

Family Notes

REFORMATION SUNDAY

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the Gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

In his Sermon, "*Lives Tell The Story*," Pastor Jim challenges us to understand history, especially the history of God with us, not as a series of events but as the story of lives lived.

The Sacrament today will be administered by intinction. If you are visiting with us and believe as we do that in the Sacrament we receive God's gift of life and forgiveness, if you are a baptized member of the Christian Church, we hope you will join us at the Lord's table. Please note that we also have gluten free hosts.

Our Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31-34. The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer.22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

Romans 3:19-28. Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

John 8:31-36. Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

TYING IT ALL TOGETHER:

On a day like today, it's easy to get caught up in the flow of abstract, conceptual history -- the great debates about law, sin, truth, freedom and justice -- but God's word grounds us in real life. Even as the Babylonian armies write history by destroying Jerusalem, the prophet announces God's new creation in the hearts of human beings; even as St. Paul tells the story of human sin, disobedience and death, he has to tell of God's desire to justify all who love and trust in God through Jesus. Yet, it is Jesus who cuts to the very heart of the matter when he tells God's people that life in God's family comes by means of relationship with the God who is with us and whose life tells the story of God's grace and love.

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you and hope you'll soon return to Faith, and that you'll feel free to share in all that is ours in Christ. Please sign our guest book and a visitor's card which you'll find in the pew. If you are interested in learning more about our community, please speak to Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac, or leave a note in the offering. Please stop by the Information Table in the narthex and pick up materials about our Family of Faith. While we encourage children's attendance and participation in our worship hour, we do provide nursery care for those needing this service. Our ushers will be happy to direct you to our downstairs Nursery.

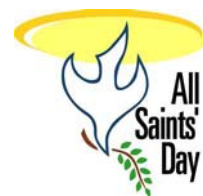
MISSION STATEMENT

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.

(Check out our Mission Statement in the Narthex.)

FALL FESTIVALS



NOVEMBER 6 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Blessed Lives

Sanctuary Choir, Harp & Violin



NOVEMBER 20 - 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Secret Lives

Sanctuary Choir with Brass



2011-2012 WORSHIP AND MINISTRY THEME

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

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| Vivian Mossberg | Ron Waltemyer |
| John Glass | Sherry Peterson |
| Nancy Kordistas | Ben Santore |
| Ruth Bentley | Jan Siberine |
| Paul Lutz | Lucas Reiling |
| Constance Burde | Katie Anderson |
| Curtis D. Kelly | Annie Scherba |
| Eric Brodbeck | Jim Connaughton |
| Todd Shell | Julie Floch |
| Heidi Santore | Joe Auchter |
| Bob Bell | PJ Sneeringer |
| Minet Merritt | Ted Moody |
| Andrew Stofa | Loren Zachau |
| Rose Ondich | Ann Bueschel |
| Donna Swanson | Jim Mastakas |
| Anna Mae Glassman | Eunice Neubeck |
| Theri Rossol | Tommy Byrne |
| Pat Bell | Lois Wolfanger |
| Lilian Louie | Bob Evans |
| Molly Whitney | Cynthia Burde |
| Bob Woodruff | Marie Varley |
| Linda Eriksen | Jim Daraio |
| Joe Valentine | Ted Suttmeir |
| Bobby Adair | John Jackmin |
| Donna Norby | Nikki Szpond |
| Rita Regimbal | Henry Reinbold |
| Gretchen Dziedzic | Raymond Heuke |
| Frieda Andersen | Kristin |
| Bob Delatour, Sr. | Patti Graf |
| Kathryn | Kylie Joy Suiter |
| Pat Sheldon | Don Beckert |

- Paul Lissy
 The Smith Family
 The Family of Gaylord Whitlock
 The Family of Betty Walters

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

Music Notes

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday as we worship led by our Sanctuary Choir, Max Morden, trumpet, and a beautiful string quartet. Guests include Rebecca Harris-Lee and Naomi Youngstein, violins, Kathleen Foster, viola, and Jacqueline Stern, cello...The music at the offertory is an instrumental prelude followed by a choral "Alleluia"...Our Sanctuary Choir continues its rehearsal and worship schedule, meeting at 7:30 pm each Wednesday in the choir loft... a great time to come sing with them, as new singers are always welcomed...Next week is All Saint's Sunday, when we worship with harp and violin at both services.

Holy Baptism

Received into the Church of Jesus Christ through baptism last Sunday was Alana Joyce Kravchenko, daughter of Loretta and Vladimir. We give thanks to God for this gift of new life.

STORIES TO TELL, LIVES TO LIVE will be a wonderful gift to enrich our worship and to lift up our servant ministry. Watch for all of our ministry brochures.

Share your story, and tell us about the lives of faith, courage and discipleship that have inspired you by writing on the Stories to Tell; Lives to Live bulletin board in hall between the Ministry Center and fellowship hall. To guide your thoughts, think how you would answer these questions:

1. When was a time or a place when you felt God come close?
2. Whose life of faith and discipleship has been especially important to you?

Feel free to post pictures, drawings, notes and more and help the Family construct a wall of witness to God's presence in our lives and in our world.

VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1284 out of the last 1307 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!



You're invited to join Lyn Nelson, Director of the Faith Counseling Center for more than 20 years and the Pastors, for a special program on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. Be with us for *Comfort and Care for Caregivers*, as we explore the challenges of caring for older parents and relatives. A time to explore support among others with common experiences and time to see how our Family of Faith can be supportive. Ps...cake and coffee too! To help us plan, please register by emailing Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net or call the Church Office.

**ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE
Next Sunday**

Following our second liturgy on All Saints Sunday, November 6, there will be a brief prayer liturgy in the Memorial Garden to remember all those buried there and also the loved ones of members who have died. If you would like to join us and have loved ones you would like remembered in the liturgy, please give the Pastors a call.



**On Earth as in Heaven:
Praying at the Crossroads
Wednesday at 10 a.m.**

Join us for a close reading and study of the Lord's Prayer and an ongoing conversation about being in relationship with God, discerning God's will and making decisions. Invite some friends. To sign-up, please use the registration sheet in the narthex or e-mail Pastor Jim (PastorJim2006@verizon.net).

COUNCIL AT THE DOOR

If you have questions or suggestions for the Church Council, stop and see the Council Representatives at the door.

Serving today are: 8:30 – Dan Seidel
 11:00 – Carol Suiter

Cross lapel pins identify our council members. We give thanks to God for these servants who undergird and direct our ministry.

HELPFUL SUPPORT

When we had our gathering for parents of young children, the suggestion was made that it might be helpful to gather parents who are caring for special needs children. If you would be interested in such a group, please speak with one of the Pastors.

PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

All Saints Sunday
 Revelation 7:9-17
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

AA

The gift of healing is shared through our AA ministry each Monday through Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. We give thanks to God for this healing ministry.

CHECK OFF

As we move to the final stages of construction on our Ministry Center, just a few items remain to be completed.

- Narthex Furnishings
- Cornerstones
- Organ Installation

Watch the wonderful blog KW has prepared at www.flc-mc.blogspot.com.



FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the 2011-2012 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 through Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Your special mailing invited your prayerful and generous gift to further fund all the work on our Ministry Center. Over \$2,000,000 has been pledged and received and now we find ourselves with almost half a million dollars in final expenses that will have to be covered by our construction loan unless we receive sufficient gifts in the coming days. Incurring this debt will impact our ongoing ministries and so we pray for your sacrificial support.

If you have previously made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time.

If you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732-534 5350).

If you need assistance with stock transfers, please call the Church Office.

And as you feel blessed by this ministry that we share, we invite your special gift at this time.

It's Pledge Response Time!

Respond Gratefully . . . for what God has given you.

Our role as God's stewards is one of the many dimensions of how we live our lives – but as stewards of the gifts we've received, we're also called to:

- Respond gratefully
- Give willingly
- Share abundantly
- Commit intentionally
- Contribute regularly

Your support is needed! For Faith to be able to continue to provide worship, education, service and mission outreach opportunities, as well as have a two-pastor church, we need the committed contributions of our members. This estimated budget for 2012 is \$840,000 so that we may resume our full commitment to the NJ Synod and cover the cost of our other missions for the year.

Please consider how you can help and kindly respond with your pledge today.

Thank you,
Faith Stewardship Committee

ORGAN UPDATE

Installation continues through this month. You can see more about our new instrument and view a construction blog at www.jgirv.wordpress.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

Today is Reformation Sunday with special music...our Fall Food Drive is now underway...today we have a special luncheon for Parents of Young Children...next week is All Saints Sunday with special music and a special Garden Memorial Liturgy...Registration is now underway for our new Evening Bible Study...AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings...Faith Nursery School is still registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1284 out of the last 1307 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are available at cost in the narthex ...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 7300 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

- Pfc. Douglas Cordo, 20, USA, New York
- Sgt. Devin Daniels, 22, USA, Idaho
- Pfc. Jesse Dietrich, 20, USA, Texas
- Cpl. Douglas Grant, 41, New Zealand Air Service, New Zealand
- Spc. Dennis Jensen, 21, USANG, South Dakota
- Pvt. Matthew Lambert, 26, Royal Australian Army, Australia
- 1st Lt. Damon Leehan, 30, USANG, Oklahoma
- Lt. Camille Levrel, 36, French Army, France
- Pfc. Brandon Mullins, 21, USA, Kentucky
- Lance Cpl. Travis Nelson, 29, USMC, Florida
- Pfc. Alberto Obod, Jr., 26, USA, Florida
- Sgt. Colby Richmond, 28, USA, North Carolina
- Spc. Michael Roberts, 23, USA, Texas
- Spc. Joshua Seals, 21, USANG, Oklahoma
- 1st Lt. Timothy Steele, 25, USA, Massachusetts
- Sgt. Andrew Tobin, 24, USA, Illinois

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels and Kyle Fell, Anne & Fred's nephew.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is now recuperating at home after being wounded in Afghanistan.

SENIORS ALERT



Join Lyn Nelson, Director of the Faith Counseling Center for more than 20 years and the Pastors, on Tuesday, November 15 at 1:30 for a special program, *Coffee, Cake and Caring*, a special time to talk about the challenges of getting older and the resources and opportunities that are also present at this time in life. Time to explore ways we can support each other and how our Family of Faith can be supportive. To help us plan, please register on the sheets outside the Office.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM?



We are exploring a trip to the Holy Land a year from now. If you would be interested in learning more about this possible journey, please email Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net or call the church office. If we have enough folks interested, we will hold a preliminary meeting to explore options.

UPCOMING -

- Oct. 30 - Reformation Sunday
- 30 - Parents of Young Children Luncheon
- 31 - Staff Worship Planning
- Nov. 1 - Broadway House
- 2 - Daytime Bible Study
- 2 - FNS Lunch Party
- 3 - Midweek Eucharist
- 3 - Staff Meeting
- 3 - Evening Bible Study
- 6 - All Saints Sunday
- 6 - Reception of New Members
- 6 - All Saints Garden Liturgy
- 7 - Staff Worship Planning
- 7 - FNS Enrichment
- 7 - Finance Committee
- 8 - FNS Lunch Party
- 8 - Christian Ed Committee
- 8 - Council
- 9 - Daytime Bible Study
- 10 - Evening Bible Study
- 10-11 - FNS Closed
- 12 - Soup Kitchen
- 13 - World Hunger Sunday
- 14 - Staff Worship Planning
- 14 - FNS Enrichment
- 17 - FNS Lunch Party
- 17 - Evening Bible Study
- 17 - Hospitality Meeting
- 19 - Fall Food Collection - Pack & Sort
- 20 - Christ the King Sunday
- 20 - Advent Craft Event
- 21 - Staff Worship Planning
- 21 - FNS Enrichment
- 21 - Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Little Flower
- 24-25 - FNS & Office Closed
- 27 - Advent I
- 28 - Staff Worship Planning
- 28 - FNS Enrichment
- 30 - Daytime Bible Study
- 30 - Spoken Eucharist - 12:15 p.m.
- 30 - Evening Prayer & Eucharist - 7:30 p.m.



DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY,

NOVEMBER 5, BEFORE YOU GO TO BED.



2011 CROP Walk a Great Success!

October 16, 70 people from 3 area churches and Faith Nursery School walked to raise funds for the many who are hungry. To date the 2011 CROP Walk has pledged for \$3,957 in cash, checks and on-line donations for the Church World Service. 25% of the funds raised will go towards the St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark - our designated local hunger relief effort.

A great thank you to those who were able to walk. For those who were not able to make it, please accept your sponsorship dollars as donations for the Church World Service. Please make checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and forward the donations to Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence.

We are thankful for your support with this ministry. It is your commitment to providing hunger relief during tough economic times that is a memorable witness to us all.

Please feel free to contact Faith Lutheran Church at 908-464-5177 or me at 908-451-4815 with any questions.

Thank you, Chris Melhuish

And a huge thank you to Chris for organizing Faith and the entire community.

COAT COLLECTION - LAST CALL



Once again, the Family of Faith is collecting winter coats for those in need. The Market Street Mission will distribute these coats to homeless and needy men, women, and children on Saturday November 6. If you have coats in good condition that you would like to donate please bring them to church and hang them outside the coat racks by the Office. The last day for dropping off coats is tomorrow, Monday, October 30.

ADVENT CRAFT EVENT

On Sunday November 21, from 12:30-2:00, everyone is invited to our annual **Advent Craft Event**. This gathering of adults, children, and youth will begin with lunch and focus on preparing for the Advent season. All households will be able to make an Advent craft that will help count down the days to the celebration of Jesus' birth. Additional Advent ideas and resources will be shared. The event is free but registration is required. Sign up in the Narthex or email at family.faith@verizon.net.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

What a special time this month is as Doris Johnson celebrates her 25th anniversary as our church secretary. Doris has been such a special gift as our Family went through all the history that these years hold. We give thanks for her gifts, for her commitment and for the wonderful blessing she is to all of us.



BROADWAY HOUSE - This Week

Our visits to Broadway House and our ministry with the AIDS and HIV patients there has resumed with our next visit scheduled for this Tuesday November 1. If you would like to learn more about this healing ministry please contact Carol Suiter at

suiterc157@yahoo.com or Vicar Jane at jane@mccready.com.

ADULT FORUM

Our Adult Forum continues its weekly educational ministry this morning at 9:40 in Franklin Nelson Hall. Plan on joining us each week for these rich educational opportunities that share the faith and Faith. We gather at 9:40 each week for Coffee and light refreshments followed by our 50 minute program at 9:50.

TODAY: - "HOMELESS STORIES AND LIVES THAT ARE CHANGED" - Claas Ehlers, Director of *The Interfaith Hospitality Network* nationwide joins us to share the vision and commitment that sees Faith giving leadership to the beginnings of a new ministry to care for the homeless here in Union County.

NOVEMBER 6 - "TENNESSEE TALES XIV" - Stories of our Appalachian Ministry which has now included over 200 members of our Family, changing lives here and in Cosby, Tennessee.

NOVEMBER 13 - "A RESOURCE FOR OUR MOST IMPORTANT MINISTRY" - Join Dr. Girvin as our organ introduction continues in advance of its dedication in the new year.

NOVEMBER 20 - "STORIES OF FAITH AND LIVES OF PARTNERSHIP" - A special opportunity to learn more about the very unique partnership we have with our sisters and brothers from Advent Lutheran Church in Warren where we provide pastoral care. Come learn how this special partnership developed and the rich ways it is developing.

NOVEMBER 27 - "LITURGY'S STORY" - As we begin a new church year, a special time to see how our worship liturgy for the year is put together.

DECEMBER 4 & 11 - "MEET MARK" - An overview of Mark's Gospel, focusing on the parable of the Sower and the parable of the Vineyard.

DECEMBER 18 - "ADVENT MUSIC" - Dr. Girvin guides us through the rich and varied tradition of Advent Music.

JANUARY 8 - "A SEMINARIAN'S LIFE AND STORY" - Vicar Jane returns to share the story of how God has been at work in her life as she prepares for ordained ministry.

JANUARY 15 - "MISSION PARTNERS' STORIES" - Our partners from St. Stephan Grace Community Church in Newark come to share the Gospel.

JANUARY 22 - "A MISSION PLAN TELLS THE STORY" - The 2012 Budget. It's not just a financial document...our Mission Plan tells the story of how we believe God is challenging the Family to live as Christ's servants in the world in 2012.

A Bird's Eye View of the Bible Story



Come and gather round for big-picture overview of the Bible, its story, and how that story connects with our personal stories. This course will engage you in the biblical story through storytelling, visual and art presentations and reflections on selected Psalms. Discussion will lead us to reflect on the meaning of the story and how they live in the story and the story lives in them. This course has been specially designed for those who are new to Bible study, so please invite your friends to join you. There are 16 sessions planned for Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. throughout the year. The first five start October 20 and run through November 17; the second session runs from January 19 through February 16; and the third session runs from April 26

through May 31. You do not have to commit to all 16 sessions to participate. To register, sign up in the narthex or e-mail Pastor Jim at PastorJim2006@verizon.net.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



Join us each week at 9:40 a.m. in Franklin Nelson Hall for coffee, light refreshments and fellowship before our Adult Forum begins. Thanks to today's hosts, Janet Bradley and Julie & Larry Pedersen.

Upcoming hosts are:

November 6 - Open

November 13 - Open

If you would like to host one of our November dates, please sign the sheets in the narthex or the Forum or call or write the Office.

**Families with Young Children Dress Up Lunch
TODAY**



Families with young children are invited to a Reformation Day/Halloween lunch and party after worship next Sunday, Oct. 30. After lunch, there will be special games and treats for the children and time for parents to talk about life and faith. Families are encouraged to bring their children's costumes for a little show and tell. To help us plan, please sign up in the Narthex.
