

WELCOME to FAITH

Jesus loved the church and knew it was more than a place you go, but it was about people...people like you! Here at Faith—no matter what your spiritual background or past—we would like to meet you and help you become all God intended you to be.

Whether you are single, married, single again, with or without children—no matter where you've been or what you've done—we invite you to experience Faith Community Church.

Here is what you'll find: Friendly people to help you find your way around, a message that is relevant to your life, a blend of music that is both traditional & contemporary, services that last about 75 minutes, and a range of programs from nursery to adult.

What to expect: We desire individuals and families to join with us as we journey to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Our services offer a comfortable and friendly environment that welcomes folks just starting on their path to discovering God, as well as believers that are ready to be challenged to go deeper into His truth.

Faith Community Church is an experience...so plan to join us on a great journey! Worship with us on Sundays at 10:00AM!

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ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME & THE WORD

ADVENT CANDLE:

Old Testament Prophecy: Isaiah 9:6

New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 2:13-20

PRAISE

WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

No. 133

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

No. 141

MESSAGE, "Who Is That Baby in the Manger?"

Hebrews 1:1-3

Pastor Niles

BLESSING

GRACE AND PEACE to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are honored and strengthened by your presence. If you are visiting us today, please fill out the connection card in the pew and put it in the offering plate. If you have a special need, contact Pastor Niles, Pastor Russ.

EVERYONE WELCOME to join us tonight at **6:00 p.m.** for our Christmas Eve Worship Service & Program. Children who are in the program should arrive by 5:15 p.m. to put on costumes and practice the songs one last time. Join us for this special celebration of our Savior's birth!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Bette Brinkman, recovering from hip replacement in Pocahontas Manor; Mindy Skow; Monte Cunningham; Eldon & Ruth Freese; Don & Jeanette Gerdes; Matt Nickles; Nancy Nelson; Linda Rohlfs; Michelle Dornath; Ruth Smothers; Mary Seehusen.

WE EXTEND our love and sympathy to the family of Phil Brinkman, who went Home to be with the Lord Thursday evening. Funeral services will be held here on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. Visitation Tuesday, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Powers Funeral Home in Rolfe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETERS TODAY: Steve & Joan Julius, Larry & Dee Wuebker; Welcome Desk: Lori & Jon Kerns. **Christmas Eve Service:** Wes & Sharyl Keil, Wayne & Donna Pearson; Welcome Desk: Linda Rohlfs. **Next week:** Willy & Linda Rohlfs, Tom & Linda Hanson; Welcome Desk: Beth Butcher.

JANUARY NEWSLETTERS are in your mailboxes today if you did not receive a copy by email. **CHECK** your mailboxes!

A SENIOR'S LUNCHEON will be held on Wednesday, January 3 at noon in the west fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for you to indicate your attendance...this will help us in food preparation.

BABY SHOWER: Twice the blessings, twice the fun, two miracles instead of one! Everyone is welcome to a baby shower soup luncheon honoring Briar and Kelsey (Fey) Holtorf and their twin baby girls at Faith Saturday, **January 6th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin on Tuesday, **January 9, 9:00 a.m.** The six-week study, "Finding I AM" by Lysa TerKeurst will help us grow in our faith and Bible knowledge as we explore the gospel of John. If you wish to attend, please sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Michelle Dornath at mdornath@ncn.net. Study books are \$15.

SNOVERNIGHT 2017 for Grades 4-6 will be held at Twin Lakes Bible Camp December 28-29. (Cost \$75). Registration begins Thursday at 10 am with check-out Friday at 4:00 p.m. There will be great Bible teaching, enthusiastic worship, fun games, ice time on the lake and warm up by the fireplace with hot cocoa. Join us & bring a couple friends!

THANK YOU! Our hearts are WARM with appreciation to our church family! You gave generously to our Faith Club Store. The kids 'shopped' Wednesday and were able to choose gifts for people they love from a great variety of items. The kids earn points by saying Bible verses, coming to Faith Club, inviting friends, using their Bibles and so much more. Those points are redeemed for 'treasures' from the Faith Club store or gifts to share with others. We have generous children who think of others and they are following your example

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 24. Today, - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service w/Kids' Church

6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Worship Service/Program.

Dec. 25, Mon. – CHRISTMAS DAY. Celebrate Jesus – the Reason for the Season!!

Dec. 26, Tues., 7:30 p.m. – Worship Team practice

Dec 31, Sun. - NO Sunday School.

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service.

THANK YOU for the Christmas card and gift card. I really appreciate it. Merry Christmas!
Kristen Haley

THANK YOU for the Walmart gift card and prayers during finals week. It was nice to have extra support during my last semester at Buena Vista University.
Holly Matthews

ANY EXTRA BIBLES and/or Christian materials that you aren't using and would like to donate to a good cause may be placed in a tote marked "Love Packages" in the east entry. These will be sent to Illinois to be distributed around the world. Thanks, Jon & Gloria Aden

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

LAUNCHING JAN. 21ST

Shepherding a Godly Congregation (A Study in 1 Timothy)
Led by Pastor Dennis Niles

Parenting Class - Gospel Principles For Your Family
Led by Scott Larsen

Seniors Sunday School Class
Led by Pastor Paul Hoyt

New Members Class
Led by Pastor Russell Weller

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Faith Community Church Mission:

"Helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ."

