

The Joyful Noise

2017

“Seek First the Kingdom of God”

So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’
or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

For the pagans run after all these things,
and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.
But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:31-33

“Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks,
the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7, 8



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1st and for many people the giving up of something is just around the corner. Self-discipline is a good Christian practice. But I ask you to also look beyond yourself this season of Lent. To add another Christian habit to become not only a habit during Lent but also incorporated into your daily Faith walk all year long.

I invite you to **Pray** all through this season of Lent. I invite you to pray boldly each day over a number of specific requests. To pray with a heart crying out to the Lord to move in a mighty way and show His favor. To pray with expectation that your prayers will be heard and the Lord will act, pouring out such a blessing that Faith in Christ will know the very presence of the Living God. To pray that Jesus Christ be glorified through us.

Pray specifically:

- ! *For a friend of yours, by name, to be open to coming to church with you.*
- ! *For tenacity to commit to bringing that friend with you to church each and every worship service.*
- ! *For grace to share the Good News of Jesus with at least one person a month.*
- ! *For Sunday worship to be full of mercy and grace so souls will be changed, challenged, and comforted.*
- ! *For TNT to transform each child's entire family and connect the family to God's family in worship.*
- ! *For the heart of a missionary to develop in us from the youngest children of Sunday School and TNT to each adult of Faith in Christ..*

Pray each day during Lent. Pray in the morning. Pray at noontime. Pray at night. Three times a day, in similar fashion to Daniel. After praying much, with much more earnestness for God to move, begin to put things into action by bringing your friend to worship. Easter Sunday, April 16th would be a great opportunity to bring your friend. Bring your friend to Easter Breakfast and then to Worship.

Easter is one of the times of year that people are thinking about things of faith and are more open to the invitation to come to church with you. If prayer can move a mountain, prayer can bring a friend to church with you.

All during Lent continue praying specifically each and every day. As the Lord moves your heart, add to your prayers more and more a deepening desire to **Seek First the Kingdom of God.**

Missionary to China Hudson Taylor came to know the power of

prayer through experience. In his own words:

"The power of prayer cannot be diminished by distance; it is not limited by age, infirmity, or daily duty; political changes and restrictions cannot alter its effectiveness; for the word still stands, "If you shall ask anything in my name I will do it."

Missionary to Calabar, Mary Slessor came to know the power of prayer through experience. In her own words:

"Prayer is the greatest power God has put into our hands for service — praying is harder than doing, at least I find it so, but the dynamic lies that way to advance the Kingdom."

There is a living God and He is the hearer and answerer of prayer!

A humble servant of Christ,
P astor Jeff



Lord, during this time of reflection, may I reflect on my life in light of Thy Holy Word. Nourish my faith and draw me closer to Thee through prayer, worship and Scripture. Fill my heart with Thy love and keep me faithful to Thy Gospel truth. I ask this through my Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.



Ash Wednesday Worship March 1st at 7:00 P.M.

Holy Communion will be celebrated, along with the ancient Rite of the Imposition of Ashes. These ashes, produced by burning the palm branches from our past year's Palm Sunday, are "imposed in the shape of a cross upon the forehead of each worshiper." As the imposition takes place, the sobering words **"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"** are spoken, reminding us of our mortality and limited lifetime here on earth.

Walking in the Word -
7 P.M. Tuesday Night Bible Study
February 14th, 21st
March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

We are studying the fascinating book of JOB. This is a great time to join us. We learn together, we laugh together and we grow in love for one another too. Come and Study the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm. We conclude by 8:15 P.M.



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Children's Sunday School

Moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, great-grandma and great-grandpas, these intentional times of discipling will nurture the FAITH of those entrusted to your care. Make a Sunday morning faith commitment for you and your family! Attend Sunday School and Worship together.



Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Discipleship

- ! Learn what Jesus taught - Study the Scriptures of Old and New Testament.
- ! Do what Jesus taught - Live what you have learned from the Scriptures
- ! Spread what Jesus taught - Go and make disciples of All Nations.
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Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you for all who have designated Faith In Christ to receive their Thrivent Choice Dollars. During 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars in the amount of \$1,200.00 were received by Faith in Christ. If you have not designated all of your 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars, you have until March 31, 2017 to designate them.

You may also designate your 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars by contacting your Thrivent representative or online at Thrivent.com.

Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon

Sunday Sermon messages are recorded and made available for listening on our Website: www.ficlc.net The link to the message archive is found on the Pastor page.

This is a great opportunity to hear again the Word Preached and also a great opportunity to share the Word Preached with a friend at work or anywhere you have access to the internet. The Lord can bring a blessing and draw another to Faith in Christ.



2016 Annual Reports

Copies of Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church's 2016 Annual Reports are available in the church office.

Come and join your Church Family for our annual Lenten Soup Suppers Each Thursday during Lent Beginning March 9th!



Lenten Soup suppers will be held every Thursday thru April 6th. The schedule for each evening will be as follows:

5:30	Guitars & TS
6:00	TNT
6:15	Meal
7:00	Lenten Worship Service

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex asking for volunteers to provide soups and desserts each week.



February 26^h is Transfiguration Sunday.

This is the Sunday that we say "good-bye to Alleluia" and prepare to say "Hello to Lent" on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. The word "Alleluia" will not be used again during worship until our joy returns at Christ's Easter victory.



Loyal Followers of Christ - (LFC)

Will meet February 3rd, 12 Noon, in Teaberries Restaurant in the Heart of Country Gift Shop on East Leffel Lane. Newcomers are always welcome. The group will meet the first Friday of each month the rest of the year at the same time and in the same place..



*Women
in
Service*

Women of Today - Will meet at 3:00 p.m. Monday, February 20th, at FIC, and again on March 20th to work on making lap robes for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Both meetings will be held at the church. All newcomers are welcome.



Upcoming Events for the Year - these events are sponsored by the WinS (Women in Service) Group of FIC

Blessings in a Bottle - Begins May 7th

Baby bottles will be passed out for individuals to take home and fill with change during the months of May and June. All proceeds will go to benefit women and children in Clark County.



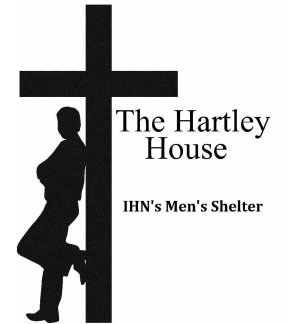
Women's Special Spring Event - May 20th

A luncheon will be held at the church on this day for all the women of the church. More information will be coming soon.



Undie Sunday Collection - Begins August 20th

We will be collecting men's "undies" - undershirts, undershorts and socks in either large or extra large sizes. All items collected will be donated to the Hartley House, IHN's men's shelter.



UNDIE SUNDAY

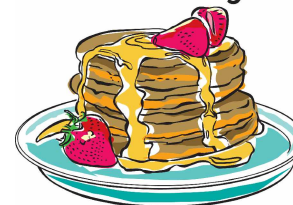
Undie Sundae Sunday

Will be held during Fellowship Time on Sunday, September 17th.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Scouts will be Serving ups some Fantastic Pancakes!

Shrove Tuesday



Tuesday, February 28th

5:00 - 7:00 pm!

Come enjoy some scrumptious pancakes, and more!

Bring your family and friends!

you to enjoy too!

There will be great entertainment for

Low ropes

Fellowship

Worship



GaGa pit

Bowling

Bonfire

NALC Southwest Ohio Mission District

Youth Retreat May 5 - 7, 2017

Bible Study

Growing in Faith

Join us at Camp Chautauqua for an opportunity to share in faith, fun, and fellowship with other youth from southwest Ohio.

Who: grades 7—12

When: May 5—7

Where: Miamisburg, Ohio

Cost: \$150 per camper

(\$50 due at sign up, remaining payment by May 1)

Registration Deadline: March 15

Additional Info: Contact Trish Vulgamore at
tvmore@outlook.com

(Also see Dave Hare for More Information)

Like to learn about the retreat location?

Camp Chautauqua's website
<http://www.thecampbytheriver.com/>



Feb 3 Loyal Followers of Christ Mtg. @Teaberries

Feb 5 Parish Nurse Day

Feb 5 Scouts Sunday- Luncheon @ FIC For All

Feb 20 President's Day/Church Office Closed
Women of Today Meeting

Feb 25 Scout - Blue & Gold Banquet @FIC

Mar 3 Loyal Followers of Christ Meeting

Mar 5 Prayer Partners Mtg./Parish Nurse Day

Mar 7 Victorian Village Condo Mtg. @ FIC

Mar 9 Lenten Dinner & Worship

Mar 16 Lenten Dinner & Worship

Mar 19 Scout Pinewood Derby @ FIC

Mar 21 Women of Today Mtg.

Mar 23 Lenten Dinner & Worship



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