

A photograph of a young, vibrant green tree sprout growing from a weathered, greyish-brown tree stump. The background is filled with more stumps and debris, suggesting a forest in the process of regrowth. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the wood and the fresh green of the foliage. On the left side of the image, there is a vertical green bar with a subtle, abstract pattern.

**A shoot**  
shall come out  
from the stump  
of **Jesse**

ISAIAH 11:1

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2014 Allison Lane, Jeffersonville, Indiana, 282-6993 (Office), www.flcjef.org.

**Rev. Scott Meier, Pastor**

December 5, 2010

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### FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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## **WELCOME!**

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. There is a red Fellowship Pad at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information for the parish report.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don & Vivian Smith

### **REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS**

Betty McLaughlin   Norma Boehme   Ken Steward   Catherine Pittman   Edwina Andregg  
Lori Sorenson

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

### **Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:**

Today, Dec. 5	9:15 am SCS	Wed., Cont'd	6:30 pm SS & Confirmation
	10:30 am Worship		6:30 pm Brownies
	After; Coffee Time	Thurs., Dec. 9	9:00 am WCS
	Choir Practice		1:00 pm Adult Bible Study
Mon., Dec. 6	10:00 am Faithful Quilter		5:30 pm Daisy Scouts
	7:00 pm Christian Ed. Meeting	Sun., Dec. 12	9:15 am SCS
Tues., Dec. 7	9:00 am WCS		10:30 am Worship-Cong. Budget Meet
Wed., Dec. 8	10:00 am WELCA SonShine Group		After; Coffee Time, Council, Choir Practice

### **Announcements**

**CHRISTIAN ED MEETING:** Just a reminder for all SCS teachers, there is a Christian Ed. Meeting on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 pm. Please plan to attend. See Carol Taylor for more information

**POINSETTIAS:** We will again be adorning our altar with poinsettias for Christmas. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to submit your order is Sunday, Dec.12. Place your form in the offering plate and please be certain to designate in honor or memory.

**BUDGET MEETING:** The annual congregational budget meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, Dec.12. Please plan to attend and make your voice heard.

**CLM FOOD BASKETS:** If you didn't get an angel off our tree and would still like to assist with this ministry, you can bring any of the following items to church by Sunday, Dec. 12. Potatoes(5#), Macaroni & Cheese, Corn, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Milk, Eggs, Butter, Dessert, Fresh Fruit, Peanut Butter &Jelly

#### **LAST WEEK AT FAITH**

<b>Offerings:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>
<b>Current \$ 2701.00</b>	Worship      68
Other <u>100.00</u>	Nursery <u>3</u>
<b>Total      \$ 2801.00</b>	<u>71</u>

We need at least \$3236 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week?

Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

#### **SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Pastor .....Scott Meier	Acolyte..Reagan Zimmerman
Assistant... Bill Holman	Crucifer..Samantha McCoy
Organist.....Barb Brewster	Greeters..Holman
Fin. Asst... S. Andrews	Social.. Czerwonka
Nursery .....Lisa Peter	Audio.. Bill Holman
Altar Guild.. Beth Wright & Bev Haire	
Ushers..Whitney Hayes, Scott Rife, Mike & Karen Vesce-	
lus    SCS Teacher....Megan Holman	
<b><u>Next week:</u></b> Asst.-B. Haire; Acolyte-R.Zimmerman	
Crucifer – K. Peter; Social– Vogt; Greeters-Neathamer	
SCS Teacher– S. Neathamer	

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump  
of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of  
the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge  
the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the  
earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of  
his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the  
wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around  
his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the  
asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the  
adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy  
mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the  
LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19****SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in  
the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11.

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