



Faith † Journey Lutheran Church

December 2017 / January 2018



So transformed by God's abundant grace, we
rejoice together in Christ-centered life, love and service
"Equip • Connect • Empower"

Mark your Calendar

11-22 *Thanksgiving Worship*

11-29, 12-6, 12-13, 12-20
Midweek Advent Worship

12-17 *GIFT Christmas program*

Reminder

Church office closed:

Thu & Fri, Nov 23 & 24, 2017

Mon & Tue, Dec 25 & 26, 2017

Mon, Jan 1, 2018

Mon, Jan 15, 2018

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Called To Be About The Work of the Lord

By Pastor Mike O'Berg

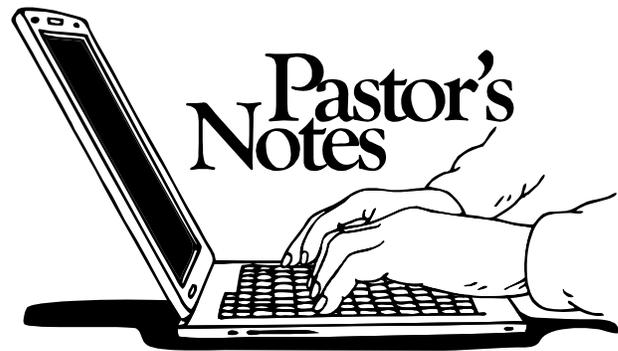
By the time you read this - we will be deeply steeped in the final stages of the active phase of Project Cross † Roads. This has been quite a journey from the initial conversations about the possibility of engaging in another capital campaign, talking with people about serving on the committee, dreaming about the future of Faith † Journey, and (most important of all) hearing the stories that so many have shared about the importance of this ministry in their lives. I love to be able to pass along those stories, especially among some of my non-church friends (yes I have some of those) and answer their question, "What difference does the church really make?"

To answer that question would take more ink that we have...I am convinced that the church makes all the difference! The body of Christ is like no other gathering of people. We are connected by discipleship - but we do not just do one thing. We do not tell you what to support, for whom you

should vote, or how to spend your time. What the church does is provide a greenhouse of faith that provides all of us with a solid base from which we can make all of the decisions and commitments of everyday life - grounded and rooted in our understanding of God's desire for each one of us and God's mission for loving the world.

As I said in a recent worship service, I support the mission of Faith † Journey for various reasons - but mostly because of the hope that this ministry blesses me with. Hope, as we use it in terms of our Faith, is not just naive optimism that everything will work out, somehow - or that everything will eventually come up roses....No, in terms of our faith - Hope is an expectation born of experience. Hope is not wishing that everything will turn out ok - it is knowing that - whatever is happening - God is going to accomplish exactly what God has promised to accomplish.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent, Christmas, Epiphany (ee-pif-a-nee) are three seasons the church will move through in December and January. I thought I'd share a little about each of these church seasons. By the way, did you know these seasons and their corresponding numerals are listed on the front page of our weekly worship bulletin?

Advent—is a season of the church year including the four weeks before Christmas. Fun fact!!: By the year 380, the Church had developed a time of preparation for both Christmas and Epiphany; this became "Advent". Advent was, and remains, a time when we thank God for sending Jesus Christ to the world (in the past) and a time when we of hope for Christ's anticipated return (in the future).

Christmas—mammoth, essential, pretty busy, and beloved celebration of Christ's birth. Fun fact!!: This season has been, more or less, part of Christian communities since about 336. But it doesn't last too long: usually not more than two weeks! NOTE: Be sure to check the worship times for December 24th and 25th on the calendar, whether on paper or on the website www.growinfaith.org

Epiphany—Fun Fact!!: Epiphany can be known as a "season of light". By the year 350, the Church wanted to a) recognize the ways Jesus Christ has made known God to the world and b) give some order to the message of how Jesus said and did this. Thusly, we have Epiphany. In worship, this season begins with the Baptism of our Lord and continues through Transfiguration Sunday.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you! Thank you for your active involvement and presence in worship, in Project Cross † Roads, and among the ways we are equipped, the ways we are worship opportunities present among us as church. We can't wait to see you in church in this significant time of life and church!

Bless you!
Pastor Rich

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In the parable of the Wise and Foolish Bride's maids (Matthew 25:1-13) one could ask what was it that separated those who had enough oil and those who did not? Among many of the reasons given that I have read over the years, I have come to my own conclusion. Why do the bridesmaids in the story keep their lamps trimmed? Not because they are wishing the groom would show up, but because they knew - even delayed - the groom showing up.

We are called to live our lives expecting Jesus to show up - knowing that Jesus will show up. When? That's up to God and is really not our concern. If we did know the day/hour of the return of Jesus - well, I guess we could be like my kids who mess around all night and then race to get things straightened up before mom and dad come home at "the expected hour."

The hope that feeds my soul, the hope that I find nowhere else but right here among all of you is that we are called to be about the work of the Lord right now and right here - not because we wish Jesus would come - but because we know that Jesus will come. This is what Faith + Journey does every hour of every day. Together we are doing the work of God's kingdom, touching lives, making a difference, timing the lamps of expectations of the return of our Lord Jesus.

God's Blessing be upon us!



Help keep someone warm this winter!

This Christmas we will decorate trees at both campuses with donations of new socks, mittens, gloves, and hats. These donations will be shared with kids, men and women at the YWCA Women's Shelter, New Life Center, Churches United for the Homeless and Dorothy Day.

Some suggestions:

- Diabetics risk amputation if they do not have clean white cotton socks.
- The average child loses at least one mitten a year. Younger kids lose even more!
- Brown jersey work gloves, even though they may not make a fashion statement, are fantastic in winter.
- Watch for bargains to make your dollars stretch.

Sponsored by Social Ministry

82 Quilts Completed at Fall Quilting Week

A big thank you to all who helped complete 82 quilts during Fall Quilting Week. Many talented ladies helped to put quilts together, sew around the quilts and tie the quilts. Some of the quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief, who will then ship them to other countries in need. The rest of the quilts were given locally to Churches United for the Homeless, YWCA Shelter, Dorothy Day House, New Life Center, PATH, Salvation Army and Fraser. Thank you, also, to those who completed many tops at home and to those who donated fabric and twin size sheets for the backing of the quilts. Special thanks to Brenda Nelson who came and gave massages which was a wonderful relief!



Faith in Action

*By Rod Schober,
Stewardship Team*

Greetings all! It's great to be part of Faith † Journey congregation working together to equip, connect and empower us for carrying out the missions of the church that pleases our Lord and Savior.

We are truly blessed with wonderful members of the church going above and beyond with the sharing of their time and talents. During a Project Cross † Roads Enrichment Gathering my wife and I attended at the 2nd Avenue Campus, there was discussion on the emotional side of giving. Otto Olsgaard, certainly included in the afore mentioned group of those going above and beyond, shared his thoughts of "Give until it feels good". What a powerful message when we prayerfully consider our gifts of our time and treasures for the upcoming pledges to the general fund and capital campaign.

There are so many wonderful projects that can be accomplished to meet the needs of tomorrow, today. As our leaders tell us, we are at a cross-roads at Faith † Journey and in a perfect time to unite to make a difference in the community and beyond with our combined supportive efforts. Upgrading our kitchens, general repairs to buildings and grounds and reducing debt will improve our ministry efforts.

Please consider the following verses:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;"

Acts 20:35

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Let's take Otto's advice and give until it feel's good. Together, we can make it happen!!!!

Volunteers Needed to Assist with decorating for Advent and Christmas!

Saturday, November 25

8:00am

2nd Ave Campus

All are welcome!!



Thank You to the King's Men

The King's Men were at it again in September. Many of us use the South door to the 2nd Avenue campus. That includes most of the staff. The King's Men thought it needed a little touch up. Otto Olsgaard, Merrill Braaten, Ted Lindseth, John Roney, Allan Berge and Darrell Costain spent a Tuesday morning repainting the wall to match the colors of the new sanctuary. We were fortunate that the temperature didn't hit 90 until after lunch!!



Before



After



Ever wonder who mows the grass at our two campuses. I was told it was a "ministry" of the King's Men but actually its therapy for most of us. This year has been a little less hectic but about four King's Men each week rotate and tackle the two campuses. If you have any complaints we're always looking for new members!!

Darrell Costain

Thank you to the members of the Arts & Environment Team who created the Luther Rose banners on display at each of our campuses. These banners will continue to be on display as we recognize the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.



**Thank You to
Many Volunteers
Lutefisk and
Meatball Supper**



The annual Lutefisk and Meatball supper has been a part of our church for decades and continues because of the amazing support of the members of our church and our guests who come from far and near.

Whether you donated butter, baked cookies (the cookies and home-made rommegrot make our dinner unique), came in Thursday to make cranberry relish, or worked Saturday or Sunday or bought tickets, thank you, thank you, thank you!

There are jobs for all ages. Some who worked on Saturday were younger siblings of H2H kids and some workers quite a few decades older. Some were working for the first time and others have many decades of experience.

The list of tasks was six pages long so you can imagine the total number of hours worked by adults and kids. Though some of the tasks are less fun than others, all jobs get done with efficiency and good humor. Imagine scraping plates and hauling busing bins for three hours. Every year our dishwasher (who ran the dishwasher for only 6 hours this year because he had to fit it in between two work shifts) ends the day saying he had a great time and volunteers to come back the next year! Making thousands of meatballs is mind numbing at 8:00am, but soon the quiet is replaced by conversation and smiles. Every assignment is important to the success of this event and these many hands make the job easier.

It is impossible to have a successful dinner without those who are willing to do the cooking on Saturday. Thanks Bev (for the rommegrot too), Clint and Arlen.

This fundraiser is organized by the Women of FaithJourney, but besides the faithful women who step up, this event is supported by a number of willing and cheerful men, thanks guys. And an absolutely amazing, incredible, huge number of H2H kids, guides and parents. Every year we say this, we absolutely, positively could not do this without you! We are so grateful.

All of your efforts allow us to further the ministry of our church. And as an extra blessing the opportunity for fellowship is incredible, so please consider volunteering next year. Always the third Saturday in October.

**Mark your calendars!
October 20, 2018**

**Thank you for
supporting the
CROP Walk**

Thank you to those individuals and groups who so faithfully supported the CROP Walk. The walk total for the area participating churches and groups this year was \$5,803.25.



Faith +Journey Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Mike O'Berg, Tim LeClair, President; Linda Withey, VP; Willie Schacher, Signe Nystuen, Keven Kercher, Jen Grund, Scott Rortvedt

Members Absent: Jeff Watne

Others Present: David Hove, Parish Administrator; Diane Newburgh, Secretary; Pastor Rich Kramer, Associate Pastor Rich Kramer

1. Opening Devotion/Prayer: Jen
2. Approval of agenda: MSC
3. Governance Model Review: Tim – Handout “Governance Framework” provided. Tim led us through item 6. iii on page 5 of the handout. Kevin will continue leading the review at the next meeting.
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 - a) Minutes from September 12th meeting: Motion to approve the minutes. MSC
 - b) Parish Administrators report: Dave – hand-out provided and reviewed
 - c) Committee Reports: Project CrossRoads – hand-out provided and reviewed. Call Committee – hand-out provided with most recent update
 - d) Pastor’s Report: Mike, Rich - hand-outs provided by both pastors detailing responsibilities and ministries.
 - e) Correspondence: None
5. Report on Finances: David H. - Total attendance YTD is down by 6%, while average weekly giving per attendee is up by 9.76%. 82% of YTD budget is earned / 88.62% YTD budget is spent. Cash Flow is pressing. Our line of credit is at \$92,233. Discussion: Cash flow needs to be addressed. Tim will work on a message to the congregation.
6. Old Business:
 - a) Treasurer position: Tim - has list of 7 or 8 people. Goal is to have a one in position by next month.
 - b) Governance Model Transition - Discussion of whether book study would be helpful or discussion of policies would be a better use of time. Terms: Term lengths were determined as follows: Jeff Watne, Keven Kercher, 3 yr; Scott Rortvedt, Willie Schacher, 2 yr; Signe Nystuen, Jen Grund, 1 yr.
7. New Business:
 - a) Budget review: Budget was reviewed in a format which arranged items according to ministries. Motion to approve the 2018 budget as presented by Pastor Mike for consideration by the congregation at the October 29, 2017 congregational meeting. MSC
8. Other Announcements and/or Exchange of Information:
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9. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer
10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 21 at 6:00 PM @ 40th Avenue Campus

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Newburgh, Secretary

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting

October 29, 2017

Presiding: Tim LeClair, President

1. Call to Order: Tim LeClair – Motion to approve the agenda - MSC

2. Opening Prayer: Pastor Rich Kramer

3. Approval of Minutes

a. April 30 Congregation Meeting: MSC

4. Report of the Treasurer: David Hove - Total attendance YTD is -6%. Total giving per attendee is + 9.76%.

82.16% of budget is earned while 88.62 is spent, leaving about \$50,000 loss YTD. Cash flow is difficult. Line of Credit is at 92,233. We owe \$10,000 to Faith Formation and \$14,500 to restricted funds.

5. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business

6. Report from Special Committees:

a) Policy Governance Transition Team - Corey Herlickson and Tim LeClair:

(1) Governance Model Update: Power Point shown. Explanation of reasons for change and issues with our current system. Benefits of Policy Governance: More efficient; much like a school board and our Faith Formation team. Change is currently in process and approved by PPC. Yet to be done: Meet with ministry teams to explain governance model and draft amendments to constitution and bylaws. Council member selection process reviewed. Council members approved by PPC and term lengths assigned. Q&A: Teams will still be doing their work, but will not attend council meetings.

(2) Presentation of Council Nominees: Motion to approve the following nominees for the congregation council under the proposed Governance Model and terms: Jeff Watne and Keven Kercher, 3 yr; Scott Rortvedt and Willie Schacher, 2 yr; Jen Grund and Signe Nystuen, 1 yr. MSC. President, Vice President and Sr. Pastor are voting members. Associate Pastors, Treasurer, Secretary, and Parish Administrator are non-voting.

b) Call Committee Update: Keven Kercher

Fourteen candidate names submitted for consideration. Currently reviewing 1 minister profile.

Discussed challenges and current efforts such as advertising.

c) Project Crossroads Update: Jeff Watne: Main focuses of Project Crossroads: upgrade kitchens, facility revitalization, Create a reserved fund, Cover Mortgage costs for next 3 years. Goal: \$1,000,000.

Involved are: Enrichment Gatherings, Advance Commitment meetings, Bible Study and prayer vigil. Leaders and teams were acknowledged. Upcoming events: All church banquet - Dec 2nd at 40th Ave site. Commitments made at this event. A successful campaign will put us in a much better place facility-wise and financially. Q&A: Current campaign is now paying for budget expenses. Question concerning planned updates for our 2nd Ave kitchen deferred to the property board.

7. New Business

a) Consideration of 2018 proposed forecast: Stewardship: David Hove and Pastor Mike.

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Total of proposed forecast is \$1,071,660, about &27,000 (2.66%) over last year. 67% accounts for salaries and benefits. Q & A: Proposed forecast includes a new Associate Pastor. Motion to approve the proposed forecast: MSC

8. State of the Parish Report: Pastor Michael O'Berg - Power point shown organizing the proposed forecast according to ministry categories: Faith Development, Faith Formation, Worship, Staff and Facilities. Ministries accomplished through dedicated staff, regular support and awesome lay Ministry. Resources: Offering plate, Special Offerings, Building Use and Project Crossroads.

* Ministry more important than statistics.

* Decision to Press Forward or to Retract

* Make a difference. Willingness to let go of the past and experience healing.

* Lean into the Question: What is important for me?

* Possess, develop a confident & bold faith that God is doing great things through our ministry.

* We need \$7.13 per person per Sunday.

9. Closing Prayer: Pastor Mike

10. Adjournment: Tim LeClair - MSC



Thank you to all who have given a special donation to Faith † Journey Lutheran Church in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one.

Memorial Fund

In Memory of. . . Margie Peters from Lynn & Elaine Melby, Lloyd & Phyllis Anderson; Shirley Johnson from Cindy Andersen, Christine Landsdown, Lucky L. & Paula A. Brown; Anita Sackman from Allan & Sharon Nelson, Lee & Corinne Strand, Jeannine Galbreath; Dale Miller, brother of Dennis Miller, from Barb Swanson; Ardith Hoehn from Lisa Udem, Allan & Sharon Nelson, Lilah Jondahl, Leah Rice, Gene & Tamara Johnson, Wes & Harryette Bartron, Mick & Janice Hammerstrom, Paul & Patricia Korsmo, Roger & Mary Jean Olson, Pat Nelson, Kirk Hawley, Robert & Virginia Geston, Larry & Andrea Lepird, Tim & Kim Keller, Anne Merrill, Edna Ellefson; Lorell Lee from Wes & Harryette Bartron; Donald Peterson from Dave & vCandy Pearson; Raleigh Halvorson from Terri Swanson, Allan & Sharon Nelson; Don Dresser from Mary Ann Johnson; Betty Lehmann, Clint Lehmann's mother, from Otto Olsgaard, Roger & Mary Jean Olson; Nicholas Orvik from James Holmen; Lila Rau from Bruce & Judy Clark; Bill Bugbee from Otto Olsgaard

Stained Glass Fund

In Memory of. . . Ardith Hoehn from Sonia Sandvig, Eugene & Bonnie Christl, Mary Lou Christl, Janice Kjesbo; Donald Peterson from Eugene & Bonnie Christl, Mary Lou Christl, Don & Corrine Anderson, John & Judith Swanson; Lorell Lee from Sylvia Lee; Raleigh Halvorson from Lillian Kiefat, Deloris Hanson, John & Judith Swanson, Fred & Paula Kaufman; Robert Riemer from Terry & Betty Potter

In Honor of. . . Mae Peppel's 85th Birthday from Janice Kjesbo; Eugene & Bonnie Christl's 60th Anniversary from Mary Lou Christl, Sonia Sandvig, Eugene & Bonnie Christl, Janice Kjesbo, Merilyn Rice, Terry & Betty Potter; Vern & Lynda Hammer's 50th Anniversary from Eileen Lund, Devonna Flath, Larry & Rachel Thorson, Sonia Sandvig, Carolyn Amundson; Eleanor Paulson-Detienne's 100th Birthday from Janice Kjesbo, Mae Peppel, Jeannine Galbreath; Jean Burner's 90th Birthday from Janice Kjesbo, Jeannine Galbreath, Mavis Bartel; Great-Grandson, Everett Barth's Baptism from Eugene & Bonnie Christl

Music/Choir Fund

In Memory of. . . Ardith Hoehn from Larry & Mary Ann Hudson, Jeanne Nathe, Barb Swanson, Lyle & Judy Jabs, Judy Lee, John & Vonnie Rostad, Otto Olsgaard, Steve & Annette Porter, Jeannine Galbreath,

Clifford & Donalee Moore, Joan Whaley, Arlene & William Schultz, Mary Tank, Judy Vialpando, Patricia Kennedy, Connie Erickson, Lorna Haug, Daryll Rued, Ryan & Tina Rued, Kathleen & Charles Ellefson, Anne Ballinger, Brent & Kathleen Johnson, Kevin & Kristine Skadure, George Wyum, Shelly & Carl Kannianen; Annette Porter's brother, Jerry from Lyle & Judy Jabs; Ordell Pederson, Jr. from Shelly & Carl Kannianen; Adele Swenson from Shelly & Carl Kannianen; Shirley Johnson from Shelly & Carl Kannianen; Margie Peters from Shelly & Carl Kannianen; Ronald Rheault from Shelly & Carl Kannianen

In Honor of. . . Eugene & Bonnie Christl's 60th Anniversary from Allan & Louise Schober

Bible Camp Fund

In Memory of. . . John Finstad from Duane & Betty Nelson

Piecemakers/Quilters

In Memory of. . . Ardith Hoehn from Judy Dallmann, Terry & Betty Potter

In Honor of. . . Eugene & Bonnie Christl's 60th Anniversary from Judy Dallmann

General Fund

In Memory of. . . Clara Huus, mother, from Gerald & Mary Huus; Howard Potter & Audrey Potter Anderson, parents, from Cassie Berg; Paul Potter, brother, from Cassie Berg; Liam Miller, great-grandson, from Cassie Berg; Ron Rheault from Willie & Sharon Schacher; Mrs. Roger (Marlayne) Domyahn from Roger & Mary Jean Olson, Bruce & Helen Thompson; Ardith Hoehn from Willie & Sharon Schacher, Jerry & Ellen Liddle, Bruce & Helen Thompson; Donald Peterson from Willie & Sharon Schacher; Raleigh Halvorson from Mike & Sherry Christl; Robert Riemer from Keith & LeAnne Dressel; Bill Bugbee from Paul & Diane Newburgh

In Honor of. . . Willie Schacher's Retirement from Lyle & Judy Jabs; Eugene & Bonnie Christl's 60th Anniversary from Willie & Sharon Schacher; Vern & Lynda Hammer's 50th Anniversary from Rusty & Doris Rost

CatchUp Campaign

In Memory of. . . Ardith Hoehn from Paul & Diane Newburgh; Marlayne Domyahn from Paul & Diane Newburgh

Faith Foundation

In Memory of. . . Robert Hove from Roger & Mary Jean Olson; Ardith Hoehn from Darrell & Arlene Costain, Noreen Fischer; Raleigh Halvorson from Noreen Fischer; Robert Riemer from Noreen Fischer

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Memorials (continued)

Faith Foundation

In Honor of . . . Jean Burner's 90th Birthday from Noreen Fischer; Eugene & Bonnie Christl's 60th Anniversary from Noreen Fischer

ELCA Disaster Response

In Memory of . . . Bill Bugbee from Lilah Jondahl



Celebrating our Faith Journey

Baptisms

- May 21 Quinn Avian Schuchard, daughter of Scott & Keely Schuchard
- May 27 Wyatt Steven Miller, son of Blair & Kacie Miller
- Jul 30 Soren James Efta, son of James (Andy) & Keziah Efta
Xavier Cooper Carlson, son of Mike & Melanie Carlson
- Aug 5 Zander James Sours, son of Trevor Hennen & AmyJo Sours
Emily Caroleline Hennen, daughter of Trevor Hennen & AmyJo Sours
- Sep 10 Brooke Nicole Evenson, daughter of Luke & Kristin Evenson
- Sep 24 Ryan Lucas Schulz, son of Lucas Schulz & Allison Pylka
- Sep 30 Everett Rutledge Barth, son of Nicholas & Cydney Barth
- Oct 1 Majok Peter Dut, son of Peter Deng & Awut Awuol
- Oct 8 Levi Scott Miller, son of Brandon Miller & Chloe Shablo
- Oct 14 Raven Storm Jacobson, daughter of Joseph Jacobson & Lisa Schultz

Baptisms (continued)

- Oct 15 Lilliana Jo Zins, daughter of Trevor & Jazmine Zins
Lilien Marie Zacher, daughter of Chance & Bailey Zacher
- Oct 21 Oakley Ray Tschetter-Ernst, daughter of Dana Ernst & Nicole Tschetter
- Oct 22 Silas Don Fischer, son of Adam & Kelsey Fischer
Owen Thomas Schwab, son of Jarrod & Lindsey Schwab
- Nov 1 Eli Jax Langeberg, son of Matthew Langeberg & Stacie Score
- Nov 4 Lia Saylor Ludwig, daughter of Kirk & Stacy Ludwig
Caleb Steven Micklos, son of Dexter & Rachel Micklos
- Nov 12 Drake James Lamon, son of Michael & Kelsey Lamon

Funerals

- May 22 Lorell E. Lee
- Jun 26 Ronald Rheault
- Jul 8 Anita Sackman
- Jul 24 Ardith Hoehn
- Jul 29 Donald Peterson
- Aug 31 Robert Riemer
- Sep 1 Raleigh Halvorson
- Sep 1 Bryon Botner
- Sep 9 Nicholas Orvik
- Sep 30 Greg Hansen
- Oct 5 William Bugbee
- Nov 13 Douglas Cossette

GIFT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Sun, Dec 17, 10:00am—2nd Ave Campus
ONE Service Only

SEASONAL DECORATIONS—*Donations are appreciated to help cover the cost of seasonal decorations that adorn our worship areas at both campuses during the Christmas season and other times during the year. Please return this form to the church office by **Sunday, December 10.***



In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

From: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Envelope Number _____

The Bulletin Board

Year End Gift Giving

A Reminder: To receive credit in 2017, all contributions must be received in the church office by December 31. **If mailed, contributions need to be post-marked no later than December 31.**

If you are planning a transfer of stock before the end of the year, please contact David in the church office (701.282.3309) as soon as possible.



The Church Office
will be closed:
Thu/Fri, Nov 23 & 24
Mon/Tue, Dec 25 & 26
Mon, Jan 1
Mon, Jan 15



FEBRUARY
MARCH
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE
Wed, Jan 10, 4pm
Submit articles to
Ginnie Berge
gberge@growinfaith.org

Save the Date!
Christmas Tea
Sat, Dec 2, 10am



CPR Certification

Thursday, December 7
6:00-8:00pm
Fellowship Hall, 2nd Ave Campus
Cost: \$5.00 per person

To register: contact the church office at 701.282.3309

Registration and fee due: December 4, at 4:00pm.

If interested in an AED review, it will be offered (possibly following worship) at a later date at no charge. AEDs are located in the lobbies of both campuses.

Sponsored by The Parish Nurses



Burden Bears: Know someone experiencing problems physically, emotionally or spiritually? Consider taking them a bear wrapped in a quilt—special poem tucked inside.

SENIOR MEALS—served at 2nd Ave campus 11:45am, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Check the Pioneer for menu and scheduled activities. **Sign up for meals by NOON the previous day** with Valley Senior Services at 701.356.2047.

BUILDING HOURS AT FAITH†JOURNEY

2nd Ave (M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm) ALL doors are locked except the West entrance. No day time office hours at 40th Ave. Both campuses are locked when no activities are scheduled. To schedule an activity at either campus, contact Peggy in the church office.



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8:30am—5:00pm, Monday-Friday

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Senior Pastor Michael O'Berg
Associate Pastor Richard Kramer
Parish Administrator David Hove
Faith Formation Director Rachel Coen-Tuff
Youth Director Rachel Fay Kapphahn
Administrative Assistant-Financials Ginnie Berge
Office Administrative Assistant Peggy Bernard
Lead Custodian Scott Voldal



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FAITH JOURNEY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Wednesday, November 22,
6:30pm
40th Avenue Campus
Pie potluck following worship.
Special offering. . .**

**Midweek Advent Worship
November 29
December 6, 13, 20
6:00pm**



HE WHO IS MIGHTIER
THAN I IS COMING,
THE STRAP OF WHOSE
SANDALS I AM NOT
WORTHY TO UNTIE.

LUKE 3:16, ESV

**Meal served by Youth
from
5:00-5:45pm.**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24—4th Sunday of Advent

ONE SERVICE ONLY

10:00am—2nd Ave Campus

No communion

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Worship with Holy Communion

3:00pm—40th Ave Campus

5:00pm—2nd Ave Campus

10:00pm—2nd Ave Campus

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00am—2nd Ave Campus

No communion