



December 2013

I Need More... JOY

After hastily opening the wrapped package and making the obligatory thank yous, it certainly didn't take long to turn away from the thoughtful gift as something ho hum.

Just then three year old Eleanor came along and stopping by the discarded item exclaimed, "Oh, my, what a beautiful gift! Is that yours? You must be so happy?" As she walked away I thought to myself, "Why don't I have the joy of that little girl?"

At times we have those feelings which cause us to cry out, "I need more joy in my life!" That is so often true at this time of year when for one reason or another we find ourselves lacking joy. There are indications everywhere that joy should fill our lives. Decorations are going up inside and outside. Christmas music surrounds us and cards are arriving daily.

Some days the festive joy fills our hearts as we excitedly go about our holiday shopping and schedule planning. But yet deep down we know that this joy will not last. Planning becomes overwhelming, schedules start falling apart and decorating gets tiresome. Above all, we know from experience, there will be no joy when we find we don't have enough money to purchase the perfect gift or when credit card payments come due.

All of this leads us to shout out, "I need more joy! I need joy that will last!"

Here's some great news. Christmas brings us joy that does last—the true joy found in Jesus.

With a love that we cannot comprehend, our heavenly Father gave his only Son, born to be our Savior. With perfect obedience Jesus lived the life all of us are unable to live. Each and every evil thought, evil word and evil deed we have done has been picked from us by our heavenly Father and placed on Jesus. On Calvary's cross, Jesus bowed his head in death declaring, "It is finished." These words of Jesus bring us true joy. They mean that all is done and Easter's announcement "He Is Risen!" guarantees that God our Father has accepted Jesus' life and death as payment in full for all our sins. True joy is the forgiveness of sins that is ours through faith in Jesus.

While we are in the midst of the season when it seems hard to keep joy in our lives, focus on the true Joy Giver. Ponder again the words of the angels to the shepherds, "Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord." Come and worship the Babe born in Bethlehem, and may God the Holy Spirit fill you with a joy that never ends.



December Birthdays

2-Dec	Horn, Becky
2-Dec	Yates, Sawyer
4-Dec	Thibodeau, Mary
8-Dec	Skinner, Sean
11-Dec	Reynolds, Kay
16-Dec	Oakes, Teri
17-Dec	Milward, Tina
17-Dec	Todd, Cody
18-Dec	deKalands, Kala
18-Dec	McCarty, Gerlinde
19-Dec	Smith, Milana
19-Dec	Wiedeman, Jim
20-Dec	Parker, Ayden
25-Dec	Eichbrecht, Mike
25-Dec	Smith, Martel
29-Dec	Todd, Brian
30-Dec	Milward, Zach
31-Dec	Kettel David

December Anniversaries

7-Dec	Skinner, Sean and Louise
9-Dec	Strickland, Rob and Kris
14-Dec	Figg, Marianne and Don
27-Dec	Hicks, Jeremy and Nicole

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

Every Member Visits

Pastor Horn and Vicar Zuberbier will be conducting Every Member Visits— one family each week until they visit everyone, to share the joys of ministry through the Word of God.



Here is our name for the Facebook home page:
Faith Lutheran Church, Radcliff, Kentucky

Worship

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 8 at 6 pm Women's Advent by Candlelight

Dec 15 at 10am Children's Christmas Service

Dec 22 at 5 pm German Christmas Candlelight with potluck to follow

December 24 at 7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 at 10:30 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion



**Women's Advent
by Candlelight
Sunday, December 8th
at 6 pm**

This is a time for women at Faith, both members and friends, to prepare for Christ's coming. For more information, see Becky Horn or Katie Hefti.

Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal

**Rehearsal will be held on
Saturday Dec 7 and 14
from 9 am—12 pm.**

RESERVE PEWS FOR FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN

Lutherans love sitting in the back pews. But at Faith we hope to reserve the last two pews on both sides of the sanctuary for use by families with small children.

Questions - see Pastor Horn.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Secret Sister Reveal Party
(which is welcome to ALL women) will be on
Dec. 15th at 5 pm at
Rena Todd's home, 127 Joy Court, Radcliff KY.
Everyone should bring a gift (whether it is for their
secret sister or to exchange with other newcomers)
and a dish to share.



Decorating the Church for Christmas: We will be decorating the church on December 7th after the kids Christmas practice. Please join us around 12:30 to help set up. We REALLY NEED some men to show up to help with the two big trees for the sanctuary.

Ushers: Ushers are needed for the German Service, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you are willing to Usher at any of these services please sign up on the list by the mailboxes.

Education Chairman: Position is still vacant. Please see Pastor Horn for more information. The basic objective of this Board is to oversee the educational agencies of the congregation, to determine policies and select personnel for the various groups and to promote and plan programs for the spiritual education of the youth and families of our church.

Offering Counters and Sunday morning attendance taker: Volunteers are needed. Sunday morning attendance taker records those who worshiped and attended Bible study. That information is entered into our church management software. Offerings can be counted anytime during the week to accommodate your schedule. Please let Rose Elliott know if you can help.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Isn't it wonderful having someone to clean our church? The voters' approved hiring an cleaning service with the congregation, agreeing to increase their giving to cover the cost, as their individual gifts allowed. Please consider adding a little extra to your offering envelope if you can to help keep our King's temple clean!

Youth Group

Paladins of Christ Christmas

Lock-In

Paladins of Christ Christmas Lock-In
All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the Paladins of Christ Christmas Lock-In on Friday, December 27th from 7 PM to 7 AM. Gift exchange game, dancing , video games, board games and movies all night long!

CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED! There is a sign up sheet on the youth group's bulletin board for chaperones for the lock-in. We could use a minimum of two adults per two hour shift. Come join the fun!

Youth Gift Wrapping Fund Raiser

Will be held after Church on December 8, 15 and 22. Drop off your gifts at 12:30 and pick them up before 3 pm. Free will donation will be used by the Youth Group to fund their activities.

Christian Education

Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study for all ages

Sunday school is for ages 3-12. The children meet in the sanctuary after worship for music and then head to their classrooms. Class ends at 12:15pm
Confirmation class is for grades 6-8 and meets in the sanctuary after music time and ends at 12:15pm
Bible study for all ages meets in the Fellowship Hall after fellowship time and ends at 12:15pm.
Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study continues at 10 am.

The study of God's Word is our highest priority!



Ben, Mike (Dad), Allie, Luther, Pam (Mom) , Mollie

Faith Lutheran Member Highlight Vicar Ben Zuberbier

Q: Tell us about your family. **A:** I'll start with my dad, Mike (2nd from the left). He's the Administrative Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, WI. Because St. Peter's is a larger congregation, they have two pastors on staff. My mom, Pam (2nd from the right), is the Cafeteria Administrator at St. Peter's Lutheran School, which is associated with St. Peter's Lutheran Church. I have two siblings who are fairly close in age to me. My brother, Luther (right-center), is 23 and is in his first year at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary where he is, like me, studying to be a pastor. He's married to Allie (left-center), who is a Kindergarten Aid at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran School in Milwaukee. My sister, Mollie (right), is 21 and is in her senior year at Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), studying International Marketing. In August she got back from Luebeck, Germany, where she studied abroad for 11 months.

Q: Are you dating anyone special? **A:** Yes. I'm dating a college student from Wisconsin. Her name is Hannah.

Q: Tell us about your school. **A:** Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is our Synod's school to train pastors. It's located in Mequon, WI which is just north of Milwaukee. Students at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary spend three years in the classroom studying, and one year at a congregation getting practical experience. The practical year is called the "vicar year" and is what I am currently in here at Faith. I've already studied two years in the classroom, and after this year, I will be back at Seminary in the classroom for one more year before I will, God-willing, be assigned as a pastor.

Q: What is your home state? **A:** Wisconsin is my home state, but I lived a large part of my life in Michigan. I was born in Milwaukee, WI when my dad was at Seminary. When he graduated, he was assigned to two congregations--one in Gladwin and the other in Beaverton, MI. After living there a couple years, my dad received a divine call to Tawas City, MI. He accepted that call and I spent most of my childhood there. Tawas City is a small city on Lake Huron and somewhat of a tourist destination in Michigan. It was definitely a nice place to grow up. I lived there through most of high school. At the end of my junior year, we moved to Fond du Lac, WI, which is where I've lived since then.

Q: What are your hobbies? **A:** I like to fit in hunting and fishing where I'm able. I also like winter sports/activities--snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice-fishing. During the summer, I usually spend time at a cabin my grandparents own on a small lake in Kiel, WI, where I can fish, ski, go boating, etc.

Q: Do you have a favorite sports team? **A:** I'm a cheesehead--Go Pack, Go!

Q: What do you like best about Faith Lutheran Church? **A:** I enjoy the family, friendly feel here at Faith. Actually, last year I remember coming here for a performance with the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir. Faith stood out in my mind as a very friendly congregation. Ever since I was installed here in August, I've felt at home.

Q: What do you like about being our Vicar? **A:** I enjoy all the opportunities that I have here at Faith--teaching Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Study, teaching Adult Bible Study or Catechism class on Sunday mornings, the opportunity to preach about every other week, and actually, I like just about everything about it.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:30 pm Outreach calls	3 6:30 pm Outreach calls	4 10 am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Foundations of Faith	5 6:30 pm Outreach calls/FOF	6	7 9am-12pm Children's Service Rehearsal 12:30 pm Decorate the Church
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22 5 pm — German Christmas with potluck to follow Youth Group Gift Wrapping 	23	24 7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Organist: Katie Hefti	25 10:30 am Christmas Day Worship Organist: Lynne Hogan 	26	27 Youth Lock In	28
29	30	31 Happy New Year's Eve	Sundays: 10 am: Sunday Worship 11:30am: Adult Bible Study & Sunday School Communion Sunday = 			

STEWARDSHIP CALENDAR

Thank you for your service to our Lord!

A friendly reminder: if you are unable to perform your duties as usher, please find someone to take your place.



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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Ushers: Dann Reynolds, Paul Kassebaum, Roger Hermanson, Camerson Ford Counters: Betty Kimes and Mike Rowlette Attendance: Earl Enevold Organist: Katie Hefti</p>	<p>2 Hannelore Buckland</p>	<p>3 Dwayne, JoAnne, Shawn Campbell</p>	<p>4 Kyleene Campbell</p>	<p>5 George, Petra, Joseph Dalton</p>	<p>6 Teresa, Jash, Ema, Kala, Shaina deKaland</p>	<p>7 Bonnie, Gordon Disch</p>
<p>8 Ushers: Steve Reinheimer, Pat Hogan, Jeremy Hicks, Cecil Maus Counters: Ed Tomita and Carlos Orta Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist: Jeff Maurer</p> 	<p>9 Margie Durall</p>	<p>10 Mike, Gina, Malin, Matthew, Morgan Eichbrecht</p>	<p>11 Richard, Rose Elliott</p>	<p>12 Ben, Sheryl Emerson</p>	<p>13 Earl, Anita Enevold</p>	<p>14 Rocco, Valerie Erne</p>
<p>15 Ushers: Earl Enevold, Jake Stover, Michael Rowlette, Aaron Tomita Counters: Debbie Fangel and Brien Grace Attendance: Earl Enevold Organist: Children's Service</p>	<p>16 Deborah, Jerry Fangel</p>	<p>17 Marianne, Donald Figg</p>	<p>18 Richard, Conny, Elizabeth Fullen</p>	<p>19 Inge Gick</p>	<p>20 Kathy, Katie Grabowski</p>	<p>21 Brien, Marianne Grace</p>
<p>22 Ushers: Brian Todd, Ken Wood, Rocco Erne, Scott Milward Counters: Earl Enevold and Ben Emerson Attendance: Valerie Erne Organist Day: Louise Skinner Organist Eve: Kay Reynolds</p> 	<p>23 Monique Granicki</p>	<p>24 Peter, Joan, Rosalyn Gurney Organist: Katie Hefti</p>	<p>25 Jerry Hale Organist: Lynne Hogan</p> 	<p>26 Lara, Anthony Hans</p>	<p>27 Maurice Harris</p>	<p>28 Ruth Hartzog</p>
<p>29 Ushers: Jason Johnson, Collin Strickland, Nathan Wood, Bill Kiefer Counters: Michael Rowlette and Betty Kimes Attendance: Earl Enevold Organist: Lynne Hogan</p>	<p>30 Mike, Katie, Titus, Zeke, Gideon Hefti</p>	<p>31 Doris Hendley</p>	<p><i>Pray for the members of our church family on the day their name is listed.</i></p>			