



Worship
Discipleship
Service

Sermon Notes

December 25, 2011

*To Follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
Be Filled with His Love and
Share His Abundant Grace with our Communities.*

Welcome Visitors & Friends!

We are glad you are here and hope you meet God and some new friends. Stop by the Welcome Center for information about the ministries and opportunities for you here at Faith! Be sure to check out our website at www.faithpres.org.

We Gather & Worship in God's Name

- Prelude** Pat Wischnewski, Organ
- Call to Worship** **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**
- Greeting**
- Life of the Church**
- Video** **Sandbible - Matthew 2:1-16**
- Carol Requests**
- Christmas Story** **The City that Forgot About Christmas**
- Children's Sermon**
- Offering** **Not So Silent Night** Cathy Pavelka
- Pastoral Prayer**
- Closing Song** **Angels We Have Heard on High**
- Benediction**
- Postlude** Pat Wischnewski, Organ

<p>Sunday, December 25 10:15 am Informal Family Worship</p> <p>Monday, December 26 Church Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, December 27 6:00 pm Faith Church Rec Volleyball</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 28</p> <p>Thursday, December 29 11:00 am Bob Bloden Funeral 6:15 pm TOPS</p> <p>Friday, December 30</p>	<p>Saturday, December 31</p> <p>Sunday, January 1 10:15 am Informal Family Worship</p>
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Worshipping with children? We are glad to have your family with us today!
Did you know the nursery is available during the worship service for children under 5 years old?
We also offer children's bulletins and activity bags for children ages 3 to 9 who are attending church with their families. We know adults and children worship differently, so if you need to take a break or get a drink please feel free to come and go as necessary.

Faith Prays

Please pray for:

- Those recovering from hospitalization - Iris St. Lawrence.
- Jean Bloden and her family, as they mourn the death of Bob Bloden last Sunday. Bob's funeral will be at 11:00 am on Thursday, December 29 at Faith.

The safety and care of all who currently serve in the armed forces:

Jackie Branscome, Chris Beyl, Jodie Brueske, Adam Dowd, Brian Knutson, Amanda McGregor, David O'Keefe, Callea Pavelka*, Ross Pavelka*, Gary Slater, Gordon Sloan, Joe Tourand, Stephen Varverakis, Christopher Wilmot, Nicholas Worthy, Mike MacDonald *

* serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or Africa



Pray for Faith: Become a prayer warrior! Join others in praying for Faith by checking out our website, www.faithpres.org. Pastor Buck has put some of his prayers there for Faith.



To inform us of a hospitalization or to request a hospital or home visit, please call the church office at 952-935-4481.

For Prayer Requests please fill out a prayer request card or contact Carol (952-545-4303, shanh@mac.com).

Today at Faith

Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

Usher Volunteers are Leslee Day, Captain; Rolf Lokensgard, Paul Tesarek, Glenn and Shirley Baillie, John Parks, Gene Almond; Gary Hemphill, Co-Chairman, Usher Scheduling.

Greeter Volunteers are Bev Nodine, Carol Hemphill, Bob and Carol Holzinger.

Children and Student Programming:

All programming resumes after January 1

- 9:00 am: Stimulate (for grades 6-8)
- 9:00 am: Confirmation (for grades 8-9)
- 9:00 am: Sunday School (for age 3 - 5th grade)
- 7:00 pm: Focus (for grades 9-12)

Family Ministries

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Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm:

Kidz of Faith (K-5th grade) and Lighthouse (grades 6-8), childcare will be available.

Camp Shamineau - January 20-22

Cost is \$115 (\$75 for Guest Students)

Winter Wipe Out is an outreach level youth weekend that will give youth groups opportunities to grow and fellowship together. These weekends are designed for youth group students to invite non-churched friends and share the Gospel with them. Camp Shamineau provides the programming, activities, and meals. There will be four chapel sessions combining fun and games, great worship times and messages from our guest speakers, who will share the Gospel. Activities offered include: trail rides, high ropes course, indoor climbing wall, crafts, archery, riflery, snack and gift shop and more. Youth groups can also participate in the broomball, dodgeball and volleyball tournaments.

Events & Announcements

Adult Discipleship Classes: (resumes after January 1)

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

When God's Spirit Moves - Room #114 - for men

Join Pastor Buck on Sunday, January 8 and 15 at 9:00 am as he updates us on changes within our denomination and what it might mean for us here at Faith. He will talk about the Fellowship of Presbyterians and how our denomination is in the place it currently finds itself. This will be an important opportunity for us to learn about possible changes and how we as the people of Faith may want to respond.



Attention Second Halfers and Friends! We're going to see **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement"** at the **Plymouth Playhouse on Sunday afternoon, January 22, 2012!** The performance starts at 2:00 pm and we will carpool from church at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$26. Those who wish to can share a meal at the Green Mill restaurant following the play (on your own). **NO sign ups on Christmas Day, and your LAST CHANCE to sign up in January 1.** Questions? Call Mary Erickson (952-934-9692) or Mardell Sluka (952-935-5387).

Thanks Faith family, for making the Angel Tree Party a time to experience Christmas joy and fun for neighboring children, who have a parent in prison. Two attending families even expressed an interest in finding out more about Faith. Watch for new faces!

It couldn't have been done without a host of callers to contact Angel Tree families, gift buyers and pray-ers, party planners, family photographers, meal preparers and servers and Faith host families. To all who gave of their time, skills, joy and welcoming arms to the local Angel Tree families, may God's blessings be upon you. You truly are the Angels of Faith.

Join us for "Stories of Saints: In Bible Times and In Our Midst Today",

Sunday, January 22 and 29 at 9:00 am in Room #120. During this two-week series the picture will unfold that God worked through Saints with cracks in Bible Times and does so in our midst yet today. Each class is a stand alone and we will study the Word, observe that imperfect people are used by God, take delight in this fact, and share real life stories and testimonies from our lives today. Don Draayer will be our teacher. Be sure to join us.

Finding Faith: Have you been attending Faith and wanting to find out more or learn about joining Faith as a member? Come and join Pastor Buck on Sunday, January 8 at 11:30 am in Room #114. Buck will share his faith journey and give you information about Faith and where we are heading as a church. Hope you plan to join us.

Ministry Needs & Opportunities

Men's Ministry - Bag Time: Time is running out to meet our goal of supplying 75 Welcome Home bags to men returning from prison and starting a new life at Midwest Challenge. We have about 75% of the \$5,000 in bag donations needed heading into the final week of this project. Please join us in attaining this goal for the seventh straight year by donating \$60 (or more) or components for the bags. Additional information can be found at the Men's Ministry table in the Information Hallway. Donations by check for the bag project can be made out to Faith Church. Put "Men's Ministry" in the memo line.



Men's Ministry - Breakfast Time: Hey guys! It's time for our winter breakfasts. Mark your calendars for **January 14** and **February 4** at 8:00 am. The January 14 meeting will feature the men from Midwest Challenge/Life Rebuilders giving their testimonies about changed lives through Jesus Christ. We will then come together with the men from Midwest Challenge/Life Rebuilders in February to assemble Welcome Home bags. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

Church Office

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: Deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday at 12 noon. Please e-mail your announcements to rick@faithpres.org

Please schedule all meetings & events with Rick Reed in the church office. 952-935-4481 ext. 20 or rick@faithpres.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The church & office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2 as we celebrate Christmas and New Year's.

If you missed Commitment Sunday, we still welcome your 2012 pledge cards. Please mail your pledge card to the church office. Thank you.

If you requested 2012 Pledge Envelopes, they are on a table in the Narthex. Please pick them up today, and save us the postage of mailing them to you. Thank you.

End of Year giving: Contributions for 2011 must be received in the church office or postmarked no later than December 31. Contributions received after this will be posted to your 2012 statement.



Faith Offering

	Received	Budget	Over(Short)
Last Week	\$ 16,217	\$ 16,587	\$ (370)
YTD 2012	\$ 310,531	\$ 311,791	\$ (1,260)