

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Fuerte in Bogota, Colombia"*

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Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 18

8:00 Worship
9:05 Fellowship
9:05 Sunday School
10:00 Worship

Monday, December 19

5:15-6:30 Girl Scouts

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 Weigh-In
9:00 WiseGuys

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 WOW
3:15-5:00 WACKY
5:00-6:15 Meal
6:30 Worship
6:30 Financial Peace
7:15 Confirmation

Thursday, December 22

1:00-4:00 Just for Fun

Friday, December 23

6:00-8:00 AA Meeting

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve
3:00 Christmas Eve Worship
5:00 Christmas Eve Worship
7:00 Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day
8:15 Fellowship
9:00 Worship

Ministers of the Church

Pastor Justin Boeding & All the People of Faith

Music		Nadine Langworthy
Greeters	8:00	Mike & Jill Hukee
Greeters	10:00	Rich & Cindy Huso
Ushers	8:00	Denny Midthun Mike Anderson
Ushers	10:00	Bryce & Karen Kleinwort
Acolyte	8:00	Greta Rhodes Mackenzie Hickey
Acolyte	10:00	Morgan Franko Kyrielle Peterson
Reader	8:00	Carol Johnson
Communion	8:00	Ray Spaulding Rick & Lisa Wolf
Communion	10:00	Roy Henderson Rod & Wendy Myer
Fellowship		Mike & Jill Hukee
Power Point	10:00	
Wed. Meal Server		Michele Styndl
Wed. Side Dishes		Sherrie Franko
Altar Care		Pam Justice & Mary Stoddard

Sunday, December 18, 2011—8:00



Fourth Sunday In Advent

Where Are We in The Story?

Last Week's Story: Hosea...you are going to have to read and hear it in order to believe it!

This Week's Reading: This week we hear the words of the Prophet Isaiah. The Hebrew People have returned from the captivity but still long for what they are missing. They will not find this 'something' in the land...or the temple...or in a king. Instead, Isaiah tells them precisely where they will find what they desperately need.

Missed a Sunday?: We are having trouble with our digital recordings (to be fixed in the upcoming year) but if you would like to read a previous week's sermon, you may find it along with a few other ramblings from Pastor Justin at pastorjrsblog.com.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude Nadine Langworthy

Pastor: The Light Shines in the Darkness!

Congregation: But the Darkness Does Not Overcome It!

Pastor: Lord, we followed Abraham and Sarah to the land you promised them long ago.

Congregation: But Lord we did not find what we were looking for in the Promised Land.

Pastor: Lord, we marveled as King Solomon built the temple in the city of Jerusalem.

Congregation: But Lord, we did not find what we were looking for in the Temple.

Pastor: Lord, in captivity in Babylon, the Hebrew People chased after other gods in a quest for hope and peace.

Congregation: Lord, we confess that we have looked for hope and peace in many places but have still not found what we are looking for.

Pastor: Lord, on this fourth Sunday of Advent, prepare us for one more trip—to the little town of Bethlehem.

Congregation: Lord, we trust we will find what we are looking for in the little town of Bethlehem.

- GATHERING SONG
O Little Town of Bethlehem #279
- CONGREGATIONAL SONG
Let My Prayers Rise Up Psalmody #232
- PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord our God, you speak to us of comfort and peace. When the things of this world wither and fade, grant that we may stand steadfast in your Word. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Canticle of the Turning #723

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON
• GOSPEL READING Isaiah 7:10-14
SERMON

Still Haven't Found What We Are Looking For

HYMN OF THE DAY
Precious Lord, Take My Hand #773
• NICENE CREED p. 104

- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING
On Christmas Night #274

- RECEIVING THE OFFERING
Create In Me A Clean Heart #186
- OFFERTORY PRAYER p. 129

MEAL

- THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 129-130
- WORDS OF INSTITUTION p. 130-131
- LORD'S PRAYER p. 134
Lamb of God p. 135
Your Little Ones, Dear Lord #286
The Bells of Christmas #298

SENDING

- BLESSING
- SENDING SONG
Angels We Have Heard on High #289

Pastor: Go In Peace. Christ Is Coming Soon!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Nadine Langworthy

• Please stand if you are able.

WELCOME

Pastor Justin and all the people of Faith would like to welcome those visiting today. We hope you enjoy your time with us and we look forward to worshipping with you again soon! Please sign one of the visitor cards located at the end of each pew and put it in the offering plate as it comes around.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mother of Mary Stoddard	Father of Joan Blaisdell
Shelly Bell	Mother of Joan Blaisdell
Myles Hall	Doris Carlson
Alice Johnson	Arline Sepin
A Mighty Fortress	Wayne McColley's Sister
Father of Mike Anderson	Doreen McColley
Birth of Liam Klein	Sunday School Youth
Joy Feil	Colleen Tweite
Family of Chris Miller	

Holiday Worship Schedule

- Christmas Eve Worship—3pm, 5pm & 7pm
- Christmas Day Worship—9am (one service with fellowship at 8:15)
- New Year's Day Worship—9am (one service with fellowship at 8:15)



ADULT EDUCATION

Marriage Retreat: Our next marriage retreat will be held on Saturday, February 18th from 8:30-3:00. Cost per couple is \$40—this includes class supplies and lunch. Sign up on the table in the narthex or e-mail sld_dewitz@yahoo.com.

New Member Orientation: The next new member orientation will run at 9:05 on January 15, 22 and 29. Please sign up on the table in the narthex, call the church office at 374-2174 or e-mail sld_dewitz@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining Faith!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday Night Meals: Are off to a great start! We are serving 70 to 85 people per week. The main dish is from Omar's. Cost is \$3 per youth, \$5 for adults, and \$15 for families. This week's menu is Breast of Chicken Alfredo.

OPPORTUNITIES

Greeters, Ushers & Communion Assistants Needed: We are in need of volunteers to sign up to be greeters and ushers for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We are also in need of a volunteer to provide/serve fellowship on Christmas day at 8:15am. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

Piano Button Pusher Needed: We are in need of one volunteer for each of the Christmas Eve Services (3:00, 5:00 & 7:00) to sit at the piano and push the play/stop button to start the songs that Nadine has prerecorded for the service. Confirmation youth can receive service hours for this. Please sign up on the table in the narthex.

Youth

Sunday School: All Youth (Pre K to 5th Grade) are invited to join us at 9:05 today to celebrate the birthday of Jesus with games, music and treats—be ready for fun! There will be no Sunday School on December 25th and January 1st. We resume January 8th.

WACKY: Our After School Program will not meet December 28—January 11th for Christmas break. We will resume meeting January 18th.

Confirmation (6th to 8th Grade): Wednesday confirmation will meet December 21st and then will take a break December 28—January 11th. We will resume January 18th.

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Class



Due to popular demand Faith will be holding a second session of the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace Classes.

Space is limited so sign up today!!!

Classes begin Wednesday, January 11th and will run each Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30pm.

Sign up on the table in the Narthex, call the church office at 374-2174 or e-mail sld_dewitz@yahoo.com to sign up today!

Time & Talent

The Worship Team has requested that people fill out the below time & talent form and return it to the office as soon as possible. This will help them ensure that all volunteer worship spots are filled each week, making a smoother and easier worship service for everyone. Even if you have already filled out the time & talent form that was included with the stewardship information this year or signed up for any of the worship volunteer positions in the past, please still fill this form out and return it. Thank you!

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Preferred Service: 8:00AM 10:00AM

_____ Willing to Serve on the Worship Team

_____ Willing to Read During Worship

_____ Willing to Serve Communion

_____ Willing to Provide Special Music

_____ Willing to Sing in the Choir

_____ Willing to Participate in the Band

