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December 9, 2018

This Week at Faith 12/10 – 12/16/2018

Mon.	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	BYOBible Study @ O’Keefe’s
Tues.	10:00 am	Guild Board
	12 noon	Women’s Guild Luncheon
	3:05 pm	Drama
Wed.	8:15 am	Advent Chapel
	5:45 pm	Advent Meal
	6:00 pm	Confirmation
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship
	7:45 pm	Bells & Choir

Mite Weekend

Cookie plate pick up before & after services

Angel Tree Gifts due

Sat.	5:00 pm	Worship w/Communion
Sun.	8:45 am	Sun. School/Bible Study
	10:00 am	Worship w/Communion

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 of the sanctuary 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

Monday Morning Bible Class 10:00 AM

Adult – *James and Jude* – Social Hall

Daily Readings

December 9: Is. 26:1–19; 1 John 3:1–24; **10:** Is. 26:20–27:13; 1 John 4:1–21; **11:** Is. 28:14–29; 1 John 5:1–21; **12:** Is. 29:1–14; Jude 1–25; **13:** Is. 29:15–30:14; Rev. 1:1–20; **14:** Is. 30:15–26; Rev. 2:1–29; **15:** Is. 30:27–31:9; Rev. 3:1–22.

Advent & Christmas Worship

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesdays, 8:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Monday, Dec. 24th

7 pm Candlelight Service

11 pm Candlelight Service w/Communion

Christmas Worship – Tuesday, Dec. 25th

10 am Worship with Communion

New Year’s Eve – Monday, December 31st

7 pm Worship with Communion

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:

Frank Story, Bonnie Taylor, Robert Hildreth, Dr. Alfred Policke (Martha Richards' dad), Casey Schumacher (Brantley Prince's cousin), Richard Register (Jan Voigtman's uncle), Jan & Robert Abbate (friends of Betty Orr), Wayne MacDonald (Dorothy Murto's cousin), Judy Rosche, Ann Lyons, Olivia Black (Shayne Black's daughter), David Lowell, and Ray & Rose Siewert.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

12/11 Dan Zebrowski
 12/12 Virginia Leffew, Kody Roundtree, Kyle Roundtree
 12/13 Lois Ford, August Gerken
 12/14 Fernanda Dennis
 12/15 Jeff & Kim Lanning, Diana Richards, Adele Rickord, Lori Wagner

Others

A prayer of protection for those serving our country: Jack Rotar (Jeremy Fritz's nephew), Jesse Thurman (Brugger's grandson), Makhala Baker (FLS parent), Drake Snyder (friend of Charlene Lyons), 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.

Email Contact

We've recently had to change how we send out emails from the church office. If you have not received email communication from the church recently and would like to be included, please let us know by sending an email to sburke@flcse.org. Thank you for your patience during this transition.



Stewardship

Luke 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.*’ ” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do. That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

Attendance – W/E 12/2/18

Sat.	5 pm	56 / 50 communed
Sun.	10 am	183 / 156 communed

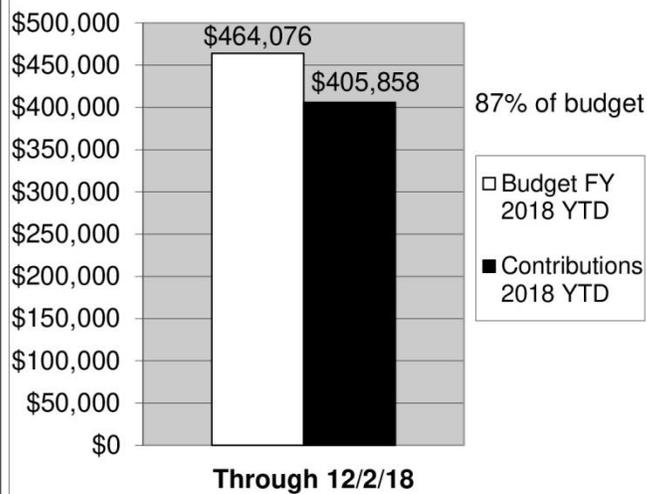
Bible Class

Monday	15
Sunday	40

Sunday School

PK3–5th	10 students / 1 teacher
6th–12th	7 students / 1 teacher

Fiscal Year 2018 Budget vs. Contributions YTD



DCE Corner / Youth

Crazy to think, but the holidays are right around the corner! As always, we expect to see all youth attending the National Youth Gathering in Sunday school and church weekly. For the youth Advent dinner, please bring sides, desserts, and drinks to share with the pulled pork and pulled chicken meal. Come dressed up in your craziest Christmas sweater on December 8! Bring a Christmas snack or goodie to share, as well as a white elephant gift to participate in the gift exchange! Any questions about any of the dates or want more information? Email DCE Mike Yurk at myurk@flcse.org or call the church office at (352) 589-5433!

Dates to Mark Your Calendars-

December-

- 5- Youth Board
- 8- Youth Christmas party @ 6pm in the Fellowship Hall
- 12- Youth Advent Dinner at 5:30pm
- 12- Confirmation @6pm

January-

- 2- Youth Board
- 9- Confirmation
- 12- High School Youth

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

Advent Music Notes



As this season of anticipation comes upon us, please know that our musical groups in the church and school are indeed preparing things. We hope that all who hear will take something away – perhaps to enjoy the season a bit more.

The adult choir, faith ringers, and instruments will offer some additional music for our Wednesday services – as well as the weekend worship opportunities. There’s so much great music for this season, as well as for Christmas of course – it’s difficult to narrow things down. But we do look forward to providing more stuff!! Some of our school students, and groups, will look forward to offering appropriate things during our school chapels on Wednesdays in December. These chapels are always open to members of our congregation as well.

Already mentioned is a drama –“Humbug” – to be included as a portion of evening worship on Wednesday, December 12th. It’s a nice one-act and uses adults as well as our students. It’s not long, so don’t worry about being here all night – we won’t be. It’s the classic story, but with a more liturgical twist.

We look forward to this great opportunity – the season of preparation. We hope you might find our musical and drama offerings of enjoyment to you!!
~Michael Neas, Director of Church Music

SCRIP—Gift Cards for Christmas

Please remember to purchase your gift cards, gas cards, grocery cards, etc. from the SCRIP program sponsored by our school. The cost of the gift card is the same to you—a \$50 card costs you \$50 and is worth \$50—but the school earns a percentage of each card. You can place orders every Monday morning in the school office. Please see the flyer in church or school office for the cards that are available. As always, thank you for your support!

Help Us Get a Bus!

While our white bus has served us very well for many years, many of you know that it is very old and in constant need of repair. (If you've ever ridden in it, you know this first hand.☺) We recently received an offer and sold the white bus. And, while we still have the yellow bus, it, too, is starting to show its age.



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 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!

Be an Angel

Our Annual Angel Tree Campaign began on Saturday, November 17th and there are still plenty of angels in need. Please choose an angel from the tree in the church narthex and sign the Angel Tree Book next to the appropriate Angel Number. After shopping for your child, wrap the gifts and mark them with the Angel Number. **Return the gifts to the church before Sunday, December 16th.**



With your generosity we can help to make this a Merry Christmas for 35 or more boys and girls in our community. Thank you and have a blessed Christmas!

Christmas Cookie Plate Pick Up



The Christmas Cookie Plates and Boxes will be ready for pick up in the Social Hall on **Saturday, December 15 in the afternoon and at the evening service. You may also pick up your cookies on Sunday, December 16 before and after worship services.** When you pick up your plate, please be sure to check your name off the Cookie Plate Order List. This will help us to make sure that everyone gets their order. Thank you for supporting Missions through Women's Guild!

Women's Guild

Our annual Christmas Celebration and Salad Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 11th. It will be held at 12:00 Noon (one hour earlier than usual) in the Social Hall. We will also have a brief meeting. If you are able, please bring a salad or your favorite light luncheon dish to share. All congregation women (and friends!) are most welcome!

Remember to bring the little Christmas stocking that you have been filling with extra change for Faith's Needy Family Fund.

Guild Board meeting will take place at 10:00 AM (one hour earlier than usual) in the Social Hall.

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, Dec. 10th at 7 p.m.

Faith Athletics

Varsity Boys Win First Game of the Season

The Faith Lutheran Varsity Boys' Basketball team earned their first victory of the season over the Knights of Adventure Christian, by a score of 26-16, Tuesday night at the Christian Life Center. The Crusaders got off to a good start leading by 14 at halftime. Faith was able to hang on and earn the victory. Landon T. led the way with 18 points, while Andrew M. scored 4. Jayden H. and Russell F. completed the scoring by scoring 2 points each.

Advent Dinner

Join us for a mid-week jolt of food, fellowship & faith on Wednesdays during Advent. Serving from 5:45PM – 6:45PM with Dessert & Beverages.

- Dec. 12th - Hosted By Youth Group - Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Chips
- Dec. 19th - Hosted By Faith Choir & Bells – Chili & Vegetable Tray

Christmas Greetings

It is a tradition at Faith Lutheran Church to encourage members to give special offerings to the Lord at Christmas in lieu of sending Christmas greetings to other members of the congregation. All who give such a gift will be listed in the December 23rd announcements on a special Christmas greetings page.

Simply put your gift in an envelope and plainly mark it “CHRISTMAS GREETINGS” and put it in the offering plate or leave it at the church office by Monday, December 17th. .

Altar Guild & Flowers

The 2019 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the office. There will be a sign up book in the Social Hall each weekend. You may sign it or contact the church office. The cost is \$36 per weekend. You can take the arrangements home after the service on Sundays.

If you don't want to sponsor a particular weekend, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the altar guild. Your generosity ensures that we have fresh flowers for worship every weekend.



Christmas Poinsettias

You can purchase a poinsettia for \$7 to adorn our chancel area this Christmas season in:

- remembrance of a loved one
- in honor of an occasion

Please complete this form to order your poinsettias and **return** the form and payment to the church office by **December 17th**. Names of loved ones or the occasion will appear in the worship folders Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Thank you.

Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Other: _____

No. of poinsettia plants: _____ x Cost \$7.00 Total: \$_____

(Please include payment with this form and return to the church office by **December 17th**.)





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