



THE FAITHFUL NEWS

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

FEBRUARY, 2014

From the Pastor

February continues to look at Jesus as he is revealed to the world. Usually, we are transitioning in February from Epiphany to Lent. Not so this year. Lent and Easter are coming late and with the weather we have been having lately, it looks like spring will be late this year also.

The first Sunday in February is a special day. February 2 is called the Presentation of our Lord Sunday. It is 40 days after Christmas and commemorates the time when Jesus was presented in the Temple to be dedicated to God as the first born child of Mary. According to Jewish custom, the new mother and child live in semi-seclusion for 40 days. Then, if the child is first-born and male, the mother takes the child to the Temple to dedicate his life to God. She then goes through a ritual purification. Traditionally, especially in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, this day is set aside to bless the candles the church will use throughout the year so it has often been referred to as Candlemas. Before the Reformation, this day was considered the last day of the Christmas season. This would be a good day to put away any lingering Christmas decorations you may have.

The last Sunday of February will be our youth Sunday. The youth of our congregation will take the leadership roles in worship that day and we will hear from our three seniors, Jack Hayes, Eric Miller and Matt Holden as they tell us what Faith means to them. This is always a great experience both for our young people and for those of us who have seen them grow in faith and stature over the years.

So come and help us worship our Lord together throughout the month of February. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will be able to gather to worship and experience the Christ among us.

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
- 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, recovering from surgery to remove kidney
- Norma Hamilton, treatment for cancer
- Brett Wilson, colon cancer
- Wanda Noble, serious complications from surgery
- Marshall Lucas, recovering from surgery after fall

We celebrate with these couples having anniversaries in February

- Lyle & Peg Gernand 2/7
- Eric & Lisa peter 2/13
- Dick & Virginia Klemens 2/15
- Ed & Fammie Peter 2/28



*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone 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 February

- Virginia Klemens 2/1
- Max Zimmerman 2/1
- Barb Fitzpatrick 2/2
- Barb Brewster 2/5
- Blake Finchum 2/5
- Aliyah Vogler 2/7
- Mike Baugh 2/8
- Sue Neathamer 2/14
- Christa Hodge 2/16
- John Taylor 2/19
- Norma Boehme 2/20
- Sandy Neathamer 2/20
- Will Czerwonka 2/21
- Sammie McCoy 2/21
- Josh Emily 2/24
- Art Andregg 2/25
- Kathy Hayes 2/27



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BEV HAIRE

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

W.E.L.C.A. will have our cookie exchange on Saturday, February 8th, 10 a.m. at the church. (We had to reschedule the December's gathering due to snow). Our theme is to "Share the Love!" Please bring a brunch item to share, 2+ dozen cookies (and recipe) to fill the containers for our shut-ins and to send to Veronica's friends and your beautiful smile. We will have lots of fun, share our brunch, do a little planning for the coming year, short devotions and fill our containers. I hope to see all of you there!!!!

Our regular circle gatherings will resume in March and April. The evening circle will meet the second Tuesday of each month at a local restaurant for dinner and fellowship/support of each other. Our first gathering will be Tuesday, March 11th at a local restaurant (time and place to be decided at the cookie exchange). The morning gatherings will meet the first Tuesday of each month at my home (3709 Bailey Drive, Jeffersonville) starting in April. The first morning gathering will be April 1st, 10 a.m. We hope all the ladies will be able to make one or both gatherings. There are **NO** special requirements to attend, just show up (bring a friend) and plan to have a fun filled, spiritual time with your fellow sisters in Christ. If you have any questions, just give me a call (812-282-8182).

Your sister in Christ,
Bev Haire

Faith Lutheran Website

www.flcjef.org

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

KEN HAWKINS

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT
JANUARY OFFERINGS(THROUGH 1/19)

1/5/2014	Regular Offering	\$5506.00
	PDF	25.00
	Pastor's gift	<u>150.00</u>
		\$5681.00
1/12/2014	Regular Offering	\$1975.00
	PDF	25.00
	CLM	20.00
	Pastor's gift	125.00
	The Lutheran	<u>10.00</u>
		\$2155.00
1/19/2014	Regular Offering	\$2714.50
	PDF	75.00
	CLM	10.00
	Pastor's gift	<u>140.00</u>
		\$2939.50

*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

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**SCOTT RIFE****Faith Congregational Meeting Minutes****January 19, 2014**

Vice President Judy Bartram called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm

Pastor Meier led the meetings opening devotions.

The 2013 Congregational Minutes were unavailable for approval.

Rick Barr presented a church council motion for a constitutional change that would change the makeup of the church council from nine members and a treasurer to seven members and a treasurer. The reason for this suggested change is the shrinking size of the congregation. Don Smith seconded the council motion. The motion carried.

Nomination and approval of 2014 church council followed. There are 6 remaining council members for the 2014 year; Kate Blough, Arlys Johnson, Judy Bartram, Mike Bough, Don Walker, and Ken Hawkins. Leaving council are Rick Barr, Dan Diekhoff, and Scott Rife. The floor was opened for nominations for the needed seventh member. Rick Barr nominated Tom Hayes, no other candidates were nominated. Pastor moved to close the floor for nominations, Veronica Rife seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tom Hayes was approved as a new member of the 2014 council. The 2014 congregational council retreated to another room to select council officers. After a short recess council returned and presented the congregation with this slate of officers for approval. President, Tom Hayes; Vice President, Judy Bartram; Financial Secretary, Ken Hawkins; Secretary, Kate Blough. The slate of officers was approved by the congregation.

Rick Barr took over the meeting while the council was selecting their officers. Rick began with the financial report. Rick reported that as of December 31, 2013 Faith had \$24,701.45 in our checking account, and also \$19,975.87 in memorial funds. Dennis Johnson was asked to review our current mortgage status. Dennis reported that the mortgage stood at \$135,000 +/- with 10 years remaining as of May 2013. After congregational approval in June 2013, \$68,255.85 from memorials was applied to the mortgage. Because of these actions the mortgage in January 2014 stands at \$58,500 with 4 years remaining. Rick Barr presented a recommendation from council to take \$8,000.77 from the "Sabbatical fund" and apply it to the mortgage. Much discussion followed.

MINUTES CONT'D

Rick pointed out that the "Sabbatical fund" and the "Professional expense" line item both located under Pastoral Compensation package are virtually duplications of each other. It was noted that council did approach Pastor to see if he would have any need for the Sabbatical fund in the future. Pastor said he didn't foresee any need to tap this fund for the next couple of years. Don Smith moved that the "Sabbatical fund" of \$8000.77 be applied to the mortgage. Patti Smith seconded the motion; the motion was approved with one vote in opposition. After applying these funds and February's regular mortgage payment our mortgage will be below \$50,000 and less than four years remaining on the mortgage. Great Job Faith!!!! Dennis continued reviewing the budget. Rick Barr moved that we increase the budgeted total for Workman's Compensation Insurance (budget line item 8a) by \$250.00. The new total for this item would be \$5250. Scott Rife seconded the motion, motion passed. Discussion about the budget continued including a question from Jim Vogt about the HVAC system and whether Faith would have funds in case of repairs or system failure. It was pointed out that there are funds in the HVAC fund and other monies that are budgeted for this system. Judy Vogler inquired if our cooling units were safe from theft? Mike Baugh reported that since our units had been stolen a couple years ago the property team took steps to ensure these units were secure. Don Smith moved to accept the newly approved budgets with its changes, Patti Smith seconded, the motion passed.

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Committee reports continued, Mike Baugh reported that the local chapter of Thrivent is in need of new members to join the board. Currently, the board is short members and the local chapter is in limbo. Mike also informed the congregation that if they donate Thrivent Choice dollars to Faith and want them to be designated toward a certain group, the best thing to do is contact the church treasurer and let them know how much and where they want these donations to go.

MINUTES CONT'D

Virginia Klemens spoke on behalf of the Evangelism and Outreach team. Virginia pointed out all the great works that our little church does within the community. Some of the activities include preschool for the community, our supporting of CLM and other local causes, the work of WELCA, the OWLS and the Quilters to name a few. Virginia pointed out that Faith had gained several new members last year including Bruce and Martha Miller, Helen Kane, Jim and Judy Tureson, Matt Krieger and Bill and Sonja Holman. Welcome all to the Faith Family. At the end of her report Virginia notified the congregation that she would be stepping down as leader of the Evangelism/Outreach team. It would be great to have someone step up to fill this void. Rick Barr personally thanked Virginia for all the work she has done.

Don Walker was asked to give a report on the Adult Literacy program that will soon be starting at Faith. It has been determined that there is a huge need for this service in our area. Don reported that the steering committee for this program is as follows. Fammie Peters representing the OWLS; Judy Bartram/Council; Rick Barr/technology; Lyle Gernand/property; and Don Walker who will act as leader of this program. There have been several meetings with state officials and the trainer who runs a similar type of service in Salem. More meetings will be held on March 12th, 13th, 19th, & 20th from 3pm to 6pm. Student candidates will be referred to us via the high school, the local library, the state, and walk in traffic. Don also reported that the state would be donating 10 laptops to help serve the program needs. It is hoped that this new community outreach program will be up and running as soon as April.

Dennis Johnson took time to thank Bill Holman for his previous years serving as church treasurer.

Near the conclusion of the meeting Pastor was presented with his Christmas/New Year's gift.

Don Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Arlys Johnson seconded. The motion passed.

Faithfully submitted,
Scott Rife

NEWS & NOTES—YOUTH

We decided not to join the SCC group at Perfect North for the ski trip.

News since last Sunday. St John Lutheran has hired a youth director. Her name is Cassi Smith. St John is planning to sponsor the Trivia night fund raising event on Feb. 22 @ 7:00pm. This lets Faith off from planning this event. The doors open at 6:30. Tables of 8 are \$100 each, or \$12.50 per person. We will need to talk this up among members at Faith and see how many tables our church can fill. Last year Faith's share of the profits from this event was \$360 to go toward expense incurred for our Detroit trip in summer 2015. There was no mention of Broom Ball so I assume that event is not going to be scheduled for this year. This event is the night before youth Sunday.

Our next event will be our participation in Youth Sunday on Feb. 23. The seniors Matt Holden, Jack Hayes and Eric Miller will be doing the sermon.

There will be a practice for this on Saturday Feb. 22 @ 11:00am.

All three senior youth sermons are due in Pastor's office a week before, Sunday Feb. 16. You will be expected to read at least part of your sermon at this practice.

Up Coming Events

March 5	Ash Wed. No conf.
March 7-8	SCC sponsored "Famine event" @ Christ Lutheran, 9212 Taylorsville Rd

Service projects we hope to include are helping senior citizens at the Good Samaritan Home in Jeffersontown, KY, or helping the homeless by cooking and serving a meal in Jeffersonville, IN

We will return to Christ for some fun time together, Worship and break our fast with communion at their regular 5:30 worship on Saturday and then enjoy a pitch in meal with our parents using all of our favorite, different dishes brought by the youth or their parents.

March 23-April 5	Spring break
April 6	Begin selling Easter Breakfast tickets
April 19	Busy Saturday 12 noon -2:00 pm Remember to bring HARD BOILED EGGS (3 OR 4) ,2 PIECES OF FRUIT FOR SR. EASTER BASKETS, COFFEE CAKE OF SOME SORT

We will be busy setting up the room and setting tables for Easter breakfast, preparing food, making candy for Sr baskets and children's egg hunt, dying eggs, filling and delivering senior baskets, making CLM eggs with envelopes.

April 20th	EASTER SUNDAY Be at church by 8:15 We still have to decide the menu for this event.
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May 10	Work day at Lutheran Hills. SCC plans to go as a group to help get the camp ready for summer. Details to follow.
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May 23-24	Spring Youth retreat at Taylor's home 6:00 pm Fri. for dinner spend the night, return home 4:00pm We are NOT going to L. Hills for this retreat.
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June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
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July 5	Youth has Loaves and Fishes
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NEWS & NOTES**CLM**

On January 14, 2014, church leaders in Clark County were invited to a continental breakfast hosted by the Financial Development committee of CLM. Seven churches responded to the invitation and were presented with a history of the organization, information about the programs at Bliss House and Bliss Too and the current operation of the food pantry. Greg Henderzahs, Interim Executive Director, Julie Schwerer, Director of the Bliss House, and Virginia Klemens, Chairman of the Board, made presentations. Faith Lutheran was held up as an example of a small church making a big difference at CLM. We include CLM in our annual budget, support our annual Angel Tree project serving families in need at Christmas identified by CLM, the girl scout troop we sponsor is conducting a baby food drive, our pre-school example of "giving" not "giving up" during Lent is being used to encourage all Clark County churches this Lenten season and the OWLS just recently donated \$400 > from proceeds from our spring yard sale and Concert in the Park dessert sales.

January 22, 2014, "A Place at the Table", a documentary by Bill Moyers about poverty in America, was presented by the Thelma Mathews Social Service Committee. Phyllis Croce and Libby Pollard, members of the CLM Board, coordinated this event as part of the educational programming being provided to the community by CLM. Thanks to Libby Pollard, Director of the library, for making a room in the library available for this showing.

The annual fund-raiser in Celebration of the Bliss House is being held on February 8, 2014 at Louisville Slugger Field Hall of Fame. Arlys and Dennis Johnson, Scott and Veronica Rife and Virginia and Dick Klemens will represent Faith at that event.

Your donations of money and non-perishable foods are encouraged and appreciated as we serve families in need in Clark County. Please visit our website at www.centerforlayministries.org for more information about programs and highlights of this important ministry in our community

Virginia Klemens

CLM 2013 Christmas Basket

Faith Lutheran was able to sponsor 6 families this past Christmas. One family we provided gifts for the children at the last minute as a request from CLM. We provided a meal and groceries for 5 families which included ham or turkey, milk, butter, eggs, fresh fruit, juice, holiday candy and dessert. Members also donated canned good items. We were able to give \$225 dollars to CLM after all food and gifts were purchased. The children of those families also received gifts.

I would like to thank all members of Faith. It was truly a blessing for me to help organize and represent the Faith this Christmas season. A special thank you to Carol Taylor and the youth group along with their parents for wrapping the gifts for the children. Also, a special thank you to the OWLS for their monetary donation to provide the meat for the meals. Thank you Sue Neathamer for helping with the shopping of the fresh groceries and delivery to the families.

Thank you once again,

Sandra Neathamer

NEWS & NOTES—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Newsletter Feb. 2014

Weekday Church School

The final pre school registration will be held of Feb. 1, 2014 at 6:30 am. This year we will only be taking registrations for children one year before they will enter kindergarten. There will not be a first year program in 2014-15. Weekday will close for the final year time on Thursday, May 21, 2015. For preferred registration for the existing first year students to be in effect, We must have heard from you before FEB. 1.

We have been closed due to the weather more than we have had school. It has put us behind academically as well as having to miss some Bible stories. No, we will not be making up these days at the end of the year. The farm trip on May 15, will still be the final day of school year 2013- 2014

For your information Faith Lutheran's Vacation Bible School is set for the week of June 23-27 Make your calendars now. Yes, we will still have the community dinner on Friday evening , June 27 at 6:00 and the program at 7:00. pm. This is a great reunion time for all the past children in our WCS program. It is really great to see them meet and great each other on the Monday of VBS. **MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW TO RESERVE THE WEEK SO YOUR CHILD CAN BE A PART OF THIS.**

Let's hope for better weather so that we can get back to our routine.

Christian Education Committee

ATTENTION ALL VBS PEOPLE

There will be a meeting on Feb. 24 at 7:00pm to look at 2 different companies VBS material and choose one of them for this summer's program. All are welcome to come and add their ideas to the process.

We have added Monica Hawkins to the Sunday morning staff for "church " Sunday school.. She will be teaching on the third Sunday each month. Welcome aboard Monica.

NEWS & NOTES

"ADULT LITERACY CENTER

Don Walker

ADULT LITERACY CENTER

Members of the Steering Committee met with representatives of the State of Indiana, Washington County Success and Opportunity at Reading (SOAR!), and the Director of the New Albany Public Library January 17. We reviewed and discussed a draft Teacher's Manual and will be making suggestions for corrections to tailor the manual to our program at Faith. The Steering Committee also reviewed the training assessment tool and various training materials currently used by Washington County SOAR! personnel.

A twelve hour training program for literacy teachers was scheduled at the January meeting. The training will be conducted at Faith from 3:00 – 6:00 pm Wednesday March 12 and Thursday March 13, and from 3:00 – 6:00 pm Wednesday March 19 and Thursday March 20. The training will be provided by Erica Schmidt, Director of Washington County SOAR! Training to enable teachers to use the "Open Book" program will be provided at a later date.

The State representative reiterated the Indiana Department of Workforce Development's commitment to assist us with the establishment of our Literacy program. Their commitment includes providing us with training, training materials, and student referrals. Finally, the State representative indicated they will be buying laptop computers for our Literacy program.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding the Faith Lutheran Church Literacy Program to Don Walker, 812-283-9018.

GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 1243

KATE BLOUGH



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1243 is on a roll in 2014 starting with their annual sale of cookies! The Girl Scout Council Gift of Caring program will donate boxes overseas to deployed troops and our troop will use the proceeds from the sale for our trip to Savanna, GA this summer and other various field trip activities.

We welcomed Mrs. Veronica Rife to our last troop meeting as she presented the girls with the US Flag given as a token of appreciation for the cookies sent to her and the troops she served with in Afghanistan last year. Aside from cookies, the girls are working on badges and GS Journeys, planning trips and anxiously awaiting warming weather so they can get outdoors again!



COOKIE BLITZ!



**March 8th
10 am – 4 pm at
Faith Lutheran!**

Come meet our girls at our 2nd annual COOKIE BLITZ drive-through booth and purchase some cookies for either yourself or to donate!

February meetings at Faith Lutheran: Feb 9th 3-4:30
Feb 3rd 3-4:30

World Thinking Day event: 2/15, 1-3:30 @ Speed Memorial Church in Sellersburg, IN

Troop 1243 Cookie Booths:

- Feb 21 Fri Save-a-lot Jeff 4p-8p
- Feb 22 Sat Save-a-lot Jeff 9a-12 noon
- Feb 22 Sat Walgreens-Spring 1p-5p
- Feb 22 Sat Rural King Jeff 5p-9p
- Feb 28 Fri Save-a-lot Jeff 4p-8:30p
- Mar 1 Sat Bass Pro Cville 9a-1p
- Mar 1 Sat Krogers Jeff 1p-5p
- Mar 2 Sun Big Lots Cville 1p-5p
- Mar 8 Sat Save-a-lot Jeff 9a-4p
- Mar 15 Sat Krogers Jeff 5p-9p
- Mar 15 Sat Walgreens-Holmans 9-5p
- Mar 16 Sun Rural King Jeff 1p-5p



Mar 8 Sat Church Drive Thru 10a-5p



Your Faithful Leader:

Kate "Tigger" Blough

OUT-GOING PRESIDENTS' LETTER

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on the church council in the role of president during 2013. This experience has given me a new perspective on what it's like to oversee the operations of the church. I will continue to stay on council for one more year as secretary and look forward to the guidance, and leadership of Tom Hayes! I regret I could not be attend the annual meeting this year as I was celebrating Jessie's birthday in Columbus, OH. I will also continue to serve as church-school teacher on the 4th Sunday of every month and lead our Girl Scout troop wherever its path will take me! Thank you for your support and fellowship!

Your servant in Christ-

Kate Blough

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

2014



SERVING AT FAITH FOR THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY

USHERS: B. & C. HOLMAN

ALTAR GUILD: J. LAKES

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: COUNCIL

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>SOCIAL</u>	<u>AMBASSA- DOR</u>
Feb 2	Volunteer	Youth	Haire fam- ily	D. & A. Johnson	Lyle
Feb 9	B. Haire	Youth	Johnson family	J. & N. Vogt	Virginia
Feb 16	V. Rife	Youth	J. & B. Rife	M. & B Miller	Volunteer
Feb 23	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth