

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, August 20th.



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Pastor P's Perspective

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace!

In case you haven't yet heard, a local artist has been selected to paint a mural on Brentwood Bowl to represent Springfield Township. Cincinnati has become covered in beautiful murals and I think the idea to represent our community this way is a good one. There is just one problem: the subject matter.

The work is to be called “Creatress” and is meant to be a tribute to “Mother Nature.” As a Christian, I'm less than impressed, and would have much preferred a more biblical understanding of creation. Yet the reality of the situation is that we live in a secular, worldly society where truth has become relative. Fewer and fewer people identify as Christian, and even fewer among them know and accept the biblical Christ!

Friends, we are strangers in a strange land. Our home is not of this world, our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). That being the case, I have begun to think of this secular, humanist mural as an opportunity for us who believe in God's Word to proclaim the truth of creation to a community that does not know. And just what is the truth of creation? Look to the first chapter of the gospel according to John for the answer... that “in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. “He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” We further confess this in the second article of the Nicene Creed, that “through Him all things were made.”

When we see the mural of “Creatress” in our community, let us be reminded of the truth of creation by the Word— who is Christ himself. Then let us endeavor to share the truth of God's Word with our community and the whole world, to the glory of God— Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit!



- 2 Art Lodi
- 5 Benjamin Johnson
John Laws
- 7 Jolene Pearson
- 8 Deb Holthus
John Roberts
- 9 Sally Umbach
- 11 Jeff Shroyer
- 14 Erwin Roedel
Linda Roeder
- 15 Ron Pearson
Annette Topits
- 17 Bob Day
- 27 Marge Nordquist
- 28 Marjorie Wilson

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE August 2018

- Aug 4: Pull in for Prayer
- Aug 5: Invite a Friend to Faith
- Aug 5: Church Council
- Aug 8: Nominating Committee
- Aug 11: Pull in for Prayer
- Aug 11: Steak & Corn Roast
- Aug 16: Sew & Such
- Aug 18: Pull in for Prayer
- Aug 19: Youth Group Meeting
- Aug 20: September Facts of Faith Deadline
- Aug 25: Pull in for Prayer
- Aug 25: Euchre
- Aug 30: Lunch Bunch



- 8-6-66 Ron & Jolene Pearson
- 8-16-97 Greg & Kate Giver
- 8-18-62 Don & JoAnn Kerl
- 8-22-53 Jim & Marlene Hanson
- 8-23-69 Ken & Carol Clark
- 8-29 Stan & Donna Wernz
- 8-29-92 Jeff & Kristin Van Fossen

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Have you noticed the varied groups presenting Offering Voluntaries at our Worship Services? Have they stirred in you a desire to participate? Did you play a musical instrument or previously sing in a choir? Any or all of the above?



Our musical groups will welcome you! We want you to join us in offering songs of praise and thanksgiving. Now is the time to put rehearsals on your schedule for September: Choir will resume rehearsals on September 5th. Handbells will resume rehearsals on September 23rd. The instrumental group is continuing rehearsals. We currently have Clarinet, Flutes, Trombone, Trumpets and Tuba. See Stan Wernz for details.

11 AM Traditional Service

Date	Reader	Communion Asst.	Ushers	Sound System
Aug 5	Stan Wernz	Candy Kerl	Phil & Marilou Willis	Tommy Schultz
Aug 12	David Stockdale	Candy Kerl	Don Kerl & Pete Hutto	Jonathon Hammond
Aug 19	Paula Winters	Candy Kerl	Phil & Marilou Willis	Tommy Schultz
Aug 26	Laura Andersen	Candy Kerl	Don Kerl & Pete Hutto	Jonathon Hammond



9AM Convergent Service helpers and ushers TBD.



INVITE-A-FRIEND TO FAITH SUNDAY

August 5th is Invite-a-Friend to Faith Sunday. Pastor Paul is asking everyone to invite a friend, neighbor or family member to worship on the first Sunday of each month!

Be sure to extend a warm invitation to hear, taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

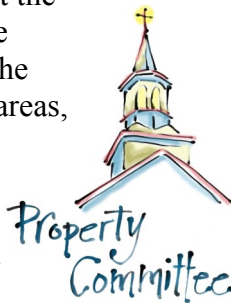
Once again this year, Faith has the opportunity to serve with Habitat for Humanity's outreach ministry. Construction has started on two new homes close by on 1st Avenue in College Hill. Below you will see some pictures from our first build day this year, held on a very warm, very productive July 14th. Additional opportunities for you to join in this rewarding work will be on the following Saturdays: August 18th, September 22nd & October 27th. No special skills are necessary; volunteer crew leaders will provide all the guidance you need. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Faith's Habitat representative, Ken Clark, at (513) 231-6238 or kclark@fuse.net. He will be happy to provide you with information, answer any questions you may have, and help you register as a volunteer worker. We hope to see you on site!



Faith's July Habitat volunteers include Ted Burgess, Ken Clark, Jim Holthus and Jim's brother, Gregg .

PROPERTY UPDATE

As many of you may have noticed, the temperature in the offices and lounge has slowly been increasing. After trying multiple temporary solutions, the council at the request of the Property Committee has approved the replacement of the air conditioning system for those areas, which is over 15 years old. The replacement cost is \$8,600. With this update, those areas will now be much more comfortable to use.



R. Paul,
 Thank you for allowing me to speak @ Faith this past Sunday. You are a gracious host and we sincerely appreciate your support.
 Blessings,
 R. Cliff



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE HERE AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Nominating Committee (Becky Donohue, Ed Emmert, Lana Feller, Paula Winters & Phil Wuorinen) is looking for members of the Congregation who feel called to serve. The positions that will be up for election this year are President, Vice President, Financial Secretary and Chairpersons for the following committees: Congregational Life, Finance/Stewardship, Financial Secretary, Social Concerns, Worship & Music and Youth. If you feel called to serve our Congregation, please see one of the members of the Nominating Committee. Thank you!

NALC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Pastor Schultz and Faith Delegate, Hannah Schultz, will be attending Lutheran Week, the annual Convocation of the North American Lutheran Church the week of August 13th in Denver, Colorado. Please join in prayer for safe travels and continue in prayer throughout that week for their time spent in study and fellowship with the other national delegates of the NALC.



Pastor Schultz will be preaching on both Sunday, August 12th and Sunday, August 19th.



Summer Bible Study

CHANGE IN SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

The 7:00 AM Pericopes Study at Panera will be discontinued for the remainder of the summer. We will continue with the noon study held each Tuesday at Faith in the lounge. If there is interest, the 7:00 AM study may resume at a later date.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Worship & Music Committee is inviting singers, musicians and the congregation to gather and discuss your ideas for 1st service praise music. We look forward to the return of our praise team and as we seek our next team leader, we want your thoughts about the following:

- What are essential musical components of the praise team?
- How do we fill in the gaps for missing musical components?
- What kind of support from the congregation is needed for the praise team to thrive?
- What skills and characteristics are most important in a team leader?
- Potential candidates for the praise team leader position.

Discussion is not limited to these bullet points. We welcome your ideas for vibrant and Spirit-filled worship music. We will meet in the parish hall on the first three Sundays in August, following 1st service. Contact Kate Giver or Paula Winters with questions.

STEAK AND CORN ROAST

All are welcome to join us for a steak and corn roast on August the 11th! There will be a lot of food and a bunch of fun games. The event will be held at Roxanne & Dale Johnson's house starting at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$12 per person. If you plan on coming, please list your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you need the address please feel free to contact Roxanne or Hannah. We hope to see you there!



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!





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

From Memorial Day through Labor Day the church office will be open for business Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM – 3 PM. Changes to that schedule due to vacation or illness will be communicated via email. 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.

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 you notes, 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>
September	August 20
October	September 17
November	October 15



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Invite-A-Friend to Faith 9:00 AM Convergent Worship Service 10:00 AM Beginner Handbells 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 6:30 PM Church Council	 6 9:30 AM Flower Judges Group	7 12:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study at Church	1 6:30 PM Youth Committee	2 10:00 AM Greater Cincinnati Herb Society	3	4 9:30 AM Pull in for Prayer
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