

December 2015

We are living in the end times. So what?

We're in the thick of the "holiday season." The commercials and holiday specials on TV attempt to dictate what life should be like this time of year. We often see families smiling and laughing. But how often do our lives really look and feel anything like those overly produced moments we see in movies and on TV? Is our holiday experience filled with laughter and delight, or is it mostly filled with stress and anxiety? The chaos of this life and the whirlwind of increasingly busy schedules can leave us with a sense of longing rather than fulfillment.

The pain and hardship of this life, whether in this time of year or anytime, should come as no surprise. We are living in the End Times, the last days before the end of the world comes. But so what? What difference does that make? God makes it clear that we shouldn't be surprised when life isn't the Hollywood ideal. In this life is going to be troublesome. He even warns us that wickedness will increase in the last days.

However, we live in the End Times like a child watches the calendar for Christmas. We wait with that same sort of eager excitement because we, too, are waiting for a gift. We're not waiting for toys and games wrapped in shiny

paper. There is something much better coming. As the apostle Paul wrote in the Bible: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

God promised a Savior right at the scene of the world's first sin. He followed through on that promise by sending Jesus to pay the price for everyone's sins by dying on the cross. God's forgiveness is ours now; trusting in Jesus we are God's children! And as his children we stand waiting for the rest of that gift: rescue from this world of hardship to be brought to an eternal life where only good exists.

Jesus' work for us, his death and his resurrection, assure us of his love. While there may be dark times in this life, none of those change God's love. He is with us now to help us get fact, because of sin in this world, God says that through the rough times. Because of Jesus and the gift of salvation that he won for us, finally God will take us to be with him forever in heaven. These End Times will give way to an eternity of true joy!

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December Birthdays

Sean Skinner	8-Dec
Kay Reynolds	11-Dec
Noah Martin	16-Dec
Terry Oaks	16-Dec
Cody Todd	17-Dec
Kala deKalands	18-Dec
Gerlinde McCarty	18-Dec
Michael Eichbrecht	25-Dec
Dorothy Scheitlin	27-Dec
Brian Todd	29-Dec

December Anniversaries

Sean & Louise Skinner	7-Dec
Rob & Kris Strickland	9-Dec
Marianne & Donald Figg	14-Dec
Gerlinde & Frank McCarty	22-Dec
Jeremy & Nicole Hicks	27-Dec
Bill & Sherry Kiefer	29-Dec
Jamey & Keera Haukap	29-Dec

Note: Please let Tina know if an error has occurred in the newsletter.

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Starts at 10 am, everyone is welcome. Please join them. Check calendar for December dates.

WORSHIP

<u>Kids Christmas program is</u> Sunday, Dec 13th at 10 am.

The practices will be on Saturday, Nov 28th, Dec 5th, and Dec 12th from 9-11:30.

All musicians need to be at the first practice if you would like to play a piece as part of the Children's service.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Women's Advent by Candlelight December 13th at 6 pm

Children's Christmas Service December 13th at 10 am

German Christmas Service December 20th at 7 pm German food afterward

Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 7 pm

Christmas Day Service with Communion December 25th at 10 am



Preparing for the Christmas Season

Women's Advent By Candlelight Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th at 6 pm.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Everyone is invited to place Christmas style flowers in the altar area anytime before Christmas day. If you have questions contact Anita Enevold or Sheryl Emerson.

Deutscher Gottesdienst am Heiligenabend!

December 20, 2015 @ 1900 Uhr
Die Evangelische Glaubenskirche
Faith Lutheran Church
377 E. Lincoln Trail Blvd, Radcliff KY 40160
feiert am Heiligenabend mit deutschem Kerzenlicht
-Gottesdienst.

Dies wird ein vollstandiger Gottesdienst sein, mit vielen bekannten Weihnachtsliedern.
Um 2000 Uhr gibt es deutsches Essen.
Information erhalten Sie bei folgender Nummer:
270.352.4545

German Christmas Service , December 20 at 7 pm. German food afterward.

Secret Sister Reveal Party

December 6th at

Youth Group Lock In

Christmas Lock In, December 18 between 6:30 and 7 pm

Adults are needed to volunteer - see bulletin board for more information.



DECEMBER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

December 6

Ushers: Dwayne Campbell, Richard Fullen,

Bill Kimes, Ben Emerson

Counters: Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel

Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Lynne Hogan

December 13

Ushers: Shawn Campbell, Noah Martin

Dann Reynolds, Paul Kassebaum,

Counters: Michael Rowlette, Betty Kimes

Attendance: Earl Enevold

Children's Service

December 20

Ushers: Jamie Rogers, Jamie Haukap, Steve

Reinheimer, Pat Hogan

Counters: Earl Enevold, Mindy Wood

Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Lynne Hogan

December 24 and 25

Organist: Louise Skinner

December 27

Ushers: Cecil Maus, Earl Enevold, Jake

Stover, Michael Rowlette

Counters: Ben Emerson, Debbie Fangel

Attendance: Earl Enevold Organist: Kay Reynolds

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

A specially called meeting of the voter assembly has been scheduled for 13 December 2015 immediately after the Worship service to address our congregations 2016 annual budget review and approval. Also to be addressed at this meeting will be the election of the following council members: Secretary, Property and Outreach. The terms of those elected will be from 1 January 2016 through 31 December 2017. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays: 10 am Wors Evening Service 7 pm (1st Sunday of each n Bible Study & Sunday 11:30am Confirmation 4 pm Communion Sunday	n nonth) School:	1	Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	3	4	5 Children's Rehearsal 9-11:30 am
6 Evening Worship at 7 pm Secret Sister reveal	7	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	10	11	Children's Rehearsal 9-11:30 am
Children's Christmas Service at 10 am Special Voter's Meeting after worship Women's Advent by Candlelight Evening Service at 6 pm	14	15	Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	17	18 Youth Group Christmas Lock In	19
20 German Christmas Service 7 pm with German food afterward	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm Christmas Eve	Christmas Day Service with Communion at 10 am	26
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