

On the shoulders of  
**GIANTS**

*God  
Reveals  
His Power*

*Learning from Elijah, Hosea, Ezra, and Josiah*

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship – Go and Work*

Pastor – Ben Unseth | Ministers – All

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November 5, 2023 | All Saints Sunday

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “How Great is Our God”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

**We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Confession and Forgiveness

**I have lived as if God did not matter and I matter most. I plead “guilty” before God of all my sins. My worship and prayers have faltered. I have not honored my Lord’s name as I should. I have not let His love have its way in me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been spoiled with sin. I repent of all this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Believe God’s promise from 1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

\*Prayer of the Day

**God, we ask You for help on the surface when You want to work deeply in our lives. We yield to You on small things and hold too tightly to more important matters. Open our eyes, our ears, our hands, and our hearts to hear Your Word of power and promise. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Song – “I’ll Belong to You”

Baptism of Fallon Marie Pratt

Song – “I’ll Belong to You”

Old Testament Lesson – 1 Kings 18:20-39

Children’s Message

Song – “All of Our Tomorrows”

\*Gospel – Mark 9:1-4

Sermon – “God Reveals His Power”

Song – “How Great Thou Art”

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

## Remembering the Saints

Today, in the strong hope of resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, we remember those who have died and been laid to rest this past year. Before You, O Lord, we remember:

**Dixie Sebastian**

Dec. 31, 1951 - April 3, 2022

**John Miller**

Aug. 4, 1960 - Nov. 14, 2022

**Marlene Bruce**

March 15, 1933 - Dec. 21, 2022

**Terry Letscher**

May 27, 1959 - Dec. 20, 2022

**Jim Spieker**

July 8, 1946 – March 4, 2023

**Wayne Burnham**

Nov. 8, 1931 – April 23, 2023

**Marvin Somers**

Nov. 27, 1925 – June 4, 2023

and others we name in our hearts.

**We thank You, Lord, for their lives, and we thank You that You keep all Your saints in light. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

\*Lord's Prayer

Distribution Songs

“Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

“The Old Rugged Cross”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song - “Living Hope”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## **Welcome to Faith Lutheran!**

Live Stream: [youtube.com/@flcspencer](https://youtube.com/@flcspencer) | Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday | 712-580-4316 | [office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

[www.flcspencer.org](http://www.flcspencer.org) | Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church LCMC | Instagram: [@flcspencer](https://www.instagram.com/flcspencer)

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

## **Old Testament Lesson – 1 Kings 18:20-39**

<sup>20</sup> So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. <sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the

people said nothing. <sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup> Get two bulls for us. Let Baal’s prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire – he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” <sup>25</sup> Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. <sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” <sup>28</sup> So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. <sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” <sup>32</sup> With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” <sup>34</sup> “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. <sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and have done all these things at Your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that You, LORD, are God, and that You are turning their hearts back again.” <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD – He is God! The LORD – He is God!”

### **Gospel – Mark 9:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> And He said to them, “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.” <sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There He was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

# Poinsettias for Christmas!

If you would like to help decorate the altar with poinsettias, and then enjoy them at home, please fill out the order form below!

**Leave the order form – with payment – in the red Christmas box on the Welcome Center.** Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and earmark them “Poinsettia.”

**Orders need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, Nov. 19.**

Choices are: Red, White, Pink & Speckled. Each 6-inch green covered pot is \$22.00. **Due to supply constraints, white poinsettias must be ordered by Sunday, Nov. 12.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Red \_\_\_\_\_ # White: \_\_\_\_\_ # Pink: \_\_\_\_\_ # Speckled: \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



Red



White



Pink



Speckled

## Mission Team's November Collection

Throughout the month of November, the Missions Team will be collecting food, paper items and household cleaning supplies for Upper Des Moines Opportunity's Food Pantry. The need to help our community is as great as ever. Please place your items in the baskets in the fall display on the corner of the worship platform.

~Thank you!

## Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8 7:00 p.m.

### SON Room/Zoom

All church members are welcome to attend the council meeting.

Please find a list of your Council Members on the church website at

[www.flcspencer.org/  
get-involved/](http://www.flcspencer.org/get-involved/)

## NEW WEBSITE AND EMAILS!!

Visit our new website at  
[www.flcspencer.org](http://www.flcspencer.org)

For a complete list of new staff email addresses please see page 7.

Pastor Ben Unseth  
pastor@flcspencer.org

LifeKids Director:  
Cheryl Jackson  
director@  
lifekidsspencer.com



## *Thank you to today's worship partners ...*

**Altar Prep:** Shirley Nelson,  
Susie Brinkley

**Children's Message:** Dodo & Emu

**Communion Servers:**

Chris Christofferson, Al Vanderberg

**Counters:** Barb Solberg, Becky Simons

**Fellowship & Set-up:** Trisha Rohmiller,  
Kevin Swancutt

**Greeters/Ushers:** Paul & Kris Behrens

**Instrumentalists:** Leah Kreutner,  
Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley,  
Anna Quanbeck

**Message:** Pastor Ben Unseth

**Prayer Intercessors:**

Keith & Diane Van Kleek,

Justin Spieker, Joe Simington

**Prayers of the Church:** Barb Solberg

**Scripture Reader:** Cindy Essick

**Camera:** Cindy Tigges

**Computer:** Becky Simons

**Sound:** Brett Eilts

**Lead Tech:** Jacob Weeks

**Vocalists:** Jim & Joan Unrau,  
Kirby Fueston

**Worship Leader:** Greg Lear

## *Worship partners for Sunday, November 12*

**Altar Prep:** Shirley Nelson,  
Susie Brinkley

**Children's Message:** Troy Rosendahl

**Counters:** Shanna Kooker,  
Jolene Hansen

**Fellowship & Set up:**

Kyle & Jamie Rouse & Family

**Greeters/Ushers:** Lora Johnson,  
LaVonne Clark

**Instrumentalists:** Carolyn Dundas,  
Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen,  
Anna Quanbeck

**Message:** Pastor Ben Unseth

**Prayers of the Church:** Dennis Larson

**Scripture Reader:** Pam Hanson

**Camera:** Kent Heazlett

**Computer:** Brittany Spieker

**Sound:** Cheryl Stueven

**Lead Tech:** Jacob Weeks

**Vocalists:** Lauren Rouse, Whitney Gray,  
Trisha Rohmiller

**Worship Leader:** Jim Paulsen



### ***Prayer Chain***



Please send your  
prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie  
at 712-363-1130 or [djslrs74@yahoo.com](mailto:djslrs74@yahoo.com)  
or to Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488  
or [doreenscribner@outlook.com](mailto:doreenscribner@outlook.com)

To be placed on the Sunday morning  
Prayers of the Church, please contact  
the church office at 712-580-4316.

## **Item of the Month ~ Bath-sized Bars of Soap**



Personal care kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more.

**Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO)**

Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:

Oatmeal, soup, egg noodles

Soap & UDMO food items can be put in the yellow Missions box near the front doors.





## meet **our** STAFF

**Pastor Ben Unseth**  
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Finance Coordinator: Carolyn Dundas  
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## Guest Connection Card

Dear Visitors, We are glad you are worshipping with us today! We'd love to connect with you. Please share your contact information, and a member of Faith will be in touch with you soon.  
*Please put this form in the offering kiosk at the back of the church. – Thank you!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to ...

- Visit with the Pastor.
- Learn about becoming a member.
- Hear more about opportunities at Faith.
- Hear about joining a small group.

***Thanks for worshipping with us!***

## 2023 GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

**BUDGET: \$413,959.25**

To meet our 2023 budget and fulfill our financial commitments, Faith needs to receive \$131,472.92 by the end of the year, which amounts to \$14,608.10 each week.

***Thank you for your continued generosity!***

	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Live Stream Computers</i>	<i>General Giving</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Needed to Make Budget</i>
<i>Month of October</i>	158	21	\$25,025.00	\$282,486.33	\$131,472.92

## Time & Talent Sheets

This year we need every individual member to fill out their own Time & Talent sheet. Keep in mind the Video Ministry Fair and seek God's leading when you're signing up for the areas you enjoy, or a new area God is calling you to. The ministry video can be found on the church's social media or a printed booklet is on the Welcome Center. Pay attention to the new items included, and turn in your sheet as soon as you can, even as early as today! Deadline is Thanks for Giving Sunday, November 19!

## ***This Week at Faith!***

### **Today - November 5 - All Saints Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Musician Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism of Fallon Pratt
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 4:30 p.m. Meet at Faith to depart for Outreach Night

### **Monday, November 6**

- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids

### **Tuesday, November 7**

- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling

### **Wednesday, November 8**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal  
Supper for the Confirmation Students
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
High School Youth Group

### **Thursday, November 9**

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling - 515-238-9010
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids

### **Friday, November 10**

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling - 515-238-9010
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids

### **Saturday, November 11**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## ***Birthday blessings to ...***

Nov. 5	<i>Albany Anderson, Laura Hamann, Donna Johnson, Evan Storley</i>
Nov. 6	<i>Justin Simcox</i>
Nov. 7	<i>Sophie Behrens, Theone Quattlebaum</i>
Nov. 9	<i>Pam Doran</i>
Nov. 10	<i>Drew Campbell</i>
Nov. 11	<i>Carolyn Christofferson, Jolynne Eilts, Allison Piercy, Mathew Heilman,</i>

## ***Anniversary wishes to ...***

Nov. 6	<i>Roger &amp; Phyllis Hanson</i>
Nov. 10	<i>Aaron &amp; Rebecca Stykel</i>



## ***Upcoming Events!***

- November 19** Thanks for Giving Sunday and meal  
Although you are encouraged to turn in your Time & Talent sheets early, deadline is Thanks for Giving Sunday, Nov. 19.
- November 22** Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6:30 p.m.