

# Faith Lutheran Youth events



## Christmas Lock-In December 16

*Food, Games, Movies, Fellowship, Karaoke, White Elephant Gift Exchange and MORE!*

7pm Friday to 5am Saturday (please pick up your child on time! We will be tired.). Bring a \$10 wrapped gender neutral gift, snacks to share, games, movies, bedding, etc.



## FLY Annual Basket Raffle Fundraiser

Always a popular and fun fundraiser for our youth! Each FLY family is asked to donate a Themed Basket for raffle. We are selling Chances to Win on Sundays. Winners will be announced on December 18.

## New Stuffed Animals Wanted

We will be collecting new stuffed animals, children's hats, journals and diapers throughout the month of December to take to the Child Abuse Network. Place donations in the decorated box outside the Great Room. In January we will take the all donations to the center and tour the facility.



**Journey  
in  
January**



**High School Retreat at Camp Lutherhoma - Jan 13-15**  
Journey In January is a High School youth retreat planned, orchestrated and run by high school youth from around the state of Oklahoma. Hundreds of young Christians have come for 28 years to this event, and it has become an important Faith development moment for all who attend. The weekend is full of Christian growth, fellowship, fun, good food and lots of friends. Registration fee \$100 and January 1 is the sign up deadline. Scholarships available. Chaperones needed! Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

## Faith Missions Cookie Sale December 18

Immediately after the Late Service, we need youth volunteers to help serve cookies and announce winners of the Youth Basket Raffle.



December 2016

# Faith News

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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Owasso, OK 74055

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Rev. Mark Neumann 918-553-6518  
918-200-5013

## Mark's Thoughts

### You Count!

As youngsters my siblings and I would count the presents under the tree. If one didn't count a new one slipped under the tree could get overlooked and thus not fantasized about.

Counting has always been a part of the Christmas celebration beginning with Christmas I. Luke 2:1 *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.*

The census was for tax purposes; revenue for the Roman empire. It served a secondary purpose as well. Bethlehem was to be the birthplace of the Messiah but Mary & Joseph were in Nazareth. Something extraordinary would be required to get an 8 months pregnant Mary to Bethlehem. The government was good then as now at getting people to do things they would rather not. Rome wants to count its empire so Mary & Joseph go to Bethlehem and the rest as we know is history. History that is related to the idea of counting.

You and I count with God, in fact the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem bears witness to that very truth. Galatians 4:4-5. *4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*

You and I and everyone count with God. So instead of letting us languish in our sins, he sent his Son to bear the punishment for sin in our place. Because of this, my sins are not counted against me. *"I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.* Jeremiah 31:34b

### Office Hours:

M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm

### Office Number:

918-272-9858

### Fax Number:

918-272-4629

### Parents Day Out:

918-694-4288

### Website:


faithlutheranowasso.org

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**December 11 at 11:45am**  
 Join us, December 11, at 11:45 for our Congregational Voter's Meeting. We will vote on the 2017 budget. Copies of the agenda, financials and proposed 2017 budget are available in the church office for your review.



**Theme Baskets Raffle**  
 Faith Lutheran Youth are selling Chances to Win Theme Baskets as a fundraiser. Baskets are on display in Luther Hall. Winning tickets will be drawn on December 18. Need not be present to win. Help support FLY & purchase your chances today!

**Musical Offering**

If you would like to do a musical offering such as sing a song, or play an instrument during one of the Christmas Eve services, please contact Raeleen Buxton, 918-691-4234.



**COLLECTING SHOES**  
 The LWML Oklahoma District is conducting a **Shoe Collection Drive** till Jan. 30, 2017, to raise funds for missions and helping others in third world countries. We will earn funds based on the number of pairs collected so begin by checking your closets, your family and even your neighbors. All shoes need to be clean and in good condition. We ask that they be NEW, USED OR GENTLY WORN. Here are some helpful hints: Laced shoes, just tie the laces together in pairs. Non-lace shoes, band together in pairs by using rubber bands. Shoes acceptable include boots, heeled shoes, tennis shoes, golf shoes, flip flops, and children shoes. These shoes will be sent to third world countries to support micro-enterprise vendors. (These are small businesses in these developing countries such as Haiti, Honduras & other nations in Central America & Africa.) Shoes not acceptable are roller skates and ice skates. Several 33-gallon trash bags marked with a picture of a red tennis shoe reading will be near the Coffee-Donut table in the narthex along with sturdy rubber bands to tie the shoes together. We have a short window of opportunity here so start collecting your shoes and bring them anytime to church and place in the marked bags. **Help Raise Funds for LWML.** Any questions, call Doris Schmall at 918-622-4160. We'll keep you advised of our collection count. Thank you!

**This Week At Faith**

**Today**  
 Worship Service, 10:00 am  
 Sunday School, 9:00 am  
 Board of Education Meeting, 9:15 am  
 Christmas Program Practice, 11:30am  
**Monday**  
 Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm  
 Rejoice Bible Study, 7 pm  
**Tuesday**  
 Cub Scouts, 6 pm  
 Trustee Meeting, 7 pm  
**Wednesday**  
 Dinner, 5:15 pm  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm  
 Bible Studies, 6:15 pm  
 Advent Service, 7 pm  
**Thursday**  
 Go-Getters, 11:30 am  
 Classical Conversations, 9-4 pm  
 Newsletter Article Deadline, noon  
 Team One Choir Practice, 6 pm  
**Saturday**  
 Progressive Dinner, 6 pm

**Those Serving Today**

8:00 Elder -  
 10:30 Elder -  
 8:00 Usher - Marshall Johnson  
 10:30 Usher - Bill Campbell  
 8:00 Greeter - Jeanette Ingberg & Carol Ball  
 8:00 Reader - Bryan Schulze  
 10:30 Reader - Tom Heiner  
 8:00 Acolyte - Sarah Merritt  
 10:30 Acolyte - Caden Clifton`1  
 Accompanist - Kathey Childers  
 10:30 Song Leaders - Tracy Morgan, Shelly Cooper, Pauline Kenney, Mickie Dessiatova  
 8:00 Sound Booth - Matt Doering  
 10:30 Sound Booth - Matt Doering  
 10:30 Powerpoint - Kathryn Buller

Last Sunday's Attendance: 167  
 Last Sunday's Offering: \$4637


**Altar Flowers**  
 Altar flowers are given by **John and Cindy Maloy** in celebration of the birthday of her dad, Eugene Reeves, and their daughter-in-law, Mandi.


**Miss a Sunday?**  
 You can now view worship services online at <http://ustre.am/zh4e>

THIS  WEEK'S  
**birthdays**  
 4 - Shawn Kellogg Jr., Eugene Reeves  
 6 - Sara Cryer  
 7 - Cole Butel  
 8 - Hannah Buxton, Rosalyana Gray  
 9 - Juanita Polge  
 10 - Carolyn Casper



## Prayer Concerns

For prayer concerns or updates contact;

Roseanna Kretzschmar, 918-492-0823,  
jlkretzs@sbcglobal.net



Contact us and your concern will be added to the prayer list. The list is shared with the people on the prayer chain so several prayer partners can pray.

**Please be sure to keep us updated.**

The Prayer Circle meet twice a month to update the list. Prayer lists are published at that time and are available on the Information Table in the narthex.

### Inclement Weather Policy

Church closings will be broadcast on TV channel 6 and channel 8 as well as on our church website. All activities at Faith will be cancelled when Owasso Public Schools are cancelled.



### Advent Services - December 7 & 14

Dinner - 5:15 pm  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class - 5:30 pm  
Confirmation Class - 6:15 pm  
Bible Studies (all ages) - 6:15 pm  
Advent Service - 7 pm

**Children's Christmas Program** - Dec. 18 at 10:30am

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** - Dec. 24 at 5pm & 7pm

**Christmas Day Worship Services** - Dec. 25 at 8am & 10:30am  
(communion at both services)



**If you have any questions, concerns or would like to speak to someone, please contact your Elder.**

**Elders are assigned to families based on the first letter of your last name.**

A,B Kevin Casper, 899-1582  
C,D Andrew Merritt, 606-3536  
E,F,G Jon Heaps, 271-2493  
H,I Erik Clark, 287-8036  
J,K Sean Cryer, 212-6414  
L,M Ben Drescher, 857-1114  
N-P Scott Newbrough, 405-205-4810  
Q,R,S Philip Hixon, 760-3513  
T-Z Matt Clifton, 288-6221



## Progressive Dinner

It is time to set time aside for the Family of Faith to gather together in fellowship and the time to share each other's home. The **2016 Christmas Progressive Dinner** will be **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6p.m.** To be a part of the gathering, sign-up on the sheet located at the Information Table in the Narthex or the LWML Board by the Great Room. Please indicate which course of the dinner you would like to help with, or if you would like to share your home. The dessert will be held at the Church. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow Family of Faith members. (This is a gathering for adult members only.)

Questions? Call Kathy Doering 371-9767.

## Christmas Bonus

During this time of year, while we remember our friends and loved ones with cards and gifts, we would like to recognize Pastor and Kathey for their services to the Lord and the Faith family. If your heart moves you to give a Christmas Bonus monetary gift, please do so by placing your gift in the offering plate marking it "Christmas Bonus" or by giving it to an Elder.



**December 18** we will have a **Christmas Cookie Sale** between services and after the late service in the Luther Hall. Simply purchase one of the containers provided, then fill it with homemade cookies of your choice. There will be various containers with a variety of prices. There will also be Christmas Gift Jars filled with cocoa's and nuts. This is a great way to buy your homemade Christmas cookies while supporting our Mission Team!

## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are needed for the new year. If you would like to sign up, an Altar Flower Sign Up Calendar is posted outside of the Great Room (near the north entrance). Sign up to give flowers in celebration of special occasions, in memory of loved ones or to celebrate God's blessings. You will be called the week you are giving to choose your flower color and so the reason for giving can be posted. Call Beverly, 918-272-3882, for questions.

## Lions and Tigers and Bears

During the month of December, <FISH><, *Friends Into Serving Him*, will be collecting **stuffed animals, new baseball caps, journals, school supplies, coloring books, crayons, stickers, books, puzzles, diapers (size 1,2,4,5), wipes, games and pens** for the Child Abuse Network (CAN). These items are given to every child that this organization helps. CAN exists to reduce the trauma that a child abuse investigation can pose for a child. Before the CAN program came into being, children frequently endured stressful exams and numerous interviews by various agencies, often in cold, sterile facilities. Now, CAN provides one central location where the professionals come to the children. The centralized approach reduces the number of times children must repeat their story and helps them begin their healing process faster. At CAN each child is given a stuffed animal or another items of their choosing to help ease their anxieties, since they often arrive without anything. Collection box located by the north church entrance.



## Live Nativity

King of Kings Lutheran Church in Glenpool will proclaim the true meaning of Christmas through the 9<sup>th</sup> annual presentation entitled "Live Nativity" on Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13. There will be two FREE 30 minute performances each evening at 6pm and 7:30pm. Live animals and costumed characters will act out the account of the birth of Christ. Dress warmly & bring a blanket for this outdoor presentation. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies at the refreshment "stable" afterwards. Performance's will be in an open field on 151 St S (SH-67), just east of HWY 75.



## Recycling Made Easy - Now collecting CELL PHONES!

**Donate Old Electronics** - inkjet or laser print cartridges, cell phones, DVD Video games/players, I-Pods, PDAs, MP3 Players, digital cameras, iPads, scientific/graphing calculators, laptops, GPS systems, Tablets, eReaders. *Include cords & accessories.* A collection box is in the copy room.

**Eyeglasses** - place in eyeglass collection box on the Visitors Table in the Narthex.

## Feed Mr. Murph - Paper, Aluminum, Metals, Plastics, Cardboard

Place items in the Mr. Murph recycling container on the north end of Faith's parking lot.

## Collecting Coupons

Donate unused coupons to be sent to military personnel & their families stationed at major overseas bases. Place **clipped** coupons separated by **'NON FOOD'** and **'FOOD'** in the *Coupons for Military Families* box located in the copy room.

## Cookie Bakers Wanted



We need bakers for the Cookie Sale on Dec.18. If you are willing to bake cookies please notify Chris at 918-289-3634.



Thank you for allowing your child to participate in this year's Christmas program! I realize that this time of year gets very hectic, so we will try to be most efficient with our time.

### Practice times are:

-Sunday, Dec. 4, 11:30am

-Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:30am

-Saturday, Dec. 17, 10 am

(dress rehearsal & costumes)

Please have your child read over their part. They do not need to memorize it, but do need to be comfortable reading it out loud. Blessings on your Advent season!  
*Raeleen Buxton*

## Go-Getters

On Thursday, December 8, you are invited to attend the Go-Getters for our December luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Ham will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable dish, salad or dessert and join us for food and fun. Also, please bring a canned food item for our church pantry. See you Thursday, 11:30 am on December 8.



## Now Enrolling for January 2017

16 Month Olds thru 3 Year Olds

Monday and Wednesdays

9:30 - 12:30

\$45 Registration Fee

One Day a week - \$65/month

Two Days a week - \$85/month

Contact Kathy Vanderpool at 918-694-4288 for questions or to enroll.



## Christmas Shopping?

Purchase gift cards to the places you will shop. Purchase gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sam's, Target, Belk, Best Buy, JC Penney, Kohl's, Macy's, Old Navy, Amazon, Lowe's, Bath & Body Works, PetSmart and Sprouts just to name a few. Order cards today and they will be here in a week. Many are in stock now!

**Choose from HUNDREDS of stores, online sites & restaurants!**

Each purchase helps raise funds for our youth and you do not pay anything extra.

Purchase a \$25 gift card and you will receive a \$25 gift card. Visit the table in the Luther Hall on Sundays to purchase cards.