



The KEY

The newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church **November 2011**

Arlington's Silent Minority: Helping the Homeless in Our Community



An urban county of roughly 26 square miles, Arlington is perhaps best known to visitors as the home of the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. Residents also know that Arlington is a racially, culturally and ethnically diverse community with high quality residential neighborhoods. Arlingtonians enjoy access to public transit, high-performing public schools and active retail and business corridors. The median household income is nearly \$104,000 – that's 42% higher than the national average in 2009 (the last year statistics are available) – and its per capita income level is the highest in the state.

And it's no wonder – nearly 70% of Arlington residents over the age of 25 have a Bachelor's degree or higher, more than double the national average, opening more doors for employment and advancement.

In spite of Arlington's affluence, there continues to be a gap in opportunities and resources for persons who are homeless, and those on the verge of becoming homeless. Significant numbers of Arlingtonians cannot afford one of the most basic needs – housing. The average rent for apartments continues to increase by as much as 1.8% each year, regardless of the national economy or cost of living index. 47% of Northern Virginians pay more than one third of their income in rent and utilities, and whopping 21% pay more than half. In 2010, 7.3% of Arlington's residents were living in poverty – poverty that often results in homelessness.

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All Saints Sunday November 6, 2011

All Saints Sunday is one of the great festivals in the church year, as we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, and also for God's decision to make each of us saints through the love of Jesus Christ. Join us in worship as we give thanks for the lives and witness of those who have died this past year, and for the saints of all time.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Piefest

Back by popular demand!

On **Wednesday, November 23**, we will gather at 7:30 pm for a special **Thanksgiving Worship Service**.

This will be followed by our annual **Piefest!** Bring a pie to share, or simply indulge in great conversation and tasty pastry.



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From the Church Council

Second Bylaws Forum

If you missed the first Bylaws Forum in September, you have another opportunity to review the new bylaws and ask questions on **Sunday, November 17**, at 10:00 a.m.

Be sure to set aside **Sunday, December 4** for the Annual Congregational Meeting, where we will elect a new council and vote on both the new Bylaws and the 2012 Spending Plan.

Ministry Updates

Education

Advent calendars will be available for Sunday School children and their families in time for the first Sunday in Advent, on November 27.

The Sunday School will perform a special Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18 during the 11:00 worship. Stay tuned for more details about rehearsals.

Social Ministry

The next Social Ministry Team meeting will take place **November 16, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge. All are welcome to attend. We'll be reviewing updates on the Mission of the Month, discussing ongoing initiatives, and addressing any needs for each ministry.

Stewardship

Giving statements for the 3rd quarter were mailed in the last week of October. If you didn't receive yours, please contact the office or the finance team at [finance\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:finance(at)flcva.org).

Other News to Note

32 new members were received into the life and mission of Faith Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, October 30. Welcome!

We rejoice with all those who received their **First Communion on October 9**: Cassie, Josh, Lauryn, Nathan, Nikolas and Andrew.

Confirmation classes for 6th—8th graders began on September 25. Contact Pastor Yvette for information or to enroll.

Upcoming Council Dates

November 13—2nd Bylaws Forum
December 4—Annual Meeting

Blessings, **Your Church Council**



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What Is Arlington Doing?

In 2006, Arlington unveiled a 10-year plan to end homelessness, entitled "[A Passageway Home.](#)" Modeled after the "housing first" approach to homelessness, the plan includes preventative measures for families and individuals on the verge of homelessness, programs for rapidly moving people who do become homeless into housing, and supportive services to help people maintain their housing.

Since the plan's implementation in 2008, the organizations and programs affiliated with the plan have been able to help hundreds of families stay in their current housing, relocate to safer housing, or move out of shelters. Nonprofits like the [Arlington Street People's Assistance Network \(A-SPAN\)](#), the [Alexandria-Arlington Coalition for the Homeless \(AACH\)](#), [Doorways for Women and Families](#), and [Northern Virginia Family Services \(NVFS\)](#) have been able to expand their services with increased funding from county and federal agencies.

The good news is that homelessness appears to be on the decline. According to a survey conducted by the [D.C. Coalition for the Homeless](#) in January of this year, homelessness in Arlington County dropped by 13% from 2010. 153 more homeless individuals are on the fast-track to get into permanent supportive housing after having been identified during the "100 Homes" campaign in mid-October, when volunteers under the direction of A-SPAN and the Department of Human Services struck out to find and survey homeless persons across the county. It seems that the 10 Year Plan is well on its way to reaching its goals.

There's More Work Yet to Be Done

The fact is that homelessness can happen to anyone. In our region, almost half of the homeless are people in families. Children make up a third of all the homeless in the greater Metro D.C. area. In addition, 41% of all homeless adults report having employment. By and large, these are people for whom the cost of living outpaces their income, people for whom any unexpected expense, such as a medical bill or lost wages, can bring financial catastrophe. Without a safety net, these people and their families can end up on the street.



Photo Credit: Preservation Oregon

This is where the members of Faith Lutheran Church, along with the community organizations we support, come in. Throughout this issue of the Key, you'll read about organizations that receive monetary, material and volunteer support from this congregation. In addition to the designated benevolence funds that Faith commits annually to these organizations, you can make financial contributions during Mission of the Month, or anytime, using special Mission offering envelopes in the pews, or online at www.flcva.org/treasure. Faith's Homeless Ministry continually accepts donations of food and clothing, and also helps stock the Emergency Winter Shelter with bed linens and other household items. Finally, you can contribute gifts of the spirit—your time and compassion.

Teresa of Avila famously wrote: "Christ has no body now but yours; No hands, no feet on earth but yours; Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world, Christ has no body now on earth but YOURS." **Be the hands, feet, eyes and body of Christ!** With so many ways to contribute, the opportunity to live out the motto of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "God's Work, Our Hands," has never been better.

Want to see my sources? Contact Jen Moore at office(at)flcva.org for a list of references.

Stewardship Sunday

"For These Blessings," November 20, 2011

Our special emphasis on Sunday, November 20 at all worship services will be Stewardship, under the theme "For These Blessings."

As we give thanks to God for the many blessings of the past year, we commit our time, talent and treasure to God's work in the coming year.

Stewardship Bouquets

This month we say "Thank you" ...



...to Erin Kimsey, Julia Kiefer, Brad Ney, Marilyn Haugen, Sally Arason, Ann Young, Mary Hibbits, and Maril and Henry Olson, for assisting with the homeless bagged meal ministry in October.

...to Mary Beth Allen, Leo Graveline, Shirley Haugrose, Norma Hickman, Mary Niebuhr, Marvin Smoyer, Jan

Somers, Adriana Stone and Dan Stone, for all of their help in putting together the monthly newsletter.

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

November 6

All Saints Sunday
Revelation 7: 9-17
Psalm 34: 1-10, 22
1 John 3: 1-3
Matthew 5: 1-12

November 13

22nd Sunday After Pentecost
Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18
Psalm 90: 1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30

November 20

Christ the King Sunday
Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95: 1-7a
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

November 23

Thanksgiving Eve
Deuteronomy 8: 7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Luke 17: 11-19

November 27

1st Sunday in Advent
Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Sunday Participants for November

		8:00 am			11:00 am		
	VAN	ACOLYTE	A. MIN.	LECTOR	ACOLYTE	A. MIN.	LECTOR
Nov 6	Burggraf	K. Wengert	D. Cable	A. Johnson	Ar. Herbst	D. Trout	C. Hoffman
Nov 13	Dagle	J. Brandt	Spencer	C. Landry	N. Oney	K. Brewer	L. Oney
Nov 20	Neslon	T. Flannery	K. Lowe	R. Lowe	Y. Guerch	K. Gates	B. Wallestad
Nov 27	Lounberg	B. Wengert	D. Trout	C. Landry	Al. Herbst	K. Lowe	B. Wagner

Mission of the Month: A-SPAN



A recent survey found over 523 people living without shelter in Arlington, for whom daily living is a struggle to meet basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter.

The [Arlington Street People's Assistance Network \(A-SPAN\)](#) began in 1988 as an effort by two Arlingtonians simply to prepare and provide food to homeless neighbors. With the support of the community, A-SPAN was incorporated in 1992, and has now grown to a multifaceted effort to provide critical needs to people without them as effectively as possible.

At Faith, our congregation has supported A-SPAN by ministering to the needs of our neighbors primarily by regularly preparing and serving bagged meals, collecting and delivering clothes, staffing the emergency winter shelter, and holding a Help-the-Homeless fundraising Walk-a-thon. A-SPAN provides other help to homeless Arlingtonians through its Opportunity Place service center, a permanent housing placement and casework program, assistance for people facing eviction, and its newest program "100 Homes Arlington," aimed at reducing homeless in our county 50 percent by 2013. We invite interested persons of all ages to join one or more of these A-SPAN ministry supports, and we ask everyone to join in praying for all those who live in poverty. Here's a brief summary of the Homeless Ministry programs at Faith that support A-SPAN; keep reading the Key for current opportunities to help out!

Bagged Meal Program

Coordinator: Paul Wengert, [poor.yorick\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:poor.yorick(at)verizon.net)

Ways to get involved: donating supplies, preparing meals (a great family-friendly activity) or serving meals.

Clothing Program

Coordinator: Mary Hibbits, [mohibbits\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:mohibbits(at)comcast.net)

Ways to get involved: donating gently used clothing and shoes (check the regular bulletin and Key announcement for lists of needed items), sorting and distributing clothes

Emergency Winter Shelter

Coordinator: Liz Schuch, [lizabethdawn\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:lizabethdawn(at)hotmail.com)

Ways to get involved: donating needed items, volunteering at the shelter once a month

Thanks for Your Mission of the Month Support

Thanks for your generous support of our new Social Ministry emphasis: the Mission of the Month. Each month we highlight one of our social ministries, help you learn more about it, and give you the opportunity to make extra gifts to that mission beyond the support we give in our General Fund budget.

In August our MOM was the Mexico Scholarship Fund, and, with the \$1000 matching funds, we raised \$4012, which is nearly all we need to support 12 young people to go to school in Juarez, Mexico.

Our September MOM was NOVACO, which provides assistance to women and children who are the victims of domestic abuse. Gifts totaled \$917.

Thank you for your generous support of these important programs.

~ *Pastor Brian*

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, **2nd 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 **2nd Thursday of the Month, 11:00 a.m.**
- † Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, **4th Saturday of the Month, 8:00 a.m.**

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome the following New Members into the community of Faith Lutheran Church:

Christian Baumgartner, Nikia Bergen, Nate Bokil & Amy Duray, David & Kara Brink, David & Linda Brown, Stephen Cockey & Debbie Barlow, David Colman, Kyle & Irene Erickson, Bob Francis & Yvette Schock, Chris & Stacy Gjetnes, Jesse Hufford, Sarah Minock, Jonathan Mueller & Kelsi Wilken, Brian & Julie Pandya, Erik & Alicia Rodriguez, Ken Rothaermel, McLean & Jitka Sieverding, Mark & Sarah Smith, and Steve Webber & Jill Faris.

Preschool News

By Kirsten Holtz, Faith Lutheran Preschool Director

October began with our special enrichment classes: Art with Penny Ott, "Duffy's Delights" with Marianne Duffy and Music with Monica Waddington. The sights, tastes and sounds of our special activities filled the weeks with a special back to school excitement. Thursday Chapels also started in October with Pastor Yvette leading 63 children in prayer and song in the Sanctuary. FLP parents got into the swing of things with their first monthly coffee...which produced lots of great fund raising and school volunteering ideas...standby! Parents also enjoyed their first series of teacher conferences.

The students have been very busy here at school this month. Each classroom has been focused on exploring different themes, while celebrating and learning about the wonders of autumn. The Caterpillar class has been learning about trains and even had a field trip to the train station. The Lizards have been in the pre-historic age learning all about dinosaurs. The Fish class has been in outer space and has created quite a space scene with black finger paint. The Frog class has been exploring color mixing and has created some very bright treasures.

The annual Halloween parade is just around the corner and then we will say goodbye to pumpkins and costumes and hello to the lessons of gratitude that Thanksgiving will bring. We look forward to the Sharing Feast on the 17th and we will all be smiles for school picture day on Nov. 15th. We hope that you all are able to enjoy the crisp autumn air and the opportunity to give thanks for the gifts in your lives. Here at preschool we are so grateful for the wonderful staff, children and families that make up our Faith community.

Support the Preschool, Shop for Christmas!

FLP is planning to have a **fundraising shopping day** in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, November 9th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** We will have tables with various vendors including: Discovery Toys, Pampered Chef, Stella and Dot, Dough a Go-Go and more. 10% of proceeds will go to Faith Lutheran Preschool. The event is open to the public.

Families of Faith

Contact: Kristin Litterst, [nklitterst\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:nklitterst(at)verizon.net)

Novemberfest, November 5, 4:30 p.m. at the home of Brian Stutheit and Jody Manning (4618 3rd St. South 22204). Kids' activities and delicious brats directly from Wisconsin! Please bring a side dish or salad to share, and a non-perishable food item for AFAC. FOF will provide dessert and beverages; feel free to BYO adult beverages.

As part of our Families of Faith activities, we will be providing volunteers for the **Bagged Meal Program again on November 12.**



Men of Faith Breakfast

Contact: Carl Hoffman, [carl.f.hoffman\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:carl.f.hoffman(at)gmail.com), 703.527.0358

The men's breakfast will resume on **Saturday, November 26, at 8:00 a.m.**

NEW! Moms and Babies

Contacts: Pastor Yvette or Pastor Brian, [pastor\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:pastor(at)flcva.org)

A new group has formed at Faith through which Mothers and their Babies (under 1 year) can get together periodically to play, socialize, discuss important topics, and invite in guest presentors. So far there are 12 Mothers and Babies involved. Some of the Mothers stay at home, and some work outside the home, so there will be an attempt to find meeting times that work for all.

First Playdate: Thursday, November 10, 3:30—5:30 p.m. at the home of Alicia Rodriguez (3130 Cofer Road, Falls Church, VA 22042). RSVP by Nov. 8 to [aliciahcornell\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:aliciahcornell(at)gmail.com).

Young Adult Ministry Happenings

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

Young Adult Gathering: Saturday, November 12, 5:00 p.m. We will gather for snacks and social time at the home of David Colman, 324 N Piedmont St #3, Alexandria, VA 22203. There is on-street parking, and David's home is a 15-minute walk from both the Virginia Square and Ballston Metro Stations.

Young Adult Coffee & Conversation (YACC): Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. Busboys and Poets in Shirlington. Topic for Discussion: Thinking Theologically About Steve Jobs.

YAG: Saturday, December 17, Parsonage. Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.



Crafters: God's Work, Our Hands

Contact: Jeanette Dere, [djdere\(at\)earthlink.net](mailto: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! **November dates are the 9th and 23rd.**

Faith Photo Album



What is October without Oktoberfest? Pastor Brian manned the grill, serving up brats direct from Wisconsin for the **annual XYZ Oktoberfest**. Group members brought other tasty dishes and deserts for a bountiful meal.



Left: In October, several of Faith's youngsters received their First Communion.

Below: On October 9, Pastor Yvette was installed as Faith Lutheran Church's Associate Pastor. Rev. Darcy Tillman (left) presided over the Installation service, and several other clergy were present to support Pastor Yvette.

Below: Pastor Sarah Scherschligt, of Peace Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg, MD, preached at Pastor Yvette's installation and, with the help of a sock friend, gave the children's lesson.



Faith Family Celebrations!

November Birthdays

2	Sarah Shaw
3	Dan Berkland Erik Olson Reg Leichty
4	Patrick Schooley Lawson Knisely
5	Loren Graveline
6	Youssef Guerch Peter Morse
7	Jenae Grader Cole Songster
8	Nikolas Lersten Abigail Lindly
11	Gerald Brandt
13	Tracy Dresser
14	Brandon Bayles Juan Ulloa
15	Sandra Yeaman Matt Tank
17	Chuck Hoffman
18	Betsy Howe
19	Dutchess Richardson- Donaldson Kelly Brink
20	Betsy Morse
21	Dan Stone Michael Hocker Becky Thomas
22	Jake Ruge
24	Doug Morton
27	Mary Ellen Rossmiller Bill Chadwick
30	Ann Johnson

November Anniversaries

1	Rebecca & Adam Higman
2	Sandra & Alex Yeaman

Did we miss it?

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please email the office at [office\(at\)flcva.org](mailto:office(at)flcva.org) to update our records. Thanks!

Update Your Address Books

John D. and Beatrice Sylvester have moved, and would like to let their friends at Faith know how to find them!

John D. and Beatrice Sylvester
439 Sidorske Ave
Manville, NJ 08835
Phone: 908-218-9293.

Many thanks to all for your prayers, cards and concerns during my hospitalization. They were greatly appreciated.

~ Pete Kosutic

Indulgence with a Heart

Contact: Jeannette Dere, [djdere\(at\)earthlink.net](mailto:djdere(at)earthlink.net)

Do you love chocolate? Fair Trade chocolate from Divine is not only delicious, it also helps farmers support their families.



Make sure to purchase your old favorites as well as a few seasonal flavors.

Divine is farmer-owned, Fair Trade chocolate made with cocoa from the Kuapa Kokoo cooperative in Ghana. Farmers in the co-op receive a higher price for their cocoa and additional income to invest in their community, as well as a share of Divine profits and a voice in the industry. Women especially benefit as Divine profits provide training in income generating skills, so they can provide for their families between harvests.

For more information on Divine chocolate, and other Fair Trade handcrafts, visit www.lwr.org.

“At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.’”

Mother Teresa

XYZ News

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

Contact: Carolyn Baker, 703-671-0312

We will celebrate our 34th anniversary at the Ft. Myer—Henderson Officer's Club. The van will leave at 11:00 a.m. on November 1.

On Saturday, the 5th, we plan to go to Urbana, Maryland for the Volunteer Fire Department's oyster and turkey buffet. The van will leave at 10:30 a.m., and we will pick up Frank Andrews at the National Lutheran Home.

Normandie Farm is our destination for November 15th. Again we hope to pick up Frank Andrews for this luncheon. The van will leave at 10:30 a.m.

Clothing Ministry Update

Clothing Ministry Contact: Mary Hibbits, mohibbits(at)comcast.net



Over the years, Faith has gradually expanded its ministry to Arlington's homeless beyond the primary and essential food that is served. We started passing out travel-sized toiletries and soap that had been gathered from our travels. Then came other obviously needed items, like toothbrushes, toothpaste, and washcloths. Seeing people without hats or gloves in the frigid weather, we started offering those items as well as warm sweaters. Knowing our own delight in new "cushy" socks, we thought how much those without easily accessible showers or washing machines would appreciate them. When people asked for underwear, for jeans, for hooded sweatshirts, we made an effort to provide them. We noticed clients with shoes being held together with string or with no sturdy bags to carry their belongings in. And so our offerings continue to expand to meet the very real, very basic needs of those we are serving in Jesus' name.

This October, in addition to giving out our complete supply of socks, deodorant, toothpaste, jeans, and long sleeve t-shirts, we were able to provide a blanket, socks, tote bag and warm sweater to someone newly homeless and unprepared for cold nights sleeping in a field and felt blessed to be able to help a man looking for decent clothing to wear to a job interview the next day.

Faith is unusual in our efforts to meet a broad range of needs for personal care and clothing items, thanks to congregation members who have been generous in their contributions. Our clients' thanks are many and heartfelt: "Bless you all," "Thank you for coming," "This will make such a difference," "Thank you, I really needed this," "Wow, this is my lucky day, thanks".

The need continues, month after month. Right now we are stocking up critically required items for the frigid months ahead: Hooded sweatshirts, thermal underwear, warm gloves, hats, and scarves, blankets. Please continue to help with your donations of new or gently-used items. Gift cards allow us to purchase personal care items when needed are much appreciated. Bags with shopping lists attached will be handed out after Sunday services early this month in hopes that you will return them on following Sundays. Bless you for caring.

"In as much as you have done this unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me."

Class Members Progress Toward Future Care-Giving

Contacts: Eleanor Lauer, [lauer54\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:lauer54(at)yahoo.com); Carl Hoffman, [carl.f.hoffman\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:carl.f.hoffman(at)gmail.com)

Faith's **Stephen Ministry** trainees completed seven sessions in September and October—one third of the 50 hours they will complete before being commissioned as Stephen Ministers. These dedicated class members include Rachel Bleich, Jeff Busse, Marianne Holland, Doug Morton, Margaret Morton and Ken Plumb.



A few of the topics they'll cover in the next few weeks include:

- *Maintaining Boundaries in Care-Giving,*
- *Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger versus Opportunity, and*
- *Confidentiality*

Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry because it is absolutely essential for building trust in caring relationships. What a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence. The care receiver's name is never mentioned. Only the care receiver and the Pastor or Stephen Leader who "match the two with mutual approval" know that a person has a Stephen Minister (unless the care receiver him- or herself chooses to tell someone about it.)

Pastor Brian and Pastor Yvette are leading some of the classes along with the primary trainer, Robert Wilson. Other leaders—Carl Hoffman, Jim Frankosky and Eleanor Lauer—may lead on occasion, though most of their time is spent with current Stephen Ministers in continuing education and peer supervision groups.

Please keep Faith's class of trainees along with leaders, active Stephen Ministers and care receivers in your prayers.

Put the Giving in Thanksgiving...

... by supporting the [Arlington Food Assistance Center \(AFAC\)](#). AFAC is a community-based non-profit that provides supplemental groceries to our Arlington neighbors in need. They provision over 1,400 families a week. 7.2% or 14,900 Arlington County residents are "food insecure" which is defined as a lack of access to enough food to fully meet basic needs due to lack of financial resources. In addition to collecting non-perishable food items to meet its on-going weekly distribution, AFAC is currently trying to collect 1,500 of each of the following items to make their client families' Thanksgiving baskets complete:



- 1LB Potato Mix
- 6 oz Stuffing Mix
- Canned Gravy (no glass jars please)

Collection bins are located in the Fellowship Hall. AFAC has requested the above donations be made by Nov. 10th in order to complete the assembly of the baskets. Thank you in advance for your support of AFAC! For more information please contact www.AFAC.org or Yvonne Matsko at [ymatsko\(at\)msn.com](mailto:ymatsko(at)msn.com). Thank you!

A-SPAN Emergency Winter Shelter Needs YOU!

Contact: Liz Schuch, [lizabethdawn\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:lizabethdawn(at)hotmail.com)

Faith has been involved with [A-SPAN's Emergency Winter Shelter](#) (EWS) for over 10 years. This year, Faith will once again have the first Wednesday of each month (November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1 and March 7).



Four volunteers are needed for each of our nights to serve the evening meal, distribute bedding and toiletries, and monitor the clothing rooms and fire exits. The evening shifts are from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. If none of Faith's designated dates work for you, you can always volunteer on a different night on your own by contacting Sarah Morse, the EWS Volunteer Coordinator, at 703-228-9375 or [smorse\(at\)a-span.org](mailto:smorse(at)a-span.org).

In addition to providing volunteers, we are collecting supplies to stock the Shelter for the season. Their current wishlist includes:



- Toiletries (any size)
- Cereal
- Towels
- Flat twin sheets
- Twin- or full-sized blankets
- Pillowcases
- New socks
- New men's underwear
- New women's underwear
- Men's and women's adult clothing, winter shoes and boots.

There will be boxes in the Fellowship Hall where you can deposit your donated items.

Help the Homeless Mini-Walk

Contact: Ann Felker, [gr8est9\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:gr8est9(at)gmail.com)

The Help the Homeless Mini-Walk in support of A-SPAN will be taking place **Sunday, November 6 at 3:00 p.m.** The group will gather in the Fellowship Hall for registration, children's events and a special presentation by A-SPAN about homelessness and their work before making a short circuit around the church property. The walk will go on regardless of the weather, in solidarity with and to raise awareness about the realities facing our homeless neighbors.



The registration fee is \$20 for people under \$25 and \$30 for everyone else. All registrants receive a bright and meaningful T-shirt. Registration forms will be available on the day of the walk.

For more information, please contact Ann Felker.

Thank you! From the Arlington Free Clinic

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Recently, Faith received a "thank you" call from Pat McDermott, Director of Development for the Arlington Free Clinic, in response to Faith's annual donation of \$1000 to this important program.



What does Faith support? The Arlington Free Clinic provides comprehensive medical care for uninsured adults. 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 otherwise unaffordable treatments, like chemotherapy, dialysis or surgery. With an on-site pharmacy, the AFC is even able to offer needed medications to patients, for as little as \$5.

The AFC works closely with A-SPAN, accepting 15—20 referrals each month and providing ongoing care to homeless adults in Arlington County. Our support of the Arlington Free Clinic is yet another way Faith Lutheran Church is acting as the body of Christ for our homeless brothers and sisters in our community.

The Arlington Free Clinic relies on donations and volunteers to make it all happen. AFC will be featured as our January Mission of the Month, but you don't have to wait until then to contribute! Visit www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org to learn more, donate and volunteer!

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

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

National Youth Gathering

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



We will be attending the [National Youth Gathering](#) in New Orleans next summer, **July 18-22, 2012**, along with 40,000 other Lutheran youth from all around the world. Major events are held at the Superdome, the Convention Center, and in the large hotels where we will be staying, under the theme "Citizens and the Saints." Anyone in grades 8—12 this year is eligible to attend, and we'll fundraise together so that all who want to attend will be able to do so. Brochures can be found on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

If you want more information or want to go, **please contact Pastor Yvette or Pastor Brian as soon as possible**, as registration opened October 9.

Fall Festival at the National Lutheran Home

The [National Lutheran Home in Rockville, MD](#) is putting on a Fall Festival on **Saturday, November 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** A silent auction will feature handmade items and gift certificates from local theaters and restaurants. The Home's Chorus completes the day with a wonderful musical performance beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This Festival is the Auxiliary's main fundraiser each year. All proceeds are used to enhance the quality of life for each of the residents.



If you would like to donate items for the sale or silent auction, please contact the Auxiliary Office at 301-424-9560 ext. 11000, or [auxiliary\(at\)nlhv.org](mailto:auxiliary(at)nlhv.org). The Auxiliary is also collecting homemade baked goods. If you're interested in donating your tasty treats, contact Robert Abel, at 301-294-5808.

Creation Care: Practicing Sustainability in Our Congregations

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

Do you have a passion for caring for God's creation? You can learn more about what our faith teaches us about creation care and how other Lutheran congregations in the DC area incorporate creation care into their ministries at the ***Lutherans Restoring Creation*** workshop **Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, at Mar-Lu-Ridge Camp and Conference Center** in Jefferson, Maryland.

If you're interested in attending this workshop or in getting involved in creation care at Faith, please let Pastor Yvette know. Sharing your passion can help the people of Faith become more faithful stewards of our natural resources, around the church building and at home!

Heavenly Peace: Art Exhibit

Beginning **November 19**, Peace Lutheran Church (6362 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria) will host *Heavenly Peace*, a exhibition of local Christian artists. Sales of artwork, and proceeds from a raffle, will benefit the Village of Hope Lazarus Project, October's Mission of the Month.

Points of Roguery



An afternoon of Celtic music!!

[Points of Roguery](#) take great classic Irish tunes and put a new spin on them, playing anything from instrumental reel sets, fast foot-stomping tunes, to sweet ballades. This unique quartet of musicians not only play instruments, but are professional vocalists. Come meet Julia Brundage, Joseph Haughton, Eric Sullivan, and Emily Lewis at our morning services, then come back that afternoon for a bit of the *Craic!*

Sunday, November 20th, 4pm
Faith Lutheran Church

Save the Date: A-SPAN 20th Anniversary Gala

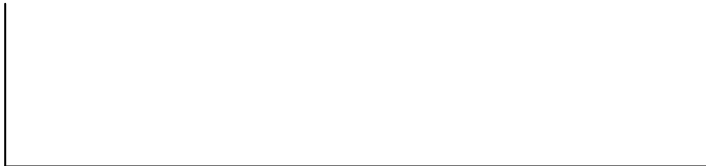
On Friday, December 9, 2011, from 6:00—9:30 p.n., A-SPAN will celebrate 20 years of helping Arlington's homeless access a continuum of care and striving to end homelessness in Arlington. The gala will take place at the Washington Golf and Country Club, 3017 Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22207. Honorary co-chairs include Congressman Jim Moran and WJLA's anchorwoman, Alison Starling.



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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
30 Reformation Sunday <i>New Members Received</i> <i>Newsletter available</i> VAN— Sandene Acolyte 8am— C. Flynt Acolyte 11am— M. Lounberg	31 Pastor Yvette's Day Off 7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH	<i>Pastor Brian Away</i>				
		1 11:00am—XYZ 34th Anniversary lunch 7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	2 5:30pm—Volunteering at the Winter Shelter 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	3 10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L	4	5 10:30am—XYZ to the Oyster and Turkey Buffet 4:30p.m. Families of Faith Novemberfest!
<i>Pastor Brian Away</i>						12
6 All Saints Sunday VAN— Dagle Acolyte 8am— J. Brandt Acolyte 11am— Al. Herbst 9:30 Confirmation Class 3:00pm—Help the Homeless Mini-Walk	7 Pastor Yvette's Day Off 7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH	8 Election Day 7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	9 9:30am—Preschool Shopping Day 10:00am—Fabric Crafters in the Craft Room 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	10 10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L 11am—Naomi Ruth Circle—U 3:30pm—Moms & Babies Playdate	11 Veterans Day—Offices Open	11 1:00pm—Bagged Meal Prep 5:00pm—Young Adult Gathering @ home of David Colman 5:30pm—Bagged Meal & Clothing Distribution
13 VAN— Lounberg Acolyte 8am— T. Flannery Acolyte 11am— N. Lounberg 9:30—Confirmation Class 10:00—2nd Bylaws Forum	14 Pastor Yvette's Day Off 7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH 7:15pm—Lydia Circle	15 DEC NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE 10:30am— XYZ to Normandie Farm 7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	16 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:00pm—Social Ministry Team Meeting 7:45pm—Choir	17 9:00am—FLP Sharing Feast—FH 10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L 7pm—Council	18 Pastor Brian's Day Off	19
20 Christ the King Sunday Stewardship Sunday VAN— Smoyer Acolyte 8am— B. Wengert Acolyte 11am— K. Guerch 9:30—Confirmation Class 4:00pm—Celtic Band Concert	21 7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH	22 1:30pm—Newsletter Fold and Sort 7:00pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	23 Pastor Yvette's Day Off 10am—Fabric Crafters in the Craft Room 7:30 pm— Thanksgiving Eve Service & Piefest!	24 Thanksgiving—Offices Closed	25 Thanksgiving Holiday—Offices Closed	26 8:00am—Men of Faith Breakfast—FH
27 Newsletter available VAN— Sandene Acolyte 8am— C. Flynt Acolyte 11am— M. Lounberg 2:00pm—Danish Worship	28 Pastor Yvette's Day Off 11am –Meals on Wheels 7:00pm—YACC 7:00pm—Stephen Ministry Training—FH	29 7pm—Discovering the Bible Study—FH	30 6:45pm—Praise Team 7:45pm—Choir	1 10am—Bible Study / Discussion—L	Chrysalis—Front Royal	
		2 Pastor Brian's Day Off	3 8am—FLP Breakfast with Santa			

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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.
Pastor Lisa Hufford C: 703-342-8663
Lisa.hufford(a)gmail.com

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@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
Jen 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@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
Sandrayeaman(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(a)flcva.org

Moms & Babies

For moms with babies under 1 year.
Mary Klapmust
mmklapmust@gmail.com

Men of Faith

Meets once a month for breakfast, fellowship, and discussion.
Carl Hoffman H: 703-527-0358

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@flcva.org

Youth Ministry

Pastor Yvette
Pastoryvette@flcva.org

FYI (Faith Youth Incorporated)

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

