

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

December 2021

Tripoli, Iowa

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We pray for the healing and well-being of these beloved children of God...

Carol & Larry Kammeyer
Nadine Schnurstein
Cam (Brenda & Kevin Sievers'
son-in-law)
Dean (Mary Ann Myers'
son-in-law)

We pray for members and friends of the church serving in the military.

Brandon Burrows
Matthew Coulthard
Keenan Gienau
Kristian Heidemann
Austin Kingsbury
Chazten Wells
Kaitlin Westendorf

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Jean Bentley
Darlene Bahlmann
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls
Virgil Ducker
Velda Lynch
Orlyn Milius
Marty Smalley

We pray for Larry Struck and family as they mourn the passing of his brother, Chuck.



"The Christmas Spirit" by Ann Weems

The Christmas spirit is that hope
which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful
and announces
in the face of any Herod the world can produce
and all the inn doors slammed in our faces
and all the dark nights of our souls
that with God all things still are possible,
that even now
unto us a Child is born!

Outreach Ministries

In October, **His Hands Food Pantry** in Oran served 77 households (223 individuals) and distributed 7,424 pounds of product. His Hands serves residents of Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, and Westgate. Tuesday nights, 5-8 pm. Friday mornings, 9-noon. If you have questions or an immediate need, contact Pantry directors, Roger at 563.920.8522, or Mary at 563.920.3857.

We received the following from the **Helping Hands Clothing Closet** located at 2028 Viking Avenue in Sumner: October was a very busy month for Helping Hands Clothing Closet with 248 client visits. Our volunteers gave 51 hours of their time. As always, we can use donations of blankets, bedding, new underwear and socks, winter coats and boots. Thank you for all donations and thank you to our terrific volunteers.

Need help with your heating bill or your water bill? Contact the Karen Henry of the **Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation** at 563.387.4924 or email at khenry@neicac.org. Look for additional information on the north bulletin board in the narthex.



Mark your Calendar!

The next blood bank will be held at Faith Fellowship Hall on December 15th from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Schedule online at www.lifefervebloodcenter.org or call 800.287.4903

Church Life



Wednesday December 8th at 7:00 pm.
 'Women of Faith'
 will be having their Christmas Party.
 There will be a \$15.00 gift exchange.
 A delicious lunch will be served and
 you will not want to miss out on the fun games planned.
Everyone is invited.

Brunch Sunday November 28th

Basket Auction \$1,295.00

Brunch \$ 353.00

Baking/Cooking Basket by: Marlys Biermann	<u>Sold for \$ 60.00 to Terri Meier</u>
Kids Basket by: Barb Hill	<u>Sold for \$ 50.00 to Traci Bahrenfuse</u>
Christmas Basket by: Marilyn Lahmann	<u>Sold for \$100.00 to Kara Marsh</u>
Relax Basket by: Kara Marsh	<u>Sold for \$ 65.00 to Traci Bahrenfuse</u>
Family Fun Basket by: Karen Milius	<u>Sold for \$ 80.00 to Kara Marsh</u>
Chocolate Basket by: Juanita Mohlis	<u>Sold for \$115.00 to Karen Milius</u>
Jelly-Jam-Peanut Butter Basket by: Jean Ranard	<u>Sold for \$110.00 to Bob Sassman</u>
Meat and Cheese Basket by: Tamara Rosol	<u>Sold for \$225.00 to Jerry Snelling</u>
Coffee Basket by: Donna Sassman	<u>Sold for \$100.00 to Jean Ranard</u>
Inspirational Basket by: Dolores Schmidt	<u>Sold for \$ 45.00 to Theresa Kampman</u>
Gratitude and Joy Basket by: Pastor Marilyn	<u>Sold for \$ 50.00 to Karen Milius</u>
Winter Basket by: Marlene Snelling	<u>Sold for \$110.00 to Patty Mehmen</u>
Puzzle Basket by: Joan Struck	<u>Sold for \$ 85.00 to Terri Meier</u>
Assorted Nut basket by: Bonnie Travers	<u>Sold for \$100.00 to Tamara Rosol</u>

-Thank you to the people that donated the beautiful baskets for the Silent Auction.

-Thank you to the people that bid and bought the baskets.

-Thank you everyone who stayed and enjoyed the
delicious brunch that was served following the Worship service.

Special thanks to all the people that helped prepare and serve the Brunch
it was all very good. Thank you.

A lot of helping hands...make for a Faith Loving Family.
THANK YOU!!!



Christmas Around Tripoli

Plan to attend the activities to celebrate "Christmas Around Tripoli" on December 4 and 5. On Saturday, December 4 from 9 am to 2 pm and Sunday, December 5 from 10 am to 2 pm. you will be able to stroll along Christmas Tree Lane at the Tripoli City Hall. There will be a beautiful display of Christmas trees and there will be items for sale and refreshments will be served. On Sunday, December 5 starting at 3:30 pm Santa will be riding around town on a fire truck. From 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Santa will be at the Welcome Center for photos, cookies and hot cocoa. Hope to see you there!

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Council Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2021

Members in Attendance: Roger Goudschaal, Lisa Chapin, Beth Goudschaal, Kara Marsh, Vicki Oleson, Keith Stahlhut, Eli Bahrenfuse, Steve Hill, Conrad Marsh, and Jerry Lahmann.

Council Members Absent: Ashley Penrod, and Dean Shinstine.

Also Present: Pastor Marilyn and Barb Hill.

The meeting was opened with the Prayer of St. Francis read by Vicki Oleson.

The meeting was called to order by Roger Goudschaal.

Additions to the Agenda: Add Conrad Marsh to the attendance for the month of October.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Steve Hill to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 regular meeting, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Lisa Chapin to approve the October report as stated, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried.

Trustee Report: The bills for the bell tower repair have been received. The louvers on the bell tower are in need of painting, this will be taken up with the Property Committee. The position of inside custodian will be put on Facebook. A schedule has been passed out to the council to take turns each week cleaning the restrooms, taking out the trash and vacuuming until the custodian position has been filled. Need to set a time for the trustees to look at the 2022 Budget.

Elder Report: Head ushers for the month of November are Beth and Roger Goudschaal. Kara Marsh reported that attendance for Sunday school has been good. The tie blankets went good with a few more Sundays needed to complete this project. All are welcome to join in this project.

Liaison Report: Steve Hill said he would contact the property committee about painting the louvers on the bell tower and about looking into getting more outlets in the sanctuary.

Pastor's Report: There will be a funeral at Faith Church on Tuesday, November 2. Roger Goudschaal will lead worship on the Sundays that Pastor will be away. The First Sunday of Advent will be November 28 with the Hanging of the Greens.

Old Business: The new streaming equipment is simple to use. There has been some positive feedback. Training is still available for those who would like to run the equipment.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Hill, seconded by Kara Marsh, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Chain

*Minutes have not yet been approved by Council

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Kristi Foelske
Sandra Ladage
7 Jerry Hyde
Bob Kammeyer
10 Larry Piehl
11 Laurie Buhrow
12 Ryan Osborn
16 Hayden Liddle
17 Trevor Bunce
18 Krisit Bass
20 Verndden Ohlendorf
24 Beth Goudschaal
Mary Moeller
26 Jessica Raymond
27 Scott Chapin
28 LaVera Buichholz
29 Ken Mohlis

Happy
Birthday!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6 Gary & Sandra Snyder
31 Scott & JoEllen Snelling