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Save the Date

January 4th:
Undecorating church,
10 A.M.

January 9th:
LWML Meeting
1 P.M.

January 16th:
Faith Fiction Fans
Book Club,
6:30 P.M.

Pastor’s Corner

Behold the Child has been our theme for this Advent season. It can be our theme for Christmas as well. It can be our theme for the fourth of July and Memorial Day also. The Child we behold is none other than God made man. I have to admit that an infinite God made into a finite child certainly boggles my mind, but that doesn’t make it any less true. This Baby was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Adam and Eve our first forefathers that we would be redeemed. Only God and man made one could do that. This Child would grow into a man that would prove to be true to the name given Him by the angel, “God With Us.”

He walked this earth knowing pain and suffering and hunger. God and man together. God was hungry! The One who can create with His Word.
Pastor’s Corner, Cont.

No wonder the devil taunted Him to change stones to bread. What a silly concept all powerful God being man had to be for him.

But it was necessary. A price had to be made that could only be paid by God and man together. So God left heaven and walked the earth.

I like getting gift cards. It allows you to pick out whatever you want, and you don’t have to pay for it. That doesn’t mean that no one paid. The one giving you the card has paid for it. In the same way, Jesus paid the price for man’s sin, all of it, from the fall of man to today’s.

That means reconciliation. It means reconciliation between God and man. It means reconciliation between mankind too. Such sacrifice as this will change you. God’s strong Word will not return to Him void. Behold the Child who has come. Behold the Man who walks toward the cross for me and for you. Behold and celebrate in all you do and say. Christ is Born, and Risen, and will come again.

FLC Office Hours: Office hours at Faith now run 10A.M. to 1 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M. on Wednesdays.

Deadlines: Please make sure any information needing to be included in Sunday’s bulletins is given to FLC Administrative Assistant by the Wednesday BEFORE that Sunday service. If it is received after Wednesday, the information will then be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin. Our bulletins can then be published in a timely manner.

WWW: Check out our presence on the world wide web! Faith’s webpage is at faithlutheranbv.org. If you look in the links section, there you will find that our Facebook page is linked there as well. Stop in and keep in touch.
### December Attendance and Offering Report

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Approximate operating expenses for December 2019 are **$9,400.00**.

Please submit your articles and other input for the **February Newsletter** to FLC’s administrative assistant by **Friday, January 24th, 2020**.

Thank you!

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**Subject:** Newsletter suggestions (5 W's)

When submitting articles for the monthly Newsletter please include the following:

- **Who** (who is doing the event and who to ask questions or give suggestions to)
- **What**
- **When** - date and times. (Start and ending times)
- **Where**
- **Why**

Volunteer needed?
Evangelism Report for November & December & January 2020 Newsletter

Thanksgiving dinner went well with 18 in attendance. We served three Butterball turkeys, and the Smoked Butterball turkey was a hit. Canned goods were collected for the Ark Valley Christian Mission and delivered by Peggy Johnson.

The Strolling Carolers of Faith Lutheran Church were scheduled to carol Main street from 4 - 5 PM at Buena Vista Christmas Opening. There were 14 Carolers in attendance. Deer Hammer business invited us inside to carol and they sang along with us. We also went inside The Simple Eatery to carol and passed out candy canes with Advent and Christmas schedules attached.

The Crèche display went up on tables in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday December 3 to honor Jesus birth. Thanks to all members how placed a Crèche on display until January 4th.

LWML, Men's Bible study and numerous members provided food for the three Wednesday Advent dinners prior to 7 PM Worship service. Thank you to all the generous providers of time and food.

As we close the season of Advent with the Birth of Jesus I want to thank everyone who participated in wearing their Blue FLC shirt in addition to the fifth and last Sunday in the year.

Special thanks to Cindy for making the Rejoicing Together paper crosses for new members Carter, Mueller and Mertes.

A booklet titled "A Simple Explanation of the Church Service" has been placed in each pew for your use as you participate in the church service. This small guide will help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in the church. May the Lord bless your worship every Sunday.

DISPLAY OF CRÈCHES

The display of members’ Crèches will be taken down when our church is undecorated January 4 at 10:00 AM.
Those Serving Us This Month

Communion Setup
Jana Schumann

Altar Flowers
January 5 - Sherry and Vaughn Bishop
January 12 - Amy and Pastor Becker
January 19 - Clare and Joel Tarcha
January 26 - Sue and Tim Pleger

Elders
Tim Pleger
Jim Bornemann
Alan Hysjulien

Reader
Barb Kegler

Greeter
Barb Kegler

Ushers
January 5 - Vaughn and Sherry Bishop
January 12 - Tim and Sue Pleger
January 19 - Joel and Clare Tarcha
January 26 - Mark Brinkmann and Chris Winkelmeyer

Cleaning the Sanctuary and Basement
Kim and Natalie Roesler

Elders
Tim Pleger
Jim Bornemann
Alan Hysjulien

Reader
Barb Kegler

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January 5 - Vaughn and Sherry Bishop
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Refreshments
January 5 - Myrna Cunningham
January 12 - JoAnn Feebeck
January 19 - Vaughn Bishop
January 26 - Betty Muecke

ON-GOING IN-GATHERINGS

THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOX TOPS IS HERE.

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Go to Box tops 4 education.com to learn more.

Aluminum Pull Tabs - Ronald McDonald House Charities
Box Tops for Education - Avery Parsons Elementary
Happy Feet - quarters LWML outreach to be decided
Greeting Card fronts - Ark Valley Christian Mission
Postage Stamps for the American Legion Post 55
A three drawer container is in the Narthex for the above collected items.
Thank you for the many Blessings you give.
**Volunteers Needed!**

We are in need of **Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Sanctuary and Basement Cleaners, Flower Sponsors, and Volunteer Substitutes**. It takes everyone’s time and talents for Sunday Worship Services. We still have several needs unfilled for the upcoming months. Please contact Clare Tarcha (970) 819-8390 for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you and God’s Blessings, Clare

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**Faith Fiction Fans Gathering** (The FLC Book Club)

**Faith Fiction Fans** — Thanks to everyone who came to the Wrapped Book Exchange at the December get-together. It was fun sharing the Christmas spirit with each other.

**In January**, everyone participating in December’s book exchange will discuss the books at the January gathering.

January Title: Book exchange review  
When/where: January 16th, 6 pm, Beckers’ House  
Drinks and light snacks will be provided.

Everyone is welcome to join in the discussions or even just to read along and talk about it with friends!

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**The First Fruits for January: Canned One-Dish Meals (ravioli, spaghetti, etc).**

When you are at the grocery store, **throw one or two cans in your basket**. You will not notice a big difference in your budget but it will make a big difference to the family that gets to eat because of you. All of the food that is collected is donated to the Arkansas Valley Christian Mission.

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**FLOWERS**: Please sign up on the flower chart located in the Narthex by the entry doors. Sunday Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one, a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary, or to the Glory of God. Please note that on the flower chart, and we will include it in the Sunday bulletin. If you want to sponsor a vase of flowers but cannot do the arrangement yourself, please sign up and then notify Clare Tarcha at (970) 819-8390. The cost is $30 for the arrangement. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and note “Flowers” in the memo field.
**Men’s Monday Morning Bible Study**

**Men’s Bible Study** on Monday mornings, 9 A.M., location to be announced. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Becker or Mark.

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**Monday Evening Bible Study**

**Monday Evening Bible Study**, 6 P.M., location to be announced. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Becker.

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**LifeLight Tuesday Bible Study**

We invite you to attend the Tuesday morning LifeLight Bible study on Worship in January, beginning January 7, 2020. This Worship study is part of the LifeLight Bible study series of in-depth studies of Bible books. The goal of LifeLight is that through a regular program of in-depth personal and group study of Scripture, more and more Christian adults may grow in their personal faith in Jesus Christ.

This session on Worship is based on experience of many Christians who remark they went to a fight and a worship service broke out! It is true that many battles have erupted over questions of worship. Through sometimes the issues are petty, oftentimes they are not, for they get at the core of what worship is and does.

You are welcome to meet at the FLC parking lot at 8:50 AM and travel together to my home for 9:30 fellowship before the video and study session.

—Barb

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The **Wednesday A.M. Women’s Bible Study** will begin January 15, 2020, at 9:30 A.M. "And the Angel’s Were Silent" by Max Lucado will be our focus of study. With a gentleness laced with boldness, Max will help us see the heart of Christ and remember what really matters.

Please let me know if you would like a book. Cost...$10.

Books available on Sun. Dec. 29th and also on Jan 5th at church.

Thanks and blessings. Peg J. Ph. 395-4502
For Crafting:
Please save:
metal Altoid containers and
denim - any weight, any color.
Thanks, Cindy

THANK YOU bell choir, for the cute “Bell Boss” sweatshirt. You are a special group and our time together is such fun.
Thank you again!
Sandy

I want to thank the ladies for the quilt they gave me. How did you know that I’m always cold? The quilt is wonderful. Also thank you for the nice lunch after the service for Larry.
Thank you Pastor Becker for the comforting sermon. And thank you Sandy for playing the organ.
Thanks to all of you for all the prayers and love through this very difficult time.
– Evelyn Behrmann
In Our Prayers

RACHEL STEPP, daughter of friends of Cindy and Jeff. She has tongue and lymph node cancer, is a freshman in college. Please pray for healing and strength for her and her family.

SUSAN, had surgery for colon cancer. She is struggling with recuperating from the surgery, has lost a lot of weight. Please pray for healing.

SARAH DREHER, prayers of thanks for healing.

DON, the Keglers’ long-time friend in Ponca City starts radiation and chemotherapy for stage 3 cancer.

GARY DENNIS, and his wife Lori. He has active cancer. This will be a difficult battle. Please pray for God to surround them with His love and strength. May they be brought closer to Him through this time of trial.

MIKE HAYDEN, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

WANDA, Mark Brinkmann’s friend, who has kidney stone and cancer. Please pray for relief of her pain.

GARY SPARROW, as he recovers from heart surgery this past week.

DONNA CLARK, who’s had a possible mini-stroke.

JAMES, Evelyn Behrmann’s son, is undergoing some extensive, potentially serious, health issues and treatment.

GARY LONGWELL, Dar’s son, and Dar as she cares for him, as he has developed an infection on his other foot.

JOHNNY RAMIREZ-STOUT, Claudette’s great-nephew, who had a stroke, is now able to communicate and is continuing to progress. However, he is still awaiting a donor kidney. Please lift him and the family up in prayer during this difficult time.

GENEVIEVE NEALLEY, Claudette Hysjulien’s mother, who’s had medical issues; she was recently hospitalized with pneumonia.

PAYTON, who is 15, who is now in a Christian Rehab Academy. Please keep praying for him.

JO BERAN, and his wife, Judi, dear friends of Betty’s, for healing, faith and strength to face these difficult times, as he continues to recover.

BECKY DAUGHEETY, is suffering from a severe back problem -- very painful for her to walk.

DON, a friend of Mark Brinkmann, as he recovers from a motorcycle accident.

LUCILLE BRINKMANN, who has broken vertebrae in her lower back. Please pray for healing and pain relief.

ELLIOIT, age 8, is now in remission. His family thanks all for your prayers.

DAVID, Erin Mueller’s cousin, had a heart attack, two stints in place. We give prayers of thanks for God’s continued presence as he heals.

MARCIA WITTE, Believe in miracles. One just happened. Dr. Chittum said her (Marcia’s) response to the antibiotics was one of the best he has ever seen. He had earlier predicted a 90% chance of strep, which is very bad. Now he is sure it is not. Dr. Chittum said we have a very nice Christmas gift. We told him we had lots of people praying for us.

--Dennis and Marcia

NEIL HAGLOO, Erin’s Husband. Prayers that he begins to believe in the Lord and the power of God’s love.

SAMANTHA GREEN, for strength, hope and faith in her grieving.

Please e-mail prayer requests to: timjo@centurylink.net
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LifeLight, 9:30 a.m.  
Bell Choir, 5:30 p.m. | **HAPPY NEW YEAR** | **TAKING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, FLC, 10 A.M.** | **COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 P.M.** | **COUNCIL MEETING, 6:30 P.M.** |
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