

# Faith Lutheran Church Good News—December 2011

Worship 8:30 and 11:00am each Sunday morning—Christian Education at 9:45am      Woodstove Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:00pm

11/26 Saturday—Hanging of Advent greenery in the church sanctuary at 9:00am

11/30 Wednesday—Advent soup supper at 6:00pm followed by 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer worship

12/3 Saturday—Ladies tree decorating party and cookie exchange at 2:00pm

12/4 and 12/18 Sundays —Woodstove Worships at 6:00pm

12/7 Wednesday—Advent concert featuring Colfax High School Choir at 7:00pm

12/11 Sunday—Sunday School Christmas program at 11:00am worship

12/13 Tuesday—Senior Moments holiday potluck at the Deutsch home at noon

12/14 Wednesday—Advent concert featuring the music of Owen Myers at 7:00pm

12/17 Saturday—All church Christmas party in the Fireside Room at 5:00pm

12/24 Saturday—Candlelight worship services for Christmas Eve at 7:00pm and 9:30pm

12/25 Sunday—SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE on Christmas day at 9:30am



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*(return service guaranteed)*

# Avent—2011

“The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before. What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God's back fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.”

*Jan L. Richardson, Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent and Christmas*

## Advent Mid-Week Gatherings

Members, families and guests are invited to make a quiet place in the middle of the week to prepare for Christmas with fellowship, worship and music.

Wednesday, November 30

**6:00pm—Soup Supper**

**7:00pm—Worship with Holden Evening Prayer**



Wednesday, December 7

**7:00 pm— Colfax High School Choir**

Award winning Colfax High School choir will sing Christmas music and carols. The offering benefits Colfax High School Music program.

Wednesday, December 14

**7:00pm—Advent Concert Featuring Owen Myers**

Don't miss Owen's beautiful Christmas music featuring his own compositions and variations on sacred music.

## Christmas Worship Schedules

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worships

- + **7:00 pm worship with candles, carols, processional and choir music**
- + **9:30 pm worship with candles, carols, special music, and communion.**

Members are invited to place “memory candles” on the altar for Christmas Eve, in honor of loved ones who have passed away. Pillar style candles should be brought to the church office the week before Christmas.

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Single morning worship at 9:30am

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Single morning worship at 9:30am



## Staff Information

New Office Hours:

**Kathy Morrill's hours are now Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00am to Noon.**

Erna Issberner will do volunteer secretarial work on Thursday mornings, and the church office will be closed on Fridays. **If pastoral support is needed, please contact Pastor Zike or Joel Rothe at home.**

Pastor Doug Zike:

**Office 530-878-1870**

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**[pastor.d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastor.d@sbcglobal.net)**

Pastor is in the office Monday through Thursday in the mornings. Most afternoons he is out and about visiting, and late afternoons and evenings are for meetings and committees. Please contact the church office if you would like to meet with him.

Youth & Family Minister

Joel Rothe:

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Lay Coordinator

Kathy Morrill:

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**Monday through Wednesday**

**9:00am to noon in the office**

Volunteer Secretary

Erna Issberner:

**Thursday**

**9:00am to noon**

## 2011 Report From The Call Committee

### **Mission of the Transition Team**

The Transition Team was called together in spring 2010 in accordance with the Five Year Plan approved by the congregation in 2007. The Team was tasked with gathering information and input from the congregation to prepare the Ministry Site Profile and also to recommend a Call Committee to Council. The Transition Team's work is ongoing; the current role is to support the Call Committee and lead efforts to plan and carry out farewell and welcoming events.

### **Selection of the Call Committee**

All members of the Transition Team were invited to prayerfully reflect upon whether they felt called to serve on a Call Committee. Initially four members identified themselves; after receiving helpful input from the bishop, we underwent further discernment and added two more members, bringing the committee up to its current composition: **Becky Stonestreet, Tom Elmore, Colleen Hogan, Jessica Del Pozo, Joel Rothe, and Joan Stockbridge.**

### **Ministry Site Profile**

Three members of the Transition Team created a first draft of the Ministry Site Profile, based on information gathered at the cottage meetings and the surveys. The draft profile was reviewed by Council and the Transition Team, and the profile went through several more drafts. All financial information in the profile was provided by Council. The profile was uploaded to the synod on November 6. We'll announce how to access the profile online as soon as it's available.

### **Next Steps**

After the synod's internal review process, Reverend Nancy Nelson will meet with the Call Committee to review the call process and provide us with the names of a slate of 3-5 candidates. The internal review process is lengthy, and we don't anticipate meeting with Rev. Nelson until well after the holidays. Some candidates may come from personal referrals, and they will be directed to apply via the synod. Our ministry site profile will be published nationally, and we anticipate receiving a wide range of candidates. It is possible that we may have to go through more than one slate of candidates.

### **Criteria for Screening Candidates**

Please look at the Ministry Site Profile for a detailed description of desired qualities for our next pastor. We are certain that our next pastor would wholeheartedly and enthusiastically agree with the principle: "Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome to walk with us."

### **Interview Process, Selection, and Approval of the Call**

Rev. Ted Hartmann recommends using a Behavioral Interviewing approach, and he will meet with the Call Committee to train us in this technique. The Call Committee will make anonymous site visits to hear candidates preach and experience their leading of worship, whenever possible.

The Call Committee has not yet clarified the process for interviewing second round candidates and bringing them onsite to Faith Lutheran. We welcome your input about this process.

When the Call Committee has identified a suitable candidate, we'll notify the Council. Council will arrange a special Congregational meeting to vote on extending a call. If 2/3 of those members present vote to extend a call, the call will be extended.

Most importantly, the Call Committee has attempted to be guided by Spirit throughout this process, and we'll continue to attempt to discern the will of God as we carry on. We need and welcome your prayers as we all try to discern how to cooperate with God's beautiful vision for our future!

*God's Peace, Joan Stockbridge*

*Chairperson—Faith Lutheran Transition/Call Team*

## Sunday Adult Education

Sunday morning adult Christian Education is finishing its discussion of Elizabeth Kübler-Ross' "On Life After Death."

**Coming next will be a study of Rob Bell's book, "Love Wins."**

**9:45 in the fireside room each Sunday morning.**

*No Christian Education  
on December 25 or January 1*

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## Thursday Bible Study

This adult study meets in the parsonage at 9:00am each Thursday morning—Studying the book of Matthew.

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## Christian Meditation

The Christian Meditation group has moved to Tuesday nights at 6:30pm in the Education Building. Contact Joan Stockbridge or Julie Hettig for more information.



## Advent Greenery

At 9:00am on **Saturday, November 26**

Help is needed to hang traditional Advent greenery and red bows on church windows and doors. It takes only about an hour to create the setting that welcomes the season and makes our church look and smell beautiful for Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet in November to sign up to help.



## Kid's Sunday School News

Dear Families,

Leaves are falling, the wind is blowing and we're wondering if it will snow! It's a good thing that the Sunday school students have already planted their daffodil bulbs for spring. They have also made harvest wreaths out of bright colored paper leaves to remind us to "enter with thanks" as we step into our homes. Another autumn project our children completed was a paper sculpture squirrel holding an acorn. He was a symbol of the season and the eager attitude we hope to show as we do God's work each day. The acorns had a message: "Ready for Jesus". Our Sunday school was delighted to receive an extra special gift made by Becky and Scott Stonestreet for our use to help us to more easily understand our church year and how it is constructed. It's a circular wooden calendar showing all of our Sundays, including the special celebration days of Pentecost, Christmas and Easter, with the "ordinary" days between. A particular colored stone represents each Sunday so that our children can grasp the concept of the seasons of our church year. Joan Stockbridge presented a beautiful Godly Play story as she used this new resource, moved the stones and explained their significance. The children enjoyed talking about the times of the year they most liked and they were able to count and manipulate the stones and think about the entire year without turning calendar pages! Many thanks to Scott and Becky!



As we look towards the seasons of Advent and Christmas, please be sure to bring your children to Sunday school as often as possible, since we have many exciting plans!

**November 26 we will begin to practice the music for our Christmas play, with the songs "O Christmas Tree" and "Away in a Manger". The children will also be receiving the first plans for the play itself and they will find out about their parts.**

**On December 4 we will continue to practice our music and we will begin first rehearsals of the play in the Education building. Our dress rehearsal is on December 11 in the sanctuary, and then the actual program follows at the 11:00 service.**

All these dates are very important and if the children can be there they will feel much more relaxed and confident for the actual performance. This is their "gift" to the congregation, so we want it to be very nice!

**December 18 is our last Triple Play Sunday** for this year. It will be another wonderful story and we'd love to have children attend. There will be no Sunday school on Dec. 24, and none on Jan. 1. We are back again on January 8 with regular Sunday school at 9:45 in the Education building.

As we gear up for the holidays, please reserve a place in your busy schedules for a prayer or two for our Sunday school. Support us with your presence whenever you can. Be assured that we are also praying for you and your little ones as we move through these next few weeks.

*Blessings, Teacher Jeanne*

## Ladies Tea Party & Tree Decorating

Women of all ages are invited to the Women's Tree Decorating party, Saturday December 3. Join us for cookies, tea and fellowship as we transform the sanctuary Christmas tree. Childcare is provided on request. (Contact Cam Bennett at 530-277-6968 or emailheybud@cebridge.net)

Please bring the following items:

- 3 or 4 dozen cookies (exchange 3 dozen and leave 1 dozen to share with guests charities in the Auburn area)
- A small wrapped gift (under \$10) if you would like to be part of a gift exchange.



## All Church Christmas Party Saturday December 17 5:00pm in the Fireside Room

Everyone is invited to gather for potluck dinner, fellowship, fun and Christmas carols.



Bring your favorite holiday potluck dish to share.

**Kids' activities, coffee tea and lemonade provided**

## In Christian Love We Pray...

### **We pray for our family and friends in the military:**

Matthew Joy (USN), Jeff Tranberg (USMC), Patrick Wixon (USA), Peter Hecht (USN), Emily Norton (USA), Anne McClain (USA), Todd Wilder (USA), Ryan Lemons (USA), Calvin Randall (USAF), Heath Sagan (USA), Daniel Norton (USA), Grover Webber (USA), Nathan Broussard (USA)



### **We pray for those who are dealing with cancer:**

Janet Eklund, Vince Licata, Doug Wilson, Kelly Irving, , Carol Langseth, Jim Guilick, Dana West, Laurie Maguire, Angela Murphy, Jacob Penner, Karen Perriraz, Warner Lovell. Bill Nesbitt

- We pray for Dick Garman as he continues to fight Parkinson's disease.
- We hold Jim Wolf in our prayers, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- We pray for Ken Gardner facing physical challenges, and for Leona as she cares for him.
- We offer prayers of thanksgiving for Connie Elmore's smooth recovery from surgery.
- We offer prayers of thanksgiving for baby Tanner Cole born to Leah and Jason Cole on November 4.
- We pray for continued strength and healing for the Hettig-Warren, Silverman and Mayorga families grieving the loss of their sons in a tragic car accident in October. We especially hold Nathan Hettig-Warren close in our prayers.
- We pray with thanksgiving for our church staff, leadership and ministries as we begin a new church year. May we discern ways to be the hands, face and heart of Christ in the coming year.

If you have someone you would like to add to our prayer chain or any changes or updates to be made to this prayer list, please e-mail your request to **Fran Wheaton** at [faithprayers@hotmail.com](mailto:faithprayers@hotmail.com)

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## Loaves and Fishes Stockings

Beginning November 27 we are gathering stockings for Loaves and Fishes in Sacramento. The stockings filled with small comforts and necessities, are given out at a special Christmas dinner put on by this ministry.

A list of items to be included will be available at the back of the church along with a supply of stockings. Filled stockings need to be brought to the church by **December 18**. Contact Cam Bennett at 530-277-6968 for more information.



## Auburn Interfaith Food Closet

We hope to see our food baskets overflowing in Advent: Here are some suggestions of items to bring for the 4 Sundays of Advent:

**Advent 1—Nov. 27:** *Tuna, peanut butter, healthy granola bars, hearty pasta and rice cups (no ramen noodles please.)*

**Advent 2—December 4:** *Canned fruit and vegetables, bags of apples, oranges, potatoes.*

**Advent 3—Dec 11:** *Canned soups, stews, main dishes and chili.*

**Advent 4—Dec. 18:** *Baby foods and formula, cookies and holiday treats*

### AI FC Adopt A Family Program

During December and January we will have "Adopt a Family" packets available at the back of the sanctuary for folks who would like offer monthly food support for needy families through Auburn Interfaith Food Closet.



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## Christmas Miracle Gifts

At the back of the sanctuary, members may sign up to provide a gift for kids in Placer Children's Emergency Program. Look for a paper ornament at the back of the church with the child's name and gift wish. Purchase the gift and bring it back to the church with the paper tag attached by **Wednesday, December 7**. If you have questions, contact Danell Mulligan at 530-878-8621

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## Coats for Tahoe

Bring your outgrown or extra coats to church, clean and in good repair, before December 4. There is a marked collection area for them under the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.



## December Birthdays

- 1 Patty Cox
- 2 Jim Wood
- 6 Clay Cowan
- 11 Madison Tipton, Maurine Hamil
- 12 Austin Cole, Desmond Johnson
- 15 John Van Auker
- 16 Nathan Hettig-Warren
- 18 Luke Waymire
- 21 Jacqueline Royer, Gertrude Paul, Jennifer Wood
- 23 Tony Freitas, Erin Harris
- 25 Kevin Kemper
- 26 Noel Kuhlmann
- 28 Jason Cole
- 30 Beth Waymire
- 31 Luke Ramseth



## December Anniversaries

- 11 Arlen & Janet Deutsch
- 16 Ed & Anita Norton
- 19 Craig & Fran Wheaton
- 21 Tom & Bobbi Phillips

## December Baptism Birthdays

- 12 Ben Beadles
- 18 Luke Waymire
- 26 Collin Kuhlmann
- 30 Beth Waymire

## December Altar Flowers

- 4 Lynette Beadles in memory of Hilda Beadles
- 11 Barbara Wauters for her mother's birthday
- 18 Beadles family for Desmond's birthday
- 25 Poinsettias
- 1/1/2012 Poinsettias

### Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

If you would like to provide a Poinsettia plant for Christmas eve, please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the sanctuary. Please bring the flowers to church office Monday—Thursday mornings, before December 22.



## Lay Tasks For The Life of The Congregation—December 2011

Date	Usher	Acolyte	Reader	Serve Communion	Coffee Hour
Dec. 4 8:30	Jones		Jones	Jones	Fawcett/Kovacova
Dec. 4 11:00					
Dec. 11 8:30	Van Zuuk		Elmore	Van Zuuk	
Dec. 11 11:00					Beadles
Dec. 18 8:30	Kovacova		Bennett	Bennett	Bennett
Dec. 18 11:00					
<i>Dec. 25 9:30 Single Service</i>					
<i>Jan. 1 9:30 Single Service</i>					