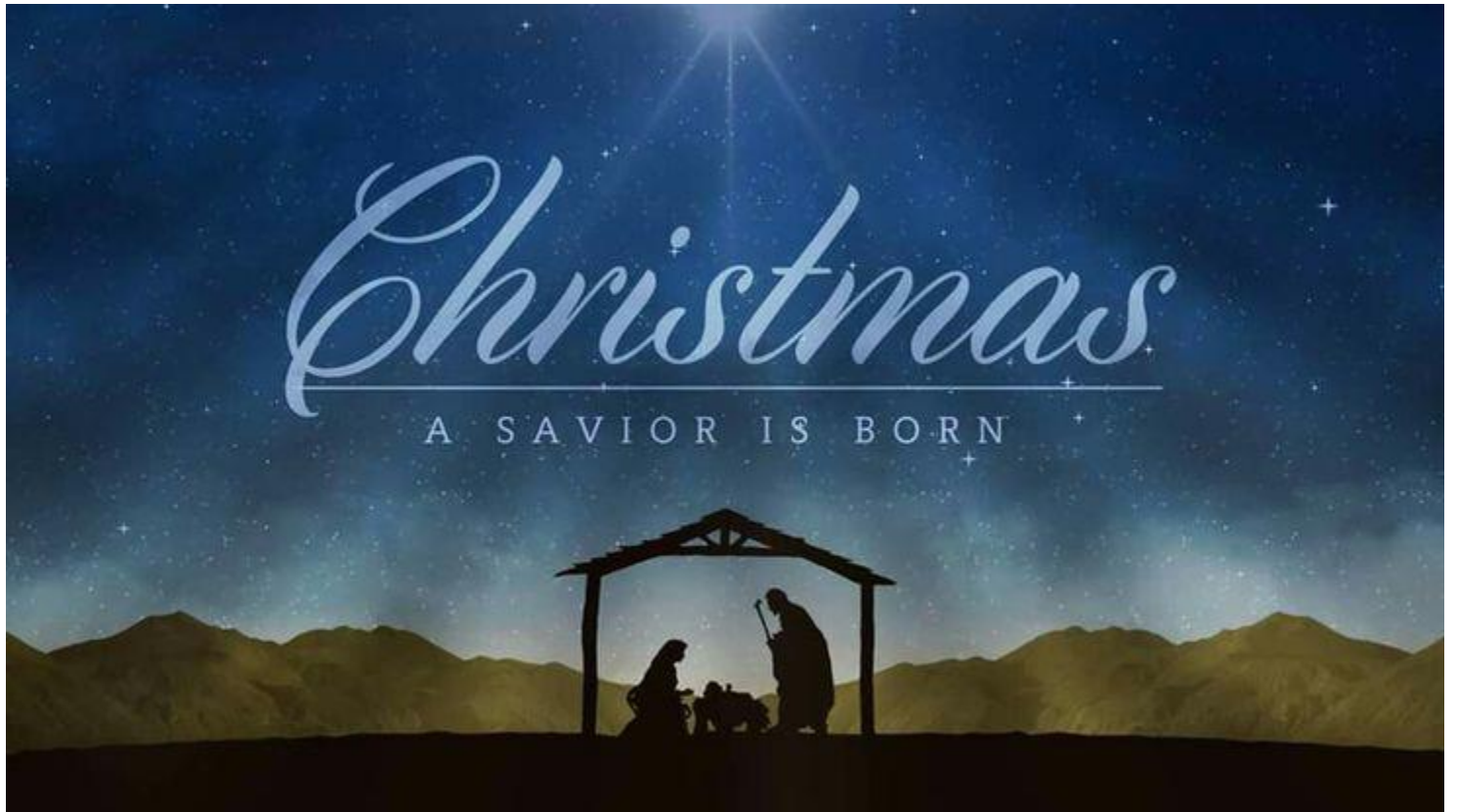


THE EVANGEL



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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December 2024

From the Pastor's Pen...



“Who is Christ for us today.” -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

This is an important question for our time. Often, we want simple answers and try to figure out what is going on in our lives and at church. We see less people coming on Sunday mornings. This bothers us because we desire the church from 20-30 years ago, It was a time when being there on Sunday had more value. We remember that time and we long for it because they are cherished moments in our lives.

What we are looking at now though is it different an experience of church. We miss our friends we lament what we have had in the past. We could easily keep looking backwards at the past and not see how Christ is here with us in the present.

This past month, we did some new things around the church. First, we had our first youth club in which we had six to seven kids joining us to play drums to learn about the walls of Jericho and make a craft together. This was a delightful night for me to witness youth at the church enjoying each other and learning the Gospel together, we will meet again on December 11.

Second, we had a collection of pies and food for Thanksgiving at our food pantry. The collection of pies was a new ministry for us. It was an added gift at Thanksgiving to those in need. This is a special thing that we were able to do.

Also, we were able to have a gathering of women to study at the beginning of the month about what it means to be a Quaker and what it means to be a Lutheran. We hope to continue to meet quarterly with our Quaker friends. We are learning from each other more deeply about who Christ is to us and some ways to discern who Jesus is in our life. This was a special time to gather with fellow Christians learning from each other.

Christ is with us and doing things in our church. And that makes my heart sing. To see the love of Jesus being spread in Wilmington by us, it is happening right here at faith Lutheran Church.

“Who is Christ for us today?” Ponder the question, it will help us to determine how we move forward in a life together. Use this as an Advent practice, pondering Christ’s coming in our lives right now. As we come together this December, let us deeply reflect on who Christ is for us. It is an important part of our life together to pray about this and to discern this together.

Christ is most definitely here amongst us and let’s look for how his presence appears in our lives.

Pastor Joel Richter

WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

November, 2024

Here we go! **Thanksgiving** is coming so please take time to be thankful for everything in your life. That holiday gets overlooked a lot because people sometimes ignore it and go straight to Christmas décor. Make time for prayer for all the blessings in your life and give Thanksgiving your attention with family and friends. Then, you can head straight into the Advent/Christmas season. **Christ the King will be November 24th** and right after church we will be decorating for the Advent/Christmas season so please plan on staying and helping out. It goes so much faster with the help of many. The beautiful season is upon us as it the normal rush to shop and get things ordered. Just remember what the season is about – **Jesus IS the reason for the season.** So keep that at the forefront of your mind while you handle the season. Also, the Advent services are focusing on some of the harder times for people – depression, sadness, loss of a loved one, or just seasonal depression due to the time change. This Advent topic is for you or even if you aren't down, it may help you help others. An in person service will be held December 18th at 7pm at the Church. Please join us.

If anyone is wanting to do Special Music on Christmas Eve – I need the title of the piece by December 1st. The office is really busy in December so make sure you provide that information by that deadline.

So in closing, great news-Danielle Riley graduated from the Air Force Basic Military Training and is now an Airman. She is in Virginia at her Tech school and upon completion, she will be assigned a base. Such a proud moment for her family. And she even said she got to go to church and took communion – she was so glad to finally do that. Many prayers sent her way.

We took time on November 10th to honor Faith Lutheran Church's Veterans. We are so proud of your service and pray for those who are active duty. We thank Doug, Rick, Gerald, Josh, Robby, Ron, Shelley, Don, Kari, Steven, Christina, Corby and especially our active members Gerry, Ben, Amanda and Danielle. Keep all our Veterans in your prayers and we thank them for their sacrifice and service.

So everyone, take care of each other, pray for each other and remember- Jesus Loves You!



See you in Church

Your Organist,
Tammy Maynard



Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

Ruby Ostermeier Caroline Wesbrook
175 Cape May Drive 347 Florence Ave
Room 136 Wilmington, OH 45177

AS2 Amanda Riley, AB Riley, Danielle
1030 N.E. Cordero Place 821 11th Street BLDG 3020
Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Rm 467
Fort Gregg-Adams, VA 23801-1798



BIRTHDAYS

Keith Earley	12/3
Kari Thompson	12/3
Kathy Giacobbi	12/5
Lynn Ackerman	12/8
Chuck McKay	12/8
Beth Mitchell	12/12
Jordan McKay	12/13
Savannah Lisk	12/14
David Brannum	12/21
Danny Carroll	12/22
Andrew Kolodziej	12/23
Doug Campbell	12/24
Brittany Kessler	12/28
Cindy Running	12/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Kim Sprouse	12/10
Nick & Kim Bailey	12/30

Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday

IN OUR PRAYERS....

Zachary Jewell
Darlene Campbell
The Zeckser Family
Caroline Westbrook
Donna Thorp
Carolyn Baur
Bob Minnish
Randy Gray
Carol Mohr
Steve Vincent
Lynn Ackerman

JoAn Davis
Beth Johson
Jenny
Susan Pfeifer & Family
Lynn Cowman
Debbie Holnaider
Jess and Matt Stanley
Michelle Roads
Jimmy Skuhrovec
Rick Roberts
Macey Williams
Brittany Kessler
Anthony Stevens
Pat Sands & family
Barbara Perry
Pam Kuhar
Barry Thurston
Bonnie Ward
Michelle
Jessica Wolfe
Lori Heitzenrater
Hunter Wilson
The Lambcke Family
Jerry Grooms
Bill Lewellen
Jennifer Johnson
Beth Maynard
Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital
Claire Cavender
Lynn Turner
Daniel Payne

Ruby Ostermeier
Vickie Morgan
Chuck McKay
Ron & Sue Jenkins
Gerald & Pat Schultz
Shayna & Kara Spurrier
Michelle Kasten
Cathy Morrison
Harlene Rein
Rick Wilson

Sister of Ben Zella
Daughter in law of Terry & Madonna Johnson
Friend of David & Lani Brannum
Sister-in-law of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Lynn Ackerman
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friends of the Brannums
Friend of Corey Giacobbi
Cousin of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of FLC
Friend of the Riley's
Granddaughter of Harlene Rein
Friend of FLC
Sister of Linda Hall
Sister of Harlene Rein
Friend of Kathy Giacobbi
Friend of Josh Riley
Friend of Diane Zella
Sister in law of Lani Brannum
Friend of the Riley's
Family friend of the Newman's
Friend of the Riley family
Friends of the Riley family
Brother of Harlene Rein
Brother-in-law of Kathy & Steve Vincent
Daughter in law of Ron Johnson
Aunt of Becky Riley
Cousin of Harrison Sargent
Friend of the Riley Family
Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda Wheasler)

Pat Cantwell
Jacob Harrison
Julie Minney
Bentley, Lynne Eirons
Kristin Foster
Sue Zurface
Russ Burton

Friend of Betty Pfeifer
Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son
Daughter of Vickie Morgan
Family of Donna Thorp
Granddaughter of Don & Sue Newman
Friend of Becky Riley
Friend of Josh & Becky Riley



Members, family, and friends serving in military

Danni Riley
Amanda Riley
Ben Thompson
Parker Haley
Nick Gumley
Luke Williams
Rebecca Carter
Laura Person
Derrick Izor
Isabella Grimm
Kayla Wilson
Liz Gray



Member of FLC
Member of FLC
Member of FLC
Nephew of Amy Wilson
Grandson of Ruby Fisher
Friend of Amanda Riley
Cousin of the Brannum Family
Cousin of Amanda Riley
Cousin of Michelle Kasten
Friend of Danni Riley
Friend of the Riley family
Friend of Danni Riley

If you are sick for any reason – please stay home or do not come to Church if you are apprehensive about your health. If you have a temperature or do not feel well – **PLEASE** – do not come to church – stay at home. Also please stay at home if a person in your household is ill or running a fever. This is for any illness, also meaning please do not enter the building even if you think no one is here. We have vulnerable members in the congregation. You may not know the health conditions of your neighbors in the pews. With this in mind, love your neighbor by staying home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our service will be recorded Live on Facebook and posted in Flocknote.

www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington

Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to

<https://www.flcwilmington.com/donationsofferings>

Volunteers Needed-There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Greeters/Ushers, Communion Assistants and Lectors. Please check the dates and see if you are available to volunteer a Sunday.

The 2025 Altar Flower Chart Has Been Posted On The Bulletin Board In The Narthex. Sign up on your preferred Sunday and indicate if they are given “in memory of...”; “in celebration of...” or “in honor of...”- A \$20 donation is suggested. Thank you!

Welca Website: The website Womenoftheelca.org has very good articles, including Daily Grace, which may be of interest to you. Check it out! Café is an award-winning web-based magazine (boldcafe.org) for young adult women who are interested in how faith relates to issues women face today.

Kroger Community Rewards Program:

05/01/24-7/31/24 **\$87.05** contributed to the **youth group fund.**

A Kroger Plus card is needed to enroll. See office for more information or:

You may re-enroll via phone at 1-866-221-4141.

To enroll, go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

A successful sign-in will take you to a page with a first paragraph entitled **Kroger Community Awards**. In the text of the paragraph click where it says “click here”. You will then be on a page “Find Your Organization”. In the first box, type **QG123** or Faith then click search. **Choose Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church** and then save.

Food Pantry News For the total of the month of September our food pantry helped 36 adults, 48 seniors and 19 children (103 total people - 49 families). If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry, see Jack Connor or Terri Roberts. To help supplement our Food Pantry this year, we are asking the congregation to bring a different product each month as shown below.

Food Pantry Donations 2024

December-Paper Towels

January-Canned Soup

February-Toilet Paper

March-Canned Vegetables

April-Tissues

May-Canned Tuna

June-Hand Soap

July-Canned Fruit

August-Dish detergent

September-Canned Pasta Sauce

October-Laundry Detergent

November-Canned Beans

December-Toilet Paper

Planning Meeting

Fellowship community to meet Dec 1st 10am Fellowship Hall



Come out and join us here at church on December 11th, 6 pm until 7 pm for our first youth club. Any age youth is welcome. There will be drumming, a craft and lots of fun learning about God together.

Advent Fellowship Dinner

December 8, 2024

4pm Gather
5pm Dinner

RSVP to office by 12/1/24
bring a dessert to share!

PIC·COLLAGE

Christmas Eve worship

**Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm
with Communion and candlelight.**

SERVICE OF
*Lessons
& Carols*

**This service will be one service December 29th 9:30 am
In place of the sermon we will have Lessons & Carols.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	2 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	3 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	4 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	5 6pm - Girl Scouts	6 6:30pm - Fiber Guild @	7 9am - Ladies Bible Study
8 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship 4pm - Advent Gathering	9 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	10 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	11 9am - Quilting Club @ 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	12 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @ Faith	13	14 9am - Ladies Bible Study
15 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	16 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	17 10am - Pastors Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith	18 9am - Quilting Club @ 10am - Food Pantry Open 6pm - Girl Scouts @ Faith 7pm - Longest Night	19 6pm - Girl Scouts	20	21 9am - Ladies Bible Study
22 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	23 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	24 Christmas Eve 7pm - Christmas Eve	25 Pastor Out Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed 6pm - Girl Scouts	27	28 9am - Ladies Bible Study
29 Pastor Out 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult Sunday 10:45am - Worship	30 10am - Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm - NA meeting	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3	4

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
December 2024

ALTAIR GUILD		COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
12/1/24		12/1/24	
12/8/24		12/8/24	
12/15/24		12/15/24	
12/22/24		12/22/24	
12/29/24		12/29/24	

GREETERS/USHERS		LECTOR 830	
Date	Name	Date	Name
12/1/24		12/1/24	
12/8/24		12/8/24	
12/15/24	Brannum's	12/15/24	Steve Vincent
12/22/24		12/22/24	
12/29/24		12/29/24	

LECTOR 1045		COFFEE HOSTS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
12/1/24		12/1/24	
12/8/24		12/8/24	
12/15/24	Lani Brannum	12/15/24	
12/22/24		12/22/24	
12/29/24		12/29/24	

ACOLYTES		Christmas Eve	
Date	Name	Date	Name
12/1/24		GU	Levi and Hadley Sargent
12/8/24		Com Asst	Megan Sargent
12/15/24	Brannum	Lect.	Harrison Sargent
12/22/24		Acol	
12/29/24			

ALTAIR FLOWERS		READINGS	
Date	Name	Date	Name
12/1/24	Margaret Johnson in memory of husband Chuck & Shelly McKay in honor of Chuck's birthday	12/1/24	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
12/8/24	Ackerman's in memory of Abe & Colletta Ackerman	12/8/24	Mai 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
12/15/24	Giacobbi family in memory of Kevin Pfeifer.	12/15/24	Zeph 3:14-20; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18 Micah 5:2-5a; Ps 80:1-7; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55
12/22/24		12/22/24	1 Sam 2:18-20,26; Ps 148; Col 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52
12/29/24			

CHECK OUT FAITH'S FACEBOOK PAGE

You do not have to be a member of Facebook to access our page - just type www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington into your browser window and you will be taken directly to the page.

WEB NEWS

For congregational news, go to: www.flcwilmington.com

On-line giving now available through our website.

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is in
the Southern Ohio Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

For synod news: www.southernohiosynod.org

For national news: www.elca.org

ELCA Presiding Bishop: *Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*

Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod: *Rev. Suzanne Dillahunt*

***ALL Meetings/Events/Projects must be booked
thru the office to be added to the calendar***

DEADLINES

Bulletin Announcements–Wednesday by 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Calendar– No later than third Sunday of the month.

Email: faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com



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To Share God's Love

To Care For Each Other

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SUNDAY 8:30am & 10:45am

**Youth Sunday School,
& Catechism (gr. 6-8) classes (SEP-MAY)
Adult Sunday School (All Year)**

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