

## Hanging of the Greens



Each year we share the Christmas season in a beautifully decorated sanctuary. Help make it happen as we gather immediately after the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on December 20th to decorate our building. Sign up in the Information Center. If you would like to make soup for our group, please indicate when you sign up. Thanks.

**LIVING NATIVITY -  
DECEMBER 20th  
7:00 P.M.**



Once again, plans are being put together for our Living Nativity. On Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m., we will tell the Christmas story on our front lawn. Adults, youth and children all join together in this production as the King's Caravan and Shepherds. For more information, contact Chris Melhuish at 908-451-4815.



### *You Are Invited*

Join our Jewish sisters and brothers as they light the fifth candle of the Menorah on our lawn Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. This is a special time for the members of Temple Sinai, the Summit Jewish Community Center, Beth Hatikvah and our Family of Faith, as we recognize our common roots and celebrate another of God's gifts.

## *Membership Group*

### **REJOICE**

Our next New Members' Exploration Group, "Rejoice", will be meeting shortly. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church in general or Faith in particular, please speak with Pastor or call the Church Office.



### **Fall Food Collection**

Our annual Fall Food Drive gathered thousands of dollars of food which were collected, sorted, and packed by hundreds of volunteers on Saturday **November 21**. On Saturday **November 28**, we need helping hands to load boxes on to a truck to deliver to the StarFish Pantry in Plainfield. Please call the Church Office to participate. Any questions, please contact Cheryl Bock at 908-464-2573.

## Music of Faith

Preparations continue for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals for all groups are on Wednesdays:

**FaithKIDS (grades K-5) - 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Faith Bell Ringers 6:30 -7:30 p.m.**

**Sanctuary Choir - 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Contact John Girvin for more information at [john.girvin1@verizon.net](mailto:john.girvin1@verizon.net).

### **Registration Is Underway**

Faith Nursery School still has begun for the 2010-2011 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday thorough Friday. If you are interested in more information, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.

## *Thanks Pastor Kriesat*

As we go through this time of change and new beginnings, Pastor Robert Kriesat is assisting at our liturgies, preaching on average twice a month, and serving as Celebrant at other liturgies.. Pastor also is assisting with pastoral care and adult education. Pastor, a member of our Family of Faith, was for more than two decades the Pastor at Gloria Dei in Chatham. Thanks Pastor for all your support!

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Family of Faith is a Christ-centered servant community that strives to be loving, forgiving, healing and affirming, as it continues to seek new opportunities to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Sustained by the Holy Spirit, we worship, serve, learn and grow together by sharing God's gifts of our time, talents and treasures.

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# *Acts of Faith*

## *Winter 2009 - 2010*



*The Family of Faith normally worships each Sunday at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. celebrating the Eucharist with an open communion table.*



### **ADVENT SERVICES**

Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday in Advent. Be with us as we begin this season of expectation and preparation. Midweek Advent worship begins the following Wednesday, December 2nd, and continues on the 9th and the 16th, with liturgies at both 12:15 and 7:30 p.m. Our theme this year is "*Gospel Beginnings.*" Mark your calendars now for time to get ready for Christ.



### **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

#### **December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m.- Children's Service of Lessons & Carols

8:00 & 10:30 p.m. - Candlelight Eucharists

*Beginning in Bethlehem*

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir, Faith Bell Ringers,  
and Instrumentalists

10:30 p.m. Soloists and Instrumentalists

*Pre-Service Music to begin at 7:30 & 10:00 p.m.*

#### **December 25 - Christmas Day**

10:00 a.m. - Festival Eucharist

*In the Beginning was the Word*

#### **December 27 - The First Sunday after Christmas**

10:00 a.m. - Eucharist, Carols & Lessons

## The Family of Faith Notes:

The Baptism of:  
Abigail Sweeney

The Reception of New Members:  
Lorraine Shank  
Karen & John Thiel

The Death of:  
Gustaf Nelson, Jr.

The Transfer of:  
Meg Stoyle Corby  
Janis & Bill McCracken



The Annual Meeting of Faith Lutheran Church will be held on January 24, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. in Franklin Nelson Hall.

## Servant's Corner:

Soup Kitchen – December 12, January 9,  
February 13, March 13

Hospitality -- January 24-31

Broadway House – November 24, December 1  
& 15, January 5 & 19

Caroling at Broadway House -- December 14

Fall Food Collection – begins October 25  
Pack & Sort – Nov. 21; Transport – Nov. 28

Christmas Sharing Tree – Nov. 8 – Dec. 6

Habitat – most Fridays

Lenten Workday - March 2010

## Adult Education ADULT FORUM

- **November 22-December 13--THE GIFT OF WORSHIP--** A four week study that includes:  
**November 22 -- A THREE YEAR BANQUET--**The lectionary for worship.  
**November 29 -- THE GIFT OF THE GOSPEL LUKE** with Pastor Mac.  
**December 6 -- THE MUSIC OF ADVENT** with Dr. Girvin.  
**December 13 -- LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD**
- **January 3 -- CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP RILEY**
- **January 10 -- AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR MISSION PARTNER --** A special time as we share news from our Mission Partner, Lutheran Social Ministries..
- **January 17 -- A MISSION PLAN FOR THIS TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS --** Resources for a new year and new opportunities.
- **January 24 -- GOD'S TIME OF NEW BEGINNINGS --** Where we've been in this God given year.
- **January 31 -- ANOTHER NEW BEGINNING --**Where we're headed in this new time God has given.
- **February 7 & 14 - MONEY AND FAITH: The Search for Enough.**
- **February 21-March 28 - A LENTEN JOURNEY WITH THE WORD OF NEW LIFE -** God's Word reminds us of the gift and call of Christ in this, our six week Lenten Bible Study.

### DAYTIME & EVENING STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE (but were afraid to ask)**  
Wednesdays, January 20-February 20, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Here is your chance to submit your questions to Pastor Kriesat about the Bible, the Book of Faith. Each week we will look at the submitted questions and try to find answers. This is an interactive class - the more questions you submit, the more interesting the class can become.

### UPCOMING:

Mondays, February 22 - March 22, 2010, 7:30-9:00 p.m. -  
KINGDOM LIVING: THE PARABLE OF JESUS.

## New Beginnings

In this special time:

-Pastor Mac began his 28th year of ministry with the Family this fall;  
-Work continues with Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey to develop a *Continuing Care Retirement Community* on the former K-Line property across the street;  
-Our Stewardship Team continues receive 2010 Commitments for the *FAITH GRATEFUL RESPONSE* program that will get us back to full strength for ministry and enable us to call our second Pastor;  
-"Rejoice," our New Members' Exploration group meets shortly;  
-Our Ministry Center Task Force has submitted our building papers to the Town and our Planning Board hearing was November 24th;  
-Pastor Kriesat continues to provide critical Worship and Pastoral Care Assistance;  
-We continue in conversation with the Bishop and the Seminaries about longer range staffing;  
-Our *Seniors, Caregivers, Widow/Widower and College Parent* ministries all have new sessions on tap for the new year.  
*Please continue to remember our Family in this exciting time of new beginnings!*

### DECEMBER MIRACLE

It is a gift of faith that each year enables us to fulfill our Mission Plan commitments and to fund ALL of our ministries. We encourage your generous response with your year end gift and if you have not returned your commitment for 2010, please do so now and make our January Miracle a reality.

## A Sneak Peek .....

### JAZZ LITURGY

February 14, 2010 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
"My Baby and the Mirror"

### ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17, 2010 - 6:45 a.m., 12:15 & 7:45 p.m.  
Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes  
"Heart Start"

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

"Beginnings of the Church"  
February 24 - March 24  
6:45 a.m. Spoken Eucharist  
7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Eucharist