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## Mission of the Month: Arlington Free Clinic

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(Photos courtesy Arlington Free Clinic)

January's Mission of the Month is the [Arlington Free Clinic](#) (AFC), a local clinic providing comprehensive medical care for uninsured adults in Arlington County. Faith has been supporting this organization for a number of years by making an annual donation directly to the program. It's the only safety net for uninsured adults in Arlington County. A small army of 560 volunteer doctors, nurses, pharmacists, pharmacy techs and other medical professionals and a small staff make it possible for the Arlington Free Clinic to serve just over 1,600 patients a year. **Through partners, the AFC is able to offer a wide range of medical services, including primary care, specialty medical care, women's health, mental health, physical therapy, diagnostic testing, and otherwise unaffordable treatments, like chemotherapy, dialysis or surgery.** With an on-site pharmacy, the AFC is even able to offer needed



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## Lutheran World Relief Responds: Flooding in the Philippines



A severe tropical storm struck the southern Philippines on **December 16**, causing landslides and massive flooding on the island of Mindanao, where Lutheran World Relief is implementing a number of sustainable development projects.

There have been 972 casualties reported, more than 1,500 injured, 49 remain missing

and more than 300,000 affected, most living in areas where LWR works. Safe drinking water and food are the most critical needs of families right now. Families working with LWR to improve their crops and income saw their entire seaweed crop — and with it any hope of income for the Christmas season — washed away in the floods.

A team from LWR has traveled to the region to assess the situation and needs and is working with partners to begin an immediate response that will include cash for work, provision of clean water, LWR Quilts and Kits and other critically needed items. You can help by making a cash donation at [www.lwr.org/donate](http://www.lwr.org/donate), or by calling 800-597-5972.

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# A Note from Our Council President

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As most of you know, my wife Karla and I are expecting twins in June and we're both so thankful for all your well wishes. But many of you have asked, "What are you going to do?"

If you missed church because of the beautiful fall weather, or were there daydreaming or tending to a young one, you might recall that question was implied in the title of one of Pastor Brian's Advent sermons, "What are you waiting for?". He talked about the double meaning of that question and challenged us to think about what it is that each of us can do to be a better disciple of Christ.

As the folks chosen by you to lead our congregation, we're going to do all we can to continue making Faith an exciting place to worship. That means fellowship and providing opportunities to be good stewards of our faith. But we can't do it alone!

We have a very strong congregation in large part because of your discipleship. Many of you have gotten involved in our various ministries and laid the foundation on which our congregation is thriving. So I want to thank you for the confidence you've placed in the Church Council and the belief that with our leadership, we will continue to make Faith congregation such a dynamic place. My goal for 2012 is to continue building upon that foundation you've laid. I know that can happen with your continued involvement and, if you haven't done so, please consider joining one of our many ministries.

In Chapter 13 of the book of John, Jesus commanded the disciples to love one another and told them that if they did that, people will know him. I pray that 2012 will be an exciting year of fellowship at Faith Lutheran and through that fellowship; we can show the community around us the true love of Jesus Christ.

So what are you going to do?  
*Larry Farnsworth*



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## New Council Members Installed

On Sunday, December 11, the 2012 Faith Lutheran Church Council was installed.

*Pictured, left to right:*

- Christina Bohringer, Secretary
- Paulette Sandene, Deacon of Outreach
- Marianne Holland, Assistant Financial Secretary
- Larry Farnsworth, President
- Anne Johnson, Legal Trustee
- Brian Block, Financial Secretary
- David Bleich, Deacon of Stewardship
- Kurt Lowe, Property Trustee
- Brad Ney, Legal Trustee
- Jody Manning, Treasurer

Thank you for serving your family of Faith!

## Opportunity to Serve

### Ushers

Ushers are needed for both the 8:00 and 11:00 services. Please contact Mary-Beth Allen at 703-528-5817 for the 8:00 service, or Doug Lauer at 703-351-1483 or dflauer(at)yahoo.com for the 11:00 service.

## Lectionary

### January 1

*First Sunday of Christmas*

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Psalms 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke: 2:22-40

### January 8

*Baptism of Our Lord*

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

### January 15

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

### January 22

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29—31

Mark 1:14-20

### January 29

*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

## Worship Participants for January

		8:00 am			11:00 am		
	VAN	ACOLYTE	A. MIN.	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	A. MIN.	LECTOR
Jan 1	Hoffman	<b>One worship Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>			Terry Flannery	David Trout	Carl Hoffman
Jan 8	Dagle	Ben Wengert	Leona Spencer	Carolyn Landry	Kayla Guerch	Katie Brewer	Lori Oney
Jan 15	Nelson	Kelsey Wengert	Kurt Lowe	Doug MacIvor	Ariana Herbst	Kim Gates	Brenda Wallestad
Jan 22	Lounberg	John Brandt	David Trout	Anne Johnson	Nate Oney	Kurt Lowe	Burt Wagner
Jan 29	Smoyer	Terry Flannery	Dan Cable	Doug Morton	Youssef Guerch	David Trout	Carl Hoffman

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medications to patients, for as little as \$5. Each month the clinic accepts approximately 20 new patients through a lottery process. Individuals are also referred by Virginia Hospital Center, the Arlington County Department of Human Resources and shelters that meet eligibility requirements. Most of their patients are employed, but their jobs do not include access to health insurance. In recent years, an increasing number of new patients came to AFC after losing their job and their health insurance.

Here at Faith we would like to increase our connection with this organization by raising awareness about their services provided, volunteer opportunities available, and supplies that are needed at the clinic.

### **Volunteering at the Arlington Free Clinic**

Volunteers range in age from 14 to 92, speak more than 25 different languages and are working professionals, homemakers and retired individuals. **Clinical positions** include doctors, NPs, nurses, pharmacists and others. **Non-medical positions** include receptionists, referral and appointments volunteers, interpreters and administrative assistants. To match volunteers' skills and interests with Clinic jobs, **potential volunteers must go through a process of application, interview and training**. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, **please contact Volunteer Director Lee Miller for further information at (703) 979-1425, ext. 125**, or lee(at)arlingtonfreeclinic.org.

### **Arlington Free Clinic's Wish List**

We will be collecting the following items in the fellowship hall to provide to the clinic and their patients. Please check out our informational display and collection boxes!

#### **Large Bottles (500-1,000 tablets)**

Aspirin -- 81 mg  
Generic Tylenol -- 500 mg  
Vitamin D -- 1,000 units (i.u.)  
Ferrous Sulfate --325 mg  
Multivitamins -- 1,000 tablets

#### **Other supplies**

Lip Balm or chapstick  
Hand Cream  
Throat Lozenges  
Pill boxes -- divided for 7 days  
Travel size shampoo or conditioner  
toothbrushes  
soap  
small calendar books for appointments  
Metro bus passes  
Grocery store gift cards  
\$2 or \$5 phone cards (good for international calls)



The Arlington Free Clinic relies on donations and volunteers to make it all happen. Visit [www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org](http://www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org) to learn more! Thank you for your support of January's Mission of the Month. If you have any further questions about ways that you might like to get involved, please contact Julia Kiefer at [julia.kiefer\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:julia.kiefer(at)gmail.com)

## Stewardship Bouquets

This month we say "Thank you" ...



... to Carol Tschudy, Steve Buhrow, Marvin Smoyer, Mary Niebuhr, Brian Block, Doug Lauer, Dave and Brenda Wallestad, and Carl Hoffman for lending their time and considerable talent to the **decoration of the sanctuary** for Advent and Christmas. They did a really great job!

...to Erin Kimsey, Jackie Pessaud, Mary Sawich, Sandra Yeaman, Anne Johnson, Jack Reale, Alisha MacGregor, Kelsey Wengert, Johanna Fowler, Marilyn Haugen, Mary Hibbits, Sally Arason, Yvette Schock, Liliana Alcantara, David and Aden Brown, Senia, Michelle, and Dominique Lounberg, and Margaret O'Connor, for **assisting with the homeless bagged meal ministry** in December.

... to Ben Wengert, Aden Brown, Lauryn Rothaermel, Michelle Lounberg, Nicolette Lounberg, Margaret O'Connor, Kayla Guerch, Kelsey Wengert, Nate Oney, John Brandt, Youssef Guerch, Alyssa Herbst, Ariana Herbst, Jake Ruge, Brian Block, for **creating Christmas gift packages for our homeless neighbors**, which were distributed through the bagged meal and clothing ministry.

... to our Musical Director, Julie Seipp; Sunday School Superintendent, Melissa DeWitt; teachers, Susan Shaw, Marilyn Haugen and Tina Kroll-Guerch; Kristen Litterst, Maril Olson, Carrie Beyer, Jody Manning, the Confirmation class and all the parents and kids who **made Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Kings! a spectacular success.**

... to the Lersten, Litterst and Olson Families, Carrie Beyer, Lisa McKenzie and Juan Ulloa for **helping to sort and clean out the Boy Scout equipment** from the Youth Room.

### From All of Us

Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts, and well-wishes during this special Christmas season. It is truly a joy to be a part of Faith Lutheran Church.

*Pastor Brian & Mary Erickson      Pastor Yvette Schock & Bob Francis  
Jen Moore & Family*

### A Note of Thanks

*Thank you to all who called and sent cards after the news of my son, Edvard's, death. It was very much appreciated.*

*~ Win Olson*

### Dear Friends at Faith . . .

*I'm grateful for my church home at Faith since 1951, when we moved from Northern Michigan to this area. God bless you all!*

*~ Irma R. Koski*

## Christian Education at Faith

Faith offers several opportunities for learning and growing in our Christian faith. All are welcome!

- † Children's Sunday School and Adult Discussion, **Sunday morning, 9:45 a.m.**
- † Confirmation Classes for 6th—8th graders, **Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m.**
- † Lydia Circle for women, **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7:30 p.m.**
- † Discussion Group in the Fellowship Hall, **Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.**
- † Bible Study in the Lounge, **Thursday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.** led by Pastor Yvette
- † Naomi Ruth Circle for women in the Undercroft **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 11:00 a.m.**
- † Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, **4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month, 8:00 a.m.**

## Thursday Morning Bible Study

Contact: Pastor Yvette Schock, [pastoryvette\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastoryvette(at)flcva.org)

*<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him.—Mark 1:17-18*

This month, we'll be studying the book of Mark. Mark opens with a pronouncement of the good news of Jesus Christ, drawing readers into the unfolding drama of his death and resurrection. The evangelist frequently uses the adverb *immediately* to stress the urgency of Jesus' journey to the cross. At the Gospel's conclusion, the witnesses of the resurrection leave the tomb terrified—and silent. It is up to us to go out and proclaim the good news. *Want more? Join us at 10 a.m. on Thursday mornings! We always have hot coffee and great conversation.*

## Preschool News—Enroll for 2012—2013 in January!

By Kirsten Holtz, Faith Lutheran Preschool Director

We wish you a Happy New Year from all of us here at Faith Lutheran Preschool. Our Christmas celebrations were magical. We must thank the preschool and Sunday school parents who supported "Breakfast with Santa", especially Kurt and Robbie Lowe (shhh)!! This annual event was a great success...for the eleventh year!! So, too was our Christmas Chapel celebration with Pastor Yvette's reading of The Christmas Story and the children's singing of Happy Birthday Baby Jesus. As the New Year begins, perhaps we can try to keep those peaceful, blessed thoughts in our heads and hearts.

Although the year is not yet half over, we begin, in January, the registration process for School Year 2012-2013. Tours are available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and noon, and enrollment application forms will be available downstairs outside the Preschool Office and on the church website at [www.flcva.org/apply-now](http://www.flcva.org/apply-now). **In order to take advantage of your "church member priority," you must turn in your application and \$50 non-refundable registration fee by January 31st;** after that, current families will begin re-registering, followed by alumnae families. At the end of February a lottery panel will convene to fill the remaining openings from the general public applicants. To be considered for the Lottery, applications must be turned in to the school by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 9th. All Faith Lutheran families are encouraged to register their preschoolers as soon as possible. Remember: children must be at least three and not over four years of age by 30 September, 2012 and potty trained!

If you have any questions, please contact the Preschool Office at 703-525-1375 or [preschool\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:preschool(at)flcva.org). Director, Kirsten Holtz will be happy to provide information and a tour of our wonderful school!

## Faith Youth Preparing for Youth Gathering in July, 2012

Contact: Pastor Yvette, [pastoryvette\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastoryvette(at)flcva.org)

Four high school youth from Faith will be traveling to New Orleans next summer to attend the National Youth Gathering: Youssef Guerch, Alyssa Herbst, Ariana Herbst, and Ben Wengert.

We'll worship with 40,000 other Lutheran youth, serve our neighbors in New Orleans, and learn more about what it means to live as "citizens with the saints" and "members of the household of God" in our daily lives (Ephesians 2:17-19).

**We began our fundraising efforts in December with the Christmas Cookie Sale and Parents Day Out—both were successful due to your support. THANK YOU!**



It's not too late to register for the [youth gathering](#)—talk with Pastor Yvette if you're interested.

### Time for Summer Camp Already!?

In the middle of winter, when we are just recovering from the holidays, it's hard to turn our minds to summer fun, but registration for Lutheran summer camp is just around the corner. Learn more about our Synod's outdoor ministries:

**Mar-Lu-Ridge:** Mar-Lu-Ridge is a year-round outdoor ministry of the ELCA. Situated in the beautiful Catocin Mountains of Central Maryland, they minister through summer camp, retreats, a conference center, and a variety of programs offered throughout the year. All camps run from Sunday through Friday and serve a variety of age groups and interests. There will be four open-house dates for people interested in learning more. Registration opens January 1, with an early-bird discount before February 17. Registration brochures are available at Information Central, or you can register online at [www.mar-lu-ridge.org](http://www.mar-lu-ridge.org).



**Caroline Furnace:** Established in 1957, Caroline Furnace offers year round Retreat facilities and an overnight Summer Camp program. The main camp is located in Fort Valley on the Massanutten Mountain in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. This year the theme is Jesus Chooses Us. A typical week at camp begins on Sunday afternoon with registration and finishes on Friday with a Closing Campfire. All families are encouraged to attend the closing where we tell stories from the week, sing songs and have awards. Registration opens January 12. Visit [www.carolinefurnace.org](http://www.carolinefurnace.org) to learn more.

# Faith Family Celebrations!

## January Birthdays

1	Margaret Morton Mary Day	12	Zach Troy Devin Rodriguez	24	Dorann Bradford Alexander Lamb
2	Sylvia Nelson	14	Chris Carbone	25	Mary Hibbits
3	Geneva Webber		Aden Brown	26	Allison Babich
4	Burt Wagner	17	Rev. Norm Theiss		Sarah Frankosky
5	Kristen Van Haaren		Megan Booth		Anna McAllister
7	Maril Olson Arthur Koski-Karell	18	Dave Wallestad	27	McLean Sieverding Helen Barrow
9	Holly Jewell		Fred Darling		Robin Pentola
10	Lauren Gates Lindsey Gates	20	Chuck Seipp		Hannah Clarkson
	Sara Herbst	21	Robbie Lowe	30	Andrew Lersten
	Erik Kaiser	23	Rev. Roy Beutel	31	Suzanne Wheeler
12	Lee Wright		Tom Lersten		Alexander Dennis
			Paul Wengert		

## January Anniversaries

17 Fred & Norma Darling

## Baptism Anniversaries

8 Abigail Austill  
 11 Mark Smith  
 12 Elsay Joy Dewitt  
 15 Eliot Olson  
 16 Jacob Hocker  
 18 Jill Faris  
 25 Maxwell Muller  
 30 Anna McAllister



## Celebrating Your Baptism

Just as we remember and celebrate the day that we were born into the world, we can commemorate the day we were born into new life by water and the Holy Spirit.

Celebrating the baptismal anniversary can be especially meaningful for young children who were baptized as infants, and offers an opportunity for parents and other adult role models to share their faith stories with the youngsters in their lives. Re-lighting the baptismal candle, reading the Bible or singing hymns are just some ideas for celebrating. If you would like a copy of the ELCA Anniversary of Baptism service, please email office(at)flcva.org.

## Honor Your Special Days With Altar Flowers



Each week flowers adorn the chancel in the sanctuary, which can be dedicated in celebration of a special occasion, in thanksgiving, to the Glory of God, or in memory of someone near and dear to your heart.

The cost for each vase is \$22.50, and flowers may be taken home after the 11 a.m. worship. If you don't wish to take them home, they will be delivered to someone in need of a little cheer!

To dedicate flowers, visit the flower dedication board just outside the sanctuary doors in the breezeway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Choose a date, write your name on the calendar, fill out a dedication form, and place your form and a check in the offering plate or in the Finance mailbox to the left of the calendar.

# Faith Photo Album



*Stars, Angels, Shepherds, Kings! The children's Christmas Program was a big hit.*



*Mary and Joseph marvel over Jesus.*

**Above:** The sanctuary was decorated with wreaths, poinsettias and pine boughs for Advent and Christmas. Each of these decorations were purchased by members of Faith in honor of loved ones, making them not just a delight to the eyes (and noses) of parishioners, but also a testament to the wide-reaching arms of this community of faith.

**Below:** In December, youth assembled Christmas presents for our homeless neighbors. These bundles of candy and pocket crosses were delivered during Faith's monthly bagged meal and clothing distribution, bringing a dose of goodwill and a message of hope to people who need it most.



*Sheep, shepherds, angels, stars and Magi sing His praises.*



*Three wise men came to worship Jesus.*

## Young Adult Ministry Happenings

Contact: Pastor Brian Erickson, [pastorbrian\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastorbrian(at)flcva.org)



### **Trivia Night**

**Tuesday, January 17, 7 p.m., Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub, Shirlington.**

Once again we will gather at [Beckett's](#) to play Trivia, pitting our cumulative knowledge against other local teams. No need to know a lot. This is trivia! Join us for drinks, food, fellowship, and lots of laughs.

### **Young Adult Gathering (YAG)**

**Saturday, January 28, 5 p.m., Parsonage (3313 1st St. N)**

This is our monthly opportunity to socialize and meet other young adults at Faith.

**Looking for a pool table!** We have Pastor Brian's Ping Pong Table in the basement of the parsonage, which is the scene of many wonderful matches. We would also like to have a Pool Table. If you have one gathering dust in your basement, let us know.



## XYZ News

*"eXtra Years of Zest" - a social group for Faith's active seniors.*

Contact: Carolyn Baker, 703-671-0312

We will begin the New Year with a visit to the Olive Garden for lunch on **Tuesday, January 3rd at 12:00**. Meet us there with an idea for something you would like to change or to do in 2012!

The Citi Diner seems like a good place for lunch on **Tuesday the 17th**. See you there at **12:00**.

## Upcoming Men of Faith Activities

Contact: Brad Ney, [cornelllaw\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:cornelllaw(at)yahoo.com)

### **College Football National Championship: January 9, 8:00 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of football and fellowship. Meet at Andy Ruge's house for the final college football game of the year, as #1 LSU takes on #2 Alabama in the BCS National Championship Game at 8:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite tailgating snack or drink to share. RSVP for this event to Brad Ney so that we can get an accurate head count beforehand.



### **"Faith and the Presidents": January 28, 8:00 a.m.**

David Bleich, who has worked in politics for years, is in the process of reading at least one biography on each of the U.S. Presidents, in chronological order. He has now arrived at George W. Bush, and will no doubt be on Barack Obama by the time of our breakfast. He will share his observations on the role that faith and religion have played in the lives of U.S. Presidents.

### **George Mason Men's Basketball: February 4, 5:00 p.m.**

Join the Men of Faith for a fun evening of college hoops as the George Mason men's basketball team takes on Old Dominion. Game time is 5:00 p.m., and those wishing to carpool can meet at Faith at 3:30 p.m. Following the game, we will visit a local watering hole for some post-game refreshments. Tickets are available through Andy Ruge at [aruge\(at\)gmu.edu](mailto:aruge(at)gmu.edu) for \$9.

## Faith is One of 11,000 Stephen Ministry Congregations

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Stephen Ministry, St. Louis, recently announced that the Irving Bible Church in Irving, Texas, became the 11,000<sup>th</sup> congregation to enroll in the Stephen Series. Faith has had Stephen Ministry since 2003, and at that time there were some 7,000 SM Congregations from more than 90 denominations world wide.



### Every Member Plays a Part

You may not choose to become a Stephen Minister or a Stephen Leader. But Faith's Stephen Ministry is *your* ministry and your support is vital to its success. What is your role? First of all, prayer. Since we rely on God's help to do the ministry he calls us to do, your prayer support is very important. Pray for the care receivers. Even though their names are kept confidential the Holy Spirit knows who they are. Pray for our Stephen Ministers who visit their care receivers faithfully and participate in meetings twice a month for continuing education and peer supervision. Pray for our new trainees who are more than half-way through their 50 hours of training on the way to become commissioned as active Stephen Ministers. Finally, pray for our Stephen Leaders.

### A Special Prayer Request

This month, please pray especially for our three newest Stephen Leaders. From January 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, **Pastor Brian, Pastor Yvette** and **Kim Gates**, will be taking an intensive week-long training course in Orlando, Florida, taught by the faculty of the Stephen Ministries organization. Stephen leaders, like Stephen Ministers, commit to serving for at least two years. Three of our current leaders, Jim Frankosky, Carl Hoffman and Eleanor Lauer have been part of Faith's Stephen Ministry for the past eight years. Robert Wilson, who became a leader in 2011, has been the primary trainer of our current class since it began last September.

In addition to praying, Faith members can be the eyes and ears of our program. You may notice a need for care (or have a need yourself) and bring that situation to the attention of one of our pastors. The need may involve illness, grief, loss of a job, divorce, a difficult pregnancy, or some other life crisis. The potential care receiver and a Stephen Minister (if available) will both agree to the caring relationship before it begins.

Stephen Ministry is an important way that we at Faith care for one another. Remember, it's *your* ministry!



## Crafters: God's Work, Our Hands

*Contact: Jeanette Dere, djdere(at)earthlink.net*

The Fabric Crafters continue to make lap robes, comfort pillows, tied quilts for local retirement homes and Lutheran World Relief.

We gather in the Undercroft of the church at 10 a.m. Bring a sandwich and visit with these ladies! **January dates are the 4th and the 18th.**

## Thanks From Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, Our Mission Partner

Last spring a group of six members of Faith Lutheran went on a mission trip to [Cristo Rey Lutheran](#) in El Paso, Texas. After we returned, we sent gift cards to the two primary, volunteer staff persons who worked with us, Tom and Ann. Below is their thank you.

Dear Jennifer, Julia, Jody, Jim, Dutchess and Oso Grande:

I wanted to thank you for the extremely kind words and gift that was sent. As a volunteer, it means so much to have created a support system outside of the traditional community. Your words really are uplifting and affirming! As you know, we are living simply for the year as well, so your gift really went a long way in purchasing some things that have been needed but put off for a while. Thanks! I hope that Cristo Rey and Faith Lutheran have started a relationship that will only grow over the years. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting you for a week. The nursery is looking great and already is being used during Sunday services! It is amazing. Please continue to keep in touch, as I truly value all of you. En Paz, *Tom*

Hello Everyone! Thank you so much for sending Tom and me cards with such nice thoughts and words for us. They meant so much to me and helped me feel new motivation as I moved into the summer program. It has truly been a wonderful experience to have met all of you and gotten to know you during your stay with us. I hope we continue to stay in touch and I will definitely keep you updated after my visit to Mexico in August! The summer program has been awesome so far; chaotic and crazy but the kids are having a great time! I truly think they will continue to have a fun, exciting summer. Thank you once again for everything, especially your very generous gift. I am so happy I can get a haircut in this horrific heat!

Hasta pronto, *Ann*

## Mission Trip to the U.S./Mexico Border, Spring 2012

Contact: Pastor Yvette, [pastoryvette\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastoryvette(at)flcva.org)

Immigration issues continue to be at the center of national and local conversations--in August this year delegates to the ELCA churchwide assembly passed a resolution in support of immigration reform, and immigration issues will likely continue to be a hot-button issue in the presidential race next year.

Next spring you're invited to join a week-long journey with Pastor Yvette and other Faith members to El Paso, Texas, to learn firsthand how these issues play out for individuals who live, work and minister to God's children on both sides of the border. Financial support from Faith Lutheran's Endowment Fund will help defray travel costs for participants, so don't let cost get in the way of a meaningful experience. Dates to be decided.

If you have questions and/or are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Yvette.



Photo courtesy David Zeiger, [displacedfilms.com](http://displacedfilms.com)

## AFAC - Arlington Food Assistance Center Update

Contact: Yvonne Matsko, [ymatsko\(at\)msn.com](mailto:ymatsko(at)msn.com)

Another 161 pounds of food was donated to AFAC on December 15th, bringing our congregation's total donations to **299 pounds!** Many thanks for your support of your neighbors in need!

The week of Thanksgiving 2011, [AFAC](#) served a record high of 1,802 families or 4,687 individuals - and the need continues. The Center indicates that donations typically peak around the holidays but tend to wane during the winter months and into the spring.

Our bins are now ready for another round of non-perishable items and are located in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your continued support of AFAC.



Photo by Matt McClain for the Washington Post

## ASPAN Clothing and Personal Care Ministry to the Homeless

Clothing Ministry Contacts: Mary Hibbits, [mohibbits\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:mohibbits(at)comcast.net) or Marilyn Haugen, 703.534.4325

Thanks to everyone for generous contributions to the [ASPAN](#) homeless ministries. Please keep our homeless brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers during these cold winter months. Blankets, sleeping bags, thermals, and warm men's clothing are always needed. Contact Marilyn Haugen, 703-534-4325, with any questions.

## Angel Tree Update

Contact: Jill Zimmerman, [jillmzimmerman\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:jillmzimmerman(at)comcast.net)



Angel Trees, crowded with gifts, adorned the Fellowship Hall stage throughout Advent and Christmas.

Thank you for your generous response to the December [Mission of the Month](#)! Your gifts were delivered to nearly 150 children in Arlington and El Paso, our homeless neighbors, and men and women who were incarcerated away from their families over Christmas. Any items that weren't donated were purchased with the Special Offerings made throughout December.

For next year, we are in need of a small (4.5') artificial Christmas tree. If you're one of those that took advantage of after-Christmas clearance to upgrade your tree, we'll be happy to take the old one off your hands.

## Thanks from Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR)

A big **THANK YOU** from Heather Pritchett, Coordinator of [OAR's](#) Project Christmas Angel:

This year Faith members generously donated approximately 35 toys, 25 gift cards, and 10 rolls of wrapping paper! These Christmas gifts, along with personalized notes, will be delivered or mailed to children in the name of their incarcerated parent. Our hope is to brighten their holiday and let them know they are loved and remembered by their absent parent.

### 2011 Christmas Message from ELCA Presiding Bishop

*For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. (Titus 2: 11)*

**Yes** In this world where God creates with deep beauty and profound mystery.

In this world where so many yearn for God's healing and peace.

In this world where some have thought God has forsaken us:



**Yes** Here, in this world, the grace of God has appeared.

Not just in this world but for you.

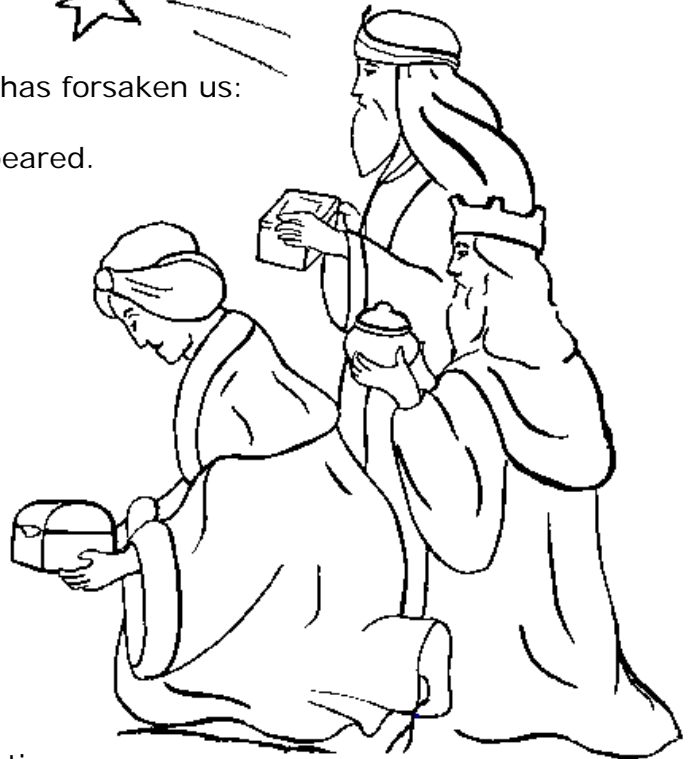
**Yes** For you, weary from trying to meet the expectations of others.  
For you, worrying about an uncertain future.  
For you, wondering if you are worthy.

**Yes** For you, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation.

Not just for you but for all.

**Yes** For all, salvation has come in the wonder of God in mercy bending low to meet us in our humanity.  
In the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.  
In the power and promise of the gospel's proclamation,  
God's goodness and loving-kindness has appeared in the Savior Jesus.

So with angelic messengers and witnessing shepherds, we raise our voices:



**"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors."**

Mark S. Hanson  
Presiding Bishop  
[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#)



**Celebration, Fellowship, Worship, Workshops, Shopping, and Exhibits Await You!**

All women of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to the Spring Convention of the Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization as we celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women of the ELCA.

**When: Saturday, March 31, 2012**

Time: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Christ Lutheran Church  
3810 Meredith Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030

- Registration Fee: \$25 per person, lunch included (There is no fee for women under the age of 40)
- Keynote Speaker – the Rev. Dr. Marguerite Rourk (Christ Lutheran Church)
- Guest Performer: Anita Gutschick, "Women of the Bible" – A dramatic presentation told through the diverse voices of women from the Old and New Testaments
- Registration details will be available at Information Central after the New Year. Please come!

**The Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement:**

*As a community of women  
created in the image of God,  
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves to  
grow in faith,  
affirm our gifts,  
support one another in our callings,  
engage in ministry and action, and  
promote healing and wholeness  
in the church,  
the society, and  
the world.*

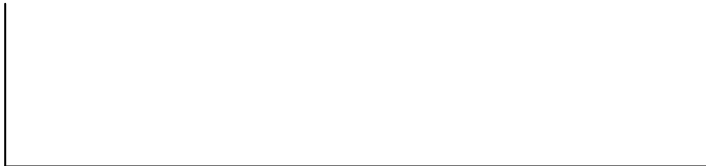
\*Check out the WELCA website <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA.aspx> for program and worship resources, mission information, news, and leadership tools.



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# JANUARY 2012

## ABBREVIATIONS:

- BP - Bride's Parlor
- CR - Choir Room
- FC - Fabric Crafters
- FH - Fellowship Hal
- K - Kitchen
- L - Lounge
- MAC - Men's Activity Club
- VR - Nursery
- P - Preschool
- S - Sanctuary
- SM - Stephen Ministry
- U - Undercroft
- XYZ - eXtra Years of Zest (seniors)
- YACC - Young Adult Coffee and Conversation
- YAG - Young Adult Gathering

## Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8am** Worship with Holy Communion—S  
**9:30am** Worship with Holy Communion—S  
**9:45am** Learning for All Ages  
**11am** Worship with Holy Communion—S  
**2pm** Korean Worship—P

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 1st Sunday of Christmas <i>New Year's Day</i>  <i>One Service at 10:00 a.m.</i> <i>(no Sunday School)</i>  VAN— Hoffman Acolyte—Terry Flannery	2 New Year's Holiday  Office Closed	3  Noon—XYZ to Olive Garden (meet there)  7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	4  10am—Fabric Crafters in the Craft Room  6:30pm—Yoga Class 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	5  10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L	6 <i>Epiphany</i> Pastor Brian's Day Off	7
<i>Stephen Leader Training Event in Orlando, FL</i>						
8 Baptism of Our Lord  VAN— Dagle Acolyte 8am— B. Wengert Acolyte 11am— K. Guerch  9:30—Confirmation Class	9  7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH 7:30pm—Lydia Circle 8:00pm—Men of Faith Gathering	10	11  6:30pm—Yoga Class 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	12  10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L  11am—Naomi Ruth Circle—U	13	14  1:00pm—Bagged Meal Prep  5:30pm—Bagged Meal & Clothing Distribution
<i>Pastor Yvette out of town</i>				19	20	21
15 2nd Sunday in Epiphany  VAN— Nelson Acolyte 8am— K. Wengert Acolyte 11am— A. Herbst  9:30—Confirmation Class	16 MLK Day  Office Closed 7:00pm—Stephen Ministry —FH	17  Noon—XYZ to Citi Diner (meet there) 7:00pm—Young Adult Trivia Night 7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	18  10am—Fabric Crafters in the Craft Room  6:30pm—Yoga Class 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	19  10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L	20  Pastor Brian's Day Off  <b>FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	21  Synod Together in Mission Event @ King of Kings *Fairfax)
22 3rd Sunday in Epiphany  VAN— Lounberg Acolyte 8am— J. Brandt Acolyte 11am— N. Oney  9:30—Confirmation Class	23 Pastor Yvette's Day Off  11am –Meals on Wheels  7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH	24  7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	25  6:30pm—Yoga Class 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	26  10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L  1:30pm—Newsletter Fold and Sort	27  Pastor Brian's Day Off	28  8:00am—Men of Faith Breakfast  5:00pm—Young Adult Gathering at Parsonage
29 4th Sunday in Epiphany <i>Newsletters available</i> VAN—Smoyer Acolyte 8am— T. Flannery Acolyte 11am— Y. Guerch 9:30—Confirmation Class  2:00pm—Danish Worship	30 Pastor Yvette's Day Off  7:00pm—Stephen Ministry —FH	31 <i>Preschool Registration Due for FLC Members</i>  7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	1  10am—Fabric Crafters in the Craft Room  6:30pm—Yoga Class 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>  10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L	3  Pastor Brian's Day Off	4  9:00am—Council Retreat  3:30pm— Men of Faith Gathering at George Mason

# Ministry Central

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Macruge(at)verizon.net

## PASTORAL CARE

Comfort Shawl Ministry  
*Provide (through the pastor) shawls for those in need of comfort.*  
Carrie Beyer  
Cbeyer(at)comcast.net

Communion Ministers  
*Serve Holy Communion to members who are homebound or hospitalized.*

Faith Family Freezer  
*Provide (through the pastor) meals to those in times of family distress*  
COORDINATOR NEEDED

Patient Companion Program  
*This program—through the Virginia Hospital Center—provides someone who sits at the bedside of a patient during their final hours.*  
Barbara Foelber  
bgfoelber(at)aol.com

## Prayer Chain

Carolyn Mauck H: 703-892-0349  
Carolynmauck(at)verizon.net

## Stephen Ministry

*Provide Christian care to people in crisis.*

Leaders: Jim Frankosky, Carl Hoffman, Eleanor Lauer, and Robert Wilson

## Tape Ministry

*Duplicate CDs of worship services*

Carolyn Mauck H: 703-892-0349  
Carolynmauck(at)verizon.net

## ADMINISTRATION

### Counting Teams

*Meet after the 11:00 service to count and record the offerings.*

The Finance Team  
Finance(at)flcva.org

### IT Support Team

Jon Dagle  
Jond(at)flcva.org

### Newsletter Team

*Labels and sorts the newsletter monthly.*  
Adriana Stone H: 703-536-5914

### Name Tags

*Provided for members and visitors.*

Carolyn Mauck H: 703-892-0349  
Carolynmauck(at)verizon.net

### Notification Tree

Mary Beth Allen H: 703-528-5817

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### Acolyte / Crucifer

*Youth who participate in Sunday worship.*  
COORDINATOR NEEDED

### Altar Guild

*Prepares the altar and chancel for worship.*

Carol Tschudy H: 703-521-6792  
Ctschudy(at)aol.com

### Assisting Minister / Lector

*Assists with worship and reads Scripture lessons.*

Robbie Lowe H: 703-664-0670  
Lowe\_family(at)hotmail.com

### Communion Assistants

*Assist with Communion distribution during worship services.*

Sally Arason H: 540-783-2040  
Arasonroscoe(at)aol.com

### Friendship Folders

*Maintains folders that are used on Sundays*

*for sign-in, prayer cards, etc.*  
Carolyn Mauck H: 703-892-0349  
Carolynmauck(at)verizon.net

### Pew Bibles

*Ensures each pew has Bibles.*

Sue Burggraf H: 703-522-1549  
Sburggraf(at)comcast.net

### Sound Ministry

*Runs the sound system during worship and records services.*

Bruce Irby H: 703-820-6543  
Bruirb(at)aol.com

## Ushers

Doug Lauer  
Dflauer(at)yahoo.com

## EDUCATION

### Sunday School

Melissa DeWitt  
Xenafife(at)me.com

### Little Lambs

*2 year old Sunday School every other week in the Virginia Room during Sunday School*  
COORDINATOR NEEDED

### Tuesday Evening Class

Pastor Brian  
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Yvette  
Pastor Yvette (at)flcva.org

### Vacation Bible School

*Meet in August to give a wonderful spirit-filled experience to children from age 4 through 5th grade (and older children may volunteer to assist).*

Melissa Dewitt, xenafife(at)me.com

## OUTREACH

### Greeters

*Welcome worshippers as they enter the sanctuary.*

COORDINATOR NEEDED

### Van Ministry

*Provide transportation on Sunday morning to those who are unable to drive to church.*

Carl Hoffman H: 703-527-0358

### Website

*Update and maintain Faith's website.*

Jennifer Bridgman— administrator  
Jan Moore—content and calendar requests  
Jenmoore(at)flcva.org

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### Bagged Meal Program

*Prepares and distributes meals the second Saturday of each month for Arlington's homeless.*

Paul Wengert, Poor.yorick(at)verizon.net

### Clothing Program (ASPAN)

*Collects gently used clothing and new toiletries.*

Mary Hibbits, mohibbits(at)comcast.net

### Friends of the Seminary (LTSG)

*Liaison between Faith and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg that provides information to the congregation about events at the seminary.*

COORDINATOR NEEDED

### Meals on Wheels

*Delivers prepared meals to shut-ins in the Arlington area.*

Kay Flatin H: 703-379-0445

### National Lutheran Home Auxiliary

*Liaison for senior residential facility in Rockville, MD.*

Nancy Benson H: 703-644-0609

## FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNITY LIFE

### Coffee Fellowship

*Prepares coffee for and cleans up after fellowship on Sundays.*

Sandra Yeaman H: 703-294-6726  
Sandrayeamon(at)gmail.com

### Dining Out Fellowship

*Dines out once a month at local restaurants.*

Adriana Stone H: 703-536-5914

### Fabric Crafters

*Makes items for the National Lutheran Home, Culpepper Gardens, and LWR.*

Jeannette Dere H: 703-370-3793  
Djdere(at)earthlink.net

### Families of Faith

Pastor Brian  
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

### Moms & Babies

*For moms with babies under 1 year.*

Mary Klapmust  
mmklapmust(at)gmail.com

### Men of Faith

*Meets once a month for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion.*

Brad Ney, cornellaw(at)yahoo.com

### Women of Faith

*Meet regularly for fellowship and study.*

Paulette Sandene  
H: 703-273-8380  
Sandenepc(at)aol.com

### eXtra Years of Zest

*50+s who meet frequently for lunch and fellowship.*

Carolyn Baker H: 703-671-0312

### Young Adult Ministry

*Meets monthly for coffee and conversation.*

Pastor Brian  
Pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

### Young Women Small Group

Jennifer Bridgman  
Jlkrempin(at)comcast.net

## YOUTH

### Confirmation

Pastor Brian  
pastorbrian(at)flcva.org

### Youth Ministry

Pastor Yvette  
Pastoryvette(at)flcva.org

### FYI (Faith Youth Incorporated)

*Helps to plan various activities for the older youth of the congregation and their peers*

COORDINATOR NEEDED

