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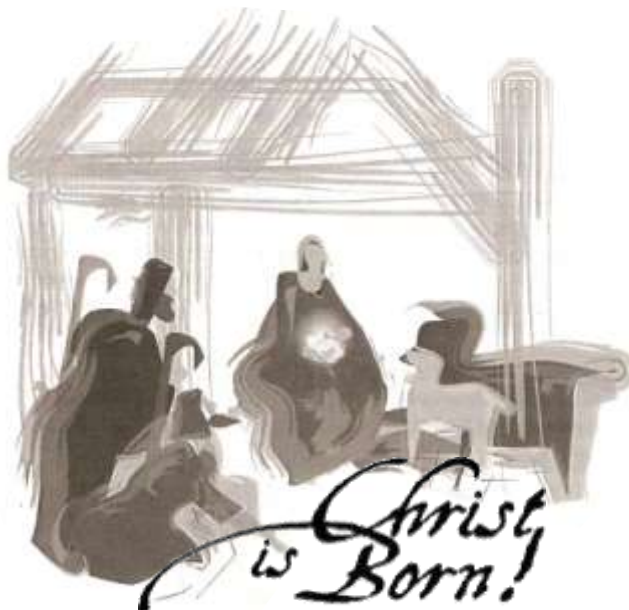
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one service only, 9:30 AM

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In-service Kid's Chat : 11A.M.

Weekdays:

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 10 A.M.

Youth Events

2nd & 4th Fridays

6:30 - 9:30P.M.

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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Come together in worship
 and celebration!



SUNDAYS:

- 8:30 AM Traditional worship
- 9:45 AM Christian Education, ages 3 through adult
- 11:00 AM Celebration Worship (Child care, 8:30 - 12:30, children, ages two and up)

Wed, 12/1 Advent Worship, 7 PM

Sun, 12/5 **Women's Ministry Advent Celebration, 12 - 4:30 PM**

Wed, 12/5 Advent worship, 7 PM

Sat, 12/11 Annual Progressive Dinner

Youth decorate sanctuary Christmas tree

Wed, 12/15 Advent worship, 7 PM — **"A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S-"**
Sunday School children's Christmas program.

(Rehearsals during Sunday School hours)

Sat, 12/18 Youth Christmas Party

Sat, 12/18 Choir and Friends Caroling and Dinner, 5—10 PM

Sun, 12/19 Chancel choir Christmas Cantata, 8:30 AM service

Sun, 12/19 **Sunday School Jesus' Birthday celebration (birthday**
 cake, the Christmas story, special take-home
 craft.

(All children of the congregation and friends invited.)

Sun, 12/19 Child of Faith Christmas program, 11 AM service

Sun, 12/19 Kids U, Christmas Celebration, ending up with a special

Kid's pageant for parents and friends, 12:30 - 3:30 PM

Fri, 12/24 Christmas Eve Family Service, 5 PM

Christmas Eve Traditional Candlelight Service, 11 AM
 Chancel Choir sings

Sat, 12/25 Christmas Day Festival of Worship, 9 AM Holy Communion

Sun, 12/26 Worship, 9:30, Holy Communion

Thurs, 12/30 Youth decorate Petal Pusher Floats (Pasadena Tournament)



From the Pastor's Desk...

“Savior of the Nations Come”
“O Come O Come Emmanuel”
“O Come all Ye Faithful”
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
“From Heaven Above to Earth I come”

Have you ever noticed how many of our favorite Advent and Christmas carols and hymns talk about **“Coming?”** The above are just a few of carols that tell us of the coming of Christ to earth.

The next time you are in church just leaf through the Advent and Christmas sections in the hymn book and count the number of hymns that have the word **“come”** in the title or in the verses we sing.

December is the month of **“Coming.”** Children can't wait for Christmas to come. Adults say, **“Christmas is coming!”** We are all in an expectant mood as we march through the days of December toward the celebration of Christmas.

But I wonder if we really understand what all this coming and going is all about. Yes, God came to earth in the form of a baby 2000 years ago. He came to save us and to restore us to a loving relationship with him.

But the days of Advent also remind us that Jesus is coming again to take

us to live with him forever. And it is that theme of Advent that gets so lost these days in all our decorating and buying and coming and going.

This year why not make the word **“Come”** the central part of your Advent – Christmas preparation and celebration.

Come to worship on Sunday's to hear the wonderful news of God's love for you. Come on Wednesday evenings to our special Advent services, this year titled, **“Away in a Manger,”** as we focus on that beloved Christmas carol.

And finally, speak the word **“Come,”** to a neighbor, or a friend or a family member or even a stranger. Say to them **“Come with me to church.** Come and celebrate and learn about the real message of Christmas. Come and join me for a **wonderful celebration of Christmas.”**

Come! For I know that when you do God will come again into your heart **with His never failing love.** **“O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.”**

Waiting expectantly for Christ to Come,

— Pastor Paul



Advent – Christmas Sermon Themes for 2010

Advent and Christmas are big celebrations in the life of the church. The following is a list of all the Sunday's and Special worship services this year at Faith, and the accompanying sermon title and text. It is my hope that as you prepare to come to church each week, you will read the sermon text as part of your devotions and preparation to hear the messages each week. May God bless us as together we share the word and love of God this Advent – Christmastide.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our worship on Christmas Day is 9 AM. On Sunday, December 26, we will have only one service at 9:30 AM. Please note the special time and that we will only have one service that morning.

First Sunday in Advent – Nov 28
“How Do You Start Your Day?”
 Text: Romans 13:11-14

First Wednesday in Advent – Dec 1, 7 pm
**“Christ’s First Coming:
 Who lies in the Manger?”**
 Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Sunday in Advent – Dec 5
“Are You Ready?”
 Text: Matthew 24:37-44

Second Wednesday in Advent – Dec 8, 7pm
**“Christ’s Second Coming:
 For What Has He Come?”**
 Text: Isaiah 2: 1-5

Third Sunday in Advent – Dec 12
“Are You Standing in the Doorway?”
 Text: Matthew 3:1-12

Third Wednesday in Advent – Dec 15, 7 pm
**“Christ’s Third Coming:
 How Has He Saved Us?”**
 Text: Isaiah 35:1-10

Fourth Sunday in Advent – Dec 19
“The Wounded Healer Returns to Heal Us”
 Text: Hosea 5:15-6:2

Christmas Eve Family Service – Dec 24, 5 pm
And God Sneaks In”
 Text: Luke 2:1-14

“Christmas Eve Candlelight Service” – Dec 24, 11 pm
“Christmas Grass and Easter Tinsel”
 Text: Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day – Service of Holy Communion
 Dec 25, 9 am
“Christmas as a Little Child”
 Text: Luke 2: 1-20

The First Sunday After Christmas – Dec 26, 9:30 am
“The Rest of the Story”
 Text: Matthew 2:13-23

“Away in a Manger” + A Special Advent Worship Experience +

The Old Testament spoke of the “Coming One,” and so we celebrate the advent, the coming, of the Babe of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ. But the Church is bracketed between “comings,” so in this Advent season we also anticipate Christ’s promised second coming in judgment. Finally, we experience Christ’s continuous coming today to strengthen His people. This is the theme for our special Wednesday evening Advent services.

The Christmas cradle hymn “Away in a Manger” is a favorite of children and adults. We will use this hymn and its verses to guide us through the season of Advent as we move toward Christmas. “Away in a Manger” helps us take the wonderful meaning of Jesus’ incarnation and birth and apply it to our lives today. In these quiet moments we can really reflect on what this preparation is all about.

Beginning December 1 at 7 pm we will have three Wednesday evening services. In the last service on December 15, the children of our congregation will present their Christmas pageant as a gift to the congregation.

The sermons for these services are titled:

- December 1 - “Christ’s First Coming: Who lies in the Manger?”
- December 8 - “Christ’s Second Coming: For What Has He come?”
- December 15 – “Christ’s Third Coming: How Has He Saved Us?”

Plan now to be a part of these services and bring an unchurched friend or family member. You and they will truly be blessed.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Christmas
Caroling and Dinner
Saturday, December 18,
5—10 PM**



**Come caroling with us!
Bring a friend!**

Everyone meets at Faith Lutheran at 5:00 pm and then we go caroling in groups. Everyone then meets back at Faith Lutheran Church in Haas Hall. We'll have a wonderful catered dinner and then a White Elephant gift exchange! You'll love the festive atmosphere of Haas Hall and the fellowship of all! The whole family is invited—but a white elephant gift for each person in your group should be brought.

No Choir experience necessary to come and have a wonderful time sharing Christ through carols to our community and neighbors! Look for signup sheets on the patio after each service in December. Dinner cost per person will be less than \$15.00.

Women's Ministry Advent Celebration

Lights! Camera! Action!

Clear your Calendar for December 12 in the AFTERNOON. You won't want to miss the talent the Women's Ministry and the Young Women of Faith have to offer! After the play (a parody on TVs' "American Idol," titled "Nativity Idol"), light refreshments will be served in Haas Hall.

Bring your girlfriends and neighbors or co-workers to share in the Advent message to "Ready our Hearts for the Savior's Arrival!"

Signups will be on the patio after every Service on November 21, 28 and December 5, 2010. More information will be given at the time of Sign up!

**Faith Chancel Choir
Cantata**

Faith Chancel Choir sings a Christmas Cantata during the Sunday, December 12, 11 AM service and Sunday, December 19, 8:30 AM.

The Chancel Choir will share the joys of the Christmas story with you and your family and friends. Please bring someone you love to either service and leave, filled with the wonder of Christ's love.



**December Birthday
Wishes**

Debra Merrick	12/4
Pamela Schwene	12/6
Nicholas Luebcke	12/7
Jerry Johnson	12/9
Ron Moore	12/9
Korey Bajhart	12/10
Edwin Strazzulla	12/10
Peter Swanson	12/10
Catherine Rasch	12/11
Jaclyn Gergens	12/13
Chloe Dae Hern	12/13
Russell McFaul	12/14
Yvonne Moorman	12/14
Reed Phillips	12/14
Sheri Stigall	12/16
Valerie Marini	12/18
Heather Lansford	12/21
David Luebcke	12/21
John Swiger	12/21
Ophelia Canas	12/25
Lacey Halvorson	12/25
Albert Rasch	12/25
Helen Schaefer	12/29
Darwin Strong	12/29
Jean Beres	12/30
Mark Tubbiola	12/30

December Anniversaries

Rick and Shirley Willems	12/3	44 years
Alan and Esther Peterson	12/21	36 years
Bruce and Joyce Schoenegge	12/21	53 years
Kelvin and Sheri Stigall	12/22	32 years

**Race for the Cure
Thank You**

On behalf of Komen Orange County Race for the Cure and our Faith Walkers Team, thank you so much for donating to this important cause. Our Faith Walkers 2010 donation totaled \$2089!

This year our team was small and included Mary DePaoli, Devin Swiger, Rachel and Sheri Swanson.

The weather on race day was a lot warmer this year, but a beautiful sunny day. This year there were more than 24,000 race participants who raised to date \$1,526,860! Thank you so much for your generosity!

— Sheri Swanson



Child of Faith Preschool

Callie Paesano, Director

AM - 6 PM

Ages 2-6 yrs, 6:30

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Our Mission - Child of Faith is committed to providing quality care in a loving, Christ-centered

From the Director

December is here. We have some wonderful activities and events planned for this month.

★ **Santa's Breakfast**

Friday, December 17

Santa Claus will be in attendance with a special Christmas story and presents for the children. There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast to which family members are invited.

★ The Preschool will be closed:

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Monday, December 27, observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Friday, December 31, **New Year's Eve**

On behalf of the preschool staff, we hope that everyone has a most joyous holiday.

God bless,

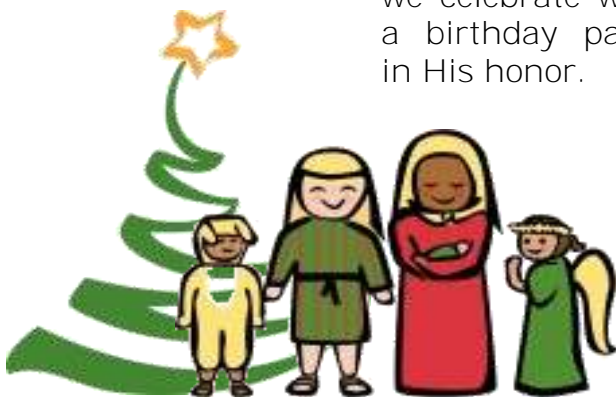
Callie Paesano, Director

PARTY!

"The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told." Luke 2:20

Everyone loves a good party: the decorations, the games, the excitement, the cake and the joy. People are happy when **they are at a party. They're surrounded** by those nearest and dearest to them.

God gives us a great reason to party this month! He gave us the birth of Jesus who was born to save us all. This month we celebrate with a birthday party in His honor.



Report from the Board

The ghosts, goblins, witches, and characters of all kinds were out the night of Friday, October 29 at our annual harvest festival. Batman attended along with Superman and we even had Super Mom show up. Attendance this year fell just short of overwhelming. We attracted the largest crowd we have ever had, By the end of the evening we had run out of everything. I am sure all the children had a great time.

Mister Balloon Twister was kept busy all night, Chef Chuck kept the grill full of hot dogs and hamburgers, Suzanne and Darwin kept the music going, the pumpkins got decorated, the 'fish hooks' kept catching prizes, and on and on.

Through the generous financial support of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans we were once again able to provide the young children a quality evening of fun and entertainment. It requires a substantial amount of work and effort by a great number of volunteers to this our major neighborhood outreach project of the year. Your preschool board wishes to thank all of you who donated your time and talent to this project, and those who donated items for the cakewalk. We could not accomplish this without you!

The next big event will be the preschool children performing their Christmas program at the 11:00 am service on Sunday December 19. They have been hard at work learning and rehearsing their music. Everyone always enjoys their young voices singing with great enthusiasm.

Once again, your preschool staff and board thank all of you for your continued support and prayers for this important outreach ministry

— Tom Loppnow
Board member/Treasurer

YOUTH MINISTRY

Every Wednesday
@ 6:30pm

December

- 12/1 Confirmation & The Flock
- 12/4 Final Pick up Food Drive
- 12/6 Youth Committee Meeting
- 12/8 Confirmation & The Flock
- 12/11 Christmas tree and
Sanctuary Decorating
- 12/15 Confirmation & The Flock
- 12/18 Youth Christmas Party
- 12/19 Kids U
- 12/25 Food Distribution Trinity
Cristo Rey
- 12/30 Petal Pushers



January

- 1/3 Youth Committee Meeting
- 1/5 Confirmation & The Flock
- 1/7-9 College Ski Trip
- 1/12 Confirmation & The Flock
- 1/17 College Group Dinner
- 1/19 Confirmation & The Flock
- 1/22 Out Source Event
- 1/22 Food Distribution Trinity
Cristo Rey
- 1/26 Confirmation & The Flock

The Flock

The Flock is the youth ministry for children grades 2—5. They meet every Wednesday Evenings from 6:30—8:00 pm. Parents are always welcome to stay and enjoy the evening. Friends are always welcome to join us.

The Edge High School Ministry

The Edge high school ministry is meeting the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Saturday Evenings in the youth room from 7:00 pm—9:00 pm. Come and hang out for the evening for fellowship and fun.

Kids University

Kid's University is all about the kids learning and having fun with Jesus! This ministry has been such a blessing which allows kids to learn about the Good News of Jesus and fellowship with new people. The Next Kids' U is scheduled for December 19th. Please contact Dave Simenson for more information if you would like to donate supplies or get involved.

