



The Faith Lutheran Newsletter is a monthly publication of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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### Weekly Schedule:

- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 8:15 am
- Divine Service 9:30 am
- D & T Classes Sundays 11:00am
- 6th & 8th Grade Ark & Confirmation Classes 6pm Wednesday
- Thursday Men's Bible Study 6:00am

### Special Activities:

- Elders Meeting  
January 3 @ 7:00pm
  - Board of Ed.  
January 7 @ 7:00pm
  - Church Council  
January 8 @ 7:30pm
- Lutheran Hour  
7 a.m.  
Sunday—KILJ FM 105.5  
KOKX 95.3 10:30 a.m.

### From Pastor Scudder's Desk

Happy New Year! Think of the celebrations of the past couple of weeks. Perhaps you had several generations gathered around the table for a meal. All ages were represented, from the infant to the grandfather. It's a family gathering and a time of joy.

Different people will act differently during the day, even as they gather for a meal. From time to time the infant will squeal. A teenager might lapse into surly silence, and the elderly may fall asleep. The family adjusts on the fly throughout the meal; if the squealing gets to be too much, the youngster is removed from the table until calm is restored. Grandparents nod knowingly, remembering their days of young children. If the elderly fall asleep, the family bears with their weakness. That's how the family works: they bear with one another, respect one another, and make sure everyone gets fed!

The congregation is the family of God, gathered in worship to be fed. In His mercy and grace, the Lord provides forgiveness and life for all ages, for He has died for all people no matter their birthday. By His Word and Sacraments, He provides grace and life for all, in the Divine Service. Thus, a congregation will have Christians of all ages, and during the service, different people will react in different ways. Little ones will squirm and squeal, while those advanced in years or in ill health, may drift off to sleep. (We adults in between tend to stay awake and at least *appear*

to be attentive.) These different behaviors can become distractions in the service. However, the goal of the service is that everyone be fed with the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, as the family of God, we bear with one another, respect one another and make sure that everyone gets fed!

For instance, children are going to squirm and make noise – for the kids, adults will do the same thing!). Sitting quietly on a pew is a learned habit, not a natural behavior; and it will take the first few years of life for a child to fully adopt this. In the meantime, there will be some noise and this will be a distraction. But I like having the little ones in Divine Service, receiving grace by the Word and learning the liturgy.

It is also here that we give thanks for the Lord's rich and abundant grace. Some models of religion demand that you must be attentive to every step of a service or ritual in order to reap any benefits. But, that is not how the Lord operates. Even when parents must spend time educating and training their children, there is still abundant forgiveness to be received. Long before we had kids of our own, I remember a mom saying, "I'd hear the invocation at the beginning of the service, and it would remind me that Jesus had made me His in Baptism. The next forty minutes were a blur of keeping the children still, and I didn't hear a sermon for a long time. But after the

sermon, I'd still receive Jesus' Body and Blood for forgiveness of sin, and I knew I remained the Lord's child." (Having said this, I recognize that it's easy for me to speak of keeping children quiet in the pew; I've been hiding out, safe in the pulpit while my lovely bride has done all the hard work. Many days, she didn't hear a thing – but by means of the Lord's Supper, she was still certain of God's Grace.)

Parents have a challenging task in child-rearing, and the 24/7 nature of it includes the Divine Service. But whether the parents are at church or Disney World, their enjoyment of the setting is always dominated by their attention to the well-being of their children. It behooves all of us to support them in the labor of teaching their children of Jesus and the Divine Service.

The same counsel applies to those who might tend to dose off during the service. They might have to be nudged if a snore grows too loud. We are given to bear with one another, respect one another, and make sure that everyone gets fed.

We are, after all, the family of God, gathered at the table of His presence and life.

The Lord be with you! . . . Amen.

*Pastor Scudder*



**January Duties:**

**Elders**

Jeremy Andreasen  
Kirk Hillman

**Altar Guild**

Claudia Eldridge

**Acolytes**

1/6 Brody McCall  
1/13 Carson Andreasen  
1/20 Isaac Lehman  
1/27 Katie Bacher

**Ushers**

Gregg Hall  
Marty George  
Joe Ruby  
Ben Bacher

A big THANK YOU to all members who served as organists, ushers, and coffee servers last month. This is just another part of STEWARDSHIP in action at Faith.

**Serving Next Month**

**Elders**

Wade Edwards  
Joe Ruby

**Altar Guild**

Althea Weans

**Acolytes**

2/3 Brody McCall  
2/10 Carson Andreasen  
2/17 Isaac Lehman  
2/24 Katie Bacher

**Son Shine Academy News**

A very special thank you to everyone for helping with the children's Christmas programs. Can't do it without you. All of the children did fantastic!

Son Shine will be on Christmas break from Thursday, December 20 thru Wednesday, January 2.

In January, we look forward to Lutheran schools week January 27-February 2. During this week, we praise and thank God for his gift of Lutheran schools, and especially for Son Shine.

Our theme this year is "Real. Present. God." based on Psalm 46. God who shares His presence with us in the person and atoning work of Jesus is the very foundation of Son Shine. He is the REAL reason why we are here. We will be having some special dress up days during this week. We will also be focusing on God's gift of life to each of us. Son Shine will be taking part in the collection of "Pennies for Life". More information will be in the bulletin. Our PreK class, and our

morning 3yr old class are full for next year. We still have room in our afternoon 3yr old class. Children need to be 3yrs. old before September 15.



**Please include in your prayers this month  
January**

-  1/6 Nita Krabill daughter of Theodore & Shantell 
-  1/13 Kenzi Rider daughter of Alyssa & Spencer 
-  1/13 Kinzington Keaster daughter of Nikole 
-  1/20 Austin Miller son of Matt & Sarah 
-  1/27 Conan Guldberg son of Nils & Annie 

**Each week there will be a family listed in the bulletin these are Son Shine families, please add them to your prayer list.**



**Thank you for you continued support of the SonShine script program.** When you purchase the Hy Vee Gift Cards & Certificates, the preschool will receive 10% for the shopping cards, & 15% for the certificates. Someone from the preschool board will be selling the cards and certificates after church, each Sunday, or you can stop in at the office Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am—Noon.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Travis Weigert
- 4 Diane Caldwell
- 4 Rebecca Lehman
- 4 Marc Moeller
- 5 Abby Benge
- 5 Nancy Weiss
- 6 Joe Ruby
- 11 Erin Andreasen
- 16 Sammy Cornell
- 18 Janet Wesely
- 22 Patrick Fox
- 23 Dave Towne
- 24 Don Spenner

**The Birthday Song**  
**A glad and Happy**  
**Birthday,**  
**we wish to you our**  
**friends.**  
**May God our heavenly**  
**Father,**  
**a birthday blessing send.**  
**A happy, happy birthday,**  
**all beautiful with love.**  
**And bright with many**  
**blessings,**  
**from our dear Lord above.**

**Question:**

# KIDS CORNER

**Did Christians believe the earth was flat?**

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grass-hoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in (Isaiah 40:22)

Most ancients believed in a round earth including Christians. Eratosthenes was an ancient geographer who even calculated the circumference of the earth about 200 B.C.! Very few Christians ever believed that the earth was flat. One Christian who did believe this was Lactantius (ca. A.D. 240-300). Sadly, he mixed the false flat-earth concept with his Christianity.

An overwhelming number of Christians opposed a flat earth, and for good reason. The Bible teaches against it in Isaiah 40:22 and Job 26:10. These verses point out that the earth is circular or round. Job even goes so far as to say that the earth hangs on nothing (Job 26:7)! This was confirmed when we sent satellites and people into space, and they could see and take pictures of the earth simply "hanging on nothing."

From the big picture though, Christians should always be careful about taking ideas that come from outside Scripture and mixing them with their Christianity. Instead, we should trust what God's Word says, since He knows best!

**Next months question:**

Do meteors burn up and are they dangerous?

**Bible References:**

Ecclesiastes 7:17, Ecclesiastes 3:1, Romans 8:22

**Christmas Decorating Committee Families**

Ungerman's  
 Bev Wibben  
 Tammie Passet  
 Karen Peterson  
 Wanda Potts  
 Anderson's

Please take down decoration before January 13th

**STEWARDSHIP PHILIPPIANS WORKSHOP**

This Workshop is designed to bring together pastors and congregational lay leaders. Based on Paul's words in Philippians Chapter 1, we delight in opening up the Scriptures for pastors and congregations who have struggled with stewardship in the past or who have been reluctant to take up an intentional stewardship focus for whatever reason. Join the Synod's Assistant Coordinator for Stewardship, Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, for this helpful workshop from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at Zion Lutheran Church, Wilton, IA.** A noon meal will be served.

**Remember kids, if you have a question about God, the Bible, Church, please write it down and place it in Pastor Scudder's mailbox, or e-mail it to him at [pastorscuddermr@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscuddermr@gmail.com)**

## Youth News (Grades 6-12)

Youth will have their annual Soup and Dessert cook-off on January 27 following church service. Please plan on making a soup or a dessert. This is a fund raiser for the youth so please plan on attending.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL

# Soup & Dessert Cook-Off

MAKE PLANS TO ENTER THE COMPETITION BY BRINGING A POT  
OF YOUR FAVORITE SOUP OR DESSERT PREPARED TO SHARE

OR

BE THE JUDGE AND TASTE EACH SOUP /DESSERT  
AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!

## JANUARY 27, 2019

Immediately Following Sunday Divine Service

FREE WILL DONATIONS

All proceeds will go to support the Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group

## LWML NEWS

LWML will be meeting on January 10. This will be to plan for the next year. Hostess will be Sue George. All ladies are welcome to attend. Reminder Mite Box Sunday is the last Sunday of the Month.



**Women's Bible Study** Start the New Year off right by being in the Word of God. Beginning Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm we will have a weekly women's Bible study group. Our first study will be the book of Philippians. We will meet at Debbie Wildhirt's home (1504 S Spruce Ave). All women are welcome. For more information or questions please contact Debbie Wildhirt, 253-740-5331 or [dbwildhirt@gmail.com](mailto:dbwildhirt@gmail.com).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 6:00am Men's Bible Study  Elders 7:00pm	4	5
6  8:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Divine Service Installation of Officers	7 Women's Bible Study @ Wildhirt's 6:30pm Board of Ed. 7:00pm	8 6:30pm Choir	9 Brown Bag Bible Study <b>Noon</b> Confirmation & Ark Classes 6:00pm-7:30pm <b>Bulletin items due</b>	10 6:00am Men's Bible Study  LWML 7:00pm	11	12
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