



# Weekend Update

Grow in faith. Share Christ's love.

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### Publications for print from our Web site:

- Weekend Updates
- Monthly Messengers

### Welcome visitors

Please stop by the "Welcome Center" located in the lobby for information brochures.

### Sunday worship

- 8 and 11 a.m. - traditional
- 9:30 a.m. - contemporary
- 6:00 p.m. - cont. liturgical

### Education for all ages

•9:30 and 10:45 a.m.  
Look for posters listing options.

## At Faith today

- **New Member Welcome** During the worship services today, we welcome 13 households to Faith congregation by confirmation, affirmation of faith and transfer. Keep all of these new members in your prayers and welcome them as they become active participants in the life and ministry of this congregation:

*Pamela Bass*

*Ken & Dee Blanding*

*Michael & Karen Brumleve and Alexandra*

*Kate Culbertson, (Collin & Torin will be baptized at a later date)*

*John & Erin Hoestje and Eli*

*Gladys Johnson*

*Jane Kennedy and Emma*

*Richard & Julie Liedtke*

*Jimmy & Mary Kay Moore*

*Pastor Robert Nestler*

*Nicole Phillippe and Lauren*

*Pastor Norbert & Mary Jo Wodtke*

*Steve Wodtke*

- **Sharing Faith Stories** As part of our stewardship emphasis Pastor Jim Bender will speak during worship at the offering times about the church budget and finances as it relates to our stewardship.
- **Voters Meeting** The annual meeting to pass the budget and elect officers for 2010 is TODAY at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. The proposed 2010 Budget to be presented is available at the usher's table in the lobby.

## Excel in the Grace of Giving

Today is Christ the King Sunday. Our true citizenship is with the Kingdom of God. That is demonstrated in an honorable and real way when we "give to God what is God's and to Caesar what is Caesar's." What is it that we give to God to support his Kingdom and our citizenship in it? The scriptures encourage giving that flows from gratitude to God, that is sacrificial, that is deliberate and planned, that is percentage-based, and is first-fruits. To be such givers is to be counter-cultural to the kingdom around us. It is one of many ways that we demonstrate that Christ is King in our life.

**Proportionate or percentage giving gives all Christians an equal privilege and opportunity to share in extending God's kingdom.**

"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have"  
(2 Corinthians 8:12).



## Calendar: This week at Faith

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	9:30	Education hour
	9:30	Contemporary worship
	10:45	Education hour
	11:00	Traditional worship
	5:00 pm	Senior Thanksgiving Meal
	6:00	Blended worship
<b>Mon</b>	6:00	Sr Youth <i>Ignite</i>
	6:00 pm	Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
	7:00	Boy Scouts
<b>Tue</b>	7:30	Men's Basketball (TLS)
	9:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
<b>Wed</b>	6:00 pm	Children's Ministry
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study I
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
<b>Thur</b>	7:00	Thanksgiving Worship
	8:00	Pie Fellowship time
	Thanksgiving Day - Office closed	
<b>Fri</b>	Office closed	
<b>Sat</b>	5:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal



**Editor's Note - If you have something to be published in the Weekend Update, please send to Linda Meyer via e-mail or drop off during office hours, by Thursday noon the week of publication.**

## Preparing for the Holidays

- **Thanksgiving Worship** There will be only one worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. The service will include Holy Communion.
- **Thanksgiving Fellowship** Following the Thanksgiving Wednesday worship, Nov. 25, there will be a fellowship time with pie. You are welcome to bring a pie to share.
- **Advent Worship** We will pay attention to the characters of the Christmas story. In the obedience to God of Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth and Zachariah, we see service, faith-talk and prayer--disciplines that help us to grow in faith and to share Christ's love. The order of service will be *Holden Evening Prayer*, a very beautiful and singable liturgy. Services are at 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 2, 9, 16.
- **Advent Dinner** The youth will serve a meal between Advent services from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5/adults; \$3/under 10. All dinners are made from scratch. This is a way for the youth to raise funds for trips.
- **Advent Devotions** There are four choices of Advent devotions available in the lobby for children, families, teens and adults. Pick one up and prepare for Jesus' birth.
- **Special Bible Study during Advent** "The Real Christmas Story" will be led by Jim and Drew Bradshaw at both the 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. education times.
  - Nov. 29 - The Real Christmas Story...according to the Old Testament prophets*
  - Dec. 6 - The Real Christmas Story...according to world religions' perspectives of Christian Christmas*
  - Dec. 13 - The Real Christmas Story...according to the four Gospels*
  - Dec. 20 - The Real Christmas Story...and the relevance of Advent today*

## Journey to the Nativity

The third annual Advent event is Saturday, Dec. 5.

The morning activities include:

- ▶ **7:30-11:00** - Pancake feed sponsored by the ECC (\$5/adult; \$3/age 6-12; \$1/age 5 & under)
- ▶ **9:00-noon** - Nativity sets displayed in the sanctuary
- ▶ **9:00-11:30** - Age-appropriate activities/crafts for children and parents with take home Advent activities for families
- ▶ **9:30-10:45** - Three Christmas mini-dramas presented by the elementary-age Sunday school children
- ▶ **10:00-11:00** - Christmas music performed by brass & piano



## F.Y.I

### Send a Christmas Message

Four different cards with the Christmas message are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Pick one up to send to family or friends.

**Poinsettia orders** If you would like to order a poinsettia to be displayed for Christmas, see the insert found in this publication or pick one up at the ushers table in the lobby. Deadline is tomorrow, Nov. 23.

**2010 Offering Envelopes** Pick up your box of offering envelopes on the row of tables in the lobby. Even if you give your gifts electronically, take your box and recycle—we can not reuse them. Pick up a family member's if they aren't able to.

**Coins for Christmas** Loose coin offerings today through Dec. 6 will go toward the purchase of Christmas gifts that our Sunshine Connection friends can give to their families/friends. This is the third year the Junior Youth has sponsored this.

**TLS Cookie Order** If you purchased cookie dough from an 8th grader, they will be available at church on Dec. 6 (the order comes in Dec. 2).

**St. John's Dedication** St. John's Lutheran Church (901 SW Fillmore) will dedicate their new building addition at their 9:30 service today followed by an open house from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball** Pick-up games of basketball for guys are Monday evenings, from 7:30-9:30 at the TLS gym, 701 SW Roosevelt. Just drop in. For more information, call Chris Meyer (273-7352).

**The office will be closed**  
Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday,  
Nov. 27

**JOIN Christmas Festival Choir** - This choir will sing for the Choral Eucharist, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. and Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. Rehearsals will be Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

## What can you do to help?

- **Adopt a Family** A display in the church lobby has stockings filled with gift suggestions for adopted families and individuals from the Christmas Bureau and Sunshine Connection. Pick up a tag, purchase the item, and return to church. All details are on the back of the card. Return all gifts by Dec. 13.
- **Help for Nativity Event** We need nativity sets to display for the Dec. 5 event. Even if you brought one in the past, many may not have seen it or will enjoy seeing it again. Bring to church anytime Nov. 30 to noon, Dec. 4. We also need set-up helpers, 2-6 p.m. on Dec. 4 and take-down helpers, 12-2 p.m. on Dec. 5. Contact the church office if you can help.
- **Volunteer Needed** DCE Audrey is looking for one or two people to head up a program to send college care packages a couple times a year. Contact Audrey at [audreydce@swbell.net](mailto:audreydce@swbell.net).
- **Rebuilding Together Applications** Now thru Dec. 15, *Rebuilding Together* will accept applications for the 2010 project by calling 272-0749 (a volunteer will call back). Qualified applicants must own their home, be 60+ and have low income. The *Rebuilding Together* (formerly known as *Christmas in April*) purpose is to help keep people safe, warm, dry. The 2010 rebuilding day is April 24.

## Children's Ministry Activities

- **Preschool Christmas Program Music** The PS-K is learning their songs for the Dec. 6 Christmas program. Costume fitting continues today. Dress rehearsal is Dec. 5, 4:30 p.m.
- **Elementary Children Christmas Mini Dramas** Sunday morning elementary classes will present mini dramas on Saturday, Dec. 5, in conjunction with the Nativity Event. Classes will go to the Fellowship Hall today for rehearsal.

### The Quality of Care You Don't See

In the past couple weeks, you learned about the children who daily fill the education wing and the staff who care for them. Of the five lead teachers, two have a CDA (Child Development Associate credential) which is the highest certification that child care teachers can attain. Two teachers have college education in early childhood. All the teachers have 2-12 years of child care experience. The new director, Stephanie Erickson, is currently working toward a Master's degree and has educational experience in early childhood, art and psychology.

**our MEMBERS**

**David Schmitt & family**, at the death of his grandmother, Ruth

**Kevin Taylor**, recovering from surgery

**Anne O'Gara**, in hospice

**Reva Hossfeld**, recovering at home

**Luke Savage**, recovering from surgery

**Fred Crowder**, recovering from surgery

**Kristin Putney**, recovering from knee surgery

**Steve Hale**, recovering from knee surgery

**Shirley Martin**, recovering from surgery

**Allyson Harris**, difficult medical issues

**Terry Carlson**, health concerns

**Jeff Kuhn**, needing a kidney transplant

**Phil Gjerstad**, leukemia, undergoing bone marrow transplant

**Susan Borghardt**, cancer, undergoing chemo

**Barb McComas**, cancer treatment

**Jean Stokesberry**, brain tumor

**Ben Bahner**

**Roy Benaka**

**Belmont Evans**

**Wilma Gregg**

**Vernon Hass**

If you or an immediate family member are entering the hospital, call the church office at 272-4214 so a staff member may visit/pray with you.

**FAMILY and FRIENDS**

**Evelyn Gerht**, mother of Joanna Bradshaw, in hospice

**Renata and Chloe**, friends of Kahlee Crocker, health concerns

When a name is submitted in this "Family and Friends" section, it will be printed for three weeks. If you would like to continue the name on the prayer list, please contact the church office through phone, e-mail or prayer card.

**family. friends w/ CANCER**

**Dan Richardson**, son of Ed

**Randy Flanagan**, son of Marty

**Bob Hogrefe**, father of Kim Hernandez

**William Janousek**, father of Jim

**Rodney Ohlde**, father of Kim Savage

**JoAnna Burke**, mother of Kelly

**Beva**, sister of Bob Gabler

**MaryKay Lowry**, aunt of Kelly Burke

**Karen Acord**, great-aunt of Daniel Domingo

**Lois Nelson**, great-aunt of Paige Grisell

**Mikey Cummings**, great-nephew of Kathy Orth

**Chrystal Holub**, cousin of Doug Helmke

**Chip West**, cousin of Kelly Burke

**Jay**, cousin of Darrel Savage

**Kelsey Kataret**, cousin of Sandra Raney

**Cindy Hammond**, relative of Hullons

**Naomi Harkness**, relative of Gwen Lehman

**Adam**, friend of Jessica Atchison

**Dalton**, friend of Jan Williams

**Denise**, friend of Smelter family

**Ella**, child friend of Hamerskys

**Kris**, friend of Gary Orth

**Laura**, friend of Diana Beitz

**Laura, Sheri, Sondra**, friends of Sandra Sweet

**Laurie**, friend of Yvonne Hamilton

**Lyn**, friend of Marge Carver

**Maire**, friend of Sweet family

**Sandy**, friend of Mary Shaw

**Tammy & Tanya**, friends of Jennifer Harris

**Tina**, friend of Aaron & Jennifer Hilderman

**Zach**, child friend of Sheila Krohe

**in the MILITARY**

**Chase Briggs**

**David Conwell**

**Bryan Conwell**

**Tim Kemp**

**Marla Keown**

**David Marstall**

**Rebecca (Briggs) Waterman**

**Matt Thomas**, husband of Chelsie (Saunders)

**James Brown**, father of Ashley Brown

**Leslie Bolz**, daughter of Tim & Marian

**Joshua Schultz**, son of Gene & Peg

**Alex Kroenke**, grandson of Mel & JoAnn

**Angela Rokey**, granddaughter of Goodings

**Joel Gaston**, brother of Juli Mazachek

**John O'Brien**, brother of Maggie O'Brien-Domingo

**Chuck Taylor**, brother of David

**Tom Palenske**, brother-in-law of Juli Mazachek

**Jim Edwards**, uncle of Caitlyn Lambrecht

**Dani Knudson**, niece of Alex & Joy Hoover

**Kristen Wilburn**, niece of Landmans

**Chuck Campbell**, nephew of Jay & Charlotte

**Lee Fox**, nephew of Ed & Valeda Pinick

**Brett Hahn**, nephew of Ron & Ethel Kufahl

**Marcus Higdon**, nephew of Gayla Hoyt

**Mitchell Kent**, nephew of Terri Bynum

**James Kroenke**, nephew of Cathy Atchison

**Jared McClung**, nephew of Mike Maloun

**Seth Ostermann**, nephew of Linda Laird

**Michael Phelps**, nephew of Betsy Hawkins

**Scott Pracht**, nephew of Ron & Ethel Kufahl

**Elizabeth Doss**, great niece of Bob Gabler

**Brian Kolterman**, Bolz family member

**Chris Crocker**, cousin of Kahlee

**Kevin Nolan**, cousin of the Janouseks

**Kevin Sweeney**, cousin of Dean Landman

**Damon Browning**, friend of Janouseks

**John Brun**, friend of Jessi Saxton

**Matt Daniels**, friend of Kennards

**Gilbert Gonzales**, friend of Kristen Fay

**Damon Harris**, friend of the Kissling family

**Chris Kieffer**, friend of Kristen Fay

**Glenn & Kelsey**, friends of Kahlee Crocker

**Jo**, friend of Barnhills

**Justin Rapp**, friend of Judy Thompson

**Zack Stiffler**, friend David & Jennifer Schmitt

**Preparing for Church Work**

**Christina Shults**, Pacific School of Religion (seminary), Berkeley CA

**Drew & Nicole Bradshaw**, awaiting DCO call

**Matt Morgan**, Concordia, St. Paul MN (DCO)

**Amie Zillinger**, Concordia, Seward NE (teacher)

**Kory & Cara Fay and family**, Lutheran Bible Translators training in France

**Andrew Cummings**, deaf ministry training

**In Service & Mission Work**

**Spiritual Life Leaders**

**Parish Nurses**

**Stephen Ministers**

**Lay Deacons**

**Topeka Lutheran School & CYC**

**Faith Early Childhood Center**

**Children's Christian Concern Society**

**Guinea, W. Africa missions**

**Heiney and Carlos families** (missionaries to Guinea, West Africa)

**LCMS chaplains serving in Iraq and other troubled areas**

**LINC Ministry** Dallas, TX

**Ysleta Luth. Mission** El Paso, TX

**Outreach/Ministry to Washburn University**

If you are submitting a prayer request for someone other than yourself for this publication, please be sure to get their permission. If you submit a card for prayer in a worship service, please indicate that you want it in this publication. If you would like your prayer included on the Prayer Chain, call Bobbie Nixon (272-7845) or Eva Brunkow (272-2102).