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ISAIAH 35:1



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Scott Meier, Pastor

December 12, 2010

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 Charlotte Davis in honor of Trish Perry's birthday

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Betty McLaughlin Norma Boehme Ken Stewart 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:

<p>Today, Dec. 12 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship - Cong. Bud. Meeting After; Coffee Time, Youth event, Choir Practice</p> <p>Tues., Dec. 14 9:00 am WCS <i>Jan. Newsletter Articles Due</i></p> <p>Wed., Dec. 15 6:30 pm SS & Confirmation 6:30 pm Brownies</p>	<p>Thurs., Dec. 16 10:00 am WCS Christmas P 1:00 pm Adult Bible Study 5:30 pm Daisy Scouts</p> <p>Sat., Dec. 18 OWLS Christmas Party @ Vogt's</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 19 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship After; Coffee Time, Choir Practice 6:00 pm Christmas Pitch-in and Program</p>
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Announcements

POINSETTIAS: We will again be adorning our altar with poinsettias for Christmas. The cost is \$15 and the deadline to submit your order is today. 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 today. Please stay and make your voice heard.

CLM FOOD BASKETS: See Virginia for information.

OWLS CHRISTMAS GATHERING: OWLS are gathering at the Vogt's on Sat., Dec. 18th at 2 pm. Please bring a salad, appetizer or dessert. See Nancy or Jim for more information.

THANKS: Bruce Williams would like to thank our Faith members for visits, cards, and support during the time of Billie Williams' recent illness and death. Special thanks to those who prepared and served the meal to his extended family following Billie's funeral. All expressions of sympathy were appreciated.

FIRT CHRISTIAN CHURCH DONORAMA: The Holiday Donorama will be Wed., Dec 15, 2-7 pm

LAST WEEK AT FAITH

<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
Current \$ 2689.00	Worship 75
Other <u>65.00</u>	Nursery <u>3</u>
Total \$ 2754.00	78

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

PastorScott Meier	Acolyte..Reagan Zimmerman
Assistant... Dick Klemens	Crucifer..Kristina Peter
Organist....Barb Brewster	Greeters..Neathamer
Fin. Asst... S. Andrews	Social.. Vogt
NurseryLisa Peter	Audio.. Bill Holman
Altar Guild.. Beth Wright & Bev Haire	
Ushers..Whitney Hayes, Scott Rife, Mike & Karen Vescelus	
SCS Teacher....Sandy Neathamer	
<u>Next week:</u> Asst.-B. Haire; Acolyte-D. Jancosek, Crucifer	
– W. Hayes; Social– Rife; Greeters-Haire	
SCS Teacher– B. Haire	

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
 the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
 like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
 and rejoice with joy and singing.
 The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
 the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
 They shall see the glory of the LORD,
 the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
 and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 "Be strong, do not fear!
 Here is your God.
 He will come with vengeance,
 with terrible recompense.
 He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;
 the unclean shall not travel on it,
 but it shall be for God's people;
 no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
 they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 146:5-10

or Luke 1:46b-55 [not printed]

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,
 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way
 before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."