

Faith Lutheran Church

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:30am—3:30pm

Pastor

Rev. Mark R. Peterson

Sunday Services and Classes

Worship from 9:00 - 10:00AM
Education (all ages) 10:10 - 10:55 AM
Worship from 10:45 - 11:40AM

Groups and Activities

Chancel Choir and Handbell Choirs
Men's and Women's Bible Studies
Fellowship groups for all ages
Talk Time

Faith Lutheran Elementary & Pre-School

Specializing in early childhood education.
Classes for two year olds through third grade.

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spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically.

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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

Faith Monthly

Faithful people, raising up people of faith

December 2010

ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

Sunday, November 28 - **First Sunday in Advent** - one service at 9:30 am

Santa Al is coming on Wednesday, 12/1 at 2:30 pm



Faith Lutheran School **Christmas Concert** "Gloria! The King is Born!"
and **Cookie Walk** on Friday, 12/3 at 6 pm

Deborah Circle Cookie Exchange on Sunday, 12/5 at 6:30 pm



Naomi-Rachel Circle Christmas Celebration on 12/7 at noon

St. Nick Dinner and Handbell Concert on 12/12 at 5:30 pm



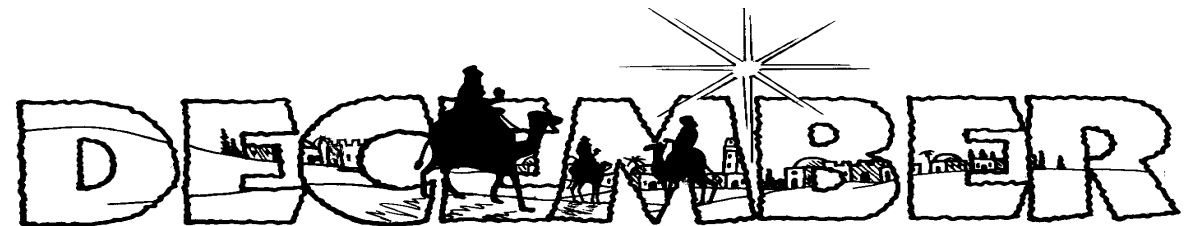
JR/SR High Youth Group Christmas Party on Sunday, 12/15 at 7:00 pm



Sunday School **Christmas Program** on 12/19 at 10:45 am

Christmas Eve Worship on 12/24 at 5 pm, 9 pm, and 10:30 pm

(see inside for more details)





Prayer List

Living with Cancer or Illness

Julie Engstrom, Laura Miller, Paul Wuest (former interim pastor of FLC)

Illness, Injury or Surgery

Julie Griffin, Ron Rospo, Colleen Thompson, Judy Jacobson, Ayiko (Brenda Utter's friend)

Homebound Members

Pat Sundstrom - Fairwinds,
Les Merrill - Life Care Center of Kirkland,
Ralph Peterson - Emerald Heights,
Ben & Maxine Carroll - Marymoor Assisted Living

Serving Our Country

Air Force—Tom (Kim McClellan-Dos Santos' friend),

Kim (Frank Radice's daughter),

Evan (Dick & Saville Gardner's son),

Army—Gabriel (Kim McClellan-Dos Santos' son)

Dean Buchanan,

Amanda (Chuck Drake's granddaughter),

Dan (Kim McClellan-Dos Santos' friend),

Erica (Jerry Hammersberg's granddaughter),

Dan (Ron & Carol McCray's son),

Zacharia (Don Gonzales's nephew)

Marines—Aaron & Talor (Bill Ruthford's friends),

Robin (Jerry Hammersberg's grandson),

Navy—Ryan (Kim McClellan-Dos Santos' son),

Matthew Miller (Molly Ness' husband)

Bereavement

Paul Wuest's mother, **Rose**, died on 11/11/2010.



- If you have prayer requests and updates for the Prayer Chain, please speak with **Greg Ness** (425-861-6671 or 425-681-4269) or email him at gness@comcast.net.
- All prayer requests are kept confidential and will not be made public in the Weekly or Monthly Newsletter unless you give us permission to do so.
- The names on this list will be published for four weeks. If the prayer recipient needs to remain on the list longer, please update the Prayer Chain.
- If you or someone you know in our church family winds up in the hospital, please notify the church office right away so a pastoral visit can take place.

DECEMBER 2010 SERVANTS

Traditional Service at 9 am	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 19
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	TBD
Assisting Minister	Kitsi Vadheim	Greg Ness	Gary Compton
Children's Time	Athena Rospo	Lonna Ranada	Cheryl Schnelle
Greeters	Dick & Saville Gardner	Tom & Cheryl Grinna	Ranada Family
Lector	Heath Stewart	Marcie Ruthford	Bev Reyhons
Ushers	LeRoy & Shirley Olson	Bob & Sharon Loeffler	Michele Bahr Renee Wissbrod
Communion Assistants	Gary Compton		Carolyn Hockridge
Communion Ushers	Greg Benson Gregory Benson		Elaine Peterson Linda Wall
Communion Prep.	Elaine Keeley Joan Hinkle		Fran Anderson Bev Reyhons
Communion Aid	TBD		TBD

If you can help with the 9am service, call Gary Gilberton at 425-885-9168

Informal Service at 10:45 am	DECEMBER 5	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 19
Acolyte	Doris Townsend	Daniel Gonzales	Kurt Borm
Assist. Min	Kim McClellan-Dos Santos	Greg Ness	Bill Engstrom
Child. Time	Athena Rospo	Lonna Ranada	Cheryl Schnelle
Ushers	Doris Townsend	Judy Jacobson	Kurt Borm
Communion Assistants		TBD	
Communion. Prep.		Cheryl Jones Lana Bolton	
Sound	TBD	Greg Ness	TBD

If you can help with the 10:45 am service, call Judy Jacobson at 425-882-0984.

Flowers in November			
	Kris & Cliff Fellrath	TBD	TBD



DECEMBER 24

Acolyte - TBD

Assisting Ministers
5:00 pm - TBD
9:00 pm - Elsa Barthol
10:30 pm - Gary Gilbertson

Greeters
5:00 pm - TBD
9:00 pm - Phil & Gail Sauerbrey
10:30 pm - Jim & Joan Hinkle

Lector
5:00 pm - TBD
9:00 pm - Matt Weed
10:30 pm - John Griffin

Ushers
5:00 pm - TBD
9:00 pm - Dick Barthol
Dante Ranada
10:30 pm - Greg Benson
Gregory Benson



DECEMBER 26

One service only at 9:30 am

Acolyte - TBD

Assist. Minister - Jerry Hammersberg

Greeters - Mathre Family

Lector - Jan Niles

Ushers - Linda Wall, Darel Harrison

Flowers - Ken & Carol McCray



November Readings

December 5

Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

December 12

Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11



December 19

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

December 26

Christmas 1

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23



Church News

Thank You!

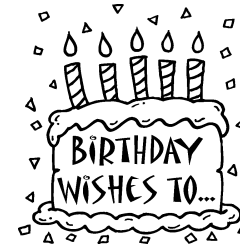
Dear Faith Family,

Thanks so very much for your presence on Sunday (October 31) and the reception following.

Your gift of earrings and necklace (beautiful blue opals and silver) will be a wonderful reminder of the many years of caring and support from you.

A special thank you to Gail Sauerbrey and Kitsi Vadheim for coordinating the activities.

Karla Stalwick



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date
Daniel Mosgrave	3-Dec
Karly Ekren	6-Dec
Barbara Deming	6-Dec
Bjorn Mellem	8 Dec
Amy Moore	8 Dec
Dick Barthol	14-Dec
Ron McCray	14-Dec
Charlotte Hanson	15-Dec
Irene Nelson	16-Dec
Cheryl Schnelle	17-Dec
Stephanie Schoof	19-Dec
Greg Benson	28-Dec
Linda Mathre	30-Dec
Marcie Ruthford	31-Dec

If we missed your birthday or got it wrong, call the church office. We'd love to update our database and keep it accurate!

CHURCH MILESTONES

Louise Elizabeth Smith was baptized on Sunday, November 7 at the 10:45 am worship service. Louise's parents are **Jody & Gretchen Smith** and her sponsors are **Mark & Kristen Hulscher**.

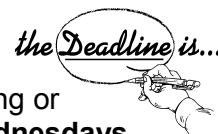
Elizabeth Anne Hintz will be baptized on Sunday, November 28. Ellie's parents are: **Brian & Terri Hintz**, and her sponsors are: **Matt & Shelby Lind**. Ellie's grandparents are **Gary & Anne Compton**.



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SUBMISSION DEADLINES



Sunday Announcements must be submitted to the church office in writing or sent to Pastor Mark by email (PastorMark@faithluth.org) by **noon on Wednesdays**.

Faith Weekly Articles must be submitted to the church office in writing or sent to **Karen Levy** by email (adminasst@faithluth.org) by **noon on Wednesdays**.

Faith Monthly Articles must be submitted to the church office in writing or sent to **Nancy Belvin** (secretary@faithluth.org) by email usually by the third Thursday of the month. Because of the holiday, the deadline for the **January Faith Monthly Newsletter deadline is December 9**.

QUOTE:

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it is in the heart of man.
Anonymous



The Pastor's Blog

Advent 2010 is ours. What shall we do with this gift? Advent—a time of preparation and hope. A time of getting ready. A time of darkness that seeks the light. A season of relationships, office parties and families planning to get together.

There is something familiar about this season. The rain, the city streets shining in the streetlights and Christmas lights. Snow in the passes and maybe in the low lands. Yet Advent 2010 is unique too. A war overseas. We have unemployment in our community and the long search for jobs. For those who do have work, there is



the stress of fewer people expected to do more and long hours. Families sometimes create their own stresses, as there is that tendency to forget respect, compassion and care in the rush. To be gentle with each other and to uplift the positive.

In earlier times Advent had the feeling of “a little Lent,” a time of penance, repentance and reflection on our need for a Savior. I wonder - what God would have us do with His gift of Advent 2010? The power of sin to distort, destroy and bring the season down is still with us. Yet, at it’s core, Advent is a season that looks forward with hope. A season that looks for peace. Things have been worse. Things could be worse. There was a time when we did not have a Savior. There was a time when we did not

know Christ. But that was then. This is now. There is this carol that reminds us Advent’s work with our souls:

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen (and women!)
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Savior
Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy*

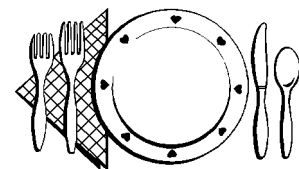
-Pastor Mark



Community News

COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE

- Our Men’s Program in Pioneer Square is desperately in need of: butter knives, forks, spoons, dinner plates and bowls.



- The Compass Veteran’s Center in Renton is in need of NEW large (full/queen) size quilts.

For questions or to set up drop off time, please call **Lindsey** at 206-357-3105 or **Kristi** at 206-357-3108.

PLU CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Pacific Lutheran University's inspirational Christmas concert returns this year to Seattle's Benaroya Hall. The program features the Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University



Symphony Orchestra performing hymns, carols and choral orchestral masterwork, all in the great tradition of Lutheran choral music.

Date: 12/6/2010 at 7:30 pm
Location: Benaroya Hall,
200 University ST, Seattle
Link: <http://www.plu.edu/christmas>

WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL MISSIONS

Advent Lutheran Church, Mill Creek, WA
Saturday, December 4, 2010
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

You are invited to a NW WA Synod Global Mission Festival on Saturday, December 4. Registration is at 8:30 am. **Bishop Chris Boerger** will be there as will **Jean Wahlstrom & Marvin Kananen** – returning missionaries from Tanzania. **Dianne Johnson** from Lord of Life Lutheran in Renton will speak on “*Preparing for a mission trip.*” Worship, fellowship and networking will be highlighted. Lunch is provided. \$12 donation.

For more information, contact **Ken Halvorson**, Synod Global Mission Committee, (360) 678-1856.



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YOUTH NEWS!

We're having a great time on the first and third Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. We did some fun mad-libs, tried to put cotton balls in a bowl with a spoon (blindfolded) and other great feats of skill and daring! We had six of our junior and senior high youth come by for the evening and then in mid-November we did a Fast Food Frenzy. In December, we meet on the 5th at 5:30 pm and then for a Christmas party on the 15th at 7 pm. January 2011 we start up again! Bring a friend and join our Christian fellowship!



ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to all who so generously provided flowers to grace our altar this past year. The 2011 calendar is now posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. This is a good time to lock in your particular date to celebrate a special event or honor a loved one. The church is so much brighter with a simple floral arrangement.



It is quite easy to provide flowers. There are two local florists who have keys to the church – Redmond Floral and Bear Creek Florist. You can furnish flowers from your garden; the Saturday Market is a good choice in the summer months. If you have questions, please contact **Sandra Johnson** at 885-3919.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

Lutherans love their coffee and we enjoy the fellowship between services. It is enjoyable to have something to drink or nibble on as we visit or run off to class. Please take the time to help out. It is a lot less work if we all take a turn throughout the year. Coffee instructions are posted and it's easy to do. Sign up to make coffee and/or supply treats (homemade or store bought) on the bulletin board in the narthex. Make it fun — sign up with a friend! For more info, please contact **Linda Wall** at 425-868-3129.



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FAITH FINANCE NEWS - FALL UPDATE

First, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the church and our mission. We have a truly awesome God who gives us the strength we need to carry us through difficult times, and whose love for us knows no bounds. And we also have a great congregation which includes many people with many different gifts that they are willing to use in carrying out that mission. We have teachers, gardeners, fix-it people, office staff, committee members, musicians, choir members, lecturers, and the list goes on.

A few months ago, after much work, your church council was able to present a budget that you could support, and that you voted on and passed. As expected, our summer giving was a bit behind what the weekly target assumed for that budget. Now that we are into the fall months, we need to try to catch up a little. Each week we are a few hundred dollars behind where we need to be to meet that budget (a total of about \$6,300 of general offering). Fortunately, our expenses have been a bit behind the budget as well. But with Sunday School now in session, and with the colder weather raising our heating bill, that will bring our expenses up too. If each of us could increase our offering by just a few dollars each week, we can close the gap on expenses.

I am truly thankful for all that each of you already do to support our mission here at Faith Lutheran. I would also ask that you make sure that your pledged giving is up to date and that you prayerfully consider adding a little to that giving each week. Your church council and the office staff are already working to be as frugal as we can and to cut our expenses even further wherever we can. There will be monthly updates given, and I will be writing Finance News for the monthly newsletter to keep you up to date on how well we are closing the gap. I thank you all for your continued dedication to do God's work and to spread his message of love and mercy in our church and in our community.

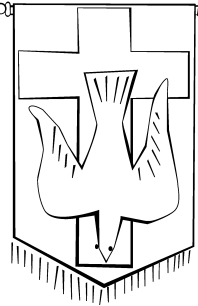
Yours in Christ,
Kurt Borm
Church Council Treasurer





Education Ministry

Confirmation Class



CONFIRMATION UPDATE

We are pleased to have **Katy Cottone, Daniel Gonzales** and **Justin Camara** at our confirmation classes. During the fall we have studied the Old Testament and during the spring we will start on the New Testament and the life of Jesus.

Next fall we start going through Luther's Small Catechism. Keep our youth in your prayers and support them as they go through this time of spiritual growth and education.

ADULT FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Between the first and second services, we have an Adult Forum in room 2, the upper level middle classroom in the south wing. We are looking at the idea of "Wisdom's Wonder" as Pastor Mark shares his notes from the 2010 Bishop's Convocation. The seminar hosted Dr. William Brown, professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. His most recent publication is *"The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder."* Join us for a wonderful discussion about the Old Testament's love of wisdom. There will be no Adult Forum on Thanksgiving weekend, November 28th, or during our Christmas break of December 19 to January 2nd.

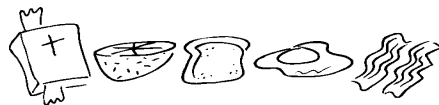
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday mornings in conference room #2 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. We have childcare provided and welcome newcomers. Contact **Amy Moore** at (425) 497-1213 for info.



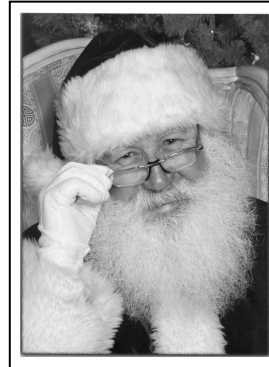
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join us Saturday, November 6 at 9 am. (We meet the first Saturday of every month.) We meet at Panera's in Redmond for breakfast and discussion. Contact **Greg Ness** at 425-861-6671 for more information.



Faith Lutheran School

SANTA AL IS COMING TO FAITH ON DECEMBER 1ST!



The countdown is on! Friends of Faith has joined efforts with the FLS staff to make this a truly spectacular event! We can't wait to share the Christmas spirit with our Faith families standing side-by-side with our community guests.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR SANTA AL'S CHILDHOOD CANCER CARELINE CHILDREN – this is Santa Al's only requested "fee" for his services.

We are so excited to have Santa Al coming to deliver the true spirit of Christmas and the message of Christ's birth in the nativity. We are inviting the community to join us for this event. FEEL FREE TO INVITE ANY AND ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SEE SANTA AL! After he delivers his message in the sanctuary, we will offer photos on Santa's lap for only a \$5.00 donation to cover our costs. Santa Al's mission is to support the Childhood Cancer Careline foundation, www.childhoodcancercare.org. Santa Al will not accept a fee for his visit to Faith, but is asking for toy donations to support his ministry. Help us promote this wonderful opportunity to share the spirit of Christmas with our community.

OUR ANNUAL SCHOOL AUCTION WILL BE MARCH 4



Mark your calendars for Friday March 4th to "Dance the Night Away" at our annual school fundraiser! The event will take place at the Redmond Town Center Marriott



Faith Lutheran School Board

Bill Engstrom, President and Secretary ~ **Amy Moore**, Treasurer
Greg Ness, Vice-President ~ **John Mathre**, Congregational Representative
Andrea Buck and **Dante Ranada**, Parent Representatives
Barbara Deming and **Pastor Mark Peterson**, Ex-Officio



Faith Lutheran School

WELCOME MRS. CONERLY — OUR NEW LIBRARIAN



Please welcome our new librarian Mrs. Lew Conerly, grandmother of Kenzie Campana in our Pre-Kindergarten class. She has recently moved from East Tennessee to WA to help her daughter, Katie Campana as she pursues her PhD in Library Science. Mrs. Conerly just retired as the Reference and Instruction Librarian and Interim Dean of General Education from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, TN.

Mrs. Conerly previously served as the Department head of Circulation, Reserves, and Interlibrary Loan at Florida State University libraries; the Reference and Instruction Librarian at the University of Tennessee, and the Coordinator of Children Services, in the Haywood County Public Library in Waynesville, NC. She also enjoyed being the Children's Bible Story Teacher at Central Baptist of Bearden, along with doing storytelling in various elementary schools in Knoxville, TN with a local professor from the University of Tennessee. Library classes are provided for our Pre-Kindergarten-3rd grade students every Tuesday. It also serves as a great resource for all teachers at Faith! You can contact Lew at conerlye@faithluth.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CHAPEL OFFERINGS

For the month of October the Kindergarten-Prep class gathered pet supplies to take to Hope Link. October chapel offerings totaled \$30.16 and was given to Hopelink. (Chapel offerings in November and December will also be given to Hopelink.)

In November we collected "Thanksgiving Bags" for those who are serving our country in the Armed Services. In December we will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for The *Childhood Cancer Careline Foundation* with Santa Al on Wednesday December 1st at 2:30. As always, everyone is welcome to join our Chapel time. We meet every Monday and Thursday from 9:10 am to 9:30 am in the Sanctuary!



Social Ministry

THE GIVING TREE

St. Andrew's Housing Group

In mid-November, we prepared ornaments for St. Andrew's Housing Group's annual gift drive. These ornaments will be placed on a Christmas tree at Bellevue Square and on our Faith Giving Tree. Patrons of Bell Square will pick up ornaments and return them with unwrapped gifts. Members of our Social Ministry Team will pick up the gifts and deliver them to Faith for our annual wrapping party on Tuesday, December 14 at 10:00 am. We would be delighted if you would like to come and help wrap gifts. Please call Doris Townsend at (425) 883-3175 or Darel Harrison at 425 868-0885 and let them know if you are able to come.

Redmond YWCA Family Village

During the Christmas Season, Faith also contributes gifts to our sponsored family at the YWCA Family Village. On Thanksgiving weekend, members of the Social Ministry Team put up our Faith Tree in the narthex, decorated with ornaments suggesting gifts for our adopted family along with the ornaments for our St. Andrew's Redmond property. When you bring a gift for the people from the Faith Tree, please be sure to follow the directions. Some may require that you wrap your gift before returning it to FLC.



NOVEMBER CART OF BLESSINGS



Thank you to all who contributed to the Cart of Blessings. Many families rely on Hopelink (food bank) to supplement their food budgets. We will have an update next month with more information about the amount we were able to collect.

SOUPERBOWL

It seems like every year we worry about a losing season for the Seahawks, the Huskies or the Cougars. (Of course, the PLU Lutes usually have a good season!) But we can all be winners by helping the hungry during the upcoming January 2011 food drive for the Souperbowl! Remember that hunger has no holiday.



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DEBORAH CIRCLE COOKIE EXCHANGE DECEMBER 5

Join us for our Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Sheree Hathaway's house. E-mail **Linda Wall** (lindakwall@hotmail.com) to add your name to the guest list. She will e-mail you location details and let you know how many cookies to bring.



NAOMI-RACHEL CIRCLE'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH DEC. 7



Naomi-Rachel's December meeting has been changed to the first Tuesday (Dec 7) instead of its usual second Tuesday. Join us for our annual Christmas Celebration as we gather to enjoy a potluck lunch and annual Secret Sister gift exchange. For more information, call **Joan Hinkle** at 425 844-9403 if you would like to attend.

JR. AND SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 7:00 PM

Come for games, cookies, sparkling apple cider, and more!
Bring your friends, the more the merrier!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Join us on Sunday, December 19 at 10:45 am. Our Sunday School children will be part of the worship service and we will hear the story of Christmas as well as favorite Christmas hymns.



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ST. NICHOLAS DINNER & HANDBELL CONCERT

Join us for our Annual St. Nicholas Dinner and Handbell Concert on Sunday, December 12 at 5:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Redmond Senior Center again this year. (Located at 8703 160th Ave. NE, in Redmond.) We will celebrate St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children and the original Father Christmas.

The dinner is a planned potluck. It is important for us to know how many people will be attending, so please sign up in the narthex so we know what you will be bringing. (Recipes will be available.)



You won't want to miss this event. The evening includes music by our Handbell Choirs and we will be able to sing our favorite songs of the season!

Since we are paying for our space, a monetary donation will be welcomed to help defray costs. Let us know if you need a ride to the event.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



Join us on Sunday, December 26 at 9:30 am, for a celebration of lessons and Christmas carols will be held at this special service as we prepare for a new year of grace.

ADVENT BROCHURE

Enclosed in this edition of the Faith Monthly newsletter is a copy of our Advent brochure which contains event information for the Season of Advent. You may find that it is convenient to refer to in the coming month, or you may want to pass it on to a friend and invite them to attend an event with you. We often ask the youth to bring a friend to an event, but this applies to all of us. Let's share our Advent and Christmas traditions with our friends!

