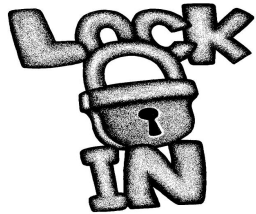


Faith Lutheran Youth events



Christmas Lock-In Dec. 18th

Movies, Games, and MORE!

7pm Friday to 5am Saturday. Pizza provided. Bring a snack to share and a \$10 wrapped gender neutral gift. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.



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 15-17

Journey In January is a High School youth retreat planned and led by high school youth. The weekend is full of Christian growth, fellowship, fun, good food and lots of friends. Registration fee \$90 if you sign up before January or \$100 after. Scholarships available. Chaperones needed. Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.



National Youth Gathering Parent/Youth Meeting Jan 6

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

FLY fundraiser. Youth needed to serve, setup and provide sides for cook-off. Watch for sign up list.



Gift Card FLY Fundraiser

Please come to the table in Luther Hall Sundays after each worship service to help sell gift cards.



December 2015

Faith Lutheran Church

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Owasso, OK 74055

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Faith News

Mark's Thoughts

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

This Sunday begins the season of Advent, the season of "going toward". Advent's forces extends in 2 directions. Looking back we focus on the first coming of Jesus as a baby born in Bethlehem who through his obedience, suffering, death and resurrection enables us to confidently look ahead to Jesus' second coming as judge of all mankind.

Advent marks the beginning of the new church year and marks a change for Sunday preaching as I will be preaching from the Old Testament texts which is always a bit of a challenge for preacher and hearer alike as they are not always as well known.

We will also add additional worship on Wednesday evenings on December 2, 9, & 16. Worship time is 7:00 pm. I am mindful that these are school nights and we will finish worship by 7:45 pm. Check the calendar for adjustment in schedules of Wednesday education times.

December 2—"What to Do About Mary"

9—"What then is this child going to be?"

16—Will we ever get back to normal?

Office Hours:

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

Office Number:

918-272-9858

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918-272-4629

Parents Day Out:

918-694-4288

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Progressive Dinner

Back by special request. 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 **2015 Christmas Progressive Dinner** will be **Saturday, December 12th 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.

The Sarah Circle cordially invites you
to attend the annual
Christmas by Candlelight
Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:00pm

To host a table or to be a
participant, see the sign-up
on the LWML Board by the
Great Room or on the
Information Table in the
Narthex. If you have
any questions, contact
Kathy Doering 371-9767.



Theme Baskets Raffle

Faith Lutheran Youth are
selling Chances to Win Theme
Baskets as a fundraiser for the
National Youth Gathering. Baskets are on display in
Luther Hall. Winning tickets will be drawn after the
ONE 10:00am worship service on December 20th.
Need not be present to win. Help support FLY and
Purchase your tickets today!



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday
December 13
11:30am

Join us at our Congregational
Voter's Meeting on December
13th at 11:30am. We will vote
on the 2016 budget.

Copies of the agenda,
financials and proposed 2016
budget are available in the
church office for your review.

This Week At Faith

Today

Worship Service, 10:00 am
Sunday School, 9:00 am
Potluck and Advent Fair, 11:00 am

Monday

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

Tuesday

Cub Scouts, 6 pm
Trustee Meeting, 7 pm

Wednesday

Dinner, 5:15 pm
6th Grade Confirmation Class, 5:30 pm
Bible Studies, 6:15 pm
Advent Service, 7 pm

Thursday

Classical Conversations, 8-4 pm
Mary Martha, 11:30 am
Newsletter Article Deadline, noon
Team One Choir Practice, 6 pm
Elders Meeting, 6:30 pm
Christmas by Candlelight, 7 pm

NEXT SUNDAY:

Angel Tree Donations Due

THIS  WEEK'S
birthdays

- 1 - Laura Cooper, Ethan Morgan,
Hattie Morgan, Stephen Scott
- 2 - Sharon Bauer, Harry Potter
- 4 - Shawn Kellogg Jr., Eugene Reeves

Those Serving Today

Elders - Erik Clark, Ben Dresher
Usher - Bill Campbell
Reader - Pam Gennardo
Greeter - Marcel & Juanita Polge
Acolyte - Jackson Gray
Accompanist - Kathey Childers
Song Leaders - Charlie Ball,
Brad Buxton, Raeleen Buxton,
Margaret Conner, Stephen Scott
Sound Booth - Ralph Conner
Powerpoint - Jonathan Deitrick

Last Sunday's Attendance: 208
Last Sunday's Offering: \$6582



 *Altar
Flowers*

Altar flowers are given by
Jimmy and Tiffany Joly
in celebration of their
5th wedding anniversary.

Prayer Concerns

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

Marian Arroyo, 918-638-8820,
marianarroyo18@gmail.com

Pat Hardy, 918-698-0988
hardypatricia13@yahoo.com

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.



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

Wednesdays

Advent Service - 7 pm

Dinner - 5:15 pm

6th Grade Confirmation Class - 5:30 pm

Confirmation Class - 6:15 pm

Bible Studies (all ages) - 6:15 pm

Advent
Sermon Series

Email articles to be included
in *Faith News* to
lutheranowasso@sbcglobal.net

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Faith Lutheran Church Owasso OK

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.



Cookie Sale - Dec. 13

We will have a **Christmas Cookie Sale** between services and after the late service on Dec. 13 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. New this year are Christmas Gift Jars filled with cocoa's, nuts, and cookie mixes. This will be a great way to buy your homemade Christmas cookies while supporting our Adult Mission Team!

This is week **EIGHT** of the

12 weeks of **CHRISTMAS**

Trent Gawlik, a member of Faith has issued a **CHALLENGE** to all the members to raise awareness of Faith's Food Pantry.

Goal...

Raise food items for our Food Pantry to benefit those most in need

Challenge...

First week: donate one canned or non-perishable food item

Second week: two items

Third week: three items

...

Twelfth week: twelve items

Drop off donations in the narthex.

Questions? Call Trent, 918-766-4618.

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.

Mary Martha

We will meet at 11:30am for lunch at Cracker Barrel on December 3rd.

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.



ORDER
YOUR
POINSETTIAS

Christmas is right around the corner. Help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season by sponsoring a poinsettia. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. We will pick up the poinsettia and place it in the sanctuary during the Christmas season. You can take it home after Epiphany on Jan 6. Please mark your checks with 'poinsettia' in the memo line and place in the offering plate.

ONE Worship Service

December 20th

10:00 am

Let us worship together!



Recycling Made Easy

Donate Old Electronics - inkjet or laser print cartridges, cell phones, pagers, 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.

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. Items do not need to be separated! Questions? Call (918) 446-0023.



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.



Angel Tree

Faith is partnering with Owasso Community Resources to provide gifts for 25 area children. An Angel Tree is set up in the narthex with angels to adopt. Stop by and pick up an Angel or two! Each angels wishes have been separated into individual requests. So, there are items from all price ranges available. Adoption instructions and a sign up sheet are next to the tree. **Donations are due DECEMBER 6th.**

Handel's Messiah

The birth of Christ in scripture, pageantry and song.

The 95th presentation of the All Lutheran Handel's Messiah.



Come & worship the newborn King

December 5-7, 5pm & 7:30pm

First Lutheran Church
13th & Utica Tulsa, Oklahoma

Bakers Wanted



We need bakers for the Cookie Sale on Dec.13. If you are willing to bake cookies please notify Chris at 918-289-3634.

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 19, 11am-noon we will have a dress rehearsal for the Christmas program. All Sunday School age children should attend. We could us a few people to set up at 10:30 before the rehearsal. Anyone willing to bake cookies for the reception after the service on the 20th, should drop them off at the church office. Thanks to all for your help and support!