



January 2021

## NEWSLETTER

### ***“Pastor’s Porch”***

We serve a God of new beginnings, and as we start a new year we look with breathless anticipation at the many blessings that we will be given during this year to come. Sure, there will be hardships and challenges. We cannot anticipate any time which will be without difficulty, but through them all we may be assured that our gracious God will be taking us through these torrents without getting wet and through the fires without being burned. Psalm 34 tells us, “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him. . . . The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all. . . .” [Psalm 34: 8, 19 ESV] We have survived a year of pandemic and have come through stronger and more confident of God’s love for us, so we’ve got this.

When the ancient Israelites wandered through the wilderness for those forty years, they had to do it one step at a time – learning that it was not by their own power, strength, or might – but by the hand of an almighty God shepherding them along the way. Their confidence was bolstered not only by the God who walked right before them, but also in the day by day recollection of how He had saved them all along the way. This constant re-enforcement in our memories of God’s never failing grace builds our faith and trust in the One Who will never forsake nor

leave us but actively seeks us out to save us.

In the body of Christ, it is the believers actively engaging in the life of the church which operates as the backbone of the church. Without being connected through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and the power of the risen Lord, however, we are simply so many vertebrae – bones unable to operate on their own. But bound together in Christ and through His strength, we are the church – standing tall, caring for each other, reaching out with the Love of God and providing a safe and nurturing place for all to come and worship and receive His gifts and to praise the One Who cares for us.

Let us rejoice in the start of a New Year with the banner of the Cross of Christ rising strong before us. In Him we can do all things, for He strengthens us! Come sit by me! The view is great from where I sit – and getting better all the time!

God’s Peace,

Pastor

# LWML NEWS

**2021 Fall Rally** - we will be hosting this event here at Faith. We will need to meet and decide on a date (usually October), a local ingathering and speaker and all the details to welcome the other 6 churches in our Zone to Hopkinsville.

**March in 2021**, - there is a weekend **LWML Retreat planned at Lake Barkley**. Always a fun weekend for all. I will let you know about the dates whenever I have all the information.

**June of 2021, the national LWML** will be held in Lexington, KY. I would love some of us to attend, as I have never been to a national convention and the fact that it is fairly close and in driving distance. Something to think about.

**Mid-South District Convention is scheduled June 10-12, 2022 in Clarksville**, TN. Our Zone is the host. This is a very large undertaking for our 7 congregations. They will need our help organizing and working throughout the convention. I am not sure of what we will be doing yet, but please be willing to help out if needed. The nice thing about the convention being so close is that we can save money on the lodging, unless you want to stay at the Marriott.

There is a lot of things to look forward to and a lot of work to do. Hopefully, we an get our local LWML back to normal and resume our monthly missions and the work we do here at Faith. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call 270-498-3703- anytime.

Thanks and blessings to all- Sheryl Neff

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## WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY

**JOY:**

A STUDY OF PHILIPPIANS

January 9

10:00 AT CHURCH



# JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- \* January 3– Take down Christmas Decorations
- \* January 5– Lutheran 101 Class @11:00 at church
- \* January 9 –Women’s Bible Study @ 10:00 at church
- \* January 10– FACT meeting after church
- \* January 12– Crafted By God @10:00 at church
- \*                      Lutheran 101 Class @11:00 at church
- \* January 19– Lutheran 101 Class @ 11:00 at church
- \* January 21– 9:00am Pastor’s Winkle Meeting
- -5:30pm Elders and 6:45pm PPC Meeting
- January 26 - 11:00 am Lutheran 101 Class

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# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 6th– Amber Neblett
- 7th– Riley Moore
- 14th– Maria Boyer
- 17th– Julie Deming
- 19th– Aubrey Moore
- 24th– Melanie Uher
- 25th– Rebecca Boyer
- 30th– Danny Harris



# CROSS: WE SUFFER WITH JESUS

## LUTHERAN SPIRITUALITY SERIES

9:00!!!



**Sunday Morning  
Adult Study**

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### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY**

#### **January 3rd**

1Kings 3:4-15  
Psalm 119-97-104  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Luke 2:40-52

#### **January 10th**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Romans 6:1-11  
Mark 1:4-11

#### **January 17th**

1Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-10  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

#### **January 24th**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)  
Mark 1:14-20

#### **January 31st**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

Thank You Thank You

To

All of you who have brought in Clorox Wipes and  
Lysol Spray for our church!!!!

And who have helped clean the church!!!!

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**Thank you to all who were responsible for our gift! We were overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness — as you know I was speechless! I don't know why we were surprised — this is so like the overwhelming kindness and generosity you have shown us since we have arrived. We cherish and treasure your love and give thanks to a gracious God Who has allowed us to experience it!**

**God's Peace,**

**Pastor& Martha**

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**Come and hear our guest organists!!!!**

Jan. 10th: Mr. Earl Schonaman

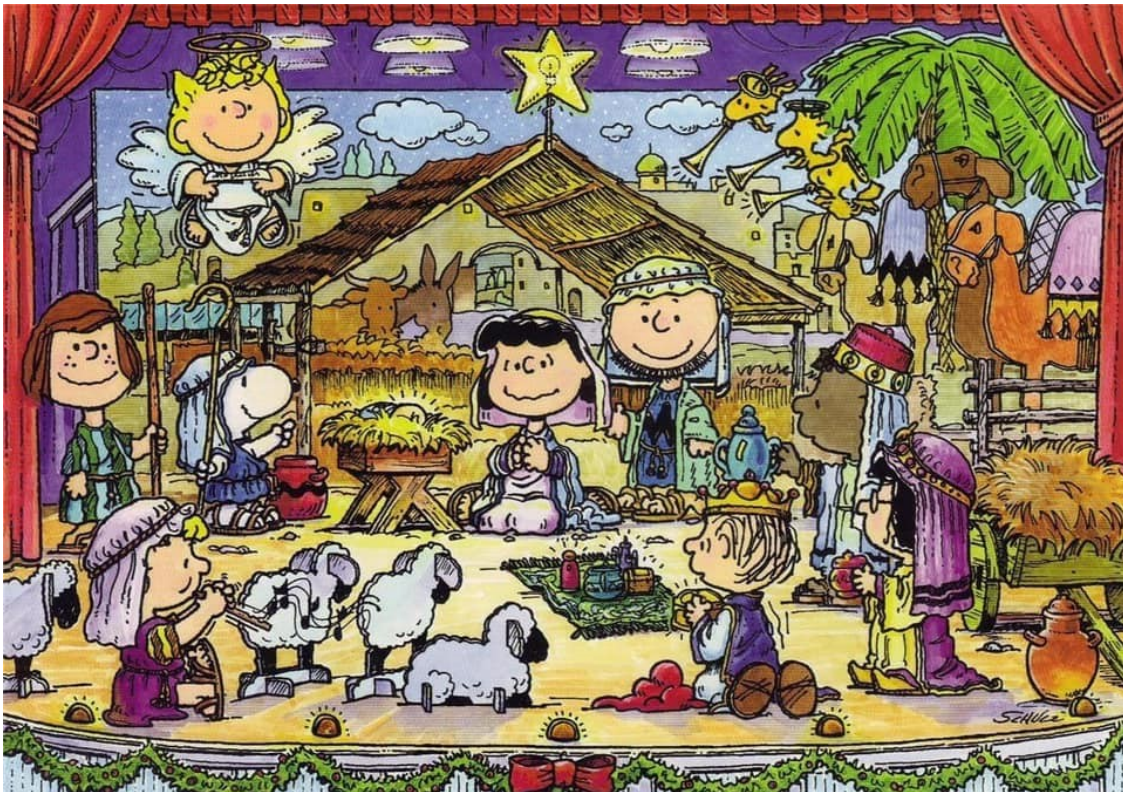
Jan. 3rd and 17th: Dr. Taylor

These talented and gifted men will truly enhance our worship experience here at

Faith Lutheran!!! **Come and hear: Come and worship**



They say for Christmas you can meet up with  
8 people without any problems—I don't know  
8 people without any problems



## Crafted by God Group

### 2020 Activities

#### January

Encouraging cards sent to soldiers in Afghanistan  
(Chaplain Bain handed out the cards)

#### February

Encouraging cards to people on prayer list  
Made promises of God crosses to enclose in food bags  
Crocheted necklaces for wooden crosses

#### March

Made 11 Easter cards to send to members

#### August

We miss you cards- included list of scriptures to help with  
Loneliness, worry, discouragement, fear, etc.

#### November

Made 16 Thanksgiving cards for shut ins and recent visitors  
Made knotted pew ropes  
Made cards for Thanksgiving Baskets  
"Thankful" turkey bulletin board

#### December

Made 28 Christmas cards for members & friends of congregation  
Made 10 cards for Christmas baskets  
Bows & candles for Christmas wreathes  
Jesse Tree family bulletin board

Crafts made for use in ministry include: prayer shawls, quilted cross prayer squares, crocheted crosses, wooden cross necklaces from Israel, tea light gifts for children, etc.

In January there will be a "brain storming" meeting to discuss offering craft "classes" on several Saturdays to learn different crafts and also to plan crafts for the church year. Everyone is welcome !!!!!



Remember our ***prayer chain*** and use it often!!

You may call Pastor Owen (cell # 540 520-2231) or contact any member of the prayer chain— a list is posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

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Need Help? Call Kroger at 1-800-576-4377.

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In a similar way, if you do any shopping using Amazon, choose Faith Lutheran as the organization you support. The Amazon program will donate 0.5% for qualified purchases to Faith Lutheran Church. There’s NO difference in the price you pay. It’s fairly simple to set up through ***Amazon Smile***. If you need help with either, see Pastor or Rex and they can tell you how to do this— or even walk you through it.



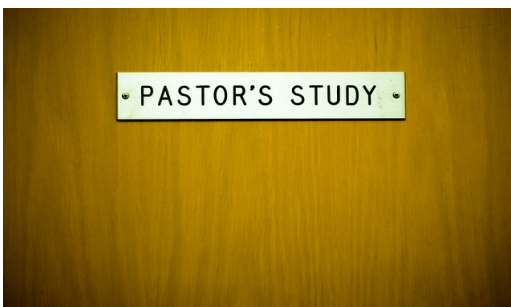
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Pastor’s Regular Office Hours

Tuesday: 9—5

Thursday: 1-5

Stop By and Chat!!!!





## Christian Humor

