



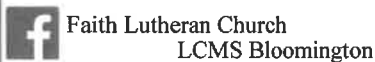
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Worship: 8 am, 10:30 am & 5 pm
 Chinese Worship: 9:15 am
 Sunday School/Bible Class: 9:15 am
 FLY: 6-8 pm, most weeks (see pg. 6)

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Behold the Child

*God's own Son is born a child . . . ;
 God the Father is reconciled.*



What peace is found in those words. As the Church draws nigh to the Nativity of Our Lord, many also draw nigh to the harsh reality of broken families and friendships. The sting of estrangement intensifies in this season as many delight in family gatherings—a delight that is glaringly absent for others.

We long for *reconciliation*—a marriage healed, the return of a prodigal child, the open arms of a formerly harsh parent. Advent is just the season for reconciliation. It is a penitential season, calling us to examine ourselves, acknowledge our sin with contrition, and trust that our sin is forgiven for the sake of Christ. Such self-examination reveals that the fault for our broken relationships is not one-sided. The sin visited upon me by another has driven a wedge between us, but so has my sin. Part of the distance between me and others is due to my sinful actions—my sinful refusal to forgive, my sinful pride that will not admit my fault, my sinful contentment with a cold shoulder.

Advent calls us to repent of our divisions. Advent calls us to *rejoice in reconciliation*. Though you can forgive another even when he refuses to acknowledge his fault, reconciliation is found when both parties are willing to admit their culpability, seek forgiveness, and amend their ways. That can seem so difficult. It is hard enough for one sinner to confess his sin and trust that the Lord purges it from his life. How much more challenging it is for two sinners to do so. Yet that is exactly what Christ works among and within us. He grants us confidence in His forgiveness so that we forgive one another, receive one another's forgiveness, and are thus reconciled.

Reconciliation with some remains ever elusive. We hunger for it; we pray for it. Yet the distance remains. When a parent apologizes to a child so that they embrace for the first time in decades, we rightly rejoice. When our longing is not realized, sorrow results.

The only consolation amid such sorrow is the certainty of your reconciliation to the Father. It is certain because it is not dependent upon sinners humbling themselves in repentance. It is certain because it is dependent upon the sinless Son of God humbling Himself to take on human flesh and be born of a virgin.



That is the glorious, biblical proclamation found in “The Quempas Carol.” We are blessed to hear therein the refrain, “**God's own Son is born a child . . . ; God the Father is reconciled.**” This is not wishful thinking driven by our longings. It is reality driven by Christ.

For
to us
a child
is born,
to us
a son
is given

You are reconciled to the Father. Each stanza of “The Quempas Carol” announces our reconciliation to the Father in Christ. Wednesday of the first week in Advent will greet us with the first stanza, in which the angel of the Lord makes known that reconciliation is had because Christ has come “For You and All the World.” The second stanza will serve us on Wednesday of the second week in Advent as we hear that Jesus reconciles us to the Father “To Set You Free from All Your Sorrow.” Then, our ears will be filled with the promise that we are reconciled to the Father because Christ comes “For You, to Bear Your Flesh in Weakness.” Our joy will find its climax at the Nativity of Our Lord, when we hear the fourth stanza’s message that Jesus’ birth is the Lord’s visitation of “All the World with His Free Grace Supplying.”



Isaiah 9:6

Behind it all is the Word of God that the Spirit might quicken in us faith to trust these promises.

Pastor Edwards

Serving us in December

10:30 am Service

Christmas Eve - 6 pm

Altar Guild see Flower chart

Coffee Drew Antilla

Food Pantry Marsha Baute

CD Delivery

Dec 1 Jan Greenwood
Dec 8 Alice Hawkins
Dec 15 Janet Hitzeman
Dec 22 Carl Lenthe
Dec 29 Bill Pfrommer

8 am Service

Head Usher Steve Wilkinson
Ushers Doug Hackman
Doug Hoffman
Brad Ragsdale

Greeters

Dec 1 & 8 Brad & Karen Braun
Dec 15 Norm & Shelvy Horn
Dec 22 & 29 Fred & Laraine Cooksey

Acolytes

Dec 1 Mary Brunner
Dec 8 Lily Gebhardt
Dec 15 Miriam Sui
Dec 22 Mary Brunner
Dec 29 Evan Huang

Statistics — October 2019

Average Attendance

Sunday Worship — 247
Sunday School — 35
Adult Bible Class — 41

Head Usher
Ushers

Drew Frey
John Harrell
Alan Schaefer

Greeters

Dec 1 & 8 Cybil Cole
Dec 15 & 22 Dave & Carol Ebeling
Dec 29 Bob & Ann Graves

Acolytes

Dec 1 Evan Huang
Dec 8 Elise Sensabaugh
Dec 15 Sunday School Program
Dec 22 Nate Poage
Dec 29 Mary Brunner

Advent

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6:45 pm

Head Usher
Ushers

Doug Hoffman
Drew Antilla
Bill Pfrommer
Brad Ragsdale

Acolyte

Nate Poage

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:45 pm

Head Usher
Ushers

Drew Frey
Adam Frey
Alan Schaefer
Jim VanOsdol

Acolyte

Eric Schuler

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 6:45 pm

Head Usher
Ushers

Bill Pfrommer
Skip Harrison
Doug Hoffman
Steve Wilkinson

Acolyte

Evan Huang

Head Usher
Ushers

Drew Frey
Adam Frey
Scott Nolting
Steve Wilkinson

Acolyte

Elise Sensabaugh

Christmas Eve - 7:30 pm

Head Usher
Ushers

Travis Jerke
Drew Antilla
Alan Schaefer
David Skirvin

Acolyte

Lily Gebhardt

Christmas Day - 10 am

Head Usher
Ushers

Mark Riggins
Fred Cooksey
John Harrell
John Landgraf

Acolyte
Book Bearer
Crucifer

Erich Schuler
Miriam Sui
Carl Schuler

New Year's Eve - 7 pm

Head Usher
Ushers

Alan Schaefer
Hank Hawkins
Jim VanOsdol

Newsletter
DEADLINE
January
newsletter
articles
are due
Tuesday, December 10

Christmas Greetings from your Pastors

Dear Family and Friends in Christ,

In this season that is often mixed with joys and sorrows, we pray that you rejoice in the hope given in Jesus and announced by the angels!



*Then sang the angels this refrain:
"To God on high alone give praise and glory,
And peace on earth again shall reign.
Let all on earth with gladness heed this story
And rejoice in His goodwill." The Savior came in meekness
For you, for you, to bear your flesh in weakness.*

*God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!*

Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year,

—Pastor Edwards, Jen, Asher, Evangeline, Arielle & Owen

—Pastor Beck, Sarah, Connor, & Michael

—Pastor Sui, Yan-Yan, Miriam, Margaret & Matthew

—Pastor Woelmer, Carolyn, Paul & Philip



Several reminders for you...

- Offerings you would like credited for 2019 must be received no later than December 31, 2019.
- Offering envelopes for 2020 will be in the church mailboxes early in December.
- The Flower Chart for 2020 is posted on the end of the mailboxes; sign up if you would like to donate altar flowers for a particular Sunday.
- Jesus Company does not meet during December. Families are encouraged to attend the Wednesday evening congregational suppers and worship. Jesus Company will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Christ is
BORN
Counselors
FOR YOU

Adult Education



A blessed Advent to all our families of Faith as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus! As you prepare your hearts, minds, and schedules this season we invite you to join us for the following opportunities to be in the Word and receive the Christ...

Sundays, 9:15 am
December 1, 8, 15, 22

Advent Bible Study following our central theme, **Behold the Child**

December 29

The Chosen: A Story of the First Christmas movie for ALL ages

Wednesdays
December 4, 11, 18

Midweek worship at Noon and 7 pm

Thursday
December 5—7 pm

Saint Nicholas Celebration in the Grand Hall (see page 6 for more information)

After the New Year, we invite you to join us for a new Sunday Study series from Dr. Joel Biermann entitled **Who Am I?** which focuses on our identity as baptized children of God.

We hope you will join us in these various opportunities and take time out of the busy season to re-focus on Jesus!

Catechism Corner Mary as the Mother of God



Catechism

As we revisit the familiar story of Advent, one particular pericope often gives pause to the orthodox Lutheran: The Annunciation to Saint Mary. Many in the Lutheran church have wrestled with the right observance of this text, especially as it pertains to the confession of the Roman Catholic church which exalts Mary to a seat of veneration on par with that of the Christ Himself. Certainly, this is not our confession; however, we continue to honor and venerate Saint Mary as "*Theotokos*," that is, "the mother of God." Luther explains well in his treatise on councils of the churches:

He [Nestorius] admits that Christ is God and man in one Person; but since His deity does not come from His mother, Mary, she ought not to be called the mother of God. This was rightly condemned in the council, and ought to be condemned. Although Nestorius holds a right opinion on one point of the main matter, viz., that Christ is God and man, nevertheless, the other point is not to be endured... when he says that the child is not the mother's natural child and the mother not the child's natural mother...

He who admits that a mother has borne a child, which is both body and soul, ought also to say and believe that the mother has borne the whole child, and is its mother, even though she may not be the mother of its soul...

It should, therefore, be said that Mary is the true, natural mother of the child called Jesus Christ, and the true mother and bearer of God. Thus, whatever else can be said of children's mothers can be said of her; they suckle their children, bathe them, give them food and drink, and Mary suckled God, rocked God, made broth and soup for God. For God and man are one Person, one Christ, one Son, one Jesus.¹

Let none in the Church then diminish this special honor which Mary holds: that she is the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is God in the flesh. If she so bore in her womb the flesh of Jesus (and we do not fall into the heresy of separating His fleshly nature from His divine nature) then it follows that she bore in her womb His divinity as well and is, as stated, *Theotokos*. As you reflect on this mystery, may your hearts be turned again to Christ who humbled Himself to be born as you and I were born: from the wombs of our mothers.

Blessed Adventide,
Pastor Beck

¹Luther, Martin. *Treatise on Councils of the Churches*, 1539.

Devotional Resources



The "Behold the Child" Advent devotion books are available on the round table in the narthex. These devotions follow our Advent sermon themes.

Additional resources are also available:

- **LHM Daily Devotions mobile app**
- online at lhm.org/dailydevotions



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Relational, Contextual Witnessing

While we wait with expectancy, what do those who do not know the Gospel of Jesus Christ wait for? Most are not sure of what to expect - the world to spiral out of control with increasing uncertainty, loss of hope, fear of judgment or the end?

You have the truth that will make a difference as they face each day. **Pray for the Lord to give you the opportunity to share the Good News** over a cup of coffee, a friendly conversation, or a good book, because God's Word of hope may make their day.

Reserve Saturday, **January 25** for the *Every One His Witness* evangelism training for the whole congregation. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how to witness in our everyday lives. More details will follow in January.

Also visit us regularly on facebook (at **Faith Lutheran Church LCMS Bloomington**) for a related devotional message based on each week's Gospel reading.

Introducing...

New Management

Bookstore

Thank you to *Angie and Tony Grimes* for taking over management of Faith Bookstore. I know they are committed and will do a wonderful job. It has been my privilege to serve the Lord and this congregation in this way for these many years.

God's blessings,
—*Lou Ann Lybrook*

Library

'Tis time for this weary old lady librarian to pass the torch to someone younger, more creative, and more energetic, i.e., *Karen Lukefahr* (aka Annie's mommy).

It is a blessing to know that I am putting the library in excellent and competent hands. My pleasure and excitement and relief continue to increase the more Karen shares her dreams and ideas with me. Oh, what wonderful new life and order she will bring to the shelves of books!

Please make Karen feel welcome by stopping by the library now and then to greet her and, as you observe the changes, perhaps find something of interest to borrow.

—*Rita Barsun*,
for Faith in Volumes

Sunday School

After several years as Sunday School co-superintendents, *Tim and Kelli Paul* are passing these responsibilities on to *Megan Abbott*, a longtime Sunday School teacher, effective in January. We give thanks for the Pauls' leadership and look forward to continued blessings with Megan at the helm!

Editorial note:

Sincere thanks to *Lou Ann, Rita, and the Pauls* for their many years of service. They have each given countless hours behind the scenes each week and month, and have poured their hearts into these roles to the glory of God and for the benefit of His people here at Faith. We look forward to our continued sharing of ministry and faith life with them all.

Bell-Ringing for Salvation Army Tuesdays through Christmas Eve



Faith is ringing bells again this year for the Salvation Army. We will ring at both doors of Kroger East each **Tuesday** until Christmas, in 2-hour shifts from 10 am—8 pm (ending early on Christmas Eve).

Faith is the top kettle ringing organization for the Salvation Army. **Sign up on the main bulletin board** in the narthex for one (or more!) of the remaining shifts. This is an excellent service opportunity for individuals, couples, families, or ministry teams.

—*Don Weaver*



Angel Tree through December 8

Thank you to all who have chosen an Angel Tag from the tree in the narthex to share the joy of Christmas by providing gifts for local families who need assistance.

Please return the items (unwrapped) with the corresponding Angel Tag by **Sunday, December 8**. *You are free to purchase as your heart and budget lead you.*

You may alternately donate any new children's clothing or toys that will be used to complete wish lists.

Return these items as noted above and mark them for general use. **Thank you!**



Mitten Tree through January 5



It is time for our annual in-gathering of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for the Salvation Army.

With your help, the tree in the narthex will be decorated with **mittens, scarves, hats, etc.** Items for both *children and adults* will be gladly received. The collection process will continue through **Friday, January 4**, in case you happen to find some after-Christmas sales.

Seeking Thrivent grants



Are you a *Thrivent* member? Did you know that you may be eligible to apply for **up to two \$250 Action Team grants** each calendar year? These are a free benefit and may be used for a wide range of purposes (education, outreach, fellowship, etc) as long as they involve some element of service.

Undesignated funds will be given to the national Habitat for Humanity at the end of the year. But **YOU** may request that your personal grants be designated for the local use of your choice, within Thrivent's parameters.

Over the last couple years Faith members have received Thrivent *Action Team* grants in support of a variety of ministries and activities here at Faith and in the community including Spirit Camp, Confirmation/Jesus Company lunches, Advent/Lenten meals, international ministry, Pantry 279 projects, the church picnic and other fellowship events, LWML projects, Faith@Home (family ministry) events, and last month's Bowling event in support of Wheeler Mission. The possibilities are nearly endless.

The application process is short and simple. There are currently **groups seeking grant support for upcoming efforts** they are planning. If you are unsure if you qualify, need help with the application, or would like help exploring ways to use this opportunity, please contact the church office!





Ladies' Night Out
Friday, December 13 | 6:30 pm

For our December Ladies' Night Out we will meet at *Randi Cox's* home (2400 E. Queens Way) on Friday, **December 13** at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetizer to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. See you there!



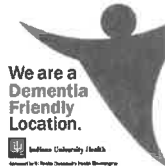
Lunch & Learn—
Creating a Dementia-friendly Congregation
Wednesday, January 15 | 11 am

Over 5 million Americans are living with dementia. 80% of those people are living at home. Chances are that you know someone living with dementia.

Our **January Lunch & Learn** will be a Dementia Friends Information Session, led by *Jan Bays*, PT. Jan is a founding member of Dementia Friendly Bloomington, Director of Program Development and Education at Jill's House, and Dementia Action Alliance Board Member.

You will learn 5 key messages about dementia, how it affects people, and how you can make a difference in the lives of people living with dementia and their care partners. People living with dementia need to be understood and supported in their communities. Faith is already a designated Dementia Friendly Congregation. You can help by becoming a Dementia Friend.

Watch for the sign-up coming later this month or contact Janet Hitzeman at jhitzema@indiana.edu



Faith Lutheran Youth
fly@faithbtown.org



Facebook group: FLY
and Remind: <https://www.remind.com/join/flyann>
or text @flyann to 81010



Sunday Mornings | 9:15 am—youth room above the gym
Join us for Bible study each week.

Event Calendar | 6-8 pm Sundays, unless otherwise noted
December 1—No FLY (Thanksgiving)
December 8—White Elephant Party at Poages'
January 5—FLY
January 12—FLY
January 19-20—**Lock-in**

—Faith Lutheran Youth (#BTownFLY)
John Poage (812-345-0223)

Missions News



LWML Grant #4 for 2019-2021:
God's Grace for This Generation--LAMP—\$100,000

Nearly one million indigenous people live in isolated areas of northern Canada; half of whom are under the age of 14. Statistics show that over 15 percent of the youth in these areas will take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. *LAMP Ministry Inc.* goes into these communities with vacation Bible school, Bible studies, and one-on-one testimonies of the hope provided through faith in Jesus. **This grant will allow LAMP to hire more missionary pilots and train more volunteers** so that these communities will receive Christian education and the witness of the Gospel. More information is on the round table in the Narthex by the Mites collection box, or go to LWML.org, click on *Mission Grants*, then on *Mission Grants Resources*.

Mite Boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over **\$1 million in mission grants**.



Our local LWML group met on November 3 and packaged **104 hygiene bags** that were distributed to *Middle Way House*, *Hannah House*, and *Wheeler Mission for Women & Children*.

Ladies' Tea and more Fellowship



Thanks to everyone who came to our Spring Tea and bid on items in the Silent Auction. The money raised enabled Fellowship to provide *Wheeler Mission for Women* with 21 pairs of lounge pants and 405 bus tickets.

Join us for Advent fellowship meals on Wednesdays this month. And watch for upcoming events early in the new year!

Farewell to Foam



Early this fall the decision was made to switch from Styrofoam to paper products for our coffee and fellowship events. New products will be introduced as the remaining inventory is used up.

We are no longer using disposable cups on Sunday mornings and invite you to **use one of the many coffee mugs** on the cart for your coffee or tea; there are plenty of extras if you haven't already brought a favorite. Please just *put yours in the dishwasher at the end of Bible class*. Thank you!

Visit Us ONLINE

You can subscribe to Faith's online calendar! When you visit faithbtown.org navigate to the *calendar*, click "view full calendar," and then click the *blue megaphone* icon in the upper right corner. This provides the URL to insert into the calendar program of your choice (Outlook, Google, Apple, etc.), as well as a link to "Learn more about subscribing."

Still can't figure it out? Talk to our tech team leader, *Dr. Gabriel*.

Did you know?

ADVENT—CHRISTMAS

We invite you to join us at these special services and events:

Wednesdays in ADVENT—December 4, 11, 18

Noon:

Worship 12 pm
Meal 12:30 pm

Evenings:

Meal 5:45 pm (see below)
Carols 6:45 pm
Worship 7 pm

Join us each Wednesday for a simple **Advent Meal** before or after our mid-week services. Stay after the noon service for lunch, or come for the 5:45 pm dinner before the evening service. Be sure to **sign up on the podium** in the narthex for the meals you plan to attend, so enough food can be prepared. Enjoy this opportunity to eat and worship together, as we prepare our hearts and minds for the true meaning of Christmas.

The meals are kept simple, and many volunteers make light work for all involved. The Soup lunches (with Brownie Sundaes for dessert) will be provided by the Fellowship Committee each week. And thank you to the following groups for planning and preparing each Advent dinner:

December 4—FLY: tacos and sundaes (*fundraiser for 2022 National Youth Gathering in Houston*)
December 11—Kitchen Committee
December 18—Choir

Contact *Ann Graves* (817-929-1006) or *Bonnie Martin* (812-345-3622) with any questions or to offer help.

St. Nicholas Party—Thursday, December 5 (7 pm)

The whole congregation is invited to gather for cookies, eggnog, and time together in God's Word as we learn about the Real St. Nicholas. This is a *family-friendly* event.

Christmas Luncheon & Caroling to Shut-ins—Sunday, December 8

11:45 am Potluck lunch
1:00 pm caroling

Come for one event or both!

Service of Lessons and Carols at University Lutheran—Sunday, December 8 (4pm)

Join us at University Lutheran Church as we celebrate Christmas before everyone leaves for home! Choral and instrumental music, congregational singing and Bible readings bring us to the glory of Christ, the newborn King.

Preschool Christmas Program—Thursday, December 12 (6 pm)

Hear the Good News of Jesus' birth from our preschool children.

Service of Lessons & Carols—Sunday, December 15 (10:30 am)

Prepare your hearts in this service led by the Children's Choirs, Sunday School and youth. Stay afterward to enjoy a Christmas fellowship reception.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (6 pm & 7:30 pm)

Enjoy hearing brass carols in the narthex before each service.

Christmas Day (10 am)

Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve (7 pm)

Worship with Holy Communion



Deck the Halls for Christmas

Friday, December 6 (3 pm):
decorate upstairs
Saturday, December 7 (9 am):
everything else

Come one, come all to this year's Christmas decorating parties! Leave me a note in my mailbox or send an email or text if you have questions or are planning to come one day or both. All are welcome!

Decorations will be taken down on **Saturday, January 4, starting at 9 am.**

—Cybil Cole

colec@indiana.edu | 812-327-4674



Christmas Open House Sunday, Dec. 22 2-5 pm

Members *Shelvy and Norm Horn* decorate their home each Christmas with **over 100 trees**. All members of Faith are invited to their home at **4314 N. Overlook Lane** on **Sunday December 22** from 2-5 pm to enjoy their trees and their lifetime toy and doll collection.

Come as you are; stay as long as you like.

Bethlehem Walk

Saturday, December 7 | 5-8 pm

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (3496 E. Morgan St., Martinsville)



This expanded, live Nativity takes participants back in time to experience the night our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born. Tickets for this event, issued in 20-minute time increments, are FREE and may be secured online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for *Bethlehem Walk*). You may also contact the church office at 765-342-2004 or popchurchlcms@hotmail.com, or via the church office (765-342-2004). Visit the church website at www.popmartinsville.org for more information.



Faith Lutheran Preschool and Christian Child Care

Merry CHRISTmas to ALL! Sharing the Good News is one of the most exciting things about this job. We talk with the children about how Jesus is the Reason for the Season. That Christmas should be about giving and not receiving. So many life lessons at such a special time of the year.

We have made our Family Tree into a Thankful Tree... We, the staff, have put a handprint of each of our students and written on them what we are thankful for in having that child in our care. Please come down and see our Thankful Tree and all of the wonderful contributions are students bring to us and our program.

We will be putting items that we need on our Family Tree. They may be for our classrooms or to enrich our curriculum. They may be new or gently used.

We will also be posting opportunities for donating your time during National Lutheran Schools week in January. It is the week of January 28-February 1 this year. We are looking for members of the congregation to read to the children, join them at lunchtime and help with some class time. We will also be posting Prayer Angels again in the sanctuary for you to take and pray for that week. Please look for more specific information in the January newsletters and on the bulletin board across from the church library about ways you can help us make that week a special celebration for the families of the preschool and childcare.

You are all invited to our Christmas program on December 12. The program will be held in the Sanctuary at 6 pm. We will also have the preschoolers sing before the noon service on Wednesday, December 11.

God's Peace and Blessings,
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Rachel Stults, Director

Highlighted Staff of the Month

Carrie Allen

- aide in both the climber & preschool rooms
- has worked here since the spring of 2007
- Education: studied early education at Ivy Tech
- grew up in Elkhart, Indiana
- family: two sisters, two brothers-in-law, four nieces, three nephews and five sisters-in-law
- enjoys listening to music and going to the park with her husband

Shannon Hobbs

- one of our Climber's Teacher since 2013
- Education: CDA
- grew up in Bedford, Indiana
- lives with her Great Aunt, a poodle and 2 cats
- Enjoys reading, watching movies, & Quilling

Jessica Myers

- Lead Teacher in Multi-Age Preschool Room since December, 2013
- Education: General Education Technical Certificate, 2 classes away from Associates of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
- born in Torrance, CA; moved to Indiana in 1994 at the age of ten.
- resides in Ellettsville with husband Jared, daughter Amaya (10), sons Jett (4) and Javin (2), and baby daughter Rozlind
- Pets: a 110-lb golden retriever Macy (9), and calico Twix (16)
- Fun Fact: She dabbles in photography and has taken the Spring photos for Faith the past 3 years!



**December birthdays
in
Preschool/CCC:**

John Bunger	Julianne Vu
Elaina Iversen	Eliza Iversen
Nallah Pape	

Mission Statement:
Faith Lutheran Preschool and Christian Child Care shall be distinctively Lutheran in its philosophy, curriculum and staff.
While evangelistic outreach is the primary purpose, it strives to assist in nurturing all children and their families.

For your family...



The Advent Resource Fair held on November 17 featured resources for children and adults of all ages.

Stop by the Library and the Bookstore any time this month to browse through materials available for loan or purchase. And, two items from that event are still available at no charge:

- ✦ Envelope with materials and directions for making an Advent/Christmas chain (under the Children's Ministry Team bulletin board)
- ✦ Advent devotion booklets (on the round table in the narthex)



Winter is coming...



In case of severe weather, cancellation of regular or special church services and whole-congregation activities will be announced on:

- TV—WTHR (Channel 13, Indy)
- Radio—WFIU (103.7 FM)
- Web—www.FaithBtown.org
- Facebook—*Faith Lutheran Church LCMS Bloomington*

Decisions on such cancellations and postponements will be made by Pastor Edwards and the Congregation Chairman.

Cancellation or postponement of committee and ministry team meetings is the responsibility of the chairperson of such organization and will be communicated within that group as determined by the organization members.

