



# December

*take up the shield of faith*

Ephesians 6:16

**December 2025 Newsletter**

## Take Note...

Online giving now  
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[faithlutheranlittlefalls.org](http://faithlutheranlittlefalls.org)



**Faith's Core  
Values:  
*Discipleship,  
Hospitality,  
Prayer,  
Service,  
Stewardship,  
Worship,  
and Unity***

*From Pastor Mark...*

## Preparing for the Savior

**“And it shall be said, ‘Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.’”**

Isaiah 57:14

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. It is the season of the church year when we are reminded to prepare the way of the Lord; to prepare the way in all that we think, do, and say. If we knew that an important dignitary or celebrity was going to visit our city or home in the near future, we would want to clean things up so we could make a good impression.

That’s why we have all the more reason to prepare for the coming of God’s Son. Think of what’s at stake regarding God’s Son. Think of how the world would be transformed for the better if we could all join with Zachariah in singing in joyful anticipation, “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people...” (Luke 1:68).

As part of your spiritual discipline during Advent, I encourage you to take the Bible Challenge for the month of December. What’s notable about this Challenge are the connections between the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah and the *fulfillment* of those prophecies in the New Testament. I hope you will enjoy learning about the plan of Salvation that God has had for you since the beginning of time.

In Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## President's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I know it's been a delightfully warm fall, but walking outside on a quiet morning, I cannot help but notice how frost covers everything. I think of frost as God taking a deep breath at night then exhaling in the morning. He wants to renew everything. His breath touching every living and nonliving thing changing it, making it sparkle, making it reflect His light. Notice how the crystals of His breath cling to every blade of grass, every twig, every hair on the coat of a lumbering old beef cow, every surface of His creation.

"From the breath of God ice is made, And the expanse of the waters is frozen." Job 37: 10

Here is a quote by John Burroughs I'd like to share and then change a bit.

"It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it. " --John Burroughs

"He is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of Him."

Let God's light reflect off you this season. Breathe in the crisp winter air and breathe out good words and good works friends of Faith. I'm so incredibly thankful for each and every one of you.

Merry Frosty Christmas, and Happy Frost Covered New Year,  
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## Youth Director Report

Hello Youth Families,

Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy and thanksgiving.

Here is what we have planned throughout the month of December:

- December 3 = Youth Group and Confirmation class
- December 10 = Caroling with Living Hope Church
- December 17 = White Elephant gift exchange
- December 24 = Christmas Eve Service

May the light of Christ shine brightly in your heart and home this Christmas!

Blessings to All,  
Heather Byers

# Ministry Volunteer Coordinator Report

## Current/Upcoming Small Groups:

1. Women's Bible Study meets on Friday mornings at 9. They go over the sermon text for the upcoming Sunday.
2. Men's Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9. They go over the sermon text for the upcoming Sunday.
3. Mission quilters meet on Thursdays at 9am in the Narthex.
4. Dig Deep; a study on Christian Doctrine for Women. Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the nursery.
5. Gospel of John, this is a comprehensive Bible Study on the Gospel of John. This will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the library.

**Out of Office:** I am out of the office from 11/17/25 through 11/30/25. Sarah will be sending the weekly emails during this time.

## Other things I am currently working on are:

- Weekly birthday cards
- Preparing the Bible challenge each month to go on our website, emails and print it out to make available at church
- Sending weekly emails to the congregation
- Update the directory as needed
- Helping with Sunday School as they need supplies
- Making announcement slides as needed
- Helping with other events at church
- Creating events on Facebook for free advertising

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## Mission Statement

### *Know, Grow, Go*

- *Know* God and others
- *Grow* in Faith
- *Go* in Faith to Love and Serve the Lord



Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand** your ground, and after you have done everything, **to stand**. **Stand** firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **Word of God**. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

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## Attendance & Offering

November	2:	143	\$ 5,355
November	9:	107	\$ 6,119
November	16:	126	\$ 4,766
November	23:	155	\$ 5,356