

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."



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, March 19th.

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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.

The word Lent is derived from the Middle English word meaning *spring*. It has historically been a time of preparation and self-examination for Christians and remains so for us today. Lent is observed by over a billion people each year, which means it is widely practiced with many varying customs. You may be familiar with some of the more well-known practices, such as the celebration of Mardi Gras, or the discipline of fasting or giving up a vice or pleasure during the season, like refraining from eating chocolate ice cream.

Yet there are many Lenten traditions from around the world that you may not know about, so without further adieu, here are Pastor Paul's Top Five Things You May Not Have Known About Lent:

1. You may know that Roman Catholics are not permitted to eat red meat on Fridays in Lent, but only fish. What you may not know is that over the years, a number of dispensations were offered in special circumstances so that the faithful could eat muskrat, beaver, capybara and alligator on Fridays in Lent. This was possible because of their aquatic nature (like fish).
2. You may know that Lent is 40 days long, yet when you count all the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, you come up with 46! That's because Sundays are considered "little easters" and are not part of Lent. As a result, Sundays are seen as times of celebration and feasting.
3. In Finland, it is a Lenten tradition to watch the grass grow—literally! Children plant the grass and nurture its growth until Easter, when they decorate it and lay eggs on it. It is usually then planted more permanently. This might be the most exciting tradition of all!
4. Another Lenten tradition is the making and eating of pretzels. A special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water and were then shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* (Latin for *little arms*). Among the Germans the Latin word became 'bretzel,' and finally, 'pretzel.'
5. The Greek Orthodox celebrate Lent and Easter at different times than we do, because they base their Easter date on the Julian calendar, which often differs from the Gregorian calendar that is used by many western countries. Therefore the Orthodox Easter period often occurs later than the Easter period that falls around the time of the March equinox—this year it will fall on April 8.

Have a blessed and happy Lenten Season!

Pastor Paul+





- 1 Elizabeth Vidonish
- 2 Elaine Henjum
- 10 David Stockdale
- 11 JayLynn Horsley
Kayla Fluegeman
- 13 Erik Heitman
Evelyn Nelsen
- 17 Cora Adams
Dale Bahr
Paul Thyberg
- 22 Tommy Schultz
- 24 Carl Adams
- 28 Matthew Heitman
- 29 Chuck Broge

Upcoming Dates at a Glance March 2018

- Mar 2: Family Movie Night
- Mar 7: Potluck and Lenten Vespers
- Mar 11: Game Night
- Mar 14: Potluck and Lenten Vespers
- Mar 15: Sew & Such
- Mar 18: Youth Group
- Mar 19: April Facts of Faith Deadline
- Mar 21: Potluck and Lenten Vespers
- Mar 24: Easter Egg Hunt
- Mar 27: Seder Meal
- Mar 29: Lunch Bunch
- Mar 29: Maundy Thursday Service
- Mar 30: Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Faith
- Mar 31: Easter Vigil



3-15-69 Chris & Sharon Lindner

Family Movie Night ~ 'The Land Before Time'

Friday, March 2nd is our next Family Movie Night with a showing of "The Land Before Time". 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.



Wedding News!

Ernie Nordquist proudly announces the marriage of his son, Craig Nordquist, to Debrah Englert. Craig and Debrah were married Sunday, January 21, 2018.



To volunteer contact Roxanne Johnson at 513-633-0564 or rmbj123@hotmail.com

"Baskets of Promise" collections are under way

Please help the FLCW make personal care item kits by donating items during Lent for the "Baskets of Promise." The Personal Care kits are given to Lutheran World Relief. Our donations to LWR have been used around the world and in disaster areas here in the USA. Your donations help to show the love of Christ to those in need. The collection baskets can be found in the Narthex. You can drop your donations off anytime. In addition to the bars of soap and bath towels that were collected in February we are seeking the following items:

- March 4th: sturdy combs for thick hair
- March 11th: metal nail clippers
- March 18th: toothbrushes





Lenten Season Special Services

Please join us on Wednesdays in March; March 7th, 14th & 21st as we gather for a potluck followed by Lenten Vespers.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Seder Meal

6:30 PM Tuesday, March 27th

Maundy Thursday Service

7 PM March 29th Holy communion

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

7 PM March 30th Combined choir

Easter Vigil

7 PM Saturday, March 31st

Easter Sunday April 1st

7 AM Sunrise Convergent Service

8 AM Community Easter Breakfast

9 AM Christian Education for all ages

10:15 AM Traditional Service

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!



Altar Flowers

Come sing with us!



Once again, Faith Lutheran Church will be participating in an ecumenical Good Friday service with other area churches.

As a matter of fact, this year it is our turn to host our brothers and sisters in Christ for worship!

The combined choir that will sing at this service will be rehearsing on Sunday, March 25th at 2:30 PM here at Faith. A second combined rehearsal will be held before the Good Friday service on March 30th at 6:15 PM. please contact Stan Wernz at church on Sundays, call 761-6120 or email lincolnwernzs@peoplepc.com for more info.



Easter Egg Hunt

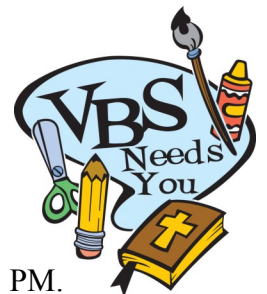
Saturday, March 24 at 1 PM. This is for youth from toddlers through 6th grade. Please bring a basket or bag to gather eggs. After the egg hunt, the youth will hand out candy and other goodies. Everyone is welcome! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!



Vacation Bible School

We have the resources of money, materials and location; we need YOU to make Vacation Bible School happen! VBS is scheduled for June 25 -29th from 5:30 to 8:45 PM.

VBS is our largest single outreach to families that focuses on teaching about Christ. If you are willing to serve in ANY capacity, we need to know by March 11th. If we don't have the volunteers to run a safe and quality program, we will have to stop this valuable ministry to our community. Please contact Roxanne Johnson (851-0972) or Sally Umbach (522-9053) or sign up on the poster in the narthex.



The Endowment Committee would like to share the following thank you messages with the congregation for some of the generous gifts that were distributed from the Endowment Fund this year. Thank you all for your generous hearts.



Love ...
in truth
and action.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

THANK YOU

ON BEHALF OF CINCINNATI HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S EASTSIDE COALITION, I WANT TO OFFER MY THANKS TO FAITH'S MISSION ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO HABITAT'S CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY. THIS GRANT, AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTEER WORKER SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION PROVIDES, WILL TOUCH THE LIVES OF TWO DESERVING FAMILIES THIS YEAR IN COLLEGE HILL AS THEY WORK WITH US TOWARD THE GOAL OF HOME OWNERSHIP. PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR A SAFE AND PRODUCTIVE BUILD SEASON.

IN CHRIST,

KEN CLARK

a Note From

VALLEY INTERFAITH COMMUNITY RESOURCE
 CENTER

Hi,
 Please thank your entire congregation for your generous gifts to Valley and our Neighbors Empowered Program. This will be utilized to meet families emergency needs, to educate, and provide services so that they can personally end the cycle of poverty in their family!
 Thank you, Skip Koesterman, Board Member

Big
Thank
You!



Visit the Faith Lutheran Website

Our church website (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

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.



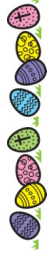




We also encourage small groups and committees to submit announcements of their upcoming events as well as follow up reports with photos.

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>
March	February 19
April	March 19
May	April 16



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