

# Life at Faith

## Today—Dec 4

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

♥ Duane & Lora McCain

9a Divine Service of Holy Communion

10a Snacks

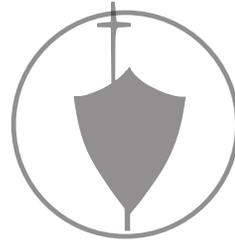
10<sup>15</sup>-11a Adult Bible Study | Children's Christmas Program Practice Decorating for Christmas



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### Daily Prayers

*By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.—Psalm 42:8*



### PRAYERS REQUESTED

*I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*

—1 Timothy 2:1

- Bill Schnackel
- Danny M. (Henry)
- Diane O'Connor
- Gary B. (Weddle)
- Gilbert P. (VonFange)
- Jackie J. (Clipp)
- Justin S. (Riordan)
- Kathleen/Greg H. (Jacobus)
- Neal L. (White)
- Nina B. (Henry)
- Parker Waltz
- Rachel W. (White)
- Shirley M. (Henry)
- Sonny R. (Buchanan)
- Steve F. (Driver)
- Sue Ellen (Driver)
- Tessa M. (Barnhill)
- Walter W. (White)
- Zac W. (White)
- Family and friends of +Debbie+ S. (Waltz)
- Family and friends of +Jim+ R. (Schnackel)
- Family and friends of +Russ+ M. (Riordan)

- Michael & Danielle Smith (Missionaries)
- Tammy C. (Staff Member)
- Jayne M. (Student)
- Josiah G. (Student)
- St. George's Lutheran (Columbus Area Congregation)

*Requests for prayers may be sent to the church at [office@faithontheweb.org](mailto:office@faithontheweb.org) or by phone 812/342-3587*



**MONDAY** *For faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for preschools & schools; for good government and for peace.*

**TUESDAY** *For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin.*

**WEDNESDAY** *For marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

**THURSDAY** *For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries and for all who serve the Church; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed Sacrament of Christ's body and blood.*

**FRIDAY** *For the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

**SATURDAY** *For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:1-10 | Psalm 146 (antiphon: vs. 5)

James 5:7-11 | Matthew 11:2-15

## Monday 5

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook

12p Staff Meetings

## Tuesday 6

☪ Carol Batten | Paula Harris | Matthew Hotz

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook

5<sup>45</sup>p Choir Rehearsal

## Wednesday 7

7a Devotion & Prayer

11<sup>30</sup>a Advent Worship

6<sup>30</sup>p Advent Worship

## Thursday 8

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook

## Friday 9

♥ C. O. & Laurel Weddle

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook

## Saturday 10

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook

## Next Sunday 11

7a Devotion & Prayer on Facebook

9a Divine Service of Holy Communion

10a Snacks

10<sup>15</sup>-11a Voters' Meeting

## News and Notes

### Christmas Decorating

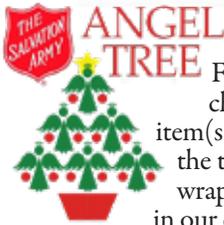
Today, December 4 after church we will finish decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Stay and help if you can!

—Faith Arts

### Christmas Caroling at Keepsake Village

On Sunday, December 18 at 11a, Faith Lutheran will take a group to Keepsake Village of Columbus, 2564 Foxpointe Drive, Columbus, 47203 to Christmas carol for the residents. If you are interested in leading this group of carolers, let the church office know.

—Church Office



### Salvation Army Angel Tree

The Salvation Army Angel tags are in the Narthex/ Foyer area. Choose a tag and fulfill the wishes of a child for Christmas. Take a green bag, purchase the item(s) on the list and return your donation, along with the tag in the green bag before **December 11**. Do not wrap your items! Thank you for helping meet this need in our community!

—Mercy Ministry

### Altar Guild Members Needed

Altar Guild members are still needed. There are many options for serving, so please contact Debbie Phillips to learn more. We also welcome anyone new who might want to serve and training will be provided! For more information or to volunteer to serve, contact Debbie Phillips at (812) 371-6292.

—Debbie Phillips, Altar Guild

### Food Pantry and Weekend Backpack Donations

There is a need for non-perishable food items for Love Chapel, Salvation Army and the Homeless shelters in both Brown County and Columbus. The Brown County Weekend Backpack program has started again, and we will be collecting individual fruit cups again this year. There will be a bin in the foyer for donations, or you can drop off items at Regina Allman's home, 2629 17<sup>th</sup> Street. Thank you for your giving spirit and helping those in need!

—Mercy Ministry

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Ornament

The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has commissioned a Christmas ornament to commemorate this special church anniversary. The cost is \$20.00 per ornament and can be picked up in the church entryway. Please pay with cash or a check made out to Faith Lutheran Church.

—60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

### Happy Belated Birthday! 🎉

Due to my oversight, some names of newer members were left off of the birthday and anniversary lists. Please accept my apology for not updating my information sooner. Take a moment and wish Matthew White a belated Happy Birthday from November 30, and Sarah Newland a belated Happy Birthday from December 3. We wish for you both many blessings in the coming year!

—Missy Collins

### Church Calendar

Did you know that Faith maintains a google calendar that you may subscribe to. Scan the QR code to follow the official church calendar.

—Pastor Riordan



Voters' Meeting Sunday, Dec 11, 2022 | 10<sup>30a</sup>

### Children's Christmas Presentation

The Sunday School children will be singing songs and reading some passages for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 18. Practice will be during Sunday School today, Dec 4 and dress rehearsal during Sunday School on Sunday, Dec. 11.

—Christian Education

### Advent Resources



On the church website, there are several Advent Resources for you to use during this Advent season of waiting and expectation.

- A daily devotional book that is available in various formats that can be downloaded or used on line or in e-book format.

- There is a calendar for families to use, with activities for each day that relate to the weekly themes of hope, peace, joy and love.
- The bulletins for both the 11<sup>30a</sup> and 6<sup>30p</sup> Wednesday Advent Worship services are posted.
- Several other resources for families to use with suggested activities and recipes.

Scan the QR code to get to the Advent resources page on the church website.

—Pastor Riordan

### Donations for Poinsettias

Women of Faith will be purchasing poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to donate to help purchase the Poinsettias, please fill out an order form on the table under the tv in the foyer, and make your donation in cash or **make your check out to Faith Lutheran Church, with Faith Arts in the memo line**. You may list your donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. **Please make your donations before Monday, December 19**. If you have any questions, please let Debbie Phillips know.

—Faith Arts



## Preschool News

The Christmas season is here! Tuesday during Chapel we heard about Gabriel and the news he brought to Mary. God chose Mary to carry His Son- Jesus! The children are working on learning the songs and various speaking parts for their special Christmas Program as an outreach to community Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents. The students will also share this program with their parents. Thank you for the support you give to Faith Preschool!

—Beckie Eckelman, Preschool Director

## White Creek Job Opportunities

White Creek Lutheran School is currently seeking teachers to fill vacancies! Two positions are available: Long-term substitute for Grade 2 (*medical leave*), and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher (*full time*) beginning in January. Both of these positions are urgent and have the potential to continue into the 2023-24 school year. Please contact Whitney Vanderkar at [wvanderkar@whitcreek.org](mailto:wvanderkar@whitcreek.org) for more information or to refer a teacher.

—Blessings, Shannon, St. John's Lutheran Church  
White Creek Lutheran School, Admin. Asst.





**Come Grow With Us! Faith Lutheran Preschool and After School has openings!**

The Preschool Program is for those children age 3 who are fully potty trained.

The PreK Program is for those children who turn age 4 prior to September 1.

Faith After School is offered from 3:00p-5:30p for elementary children who attend the Southside Elementary School. BCSC transports the students to Faith Lutheran for drop off at 3:00p each afternoon.

Daily Activities: Circle Time, Jesus Time, Center Play, Story Time, Arts and Crafts, Music, Gross/Fine Motor Skills, and LOTS OF PLAY!

LEARNING, LISTENING, LOVING together at Faith Lutheran!

Contact Information: Beckie Eckelman at (812) 342-3587, [Beckie@faithontheweb.org](mailto:Beckie@faithontheweb.org) or [www.faihtontheweb.org](http://www.faihtontheweb.org)



## Serving @ Faith

Sundays	Elder	Greeters	Organ	Usher	Acolyte	Lector	Sound	Snacks	Wed	Elder	Organ	Lector
<b>Dec 4</b>	Tom R.	Burlew	Doreen S.	Regina A., Bob P., Kyle S.	Noah F.	Christina R.	Bill S.	Riordan	<b>Dec 7</b>	11 <sup>30</sup> a John D. 6 <sup>30</sup> p C. O. We	11 <sup>30</sup> a Kevin V. 6 <sup>30</sup> p Doreen S.	Drebus
<b>Dec 11</b>	Mike W.	Vogts	Cathy B.	David V., Dana V., C. O. We	Needed	Larry C.	Terry B.	Needed	<b>Dec 14</b>	11 <sup>30</sup> a Michael C. 6 <sup>30</sup> p David V.	11 <sup>30</sup> a Kevin V. 6 <sup>30</sup> p Cathy B.	Drebus
<b>Dec 18</b>	Mike M.	Clipp	Cathy B.	Terry B., Ardis S.	Noah F.	Ardis S.	Larry C.	Hill	<b>Dec 21</b>	11 <sup>30</sup> a Tom R. 6 <sup>30</sup> p John D.	11 <sup>30</sup> a Kevin V. 6 <sup>30</sup> p Cathy B.	Drebus

Altar Guild December— Bob & Debbie P.

**Coloring Page** The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them. —*Isaiah 11*



## Singing the Faith HYMN #344 ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

### Text Background

Written in Latin by the “rector of the University of Paris, Charles Coffin (1676-1749), for the 1736 edition of the Paris Breviary”, it was mistaken for a hymn of the early Church and included in John Chandler’s *Hymns of the Primitive Church* (1837).

In the 1736 source, the hymn was appointed for Lauds, the morning Office, on weekdays during Advent. Most hymnals since the late nineteenth century, including LSB, omit the original second stanza, which reads in Chandler’s version:

*E'en now the air, the sea, the land, Feel that their Maker is at hand;  
The very elements rejoice And welcome Him with cheerful voice.*

### Text Commentary

Advent is often misunderstood as a time of preparation for Christmas only, but the season also gives us a chance to reflect on Christ’s second coming. The hymn begins with John the Baptizer. The first two stanzas convey his message of preparation and repentance, which was foretold by the prophet Isaiah: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (*Isaiah 40:3*). His words right true for the Church today as it awaits Christ’s second coming, when He will return to judge the living and the dead.

Without Christ, we wither and fade like grass (*Isaiah 40:7-8*), but in Him “our refuge and our great reward,” we are save and secure (*stanza 3*). God promised the same to Abram in *Genesis 15:1*. “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” This promise was confirmed continually by the Lord through His prophets, and in these last days by His Son (*Hebrews 1:2*), without whose “grace we waste away.”

**STANZA 4** echoes the psalmist David, “Stretch out Your hand from on high; rescue me and deliver me” (*Ps. 144:7*). The Old Testament is filled with prayers such as this and with promises

of blessing and healing. These prayers and promise are fulfilled in no greater way than in Jesus Christ, for it is in Him that the world sees the glory of God, the light that shines out of darkness (*2 Cor. 4:6*). When Christ first came to earth, He healed the sick, forgave sins, and raised the dead. But when He comes again, all sickness will be destroyed, sin will be no more, and all who believe in Christ will be raised never to die again.

**STANZA 5** is a doxology to the Holy Trinity centering on freedom in Christ. The people in the Old testament lived with the hope that they would be freed through the coming Messiah, and

this hope is fulfilled in Christ. Jesus says of Himself, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (*John 8:36*). It is in and through Christ that believers will receive the ultimate freedom on the Last Day, when all the dead will be raised and sin wiped away. It is then that the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven will gather in the ultimate hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity.

—*LSB, Companion to the Hymns*