



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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*"Faithful Lutherans sent by Christ to
serve God's children"*

JANUARY, 2014

From the Pastor

The year, 2013, has passed and we begin the year 2014. This year is the year for the Winter Olympics, this year, in Sochi, Russia. As much as I enjoy the competition in the various sporting events, I always try to watch the opening and closing ceremonies. To me, this gathering of the world's elite athletes gives me a glimpse of what God's kingdom may look like. For just a few hours, the attention of the world is focused on the activities of a few who come together in peace to share in the joy of being together. The next day, these same athletes who enjoyed each other's company, will compete against one another to see who is the best on that given day. But for a few brief hours, competition is suspended, and space is made for the peace and harmony that God has always desired for those whom God loves.

As we look forward to a new year of ministry together, may we remember the peace we can achieve when we work together following the will of God. This winter and spring will be the last for our 3 year old pre-school program. In the fall, only four year olds will grace our building with their joy and laughter. During this year, we will be training to begin our new literacy ministry. The need for this ministry is overwhelming and after much prayer and discernment, the congregational Council has taken on this new direction for our ministry. They will be looking for your support for this new ministry, financially and volunteering your time and talents to help adults to read so that they may acquire a GED, find meaningful employment and become a contributing member of our city, our state, our nation, and our world. And who knows, we might even catch a glimpse of God's kingdom in our midst.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Scott

PRAYER CONCERNS

We ask God's special care for:

Members

Anne Steaban, recovering from colon cancer surgery
 Fred Steaban, recovering from back surgery
 John Taylor, health concerns
 Beth Wright, thyroid treatments
 Dennis Yellina, brain cancer

Family & Friends

Megan Bartram, health concerns
 Liz Booker, breast cancer treatments
 Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer chemo treatment
 Sally Gettelfinger, health concerns
 Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition
 Richard Lewman, bone cancer
 Shelly Marshall, breast cancer surgery
 Jennifer Mitchell, breast cancer
 Richard Peter, health concerns
 J C Richardson, health concerns
 Angela Rutledge, heart attack
 Douglas Sagstetter, Hodgkins lymphoma
 Karen Sackstader, health concerns
 Theresa Sizen, health issues, asthma
 Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue
 Bill Winn, dementia
 JJ Edrington, fluid on her brain
 Jane Bottorf, health concerns
 Martha Harding, health concerns
 Bruce Harding, health concerns
 Jim Wheat, kidney cancer
 Norma Hamilton, treatment for cancer
 Brad Boston, closed head injury
 Tammy Goatley, lung cancer

***We celebrate with these couples having
 anniversaries in December***

Dennis & Wendy Yellina	1/18
Edith & Ron Woodward	1/26
Jim & Nancy Falkenstein	1/27



*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of any one you would like to remain or be placed on the list

Shut-in:

*Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
 *Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
 *Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
 *Walter Clive, at Home
 * Don Smith, Windsor Ridge

Service agencies/programs/special needs:

*Eric Hall Foundation
 *Service Men and women at home and abroad
 *Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
 *Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home
 *If you are in need of prayer, please contact Pastor Meier at 812-282-6993 or on his cell phone (260-273-1250) or one of the prayer chain leaders: Virginia Klemens (288-8809) or Nancy Vogt (282-2014)

God's Blessing on those with birthdays in January

Cindy Holley	1/4
Matt McCoy	1/5
Karen Lane	1/6
Ed Peter	1/8
Kaitlyn Higginbotham	1/10
Janet Kulaga	1/10
Felicity Hawkins	1/13
Jessi Jones	1/13
Bruce Miller	1/15
Bob Parish	1/17
Wendy Yellina	1/18
Judy Diekhoff	1/19
Brandon Woehrl	1/24
Colin Hawkins	1/25
Gordon McCall	1/25
Michelle Campbell	1/27
Dorothy Clerici	1/29



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Service that I am wanting to advertise



BEV HAIRE

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

Due to our Ohio Valley weather, we did not get to have our Cookie Swap for December. But have no fear, we are just going to move it to February 8th, 10 a.m. at the Church. Our theme will be "Share the Love" (Thanks to Judy Tureson for this wonderful title!!!!). You are once again requested to bring a brunch item to share, 2-3 dozen cookies along with the recipe and your smiling face. We will fix containers for our shut-ins for Valentine's Day and send some to Veronica's friends. So mark your calendars now to attend. We have a great time and it will be even more special if you are there. Bringing a friend or two is always a terrific idea.

There will be no regular circle gatherings in January and February (only our "Share the Love" cookie swap on February 8). We will reconvene in March with more information to follow about time and places. There will be both a morning circle and an evening circle. Pick one or both and come join the fun.

Have a Blessed New Year!

Your sister in Christ,
Bev

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www.flcjeff.org

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

KEN HAWKINS

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
DECEMBER OFFERINGS(THROUGH 12/22)

12/1/2013	Regular Offering	\$2616.10
	PDF	25.00
	Christmas flowers	<u>30.00</u>
		\$2671.10
12/15//2013	Regular Offering	\$4611.00
	PDF	25.00
	CLM	20.00
	Christmas Flowers	60.00
	Gayle Smith Mem.	<u>85.00</u>
		\$4801.00
12/222013	Regular Offering	\$3068.00
	PDF	25.00
	Christmas flowers	30.00
	CLM	<u>35.00</u>
		\$3158.00

*Please note that our per week giving needs to be **\$3596.00** in regular offering to continue the missions of Faith

Thank you for keeping your pledges. We're doing pretty good so far. We welcome everyone back from their summer and hope it was a restful one for all!.

Thanks, Ken Hawkins

SOME INFORMATION



FILL OUT THE FORM AND STAY INFORMED!

Just a reminder our wonderful facility is open for reservations using the facilities request form. See Patti to fill this out. And for those of you who faithfully use the form already- *Way to go!* -Kate Blough



We will continue to receive blankets, sleeping bags and tents in support of Exit 0 homeless outreach. See Ken Hawkins or any council member for more information.

CLM News

Thanks to all who made Christmas brighter for families served by the Center for Lay Ministries by supporting our annual Angel Tree project. THANKS to Sandy Neathamer for coordinating the project and to Sue Neathamer for her help. THANKS to all who donated food, money or gifts. THANKS to the small cadre of Youth who wrapped gifts on December 15th. On behalf of the Board and staff of CLM, thank you!

Thanks to Faith Weekday Church School and the scouts of Girl Scout Troop 1243 for the Advent food drive held and to Dennis Johnson for delivering food to the center in time for Christmas basket distribution on December 20th. The shelves always need to be replenished at the beginning of the new year!

Thanks to the church council for continuing to include CLM in the annual budget and to the OWLS and individuals at Faith who donate food and money to support CLM throughout the year. CLM is hosting a breakfast for all churches in Clark County on January 14th to present services provided by CLM and encourage regular financial support. Faith can be held up as an example of the many ways to support CLM.

If you would like to be included on the mailing list to receive regular communication from CLM, please contact Virginia K Lemens. If you'd like your name removed from that list please do the same.

NEWS & NOTES

FAITH LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING!

JANUARY 19, 2014

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

BRING A DISH TO SHARE, MEAT WILL BE

PROVIDED BY COUNCIL.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS IMPORTANT
DATE!!**

Evangelism/Outreach

Thanks to those who attended the Evangelism/Outreach meeting on November 25th. Special thanks to Carol Taylor for facilitating and making minutes available to all.

Homecoming will not be an annual event at church. In January each year, a reception will be held to welcome those who have joined the church in the past year. Homecoming will be held in five year intervals. Thanks to Dan Diekhoff for his effort this year, the homecoming event was well planned and the speaker excellent!

Rick Barr is trying to make a pictorial directory available for 2014. Weather and work continue to impede the process.

The shepherding lists have been used several times in November and December. Feedback from the congregation is welcomed regarding this effort to communicate with the members of Faith.

The use of the "mike" for announcements during worship will be discussed at the annual meeting. Suggestions for announcements during worship are welcomed prior to the annual meeting. Contact Virginia Klemens.

The committee is recruiting Ambassadors and a new chairman for 2014. Please see Virginia Klemens with questions or interest regarding either responsibility.

The next meeting of the Evangelism/Outreach Committee is January 27th at 7:00 p.m. at church. Thanks to all who continue to Faithfully serve!

NEWS & NOTES**"ADULT LITERACY CENTER****Don Walker****ADULT LITERACY CENTER**

Our State of Indiana partners have been actively meeting and planning to begin our training. They have also been busy planning and preparing a Teacher's Manual for our use. The Literacy Center Steering Committee will meet with our partners during the first part of January to discuss more details for our training and for opening our new LITERACY CENTER.

The Steering Committee held an organizational meeting in November in the fellowship hall. A number of people interested in learning more about the Literacy Center as well as finding out how to volunteer to help people increase their literacy skills attended the organizational meeting. However, people who were not able to attend the organizational meeting have also expressed an interest in volunteering for the Literacy Center. People who were unable to attend the November Organizational Meeting and are interested in learning more about the Faith Lutheran Church Literacy Ministry are invited to contact Don Walker 812-283-9018.

The Steering Committee determined that additional computer laptops will be required in order for the Literacy Program to operate successfully. Anyone wishing to donate a computer laptop with Windows software should contact Rick Barr (812-246-4056).

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 1243

KATE BLOUGH

Happy New Year from Girl Scout Troop 1243!

December was a fun month for our troop as we got to do all sorts of exciting activities! We celebrated some badge-work accomplishments during our first meeting, wrapped a LOT of presents at Mall St. Matthews to help generate funds for our Savannah 2014 trip this summer, collected baby food products for CLM, decorated a parade float for the Light-Up Jeffersonville Parade and ended the year with a winter party and Cookie training!



It's Girl Scout Cookie Season!

The wait is finally over! If you do not have a favorite scout your faithfully order from every year, we will gladly accommodate your every cookie wish by taking your order. The prices are still \$3.50 a box and we have all the classics. 2nd year Brownies and older will be using their proceeds to help pay for the Savannah trip in July plus the girls take donations for the Gift of Caring (if you don't want to purchase cookies for yourself.)

Thank you for your continued support and allowing us to meet at this fantastic church! As always, we couldn't do it without you. ☺

Your faithful leader,

Kate Blough



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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1243 DECEMBER 2013



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT**KATE SCOTT****COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year! Who's excited about 2014 besides me? If you aren't, you should be! Time to reset our clocks, our goals, our visions... Maybe it's time to establish some resolutions? Or perhaps January simply means changing the calendar. For me, it brings about new opportunities to discover over the next 52

weeks. If you know me, you wouldn't think I would want to add more to my already full plate. However, I am not the one in charge of "filling my plate!" My job in life is to determine what I'm going to do with my "full plate." That is your job too. We each have the responsibility to decide how we choose to use the gifts and opportunities God puts before us every day. How will you use your gifts in 2014? Forget about the new golf bag your wife got you for Christmas or the new Xbox game your dad gave you and really think about those gifts that only God can grant. Are you patient? Kind? Generous? Are you good with money? Are you crafty? Are you smart? It is time to check in with our Holy Spirit guide to inspire and illuminate the path for us to venture in 2014. We are all flower bulbs of the Lord lying in wait for the spring-transforming, changing and preparing to burst forth and show the colors and design He has planned for us! Don't hesitate- just do it! Embrace the changes and enjoy the routine. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:" Ecclesiastes 3.



Your faithful servant in Christ,

-Kate Blough

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
2014



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER

USHERS: VOLUNTEERS

ALTAR GUILD: VOLUNTEER

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: COUNCIL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>AMBASSA- DOR</u>
Jan 5	Volunteer	Youth	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Jan 12	Volunteer	Youth	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Jan 19	Volunteer	Youth	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Jan 26	Volunteer	Youth	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer