

JESUS CAME TO JOHN
AT THE JORDAN,
TO BE BAPTIZED

MATTHEW 3:13



The Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday, January 7, 2023 5:00pm

Sunday, January 8, 2023 9:00am

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

PRELUDE

"No Other Name"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

♩ = 86 C F C Am G

Come to-geth-er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec-tion from the liv-ing cen-ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear cre - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

But all is read - y will you come? Love in-vites the way.
 With each oth - er we are one, here in Je - sus' name.
 In the roar of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Come and Sing Praises"

Light shuffle Am7 D9 Bm7 Em7

As - crite to the Lord, O might - y ones, as -

Am7 D7 C/G G Am7 G/B

crite to the Lord glo - ry and strength. As -

Cmaj7 D9 Bsus B7/D# Em7

crite to the Lord the glo - ry due His name.

G/A A7 Cmaj7/D D7

Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of His hol - i - ness.

Cmaj7 Bm7

Come and sing prais - es to the Rock of all

Am7

a - ges, Come and sing prais - es to

D7 G7 Cmaj7

Je - sus, my Lord. Come and a -

Bm7

dore Him, bow down be - fore Him,

Am7 D G/D D7 G

come and sing prais - es to Je - sus, our Lord.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Help Us O Lord”

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O-pen our hearts to

feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to

him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Made for Love"

Jubilation

BAPTISM (5:00 pm)

Hattie Mae Hillmann

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APOSTLES CREED (9:00 am)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each prayer petition will conclude, "Lord, in your mercy,"

The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

$\text{♩} = 108$

Em C D Em

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth.
of - fer in joy what you first to us gave:

Am C D

Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7

Re - mind us, oh Lord, to feel the
Re - ceive them we're fam - i - ly; we're
all now, this is our

C D Em B (last time end on Em)

pain bound in our sis - ters' eyes.
prayer by in bap - tis - mal birth.
in in Je - sus' name.

We

OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name:

Blessed are you, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

$\text{♩} = 100$ $\text{E}\flat$ (D) (guitar: capo 1) $\text{B}\flat\text{m}/\text{G}$ (Am/F $\sharp$) $\text{A}\flat$ (G)

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God,

$\text{E}\flat/\text{G}$ (D/F $\sharp$) $\text{A}\flat\text{Maj}7$ (GMaj7) $\text{Gm}7$ (F $\sharp\text{m}7$)

you take a - way the sin of the

1. 2. 3 $\text{C}7$ (B7) $\text{E}\flat$ (D) F (E) F7 (E7) $\text{B}\flat7$ (A7)

world: have mer - cy on us.

4 $\text{C}7$ (B7) $\text{E}\flat$ (D) F (E) F7 (E7) $\text{B}\flat7$ (A7) $\text{E}\flat$ (D)

world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the pastors to receive communion. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

"All I Need"

Jubilation

"That Christ Be Known"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Drawn to the Light"

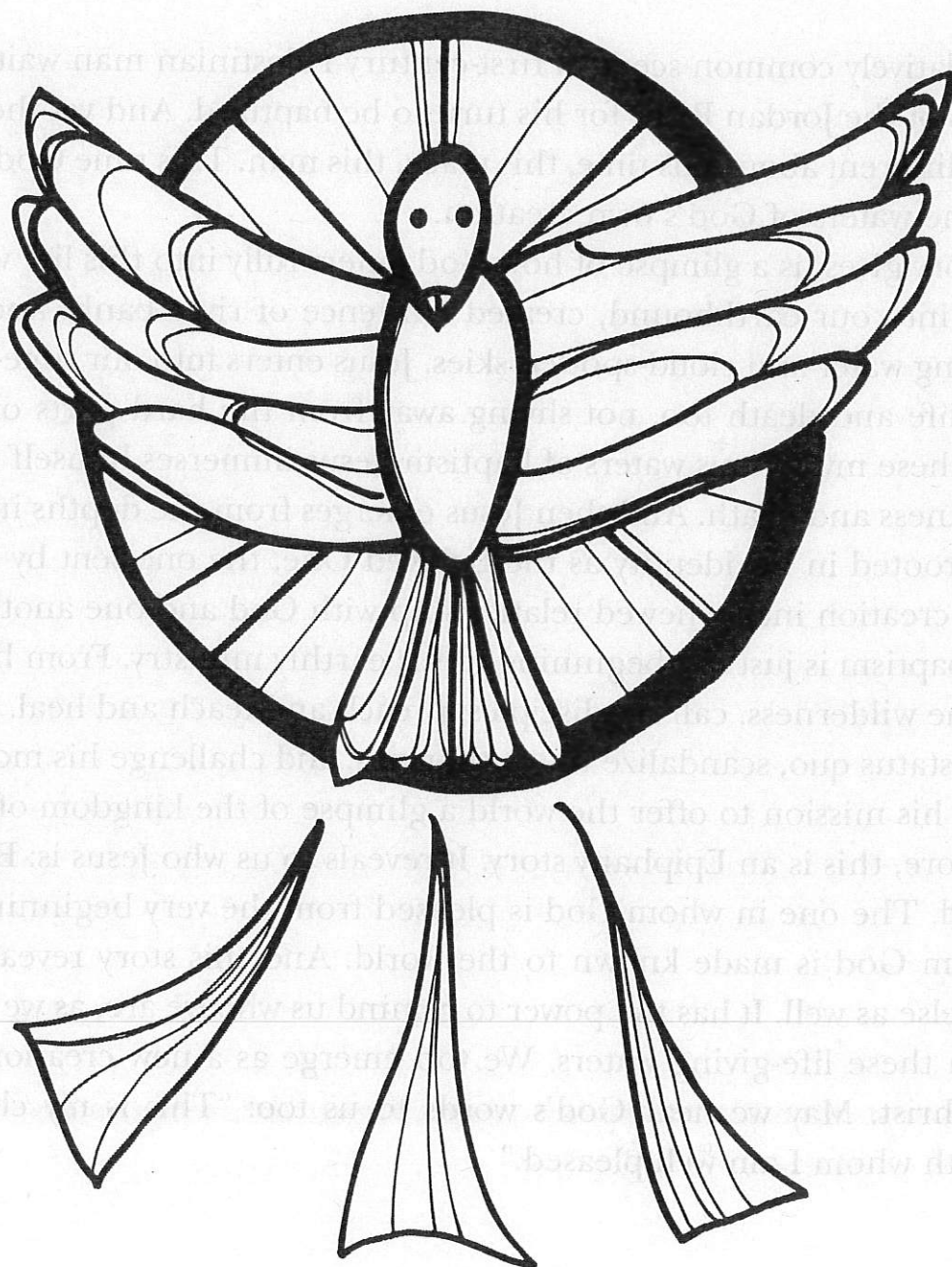
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

SATURDAY	5:00 pm Worship Service
Ushers	Mike & Gayle Staples
Reader	Gayle Staples
Communion Assistant	Mike Staples
Counters	Joan Hennigan and Diane Cole
SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Doug & Michelle Olson
Reader	Donna Darnall
Communion Assistant	Michelle Olson
Counters	Kenny & Sue Oetzmann
Choir Director	Susan Becker
Organist	Teri Wittkowsi and Susan Becker
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker



Baptized and Beloved

It was a relatively common scene: a first-century Palestinian man waiting on the banks of the Jordan River for his turn to be baptized. And yet there was something different about this time, this place, this man. This time God would enter into the waters of God's own creation.

This story gives us a glimpse of how God enters fully into this life with us. God enters into our earthbound, created existence of river banks and dusty earth, rushing water and cloud-spotted skies. Jesus enters into our time-bound realities of life and death too, not shying away from the hard parts of being human. In these mysterious waters of baptism, Jesus immerses himself in pain and sin, sickness and death. And then Jesus emerges from the depths into new life—a life rooted in his identity as the Beloved One, the one sent by God to bring all of creation into renewed relationship with God and one another.

Jesus' baptism is just the beginning of his earthly ministry. From here, he will enter the wilderness, call his disciples, preach and teach and heal. He will disrupt the status quo, scandalize the authorities, and challenge his most loyal followers in his mission to offer the world a glimpse of the kingdom of God.

At its core, this is an Epiphany story. It reveals to us who Jesus is: Beloved. Sent by God. The one in whom God is pleased from the very beginning. The one in whom God is made known to the world. And this story reveals to us something else as well. It has the power to remind us who we are, as we too are swept up in these life-giving waters. We too emerge as a new creation made whole in Christ. May we hear God's words to us too: "This is my child the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Senior Pastor Carrie La Plante Pastor Heather Geest

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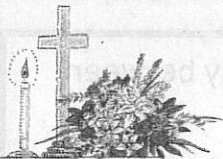
GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

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January 7 & 8, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheraneldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.



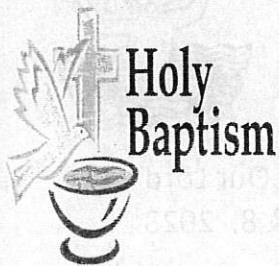
Altar Flowers

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheraneldridge.com



Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Ron McFate	Janet Bowman	Melissa Alden	Hugh Lickiss
H.O. Nelson	Kathy Stoltz	Sue Vogel	Glen
Sheila Baustian	Gary King	Andrew Arp	Kelly
Sally Puls	Roger Lewis	Norman Harms	Mike
Jensen Spencer	Ed Stoltz	Kim Pierce	Vaughn
Ann Kuehl	Jerry Schwien	Jeanette Myers	
Carol Judge	Judy Knoer	Bill Lind	
Carolyn Scheibe	Jan Kluever	Lincoln Regnier	
Madison Russo	Bob Morehead	Ed Precht	



During the Saturday, January 7, worship service, we welcome to our Faith family through the waters of holy baptism, Hattie Mae Hillmann, the daughter of Koby and Shelby Hillmann. Hattie's sponsors are Hannah Fehr, Kari Oetzel and Kylie Gray.

The rose on the altar is given in celebration of Hattie's baptism, in loving memory of Mary House, Maddie Mess, and Jackie Snyder.



New Offering Envelopes

The 2023 Offering Envelopes are now available! They are arranged alphabetically on the Welcome Center counter for you to pick up.

Please take a poinsettia to enjoy at home or to share. Thank you to all who contributed to our beautiful poinsettias this Christmas!

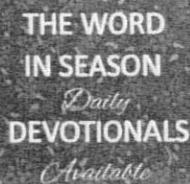


Our Christmas Special Offering this year will be split equally between Humble Dwellings and Lutheran Lakeside Camp.

Humble Dwellings is an Eldridge based non-profit with the mission "To restore dignity and hope to those less fortunate by transforming their living space into a warm and inviting home, using gently donated furniture and household items."



Faith has been associated with Lutheran Lakeside Camp since its founding in 1960. Hundreds of our children, youth, and adults have experienced God presence and growth in faith through Lutheran Lakeside.



Please note—we are no longer mailing *The Word in Season* devotion books. They are available for pick up at the church, inside as well as in the bulletin boxes outside. If you are in need of a copy of *The Word in Season* book and unable to come to the church, please call the church office at 563-285-4501 to make arrangements to get one to you.



Welcome Britt Swanson, Executive Director of Lutheran Lakeside Camp!

This weekend, we are glad to have Britt Swanson with us for worship and Sunday School. Britt serves as the Executive Director of Lutheran Lakeside Camp, and she will be sharing with us many of the opportunities that Lakeside offers as

well as helping to get the kids excited to go to camp this summer.

Registration is now open for Lutheran Lakeside Camp this summer. We are planning to attend camp **July 16-21**. There is Junior Camp for those who have completed grades 3-5 and Confirmation Camp for those who have completed grades 6-8. As in years past, Faith will cover \$150 of the cost of camp per child (including friends that they might invite). For more information about camp, please go to www.lutheranlakeside.com and click on the Summer Camp drop down menu for more information and the Camp Registration tab when you are ready to register.

Adults are invited to join us for the adult mission trip to do work around the camp that week as well, so if that is something that would interest you, please let Pastor Carrie know.

If you have any questions about camp, please contact Pastor Carrie (pastorcarrie@csteldridge.com or call or text 641-275-1326), and she will be happy to answer them!

Mission Trip Update

We have 20 youth who are planning to join us for our mission trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico, this summer. They are excited for the opportunities that will come with this trip, and they look forward to sharing our experiences with you.



In order to make this trip a reality, our youth will be doing several fundraisers throughout the year to help pay for the trip. First, they would like to thank all of you who purchased items from their Faith webstore in December. We were able to put \$450 toward the trip from that sale.

The next fundraiser will be the Super Bowl Sandwich and Caramel Chex Mix Sale. The order forms will be available on the Welcome Center, on our Facebook page and on our website by January 8. Pick-up will be on Super Bowl Weekend, February 11 and 12, around the worship services. Order forms will need to be received by the end of the day on January 29. We look forward to helping to provide your Super Bowl Sunday treats, and thank you in advance for your support.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Saturday, January 7	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship
Sunday, January 8	9:00 am	Jubilation Worship
	10:00 am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Monday, January 9	<i>Office Closed</i>	
Tuesday, January 10	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday, January 11	5:00 pm	Confirmation Meal
	5:30 pm	Confirmation Conversations
	6:15 pm	People of Praise
	7:00pm	High School Youth
	7:15 pm	Resounding Joy
Thursday, January 12	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Women of Faith Board Meeting
Friday, January 13	9:30 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, January 14	5:00 pm	Worship
Sunday, January 15	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00am	Fellowship Hour
	10:15 am	Sunday School



We are raising funds to replace our aging roof over Fellowship Hall and the Education Wing. Our goal is \$50,000.

Please contact a Council Member with any questions regarding our campaign. More information will be in the December Ambassador.

Thank you for helping us Replace the Roof!



12/31/2022 5pm: 45, 1/1/2023 9am:32, Online: 48 Total: 125