

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, April 16th.



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Pastor P's Perspective

Martin Luther, on the Passion of our Lord...

Let us meditate a moment on the passion of Christ. Some do so falsely in that they merely rail against Judas and the Jews. Some carry crucifixes to protect themselves from water, fire, and sword, and turn the suffering of Christ into an amulet against suffering. Some weep, and that is the end of it.

The true contemplation is that in which the heart is crushed and the conscience smitten. You must be overwhelmed by the frightful wrath of God who so hated sin that he spared not his only begotten Son. What can the sinner expect if the beloved Son was so afflicted? It must be an inexpressible and unendurable yearning that causes God's Son himself so to suffer. Ponder this and you will tremble, and the more you ponder, the deeper you will tremble.

... The whole value of the meditation of the suffering of Christ lies in this, that man should come to the knowledge of himself and sink and tremble. If you are so hardened that you do not tremble, then you have reason to tremble. Pray to God that he may soften your heart and make fruitful your meditation upon the suffering of Christ, for we of ourselves are incapable of proper reflection unless God instills it. But if one does meditate rightly on the suffering of Christ for a day, an hour, or even a quarter of an hour, this we may confidently say is better than a whole year of fasting, days of psalm singing, yes, than even one hundred masses, because this reflection changes the whole man and makes him new, as once he was in baptism.

If we consider the persons, we ought to suffer a thousand and again a thousand times more than Christ because he is God and we are dust and ashes, yet it is the reverse. He who had a thousand and again a thousand times less need, has taken upon himself a thousand and again a thousand times more than we. No understanding can fathom nor tongue can express, no writing can record, but only the inward feeling can grasp what is involved in the suffering of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



April BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sophia Vidonish
- 8 Jonathan Hammond
John Nelsen
Donna Wernz
- 11 Adam Johnson
Kristin Van Fossen
- 17 Emanuel Aroni
- 18 Janet Broge
Marie Goetz
- 19 Judy Adams
Marge Boie
- 23 Sabrina Snyder
- 24 Becky Donohue
- 26 Drew Topits

Upcoming Dates at a Glance April 2018

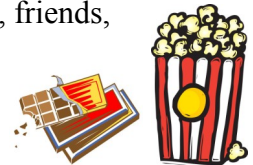
- April 4: Youth Group
- April 5: Lunch Bunch
- April 6: Family Movie Night
- April 7: Mulch Day
- April 14: Kitchen Workday
- April 15: Youth Group
- April 16: May Facts of Faith Deadline
- April 19: Sew & Such
- April 26: Lunch Bunch
- April 28: Community Dinner



Family Movie Night ~ 'Coco'

Friday, April 6th is our next Family Movie Night with a showing of "Coco". 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



April ANNIVERSARIES

- 4-18-59 Willis & Andi Stewart
- 4-24-82 David & Judi Stockdale
- 4-26-86 Mark & Shelley Spiegel
- 4-27-96 Paul & Jennifer Schultz
- 4-29-11 Josh & Jodi Ridings

Help Support Mount Healthy Alliance and Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center Monday, May 28th 9:00 AM

FreeStore FoodBank Hunger Walk & 5K Run

1. Go to: <http://cincinnatihungerwalk.org/2018/>

2. Participating? Go to > Join a Team

Faith Lutheran Team 1—Valley Interfaith
Faith Lutheran Team 2—Mt. Healthy Alliance

3. Unable to participate but want to help? Click on Make a Donation to find our teams and donate!

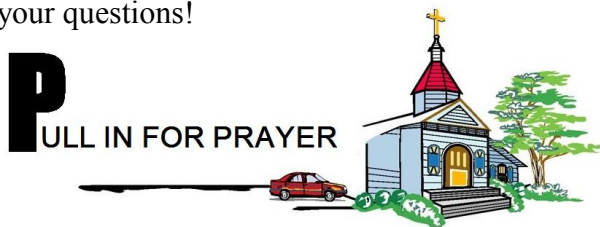
How Does It Help? ALL of your registration fee or donations go directly to the food pantry of your choice. These funds are used for: shared maintenance fees, refrigeration/freezer capacity, rent/utilities, staffing for pickup and delivery, food distribution support, technology upgrades in support of food distribution, truck purchase or maintenance, health and hygiene, and holiday food boxes.



Pull in for PRAYER!

Evangelism is excited to start a new outreach to the community. Beginning April 14th, our plan is to have 2 to 4 volunteers outside the church on Saturday morning, for about a half hour, to encourage folks driving by to pull into our driveway for a prayer. You, the volunteer, will offer a short prayer – perhaps for safe travel, a day filled with blessings, or a specific request made by the person who pulled in. We see some personal benefits for our volunteers as well, such as increasing confidence in your ability to pray aloud for others, and new relationships with other Faith members.

We hope to have enough volunteers to make this a once-a-month commitment for most people. We will alternate committee members with congregation members, so that each group of 3 or 4 will be on a 5-week rotation. Through the power of prayer, we can share the love of Christ with our neighbors. We have a signup sheet in the Narthex if you are interested. Greg Giver or Paula Winters will be in touch with you. And of course, you can contact us. We look forward to answering all your questions!



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

Social Concerns News

Thanks for helping local families

Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank our generous Faith Family for participating in the Shop for Food Pantries program. Thanks to those of you who have picked up a colorful grocery bag, filled it with needed food and personal care items, and returned it to Faith. With your help we have been able to deliver **132 lbs** of food and personal care products to Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry since February.



April 5th Sunday collection

We will be collecting toilet paper and sunscreen for Mt. Healthy Food Pantry in April. It's never too early to shop around for good bargains.

We'll have the collection barrel in the Narthex beginning the Sunday after Easter. Thanks in advance for your donations.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Roxanne Johnson
Vice-President	Peg Hubbard
Secretary	Marge Nordquist
Treasurer	Phillip Weickert
Financial Secretary	Ed Umbach

Committee Chairpersons:

Worship & Music	Deanna Douce
Evangelism	Marie Goetz
Property	Bill Vidonish
Parish Education	Sally Umbach
Finance/Stewardship	Linda Roeder
Social Concerns	Kate Giver
Youth	Tina Wuorinen
Congregational Life	Hannah Schultz



Transforming lives the 45231 communities by providing services with Christian love and dignity.

February 20, 2018

Faith Lutheran Church Endowment
8265 Winton Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45231
Attention: Lee Shroyer:

Dear Friends and Neighbors at Faith Lutheran Church:

Thank you for providing the Mt. Healthy Alliance Pantry with a donation of \$5,500.00 from the Endowment Fund. This money will be used to help the pantry to continue to provide needed items for our guests in the 45231 communities. You have generously supported our work in the past and we greatly appreciate your efforts.

In 2017 we provided food for 5,407 families. That is a total of 15,184 people. It is always a challenge to meet the needs of the community. However, we are able to meet this challenge, because of the support of our member churches, schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals who share their time, talents, and treasures. You are an important part of our success. Thank you for helping to make it possible for the families to receive help.

The Mt. Healthy Alliance Inc. is a 501 © (3) nonprofit tax exempt corporation and is a member agency of the Freestore Foodbank. It is a volunteer driven organization of thirteen churches in the area. The pantry is located in the basement of Mt. Healthy Christian Church 7717 Harrison Ave. The hours of operation are: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 9AM to Noon and Tuesday evening 5:00-7:00 PM.

On behalf of Mt. Healthy Alliance Board, staff, and volunteers, we again thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lorenz
Pantry Director



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



February 12, 2018

Paul Schultz
Faith Lutheran Church
8265 Winton Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45231-5990

Dear Mr. Schultz:

It's heartening when a donor makes it possible for Lighthouse to help one more child or family in need. I thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,000.00, received 2/8/2018.

You are making it possible for a child to enter a safe foster home, a teenager to find emergency shelter, or a young adult to learn life skills. Your thoughtful contribution will be used wisely so we can serve children, youth and families when and where they need it most.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Haffner
President and CEO

Thank you for this wonderful gift!
Paul



February 22, 2018

Faith Lutheran Church
8265 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45231

Dear Friends at Faith Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the many campers and retreaters who benefit from the programs of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries - Thank you! We would not be able to provide this Christ centered ministry without the financial support from congregations like yours.

Thank you for your financial and prayerful support to LOMO's life changing ministry through Lutheran Memorial Camp, Camp Luther, Camp Mowana or LOMO Outreach. Through Congregations' gifts we are able to provide camperships to youth who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend camp; support day camps that reach out to unchurched youth; ensure the upkeep and maintenance of camp facilities; and provide staff for year-round retreats, environmental education and summer camp programs.

Please know that your gifts ensure the Gospel is shared with children, adults and families as they participate in the many exciting LOMO programs.

Please accept the enclosed certificate in grateful appreciation of your 2017 financial support. Each year we recognize every congregation from the preceding year who has participated in ministry with Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio.

LOMO is blessed with the opportunity to serve thousands of people of all ages each year. *Our mission is simple - We bring people together to experience Christ through our natural settings and programs.* We will continue to accomplish this ministry with your partnership as an annual donor.

Thank you for your financial and prayerful support.

Sincerely, In Christ,

Penny Christensen
Executive Director

P.S. You can view LOMO's annual report at lomocamps.org/annualreport



Thank you!

Dear Friend,

We are grateful for your recent gift. Your support will provide families in the tri-state the strength, stability, and self-reliance that result from homeownership. A Habitat home makes a tremendous difference in the lives of Habitat homebuyers, creating a new future and often breaking the cycle of poverty. They're touched that people like you — who may not know them personally — are making it possible for them to live their dreams. Over the next year, we will help another 30+ families become homeowners while also helping local families stay in their homes through critical repairs. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

Gratefully,

Ed Lee
President & CEO



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>
May	April 16
June	May 21
July	June 18



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Traditional Easter Service	2 9:30 AM Flower Judges Group	3 7:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Panera 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study at Church 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	4 6:30 PM Youth Comm. 7:00 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 10:00 AM Greater Cinti Herb Society Lunch Bunch 1:00 PM Lunch Bunch 7:30 PM Praise Team	6  6:00 PM Movie Night "Coco"	7 8:30 AM Mulch Day 
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