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**Faith Global
Methodist Church
1025 Tullar Rd
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Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School
(for all ages)
10:15 - 11:15
(Sept - May)

By Faith

Faith Global Methodist Church

December Newsletter



FAITH CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday - CLOSED .

We are listening to messages if we are not in the office and will contact you as soon as we can *If you are looking to contact Pastor Tim, you can call him here at the church or you can email him at tjalbrecht79@gmail.com. Please continue to pray for all the church staff members and committee members! That in all they/we do, we would honor God and his will for the church!*

Sermons can be found on our web page.

<https://www.faithchurchneenah.com>

Click on the watch us live button on the church's web page to see live streaming each Sunday our worship Services. If you are having difficulty please leave a message at the church and we will get back to you and try to help. Live-streaming our services each Sunday on both Face book and YouTube. If there is an issue with the viewing, The services will be added to YouTube and Facebook after the worship service. YouTube and Facebook **Our YouTube channel is:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwn8QuPjcSsrtpR1WbPeYUQ>

Each Thursday when you receive your midweek connection either by email or regular mail the link for YouTube will be in it. You can join the worship service on YouTube by clicking on the link. If there is a problem with the streaming to our YouTube or Facebook page we will upload the video approximately an hour or so after the service. An email will be sent to those with an email address informing them that it is up. The sermon can also be heard on WEMI 91.9 FM. However, there is a week delay.

Our website has added our “older sermons” and we have added a way you can look at the worship services since we have been livestreaming. Please check out our website and look for the “button” View Past Sermons. It is located right below “Watch us Live”

The link for this Sunday's worship service on YouTube is
Shareable <https://youtube.com/live/K6NQfXFR3aM?feature=share>





By Faith

*From the desk of
Pastor Tim Albrecht*

December 2024

Greetings Faith Church,

As you read this letter, Thanksgiving will have passed and the season of Advent will have begun along with the march to Christmas! What a God we serve!

In saying that, Psalm 93 touched me during my devotional reading thinking about how great our God is and how much he loves us by sending us Jesus at Christmas.

The Psalm in verses 3-4 say,

"The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea-- the Lord on high is mighty. Your statutes stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days, O Lord."

If one wonders about the power of God, it is stronger (or think greater) than the waves of the sea and mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea--the Lord on high is mighty. It was in this mighty power that God spoke creation into existence. It was in that mighty power that he came down to earth in the flesh as Jesus to be with us, and it was in this mighty power that Jesus was able to conquer death or be raised from the dead so that we have a place in heaven.

As we get ready for Advent and celebrate Christmas we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. In that thankfulness, we will again be celebrating our Christmas Eve service at Faith Church at 4:30 p.m. on December 24th with carols and candles.

See you in church,

Pastor Tim



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WORSHIP SERVICE
1st Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024 9:00 A.M.

Call to Worship:

Prelude:

Welcome/Greeting

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Beth & Keith Irish

**Opening Hymn: "Angels We Had Heard on High"
"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

UMH # 238

UMH # 234

Children's Message

Beth Irish

The Nice Creed

UMH #881

Morning Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Gifts to God

**Doxology: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95*

**Sermon Song: "Go Tell it on the Mountain" UMH# 251*

Sermon Series: Christmas Carols Part 2

Scripture: Luke 2:10-11

Sermon: Go Tell It On the Mountain Pastor Tim

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn: "Go Tell It On the Mountain" UMH # 251

Benediction:

Postlude:

**Stand if you are able:*

Methodist Hymnal TFWS – The Faith We Sing Song Book

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism

for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

Go Tell It On The Mountain:
Sharing the Good News of Jesus this Christmas
Luke 2:10-11

-Isaiah 52:7 (Memory Verse)

How to "Go Tell" the Good News of Jesus

1. _____ the Good News of Jesus _____

-Luke 2:8-10

-John 3:16

2. _____ the Good News of Jesus _____

-Luke 2:15,17-18

-1 Peter 3:15

-2 Peter 3;9

3. _____ the Good News of Jesus _____

-Mark 16:15

-Philippians 1:3-5

4. _____ the Good News of Jesus _____

-Luke 2:20

-Romans 10:13-14

Welcome to Faith Church! We are glad you came to join us in our time of worship today. We pray that you will be blessed with strength enough to see you on your way, hope enough to get you through the day! With your bulletin today is a pen, and card and an offering envelope. Please complete the card and, after the worship service, place it in one of the baskets found in the Narthex. The pen is yours to keep. The envelopes and cards are separated in the church office with the office staff getting the welcome cards and the offering envelopes are given to the finance team. When changes occur, by completing both the card and your envelope, the computer systems can be updated.

Lord, we come to you in prayer for joy, peace, comfort:

Geri Manteufel—Prayers for Michael as he continues with his treatments for cancer.

Robin Hull—continued prayers as she heals from surgery on her shoulder.

Continued prayers for: Barb Arndt, Cindy Boelter, Bob Fritz, Gary Reiter, Liz Roberts, Tom Divver, Marilyn Nyberg, Jim Lyons, Kathy Bayer, Dick Wylie, Eric Schlieter, and others who are facing health issues, in need of healing, physical strength, encouragement, continued prayers for our members of our church family, our church, the leadership team and Pastor Tim.

On Sunday, November 24th it was announced after church that Pastor Tim will be retiring effective June 30, 2025. Pastor Tim has served at Faith Church for 13 years. We wish Lori and Pastor Tim well in their next phase of life.

The Staff Parish Committee will be working with Presiding Elder Karin Kaye of the Global Methodist Church in finding our next Pastor. If you have any questions please reach out to Dan Duff, SPRC Chair.



DECEMBER—2024 SERMONS

December 1, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

New Series: Christmas Carols Pt. 2

Song: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Scripture: Luke 2:10-11

December 8, 2024

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture: Micah 5:2

December 15, 2024

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Scripture: Luke 2:8-10

December 22, 2024

I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day

Scripture: Luke 2:13-14



December 24, 2024

Silent Night

Scripture: Luke 2:1-11

December 29, 2024 TBD

Theme God has chosen each of us for an important task.

Object Coloring Page of Mary and the baby Jesus.

Scripture Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11 (NIV)

I have a coloring picture for you this week. Do you know who that is? Yes! It's Jesus and his mother, Mary. I was thinking this week about Jesus being born and about his mother, Mary. She was chosen by God out of all the other women to take care of Jesus and love him from the very beginning...what an important job she had as the mother of Jesus.

Do you know that God has chosen each of you too? Do you know that you are just as important to God as Mary was? Do you know how much God loves you? In the bible it says that God knew you even before you were born... isn't that amazing! God has already chosen each of you and has a very important job and plan for your life!

As you think of Christmas and Jesus and Mary, I want you to always remember how very special you are to God and that your life counts. Isn't that a nice Christmas present to get from God?

Let's Pray— Dear God it is amazing to think that you love each of us just as much as you loved Jesus' Mother, Mary. Thank you for your word that tells us we are special to you. Thank you for Mary and the way she loved and took care of Jesus when he was just a little child and thank you for Jesus too. Amen.



Mary and
Baby Jesus





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/7** Eric Ball
- 12/23** Joyce Sanders
- 12/24** Randy Kuehl
- 12/28** Jenny Halverson
- 12/30** Mary Ann Wylie

Nutty Knotters Quilt Group

The group meets on Wednesday morning 8:30 A.M.—12:00 in the fellowship hall with coffee and treats at 10 a.m. If you have questions, please contact Terry Ball

Woman's Christian Group

The group will meet on Friday, December 6, 2024 and December 20, 2024, on Friday's at 10:00 am—11:00 AM. In the Library. A time to share life, build friendships, pray and grow in faith together. For more information please contact Judy McDonald 330-416-6424.

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS BANQUET

A shout-out to the seniors of Faith church. We will be gathering on Thursday 12/12 in the fellowship hall at 5:00 P.M. for supper and a white elephant gift exchange as we've done in the past. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. We will need a head count so contact the Terry or Joanne or the church office if you plan to attend. Stay tuned for more information. Terry and Joanne Ball

Donating to our Snowplowing Fund! Winter will be with us very soon and one of the major concerns for the trustees is costs for snow plowing the parking lots. With the school being with us, the snow plowing will have to be done completely and possibly more often than in the past. Would you like to help with the costs of the plowing? We would like to thank you, to those who have given towards the snowplowing fund for this upcoming winter season. We will continue to have donation envelopes available specifically for "snowplowing" for your use if you are interested in helping with our snowplowing costs this winter. The Trustees



PILLARS DONATION DRIVE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

November 28th (Thanksgiving) - Sunday, December 15th.

Each year, people benefit from Pillars crisis shelter and supportive/affordable housing programs, including street outreach, crisis housing, case management and diversion from homelessness. Together, we are rebuilding lives and strengthening our community. Our “Christmas giving trees” will be set up soon, with the “gift wish” list on them. Please help the Pillars by purchasing a gift from the ornaments that are on our Giving Trees. We will need helpers to take over our gifts to the Pillars in Appleton. Financial gifts are also a way to support Pillars’ clients! If you would prefer you could support Pillars—financially.

FOOD

Granola Bars
Trail Mix
Fruit Snacks
Snack Sized items
Coffee (regular/decaf)
Coffee Creamer
Canned Proteins w/pull tabs
Jerky

Kitchen & Laundry

Laundry Baskets
Laundry Detergent
Dryer Sheets
Dish Soap
Plastic Forks & Spoons

Cleaning Supplies

Garbage Bags (13, 39, 55 gal.)
Paper Towel
Storage Totes
Brooms
Mop Buckets
Toilet Brushes
Household Cleaning Supplies

Health & Hygiene

Hand Soap
OTC Adult Medications
OTC Children's Medications
Cough Drops
Razors
Hair Products -Textured Hair
Deodorant
Lotion
Face Wash
Body Wash
Shampoo & Conditioner

Bed & Bath

Twin Sheet Sets
Queen Sheet Sets
Pillows
Toilet Paper
Shower Caddies
Towels
Wash Cloths
Air Mattresses
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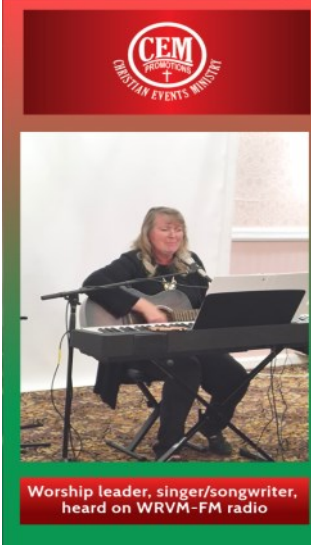
Gift Cards

Gas Cards
JJ's Laundromat
Valley Transit
Home Depot
Menards
Target
Walmart
Amazon
Dollar Tree
Shopko Optical
Rogan's

Other

Ear Plugs
Hand warmers
Rain Ponchos
Baby Monitors
Tower Fans
Sleeping Bags
Bug Spray
Sunscreen
Headphones

Financial gifts: can be sent to: or online at
Pillars Pillarsinc.org/donate
605 E. Hancock St.
Appleton, Wi 54911



Lori Beil Christmas Concert

December 7th
4pm

Christmas songs & Original Christian music. Some of her family will talk about their experiences as missionaries. Soup & a meal to follow. Donations Accepted



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TIMELESS TREASURES

CHRISTMAS Bazaar

8:00 am—Noon

“Kids only” shopping Room

Handmade crafts and gifts, baked goods, Festive Cookies and Candy, Gift Baskets, Homemade Preserves, Take & Heat Soups-to Go

Where: Peace Lutheran Church

1228 S. Park Avenue



COOKIES, FUDGE, AND SOUP SALE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14!

Sweet Treats & Soup – “You Select”

Emmanuel United Methodist Church and United Women in Faith invite you to their Annual

“Cookie, Fudge and Soup To Go” event on: Saturday, December 14 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Why Bake? Treat yourself this holiday season! In addition to their amazing Sweet Treats, Delicious Soups will be available in Pints and Quarts.

Choose from Corn Chowder or Vegetable Minestrone “To Go!”

Costs

Soup: \$6.00 Pint or \$12.00 Quart

Cookies: \$7.00 – Small Box

Fudge: \$11.00 – Small Box

Cookies: \$13.00 – Large Box

740 E. College Avenue (Rear Door of Parking Lot)

Appleton, WI 54911

(920) 731-3288



Community Christmas Dinner 2024

This will mark the 16th year of the Community Christmas Dinner of Neenah/Menasha. This year's dinner will be held on Saturday December 14th at St. Paul Lutheran Church's, Fellowship Hall. There are many elements to this event: An ecumenical healing service filled with festive holiday music & prayer * * Festive holiday meal served to guests in Fellowship Hall.

We need to provide 12 dozen holiday cookies and 6 fruit pies

- Meals delivered by volunteers to homebound parishioners
- A gift bag for each attendee with every day necessities plus special gifts.
- At the dinner Gift Bags are given
- Faith Church is asked to provide deodorant, Lip Balm, plus 15 lap blankets (50"x60" or close to: If you want to be a part of the Community Christmas Dinner this year, help serve, purchase deodorant, lip balm or help with the blankets,

please see Terry Ball, Joanne Ball, or Bev in the church office.



Donations of hygiene and cleaning supplies make it possible for local crisis agencies to concentrate their limited financial resources on providing qualified staff, safe housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve.

JOIN US!

Please meet with your decision makers and **reply** by **November 1, 2024**, with confirmation of your desire to help support this important event.

SAVE THE DATE FEB. 23 - MARCH 16, 2025

You can help by agreeing to host a box on-site in a common area and invite staff, members, clients, students, and friends to donate.



IN THE FOX CITIES WE'LL COLLECT FOR:

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| 1. ADVOCAP | 11. Menasha Joint School District - homeless youth |
| 2. Appleton Area School District - homeless youth | 12. Partnership Community Health Center |
| 3. Apricity | 13. Pillars |
| 4. B.A.B.E.S., Inc. Child Abuse Prevention Program | 14. Riverview Gardens |
| 5. Boys and Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley - Home Base | 15. Ryan Community Housing Programs |
| 6. COTS, Inc. | 16. St. Vincent de Paul - Neenah |
| 7. Fox Valley Technical College - student services | 17. The Salvation Army Bread of Life Assistance Center - New London |
| 8. Hope Clinic and Care Center | 18. The Salvation Army - Fox Cities |
| 9. Hortonville Area School District - homeless youth | 19. SOAR Fox Cities |
| 10. LEAVEN | 20. VIDA |
| | 21. Vivent Health |

For more details or questions:

Contact The Family Radio Network's Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive coordinator, Lynsey Nowak, at LL411@thefamily.net or 920-702-7858.

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:15 A.M. Sunday School</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>Nutty Knotters</p> <p>Quilting group</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00 P.M. Agape</p> <p>Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 Library Women's Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 P.M. Concert— followed by supper</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:15 A.M. Sunday School</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>Nutty Knotters</p> <p>Quilting group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 P.M. Agape</p> <p>Bible Study</p> <p>Senior's Christmas Banquet</p>	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Worship</p> <p>Children's Christmas Program</p> <p>10:15 A.M. Sunday School</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Nutty Knotters</p> <p>Quilting group</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 P.M. Agape</p> <p>Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Worman's Group</p>	21
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Worship</p> <p>10:15 A.M. Sunday School</p>	23	<p>24 4:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Service</p> 	<p>25</p> 	26	27	28
<p>29 9:00 A.M. Worship</p>	30	31				