

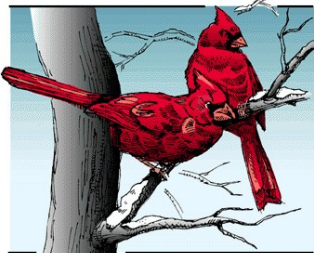
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.”



JANUARY

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, January 15th.

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Pastor P’s Perspective

HEY! DON’T TAKE THOSE LIGHTS DOWN YET!

Somehow, after the 25th of December, the secular world stops celebrating Christmas. The radio stops playing our favorite Christmas songs, the stores change their décor and most of the wonderful Christmas lights are taken down. But we know that there are actually twelve days of Christmas, and we celebrate all of them. So don’t be in a rush to take those lights down. When your neighbors ask why they are still up, you can explain that Christmas doesn’t end on the 26th!

Furthermore, with Epiphany fast approaching, we might just consider keeping them up even a little longer! “Epiphany” literally means to “shine-on.” The purpose of the season is to shine the light on Jesus—to point to the fact that he is more than just a man—more than a teacher, rabbi or sage. This Jesus is the Messiah; the Christ; the Son of the Living God. Throughout this time, our lessons for Sunday worship will do just that—to reveal something about Christ.

First, we will hear about the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan by John, and how a voice declared from heaven, “This is my son, with whom I am well-pleased.” Immediately, we hear that this Jesus is not just human, but also the very Son of God—even God himself. Next we will hear about the calling of Nathanael and Philip, whom Jesus knows and sees in a miraculous, supernatural way—having never met them before. He calls them to follow him and promises his coming to fulfill the kingdom. In the weeks that follow, we will hear how he called Peter and Andrew, James and John to leave their nets and follow him. We will hear how he cast our demons and healed many who were sick and possessed. Finally, we will hear about his Transfiguration on the mountain. There we will see a foretaste of what is to come—Christ in all his radiant glory! The season is meant to shine light on Jesus, and on the Mount of Transfiguration, he shines “radiantly, intensely white...”

So, the way I figure it, we can keep those lights up at least until Ash Wednesday! That means we can keep them up until Valentine’s Day! And again, when people ask why you haven’t taken them down, you can **enlighten them** on the meaning of Epiphany—and more importantly, on the Christ of Epiphany.

I pray God’s blessings for all of you in the new year, and for our congregation as together we seek to enlighten the world concerning Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Pastor Paul+



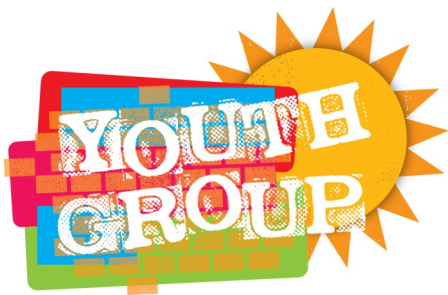
- 1 Ellen Duescher
- 4 Allan Winters
- 5 Pastor Paul Schultz
- 11 Dale Johnson
- 14 Rose Schroeder
- 19 Alissa Wuorinen
- 20 Caitlyn Hammond
- 21 Shawn Williams
John Strauss
- 23 Aldona Zibas
- 30 Anna Goetz
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Roxanne Johnson



- 1-10-88 John & Anita Strauss
- 1-29-49 John & JoAnn Roberts

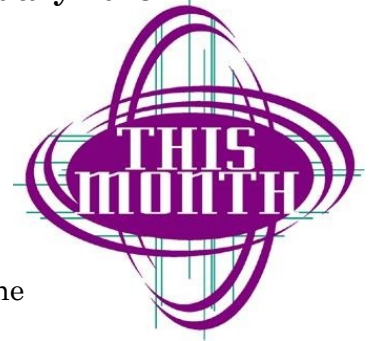
Youth Group Schedule

Beginning January 3rd, youth night will be the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7 PM and the 3rd Sunday of each month from 12:30 PM to 3 PM. This is for 7th through 12th graders and they will meet in the youth room. Please bring friends and come for faith, fun, and fellowship! Questions? Please see Pastor Paul or Tina Wuorinen.



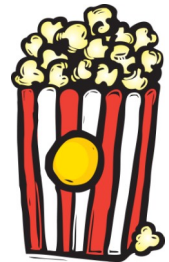
Upcoming Dates at a Glance January 2018

- Jan 3: Youth Group
- Jan 5: Family Movie Night
"Despicable Me 3"
- Jan 10: Potluck & Lesson
- Jan 12: Faith at Finneytown High
School Basketball game
- Jan 15: February Facts of Faith Deadline
- Jan 18: Sew & Such
- Jan 21: Youth Group
- Jan 27: Winter Alberta Harker Community Dinner
- Jan 28: Annual Meeting of the Membership
- Jan 29: FLCW Board Meeting



January 5th is Family Movie Night with "Despicable Me 3"

Join your friends at Faith for Family Movie Night Friday, January 5th. 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



**PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN YOUR FAITH FAMILY
FOR THE NEXT ALL CHURCH POTLUCK
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH AT 6:15 PM**

**PASTOR SCHULTZ WILL BE TEACHING
A LESSON AT 7 PM.**

COME FOR GOOD FOOD & GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

FAITH at Finneytown Basketball January 12th!

Join your brothers and sisters at Faith in the stands as the Finneytown Wildcats take on the Reading Blue Devils! The home game is on Friday, January 12th, and begins at 7:30 PM. Be sure to wear your FLC T-shirt, and help us cheer on the home team and support our community!



An Inspired Invitation...

Evangelism is a scary word for many people. "How do I share my faith? "What if I don't have all the answers?"

Sometimes, it's as easy as inviting a friend or family member to church and allowing the Holy Spirit to do the work. Let's face it, that's who does the work anyway!



Sunday, February 4th, 2018 is "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday." Please invite someone to come with you to first or second service. We also have Sunday school opportunities for all ages, if they don't feel comfortable in a "structured" church setting.

Step 1: Pray! - that people will come to hear the Good News of Jesus at Faith.

Step 2: Pray! - write a list of friends and family to pray for daily

Step 3: Pray! - for God to show you whom to invite.

Step 4: Invite! - Invite someone and then share your story with others in the congregation.

See an Evangelism Committee member for more information or contact Kate Giver kate.giver8@gmail.com with questions or ideas.

Sign up to serve at the Winter Community Dinner January 27th

Save the date! We are calling all volunteers to help with the Winter Alberta Harker Community Dinner on Saturday, January 27th. Look for a sign up board in the Narthex in early January. We will be looking for volunteers to bake cookies, set up the hall, wave signs, greet guests at the door, help in the kitchen with food prep and plating, serve guests, visit with our guests and clean up afterwards. Join us for an experience you won't forget serving the local community. Please pray that we will continue to reach our community for Christ! More information or questions: Greg Giver greggiver1@gmail.com



Volunteers of all ages are welcome to serve the community on Jan. 27.

There's No Present Like Time

Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry desperately needs your help on Tuesday mornings from 9 AM to 11 AM to stock their shelves. Stocking goes until noon, once a month. Faith financially supports this vital ministry and they need our help to stock the shelves.



The Pantry is located at 7717 Harrison Ave., Mt. Healthy, OH 45231. See Bob Day or Anita Burgess for more information or visit <http://mthealthyalliance.org>

Look forward to...A Special 2-part Bible Study on February 10th & 17th

Stumped on what to get your wife or husband for Valentine's Day? Give a special gift they will never forget! Faith will be hosting a special Bible Study called "Passion and Prayer: A Study of the Song of Songs," on February 10th and 17th from 9 AM to noon. Pastor Paul will lead us through this beautiful Scripture which recounts not only the passionate love between husband and wife, but God's passionate love for his children as well. As always, this bible study is open to the public so be sure to invite friends and family. Stay tuned for more information to come.



Thank you from Prince of Peace Lutheran

Many thanks to members of Faith Family who generously donated over \$1400 to help stock the shelves for the Cold Shelter at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Over The Rhine. The church operates a Cold Shelter from December 15th to February 15th and asks for donations to support this effort. Your donations helped purchase gloves, hats, and blankets for guests, as well as canned hams and other non-perishable food items for meals. Two pick-up trucks were filled with supplies and members of Faith headed to Prince of Peace on Wednesday December 6th to deliver the supplies.



Members of Faith pose with members and staff at Prince of Peace Lutheran in OTR after delivering supplies for their Cold Shelter. Third from left is Pastor John Suguitan, who expressed appreciation to members of Faith for their support.



Some of the supplies delivered to the Cold Shelter office at Prince of Peace Lutheran.

FLCW wishes to thank everyone who made a Thankoffering donation for hurricane relief. The \$1200 that was collected is being sent to Unidos por Puerto Rico (United for Puerto Rico) for hurricane relief.

THANKS FOR DONATING!

and

THANK YOU to everyone who donated hats, gloves, mittens, or scarves for the mitten tree. They were taken to Valley Interfaith where they will be distributed to those in need.



Look back at Dedication of Habitat Homes - November 18th

Three homes constructed by the Eastside Coalition of Habitat for Humanity were dedicated on Saturday, November 18th. Ken Clark, a member of Faith and an experienced crew leader, attended the ceremony and shares these photos from the event. Several members of Faith volunteered on Saturdays during the 2017 build phase. Plans for next year include construction of homes in the nearby College Hill neighborhood. Over 50 families have been approved and are anxiously waiting to become homeowners. Ken will be looking for willing volunteers from Faith beginning in April of 2018.



Two of the three single family homes constructed on Mulberry Street in Lockland in 2017.



Roof-top view of the dedication ceremony on Saturday, November 18th which included an opening prayer, presentation of gifts to each family and a benediction.



Tiwanda Fabro, one of the new homeowners, proudly displays her new family bible and a framed picture of a key that she received during the dedication ceremony. In addition, each family received a prayer shawl, a copy of Dr. Seuss's "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," a bird house, and a home-made wooden bench as house-warming gifts from participating churches.



During the dedication each family had the opportunity to give their testimony and offer thanks. Waving is homeowner Robin Welch with her son Jamir. To the right is homeowner Sifa dressed in her native costume. Sifa and her relatives sang a special "thank you" song in Swahili! On the far right in the hat with a feather is Jim Brown, Lockland's mayor for the past 36 years. He expressed his gratitude to Habitat for making a positive impact on his village.



Visit the Faith Lutheran website

Our church website (www.faithcinci.org) will be getting an update for the New Year. You'll still be able to find all your favorite features like the weekly calendar, upcoming event information, great photos & links to FOF and Pastor Schultz's sermons. Do you have ideas or suggestions? Contact Kate at kategiver8@gmail.com

Office Hours

The church office is open for business 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.



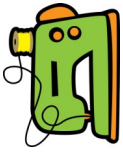

We also encourage small groups and committees to submit announcements of their upcoming events as well as follow up reports with photos.

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>
February	January 15
March	February 19
April	March 19



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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