

# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## DECEMBER 2023



The Rev. Peggy Wuertele  
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Vice President, Church Council

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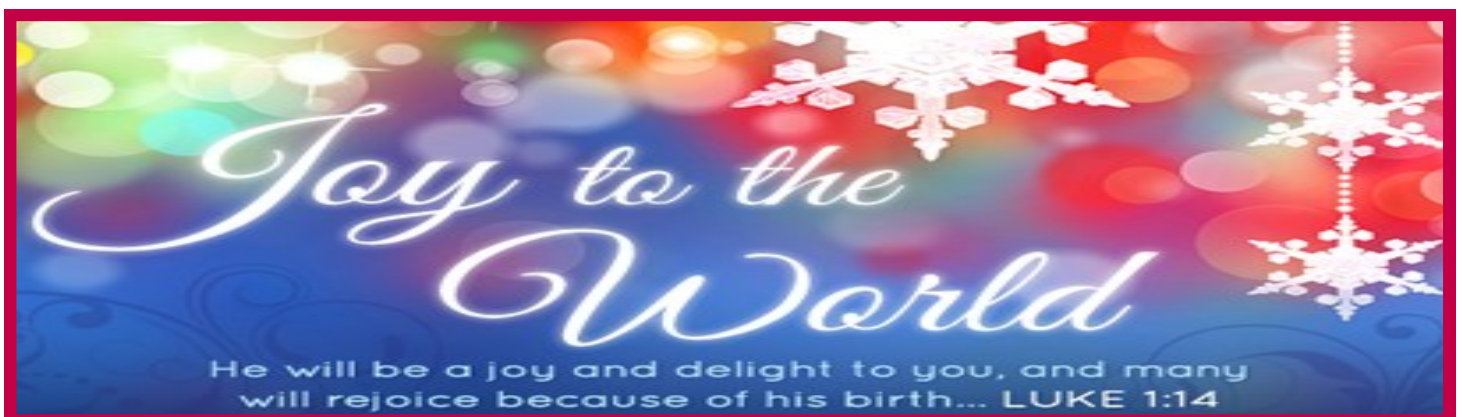
Jennifer Kishbaugh  
Dir. Of Music

Claudette Nia  
Office Administrator

### DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ December 3 First Sunday of Advent
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- ◆ December 6 Saint Nicholas Day
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- ◆ December 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and beginning of Hanukkah.
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- ◆ December 13 St. Lucia's Day, festivals of light
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- ◆ December 21 Winter Solstice
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- ◆ December 25 Christmas Day
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- ◆ December 26 Boxing Day and the first day of Kwanzaa.
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- ◆ December 31 New Year's Eve

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M-Th 9—3



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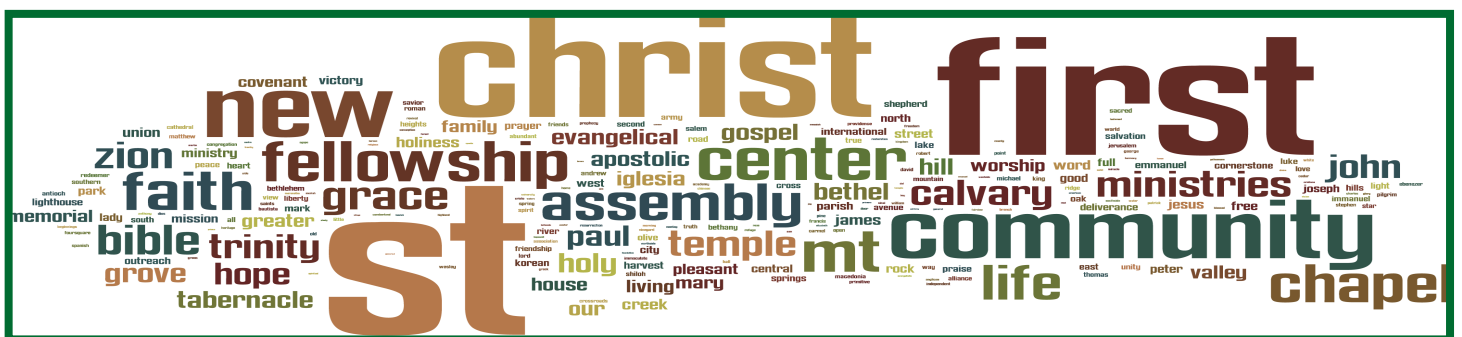
**Communion—The first Tuesday of each month,  
join us for a light lunch at noon  
followed by communion at 1:00.**

We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that was enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns. All are welcome! Bring a friend.

**Altar Communion-The first Sunday of each month  
celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!**

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 am

- ♦ Sunday School classes available from Bible Babies to Adult Forum.
- ♦ Confirmation Classes for our youth in Seventh & Eighth grades.  
This is a two-year program
- ♦ Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place



**Dear Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and members,**

**I wanted to say thank you to everyone for all of the years of wonderful memories and teachings, they are serving me well here at ESU. College has been going well, and I am learning a lot. I think about the Church often and hope to visit soon. I also wanted to say thank you for giving me the honor of receiving the Rev. Robert L. George Scholarship. I do not take this honor lightly and appreciate the church's kindness very much. Once again thank you and I miss you all.**

**Sincerely,**

**Rachael Carr**

**Confirmation class of 2023: Kingston, Samantha, Gavin, Kendall, Owen**

**Thank you for the beautiful card and for taking the time to sign your names. You young people are heading in the right direction. Keep listening to your parents. I can tell they believe in God. I have four great grand children: 1 girl and 3 boys. What a blessing for the whole family. They love the group hugs—who wouldn't right?**

**Happy Birthday Jesus, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas to all of you.**

**Thanks again.**

**God Bless,**

**Pearl Wagner**

**What a special treat when I checked the mail!**

**As we approach the most beautiful season of the Christian Year, we need to take time to thank those that have provided support and help to keep the mission of FELC alive.**

**If we list names, we would forget someone integral to the life of our church, as there are so many.**

**Thank you to those who provide outreach: You've made a huge difference in many lives.**

**Thank you to those who signed cards and wrote a note to our service men and women. Their sacrifice for our freedom cannot be measured.**

**Thank you to those who support the Whitehall Food Pantry with your gifts of food, money and time working each month to distribute food. Our recipients are so very grateful.**

**Thank you to all who encourage, participate, volunteer, give, and share your gifts and talents.**

**As we await the coming of our Lord, may you share the Good News of our Savior's birth.**

## Thanking Our Craft Fair and Quilt Sale Volunteers and Inviting You to Join Our Committee!

Dear FELC Community,

In the spirit of Thanksgiving we wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the wonderful individuals who volunteered their time and effort to make our recent Craft Fair and Quilt Sale a resounding success,

The Craft Fair wouldn't have been possible without your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work. From helping with setup and breakdown to assisting with various tasks throughout the event, your support was truly invaluable. Thanks to your collective efforts, we were able to achieve our goals and create a memorable experience for all attendees.

Your willingness to contribute your time and energy to our cause is a testament to the strong sense of community that defines our Faith community. We are immensely grateful for your commitment and look forward to more successful collaborations in the future. Join Our Committee and Make a Difference!

We'd also like to extend an open invitation to anyone interested in getting more involved. If you were inspired by the Craft Fair and would like to join our committee, we would love to have you on board! Whether you have a passion for event planning, fundraising, or community outreach, your skills and ideas are highly valued. To express your interest or learn more about joining our committee, please email the church office([claudette@faithon145.org](mailto:claudette@faithon145.org)) and a member of our committee will reach out to you. We believe that by working together, we can continue to make a positive impact on our community and create even more memorable events.

Once again, thank you to all our Craft Fair volunteers for your exceptional contributions. Your support is the driving force behind our success, and we look forward to many more rewarding experiences together.

Warm regards, Faith Lutheran Fellowship Committee



## **Time to Vote for Church Council Members**

### **Zach Keenan**

I am a lifelong member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. I have been on Congregational Council (CC) for three years and will be finishing my first term at the end of 2023. I have been president of CC for the last two years and chair the Finance and Safety Committees. I am married to my wife, Tina, and we have two children, Ava (16) and Owen (13). Tina teaches a Sunday School Class, and Owen is in his second year of confirmation classes. I am an audit partner at Baker Tilly US, a national public accounting firm. My goals are to increase participation in Church activities, increase active membership, and continue to support the future of the Church.

### **Bob Billig**

Retired music teacher (35 1/2 years in the NW Lehigh School District). Synodical Authorized Lay Minister, in my 20th year serving Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Kempton. (Jerusalem is a Union Church, and I preach there every other Sunday). I'm in my 11th year of directing the Pioneer Band of Allentown.

I've been a member of Faith since 1994. In the past I have served two terms on FELC council and was President for two years. Was on the Worship and Music committee, sang with the choir, and served as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Worship Assistant, and delegate to the Synod Assembly. Currently I am filling an unexpired term on the FELC church council and serving as the Vice President. I am on the Mutual Ministry team, Fellowship Committee, Choir, and Worship Assistant. I have served as a supply minister for FELC Worship services and lead bible study groups for the Hot Dogs and Hymns.

### **Ernie Haller**

I have been a member at Faith for a number of years. I started my involvement by ushering and quickly expanded to photography and IT support. I finished a Council term that was vacated, and I am looking forward to serving my first full term.

### **Heidi Carr**


I have been a member of Faith for 18 years, and I love my Church family. As a member of the Church, I have been teaching Sunday School for 14 (wow, has it really been that long?) years. I am a mom of 2—Nathan and Rachael. When I am not working, I like to bake or cook, and I love to garden in the Summer.

### **Wayne Grim**

	<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>Dec 31</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Batza and Linda Johnston	Gloria Senchak and Barb Yurasits	Charlene Frack And Pat Masonheimer	Gloria Senchak and Linda Johnston	Shel and Judy Ehret
<b>Acolytes and Crucifers</b>	Owen Kennan and Kingston Rivera	Kendall Bashore and Samantha Cave	Gavin Kishbaugh and Luke Knechel	Luke Knechel And Gavin Kishbaugh	Kingston Rivera and Owen Keenan
<b>Lectors</b>	Laura Blacker	Sue Stahler	Gail Herzog	Manny Stivers (10 am)	
<b>Narthex Greeters</b>	Bonnie Youwakim and Karen Ruch	Pat Smith And Chris Gartner		April Spaits And Charlene Frack	
<b>Assistant Ministers</b>	Bob Billig	Gail Herzog	Shel Ehret	Judy Ehret (10 am) Manny Stivers (4 pm) Sue Stahler (7 pm)	Zach Keenan
<b>Bulletin Sponsors</b>	Sandy Bodnyk		Harold and Deb Whittaker	Tom Colburn	
<b>Flower Sponsors</b>	Sandy Bodnyk		Harold and Deb Whittaker		
<b>Advent Readers</b>	Omar and Heather Rivera Family	Stacy Bachman and Cave Family	Robert Brandt Family	Heidi Carr Family (10am) Zch and Tina Keenan Family (4 pm) Richard and Tara Miller Family (7 pm)	

# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Christmas Tea 2:00 PM AA 8:00 PM (PH)	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	<b>5</b> 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 12:00 PM light lunch 1:00 PM Communion 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)		<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir		
<b>10</b> Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM AA 8:00 PM (PH)	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Brownies 6:00 PM Social Ministry 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	<b>12</b> 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)		<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 Senior Choir		<b>16</b> PH rental Amber Kunkle
<b>17</b> Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM AA 8:00 PM (PH)	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH) 7:00 PM Church Council				
<b>24</b> Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Christmas Eve 7:00 PM AA 8:00 PM (PH)	<b>25</b> Christmas Day Office is closed	<b>26</b> 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)				
<b>31</b> Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM AA 8:00 PM (PH)						



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ROADS OF YOUR LIFE ALWAYS!  
HAVE A BLESSED AND AMAZING  
BIRTHDAY!

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<b>Nancy Buskirk</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Hale Trotter</b>	<b>12/15</b>
<b>Catherine Wonderly</b>	<b>12/01</b>	<b>Konstane Hess</b>	<b>12/15</b>
<b>Carol Miller</b>	<b>12/02</b>	<b>Richard Hess</b>	<b>12/16</b>
<b>Michael Miller</b>	<b>12/04</b>	<b>Brian Holobusky</b>	<b>12/16</b>
<b>Kathryn Kotsch</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>Samantha Grim</b>	<b>12/20</b>
<b>Diane Newhard</b>	<b>12/08</b>	<b>Gloria Senchak</b>	<b>12/23</b>
<b>Jeffrey Holobusky</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>Gail Herzog</b>	<b>12/24</b>
<b>Peggy Wuertele</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>Mim Gower</b>	<b>12/28</b>
<b>Darlene Asbeth</b>	<b>12/11</b>	<b>Coulton Miller</b>	<b>12/29</b>
<b>Kathryn Stofflet</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>Ralph Eckhart</b>	<b>12/30</b>
<b>Alicia Balliet</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>Richard Gartner</b>	<b>12/30</b>
<b>Shirley Moser</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>Sabrina Haller</b>	<b>12/30</b>

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

<b>Jacquelyn and Richard Daniel</b>	<b>12/05</b>
<b>Omar and Heather Rivera</b>	<b>12/09</b>
<b>Janet and Thomas Colburn</b>	<b>12/21</b>
<b>Melissa and Dennis Wehr, Jr.</b>	<b>12/28</b>