

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, February 19<sup>th</sup>.



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## Pastor P's Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the cold, blowing winds and snows of January turn into the cold, blowing winds and snows of February, we can give thanks to God that he has called us to this warm, vibrant community of Faith!

Of course, February brings with it the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather to worship and to wear ashes in the sign of the cross as a symbol of both our repentance and of God's gracious forgiveness. Through the coming season, we will gather together in worship and fellowship not only on Sundays, but during the week as well at our Wednesday Lenten Potlucks and Vespers. All the while, looking to Holy Week—the triumphal entry, the last supper and the crucifixion of Jesus. We will recall again and again God's gracious gift of love in Jesus Christ, His Son—something we call the “Passion of Jesus Christ.” Throughout space and time, there is no greater work of love.

Fittingly, Ash Wednesday also happens to be Valentine's Day this year, which is yet another opportunity to celebrate the gift of love. To that end, I will be leading a special Bible study on the Song of Solomon on the two Saturdays bookending Ash Wednesday. The study, called *Passion and Prayer* will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Hall, from 9 AM to noon.

Given that the text deals with the passionate love between husband and wife, you might be wondering if the study is intended for married couples. My answer is a resounding yes, but not only for married couples! This study is for those who love LOVE - married, single, widowed, divorced - this is the story of God's passionate love and of how that love is rightly reflected among us here and now. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

As we come to our Lenten journey, let us do so with joy in knowing that God's love is all around us, and that He calls us to love one another as He has first loved us.

In Faith,

Pr. Paul+





- 2 Judy Middendorf  
Hannah Schultz
- 11 Carolyn Fehr
- 15 Jennifer Schultz
- 16 Sharon Lindner
- 17 Addison Ridings
- 20 Lucille Collins
- 22 Madison Schultz
- 23 Anita Burgess
- 26 Chris Topits
- 27 Stacia Hackmann
- 28 Debbie Staker



- 2-5-82 Ted & Peggy Hubbard
- 2-17-06 Carl & Judy Adams
- 2-17-79 Dale & Carol Bahr

## Youth Group Schedule

The youth will continue their new schedule and will be meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Wednesday of the month at 7 PM. They will meet later in February on the third Sunday of the month from 12:30 PM to 3 PM, which is February 18<sup>th</sup>. All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Please bring friends and come for faith, fun, and fellowship! Questions? Please see Pastor Paul or Tina Wuorinen.



## Upcoming Dates at a Glance February 2018

- Feb 2: Family Movie Night
- Feb 4: Bring a Friend to Faith Sunday
- Feb 7: Youth Group
- Feb 10: Passion & Prayer Bible Study
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday Worship Service
- Feb 15: Sew & Such
- Feb 17: Passion & Prayer Bible Study
- Feb 18: Youth Group
- Feb 19: March Facts of Faith Deadline
- Feb 21: Potluck and Lenten Vespers
- Feb 22: Lunch Bunch
- Feb 25: All Youth Bowling
- Feb 27: CPR/AED Training
- Feb 28: Potluck and Lenten Vespers



## Family Movie Night ~ the new "Cinderella"

Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> is our next Family Movie Night with a showing of the new "Cinderella". Doors open at 5:45 PM, with a free dinner at 6 PM and the main feature starting at 6:30 PM. Purchase freshly made popcorn and candy to benefit the youth programs. Bring family, friends, and neighbors! Everyone is welcome.



**To volunteer** contact Roxanne Johnson at 513-633-0564 or [rmbj123@hotmail.com](mailto:rmbj123@hotmail.com)

## Passion & Prayer: A Study of the Song of Songs

Do you love LOVE?

If you do, be sure to join your brothers and sisters of Faith for a very special Bible study called, *Passion and Prayer: A Study of the Song of Songs*, held February 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to noon.



Feel free to invite a friend, family member or neighbor - all are welcome! Please let the office know if you will be able to attend.



## Faith Lutheran Church Bell Choir

Faith's Bell Choir is rehearsing on Sundays at 12:15 PM. If you are interested in learning more about the bell choir, please contact Stan Wernz at church on Sundays, call 761-6120 or email [lincolnwernzs@peoplepc.com](mailto:lincolnwernzs@peoplepc.com).



## Lenten Season Special Services

We will mark the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday Service; February 14<sup>th</sup> 7PM.

Starting Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, we will gather for a potluck followed by Lenten Vespers each Wednesday through March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The worship schedule for Holy Week will be announced in future bulletins and the March edition of Facts of Faith.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kate.giver8@gmail.com) with questions or ideas.

## Look back at... Christmas Extravaganza/Community Dinner

Special thanks to the Congregational Life, Youth and Parish Education committees for their willingness to partner with Social Concerns to expand the traditional Faith Christmas Extravaganza to include the community. Thanks to the hard work of many Faith family members, the evening was a joy to witness. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, our Parish Hall was filled to the brim with members, family, friends and neighbors. The food was delicious, the gifts purchased by the Evangelism committee (nativity scene & Christmas story card) were meaningful and the carol sing with music by the Faith Ensemble was a wonderful and uplifting experience. Here's a look back at this special evening with photos including heartfelt thanks we received from community members. Visit our website to see more pictures [www.faithcinci.org](http://www.faithcinci.org).



Set up crew poses for a photo after completing their work.



Faith's own brass and flute ensemble led by Stan Wernz.



## Visit the Faith Lutheran Website

Our church website ([www.faithcinci.org](http://www.faithcinci.org)) is a great place to turn for all information relating to church life here at Faith. You will find all of 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| March        | February 19                    |
| April        | March 19                       |
| May          | April 16                       |



| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |  |
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| <br><b>4 Bring a Friend to Faith Sunday</b><br>9:00 AM Convergent Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>12:15 PM Handbell Practice<br>3:00 PM Church Council | Dine to Donate @ Buffalo Wings 'n Rings   | <b>6</b><br>7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Panera<br><br>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study  | <b>7</b><br>7:00 PM Youth Group<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  | <b>8</b><br>10:00 AM Grace Circle<br><br>7:30 PM Praise Team  | <b>9</b><br><br>6:00 PM Movie Night<br>The New "Cinderella"    | <b>10</b><br><br>9:00 AM - Noon<br>Passion & Prayer Bible Study |  |
| <b>11</b><br>9:00 AM Convergent Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>12:15 PM Handbell Practice  | <b>12</b><br>6:30 PM Social Concerns  | <b>13</b><br>7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Panera<br>12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study at Church<br><br>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 PM Unity Prayer & Study Group  | <b>14</b><br><br>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service<br>Choir Rehearsal following Service | <b>15</b><br><br>9:00 AM Sew & Such<br>7:30 PM Praise Team | <b>16</b><br><br>9:00 AM - Noon<br>Passion & Prayer Bible Study | <b>17</b><br><br>9:00 AM - Noon<br>Passion & Prayer Bible Study |  |
| <b>18</b><br>9:00 AM Convergent Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>12:15 PM Handbell Practice<br>12:30 PM Youth Group  | <b>19</b><br>President's Day<br>Faith Office Closed<br><br>FACTS OF FAITH DEADLINE<br>6:30 PM Evangelism Comm.<br>7:00 PM Congregational Life | <b>20</b><br>7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Panera<br>12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study at Church<br>6:00 PM Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 PM Property Committee<br>7:30 PM Joy Circle                                | <b>21</b><br>6:15 PM Potluck<br>7:00 PM Lenten Vespers Service<br>Choir Rehearsal following Service   | <b>22</b><br>1:00 PM Lunch Bunch<br>7:30 PM Praise Team   | <b>23</b><br><br>7:00 PM Euchre                               | <b>24</b><br><br>7:00 PM Euchre                               |  |
| <b>25</b><br>9:00 AM Convergent Worship Service<br>10:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service<br>12:15 PM Handbell Practice<br>2:00 PM All Youth Bowling<br>All Day Skyline Fundraiser   | <b>26</b><br>6:30 PM Youth Committee  | <b>27</b><br>7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Panera<br>12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study at Church<br>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study<br>7:00 PM Parish Education<br>7:30 PM CPR/AED Training<br>7:30 PM Worship & Music | <b>28</b><br>6:15 PM Potluck<br>7:00 PM Lenten Vespers Service<br>Choir Rehearsal following Service<br>7:00 PM Doll Club  |    |   |   |  |