

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FACTS OF FAITH

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*“Faith Lutheran Church is committed to
 nurturing and protecting our youngest members
 by providing a safe environment for children.”*



**Newsletter
 DEADLINE**

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, November 20th.

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Pastor P’s Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*“Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring!
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!”*

We here at Faith know a truth which much of the world does not:

Thanksgiving isn’t a season, it’s a way of life!

Notice the four verbs in the second line of the hymn above. These words are about us— you and me and all who believe in Christ Jesus our savior!

RANSOMED: “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, **and to give his life as ransom for many.**” --Mark 10:45

HEALED: “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, **and with his wounds we are healed.**” –Isaiah 53:5

RESTORED: “**Be restored**, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. –Hebrews 12:13b-14

FORGIVEN: “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, **having forgiven us all our trespasses**, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands...” – Colossians 3:13-14a

So, ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, we can praise God and give thanks every moment of every day, even in times of fear and loneliness! No matter what happens, we will always be these things because of Jesus Christ our Lord! We hear the same sentiment in Luther’s great hymn :

*“Were they to take our house; goods, honor, child, or spouse;
 though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day!
 The kingdom’s ours forever!”*

God has already greatly blessed us and continues to do so. Giving thanks, then, is a daily, even moment by moment experience. It’s more than an “attitude of gratitude,” it’s a way of life—it’s who we are.

I pray that you will see God’s amazing blessings around you in this and in every season.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Paul+



- 12 Kay Kerl
Billie Royal
- 16 Lee Shroyer
- 17 Andi Stewart
- 19 Ralph Goetz
- 22 Karen Hesse
Aimable Ndakize
- 23 Christopher Feller
- 29 Ray Buckler
- 30 Kris Noschang



- 11-3-01 Jim & Dianne Lindner
- 11-9-63 Art & Diane Lodi
- 11-17-95 James & Rebecca Cook
- 11-21-15 Phillip & Melissa Weickert
- 11-25-88 Chris & Annette Topits
- 11-26-94 Keith & Kelli Wagner



Upcoming Dates at a Glance Nov - Jan

- 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 – 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 at 10:05 AM
- Nov 20: December Facts of Faith Deadline
- 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 Extravaganza
- Dec 15: Endowment proposals due
- Dec 18: January Facts of Faith Deadline
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve services (TBA)
- Jan 3 - 5: Bob Evans fundraiser for Mt. Healthy Pantry
- Jan 5: Family Movie Night 6 PM "Despicable Me 3"
- Jan 27: Winter Community Dinner

Ask Pastor Paul

“So, just what is “Convergent Worship” and what does it mean for 9:00 worship at FLC?”

Convergent Worship is the practice of bringing the ancient and biblical worship of the early church together with a contemporary expression of music and language. Simultaneously, the liturgy (which is modeled on the divine worship of God in heaven) is preserved, and the common language and musical expression of the people is used. It is a particularly Lutheran thing to do—in line with Martin’s translation of the Mass and New Testament into German. It is essentially a contemporary expression of ancient practice.

Beginning on Advent, we will be introducing this worship model to the 9:00 Sunday Service at Faith. Yes, that means there will be some changes coming. However, you won’t notice a difference in style—the music will still be played by the Praise Team, drums and all. As to form, you will find that the changes we make *may feel new* to us, but are not new. Rather, they are a return to the old—and therein is the convergence. Please, if you have any questions, don’t hesitate to ask me.

November 3rd is Family Movie Night with "Boss Baby"

Join your friends at Faith for Family Movie Night Friday, November 3rd. 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

Upcoming Movies-titles subject to change without notice

December 1, 2017: "Cars 3"

January 5, 2018: "Despicable Me 3"

February 2, 2018:
"Cinderella" (2015 version)

March 2, 2018: "Land Before Time"

April 6, 2018: "Ferdinand"

May 4, 2018: "Coco"



November 1st-3rd: Visit Bob Evans to benefit Mt. Healthy 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 Nov. 1st and Friday Nov. 3rd. 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 or download a flyer with 4 coupons at www.faithcinci.org. More info: <http://www.mthealthyalliance.org/home.aspx>

Hands Against Hunger Saturday, November 11th

Thrivent Financial is hosting their annual Hope in Action Day at the Hands Against Hunger Factory on Saturday, November 11th. 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 1,800 tons of food packs to orphans and vulnerable children in the U.S. and around the world with help from volunteers and donations. More information at <http://thechildrenawaiting.org/portfolio/hope-boxes/>

What: Day of Action @ Hands Against Hunger

When: Saturday, November 11th 9 AM - 12 PM

Where: 2430 East Kemper Road

How to participate: Look for a signup sheet on the Social Concerns table in Narthex



Faith volunteers relax and celebrate the production of over 119,000 protein-rich meals packed for the needy locally & around the world during the Day of Action last November. Please join the FLC team this year.

November 12th : Thankoffering Sunday

Thankoffering Sunday is a special day set aside each fall by many Lutheran Churches across the country to celebrate the women of the church. The women of Faith Lutheran Church view it as a special day of thanks for what we have received and what we can do for others. The women in FLCW circles work with Pastor Paul to plan and take a leading role in the worship services. A special thankoffering is taken up, and this year the offering is designated for hurricane relief. Look for envelopes in the bulletin. And join the women of Faith in this special Sunday of thanksgiving.

November 19th Budget meeting at 10:05 AM

A meeting of the membership to vote on the proposed 2018 budget will be held at 10:05 AM after the Contemporary Service on Sunday, November 19th. Members will receive a hardcopy of the proposed budget by US mail approximately three weeks prior to the meeting date. Please bring your hardcopy to the meeting. Info: Linda Roeder 851-6232.



Budget Meeting

Mark your Calendars: *Christmas* Extravaganza Sunday, December 10th

Make plans now to be part of this special evening to celebrate the reason for the Christmas season. Be sure to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you. For those with the gift of singing, the afternoon starts off with caroling to shut-ins coordinated by Tina Wuorinen (meet up time at Faith TBD). We'll meet at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for a potluck banquet with main entrees of ham and/or fried chicken & cheesy potatoes provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert for 10. After the meal, we will sing along to well-known carols.

Faith Lutheran now registered @ Amazon Smile

Do you regularly order items from Amazon.com or are you planning to do some Christmas shopping on Amazon. Now anyone can select Faith Lutheran Church to receive a percentage of your product purchases! Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com, log in to your account, search for Faith Lutheran Church, scroll down to locate Faith in Cincinnati, Ohio (there are hundreds registered). Select that option and you'll be directed to another page to start shopping. Be sure to go to www.smile.amazon.com each time for your purchases to qualify. It's that easy! Not all vendors and purchases qualify for the smile program. Questions? Phillip Weickert at weikertp@gmail.com

A Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

First English Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Ohio is holding celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation on Saturday, November 18th. The \$10 per person which includes lunch if registered before November 5th and \$15 if registered after November 5th or at the door. The day begins with registration at 9:30 AM, two keynote speakers, lunch and a worship service with communion concluding at 2:30 PM. Please visit www.thenalcoho.org/OMR, see the brochure posted on the bulletin board for more information or contact Ethel Briggs at 419-756-7766 or ethelbriggs1@gmail.com.



From Pumpkins to Jumpin'

On Sunday, October 8th the youth group was prepared to head to Burwinkel Farms for some pumpkin patch fun. However, the rain and gloomy weather made the prospect of the pumpkin patch seem a bit muddy. So the youth group, and Melissa and Phillip Weickert headed to Rockin' Jump for a few hours of high-flying, bouncing fun. Adelaide Lindner, Kayla Fluegeman and Tommy Schultz bounced from an obstacle course, to dodge ball, to slam dunk contests and to open jump pits. It was a fun time and definitely a work out! Enjoy some photos from the day!

Upcoming Youth Events;

October 22 - Filling Blessing Bags

November 11 - Hands Against Hunger



Small Groups – Growing in your Faith at Faith Are you growing in your faith by worshipping regularly, studying God’s word and serving God & others? Faith offers many ways to get involved and commit to the study of God’s word as well as to service to Faith & the community. Check out the small groups and committees listed below and consider getting involved in at least one new group.

We have a Spot for you! Faith Small Group Directory- REVISED

	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 Rm 1;	Pastor Paul Schultz 931-6100
Men’s Bible Study	Every Tuesday evening 6:30 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 Rm 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 Rm 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 Rm 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 Rm 2	Kate Giver 729-5283
Organizations/Small Groups		
Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW)	Check FOF & bulletin for info & dates	Roxanne Johnson 851-0972
Sew & Such	3 rd Thursday 9 am – 1 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 Opportunities		
Community Dinners	Last Saturday - Jan/April/July/ Oct in FH	Greg Giver 729-5283
Family Movie Nights	1 st 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, call 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 Blessing of the Animals, Outdoor Worship & Picnic, the recent Community Dinner and more. Can't find your Facts of Faith? The recent edition is posted on the website. Thanks for visiting and check back often!

Office Hours

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

Announcements appearing in the Sunday bulletin 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 secretary@faithcinci.org by the deadline or leave written submissions in an envelope on Kristin's desk.

Plan ahead: Upcoming Facts of Faith deadlines:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Deadline for submission</u>
December	November 20
January	December 18
February	January 15
March	February 19

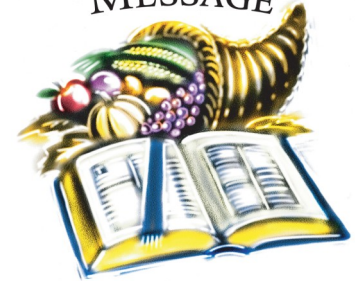




Sandy Bunger and her family would like to thank their Faith family for the love and sympathy they have received since the passing of Gene Bunger. Thank you all for your prayers, cards, calls and support. It has meant so much to the family.

Pastor's Vacation and Thanksgiving Worship

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE



This year, Pastor Paul and family will be on vacation from November 20th-25th, so Thanksgiving worship will be a little different from years past. Rather than having a worship service here at church, Pastor has put together a special liturgy for worship at your Thanksgiving table! Whether you will be gathering with crowds of family, or just by yourself, we pray this will help you render to God a great Thanksgiving!

Copies will be sent via e-mail and will be available in the Narthex. Happy Thanksgiving!

FLCW Flower Fund

Do you enjoy the beauty of fresh flowers giving glory to God at the altar? We were blessed for many years by a gift from Louise Flynn dedicated to providing fresh flowers when needed. This gift is now gone and we are asking you to sign up for flowers and/or give a gift to the flower fund. If you wish to make a gift there are "FLCW Flower Fund" envelopes on the bulletin board next to the flower chart. Please make your check out to FLCW, put it in the envelope and put the envelope in the offering plate. Any size gift is welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Faith Lutheran Mission Endowment Committee will once again be considering requests from our members and organizations for money to fulfill the purpose of the Endowment Fund.

The income produced by the Fund during the previous year, provides ongoing support to outreach ministries above and beyond the normal operating budget of Faith Lutheran Church. This is a reminder of what the fund should be used for: ongoing missions within the community and worldwide, special outreach programs and seed money for non-budgeted new programs and/or projects at Faith.

Enclosed in the Facts of Faith is a Faith Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund Grant Proposal form. Forms will also be available on the table in the Narthex by the office. Please put your request in the Endowment mailbox slot in the Narthex or give it to Lee Shroyer. The deadline for these requests will be December 15th, 2017.

The committee will meet the second week in January 2018, at which time we will ascertain the amount of money that we have to give out from the earnings of the fund in 2017. Then we will consider the requests and contact the 5/3rd managers of our fund to issue the checks. Council and the congregation will be informed as to where the money was given. Lee Shroyer, Endowment Chairperson

FAITH LUTHERAN MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND
GRANT PROPOSAL

Date of Submission:

Name, Phone # of Submitter:

Name, Address, Phone # of Proposed Grant Recipient:

Description of Outreach Proposal:

Amount of Grant Requested \$ _____

NOTE: If this grant request is an initial amount for an extended project and additional funds will be required, please include an estimate of the entire cost and a time frame in which requests will be made.

The purpose of this Fund is to enhance the Mission Outreach of Faith Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. A brief supporting statement for the above grant request would be helpful in aiding a final decision.

Deadline for submission is December 15, 2017

Look back at “Luther’s Great Discovery Workshop”

As part of our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Faith hosted a Word at Work Workshop on the Life & Theology of Martin Luther on September 30th. Rev. Timothy J. Swenson, Dean of Educational Ministries & Chapel at the Institute of Lutheran Theology presented the workshop to members and friends of Faith.



Pastor Paul introduced Reverend Swenson and kicked off the morning.



Rev. Timothy Swenson (right) and his wife Dale were a joy to host for "Luther's Great Discovery" workshop. They drove to Cincinnati from South Dakota to present an informative workshop & raise awareness about the Institute of Lutheran Theology resources for congregations.



Participants gave the workshop and the presenter high marks.



Dale Swenson pronounced Faith participants to be "the best so far" of the five workshops they've presented. Faith participants got high marks for being involved and asking good questions.



Rev Swenson was the guest preacher on Sunday, October 1st before starting the long drive back to South Dakota.

Look back at “Blessing of Animals” on October 4th

Pastor Paul Schultz held a short worship service on Wednesday, October 4th to commemorate the life of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. Pets and their “parents” gathered in the green space behind the Parish House for the service which included readings from Isaiah and Job, blessing of the animals and Prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi. There was also an opportunity to get photos in the Faith car photo booth. Here’s a look back at some photos from the event.



Anita and John Strauss with their fur babies.



David Stockdale and his fur baby pose in the photo booth.



Pastor Paul presided over the short service to bless the animals.



Ted Burgess and Pastor Paul with the Burgess fur baby.



Hannah and Pastor with one of their fur babies.



The Van Fossen family poses in the Faith photo booth with their fur baby.

Sunday

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Tuesday


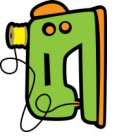


Wednesday

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