



FLC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Faith Lutheran Church & School is to share the word of Jesus Christ through a loving and caring ministry responding to the needs of all people.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 8:15 AM
Traditional: 10:30 AM
Sunday School: 8:15 AM &
10:30 AM
Adult Bible Class: 9:30 AM



REFORMATION 501

I suppose it doesn't have quite the same ring as "Reformation500", but here we are approaching another anniversary of the Reformation – and the celebration continues. And what exactly are we celebrating each October as we enjoy our pumpkin spice and the beautiful fall colors? And the fact is that our celebration goes back much further than 501 years.

In fact, our celebration is not for a day or a month. We are celebrating the essence of our reality as God's people. We celebrate redemption, reconciliation, hope, peace, life eternal. We celebrate Jesus – the promise given and the promise fulfilled.

Our celebration goes back to Genesis – to the first promise of the Gospel – that the Offspring of the woman would come to crush the head of the serpent – the promise given. Our celebration continues throughout the Old Testament, as the promise is passed down from generation to generation. Our celebration leads us to the Gospel accounts of the New Testament where the promise is fulfilled in Christ – the Word made flesh and dwelling among us – as He is welcomed by shepherds and wise men, as He is baptized in the Jordan by John, as He gathers His disciples and ministers to the "least of these" – teaching and healing. Our celebration carries us to the cross and to the empty tomb. Our celebration transports us to heaven itself – to life everlasting.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUES...

It may sound like I'm going a little overboard, but the celebration of the Reformation is all about getting back to the basics of our Christian faith. Our celebration is not so much about Martin Luther as it is about God's work in reigniting the Light of the Gospel. Much as John the Baptist is described in the Apostle John's Gospel, "He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light." (John 1:7-8) We celebrate the "Light of the World" who scatters the darkness of sin and death and shines the hope of salvation into our lives.

This October, as you rake leaves and carve pumpkins, as you enjoy or turn your nose up at everything "pumpkin spice", as you hunt for the perfect costume, cherish in your heart the gift of the Reformation – not simply Reformation501 but the reformation of your heart and soul through the work of Christ in your own life through faith in Him, "by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." (Titus 3:5) Celebrate God's reformation – recreating us poor, miserable sinners and transforming us into His beloved children.

Blessings in Him,
Pastor Michael Thress

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1 - Chad Bradford
 1 - Jill McLaughlin
 1 - Dan Vacula
 2 - Sharon Faverio
 4 – Mark Yoder
 7 – Mike Miklus, IV
 7 - Morgan McCrea
 7 - Jesse Patrick
 19 - Gisella Aslaksen
 19 - Gisella Asalasken
 20 - Julianne Harp
 22 - Janet Perkey
 23 - Ed Barlow
 23 - Jane Quashne
 26 - Jamee McGaughan
 27 - Sandi Jobe
 28 - Maria Faverio
 30 - Karlene Jennings
 30 – Mike Miklus, III
 30 – Curt Fahsholz

COUNCIL CHAIR MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well here we go into this fall season with the hope for some cooler day and nights and the beauty of changing of leafs to the colors that give us that wonderful feeling of how God paints the landscape. It is this time of the year when we start to slow down from our summer vacations and activities that keep us running in a hundred different directions. Now we can slow down???? Sure we can, however what about all activities for school, or the prepping for our run thru the upcoming Reformation, Thanksgiving, advent, Christmas, and yes before we know it New Year.

We have a great challenge ahead of us to keep up with all that we do and all that we are about to do in the near future. Please look at the church calendar and mark your calendrer with things that you can join us here at the church. We always need your help with the many things going on and we depend on you to help us so that we can move the work of the church forward.

If you want to become more involved and work on one of our many committees or help with any of the work going on just let me know and I will help get you heading in that direction to become involved. I look forward to this fall and the rest of this year moving forward.

Let me close with a short prayer for the time we are given:

Gracious Lord, learning that living a life of thankfulness is more than simply being grateful when something good happens and we are given time. Even in adversity, blessings arise for the ashes. When I pause in the middle of a busy day and reflect on my blessings, I clearly see that in You, I lack nothing. Give me a thankful heart to live each= day as a gift from You. Amen.

As always with the help of God,

Jeff Holsinger
Council Chairman

YOUTH GROUP YARD SALE



The Youth Group will be holding a yard sale on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 8:00am – 12pm. Please mark your calendars and start cleaning out your closets, basements and attics. Donations can be left in the church narthex and we will accept items from any of your family and friends so pass it along.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE/LWML NEWS

Mites: Mites are collected on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is Monday, October 15, 2018 @ 7:00pm. As always, all women of Faith Lutheran are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events:

Intro to Lutheran Women in Mission – October 6

All women are invited to attend a special gathering at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newark on Saturday, October 6 from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Learn what Lutheran Women in Mission are all about. Enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship with the women of ORLC. (Our own Pastor Thress will provide some music!)

LWML Sunday – October 7

A special worship service is planned for Sunday October 7, 2018, to celebrate all that God has done through the LWML. The author of this service, Reverend Ken Hennings selected the theme, “Our Rest in a Changing World,” based upon Psalm 62:1–8. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service.

We will celebrate LWML at both services. Wear your purple!! Fellowship will be provided by the Priscilla Circle following both services.

Ladies Tea – October 20

Mark your calendars to attend the annual Priscilla Circle Ladies Tea. This year’s theme is Pink Ribbon Tea Party which coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness month. Our guest speaker will be from the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. Since 1991, DBCC has been Delaware’s most trusted breast cancer resource offering statewide programs of support, education, and outreach services to promote the early detection and treatment of breast cancer. DBCC’s programs are designed to educate the community, reach underserved populations, connect survivors with vital services, and honor those living with breast cancer through these core programs: Survivor and Peer Mentoring Programs, our Annual Breast Cancer Update Symposium, and Community Outreach and Education.

Enjoy a special devotional, games and prizes and lunch. See the flyer for more details and how to register. Be sure to invite your friends and family! All women are welcome. Admission donation of \$8 will be collected at the door. RSVP today to reserve your seat!!

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Online Giving Now Available – Faith Lutheran Church has taken another step into the online world as Online Giving is now available. Through Online Giving, anyone is able to make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations (or offerings). To take advantage of this new service just visit faith-lutheran.church and click on “Donate” at the top of the page.

Amazon Smile - Do you have an account with Amazon.com? Did you know that when you purchase items through Amazon.com you have the ability to assist Faith Lutheran Church as a financial resource? What? You didn't? Well, I'm here to tell you that you can!

By utilizing the Amazon Smile program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your qualified purchases to Faith. That doesn't sound like a lot of money but consider the quantity of your Amazon purchases. Now also ponder the quantity of parishioners at Faith. It follows the model of “if everyone gave a little...the results will be substantial”. While it won't independently pay for big ticket items such as a roof or an audio/video upgrade to the sanctuary, it will definitely be put to good use in other forms. The old adage, ‘something is better than nothing’ and ‘free money’ ring very true in this case.

For more information about the Amazon Smile program, please visit <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Prayerfully consider signing up (or changing your current charity organization) and assisting Faith in this venture. If you have any questions about the Amazon Smile program or have any general financial questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

God's Blessings,
Nick Turner
Treasurer



The Finance Team is looking for volunteers to count the offering after the late service on Sundays as well as after midweek services. We have received a preliminary list of volunteers but are looking to increase this list. The idea is that the larger quantity of assistants will lessen the burden on everyone. Please reach out via email (nkturner@gmail.com) if you are interested. Thanks.

BIBLE STUDY UPDATES



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Calling all Men of Faith Lutheran Church

All men are invited to join us during The Men's Bible Study. We meet at 10am on the first Saturday of every month. We are currently going through the Small Catechism and the next two or three months will be studying the Lord's Prayer.

Please consider joining us for this wonderful time of fellowship and prayer.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Fall is coming, and it is time for our Midweek Bible Study to begin. We have had a nice group meeting in the fall and winter, and we would like to have anyone interested in digging a little deeper into the



Bible come and join us. We have a nice time of learning and fellowship. Last year we learned more about the life of King David and studied selected Psalms. The Midweek Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings from 10:00am to 11:30am and will begin on September 12 with a time of fellowship and introduction to our study for the fall. As I am writing this the choices are Esther/Ruth, The Miracles of Jesus, or Isaiah. Each of the studies are 9 lessons and we usually finish before

Thanksgiving. Then we start with a new study after the Christmas holidays. We hope you will think about joining us. If you have any questions you can call or text me at 410-920-0921

Thank you,
Judy Andela

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT/MEETING	TIME
October 6 th	Intro to Lutheran Women in Mission Held At: Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newark DE	10:00am – 1:00pm
October 6 th	Youth Group Yard Sale	8:00am – 1:00pm
October 7 th	LWML Sunday (WEAR PURPLE)	Both Services
October 20 th	Pink Ribbon Tea Party	11:00am – 2:00pm
October 21 st	Church Council Meeting	After Late Service
October 27 th	Trunk or Treat	6:30pm

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL EVENT/MEETINGS ARE AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND ADDITIONAL MEETING/EVENT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT

[HTTP://FAITH-LUTHERAN.CHURCH/CALENDAR/](http://faith-lutheran.church/calendar/)



TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH @ 6:30PM
LOCATION: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The annual Trunk or Treat returns this year with lots of fun in store for all. The festivities will begin with a light meal at 6:30pm followed by a performance from the FLC Youth Group Puppet Ministry. For this event we will also be reaching out to the local community to join in the festivities.

After the indoor festivities have taken place, we will proceed outdoors (weather permitting) for lots of treats and maybe a trick or two.

Everyone is encouraged to come up with a theme and to dress up, as we will have a trunk decorating contest that will be voted by the children. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners!!!!

RSVP is requested this year and can be sent to outreach@faith-lutheran.church. Please include how many adults and children will be attending.



2017 Trunk or Treat Winner
The Boyd & McCormick Family

EMAIL COMMUNICATION UPDATE

As transition to our new web host is now complete, please note the following changes to email addresses...

Pastor: Pastor@faith-lutheran.church

Church Secretary: Secretary@faith-lutheran.church

General Information: info@faith-lutheran.church

Newsletter: Newsletter@faith-lutheran.church

Preschool: Preschool@faith-lutheran.church

Priscilla Circle/LWML: priscillacircle@faith-lutheran.church

Website Concerns: webmaster@faith-lutheran.church



Pink Ribbon Tea Party



Saturday, October 20 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Admission \$8

Guest Speaker – Kelly Paustian, Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition

Since 1991, DBCC has been Delaware’s most trusted breast cancer resource offering statewide programs of support, education, and outreach services to promote the early detection and treatment of breast cancer. DBCC’s programs are designed to educate the community, reach underserved, connect survivors with vital services, and honor those living with breast cancer through these core programs: Survivor and Peer Mentoring Programs, our Annual Breast Cancer Update Symposium, and Community Outreach and Education.

To RSVP for this event follow this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ladies-tea-tickets-49509062940>

SHOW US YOUR PINK SPIRIT!!

Special Prize for most ORIGINAL, OUTRAGEOUS, UNIQUE outfit

*Please consider donating one or more of the following items or complete survival kit that will be contributed to either
Bosom Buddies or Union Hospital*

BOSOM BUDDIES

*Mastectomy Bras
Wigs
Lymphedema Sleeves
Hats and Scarves
Prosthetics*

UNION HOSPITAL

**Cancer Survival Kit:
(Makes one kit)**

*1 Mug and tea bags
Broth packages
Small hand sanitizer
1 Scarf
1 Pair of cozy socks
A personal note of encouragement*



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