

# Voice of Faith

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10:00 AM

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(Sunday School)  
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## Our Mission

*“Partners with Christ in Building His Kingdom”*

## Our Vision

*“Bringing Children and Families To the Love and Care of Christ”*

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

### **"THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST BUILT".**

*Allow me to direct your attention to the Book of Acts, Chapter 2:42-47* <sup>42</sup> "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching<sup>1</sup> and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread<sup>2</sup> and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread<sup>8</sup> in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number<sup>10</sup> daily those who were being saved." **THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST BUILT;**

*First of all, Christ Church is **FELLOWSHIPING (Worshipping) CHURCH.** The misconception of fellowshiping is having potluck dinners and ice cream socials. Though they are good in enhancing and encouraging participation at times to celebrate and mark new moments in the church life, but the purpose of Fellowship as God planned it for His Church, is for Worshipping. *The Church that Christ Built was/is a Church of Sharers, Companions, Partakers, Participating in Communion of the means of God's grace to his church, Spiritual Food for Eternal Salvation. Which includes liturgy, psalms, reading of God's Word, Preaching of God's Word, Baptizing, The (Eucharist) Lord's Supper, Singing and Praise: The Church that Christ Built is a Worshipping Church.**

*Secondly, The Church that Christ Built is **EVANGELIZING CHURCH.** They were serious and excited about sharing their faith and telling others about "God so loved the world that he gave His only son, that whosoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have Eternal Life" (John 3:16). This focus was central and still must be to the church of God today. God's will "For all to be saved and come into the knowledge and truth in His son, Jesus Christ, that all might be saved through him". The Church that Christ Built is a Evangelizing Church.*

*Thirdly, The Church that Christ Built is a **LEARNING CHURCH.** They were people who understood that it is the TRUTH in Christ that sets people free. The Apostle writes, 'They will know the Truth and the Truth shall set them Free.' To know the truth, one must learn of the truth. The Church that Christ Built, were and still is a learning Church. The Church/people devote themselves to the Apostle teachings (God's Word), to the breaking of bread and to prayer. This is the things that made them one, having everything in common. They learned together God's Word, they eat together common foods, the shared in each other home and goods, they prayed for one another and the Apostle and for the good of others. The Church that Christ Built is a Learning Church.*

*Finally, They were/are **LOVING CHURCH.** They understood and received the great Love of God through Christ for them and for all people. Their respect for God and his Love through Jesus compelled them to all agree and to work common goals to the glory of Christ. They genuinely/honestly/sincerely loved one another and all God's People. The Church that Christ Built is a Loving Church.*

*To God Be The Glory!*



**Pastor Michael A. Johnson, Sr.**

**Senior Pastor**

## Board Banter

**Happy New Year!**

We look forward to 2021 with hope and trust in God. 2020 has been a year of many challenges, losses, and adaptations due to the pandemic, but God has continued to care for us in providing for our ministry at Faith Lutheran Church. With the beginning of 2021, we look forward to new opportunities. Possible vaccines offer the hope of a return to the ability to congregate and socialize without (or with relaxed) restrictions. In the meantime, we continue to adapt to God's leading our ministry forward.

A committee to review the Faith Lutheran Church constitution has been formed. They will be looking at clarifications with the advisory of Pastor Johnson.

The Board of Directors is working with the Board of Trustees (Buildings and Grounds) regarding security needs for the parsonage and the church. The Trustees will assess the needs and make recommendations for more stable security.

Rich Blazeovich and others have been working on updating membership records for a new church pictorial directory.

Thanks to Bob Hameetman and Teena Lubomski for recording and putting worship services online, which have been greatly appreciated. There continue to be challenges, yet the Board will work with Pastor Johnson to assist in identifying and provide support for needed resources and directions.

Faith is a congregational-based church, in accordance with the LCMS. The congregational meetings are the way that congregation members express their voices and support for the congregation. Correction: The semiannual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021, following the 10 AM worship service and not January 24th. We urge all members to attend. Appropriate measures regarding social distancing, masks, and sanitizing will be taken. There will be elections for openings on the Board of Directors, and the budget will be presented for approval by the Congregation. Copies of all documents to be considered at the Congregational Meeting will be distributed prior to the meeting for your review and consideration. If you have any questions, please speak with one of the Board members, or the author of the reports.

We have much to be thankful for, and so much to offer as a church. God has blessed us with many caring and willing members to meet the challenge of opportunities. I trust that God will lead us in a way to continue to share His Love and Grace with each other and our community.

God's continued blessings to you all.

Eva Mullinax  
Chair, Board of Directors

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A nominating committee has been formed to fulfill upcoming Board of Directors vacancies for two year periods. The open positions are President, Treasurer, and 3 Directors. As mentioned in recent past mailings, and church announcements, if you would like to be considered to serve on Faith's Board, please present your name and position of interest to any of the nominating committee members: John Coates, Janet Schnittker, or Ray (Buzz) Gross. They will be meeting in the weeks ahead and will present a slate of Nominees to the Board for subsequent presentation and congregation vote at the January 31, 2021, Congregation Meeting.

Please note that with the amount of lead time to the congregation, the time to make known your interest is now, as there will be no write-in provisions at the meeting.

If you have any questions please reach out to the committee chair, John Coates.

## FUNDRAISERS

Thank you for your generous support of our two recent fundraisers.

SEE'S CANDIES profit was \$627 and the SCRIP card orders provided \$201.

We hope you enjoy all of your purchases and thank you again for supporting Faith Lutheran Church and Lambs of Faith Early Childhood Center.



## 2021 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Flower Calendar for 2021 is posted in the narthex. Please post your name, whether you will sponsor 1 or 2 bouquets, and the reason (i.e., in memory/honor of someone, an important date/celebration, etc.). The cost of each bouquet is \$15.

Please note, if you are not regularly attending church at this time, you can call the office and let Jackie or Leslie know if you would like a Sunday reserved.



Hello Faith Lutheran Church,

Happy New Year! We have twenty children in our Virtual Preschool Program. In January 2021, we will be adding Preschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Kits in addition to our regular preschool kits. These new kits will provide preschool families with additional simple materials to build on preschool skills, as well as Virtual experiences that explain the materials and allow us to create and socialize together. Social emotional skills are very important in the early education years. The kits will also allow us to reach more families with additional times that work well for young families who are interested in enrichment activities for their preschool child.

National Lutheran Schools Week is January 24th through January 31, 2021. "Sent to Serve" is the theme for the 2021 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture is Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many." During this special week, our Virtual preschoolers will have special spirit days to celebrate our school and we will discuss and share ways that preschoolers can serve others as Jesus did. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our preschool ministry!

Due to the pandemic and planning for the 2021-22 school year, registration for the 2021-22 school year is tentatively planned to begin in early spring (March). Arlington Heights Library will not be hosting their in-person Preschool Fair Night in January, but they have planned a Virtual School Information Fair in February to get the word out about schools in our community. The Virtual event will have links grouped by age group for parents to visit and see information about each school and how to connect virtually with the school. Faith Lutheran Church and Lambs of Faith Early Childhood Center will participate and have a "Virtual School Link" at the School Fair with information about our Early Childhood Center.

Please pray for Faith Lutheran Church and Lambs of Faith ECC, and all of our ministries in 2021! May God Bless you and your family in 2021!

In Christ,  
Jori Reuter  
faithlutheranpreschool@gmail.com



## Zoey Ann Agapi Blair

11/28/2020

**The granddaughter of Sheila & Eddie Shamo was welcomed into the life of Christ through Baptism. God Bless You, Zoey**



John & Lorie Coates' daughter Jaime, and her husband Alex Gross, had their daughter baptized. Born this summer, Amelie Rose is their first child, and the first grandchild of Lorie and John. The ceremony was performed at the Lutheran church a few blocks from their home in the Beverly section of Chicago. The event took place on Saturday, November 28, 2020.



*CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COATES FAMILY AND  
WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF OUR LORD, AMELIE ROSE*

Dear Friends of Faith,

Happy New Year! May our Lord bring us peace and a great deal of health and healing this year.

Many of us have sheltered-in-place in 2020; as of this writing, my hope is that Faith Lutheran Church can come back to its beautiful life as fellow saints in worship, back to regular Bible studies, back to luncheons/dinners/coffee an's, little Lambs coming back to our preschool, (God bless you, Jori!), back to choir and handbell rehearsals/performances, back to musicians performing for concerts.

Have I missed anything? I probably have.

Thanks to Pastor Johnson for his wonderful ministry and ongoing support of our Music Ministry.

Thanks to our Handbells for their dedication.

Thanks to our Choir for their continued perseverance (believe me, singing with a mask on is quite the challenge!).

Thanks to Rachel Petersen for her continued efforts – keep your fingers going!

It is a joy and privilege to serve as your Music Director.

*"Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;  
Godhead, humility, union supernal,  
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!  
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:  
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!"*

God bless,

Jim Vyhanek  
Minister of Music





## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS**

**Rev. Michael A. Johnson, Sr. – Senior Pastor**

431 S. Arlington Heights Road

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### **VISION - 2021 AND BEYOND**

**Deacons/ Elders Ministry**—(*Assisting Pastor/ Fostering leadership and Care of Members*)

**Evangelism/Missions Ministry** – (*Planning and directing Outreach in the Community*)

**Fellowship Ministry** – (*Planning repast, celebratory meals and Event Recognition*)

**Membership Ministry** – (*Responding to Sick, Death and Hospitalization*)

**Stewardship Ministry** – (*Encourage TITHE giving Time, Talent and Treasure*)

**Pastoral Ministry** – (*Developing Care for Pastor and Family*)

**Men’s Ministry** – (*Encourage Men’s Relationship & Involvement*)

**Publication Ministry** – (*Advertising and marketing - Church Branding*)

**Instrument Technology Ministry** – (*Video and Audio Recording / Live Streaming*)

**Telephone Ministry** – (*Calling members to Encourage attendance and Participation*)

**Trustee Ministry** – (*Overseeing property, equipment, and contracts*)

**Vision Team Ministry** – (*Recommend Marketing/ Branding and Growth Ideas/Plans*)

**Youth Ministry** – (*Coordinating Youth Involvement Program and Fellowship*)

**Senior’s Ministry** – (*Coordinating Functions and Participation of Senior Members*)

**Praise Dance Ministry** – (*Honoring God through Praise Dance*)

**Women of Vision** – (*Coordinating Women Involvement in Planning and Vision*)

**Health Ministry** – (*Planning & scheduling Healthy Lifestyle Importance*)

**Usher Board Ministry** – (*Welcoming Members and Visitors into the House of God*)

**Altar Guild Ministry** – (*Preparing and Providing the Altar for Worship*)

**LWML Ministry** – (*Involving Women in Local and World Mission Support*)

**THRIVENT** – (*Facilitate matching funds and donations for Community Engagement*)



## Official Acts

### Deaths

Ruth Danker  
November 17, 2020

### Baptism








Zoey Ann Agapi Blair  
November 28, 2020





# JANUARY 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Chr. Ed. & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship/Comm. 	4 6:45 PM Men's Bowling  VOICE OF FAITH DEADLINE	5	6 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 	7 7:00 PM Bell Choir 8:00 PM Faith Choir	8	9 8:00 AM Building & Grounds Meeting 9:00 AM Prayer Shawls 9:00 AM-Noon Taking down the Christmas decorations
10 8:30 AM Congregation Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM Chr. Ed. & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 	11 6:45 PM Men's Bowling	12	13	14 7:00 PM Bell Choir 8:00 PM Faith Choir	15	16
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24 9:00 AM Chr. Ed. & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 	25 6:45 PM Men's Bowling 7:00 PM Rainbows	26	27	28 7:00 PM Bell Choir 8:00 PM Faith Choir	29	30
31 9:00 AM Chr. Ed. & Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship/Comm. 11:00 AM Congregation Mtg. 						



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