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January 13, 2019

This Week at Faith 1/14 – 1/20/19

Mon.	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	BYOBible Study @ O’Keefe’s
Tues.	3:05 pm	Drama
Wed.	8:15 am	Chapel
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Bells
	7:15 pm	Choir
		<i>Mite Weekend</i>
Sat.	9:00 am	Board of Stewardship
	5:00 pm	Worship w/Communion
Sun.	8:45 am	Sun. School/Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship w/Communion
	11:30 am	GodConnects Class

Church Office/Quad Closure



As part of the renovation process, the church building is scheduled to be tented for termite treatment on Friday, January 25. **All buildings in the**

church quad will be closed (gates locked) through Tuesday, January 29. Activities scheduled for these buildings during this time period will be relocated, rescheduled or cancelled.

The school is not affected by this closure.

Monday Bible Study will be held in the CLC Social Hall on Monday, January 28 @ 10 am.

If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Kappel at (352)434-2827.

If you have any questions, contact the church office (352)589-5433 or church@flcse.org.

Thank you for joining us. Worshipers are asked to fill out our friendship form during the offering. The friendship forms are in a black vinyl case located at one end of the pew. Please fill out the form, and then pass it to the next person in your pew.

For the hearing impaired we have receiver units to enable you to better hear the service. Ask an usher for such a unit if you desire one. ***Not currently available***

Meet the Pastor – Our Pastor is available at the back as you leave the service today. Feel free to ask any question you have about Faith or the ministries we offer here.

Attend a Bible Class – Small Group Bible Study is where you can meet friends that become family as you learn and grow together in your faith in Christ. We have groups for every age in your family. Please see the time and locations listed below.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes 8:45—9:30 AM
Kindergarten through 5th – CLC Youth Room
Middle School – CLC 5th Grade Classroom
High School – CLC Science Room
Adult – Pastor’s Forum – Social Hall

Sunday Morning—11:30 AM (Begins 1/13/19)
GodConnects (New Members) – Social Hall

Monday Morning Bible Class 10:00 AM
Adult – *James and Jude* – Social Hall

Daily Readings

January 13: Ezek. 36:13–28; Rom. 4:1–25; **14:** Ezek. 36:33–37:14; Rom. 5:1–21; **15:** Ezek. 37:15–28; Rom. 6:1–23; **16:** Ezek. 38:1–23; Rom. 7:1–20; **17:** Ezek. 39:1–10, 17–29; Rom. 7:21–8:17; **18:** Ezek. 40:1–4; 43:1–12; Rom. 8:18–39; **19:** Ezek. 44:1–16, 23–29; Rom. 9:1–18.

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their Savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

Prayers

Each week during worship we remember people in our prayers. Please use this list to minister, send a card or note, make a personal visit, and remember these people in your prayers. Please let the church office know of any changes in the ongoing prayer list.

Those ill, hospitalized or struggling:

Tim Warner (Dorothy Murto's son-in-law), Rick Monroe (Bonnie Whicher's brother), Chester Smith, Kayla Debraggio, Louise Bova, Casey Schumacher (Brantley Prince's cousin), Jan & Robert Abbate (friends of Betty Orr), Judy Rosche, Ann Lyons, David Lowell, and Ray & Rose Siewert.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1/14 Lynn Alexander, Elaine Hawes, Jeanine Ryan
 1/15 Bonnie Arnold
 1/16 Joe & Patty Spallone (54 years)
 1/17 Ken Greinke
 1/18 Kelly Cavaliere, Rosa Lee Ondich
 1/19 Shemaine Berget, Gabriella Dennis, John Emmons, Destyn Fort, Andre Gardin, Ken Jensen, Glenna Shaw
 1/20 Edward Cavaliere, Samantha Klement, Ozzie Mallo, Donna Rampe, Rose Siewert

Others

A prayer of comfort for Wanda Irwin at the death of her husband, Jim Irwin, last weekend.

A prayer of protection for those serving our country: Jack Rotar (Jeremy Fritz's nephew), Jesse Thurman (Brian & Pat Brugger's grandson), Makhala Baker (FLS parent), Alexander Bien (grandson of Dick & Joyce Fosselius), Christ Hagenson (Corey & Dawn Beiner's nephew), Gregory Gillinger and William Burcher.

Prayers for the Wasmund family, missionaries in Korea.

Stewardship

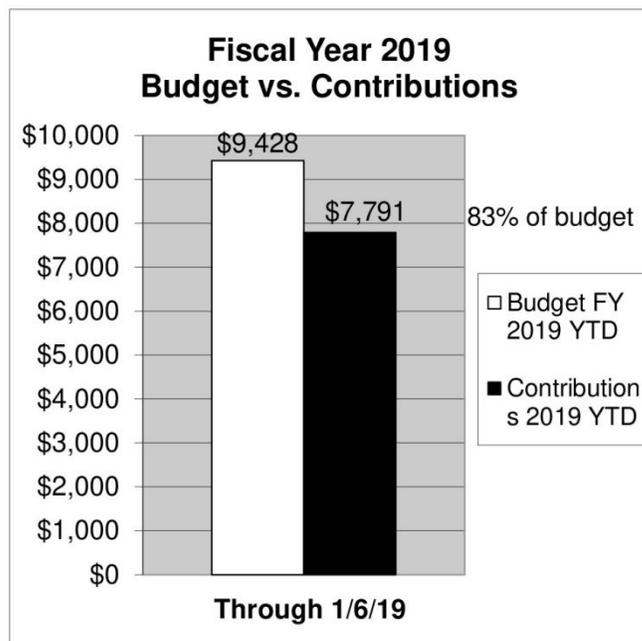
Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

Attendance – W/E 12/30/18

Sat.	5 pm	46
Sun.	10 am	133

	<u>Bible Class</u>
Sunday	26

	<u>Sunday School</u>
PK3–5th	6 students / 1 teacher
6th—12th	2 students / 1 teacher





Did you know that 89% of the people in American don't have a financial safety net?

Shocked? I was too. But there's HOPE! And that hope is Financial Peace University. FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, you will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense.

Through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability, we will learn how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future. Just imagine the impact on the community if we were all debt-free! Marriages and families would be strengthened. People would be freed up to be outrageously generous. This kind of hope will ignite change in our entire community!

Message me your questions or sign up at <https://fpu.com/1076464>

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BYOBible Study

Men's BYOB meets the second Monday of every month, beginning at 7 p.m. We meet at O'Keefe's Irish pub in Tavares, both to quench our thirst and to solve some current events problems from a Christian viewpoint. If you're a man and a Christian, we hope you can help us solve some current problem--or at least tackle it! For first-timers, your first beverage is free.

The next meeting will take place Monday, January 14th at 7 p.m.

GODCONNECTS

A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY

GodConnects – January 13, 2019

We are forming a new adult membership class. It will start Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11:30 am in the Social Hall of the Christian Life Center. Whether you have questions about Christ or want to deepen your faith in Him, this class will explore what the Bible says about our God, and how His love gives direction and meaning to your life today and forever. This class is designed for those who are interested in learning or reviewing the foundations of the Christian faith. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. Child-care is provided. Watch an introductory video at www.lhm.org/GodConnects

Confirmation

Is your child in 6th-8th grade and looking to understand more about the Christian faith and how it has relevance in this day and age? Does your child enjoy playing games and competing against classmates for trivial prizes? Join us for our meetings at 6pm to find out more about confirmation here at Faith and why it is such a useful component in faith development.

Strawberry Fundraiser

Do you like strawberries? Then here's the fundraiser for you! Help the Faith Lutheran Youth Group raise funds for their trip next summer to Minneapolis, MN by purchasing a 4 quart box of strawberries for \$20! Orders go out now and will be available for pickup in February! Plan now for a sweet February by pre-ordering your box today! The class that sells the most will win a strawberry shortcake party! Purchase forms may be found in the church or school office, with any of our high school youth, or with Mr. Yurk. If you have any questions, contact DCE Mike Yurk at myurk@flcse.org or stop by the church office!



An Update on Stewardship for 2018

Greetings to the members of Faith,

To quote Martin Luther, “I have held many things in my hand and lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.” Here at Faith, we have been blessed that you have placed your gifts in God's hands. With that said, we have exceeded our 2018 budget with your gifts! Soli Deo Gloria! (Glory to God alone!)

Proverbs 3:9-10

⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops;

¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

With that said, here are some statistics and numbers for us to examine and pray about as we move into the New Year and an update on some new opportunities for our congregation as we move forward.

Recently, the Board of Stewardship has been tracking contributions/weighted average of our members (baptized, confirmed and households) as seen in the table below. The weighted average numbers are NOT absolute membership numbers at the end of each year, but account for the time during the year a member category was on the roles for that year, thus the weighted average.

Having just completed values for 2018 and comparing them to prior years you can see that, even with a very good year in 2018 in terms of overall contributions vs. the budget, the contribution values per unit of measurement have not changed significantly over the three-year period. In fact, until 2018 we were seeing a decline in contributions even though membership was increasing.

Looking forward to 2019, your Board of Stewardship is planning a campaign called Consecrated Stewards which will begin in the fall and conclude just prior to Thanksgiving. That program stresses the importance to the growth of faith of the believer that results from providing the first fruits of what God has given us for the purpose of growing His church and spreading the gospel. Given the success of that program in other congregations, the Board of Stewardship and the Consecrated Stewards planning committee are optimistic that the trend in contributions/weighted average of our membership can once again trend upward.

Year	Weighted Average of baptized members	Weighted Average of confirmed members	Weighted Average of households	Contributions per baptized members	Contributions per confirmed members	Contributions per household
2016	548	471	297	\$877	\$1020	\$1622
2017* EOY	573	480	307	\$788	\$940	\$1472
2018** EOY	593	495	310	\$860	\$1030	\$1646

*Based on \$451,648 contributed in 2017

**Based on \$510,180 contributed in 2018 through 12/31/18

Help Us Get a Bus!

We are blessed that a very generous church member has offered a matching gift of up to \$50,000 toward the purchase of a new bus for Faith Lutheran Church & School. We are very excited about this generous offer and hope to raise these funds as quickly as possible!



If you would like to make a donation to be matched by our benefactor, please bring or send your donation to the church office. And, check with your employer. Many employers will also match charitable contributions, so you may want to check on this as a way to make your donation go even further! Thank you for your support!

Faith Athletics

On Tuesday night, our varsity girls basketball team hosted 1st Academy of Leesburg. After a slow start, our girls really got into form and poured it on in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters, coming away victorious with the final score being 35-3. We played a tough 1-3-1 defense that forced a lot of turnovers which led to many fast break scoring opportunities. We had a great balanced scoring attack, led by Shamyah with 10 points, Giana with 8, Bella with 6, Kallon with 5, Millie with 4 and Emma with 2. A great game was played by all. Way to go Lady Crusaders.

Volunteers Needed

Occasionally, volunteers are needed to answer phones and greet visitors in the church office. If you'd be willing to help out, please contact Shanon in the church office. (352)589-5433 or sburke@flcse.org

Thank you from the Wasmunds

Dear Friends at Faith,

Advent and Christmas greetings to you from Seoul! On behalf of my family, I wanted to thank you for the chance to worship together once again when I was stateside in November for a Missions conference. We are blessed as a family to be in partnership with you.

Recently, you made another generous contribution in our name for \$862. As always, this is received with gratitude towards our fundraising goal.

Peace & joy to us all in Jesus' name! Thank you!

Matt, for the family
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Yongsan Gu
Seoul 04326 ROK



**Masquerade
GALA**

20TH ANNUAL PTL AUCTION
MARCH 2, 2019

This is Faith Lutheran School's largest fundraising event of the year! Join us for an evening of fun and excitement involving dinner, a live and silent auction, and other fundraising activities.

For more information email Valerie Meyer at ptl@flcse.org



Faith Lutheran SPIRIT NIGHT!

SAT. Feb 23, 2019 – 7:00PM

TICKETS AS LOW AS \$20!

Join the Orlando Solar Bears on Faith Lutheran Spirit Night. A certain percentage of all tickets sold will be donated back to the Faith Lutheran School and Church!

For more information, please contact
 Susanne Dressner
 at 352.589.5683

Tickets can be purchased by returning the completed form below before February 11 along with payment to
 Faith Lutheran School PTL
sdressner@flcse.org

Please make all checks out to **Faith Lutheran School**.

STUDENT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
 PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ CLASS: _____

TICKETS REQUESTED: _____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED:
 _ TICKET(S) @ \$20/ea. \$ CASH
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ CHECK (Made out to *Faith Lutheran School*)

IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
 Orders will be assigned seat locations on a first come, first served basis and are subject to availability.
 All sales are final, no refunds or exchanges. Not valid at the Box Office. Please send all orders together if you want to be seated together.

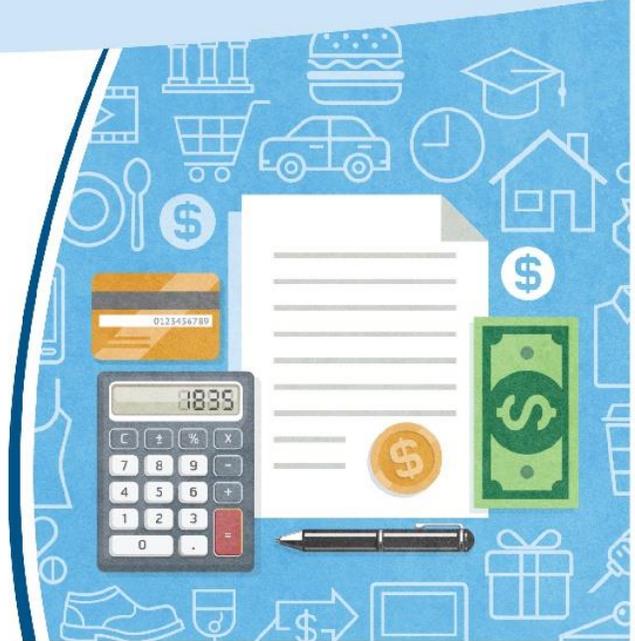
YOU'RE INVITED

Please join me for an educational event

Learn about tax law changes that could impact you and your family. Get positive, professional guidance from a membership organization of Christians that has been helping its members be wise with money and live generously for more than 100 years.

Attend the U.S. Tax Reform: How it Could Affect You workshop

Congress recently revised the U.S. Tax Code, affecting millions of Americans. Find out how you and your family fare under the new changes. Register for this free workshop to learn more about the important new tax law.



Please choose from one of the following events:

EVENT DETAILS

Thursday, January 17, 2019
4:00 p.m.
Jeff Albright's, Thrivent Financial Office
354 N. Highland Street, Suite: 3
Mount Dora, FL

Thursday, January 17, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Jeff Albright's, Thrivent Financial Office
354 N. Highland Street, Suite: 3
Mount Dora, FL

RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY

Please call Jacqueline Spencer at 352-383-8001 or email jacqueline.spencer@thrivent.com by January 17, 2019.

Refreshments will be served at the event.

These sessions are hosted by Thrivent Financial representative Jeffery A Albright, FIC.

Dear friends,

With joy and gratitude, we look back at this year and once again can only give thanks to God for His undeserved mercies to us. Through your partnership in this mission, we are supported and encouraged in the work that we are called to do. This last year we thank the Lord for much, including:

- January - Matt completed his degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.
- February - Matt began an active support role to the ministry in Bangkok where Into Light Center connects Thai people to our mission team.
- March - We worked with a short-term mission team of high schoolers from Orange Lutheran in California who traveled to engage in the ministry in Chiayi, Taiwan.
- April - Our family was blessed to be able to celebrate Easter at the church where Lily and Olivia were baptized in Taiwan.
- May - Matt led the mission team of English and Bible teachers at the school in Taiwan on a ministry-planning retreat.
- June - This month marked a year and a half since Dee Dee began to serve at a local orphanage where she organizes a toddler English program to assist this marginalized group of young Koreans.
- July/August - We were stateside sharing stories about God's mission in East Asia; Lily entered a new school, having graduated from her previous one, opening up new paths for relationships and service opportunities.
- September - Dee Dee recommenced leading a weekly women's group which gathers for Bible study, fellowship and prayer, welcoming back long-time members and new participants.
- October - Reformation anniversary activities coincided with a celebration of 60 years of Lutheran mission in Korea; Olivia turned 11.
- November - Our family helped organize intentional fellowship and community-building activities (including a Thanksgiving dinner for close to 100 people) at our congregation of International Lutheran Church in Seoul.
- December - We are opening our home during the holidays to neighbors, visitors and friends, providing joyful opportunities to fellowship and share the message of love, forgiveness and salvation in Jesus; Lily turned 13.

We also sincerely thank you, our partners in ministry, for your faithfulness, interest, kind regard and support. We entrust 2019 into the hands of our Mighty God and Savior. Christ is born unto us!

Matt, Dee Dee, Lily and Olivia Wasmund
LCMS missionaries in East Asia

Matt Dee Dee Lily Olivia

