

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.

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 begin @ 10:00AM and last about 75 minutes, and a range of programs from nursery to adult. We desire individuals and families to join with us as we journey to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

December 9, 2018

PRELUDE **Worship Team**
"Angels We Have Heard on High" **No. 132**
WELCOME & THE WORD **Pastor Niles**
ADVENT READING Joshua Thurm & Ryan Elbert
DEDICATION OF BRADLEY JAMES WOLTER,
Son of Jim & Gina Wolter
PRAISE **Worship Team**
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
"The First Noel" **No. 136**
MESSAGE: "God with Us Brings Love"
Romans 15:13 **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 anyone has a need, please contact one of the Pastors.

OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals and December newsletters are in your church mailboxes today. Please check your mailbox regularly.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Cindy Kemna, Jerry Onnen, Kyra Boker, Tammy Janssen, Wayne Pearson, Mark Phillips, all recovering from surgeries; Gordon Jacobson; Bette Brinkman, Cassandra Janssen; Bruce Maley; Michelle Dornath; Monte Cunningham; Mitzi Ford; Mindy Skow; Linda Rohlf; Matt Nickles; Mary Seehusen.

WE EXTEND our love & sympathy to Al Schmidtke & family as his wife, Karen, went Home to be with the Lord on Friday. Please remember the family in prayer.

GREETERS TODAY: Deb Francis, Julie Howell, Dave & Kristy Orwig; **Welcome Desk:** Lori & Jon Kerns; **Next week:** Jackie & Kristen Haley, Charles Gunderson, Gary Thurston; **Welcome Desk:** Linda Rohlf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVERS NEXT WEEK: Paul & Jenny Abens, Tyler & Katy Bindel

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available from the ushers or at the Welcome Desk for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

BIBLE READING INITIATIVE! Dec. 9 – Rev. 16; Dec. 10 – Rev. 17; Dec. 11 – Rev. 18; Dec. 12 – Rev. 19, Dec. 13 – Rev. 20; Dec. 14 – Rev. 21; Dec. 15 – Rev. 22

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:
Men's Study – "This is the Day" (room 19)
Women's Study – "Seamless" (west fellowship hall)
Young Adults' Class – Colossians (room 11)
Senior Adults' Class – Library
Bible Initiative Class – Room 10
New Member Class – Room 27

SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 11th at 11:30 a.m. the Senior Adults' Ministry will be hosting a Christmas gathering potluck at church. Please bring any dish of your choosing and a dessert. You are also welcome to bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or less in value) for a fun time together.

THE MENU FOR FAMILY NIGHT, December 12th is: Chili, Apple Slices, and Cinnamon Rolls. If anyone would like to donate chili beans, that would be great!

PARENTS: All preschool through 6th graders are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve service, December 24th at 6:00PM. Children will be working on special music each week, during the Sunday School hour from 8:45-9:00 am: December 9 and 16. Children participating in the Christmas Eve service will practice together before Kids Church starts on December 16th, from 10:00-10:30 in the Kids Church room. They will run through the program in the sanctuary, immediately following the service on the 16th. (should only take 30 minutes) Tiffany Mayall is leading the kids in this special time. For questions, contact her at 515-890-1542.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS will be decorating their classroom doors for Christmas. Be sure to walk through the halls on December 16th to see what message they share.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 9, Today, 8:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

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

5:00 p.m. - IGNITE

Dec. 11, Tues., 11:30 a.m. – Seniors Luncheon @ FCC

7:30 p.m. – Worship Team Practice

Dec. 12, Wed., 5:30 p.m. – Family Meal

6:30 p.m. – Faith Club, High School Bible Study,

Moms Connect, Financial Peace Class; Middle

School Puppet Practice

6:45 p.m. – Foundations Class

7:30 p.m. – High School Bible Study

Dec. 15, Sat. 5:30 p.m. – LifeGate Fellowship (*new*

location: 905 1st Avenue North, Dakota City, IA 50529)

Dec. 16, Sun. 8:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages

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

11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Kids Program Practice

11:30 a.m. Christmas Caroling Luncheon

12:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling (All are welcome to carol!)

5:00 p.m. IGNITE Christmas Party

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECT: This year we are inviting the kids to take part in a very special project. We've selected a few children who need extra love and care this Christmas season. **From Sunday, December 9th, through Sunday, December 23rd, we'll be collecting gift items for the kids and will deliver to them in time for Christmas.** The Christmas tree near the big clock in the fellowship area has ornaments with different items to be given to the families we are caring for. Kids/parents can choose an item (or more) to purchase and then bring back to church. If you've participated in the Angel Tree ministry before, this is similar. Our hope is this will be a special opportunity for families to be intentional about caring for others in need, this Christmas. Stop by the tree when you're at church and ask the Lord what He wants you to do. Thank you!!

NOTES

December 9, 2018

1ST CANDLE ON ADVENT WREATH: The Prophecy Candle – Candle of Hope – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. Isaiah 11:10 *"The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in Him."* Romans 15:12-13 *"May the God of Hope fill you will all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:18-25)

2ND CANDLE ON ADVENT WREATH: The Bethlehem Candle – Candle of Preparation – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! *"As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: 'A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all mankind will see God's salvation.'"* (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-6 or Luke 2:1-7)

Faith Community Church Mission:

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



WE ARE
GLAD YOU
ARE HERE

**"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1**