

FACTS OF FAITH

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**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, December 17th.



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Pastor P's Perspective

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Faith,

A happy Advent Season to one and all, as we prepare for our coming King—not as a child in Bethlehem, but now as Glorified King upon his throne! To him be all honor and glory and might!

Serve

Over the past several months, I have endeavored to use this article in our Facts of Faith Newsletter to delve into the Process Statement of Faith Lutheran Church. In October, I talked about the primacy of worship in the life of a Christian, and last month wrote about the importance of daily study. How appropriate that this month of December is the time to talk about *service!*

In recent readings during worship, we have been reminded of the nature of Jesus' coming into the world—not to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45). Jesus is a King unlike any other—he is a servant-King. He came to give his life for the sins of humanity, and by his grace, we are forgiven and healed!

As we seek to follow our Lord, we find that cannot do so without *servicing*—our church, our community, and our neighbors. It's a big task. In fact, the work is never done; it goes on and on. Service in the name of Jesus takes many forms. Some volunteer at food pantries or soup kitchens to serve the poor, others offer their time and talent to serve the Word of God in church, while still others volunteer professional services. Furthermore, everyone who has been in a hospital knows that volunteers are an integral part of the work. These are just a few of the ways that folks in our church and community serve, and I'm not even really scratching the surface of service! There are so many opportunities in our church and beyond!

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- 1 Phil Wuorinen
Jayde Shroyer
- 2 Don Kerl
- 4 Michael Lindner
Jon Hesse
Jodi Ridings
- 7 Carol Clark
- 9 Paula Winters
- 13 Phillip Weickert
- 19 Martha Lindner
- 20 Beth Fluegeman
- 25 Nathan Hackmann
- 26 Nancy Thyberg
Marilou Willis
- 28 Ryan Hubbard
- 31 Gene Messick
Anita Strauss



- 12-28-77 Jim & Deb Holthus
- 12-29-79 Kurt & Karen Reiber

UPCOMING DATES AT A GLANCE December 2018

- Dec 5: Vespers Worship Service
- Dec 7: Family Movie Night "The Star"
- Dec 9: Christmas Extravaganza; Caroling & Dinner
- Dec 12: Vespers Worship Service
- Dec 16: Youth Christmas Party
- Dec 19: Vespers Worship Service
- Dec 20: Sew & Such
- Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services 5 PM & 11 PM
- Dec 27: Lunch Bunch



I would like to thank all the members of my Faith family and their friends who have said prayers for me the last six months, all the beautiful cards, words of encouragement and other remembrances you have given me. It has been a trying time, but with my belief in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and you as prayer partners, I have survived. I have a few more treatments to go through but then they think I'm cured for at least now. You cannot believe what it means to know the prayers you say for the people in need. They are so appreciated and accepted. Keep up the good work as members of our prayer chain.

Lee Shroyer

Pastor P's Perspective (continued from Page 1)

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we do well to bear in mind the purpose of the season—to remember that God sent his only Son into the world in order to save it—in order to serve it. In following Christ together, let us each make service a part of our daily life, along with worship and study. Along the way, we may be reminded by these words of our Lord Jesus Christ, from the tenth chapter of Mark:

“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

As we give thanks for the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ, let us also give thanks that He chose us to follow him in service!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

In Christ's Service, Pastor Paul+

This month's Movie Night is December 7th with "The Star"



Join your friends at Faith for Family Movie Night Friday, December 7th. Enjoy a free dinner 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. 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

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11 AM Traditional Service			
Date	Reader	Communion Asst.	Ushers
Dec 2	John Laws	Candy Kerl	Phil & Marilou Willis
Dec 9	David Stockdale	Candy Kerl	Ken Clark & Paula Winters
Dec 16	Paula Winters	Candy Kerl	Ken Clark & Paula Winters
Dec 23	Adelaide Lindner	Candy Kerl	Don Kerl & Sharon Lindner
Dec 24	Ed Umbach	Candy Kerl	Don Kerl & Linda Roeder
Dec 30	Laura Andersen	Candy Kerl	Don Kerl & Sharon Lindner



Thank you to the following people who have offered to help with the Praise Service slides in December: Karen Reiber, David Andersen, Lana Feller & Kate Giver! 9AM Service helpers and ushers TBD.



Faith Lutheran Mission Endowment Committee will once again be considering requests from our members and organizations for money to fulfill the purpose of the Endowment Fund.

The income produced by the Fund during the previous year, provides ongoing support to outreach ministries above and beyond the normal operating budget of Faith Lutheran Church. This is a reminder of what the fund should be used for: ongoing missions within the community and worldwide, special outreach programs and seed money for non-budgeted new programs and/or projects at Faith.

Enclosed in the Facts of Faith is a Faith Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund Grant Proposal form. Forms will also be available on the table in the Narthex by the office. Please put your request in the Endowment mailbox slot in the Narthex or give it to Lee Shroyer. The deadline for these requests will be December 15th, 2018.

The committee will meet the second week in January 2019, after we have ascertained the amount of money that can be spent from the earnings of the fund in 2018, to consider the requests. At that time, the committee will instruct the 5/3rd managers of our fund to issue the checks. Council and the congregation will be informed as to where the money was given. Lee Shroyer, Endowment Chairperson

FAITH LUTHERAN MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**GRANT PROPOSAL**

Date of Submission:

Name, Phone # of Submitter:

Name, Address, Phone # of Proposed Grant Recipient:

Description of Outreach Proposal:

Amount of Grant Requested \$ _____

NOTE: If this grant request is an initial amount for an extended project and additional funds will be required, please include an estimate of the entire cost and a time frame in which requests will be made.

The purpose of this Fund is to enhance the Mission Outreach of Faith Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. A brief supporting statement for the above grant request would be helpful in aiding a final decision.

Deadline for submission is December 15, 2018



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

Church office hours are Monday 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 secretary@faithcinci.org or 931-6100.

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>
January	December 17
February	January 21
March	February 18



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM Church Council	3 7:00 PM Parish Education 7:00 PM Hymn Selection Committee 10 Dine to Donate @ Buffalo Wings 'n Rings	4 11:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study at Church 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	5 6:45 PM Vespers Service 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Doll Club	6 10:00 AM Herb Society 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	7  6:00 PM Family Movie Night showing "The Star"	8
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23 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 AM Handbell Rehearsal Skyline Dine to Donate	24  5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 6:45 PM Vespers Service 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	27  1:00 PM Lunch Bunch 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	28	29
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