

# FAITH NOTES

NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

January 2012

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. – Traditional Worship  
10:15 A.M. – Education Time (classes for all  
ages)  
11:15 A.M. – Contemporary Worship

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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Sunday, January 8**

***The Baptism of Our Lord***

*Genesis 1:1-5, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11*

	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Lindsay Messner, Andrew Lindskoog	Mackenzie McNaughton
<b>Elders</b>	Mike Riethmeier	Dick Phillips
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Joanne Greene-Blose	Vicki Arcieri
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Jordan McNaughton	Julia Catalanello
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Ron & Debra Huber, Karen Linton, Ida Stiner	
<b>PowerPoint</b>		Sarah Grace Fernaays
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 Ed Ozimek, Gordon Sandgren, Kurt Finkbeiner, Bert Lux, Ray Linder 11:15 Fred Behnke, Dave Banning, Sandy Hoffarth, Dick Phillips, Ken Smith	

**Sunday, January 15**

***The Second Sunday after Epiphany***

*1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51*

	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Andrew D'Ambrosio, Michael Lindskoog	Chance Nadritch
<b>Elders</b>	Michelle Larson	Robin Arnone
<b>Eucharist Assistants</b>	Dianne Longhenry, Mike Trojian	Al Szklany, Esther Ostberg
<b>Eucharist (Pews)</b>	Jackie Welk	Lynne Leinenbach
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Ron Bohn	Claire Benesch
<b>Nursery Care</b>	David Schaum-Bartocci	Joseph Petrucci
<b>Offering Counters</b>	David Chapin, Ken & Vivian Smith, Yvonne Saner	
<b>PowerPoint</b>		Andrew Love
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 Bill Wendland, TJ McEwen, Jeff Bartocci, Jim & Nancy DiBella 11:15 Doug Carpenter, Fred Keeler, Mike Glennon, Phil Hugel	

**Sunday, January 22**

***The Third Sunday after Epiphany***

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20*

	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Samantha Price, Rachel Poetker	Zachary Ottman
<b>Elders</b>	Christie Pichan	Andy & Karin Bortle
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Diann Berndt	Alan Crouse
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Amanda Poetker	Christopher Rogers
<b>Offering Counters</b>	Gordon Sandgren, Richard Reitz, Ida Stiner (and January 29)	
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 Ed Freeman, Mike Hill, Bruce Oaks, Ray Klafehn, Karen Nitschke 11:15 Fred Behnke, Dave Banning, Sandy Hoffarth, Dick Phillips, Ken Smith	

**Sunday, January 29**

***The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany***

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28*

	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Nicole Poisson, Alexander Mangerian	Melissa Unke
<b>Elders</b>	Vince Palese	Linda Demme
<b>Eucharist Assistants</b>	Bonnie Matthaidess, Bev Wolfanger	Peter Ostberg, Sue Giangreco
<b>Eucharist (Pews)</b>	Bev Wolfanger	Claire Benesch
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Ron Brust	Stacy Ledermann
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Heather Poisson	Jeffrey Aspenleiter
<b>Ushers</b>	9:00 Ed Ozimek, Gordon Sandgren, Kurt Finkbeiner, Bert Lux, Ray Linder 11:15 Doug Carpenter, Fred Keeler, Mike Glennon, Phil Hugel	

# Stewardship

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.”

Psalm 24:1-2

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt...You may say to yourself, “my power and strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth”...

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

“Command those who are rich in this present world not be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19

There is nothing wrong with being wealthy. But we must be mindful of how we look at it. Charles R. Lane, in *Ask, Thank, Tell*, writes, “The biblical truth—that it all belongs to God—is the cornerstone of everything we have to say about stewardship”. He suggests two cautions to keep in mind:

The first caution is a false sense of ownership. “Getting this one wrong”, he says, “can make a true sense of stewardship impossible, because the steward falsely imagines the owner’s property belongs not to the owner but to the steward”.

The second caution is believing we deserve what we have because of our superior intellect, hard work or some other inwardly focused assumption. Lane writes, “We tend to take a very individualistic view of ‘success’, ignoring the multitude of complicated factors that have caused one person to achieve wealth and power, while others have not. Remember the words from Deuteronomy 8, “But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives your power to get wealth”.



With the above ideas in mind, I and others from Faith recently learned about an exciting new stewardship program called “**Faith Aflame.**” It has three basic principles:

- God is the owner of everything and everyone.
- We are called to be Christian stewards by God’s grace.
- We are responsible and accountable.

Pastor Tom and I are coordinating the introduction of **Faith Aflame** to the Faith congregation on **Saturday, February 11, 2012**. The program will be from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, refreshments provided. We will hear ideas to help us learn how to deal with these discipleship and stewardship principles, and how to apply them to our individual lives as well as to the life of the congregation as a whole.

I encourage you to set this time aside on your calendars and plan to be part of this worthwhile morning. Signup begins January 15.

Serving Christ with you,  
Mike Kaser, Stewardship Chair

# Pastor Tom



Friends and Members of Faith,

We are now on the flip side of the Winter Solstice. This is a noteworthy shift for us. Each day the amount of sunshine we receive in this Northern Hemisphere City of Rochester tucked up against Lake Ontario *increases*. Thanks be to God. There are folks in the Southern part of the Southern Hemisphere who are not so happy these days, for the sun begins to decrease for them. We'll have our turn again in six short months to see the light slip away once again.

This is my 41<sup>st</sup> time on God's earth going around God's Sun. Over these years I've learned to love this time of year. It's cold, usually filled with snow and winter weather. BUT.... the sun grows stronger and higher in the sky every day. For me this time of year has been a foretaste of FOREVER. I love to spend time in the winter outdoors skating, sledding, skiing. And as I do those activities with loved ones I love to reflect on the growing amount of sunshine blessing the activities of the day.

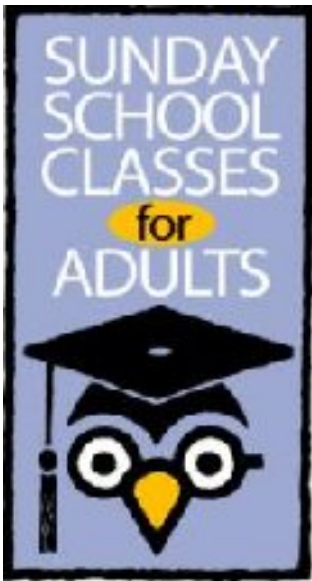
A few truths I'll remind us of at this time of year:

1. **Jesus is the Light of the World.** *John 8:12* There's a lot we look forward to each day. Maybe you're looking forward to the Super Bowl. It's a high time for many to gather and watch the commercials or the game or both. Maybe you're looking forward to getting back on the golf course in 12-16 weeks. That's a highlight of the year for some. The end of the school year is a few months away. But what really moves us? What really provides enduring joy? Christ is the Light that does not dim, disappear, fade. While shadows lurk and drag our spirits down, Christ is the Light of the World.
2. **The Lord God will provide the Light for the City of God (eternity).** *Revelation 22:5* God made a decision about you long ago. The decision meant eternal security for you. That's longer and more valuable than a 4-year gift of a scholarship, a 10-year 280 million dollar contract to play baseball, or a retirement fund that can support you on the interest only. Because Christ is the Light of the City of God, the Light for eternity, you have the gift of a bright future. We don't have to look far to find those who reject Jesus. Let us be among those of cling to the Author of Life, the Lord of Creation, the Friend to sinners, the Light of the City of God.
3. **The Light Shines in the Darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.** *John 1:5* Imagine if the opposite were true. Something like: "The darkness worked its way until the Light grew tired and gave up." I praise and thank my Savior Jesus that the Light triumphs over the darkness.

This time of year, as we travel on God's earth around God's Sun, reminds me that eternity is near. The Light grows each day. And in eternity, unlike our brief tour of this life, the Christ is the Light that lasts and grows forever.

Pastor Tom

# Adult Education



SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10:15-11:05 AM  
Beginning January 8, 2012

**THE PRODIGAL GOD: RECOVERING THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**  
Bonnie Matthaidess will lead this class using materials written by Timothy Keller. Timothy uncovers an unexpected message in the familiar—and often misunderstood—New Testament parable of the prodigal son. Participants will see Christianity in a whole new way when they learn how Christ's followers are supposed to love! This class will last four weeks and will meet in the Auditorium.

## BOUNDARIES IN MARRIAGE

Would you like to improve your relationship with your spouse? You can! This class will help couples know and respect each other's needs and choices. Participants will learn biblical and relational principles that make marriages better. Lyle Heggemeier will lead this class that will meet in the Community Room.

Beginning January 15, 2012

## WELCOME TO FAITH

This class, led by Pastor Tom, is the avenue for anyone wishing to join Faith Lutheran Church to do so. It is also a great opportunity for current members to look again at the basic teachings of Christianity and what it means to be a Lutheran. The topics covered include baptism, communion, sin, the Bible, and (of course) Jesus. All members are encouraged to take this class at least once every three years or so as a review. This class will meet in Room 200 (Music Room).

MONDAY EVENINGS, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the Community Room  
Beginning January 9, 2012

## UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT

This class, led by Lyle Heggemeier, gives participants a basic understanding of the New Testament. As we study each book, we cover who wrote it, the historical background around the book, the message of each, and what they have to say for us in 21<sup>st</sup> century America. Though the class started in September with the study of Matthew, new participants are welcome and encouraged to attend. On January 9, we will be covering 2 Corinthians.



**SUPER BOWL PARTY** – Sunday, February 5, 5:30 PM in the Community Room  
Members of Faith's Fantasy Football League invite everyone to enjoy the big game on the big screen in the Community Room. The League will provide the food and beverages for the evening. Come for a great evening of commercials, football, and all-around fun. Sign up at the Information Center.

# Youth & Young Adults



SUNDAY MORNINGS DURING  
EDUCATION TIME  
10:15-11:05

Jr FLY

- Youth meet in Rm 204
- Youth will learn about stewardship throughout the month of January

Sr FLY

- Youth meet in Rm 201
- Youth will continue journeying through the Bible

\*FYI: There will not be Sunday morning classes on Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Jan. 8.



A huge thank you to those who purchased Christmas poinsettias from FLY! Thank you for your continued support!

Thank you McKees, Saltzmans, and Fernaays for hosting the Progressive Dinner this year! The food was fantastic and everyone had a good time!

JAN 2 – SALEM NUTRITION CENTER High school and college students have a wonderful opportunity to prepare and serve lunch at a soup kitchen! We will carpool from church at 8:45 am and help serve lunch to guests until 1:30 pm. What a great way to start out the new year!

JAN 6 - COMEDIAN BRAD STINE New Yorker magazine called Brad Stine "God's comic," and Brad is coming to Hope Lutheran Church in Greece, Friday, January 6, at 8pm. He will be raising money for "Climbing for Christ," an organization that sends missionaries to mountainous regions worldwide. If you're a high school or college student and want to go, please contact Peter. Tickets are \$20 per person. Check out [www.climbingforchrist.org](http://www.climbingforchrist.org) and [www.bradstine.com](http://www.bradstine.com)!

JAN 7 – ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER TRAINING Mari-Beth Schembri will lead a short training session for all high school students who need new training or a refresher at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.

JAN 13-15 - SR FLY WINTER RETREAT at Camp Findley in Clymer, NY Are you ready for an intense weekend of sledding, snowball fights, laughing, eating, and digging into the Word? I hope you are, because this year's Winter Retreat is going to rock! "Courage" is the theme. We'll be learning how to be courageous to live out our faith wherever we go. Please sign up on the FLY bulletin board and fill out a permission form. The total cost is \$50 (checks payable to FLY). The deposit and permission form are due to Peter by Sunday, January 1. We'll leave from Faith at 5:15pm on Friday and will arrive back at Faith about 3pm on Sunday. It's going to be awesome!

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7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS Confirmation class resumes Tuesday, January 3, 6:30pm in the Community Room. The class will be studying world religions and the Lord's Prayer throughout January.

SENIOR SMALL GROUP All high school seniors are welcome to join a new small group—just for seniors! The group is led by Dom Annese and Alan Crouse, and is a place to discuss topics that pertain to seniors, like graduating, filling out college applications, living with a roommate, etc. The group also uses a devotion book written for high school seniors. Please contact Dom or Alan to find out when/where the group is meeting next!

ATTENTION TEEN GIRLS! Revolve Tour is coming to Rochester! Don't miss Dream On, the 2012 production of The Revolve Tour! It's coming to the Rochester Auditorium Theater on March 3, 2012 from 12-7pm. It'll be jam-packed with real-life stories, dance-worthy music, inspiring drama, and more fun than you can handle combined in a high-energy, inspirational, life-changing Saturday event for teen girls! If you'd like to attend, please contact either Liz Wood or Charlene Fernaays. The total cost is \$61 per girl, which will be split into two payments to Charlene (\$30 due by Jan. 1 and \$31 due on Jan. 29). Check out <http://revolvetour.com> for more info!

# Youth & Young Adults



## FLOWER CITY WORK CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE

You have the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus by serving people in Rochester from April 9-13. If you are a youth and would like to go to Flower City Work Camp this year, your application and deposit are due to Peter by Sunday, January 8. The fee for participating students is \$125 for the first teen in a family, \$110 for a second teen, and \$95 for subsequent teens in a family. There are plenty of opportunities for youth to raise funds at Faith (Coffee House and Spaghetti Dinner). All FCWC applications are located at the Information Center in the Concourse. Adult Applications for Gofers, First Aid assistants, Overnight leaders, Kitchen Crew, Security, Shower Shuttles, Prayer Walk leaders are due to Peter by Sunday, February 26. If you have any questions, please talk to Peter!



## 2012 COFFEE HOUSE

Friday, February 3, 2012

Do you have a talent you want to share in front of hundreds of people? If so, keep an eye out for sign-ups throughout the month of January. Past acts have danced, sang, joked, played instruments, and much more! A talent can be baking a wonderful dessert, too, because FLY will be serving desserts that people have made. Please talk to Marguerite McKee or Peter Johnson if you have any questions. The doors will open at 6:30pm and the acts will begin at 7.

**February 3 will be a night to remember!**

# Music Ministries

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

A People who Gather

A Passion for God

Our Purpose for Going

### We Will Be

A People who Gather

to receive God's gifts of grace in scripture and sacraments

to praise and celebrate the goodness of God

to grow in relationship with Christ and one another

### We Will Have

A Passion for God

as we seek to know, love, and serve God as revealed in Jesus Christ

as we grow in grace-centered preaching and teaching

as we strive to become the disciples God calls us to be

### We Will Know

Our Purpose for going into the world

to glorify God in all that we say and do

to serve our neighbors in all places

to mobilize our resources to extend Christ's mission

Adopted by Voters 11/5/2000

## Come and Hear, Come and See

In our vision statement, we call ourselves a "People Who Gather". This past month we at Faith have had many gatherings...for worship, for prayer, for Bible study, for meetings, for singing, for rehearsals, for work, for fellowship...for many things. Why do we gather together so often, and what draws us into this place? What or who are we looking for?

In the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 11), we read that John, while in prison, sent his disciples to Jesus asking, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them."

As Christians, we affirm that Jesus is the One we are looking for and that He has found us. So what is our response? We are called to gather together to worship Him, to tell others of the hope that we have, and to live our lives in a loving and welcoming fashion so that others will want to "come and see" what salvation is all about.

What do we, like John's disciples, hear and see? Come meet Jesus this Epiphany season through scripture, through music, through words spoken, through prayer, and through those people around you. Come be a light through which others will meet Jesus.

God has amazing things to show us. Come and hear, come and see.

Happy New Year!

Dianne Christensen



The piano recital for "dedicating the use of our Steinway grand piano for the glory of God" was really a wonderful concert. Ten very talented musicians contributed to this special event. The piano displayed its breadth and versatility. Thank you for rejuvenating this instrument and making it a part of Faith Church.

---All the members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church

# Children's Ministries

I can't believe it is January already. December just zoomed by! A quick update on our events:

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students made their own Advent candles. They did a wonderful job and now have a special way to mark Advent each year with their family.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSES:** About 40 families gathered to share a pasta supper and decorate gingerbread houses in the Auditorium. It was a wonderful sight to see—bags of frosting, bags of candy, and happy families everywhere!

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** On Sunday, December 18, the Sunday School classes presented "The Music of Christmas". The Christmas account was told in part by contrasting familiar non-secular Christmas songs to ones that tell the true story. The children did a wonderful job. I thank the teachers who helped shepherd the students and gave up some teaching time for practice. Thank you to Peggy Muller for writing the pageant and leading the music. Thank you to Mari-Beth Schembri and Christine Avila for co-producing the pageant. Many people shared a pizza lunch before the "show" and enjoyed fellowship. Thank you to the many people who provided sweets for the meal!

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The decorating and hanging of the greens was led by the Freitag/Phillips small group and the supper and children's activities were coordinated by Children's Ministries and FCCNS. There was a nice mix of families from FCCNS and the congregation, and it seemed as if no time had passed and we had a beautifully adorned building. Over 200 luminaries were filled by the children and they placed a candle in each one. Youth ministries placed them around outside and lit them on Christmas Eve. It was gorgeous as usual, even without snow!

As crazy as it seems with Christmas just behind us, it is time to start planning for Journey to the Cross. This event will be held on April 7 and volunteers are needed for the acting roles, decorating, and creating new, improved costumes. If you are interested or have questions, please call or email me!

In Christ,  
Donna Kaser  
Director of Children's Ministries



## Sledding Party

Sunday, January 22, 12:30 - 4:00 PM

Harris Whalen Park

For all ages. Enjoy a potluck lunch, indoor games, and sledding! This event will be held in the new shelter, with a radiant heated floor. Sign up at the Information Center!

With or without snow, it's a go!

# Faith Child Care & Nursery School

Happy New Year from all of us at FCCNS!

What a wonderful and joy-filled Christmas Celebration we had with our children and their families at our Christmas Worship Celebration on Thursday, December 22. All of the children and their teachers joined together with all of the special people who lead chapel throughout the year (Pastor Tom, Lyle Heggemeier, Peter Johnson, Donna Kaser, Carol Keeler, and Vince Palese) to tell the Christmas story. They were accompanied by Guy Brown on the piano as they sang and shared scripture to bring the Christmas story to life.

A living nativity scene was enacted by our 5-year-old All Stars: Joe Alello & Alex Blauvelt (shepherds), Ava Garrity & Eve Smith (angels), Morgan Gardner (Mary), Kyle Savino (Joseph), and Austin Wright, Haley Coniglio & Francesca Foster (kings). The children's rendition of "Got Tell It On the Mountain" nearly shook the rafters!

The night before, FCCNS and FLC families joined together to decorate the church and make luminaries at the "Hanging of the Greens" event. It has been a very joy-filled season.

## 2012-2013 Registration

Registration for nursery school for the 2012-2013 school year begins in January. This traditional nursery school program for three- and four-year-olds meets from 9am-noon on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings throughout the school year. Parents have the option of enrolling their child for two or three mornings. Please contact the FCCNS office to arrange a tour and/or get more information about our program at 385-2360 or [info@fccnschildcare.com](mailto:info@fccnschildcare.com).

Wishing you a year filled with the blessings and peace of Jesus Christ,  
Karen A. Costello, Director

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## FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012 AT 7:00PM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Board of Education

## MEET THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education encompasses ministries for children, youth, adults, families, and Faith Child Care & Nursery School (FCCNS). If you ever have a question, comment, or suggestion for the Board of Education, please feel free to contact any of the following representatives or staff members.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- **Donna Kaser** has been working as the Children's Ministry Coordinator for five years. Donna and her husband, Mike, have been members here for eight years.
- **Kris Messner** has been the children's ministry representative for a few months. She and her family have been members since 2001.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Peter Johnson** has been the new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries since June.
- **Liz Wood** has been the youth representative for nearly one year. Prior to this role, she focused on family ministry for 4 years.

### ADULT MINISTRY

- **Lyle Heggemeier** has been the Director of Christian Education at Faith since 2007.
- **Alan Crouse** is our newest member of the Board. He and his family have been members of Faith since 1986.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

- **Esther Ostberg** joined the Board of Education during the spring of last year. She has been a lifelong member at Faith.

### FAITH CHILD CARE & NURSERY SCHOOL

- **Karen Costello** is currently the Executive Director and has been with FCCNS since May 1997.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR

- **Heather Hoad** has been the Board Chair for almost a year. Prior to this role, she was the youth ministry Board of Education representative for three years. Heather has been a lifelong member of Faith.

Through the next few months, the Board of Education plans to highlight goals and plans of each of the different areas of ministry for this upcoming year.



**Do you have any Christian literature you would be willing to donate to the Faith Lutheran Church library?** Over the next few months, Kathy Mason will be working to organize and make the library accessible and open to individuals who are interested in borrowing literature.

Please bring your donations to the library. If you have any questions or suggestions for literature, please see Kathy Mason or a member of the Board of Education.

# Items of Interest

## DEATHS

**Alfred Bellotti**, friend of the Ebbecke family, 12/3

**Mario Compare**, long-time neighbor of Ken & Vivian Smith, 11/22

**Bob Ellison**, former Faith member and friends of many here at Faith, 11/21

**Virginia Huge**, mother of Phil Huge, 12/15

**CJ Insonia**, friend of Karen Finkle

**Mary Ellen Kilmer**, grandmother of Ben & Megan Hoffman, 12/12

**Alex Klafehn**, friend of Kim Ebbecke, 11/22

**Jean Morris**, 12/3

**Florence Prouty**, cousin of Lydia Behnke

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## BULLETINS RECEIVED FROM FAITH FOLKS VISITING OTHER CHURCHES

Marvin & Ruth Behnfeldt – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon OH, 11/27

Tom & Nancy Hammond – Christ Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg FL, 11/20

Ralph & Beth Harstad – Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zionsville IN, 11/27

Lyle & Debbie Heggemeier – Abiding Savior Lutheran Church and School, St. Louis MO, 12/11

Jackie Johnson, Doris Muller – Ogden Presbyterian Church, Ogden NY, 11/13

Peter Johnson – Grace Lutheran Church, Becker MN, 11/27

Carol Letky – St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Butler PA, 11/27

Hubert & Audrey Velepec – St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Charleston WV, 11/23



Ray and I would like to thank Pastor Tom and Lyle for all the visits while I was in the hospital and at home. And a big thank you to a caring congregation that has shown us so much concern while being in the hospital for three weeks and in rehab for physical therapy at St. Ann's for (3) three weeks. We are truly grateful for the loving support, visits, cards, flowers and baked goods, and most of all the prayers. We would also like to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful knit shawl—I think of you all each time I use it. Again, thanks for your kindness and we pray for all that God will bless you.

Ray & Elaine Klafehn

# What's Happening

## FAITH SCRAPBOOKING & PAPER ARTS

Everyone interested in gathering monthly to work on their current projects is welcome. Our first dates are January 6 from 6:30-11:00pm and January 7 from 9:00am-4:00pm. You may come both times, or drop in when it is convenient. If you choose Friday and Saturday, you may leave your supplies and we will make sure the room is locked. We will be in the Auditorium and a lunch provided for those who would like one. Please contact Donna Kaser (259-6488 or [dontshop@gmail.com](mailto:dontshop@gmail.com)) so we can make sure we have a spot set up for you. Friends are welcome!

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The PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY met in December. Dawn Glennon and Carolyn Tullar each brought in a shawl they had made. Good work, ladies! Yarn was sorted and thank yous read. The ministry wishes to give thanks to the Mission Board for its support. Lots of knitting and chatting was done. The shawls were blessed. It was decided to meet on the second Monday instead of the first in January because the first is the day after New Year's Day.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. in Room 204. All are welcome. Any questions call Doris Florance at 248-2318.

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The DORCAS CIRCLE had a very nice Christmas party for Mary Cariola at their home. We had pizza, pop, and cookies. Cookies were iced, carols were sung, and gifts distributed. It was a great start to the holiday season.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 11:30 a.m. in Room 204. All are welcome. Bring your lunch and join us. Any questions call Doris Florance at 248-2318.

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## ALTAR GUILD MEETING, January 21, 10am in the Community Room

The purpose of the meeting is to set the 2012 schedule. If you know a month that works for you, please let Bev Wolfanger know at the meeting. Many thanks to all the

ladies who agreed to serve on all the busy December weekends. The Altar Guild is a group of members who serve one month a year preparing the communion elements and keeping the worship area up to date and beautiful. The Guild has lost three members in the past year and we are looking for more willing members. If you would like to learn more about us, please feel free to attend the meeting or call Bev at 670-0671. We welcome new members! Thank you all for your service and willingness to serve!

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## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION, Monday, January 23, 6:30-8:00pm in the Community Room MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA

The discussion will focus on activities in the area of physical, social, intellectual, spiritual, creative, work-related and spontaneous. Attention will be directed to approach and the environment. This program is especially oriented to caregivers.

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## PRIME TIME NOTICE

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

Have you ever wondered -

\* why 700 Lutherans left Saxony to emigrate to the America in 1839?

\* what theological issues they struggled with after they reached Missouri?

\* what were the principles on which the LCMS came to be founded?

\* how the struggles of these pioneer founders relate to our times?

Come and join the Prime Time group as we see a full length feature movie that dramatizes the life and role of Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther in answering these questions. It was produced by the Concordia Seminary to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Dr. Walther's birth. Lyle Heggemeier, who grew up in the congregation that was founded by Dr. Walther, will make some introductory remarks. Because this is a full length movie, we will start the film as soon as everyone has passed through the buffet luncheon line. At about the half-way point, we will have a brief intermission, at which time you may make your selections from the dessert table.

Plan to join the Faith Prime Time group when it meets at noon on Monday, February 6, 2012. As usual, it will be a pot-luck luncheon event. Sign up at the Information Center.

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Year to Date Income & Expenses Compared to Budget**  
**As of 11/30/11**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance	YTD 11/30/2010	Per voters meeting Adopted 2011 Budget
<b>Operating Income</b>					
Envelope Offering/Plate Cash	590,203	638,136	(47,933)	585,236	713,944
FCCNS Usage Fee	22,986	22,968	18	22,968	25,056
Interest/Misc/Other	8,813	9,193	(380)	10,583	9,500
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>622,002</b>	<b>670,297</b>	<b>(48,295)</b>	<b>618,786</b>	<b>748,500</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Education	20,915	23,485	2,570	18,902	25,000
Employee Related	377,502	404,826	27,324	365,642	443,812
Growth in staff	2,565	0	(2,565)	24,097	0
Missions	61,676	68,600	6,924	59,132	71,100
Music	5,230	8,184	2,954	7,466	9,000
Other Expense	4,672	8,479	3,807	8,299	9,350
Property	161,757	171,867	10,110	140,882	189,200
Supplies	31,972	37,067	5,095	34,114	40,300
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>666,289</b>	<b>722,508</b>	<b>56,219</b>	<b>658,535</b>	<b>787,762</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(44,287)</b>	<b>(52,211)</b>	<b>7,924</b>	<b>(39,748)</b>	<b>(39,262)</b>



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Please remember to update your Simply Giving amount if your commitment has changed.

## Endowment Fund

If you would like to make a contribution to the Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, please make the check payable to "SEI Private Trust Company" and mail to:

Cooper/Haims Advisors LLC  
 Attn: Tobey Swezey  
 1501 Pittsford-Victor Rd  
 Suite 101  
 Victor NY 14564

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January	1	Bonnie Matthaideess, Norm Zurell
	2	Jennifer Kelly-Rogers, Nairn Kucharik
	3	Janice Schrack
	4	Ryan Goessling, Pete Hidley Sr, Jim Scottow
	5	Larry Christensen
	6	Howard Graffrath
	8	Lorraine Fogarassy, Mathias McDonough
	9	Gabriel Buck, Julie Riethmeier
	10	Marsha Freeman, Esther Saresky, John Vogt
	11	Brittany Blose, Allison Cappellino, Marline Fitzpatrick, Dave Lindskoog
	12	Lisa Easton, Maria Gerbasi
	13	Liam Cerveny, Barbara Durkin, Fred Mason, Quinn McGahey
	14	Laura Bills, Adriano Siesto, Bill Sminkey, Elizabeth Trimble
	15	Sarah Grace Fernaays, Audrey Stenzel, Ed Wright
	16	Paul Lucci
	17	Elisabeth Mangerian, Rachel Poetker
	18	Christina Brownell
	20	Davis Easton, Sally Schooley, Corey Sharp
	21	Vivian Smith, Peter Versprille, Jack Webb
	22	Karin Bortle, Ralph Tetro
	23	Helen Demay, Casey Metzler, Zachary Ottman, Ralph Reimers, Tracey Testa
	24	Thomas Rodriguez
	25	Karen Carlson, Marlana Reeder
	26	Hayden Lincoln, Bob Wyman
	28	Taylor Albert, Christopher Demme, Douglas Osovski
	29	Beth D'Ambrosio, Maddie Hartley, Lyle Heggemeier, Cheryl Speisman, Jennifer Wagner
	30	Mary Carpenter, Ed Freeman, Paul Kirchgessner
	31	Mark Agor, Jim Britt, Brett Jones, Carolyn McDonough



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January	1	Lyle & Debbie Heggemeier, Gaylord & Lynne Leinenbach
	2	Mike & Margaret Hill
	4	Dan & Kathy Zager
	15	Peter & Mary Versprille
	23	Tim & Kim Albert
	25	Ed & Rae Usinger
	29	Siegfried & Liane Bartsch

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

## Special Days in JANUARY

<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP</b>	Traditional Worship, 9:00 am.....	8, 15, 22, 29
	Contemporary Worship, 11:15 am.....	8, 15, 22, 29
	Holy Communion celebrated.....	1, 15, 29
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	Annual Voters Meeting.....	15, 12:30PM
	Faith Family Sledding Party.....	22, 1:00 PM

*FIRST SUNDAY:* Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf Collection (toilet paper and paper towel)

*SECOND SUNDAY:* Faith Food Pantry Collection (non-perishable canned/boxed goods)

**TUESDAYS:** Faith Child Care & Nursery School Chapel, Narthex, 10:45 AM