



Faith Family News

November 2024

*In response to God's grace flowing
through Christ, we grow in faith
and show Christ's love.*

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

December 4: "The Extension Chords"
(with Jean Welch)

December 11: Tyler Carpenter on marimba

December 18: Devon Carpenter on harp

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5.

We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup. If you would like to pitch in, contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.**

Soup Lunch Carry-Out Style

Our Carry-Out Soup Lunch was a huge success!! **THANK YOU** to all who signed up to help work and/or provide food and monetary donations, Thanks also to all of you who bought a meal to take home and enjoy. We raised \$1,745+, filled over 150 bellies, and shared the love of Christ every step of the way. The left-over soup, combread, and desserts were taken to the Faith Soup Kitchen, and they were very happy for the donation. (Check the Coffee Bar for containers that you brought soup or dessert in.)

We Remember Annette Kilver and Lloyd Kleinlein

Annette Kilver died on October 23, and a memorial service was held on November 4 at Faith.

Lloyd Kleinlein died on October 29, a funeral service will be held on November 6 at Faith at 11:00am with visitation at 10:00am, and he will be buried at Oakland Cemetery in Meredosia. Everyone is invited to a lunch at Faith following the burial.

We give thanks to God for our partnership in ministry and for the hope we share in eternal life.





Faith Family Updates

What's new around Faith? Maybe you haven't been here in awhile or you just haven't noticed, but our ministry is constantly changing.

Fall Stewardship Appeal - "Generations Blessing Generations"

Psalms 79:13 proclaims, "We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise." What a perfect verse for our congregation at this time. We are a Faith Family, comprised of many generations, called together, committed to the gospel, and recounting God's praise. This is one of our greatest strengths and will be our overarching goal for 2025, generations blessing generations as we provide care and connection across all ages. We have already seen this at work in the last months with the introduction of Faith's Little Flock and Bible Boot Camp, two programs for our children that are involving adults as well. Faith Inkubators is back for our youth, and a new Youth Ministry Team is organizing Sunday morning and fellowship events for our youth that also connect us to other generations. God is at work with generations blessing generations!

You should have received a pledge sheet in the mail. **Please bring your pledges to church throughout the month of November** and we will share the progress. If you have not received a pledge sheet and would like one, please let us know.

We are grateful to God for so many blessings in our Faith Family and are so aware of your effort and support that has made a difference. Let's look to the year ahead as God is at work through generations blessing generations.

BUILDING FUND APPEAL UPDATE: As you can see on the Stewardship Snapshot on the back of the newsletter, your generosity has helped us to meet our goal! Thank you so much for your generous support!

Bible Boot Camp with our Elementary Children

We introduced Bible Boot Camp, a new program for elementary school aged children, this Fall. Pastor Adam warmed them up with singing, dancing, and some retelling of Bible stories from recent worship services. Patty Nelson and Shelley McDaniel led them in some creative play and crafts, and then we all joined with parents and older youth for a meal. Future events are scheduled on Sundays, from 4:30-6:00, November 10 and December 15. Spread the word and bring a friend!

Music is a great way to connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts.

jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009

Faith's Little Flock Sunday School

Faith's Little Flock meets in the classroom next to the nursery after the children's sermon until communion time. Activities this month will follow Pastor's theme of God's promises. The children can look forward to making fun crafts while listening to Bible stories. We are also adding some fun music for the little ones called "Sing the Bible". A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered your time so far. We will be working on a schedule for volunteers and getting things organized for the remainder of the year. Blessings, Melissa Street

Faith Inkubators with our Youth

Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. Future events are scheduled on Sundays, from 5:30-7:30, November 10 and December 15!

Reaching Out... Connecting through Outreach

Women of Faith

It's time for another Women of Faith game night! Join us on **Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00pm at Patty Nelson's house.** Bring a snack to share and your favorite card or board game. We'd love to have you join us! Questions: call Monica at 217-737-0475.

Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at 10am on Wednesday, November 20, in the Faith Library. Enjoy good food, great discussion, and a lovely, vibrant community of believers. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Men's Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on **Saturday, December 7.** At 8:00, we hang out in the kitchen, helping to cook, drink coffee, and visit. At 9:00, we sit down for some conversation and discussion on a specific topic.

Doorbell Dinners

THANK YOU to everyone who helped deliver Doorbell Dinners last week! Our next time will be January 13-17.

Jacksonville Food Center

The photo attachment appeared on The Food Center's Facebook page last month. It also was transferred to our church Facebook page. Comments concerning our churches' help with this very needed project is appreciated.

Regrettably, food and money donations to the Food Center are down. The Christmas Food Baskets are coming up, and more donation is needed to fulfill this project, as well as meeting the needs that increase every month. Please remember those who need our help.

The Food Center served 521 families for food orders offered every 3 weeks and served 353 families for once-a-week bakery. The churches contributed \$2,891 in money and \$2,773 in food donations. Faith Lutheran donated \$260 in money and \$100 worth of food donations.

Please remember those in need. Food is most essential!

Lillian Korous & Pat Glyshaw

Flows.Grows.Shows



Youth Service Projects

Our youth are willing and able to help with service projects in your home! Last month they helped with the *God's Work, Our Hands* clean up as well as washing windows for a member. If you would like to have them help at your home, contact one of our Youth Ministry Team leaders (Marilyn Dichsen, Adam Krohe, and Barb Davenport). They are often available after worship, but may be able to schedule another time as well. If your project falls over a mealtime (or anytime in between), they may appreciate some snacks and drinks.



Jacksonville Area Commu... 7m · 🌐

Did you know that the Food Center's board features representatives from local churches? Every Tuesday, we highlight a different board member and the church they represent. This week, we're thrilled to introduce Lillian Korous from Faith Lutheran Church. Renowned for their generosity and unwavering support, Faith Lutheran Church consistently contributes both financially and with essential goods, greatly enhancing the impact of the Food Center's efforts. Their dedication to community service is deeply impactful. If you're a local church interested in joining our board and making a meaningful difference, we would love to hear from you.



Worship Assistants

Chancel Committee

Nov. 3 Martha Krohe
Nov. 10 Pat Glyshaw
Nov. 17 Kim H. & Mary Jane E.
Nov. 24 Martha Krohe

Coffee Hosts

Nov. 3 Kay Schnitker
Nov. 10 Hallie Mayner
Nov. 17 Youth Bake Sale
Nov. 24 Karen Sibert

Communion Assts.

Nov. 3 Liddy Stark
Nov. 10 Pam Devlin
Nov. 17 Glen VanderKloot
Nov. 24 **need volunteer**

Greeters

Nov. 3 Vicki Robson
Nov. 10 Hallie Mayner
Nov. 17 Lynette Hamilton
Nov. 24 Lynette Hamilton

Readers

Nov. 3 John Williams
Nov. 10 Liddy Stark
Nov. 17 Youth
Nov. 24 **need volunteer**

Ushers

Nov. 3 Judy Dillard
Nov. 10 Pat Glyshaw
Nov. 17 Hallie Mayner
Nov. 24 **need volunteer**

If you would like to help with assisting for the 9:30am worship services, please contact the church office (faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up in the gathering area** at the podium by the east doors.

Altar Plants

(\$15 donation appreciated)

If you would like to donate,
please call or email the church office (245-8919
or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up in the
gathering area at the podium by the east doors;**
please make checks payable to
Faith Lutheran Church (1385 W. Walnut St.).

- Nov. 3 By Susan Roegge in memory of Dad's
death & parents 61st wedding anniversary
in heaven today
& By the Dichsens for my parents and all
the saints
- Nov. 10 By Jean and Ralph Welch in celebration
of their 25th wedding anniversary
& **Open for donation**
- Nov. 17 **Open for donation**
& **Open for donation**
- Nov. 24 By Lynette Hamilton in celebration of
Shanon & Dan Keller's 25th wedding anniv.

Financial Assistants

Nov. 3 Kelly Hartz & Kelly Street
Nov. 10 Ken Devlin & Greg Kimler
Nov. 17 Mindy Carlson & Kelly Street
Nov. 24 Patty Nelson & Monica Proefrock

Stewardship Spotlight

A big "Thank You!" to all for your generosity and response to our special appeal for donations to our Building Fund. As of August 31, we have received over \$36,300 which brings us right on track for our budgeted needs for the same period, and we have even received more donations since then. This has been a huge help in meeting our mortgage payments, and we are making preliminary plans for a debt reduction campaign to eliminate all debt. Our current mortgage balance is \$548,851.

Newsletter Deadline

November 17

Friends From Faith

A ministry team led by Naomi Hahn: on the last Sunday of each month — everyone is welcome to send a greeting card. **On November 24**, visit the tall white table just outside the sanctuary where you can select a card, sign a card, or deposit a card in the mailbox to send. Cards and stamps are provided for your use. If you have extra cards or stamps to spare, please bring them and donate them in the provided jar.