

Walk With Faith December 2018 Newsletter



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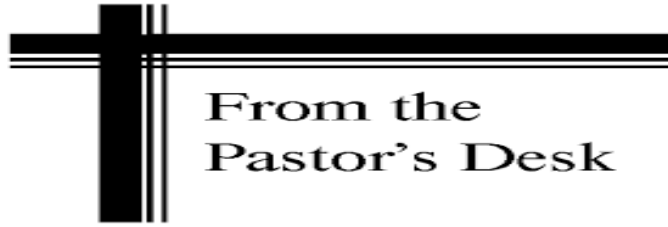
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the Pastor's Desk



December is a month of mixed emotions for many people. As soon as the page is turned on the calendar people start feeling pressure. Christmas is right around the corner. There are many preparations to be made. The house is decorated. Company may be coming, or people begin planning their own visitations or both. Almost everything about Christmas points to a festive occasion—there are parties, familiar and cheerful music is everywhere, decorations are far and wide. Paradoxically Christmas is also a time when depression runs high. People feel guilty or gloomy because their lives do not meet the artificial standard of “the perfect Christmas.” They may also remember loved ones who are not here to celebrate the Christmas season with them. People worry about bills in the month of December. Will they be able to pay for all the presents and celebrating that are traditional?

All of this points to the importance of Advent. Advent is the season before the season. It isn't recognized out there in the world. There is not much money to be made through an Advent message. Advent is a season of preparation. It helps us see the true joy in Christmas that comes with believing that God has sent to us a Savior. The following are some of the themes of Advent:

REPENTANCE
PRAYER
PATIENCE
JOY IN HOPE

The Sunday services in Advent and the midweek services are meant to help us in our Advent preparation. The midweek schedule will follow the theme:

THE POSTURES OF ADVENT
Midweek 1 – Dec. 5th – “On Your Toes”
Midweek 2 – Dec. 12th – “On Your Knees”
Midweek 3 – Dec. 19th – “With Eyes Wide Open”

God's blessing to all of you this month. *“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)*

Pastor

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

December is here now, and Christmas is just days away. It's a great time of the year filled with hope and joy and most of all the celebration of Christ's birth. For many of us it is a time we celebrate with family and friends. Here at Faith we are celebrating with many worship services filled with the message of Christ's birth and of course all of our familiar Christmas songs and activities. I hope everyone will have a blessed Christmas and we look forward to a great New Year.

A reminder for all that our voters meeting is on December 16th after church service. At this meeting we will approve our 2019 budget as well as elect church officers. I urge all of you to attend this meeting if possible.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

Dale Schluckbier	President	Jane Van Orden	Trustees
Gail Schielke	Education	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
Jerry Marquette	Vice President	Joanne Fetzer	Co-treasurer
Jerry Gneckow	Stewardship	Carol Wygle	Financial Secretary
Pat Gneckow	Recording Secretary	Fred Crogle	Head Elder
Maxine Crogle	Coordinator	Ray & Naming Bangel	Outreach
Dale Schluckbier	Newsletter	Nancy Griffen	Publicity



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATED AT FAITH ON NOVEMBER 10-11, 2018

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED DECEMBER DONATIONS ARE SOUP & CANNED MEATS

Drop your donated items in the garden cart in the Narthex. Any non-perishable donation is appreciated. (You don't have to give every month. Please give when you can, what you can.) **Thank you!**

ADVENT POTLUCKS

At the first Advent service on December 05, there will be **no potluck**. The Ladies of Faith Christmas luncheon is also on that day. There will be a potluck following the December 12 and 19 Advent services. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet what food you are bringing. We also need volunteers to help set-up before each service and another set of volunteers to do clean-up afterwards. Please consider helping at an Advent potluck. Every volunteer is much appreciated! The sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Thank you,
Maxine Crogle, Coordinator

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Week of:

December 02	Gloria Schultz
December 10	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
December 17	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
December 23	Anna Grissino paying for Professional Cleaner. Thank you, Anna!
December 31	Another Member paying Professional Cleaner this week. Thank you!

PIG ROAST

Thank you to all of you who attended the pig roast on November 9 and to those who made a contribution but could not attend. The proceeds of \$1,052.32 will go towards the new fire alarm system in the fellowship hall.

A huge thank you goes to the Pig Roast Committee members as it could not have happened without all their help. They are Jim Arias, Melissa Climer, Joanne & Steve Fetzer, Nita & Dave Hass, Pastor Lane, and Kathy & Danny Walker. In addition, we had extra hands helping in several ways. They are the Trustees who helped set-up the room (Jane Van Orden, Steve Fetzer and Bill Moeller); preparing the pig and/or roasting it (Jim Arias, Steve Fetzer, Gary Wygle, Ray & Nanning Bangel & Bill Engelbrecht); carving the pig (Fred Crogle and Bill Moeller); other helpers (Carol Clayton, Joyce Engelbrecht, and Peggy Thompson). And a special thank you also to our musicians who were awesome (Pastor Lane, Jean & Lynn DuBose, Nita & Dave Hass and Guest, Susan McDaniel)

Maxine Crogle Coordinator



Elders

Fred Croggle, Chairman
Chuck Davey
Jerry Gneckow
Walter Gergely
David Haas

Paul Mantey
Jack Ryan
Ed Stern
Jerry Marquette

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

The December worship schedule is as follows:

December 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Regular Saturday Schedules with Holy Communion on 08, 22

December 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Regular Sunday Schedules with Holy Communion on 02, 16

December 02, 3:00 P.M. Hanging of the Greens Service

December 05, 12, 19 Wednesday Advent Service 5:00 P.M. followed with potluck dinner on 12 & 19

(No potluck on December 05)

December 24, Christmas Eve Service 6:00 P.M. with Holy Communion

December 25, Christmas Day Service 9:30 A.M.

As Christians we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 25th. The good news is that His birth brings joy and happiness into our lives. Focus on the true meaning of Christmas. So, take a moment to say thank you Lord for coming into this world as our Savior and giving us hope and a path to follow.

May this be a blessed Christmas to all and may the grace from our Lord and Savior be with you now and always.

Fred Croggle
Chairman

ASSIGNED USHERS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Wednesday, December 05	Advent Service, 5 P.M.	Jerry & Pat Gneckow
Wednesday, December 12	Advent Service, 5 P.M.	Lois Stern
Wednesday, December 19	Advent Service, 5 P.M.	Lois Stern
Monday, December 24	Christmas Eve, 6 P.M.	Pat Gneckow Paul Mantey Danny & Kathy Walker Maxine Croggle
Tuesday, December 25,	Christmas Day, 9:30 A.M.	Fred & Maxine Croggle

STITCH N'TIE

We had a successful sale at the trash and treasure sale with many quilts left to donate to service organizations in our area. We have chosen seven places to distribute 47 quilts. We know this will be appreciated by the people who receive them. We have also given to members of our church, donated one for the basket at the Trash and Treasure sale and placed one in the library on the recliner chair. We want people to know this is available to anyone to use during the church service hours. All the quilts we make are labeled with our church name on them.

This year we have made over 93 quilts. We still have a small inventory to begin the new year. Should anyone have a gift to buy they are available in December.

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Marilyn Richards

OUTREACH

HEALTH FAIR

The Out Reach Folks will meet again this Monday December 3rd, at 10AM. High on the agenda is our planned "Health-Fair" scheduled for Saturday January 12th, 2019, starting at 9AM. We have The Blood Mobile Bus, Sertoma Van for hearing screening, and other Health related groups to provide information to Faith members and open to the Community. We expect to have available in the Fellowship Hall some of these groups and information about our Faith Church Family, along with light snacks, coffee and juice.

We will be needing help outside, inside Kitchen, etc. and will have a sign-up sheet available in the Narthex. So, feel free to sign up, contribute snacks, inside or outside help or any way you may assist.

We are Looking for monthly Volunteer for our Welcome Desk to greet visitors. We have the name tag, Ushers, Elders, Safety team, among others to make our Services run so smoothly. Our Welcome Desk person is also important in greeting visitors.

Have a Blessed CHRISTmas Season and consider meeting with us in the Fellowship Hall usually the First Monday each month at 10AM.

Ray en Naning

Altar Guild

December schedule:

Saturday- 6PM:	Ellen Davey, Debbie Letang
Sunday -9:30 AM:	Marylin Richards

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith met Wednesday, November 7. In the Pastor's absence, Vice-President Shirley Janisko lead our prayer, and an interesting devotion by Shirley followed. We thank Joanne Fetzer and Kathy Nobel for yummy treats at the meeting. Much of the meeting was spent discussing the October Rummage, Crafts, and Bake Sale. We thanked the chairs and workers of this event. The bake sale had delicious goods, and the quilts were lovely. At the time of the meeting, there were still baskets to deposit tickets into. Anita Trout announced the baskets winners at the Pig Roast.

Kathy Walker has agreed to chair our next sale in February. Please start saving your "gently used" items.

The President brought BOXES for Samaritan's Purse to our meeting. Six members chose to complete the project. The President took the six BOXES and check for postage to the First Baptist Church. We hope to do this project again next year.

The Christmas party takes the place of our December meeting. Our next regular meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Merry Christmas to all!

Carla

STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

The November handout was distributed on Stewardship Saturday/Sunday (November 17/18). Its focus was on the importance of establishing a stewardship plan between individuals/families and God. In the past we distributed pledge cards at this time of year and asked that the cards be completed and returned to a box in the Narthex. This year no formal pledge cards were distributed. Instead, a removable stub was included with your November Stewardship Handout. When filled out, the removable stub should then be filed in your records or in your Bible.

There will be no December Stewardship Handout in December. However, in a continuing effort to recognize and thank those who serve our church, I would like to bring to your attention the work that is being done by those who decorate our church for the Christmas season. In conjunction with the "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony suggested and organized by Music Director Sharron Royalty, the church was decorated by members of the Altar Guild (Ellen Davey, Chairman) and our Board of Trustees (Jane Van Orden, Chairman). This is no easy task and requires the effort and cooperation of quite a few people. Thanks to all of you for making our Faith Lutheran Church so beautiful during this festive season.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Stewardship Chairman for 2018. I enjoyed it. I hope you learned a little from my novel "The Joy of Sharing."

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

THANK YOU!

The Christian Men's Club thanks the Ladies of Faith for their generous donation to our Mission of faith. As you know, we send money to the two Seminaries located in St. Louis and Ft. Wayne to provide food for the students. Even after the Pizza Night and Pancake Breakfast contributions and our monthly contributions we were still short of the monies that we wanted to send. The Ladies came to our rescue and now we will be able to fulfil our Mission in time for Christmas. Thanks again Ladies.

The Christian Men's Club

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sunday-Dec 2nd: Start of CONTRIBUTED FUNDS

For the altar & church floral needs this Christmas season. Flower contribution envelopes are on a table in the narthex. Please fill out envelope, sign the tablet register, and enclose your contribution. Thank you,

Ellen Davey, Altar Guild
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December Birthdays

Norm Schmidt	12/2
Carol Dewing	12/6
Dennis Jones	12/7
Carol Wygle	12/7
Karen Cordingly	12/8
Phyllis Jodis	12/14
Henry Striegl	12/14
Bill Pridgen	12/19
Marcia Jacobek	12/21
Sandy Adabody	12/22
Carol Clayton	12/29
Audrey Strutt	12/31

December Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Carolyn Arias	12/1
Bill & Judy Grosze	12/4
Ellen & Kevin Belfry	12/8
Bonnie & Richard Pruefer	12/12
David & Juanita Hass	12/26

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:00 pm Worship
2 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm. Hanging of the Greens	3 10:00 am Outreach	4 1:00 pm Bible study	5 10:30 am LOF 3:00 PM Choir Advent Service 5:00 PM	6 8:00 am Workshop 10:00 Hearts of faith 3:00 PM Bell Choir 3:00 PM Elders	7 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	8 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
9 9:30 am Worship 2:30pm Life Care	10 9:00 am Men's Breakfast	11 1:00 pm Bible study	12 3:00 PM Choir Advent Service 5:00 PM Pot Luck	13 8:00 am Workshop 3:00 PM Council 3:00 PM Bell Choir	14 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	15 6:00 pm Worship
16 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm. VOTERS MTG.	17	18 1:00 pm Bible study	19 3:00 PM Choir Advent Service 5:00 PM	20 8:00 am Workshop 3:00 PM Bell Choir	21 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	22 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
23 9:30 am Worship	24 Christmas Eve 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm	25 Christmas 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm.	26 3:00 PM Choir	27 8:00 am Workshop 3:00 PM Bell Choir	28 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	29 6:00 pm Worship
30 9:30 am Worship	31					