit swap in early

December in order to experience Advent in a different context.

Thanks again for your support and willingness to lead as a teaching congregation!
- Pastor Joel



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

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

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 & Linda Haines

Thank You for volunteering your time!

Grief Group— will meet Tuesday, November 12th at 6 pm in the library at Faith. All are welcome. If you have questions, contact Pastor Joel.

Bulletin Artwork We are continuing to accept member submitted photos! We love to see what talent you all have and so far, its been awesome! Pastor Joel is continuing to collect images to use for bulletin covers. Have an image to submit? Please email your images to faithsr@butler-bremer.com.

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!



Daylight Saving time Reminder!
It's time to "fall back". Remember to set your clocks back an hour on November 3rd!

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!



Faith's Bulletin Board

Affirmation of Baptism

Congratulations to Connor Kappmeyer, Kipton Lursen, Paetra Sauer and Ryann Tanner on making their Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 27th. These students have completed two years of confirmation instruction and have said "Yes" to their Christian faith as young adults. **Your Faith Family is proud of you! Congratulations!**



Prayer Chain Contacts

- E-Mail List**
 Pam Droste pamdroste77@gmail.com
 Cheryl Willson srfbins@butler-bremer.com
 Mary Porath porath1070@gmail.com
 Judy Meyer dustyroads@butler-bremer.com
 Cathi DeWitt bencatd@gmail.com
 Lorraine Kramer 72rkramer1@gmail.com
 Lynette Pruisner pruisner152@gmail.com
 Monica Lursen lursen@butler-bremer.com
 Rondalyn Brase rondalynbrase@yahoo.com
 Karen Neff kan321cba@gmail.com
 Faith Office faithsr@butler-bremer.com



Please Pray for: Wayne Kuethe, Harley Henrichs, Luanne Ervin, Diane Harms, Ruth Pothast, Dave Stobbe, Gary Dean, Linda Hamilton, Rose Beckham, Steve Prusiner, 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 172: Don Albrecht

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

- Telephone List**
 Lynette Pruisner 319-939-9557
 Fannie Albrecht 319-269-4677
 Monica Lursen 319-269-4239

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.

Youth Ministries at Faith

November Acolytes

Sunday 3rd: Colt & Masyn
Sunday 10th: Cohen & Allison
Sunday 17th: Colt & Masyn
Sunday 24th: Allison & James

Confirmation

Nov. 6 -Kings, Babylonian Captivity
Nov. 13 -Prophets
Nov. 20 -Psalms
Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Eve worship Service

Upcoming Sunday School & Youth Events:

Faith Chests will be presented Sunday, November 3rd

Sunday, November 10th

Sunday School students will sing during the service.
Students should arrive at church by 8:45 am to practice singing before the service.

No Sunday School December 1st

Sunday, December 15th at 9 am Sunday School Christmas Program.

More details to come in the December newsletter and Sunday Announcements.

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 16, 2024 at 7:30 pm

In-Person: Conference Room

Present: Juel, Kramer, Brase, Harken, Miller, DeGroot, Rosendahl, Sauer

Absent: Reints, Hamilton, 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 went to the fall theological conference and presided over Steve Martin's funeral. Pastor and Intern Jared will have a pulpit swap on October 20.

Standing Committees

Property. We are getting a bid for the carpet. The roof on the back garage at the Reints house is being repaired. Playground is ready for soil and seed. Brick has been fixed.

Stewardship. So far 32% of pledge cards have been received (\$149,856), last year we had 45% (\$186,533). We usually get several later in the year.

Worship & Music. Will meet this Sunday (Oct. 20).

FES. God's Work Our Hands was a terrific event. Kudos to the following kiddos that helped: Cayla and Carly Rosendahl, Charlie Lursen, Kyler, Kipton, and Korbin Lursen; Gloria and Barb De Groot, Ann Juel, Dorothy Schwab, and Chris Lursen. Special thanks to Dorothy, Cayla and Carli who are our official sign makers. A huge thank you to Patrick Lursen for the use of the Shell Rock Car Wash. We received \$200 in donations that will go to the ELCA Hurricane Helene fund.

Christian Ed & Youth. Did not meet.

Old Business

Telephones have not yet been upgraded.

2025 nominating committee updates. Will need to replace: Fritz Sauer, Nikki Harken, Ann Juel, Barb DeGroot, Linda Hamilton, Jennifer Miller, and Jeff Reints.

New Business

Sarah has received a new computer, the router has also been updated.

We need to take a look at our website, chairs/tables in fellowship hall.

Committees should submit 2025 budgets so the council can vote on the budget at the November meeting.

DeGroot moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next meeting date: November 20, 2024, at 7:30 pm

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Faith Lutheran Youth Group worked together with FES to bake sugar and chocolate chip cookies Wednesday, Oct 30th.



These goodies will be used during fellowship when treats are needed and as part of the college cookie packages that will be sent to Faith college students.



Church Council & Committee News



FES Gift Tag Tree

Christmas is coming and so is the annual 'Gift Tag Tree' for the residents of the Shell Rock Senior Living Center. Members of the FES committee will plan to set up the tree in the narthex at the end of November.

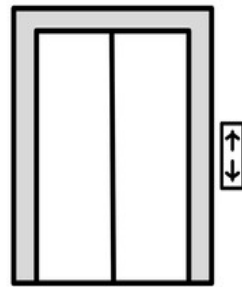
More details to come in the weekly announcements and December newsletter!



A message from Stewardship A big Thank-You to all who turned in their estimate of giving card during our fall campaign. We appreciate your continuing commitment to be a God-pleasing steward. We hope the messages shared during the three-week campaign revealed how God has equipped us to grow as stewards through faith, love, and hope and to live out our faith by doing the good works that God has planned for us to do. For those who use electronic giving, please remember to update your online account to reflect your new giving amount. It's not too late to turn in your card if you have not yet done so.

Faith Lutheran Treasurer's Report

As of October 16, 2024
 Checking Balance \$26,037.38
 Savings Balance \$5,132.24
 Good Sam. Fund \$362.57
 Reints House \$38,945.49
 Elevator Loan \$29,423.33
 Monthly Expenses: \$25,312.46
 (Sept. 20– Oct. 15)



"1232 Promise" Elevator Fund
 November given by Anonymous

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 DeGrootte. These payments can be anonymous, in honor of, or in memorial of. Thank you all for you time and giving on this project!



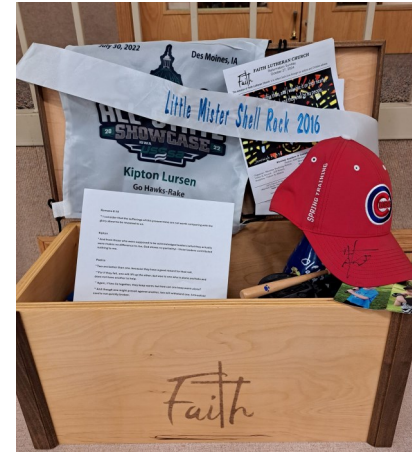
2024 Church Council Council Officers

President– Fritz Sauer (2nd year)
 Vice-President– Barb DeGrootte
 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

More images from Confirmation Sunday...



Students who were confirmed displayed their Faith chests that were presented to them when they first started their confirmation journey. Their chests contain items that have been meaningful to them as they have continued to grow in their faith.



Paetra Sauer



Connor Kappmeyer



Ryann Tanner



Kipton Lursen



Faith Lutheran Youth Group.....

Hey Faith Lutheran Church! You would not believe all the fun the youth have had this last month!

Every week the confirmation students gather for confirmation class at 6 pm.

Then at seven, we take a break as our whole youth group, kids from fourth grade through high school, gather for a meal. After eating, we play games and do service projects. We played Knock-Out, Ghosts in the Grave Yard, Sardines, and we had a ping pong party where we played ping pong but the twist was you had to use anything but a paddle to hit the ball. The youth got really creative using everything from fly swatters to shoes to play ping pong with.



This last week, with the help of the F.E.S. committee, the youth did a service project in which they baked cookies for care packages to be sent to our college students and for the whole congregation to enjoy at fellowship on Sunday after church.



In November we have more fun to come! We are having a dodgeball night, hopefully shaving Pastor Joel's head, and we are joining with other area churches for a special event on Sunday, November 17th at 6:30 pm. Redeemer in Waverly is hosting as we gather with youth from St. Peters in Denver, and St. John Maxfield and Crane Creek, for a special youth Thanksgiving feast. This feast is for the kids! We will have pizza, chicken nuggets, tacos, cheeseburgers, fries, and any other kid-friendly food we think of! We are so excited for the fun that is coming. Please support our wonderful youth by holding them in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith at Faith.



-Jared, FLY Group Leader

Get Involved at Faith!

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 6:00 pm

Food- Monica Dessert-Monica
Devotions: Lisa



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!

Sewing Machines

If you have a sewing machine collecting dust at your house, the quilting ladies would love to use it. Contact Linda Haines at 319-939-3794 or Joyce Lubben at 319-269-3397.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 17th at 8:00 am

Join us for Great Fellowship & Food!



Tuesday, November 26th
at 6:30 pm

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



Faith Singers

Rehearsal

Wed. Nov. 20th at 5:30 pm

Sing during service

Sunday, November 24th

Faith Ringers

Rehearsals

Tues. Nov. 5th at 4:30 pm & Fri. Nov. 15th at 4:45 pm

Playing during service

Sunday, November 17th

Invitation to Join Faith Singers

If you enjoy singing, we'd love for you to join us! No experience needed. Will train. If interested, please contact Susan Brackett.

November Sunday Servants

Altar Chairs: Dave & Kim Diercks

Worship Assistant & Scripture Reader

Sunday 3rd: Barb DeGroote

Sunday 10th: Open

Sunday 17th: Open

Sunday 24th: Open

Fellowship & Coffee Host

Sunday 3rd: Hamilton, Lubben & Milius

Sunday 10th: Open

Sunday 17th: Open

Sunday 24th: 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.



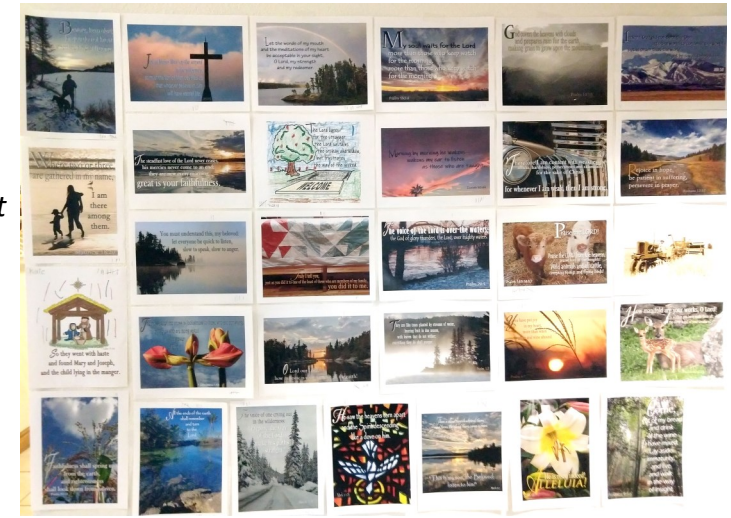
**God's work.
Our hands.**

ELCA congregations in Shell Rock (Faith) and Waverly (St. Paul's and Redeemer) collaborated on "God's work. Our hands." projects on Sunday, Oct. 6, and joined together for a worship service in the Wartburg College Chapel to conclude the day. Faith offered free car washes for the work and personal vehicles of emergency personnel. St. Paul's packed flood buckets. And Redeemer provided the opportunity to tie fleece blankets. Offering collected at the joint service, including donations from the car wash, went toward the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Relief fund toward hurricane relief.



2025 Faith Calendar

The congregation has spoken and the tallies have been counted! Now, Pastor Joel is working on the next phase of organizing and arranging all of the beautiful images YOU have submitted that we've used for our weekly bulletins over the last year. Calendars will be arriving mid-December!



Wipe Out Elevator Debt

There are exactly three of these beautifully hand-knitted dish cloths left that were made by Jan Neal. Jan went to her heavenly address 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.



Faith's Church Address Update

Faith now has a mailbox! It will be installed soon and will be located on the south side of the east parking lot. Effective immediately, mail needs to ONLY have our street address, NO PO Box number needed, as we will no longer have a PO Box as of November 30, 2024. Please address mail to the church at:

**Faith Lutheran Church
422 N Prairie St.
Shell Rock, IA 50670**



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 its 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


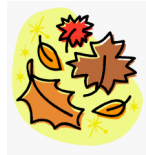

November Anniversaries

- 3 Elmer & Beverly Reints,
Roger & Lorraine Kramer
- 4 Dave & Merna Stobbe
- 22 Wes & Sherri Ballhagen



November Birthdays

- 1- Nathan Gibbs
- 2- Clayton Reints, Matthew Bibler,
Tom Withers
- 3- Blake Willson, Randy Thomsen
- 4- Scott Harken
- 5- Charlotte St. John
- 8- Kim Diercks, Cleo Porath
- 9- Brad Kuethe, Brad Whiteside
- 11- Barb St. John
- 12- Robert Wyatt, Owen Wyatt
- 13- Roy Hardy, Pam Droste,
- 14- Paul Zelle, Dave Stobbe,
Fulton Sauer, Emmitt Reints
- 15- Jewel Olmstead
- 16- Marilyn DeWitt
- 17- Rosemary Willson
- 18- Susan Brackett
- 20- Jim DeWitt
- 23- Matthew Bohlen
- 26- Tricia Kasemeier, Kate Ramige
- 27- Bethany Oeltjenbruns, Nancy Ramige
- 28- Julie Arenholz, Caleb Marlette,
Dana Harms, Leslie Harding
Olivia Strotman
- 29- Brad Reints
- 30- Abigail Beem, Peyton Rover
Dante Moffitt, Skyler Judisch
Kayla White

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u></p> <p>9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 am Sunday School</p>	<p><u>Parament Colors</u></p> <p>3rd: White 10th: Green 17th: Green 24th: White</p>				1	2
<p>3- All Saints Sunday Holy Communion, Faith Chests Presented</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	4 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall	5 2 pm P-Ball in Hall 2 pm Pastor Joel at SR Care Center 4:30 pm Ringers Rehearsal Election Day	6 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group	7 6 pm Christian Ed	8 	9
<p>10- 25th Sunday after Pentecost Veterans Day Recognition Sunday School Sings 10:30 am FES</p>	11 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall	12 9 am Quilters in hall 2 pm P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Grief Group	13 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Youth Group	14 5:30 pm Stewardship	15 4:45 pm Ringers Rehearsal	16
<p>17- 26th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Faith Ringers 8 am Men's Breakfast</p>	18 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall	19 2 pm P-Ball in Hall 	20 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall 5:30 pm Singers Rehearsal 6 pm Confirmation 6 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Group 7:30 pm Church Council	21	22	23 Garbes Family in Hall 10 am -4 pm
<p>24- Christ the King Sunday Holy Communion Faith Singers Oct & Nov Baptism Rememberance</p>	25 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall	26 9 am Quilters in hall 6:30 pm Men's Group	27 9-11 am P-Ball in Hall Thanksgiving Eve Worship At St. Paul's Waverly	28 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30

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