



### **National Youth Gathering Parent/Youth Meeting Jan 6 at 6:30pm**

For everyone attending the National Youth Gathering and Parents of Youths going to the National Youth Gathering.



### **Chili Cook-off January 10**

Benefiting Faith Lutheran Youth.

You are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. We also need donations of Chili and sides. Watch for an email from Sign Up Genius to sign up to donate items.



### **Thank You for Your Donations**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Child Abuse Network stuffed animal drive. We had a wonderful response. Later this month we will take the all donations to CAN and tour the facility. We'll let you know when we have a date for the tour.



### **Wednesday Night High School Leader Needed**

We are in need of a High School Leader for the Wednesday Night, 6:30pm, class. We can help with curriculum and teaching materials. Prayerfully consider working with our Youth.



### **Sales Help Needed**

FLY is needed to help sell Gift Cards after each Sunday worship service. Please meet at the table in Luther Hall.



*January 2016*

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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# **Faith News**

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## **Mark's Thoughts**

### **Taking the Fifth**

According to the US Constitution taking the fifth refers to refusing to answer questions because in so doing one might incriminate oneself. I'm borrowing the title to hopefully answer some questions concerning our decision to have one service on 5th Sundays of the month.

The genesis of the idea was planted on several previous one service Sundays which were intended to highlight some unusual event. Rally Day - Children's Christmas program - Advent Fair, are examples. One of the delights of the holiday celebration is the opportunity to gather as a family. It usually cannot always be done but family members make special, sometimes sacrificial, efforts to do so at the holidays.

With 2 worship options in essence we become two congregations. On the surface there is nothing particularly negative about that fact. Yet we remain one congregation. It seems to leadership that occasionally the "two" congregations would benefit from meeting at the same time.

Schedules and time matter—of course they do. Yet in our personal lives we adjust occasionally especially when family is involved.

The worship style is probably a question. My proposal is that we alternate between our current 8:00 am & 10:30 am styles beginning with 8:00 am on January 31.

There are usually 4 fifth Sundays in a calendar year. The constitution has not been changed and we will undoubtedly re-evaluate for 2017. We'll give it a try and see how it goes.

### **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](http://faithlutheranowasso.org)

### **Email:**

[lutheranowasso@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lutheranowasso@sbcglobal.net)

## This Week At Faith

### Today

Worship Service, 8 am and 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:15 am  
Board of Education, 9:15 am

### Monday

Jr. Girl Scouts, 6:30 pm  
Boy Scouts, 6:30 pm  
Rejoice Bible Study, 7 pm

### Tuesday

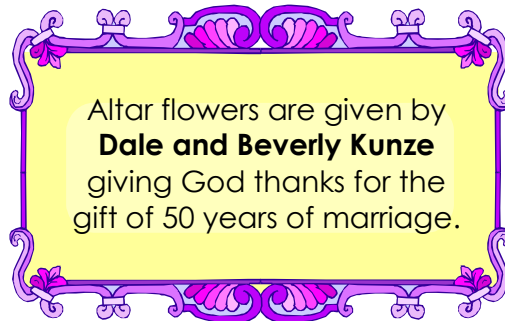
Cub Scouts, 6 pm  
Trustees Meeting, 7 pm

### Wednesday - Epiphany

Dinner, 5:30 pm  
Bible Classes, all ages: 6:30 pm  
NYG Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm

### Thursday

Newsletter Article Deadline, noon  
Team One Choir Practice, 6 pm  
Elders Meeting, 6:30 pm



**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 128  
**Last Sunday's Offering:** \$11,988

## Those Serving Today

### Elders

8:00 - Erik Clark, Sean Cryer  
10:30 - Andrew Merritt

### Usher

8:00 - Marshall Johnson  
10:30 - Frank McGilbra

### Reader

8:00 -  
10:30 - Shelly Cooper

### Acolyte

8:00 - Michael Buller  
10:30 - Kylee Thompson

### Accompanist

Kathey Childers

### Song Leaders at 10:30 service

Shelly Cooper, Tracy Morgan, Pauline Kenney,

### Sound Booth

8:00 - Bob Deitrick  
10:30 - Matt Doering

### Powerpoint -

## No Mary-Martha meeting in January



## START THE NEW YEAR WITH SERVICE!

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE:



**Readers** - Read scripture reading during worship services. You choose either the 8am or 10:30am service. Done on a rotating schedule.

**Ushers** - Pass out bulletins, help people line up for communion, straighten sanctuary after service. You can choose either 8am or 10:30am worship service to volunteer. Done on a rotating schedule.

**Greeters** - Greet people arriving at church. Give directions or help answer questions they may have. Done on a rotating schedule.

**Collators** - Collate bulletins. Done on a rotating schedule on Fridays.

**Site Preparers** - Responsible for cleaning the Sanctuary. Rotating schedule.

Takes approximately 1-2 hours to vacuum, dust and pick up trash depending on number of people helping. Done on a rotating schedule.

**Gardeners** - Adopt a flower bed to help keep the church property looking beautiful.

**Children's Sunday School** - Help needed to play parts/characters during the Bible lesson. All materials are furnished. Substitute teachers are also needed.

**Communion Preparation** - Prepares Communion on Sunday mornings. Done on a rotating schedule.

**Nursery Attendant** - Help in the nursery during the 10:30 worship service.

**CONTACT KATHEY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP.**

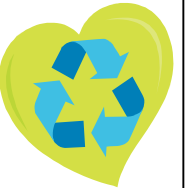


We would like to thank all of you for your kind words, thoughts, prayers and gifts that we received this Christmas season. It is a blessing to work with such a wonderful Family of Faith.

- Pastor Neumann and  
Kathey Childers

## What Do You Do With

empty inkjet or laser print cartridges, calculators, cell phones, pagers, iPads, DVD Video games/players, I-Pods, PDAs, MP3 Players, digital cameras, scientific/graphing laptops, GPS, Tablets, eReaders?



### *Don't trash them! Donate them!*

Donate them to LWML's recycling campaign. They will redeem them for cash to use for missions. And by keeping these things out of landfills it also helps the environment.

*Please include any cords and accessories.*

**A collection box is located in the copy room.**

## Thank You

Thank you to all the families who gave a poinsettia to help decorate the altar area for the Christmas season.

They always give a special reminder of Christ's birth.

You may take your poinsettia home with you after the January 3<sup>th</sup> worship service.



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**Faith Lutheran Church Owasso OK**

Stay in touch with events and happenings at Faith.



## Electronic Giving

Did you know that you can set up electronic giving through our very own church office? Registration forms are on the information table in the narthex or come by the church office and let's get you signed up. It's quick and easy. You pick the amount and date of deduction.

## What Skills Do You Have?

Would you be willing to help a fellow member of Faith with some simple chores? Please consider offering your talents. Just fill out the form (on the Information Table in the narthex) and leave it in the church office. We will pair you up with someone here at Faith who needs a little help. *Thank You.*

## Gift Cards on Sale

Purchase gift cards to the places you shop.



You can purchase gift cards to Wal-Mart, Sam's, Target, Belk, Best Buy, JC Penney, Kohl's, Lowe's, Chili's, Panera and Amazon just to name a few.

We have MANY are in stock now!

**There are *hundreds* of stores and restaurants to choose from.**

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



## Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> oklahoma district

What do kids know about stewardship? Help your child learn to manage gifts from God by being a part of the Y.I. Club. With an investment of just \$25 in a Y.I. StewardAccount, you can help your child save for their future and learn lifelong stewardship concepts. Help your child save for school activities or trips. Don't wait, open a Y.I. StewardAccount and start cultivating a strong sense of stewardship TODAY!

More information contact Becky Elliott at [bellott@kslccms.org](mailto:bellott@kslccms.org) or 405-623-5656.

## Inclement Weather Policy

Church closings will be broadcast on TV channel 6 and channel 8 as well as on our church website, [www.faithlutheranowasso.org](http://www.faithlutheranowasso.org).



All Evening activities & Parents Day Out will be cancelled when Owasso Public Schools are closed.

## Prayer Concerns

For prayer concerns or updates please contact one of the following;

**Marian Arroyo, 918-638-8820**  
[marianarroyo18@gmail.com](mailto:marianarroyo18@gmail.com)

OR

**Pat Hardy, 918-698-0988**  
[hardypatricia13@yahoo.com](mailto:hardypatricia13@yahoo.com)

OR

**Roseanna Kretzschmar, 918-492-0823**  
[jlkts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlkts@sbcglobal.net)

If you are in need of prayer please 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 meets twice a month to update the list. Prayer lists are published at that time and are available on the Information Table in the narthex.



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 Dresher, 857-1114  
N,O,P - Earl Kuppinger, 272-3835  
Q,R,S - Philip Hixon, 760-3513  
T-Z - Matt Clifton, 288-6221



## Mr. Murphy Recycling

Recyclable Items:

Plastic  
Metals  
Cardboard  
Paper

*Items do not need to be separated.*





### NEXT SUNDAY

**January 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:30am**  
**Benefiting Faith Lutheran Youth**  
We need both Participants  
and Hearty Appetites!  
*Sign up on in the narthex.*

### Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone  
who brought food and set up for  
Lynn Tennyson's funeral meal.

### PRC Baby Bottle Collection

The baby bottles will be available  
next Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and they  
need to be returned by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Everyone is invited to attend a  
potluck luncheon on the 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Ham will be provided.

### Voice Of Service

The Voice of Service is the official  
newsletter of the Lutheran Women's  
Missionary League -  
Oklahoma District.  
The Winter issue of the  
*Voice Of Service* is now  
online. Visit [oklwml.org](http://oklwml.org).  
Find out what's going on in the  
Oklahoma District LWML.



### New Class

We will begin a Stepping Stone Class on  
January 10<sup>th</sup> for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders.  
The class will be during the Sunday  
School hour, 9:15-10:15am. This  
special class is an introduction to  
the Bible and will last for four  
weeks. Parents are invited  
to join us in the class.



As voted on at our Voter's  
Meeting in December, we  
will have ONE Worship  
Service each time there is a  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month. The  
service will be at 10:00am  
with Sunday School at  
9:00am. Please join us  
as we worship together.

### Faith's Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry serves a large number of  
our neighbors in need. Without your help  
we would not be able to serve them.

#### Please consider either:

1. Donating canned food items
2. Donating money for the account  
(mark your donation 'Food Pantry')

When shopping for your  
family, please consider also  
shopping for our neighbors  
in need.

**Place donations in the  
baskets located by the doors.**

***This is an ongoing community service.***



### 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  
by the north church entrance. Sign up  
to give flowers in celebration of special  
occasions, in memory of loved ones or  
to celebrate God's blessings. You choose  
the day, the reason and the flower colors.  
We will order the arrangements and place  
them on the Altar. Cost is \$35-40. For  
questions? Call Beverly 918-272-3882.

Did you know Oklahoma has a Lutheran Church  
Charities K9 Comfort Dog? **Rufus** is a friend  
who brings a calming influence, allowing people  
to open up their hearts and receive help in times  
of need. He interacts with people at churches,  
schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and in  
disaster response situations. Follow Rufus on  
Facebook; [RufusComfortDog](https://www.facebook.com/RufusComfortDog)

### Go-Getters Potluck Luncheon January 14

If you enjoy good food, fun and  
fellowship, join the Go-Getters.  
We meet the second Thursday of the  
month at 11:30am in the Great Room  
of Faith. Please bring a covered dish  
to share, dominoes or any other  
game you want to play.

### DON'T TRASH THOSE COUPONS!

Military personnel and their families  
stationed at major overseas bases  
can use those manufacturer's  
coupons up to six months after they  
have expired. Please consider  
recycling any you do not use and any  
that are just expired so our military  
can put them to use. Please place  
your **clipped** coupons separated by  
"NON FOOD" and "FOOD" in the box  
marked **Coupons for Military  
Families** located in the copy room.

### Mite Box Sunday January 10

Please bring your MITES or spare change on January 10 for the  
MITE Box. The MITE Box is intended for regular contributions  
of "MITES" - offerings above and beyond the support given to  
the congregation and the LCMS. The money is used to fund  
mission grants. 75% of the money collected stays in Oklahoma and 25% goes  
to fund national mission grants. Place them in the large purple and white  
LWML MITE Box located in the narthex. *Remember every penny counts!*

