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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The deadline for Facts of Faith is the third Monday of each month. Articles for next month are due to the church office on Monday, October 16th.



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Pastor P's Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This month, we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It is an historic celebration of an event which altered the course not only of the church, but of all of Western civilization as well. On the Eve of All Saints, 1517, Martin Luther posted his *95 Theses on the Efficacy of Indulgences to the Chapel Door of Wittenberg. In his study of the Holy Scriptures, Luther was rediscovering some-thing that had been lost to the church in his time—that salvation comes by grace through faith (and not by works). The Reformation, which began as a small spark in Germany soon spread like wildfire throughout all of Christendom.*

We do well to commemorate God's servant, Martin, and to recall his words at the Diet of Worms, when he was asked to recant his works: "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen."

Yet, we would be greatly remiss if we thought this celebration was only about the past. Truth be told, it is much more about the future! Reformation is always ongoing—always. Now is the time for us to consider what reformation God is bringing to us today. Now is the time to herald the truly evangelical, catholic faith that Luther pointed to in the Holy Scriptures. Now is the time to reach into the past and bring our heritage headlong into our present calling. As we do, we will find that they aren't at all different. All that has changed is culture and time. Most assuredly, Christ has not.

Together, in our time, we will make our stand with Luther on the Word of God, and on the gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord. In order to do so, we must seek to truly reform—continuously—around the Good News. We must be willing to step into places that seem uncomfortable and even frightening for the sake of the gospel. Make no mistake, changes are coming. Yet this has always been true, since the church is always reforming.

During this 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, let us gladly remember the past and give thanks to God for the Reformation; and let us simultaneously look toward the future for all that God is bringing to advance Faith in the world.

The church is always reforming—always. Grace and Peace, Pastor Paul+



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TP Drive for Food Pantry begins October 1st

October 1st marks the first Sunday of our month-long Toilet Paper Drive for the Mt. Healthy Food Pantry. Please add your donation of **extra-large or mega-sized toilet paper** to the barrel in the Narthex any Sunday in October and Social Concerns will take care of the rest. We thank you in advance!

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Upcoming Dates at a Glance October - December

October: Toilet Paper Drive for Mt Healthy Food Pantry

- Oct 4: Blessing of the Animals 7 PM
- Oct 4- 6: Bob Evans fundraiser for Mt. Healthy Pantry
- Oct 6: Family Movie Night 6 PM "Lego Batman"
- Oct 7: Last day to drop off Harvey Relief items @ Fire Station
- Oct 11: Potluck 6:15 PM 7:30 PM; showing of "Reformation Trail Part 2"
- Oct 21: Last Habitat for Humanity service opportunity
- Oct 28: Alberta Harker Fall Community Dinner
- Oct 29: Reformation Unity Service at 10:15 AM & New Member Fellowship Hour
- Nov 1-3: Bob Evans fundraiser for Mt Healthy Pantry
- Nov 3: Family Movie Night 6 PM "Boss Baby"
- Nov 4: Matthew 25 Hunger 5K Walk/Run
- Nov 8: Potluck 6:15 PM 7:30 PM; showing of Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation."
- Nov 11: Hands Against Hunger Service Event
- Nov 12: Thankoffering Sunday
- Nov 19: Budget Meeting
- Nov 21: Thanksgiving service 7 PM
- Dec 1: Family Movie Night 6 PM "Cars 3"
- Dec 6 8: Bob Evans fundraiser for Mt Healthy Pantry
- Dec 10: Election of Council members
- Dec 10: Christmas Caroling, Community Dinner and Singalong
- Dec 15: Endowment proposals due
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve services (TBA)

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It's not too late! We have a spot for you in Sunday School

Sunday school and adult education begin after the 9 AM service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Teachers and room assignments are:

Ages 3 -1st grade -- Linda Roeder in Room 6

Grades 2nd-5th grade – Marie Goetz in Room 2

Grades 6th – 8th grade -- Roxanne Johnson in Room 1

High School -- Tina Wuorinen & Chris Topits in Youth Room

Adult Education -- Pastor Paul Schultz downstairs in Room 4 Martin, Paul and Grace: A Study of Luther's Encounter with Romans

Young adults are encouraged to meet Kris Werner during that time in the lounge for fellowship.



Pastor Paul and Hannah at Small Group Fair. Pastor Paul encouraged attendees to participate in weekly Bible studies and Sunday Adult Education.

Last week to donate items for Hurricane Harvey Relief

You can help the victims of Hurricane Harvey by donating to Matthew 25 Ministries. M25M has established a convenient drop-off site at the Springfield Township Fire Department, 9150 Winton Road, which is open every day from 8 AM to 8 PM through Saturday, Oct 7th. Donation receipts are available upon request.

Items in desperate need include:

- Non-perishable food: PULL TOP canned vegetables, fruits, etc.
- Ready-to-eat dry goods: Nuts, peanut butter, dried fruits, granola, trail mixes, jerky, ready to eat snacks
- Bottled water
- Ready- to-eat meals or MREs, etc.
- **Personal care products:** Antibacterial soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, lotion, etc.
- Cleaning supplies: Laundry detergents, general cleaner, sponges, bleach (powdered form is preferred), mops, scrub brushes, buckets, rubber gloves, etc.
- Paper products: Toilet paper, paper towels, etc.
- Baby and infant supplies: Wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, etc. (DIAPERS ARE NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME)
- First-aid items: Bandages, gauze, pads, first aid tape, antiseptic creams, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, latex gloves, instant cold packs, etc.



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Blessing of the Animals October 4th @ 7 PM

Bring your pets to Faith Lutheran for a blessing and a treat on Wednesday, October 4th from 7 to 8 PM. Pastor Paul will be blessing the animals to commemorate the life of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Look for Pastor in the green space behind the former Parish House. Invite your friends and family to have their pets blessed! Special bags of treats will be available for our 4-legged friends. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 931-6100.



Pastor Paul blessed the animals last year shown here with Lynn Reardon, Kate Giver's sister.

October 4th - 6th: Dine at Bob Evans to benefit Food Pantry

Funds are low this time of year at the Mt. Healthy Food Pantry. You can help support the great work of this all-volunteer pantry by dining in or carrying out at any of four local Bob Evans Restaurants between Wednesday, October 4th and Friday October 6th. Present a coupon with your check and the pantry will receive 15% of your purchase. Look for coupons on the Social Concerns table in the Narthex. More info: http://www.mthealthyalliance.org/home.aspx.

October 6th is Family Movie Night with the "Lego Batman Movie"

Join your friends at Faith for Family Movie Night Friday, October 6th. Enjoy a free dinner of hot dogs, pizza, fruit and drinks served buffet-style, followed by a family-friendly, full length movie. Doors open at 5:45 PM, dinner at 6 PM, with the main feature starting around 6:30 PM. Purchase freshly made popcorn and candy to benefit the youth programs. Bring family, friends, and neighbors! Everyone is welcome.

How you can help. Volunteers are always appreciated to help set up at 5 PM, mingle with guests or clean up at 8 PM. More information: Roxanne Johnson at 513-633-0564 or rmbj123@hotmail.com



Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity October 21st

The Eastside Coalition of Habitat for Humanity is winding down with the last build day in Lockland scheduled for Saturday, October 21st. The work begins at 8:30 AM with prayer, a lunch is provided around noon and site cleanup begins around 3:30 PM. No special skills are required. Volunteers are coached by "regular crew" of Habitat volunteers. Tools are provided or bring your own. Contact Ken Clark for more information (kclark@fuse.net or 513-231-6238).



A selfie taken on the scaffolds in August with Ted Burgess, Ken Clark and Anita Burgess sporting Faith Lutheran Church t-shirts.

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Community Dinner Saturday October 28th

It's hard to believe that Faith will celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of our quarterly Alberta Harker dinners on October 28th. Since its inception, volunteers have served up over 500 delicious meals to neighbors in our community. Added bonus: our Faith volunteers have enjoyed the meals as well.

Have you been part of this wonderful outreach ministry? Why not join members of the Social Concerns committee and our team leaders on October 28th? Save the date and look for a signup sheet in the Narthex coming mid-October. You won't regret it.



Photo of Alberta Harker welcomes guests to the dinner.



October 29th: Reformation Unity Service and New Member Fellowship

Mark your calendars for this special Unity Service at 10:15 AM in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation followed by a special Fellowship celebration of our newest members. Be sure to stop by the Fellowship Hall to join in the celebration and welcome our newest members.

MATTHEW 25 HUNGER 5K RUN/WALK

will be held on Saturday, November 4th, at 8:30 AM at Matthew 25, 11060 Kenwood Road. This is a fun and family-friendly way for people of all ages to help those in need. Proceeds benefit Matthew



25 Ministries' work with the poorest of the poor locally, throughout the U.S. and around the world. Cost is \$18 if we get a team of 6 or more people. Our team name is Team Faith and you can register online at <u>www.hunger5k.org</u>. You may also bring canned food items to the race to donate to their annual food drive, and there is a post-race party with music, food, and a chocolate fountain. If you have any questions, please see Tina Wuorinen.

Hands Against Hunger Saturday, November 11th 9AM to 12 Noon

Thrivent Financial is hosting their annual Hope in Action Day at the Hands Against Hunger Factory on Saturday, November 11 at 2430 East Kemper Road. The goal is to pack 100,000 high protein food packs and raise \$25,000. Social Concerns makes a financial contribution for the Faith Lutheran team. All we

need is for you to sign up, be part of the team and wear your FLC t-shirt. If you would like to make an additional donation, you may write a check at the event. A Child's Hope International has delivered over 1800 tons of food packs to orphans and vulnerable children in the U.S. and around the world with help from volunteers and donations. More info: http://thechildrenarewaiting.org/portfolio/hope-boxes/

Look for a signup sheet on the Social Concerns table in Narthex!



Volunteers from Faith join together on a packing line at Hands Against Hunger November 2016.

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What Council has been reading...Simple Church-Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples

This summer several members of Church Council read this book by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger. Simple Church assumes the mission of all churches is to make Disciples of Christ. Simple Church addresses the process for doing that in the most effective way- it does not address the beliefs of the church. The authors' research indicates that churches that follow the Simple Church process and principles are churches that grow.

The initial steps in the approach are to identify the process the church uses to grow their members' faith and grow in numbers, identify a simple process statement, incorporate that statement into all printed materials, embrace as a congregation and staff that process in decision-making and prioritization regarding events, programs, etc.

The following recommendation was approved by Council at the September meeting:

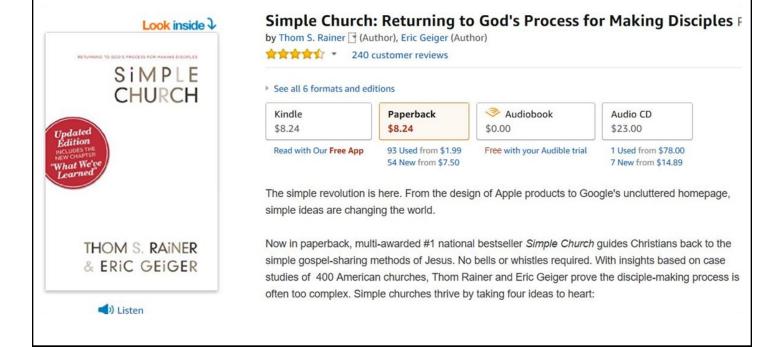
Process Statement. We propose the following process statement for Faith Lutheran and that it be used as a tagline to the logo in all publications including bulletins, projection screen, FOF, website, FB pages, brochure, etc.

Simple Process statement: Worship, Study, Serve

Vocalized as: Worship God, Study the Word, Serve God & Others. That it be introduced to the congregation and staff and that it become a guiding principle for how we grow our faith and make disciples here at Faith.

The FLC logo is currently in the process of being updated to include the simple process statement. Look for the updated logo to be featured in our publications in the future.

Additional recommendations will be discussed at upcoming meetings. If you are interested in finding out more about Simple Church, several copies are available for loan. Please contact Anita Burgess at 729-0565 or visit Amazon.com to purchase a copy or download to your Kindle.



Spotlight on.... Small Groups - Faith has a spot for you

Do you feel that your church life is balanced? Are you growing in your faith, fellowship and service to others? On June 11, Congregational Life Committee sponsored a Small Group Fair to highlight the many small groups and committees that contribute to the life of the church and to encourage members to get involved in at least one new group.

Here's a look back at some of the groups that participated. For a complete list of groups see the Small Group Directory that follows. It has been revised and updated.

Join Evangelism Wednesday, October 18th @ 6:30 PM

The Evangelism committee has a spot for you to help win the unchurched of the community to a deeper relationship with Christ. Members meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the lounge to plan and execute activities to raise awareness of Faith in the community, to invite neighbors to visit and welcome those who do visit. Projects include postcard mailing to new neighbors, organizing the delivery of information to neighbors, preparing visitor bags, preparing new member guides, and providing information for guests at Community Dinners. Members include Marie Goetz (chair), Greg Giver, Kate Giver, Ted Hubbard, Paula Winters and Ralph Goetz. They invite you to join them as a visitor, resource or member. More information: Marie at 522-6303.

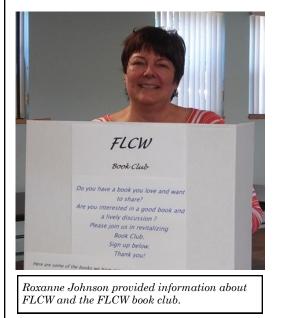


Marie Goetz welcomed new members to the Evangelism Committee at the Small Group Fair.

Men's Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings

All men are welcome to join this weekly Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. They meet at 6:30 PM most Tuesdays with the exception of the 3rd Tuesday when they meet at 6 PM before the Property Committee Meeting. More information: Ralph Goetz at 522-6303.

Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW) has a spot for you



All women of Faith are automatically members of the FLCW organization and you are welcome to participate and contribute to FLCW meetings, events and groups. FLCW sponsors Joy and Grace Circle, Sew & Such, Kits for LWR, altar flowers, altar care, food for the ill, funeral luncheons, kitchen clean up and the Spring Dinner & Program. For more information about the organization: Roxanne Johnson, President of FLCW at 851-0972



	When/Where (at Faith unless noted)	Leader/Contact info
Bible Studies		
Adult Sunday School	Between services in Room 4	Pastor Paul Schultz 931-6100
Tuesday Bible studies	Tuesdays 7 AM Panera; 12 noon Room 1;	Pastor Paul Schultz 931-6100
Men's Bible Study	Every Tuesday evening 6:30 PM in FH; 6 PM on 3 rd Tuesday before Property meeting	Ralph Goetz 522-6303
Grace Circle	2 nd Thursday 10 AM	Rose Schroeder 874-5793
Joy Circle	3 rd Tuesday 7:30 PM (lounge or homes)	Deanna Douce 931-3941
Unity Bible Study & Prayer Group	2 nd Tuesday 7 PM in lounge; Sept, Dec & June at members' home	Marie Goetz 522-6303
Committees		•
Worship & Music	4 th Tuesday 7:30 PM in Room 1	Deanna Douce 931-3941
	Adult Choir; Wednesdays 7:30 PM (Sept-May)	Stan Wernz 761-6120
	Bell Choir; Prior to performances	Stan Wernz 761-6120
	Praise Team; Thursdays 7:30 PM & Sunday AM	Tiffany Forde 305-450-4424
Evangelism	3 rd Wednesday 6:30 PM in Lounge	Marie Goetz 522-6303
Property	3 rd Tuesday 7 PM in Room 2	Ralph Goetz 522-6303
Parish Education	4 th Tuesday 7 PM in Lounge	Sally Umbach 522-9053
Finance/Stewardship	As needed	Linda Roeder 851-6232
Youth	1 st Wednesday 6:30 PM in Room 2	Tina Wuorinen 521-1048
Congregational Life	3 rd Monday 7 PM in FH	Marie Goetz 522-6303
Social Concerns	2 nd Monday 6:30 PM in Room 2	Kate Giver 729-5283
Organizations/Small C	roups	
Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW)	Check FOF & bulletin for info & dates	Roxanne Johnson 851-0972
Sew & Such	3^{rd} Thursday $9 \text{ AM} - 1 \text{ PM}$ in FH	Rose Schroeder 874-5793
Euchre	4 th Saturday 7 PM in FH	Linda Roeder 851-6232
Lunch Bunch	Last Thursday 1 PM at local restaurants	See bulletin for information
Outreach /Service Opp	portunities	
Community Dinners	Last Saturday - Jan/April/July/ Oct in FH	Greg Giver 729-5283
Family Movie Nights	First Friday of the month in FH (Sept- May)	Roxanne Johnson 851-0972
Habitat for Humanity	Saturdays (May – Oct)	Ken Clark 513-231-6238
Service Saturdays	Service with local organizations sponsored by Youth &/or Social Concerns	See Facts of Faith & bulletin for details
Mt Healthy Food Pantry & Kids Zone	Many opportunities for service	Bob Day 242-2605; www.mthealthyalliance.org
Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center	Many opportunities for service	Kate Giver 729-5283 www.vicrc.org
FH = Fellowship Hall. Note: If	the building is locked & you do not have a key, ca	ll the church 931-6100 to be let in



Visit the Faith Lutheran website

Have you checked out the Faith Lutheran website lately? Go to www.faithcinci.org and check out photos from the Outdoor Worship & Picnic, Youth Mission Trip, Graduate Sunday, the recent Community Dinner and more.Clean Up & Mulch Day, Community Easter Egg Hunt, and Community Dinner. Can't find your Facts of Faith? The recent edition is posted on the website. Thanks for visiting and check back often!

Office Hours

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The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 AM - 3 PM. Contact the church office at 931-6100 or email at secretary@faithcinci.org.

Prayer Requests

To submit your prayer request, please either call the office (931-6100) or email your prayer requests to Kristin at secretary@faithcinci.org during business hours (Monday- Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM).

For emergencies during non-business hours, please contact Sharene Schmalz at 521-8235 or email her at shareschm@zoomtown.com

Going into the hospital or having outpatient surgery?

Be sure to inform the office so Pastor Paul can arrange to minister to you. During business hours contact Kristin at 931-6100 or secretary@faithcinci.org. For emergency admissions, please contact Pastor Paul at 937-594-1612 or Jennifer Schultz at 937-594-1628.

While you're recovering at home request a visit and/or communion by contacting Pastor Paul at 931-6100 or secretary@faithcinci.org during regular business hours.

Submitting bulletin announcements

Sunday bulletin announcements are due by 12 noon the prior Wednesday. Due to space limitations, please provide the basic information (who, what, where, when, how and a contact name and number for more information). Plan to submit more detailed information to the Facts of Faith newsletter which is distributed to everyone on the email list, is available in hard copy format on the information table and is mailed to those are not able to attend regularly.

FLC needs your news for Facts of Faith!

The Facts of Faith monthly newsletter reflects the life of our church AND we need your help to make it come alive each month. Remember if it's of interest to you it's probably of interest to your Faith Family.

Feel free to submit your news such as thank yous, prayer request updates/praises, birth announcements, marriage announcements, other family milestones. Feel free to include photos.

We also encourage small groups and committees to submit announcements of their upcoming events as well as follow up reports with photos.

Email your submissions to Kristin at <u>secretary@faithcinci.org</u> by the deadline or leave written submissions in an envelope on Kristin's desk.

Plan ahead: Upcoming Facts of Faith deadlines:

Issue	Deadline for submission
November	October 16
December	November 20
January	December 18



Look Back at Outdoor Worship & Picnic

A special thank you to everyone who helped with the Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic and all 72 people who attended. Thanks to those who brought family and friends to experience the uplifting worship service and enjoyable time of food and fellowship. It was great to see old friends and new faces. And the weather was perfect. Here are a few photos to enjoy. Check out the Faith website for more!



Sharon, Rose, Ginny & Janet enjoying the day.



Melissa & Marie share a moment & a smile.





Pastor & Ken deep in conversation.



Janet, Margaret and Ernie are all smiles.

(drummer) & Chris (bass guitar) relax after the service.

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Corn hole champs Andrew and Donnie celebrate with Phillip, Melissa & Rebecca.



Ralph & Greg manning the grill.

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