

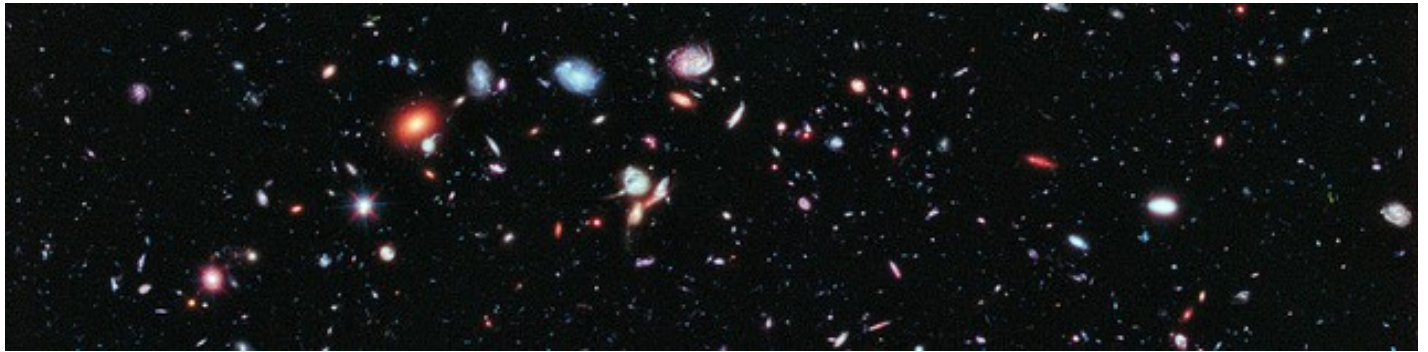


The KEY

The newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

Nov-Dec 2016

A Note from the Pastors



*Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries.
(1 Corinthians 4:1)*

If you were at our installation on October 30, then you likely heard the above text from 1 Corinthians.

Both of us heard these words at our ordination and they are also incorporated into the questions that were asked of us as we were installed as co-pastors of this congregation. They are important for us as leaders in the church, but we also think they are critical for everyone who seeks to follow Jesus and do God's work in the world. Because we are *all called to be servants of Christ, and together we are stewards of God's mysteries for the sake of the world.*

We've spent the past three months since Pastor Kate started looking at how we can best do that here in this season of Faith's ministry.

We'll continue to explore this call in our upcoming bible study. We'll examine that claim by Paul, that we are servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries through a series of biblical texts and the movie, *Guardians of the Galaxy*. *Yes... the Marvel "superhero" movie will be a feature in this bible study.*

The study will be on Wednesday evenings in November (2, 9, 16, and 30) from 8:30 to 9:30 PM. Because we know many folks may be constricted to the house because of children (or maybe you just want to spend the night in your pajamas), we'll be offering the study both in person at the church and online via Facebook Live. If you can't make it to the church, you can tune in on your computer, tablet, or phone and interact with us via the Live feed. Furthermore, if the time frame doesn't work for you, then you can catch the feed at a later time on our Facebook page.

In Advent (November 27 - December 24) we'll be focusing our attention on a series we're calling, "Welcome to the Waiting Room." Advent is traditionally a season of waiting - kids wait for Santa to come, and we all await the news that God has come near to us again in the form of a child. Every Advent is a time when the future and the past mingle together because Jesus has already come and yet we await his arrival. (continued on page 2)

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But in a world where our desires are satisfied by pulling our phones out of our pockets or having access to fast food, we've forgotten what it means to wait well, what it means to live in the now and the not-yet of God's kingdom. In the waiting-time of Advent, God is creating a desire and reminding us that the Christ child is worth the wait.

Over the course of the four weeks in Advent, we'll examine what it means for God to come close as we learn again what it means to wait.

We hope you'll join us for these opportunities for prayer, study, and reflection this November and December.

In joyful expectation,

Pastor Kate & Pastor Yvette

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November Mission of the Month: A-SPAN

A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network), a community-based non-profit, has been supplying services to the homeless of Arlington now for 25 years. Arlington County's relatively new Homeless Services Center (HSC) at Courthouse is operated by A-SPAN under contract to the County. The HSC provides a multitude of services under one roof 24/7, 365 days a year (including a five-bed medical respite program), a first for the DC Metro area and one of very few comparable facilities on the East Coast. By consolidating all these components--housing, medical, shelter, meals, street outreach, employment and case management--centrally, the hope is to shorten the ultimate time between moving people from homelessness to homes--the true goal. For more information on A-SPAN, go to their website at: www.a-span.org.

Below, you'll read about three of the many ways this congregation provides monetary, material and volunteer support to the Arlington homeless community and how you can get involved. Consider these opportunities, and, of course, you can also support A-SPAN financially through the special Mission offering envelopes in the pews, or online at www.flcva.org (click on the "Give" button).



Shopping Bags for Outdoor Ministry

Contacts: Marilyn Haugen at: mb_haugen26@comcast.net; Mary Hibbits at: mohibbits@gmail.com; or Cindy Taylor at: taylortcindy@aol.com

In early November, we will be handing out grocery bags at all three services which will have a "shopping list" attached of all the clothing and personal care items we can put to good use in our outdoor ministry to the homeless. Your generosity last year in this effort lasted us through the winter and, in some cases, well into this year. We hope you can find it in your heart to return those bags with one or more of the requested items inside. Donations can be placed in bins near the Jackson Street doors.

Homeless Bagged Meals Ministry

Contact: Paul Wengert at poor.yorick@verizon.net

At Faith, every second Saturday of the month, we prepare simple meals in the kitchen and then later that day hand them out directly to our homeless neighbors at an outdoor location in North Arlington- regardless of the weather. You can help with shopping for the food ahead of time, the meal preparation at 1:30 p.m., or the distribution of meals at 5:30 p.m. Generally, the meal prep takes about an hour, depending on the number of volunteers. The distribution takes about the same amount of time.



This is also where we offer clothing and personal care items, so the more people we have, the better our customer service! This ministry is a wonderful opportunity for an entire family or a group of friends or one of our existing church groups to do

Faith Volunteers at the Arlington Homeless Shelter (HSC)

Contact: Ginny Paulus at: virginia.paulus@gmail.com



Faith has been involved for over ten years with A-SPAN's Emergency Winter Shelter, which has now morphed into the year-round, 24/7 Arlington Homeless Services Center (HSC). That means that HSC is serving an indoor evening meal year round. Faith's intent is to continue to staff that meal once a month, which obviously means that we need an increased commitment from our congregation. This requires 2-3 volunteers (from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to serve the evening meal, monitor the clothing room, or assist staff with other tasks. Please consider helping out or putting yourself on a list for future consideration by contacting Ginny above. Watch in the weekly e-mail bulletins for our scheduled days.

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December Mission of the Month: Angel Trees are Coming...

Contact: Lisa Thurston at: lisa.b.thurston@gmail.com

...sooner than you think! The Angel Trees are Faith's December Mission of the Month. Again, one of the trees this year--for Arlington County Foster Care (focusing on the teens who make up over half of the kids in foster care)--will have a hard early December due date so presents can get to their annual party on time. Let's try to make sure that no child leaves that event with empty hands. For more information, or to get advance notice on what they're looking for, contact: Lisa Thurston at lisa.b.thurston@gmail.com. Watch for more information on all the trees in the weeks to come.



Rejuvenating Faith Update

Contact: Jody Manning at: business@flcva.org

The congregation of Faith Lutheran Church launched a program to restore and upgrade our facilities in late 2014. These repairs and improvements were designed to reduce our energy and maintenance costs and expand the usability of our building. Through the generosity of Faith's members and friends, we have raised more than \$200,000, which has allowed us to complete several projects over the past two years.

Faith's rejuvenation began when we installed new, double-pane windows in the Fellowship Hall and Preschool classrooms in late 2014 and early 2015. Efforts continued this past summer on both the exterior and interior of the building.

We made repairs to the slate and flat roofs, installed new gutters, repaired and painted exterior trim, and installed a keypad entry system at two doors. Inside, we painted the Fellowship Hall and nursery, laid new flooring, and began the renovation of two entrances and the fellowship area in front of the kitchen. These improvements were all funded by specially designated donations for Faith's capital improvement projects.



Thank you to all who have helped our rejuvenation take place! This has only happened because of your generosity, dedication to Faith's ministries, and commitment to live out our faith in our congregation and broader community.

Throughout the remainder of 2016, work will wrap up in the fellowship and entrance areas, the remaining new windows will be installed in the offices and other areas of the fellowship hall building, and the Lounge will get a facelift.

We will hold a **congregational meeting on November 6** immediately after the 11:00 service to consider funding for the remaining projects this year. All members are encouraged to attend and be a part of the decision-making process.

Print Newsletter Opt-In Form

In an effort to save paper and postage, we would like to distribute *The Key* digitally for as many subscribers as possible and maintain a smaller distribution in print for those who need it.

Starting with the next edition, *The Key* will be mailed to you ONLY if you specifically request a paper version. If you do not make this request, you will receive it solely in electronic format. **If you would like to continue receiving a print newsletter,** please complete this form and return it to the church office, or contact FLC's Communications Coordinator, Laura Bolger, directly at 703-525-9283/communications@flcva.org.

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Preferred Address: _____



Upcoming Events in Brief

- **Guardians of the Cosmos: Being a Christian in an Age of Doubt and Mystery**
Wednesday, November 2, 9, 16, 30, 8:30 p.m.— 9:30 p.m.

Join us for a four-week Bible Study as we explore what it means to be a Christian in an age of doubt and mystery. Either join us at the church building or on Facebook Live.

- **"Bridging the Gap" Benefit Gala**

Thursday, November 3, 6:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

A gala benefitting two of FLCVA's Missions of the Month, A-SPAN and Bridges to Independence, will be held at the Clarendon Ballroom from 6-10 pm. Please attend for a fun evening with food, drinks, music, a silent auction, a live auction, and more, and support two great causes! For tickets, check out this website: 2016bridgingthegap.eventbrite.com.

- **Young Adult Gleaning Service Event**

Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m.

We will be volunteering with AFAC for gleaning on Nov. 5 at a farm in Winchester from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. A group will leave from the church at 8:00 am, or you can meet the group at the farm at 10:00 am.

- **Arlington Turkey Trot**

Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving Day), 8:00 a.m.

The Arlington Turkey Trot is a 5k race supporting several Missions of the Month, including AFAC, A-SPAN, and Bridges to Independence. Can you think of a better way to start your Thanksgiving than helping those less fortunate while running or walking? For more information, or to donate or register for the 5k race, check out arlingtonvaturketrot.org.

- **Middle Adult Ministry**

Saturday, December 3rd, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Are you between the ages of 35-60? Join the middle-adult group! Gather for fellowship with light refreshments. Onsite childcare will be provided (please include ages of children). Email Megan Booth (MBooth_98@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added to the list.

- **eXtra Years of Zest (XYZ)**

Tuesday, November 1, 11:00 a.m. —Lunch at Normandie Farm

Tuesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m. — Bringing Blankets to LWR in New Windsor, MD

Thursday, December 1, 10:30 a.m. — Trip to Annapolis, MD to tour the decorations at Homestead Nursery, followed by lunch and shopping at the Amish Market.

Saturday, December 10, 1:00 p.m. — Christmas Concert at the Bible Church in Springfield. Afterwards, we will have dinner at the Silverado restaurant. Ticket price: \$5.00.

Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 a.m.—Lunch at Old Ebbitts Grill

Saturday, December 31st, 11:30 a.m. — New Year's Eve lunch at Red Lobster

- **First Friday Family Potlucks**

November 4 & December 2, 5:30 p.m.

Whether you're a family of 1, 2, or 7, all are welcome! On the first Friday of each month, we share prayer and a meal together, with crafts and games for kids offered before and after dinner.

On Friday, November 4, our prayers and activities will focus on All Saints Day. We'll build an altar similar to what families build for Dia de los Muertos in Mexico, and remember our loved ones through a brief, kid-friendly litany.

On Friday, December 2, we turn our attention to Advent, the season of hope and waiting. We'll create mini-nativities for each child to take home, and a prayer wall that will be part of our Sunday worship services throughout Advent.

- **Monthly Confirmation Class**

Sunday, November 13 & December 11, 3:00—5:30 p.m.

For more events, visit www.flcva.org/events.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Contact: Mary Quattlebaum at maryqbaum@gmail.com; Jody Manning at jody.manning@me.com; or Jessica Schaefer at jessicaschaefer1980@icloud.com.

Sunday School children will lead the 9:30 worship service on **December 18** and present an all-new Christmas program, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Songs, lyrics and speaking parts will be distributed during Sunday School classes in November. Rehearsal will be held **Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 am** with costumes and a complete run-through of the program and service. Be on the lookout for more details soon!

Faith Family Updates: November & December

Wedding Anniversaries

November

10 Amanda & Scott Milam
Joseph & Katie Beard
14 Kyle & Kelly Trygstad
26 Matt & Kattie Clark
27 Julian & Teresa Mallett
28 Susan Koski-Grafer & Don Grafer
29 Abigail & Kevin Kramer

December

3 Paul Wengert & Denise Hart
10 Clay & Bruce Deming
12 Gina & Ken Brumback
Andrew & Melissa Waters
22 Robert & Shannon Wilson
26 June & Harvey Brasse
30 Steven Webber & Jill Faris
31 Tom & Cindy Lersten

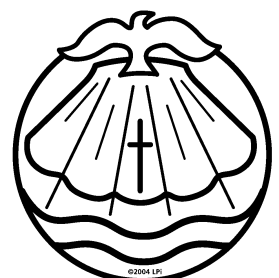
Baptism Anniversaries

November

1 Elizabeth Holt
2 Michelle Link
Liam Waters
5 Hermione Dewitt
6 Devin Rodriguez
11 Ellie Farnsworth
Emerie Farnsworth
15 Peter Morse
17 Arun Pankaj
19 Genevieve Anderson
23 Jack Babb
Margaret Babb
Ethan Bullock
24 Beckett Milam
Emmeline Milam
24 Michaela Trygstad
25 Peyton Clark
26 Carol Tschudy
27 Cole Klapmust
29 Emily Ginting
Mitchell Klapmust
Marc Garner

December

1 Michelle Abel
2 Logan Duce
John Wilson
7 Quinn Baker
Jean Vogel
9 Benjamin Crowe
13 John Cubbison
Wesley Klapmust
Lucas Lepone
20 Alexandra Discount
21 Rowan Miller
23 Lyra Cleland
Nathaniel Discount
27 Elijah Discount
Tucker Wright



Birthdays

November

1	Annika Magnell
2	Sarah Shaw
3	Dan Berkland
	Erik Olson
	Reg Leichty
	Sebastian De Pace
4	Patrick Schooley
	Lawson Knisely
5	Loren Graveline
6	Christopher Perry
	Michelle Gird
	Youssef Guerch
	Peter Morse
	Rowan Miller
7	Cole Songster
	Ryan VerWest
8	Andrew Waters
	Nikolas Lersten
10	Beth Hoffman
	Philip Baeza
11	Norma Johnson
	Jean Vogel
	Gerald Brandt
13	Tracy Dresser
14	Pamela Veenbaas
	Brandon Bayles
	Gregory Blatt
	John Cubbison III
16	Brayden Garner
17	Chuck Hoffman
19	Dutchess Richardson-Donaldson
20	Betsy Morse
	Jackson Bennett
	Leo Carbone
21	Daniel Stone
	Michael Hocker
	Becky Thomas
22	Jake Ruge
23	Clark Quattlebaum
24	Doug Morton
27	Bill Chadwick
	Mary Ellen Rossmiller
29	Abigail Kramer
30	Anne Johnson

December

1	Betsy Herbst
	Rachel Bleich
2	Susan Koski-Grafer
3	Nelson Litterst
4	Wade Cleland
	Daniel Koski-Karell
5	Levon Boyagian
	Wyatt Cleland
	Mitchell Curlin
6	Roy Iversen
	Laura Biemel
7	Kattie Clar
	Kristen King
	Ben Hoffman
	Kylie Hoffman
8	Christina Bohringer
9	Nancy Benson
	Joslyn Osten
	Kirsten Baker
	Bailey Petersen
10	John Cubbison
	Meghann Peterlin
	Elijah Discount
12	Yvette Schock
13	Aileen Meyer
14	Jill Faris
15	Kris Finney
	Justin Pentola
16	Linda O'Brien
17	Kat Cleland
18	Martha Perry
	Thomas Holland
19	Wil Danielson
	Bruce Deming
20	Betty Lightle
	Rich Cassem
21	Emily Bullock
24	Aaron Martens
25	Kenrick Brown
27	Timothy Crowley
28	Mildred Aburn
	Clay Deming
29	Brian Abel
31	Elaine Shelleman
	David Babich

In Memoriam

Charlotte Rogler Kukuk passed away on August 8. She is remembered by her children, William Kukuk, Marilyn Wooden, and Edward Kukuk, as well as her six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Harry Lee Robinson, a longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church, passed away on September 22nd. He is survived by his children, Steven Robinson, Cheryl Alexander, and Susan Robinson-Kehoe, and by his six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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Regular Sunday Schedule

8am	Worship with Holy Communion—S
9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion—S
9:30am	Sunday School
11am	Worship with Holy Communion—S
2pm	Korean Worship—P

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- S - Sanctuary
- SM - Stephen Ministry
- U - Undercroft
- MAG - Middle Adult Group
- XYZ - eXtra Years of Zest (seniors)
- YA - Young Adult
- FLP—Faith Lutheran Preschool
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30	31	1 11:00 a.m. XYZ Lunch at Normandie Farm	2 9-12 FLP in FH 7:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm - Guardians Bible Study	3 10am - Bible Study 6:00 pm—Bridging the Gap Benefit Gala	4 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i>	5 9am - Young Adult Gleaning Event 10 a.m. - Acolyte Training
6 25th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday Traditional worship: 8 & 11 Contemporary worship: 9:30 9:30am —Sunday School 12:15 pm - Congregational Meeting	7 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 7:30pm—Stephen Ministry	8 8-6 pm - Private Event in FH	9 9-12 FLP in FH 7:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm - Guardians Bible Study	10 10am—Bible Study	11 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i>	12 10:00-2:00 Private Event in FH 1:00 pm - Bagged Meals Prep 5:30pm - Bagged Meal & Clothing Distr.
13 26th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Baptism Sunday</i> Traditional worship: 8 & 11 Contemporary worship: 9:30 9:30am - Sunday School 3:00 pm - Confirmation	14 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 10:30 am - MONA Event in FH 7:15 pm - Lydia Circle	15 11:00 a.m. XYZ Takes Blankets to New Windsor	16 9-12 FLP in FH 7:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm - Guardians Bible Study	17 10am—Bible Study 7pm—FLC Council	18 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i>	19 10:30 a.m. Assisting Minister Training 12:30 pm - Sunday School Teacher Lunch & Meeting
20 27th Sunday after Pentecost Baptism Sunday Traditional worship: 8 & 11 Contemporary worship: 9:30 9:30am - Sunday School 3:30 pm - Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	21 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 7:30pm—Stephen Ministry	22	FLP Thanksgiving Break			26
			23 7:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving 8 am. - Arlington Turkey Trot	25 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i>	
27 First Sunday of Advent Traditional worship: 8 & 11 Contemporary worship: 9:30	28 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 11:00 am—Meals on Wheels	29	30 7:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 pm - Guardians Bible Study	1	2	3

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11 Third Sunday of Advent <i>Baptism Sunday</i> Traditional worship: 8 & 11 Contemporary worship: 9:30 9:30am - Sunday School 3:00 pm - Confirmation 7:00 pm - FLP Shop & Drop	12 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 10:30 am - MONA Event in FH 7:15 pm - Lydia Circle	13 11:30 - XYZ Lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill	14 7:45 pm - Choir Rehearsal	15 10am—Bible Study 7pm—FLC Council	16 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i> 9:30 am - Breakfast with Santa Setup	17 9:30 am - Breakfast with Santa 11:00 am - Rehearsal for Sunday School Children's Christmas Program
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Traditional worship: 8 & 11 Contemporary worship: 9:30 (<i>Sunday School children lead worship and present Christmas program</i>) 2:00 pm - Danish Christmas Service	19 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry	20	21	22 10am—Bible Study	23 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i> January - February Newsletter Deadline	24 Christmas Eve 5 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 8 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 9 pm - Christmas Eve Reception
25 Christmas Day 10:30 am - Worship - Lessons and Carols	26 <i>Pastor Yvette's Day Off</i> 11:00 am - Meals on Wheels	27 8am-6pm - Private Event in FH	28 8am-6pm - Private Event in FH	29 8am-6pm - Private Event in FH 10am—Bible Study	30 <i>Pastor Kate's Day Off</i> 8am-6pm - Private Event in FH	31 New Year's Eve 11:30 am - XYZ at Red Lobster