



The Joyful Noise

2016

“Transformed by Christ”

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!*
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is
— his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
Romans 12:2 NIV



I am in the midst of a soccer season coaching with my wife a group of young ladies who are mostly in the 8th grade. In the first game we really weren't challenged and the game was a blowout. The next two games were close and challenging with the team coming up on the short side by a goal at the end of each game. Discouraging results for the girls.

To move from that discouragement, now is the time to take the level of playing up a notch. To do that it will take two things, both on the part of the players. First - focus and intensity in practice. Second - apply what we teach in practice in the game. It takes both. For how you practice directly impacts how you play in the game. Personal experience knows that it is near impossible to excel in a game when one skips practice or simply slacks off in practice.

To take it to the next level it takes intense desire. Intense repetition in the drills to gain the skill. Intense focus with a heart desire to learn what the coach is teaching. A hunger to get better and better and better. Something that comes from inside like a heart on fire.

Now we expect that to happen in the hearts and lives of those who play sports. Should we not apply the same thinking to the importance of the Faith in our hearts and in the heart and life of a child? For we will live forever.

Should not "I have to get to practice, I can't miss practice" be mirrored with "I have to get to church, I can't miss church"? Should not desire and encouragement with cheering to practice hard and learn the skills be mirrored with desire and encouragement with cheering to passionately learn the truths of the Faith? Should not the looking to the future excelling in the sport be mirrored with looking to being a disciple fully involved in a local congregation?

The intensity we seem so naturally to place in sports can also be placed in growing the Faith as fully involved in a local congregation. What does this mean for you? First focus intensely in Worship and Bible study. Second - apply what you learn from God's Word in study and through worship in daily life. For how you invest yourself in congregational worship to the Lord and in Bible study of His Word will directly impact your ability to live out that Word and His Will in your daily life.

Christ did not suffer on the cross, shed His blood as atoning sacrifice to simply improve you. No, Christ did this to redeem you and transform you. To redeem you from sin and death and transform you into a new creation. Following Christ is not something to be dabbled in, but rather following Christ is intensely immersing yourself in Him and give your all just as He gave His all for you.

Just as a soccer team can metamorphose through intense focus in practice, a congregation can be changed, renewed, and revitalized by each of our hearts hungering for more of Jesus. Each one determined to be in Worship, ready to intensely and passionately praise God. Simply said, it is done for sports, Shall we not do same and do more for your Faith in Christ? Then see what the Lord will do!

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for human masters"*
Colossians 3:23

Intensely trying to live the Faith,
Pastor Jeff

Prayer Moment:

"The power of prayer has never been tried to its full capacity in any church. If we want to see mighty wonders of divine grace and power wrought in the place of weakness, failure and disappointment, let the whole Church answer God's standing challenged; "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knows not."

J. Hudson Taylor



**Almighty God, we call unto You!
Have mercy and hear our prayer.
Show us great and mighty things!
Holy Spirit rush through us like wildfire.
Set our hearts ablaze!
Turn our desires to Kingdom things.
Help us lay our lives down for Kingdom causes.
Unleash Your power in our souls.
We are Your Church.
We need Your Power!
Now show Your Mighty Hand!
We ask in Jesus' Name!
Amen!**

Listen Online to a Sunday Sermon Message

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.

**Walking in the Word –
Tuesday Night Bible Study
Oct. 4th, 18th, and 25th
Nov. 1st, 15th, and 29.**



Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm. 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 towards one another too. We conclude by 8:15 P.M.



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.

Children's Sunday School



Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

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.

TNT Annual Party Thursday Oct. 27th

The congregation is invited to join the TNT'ers and bring a bag of candy at 7:00 p.m. to pass out to the kids as they parade around the church.

Everyone is invited to stay for the Awesome Party too.

The party will end at 8:10 p.m.!

Trix R For Kids



Saturday November 12th 5:30 PM

Casseroles & Karaoke



Join us for an evening of fun and laughter and some great food. Bring a main casserole or a side dish to share. And then join in the fun of singing some Karaoke in a group or as a solo.

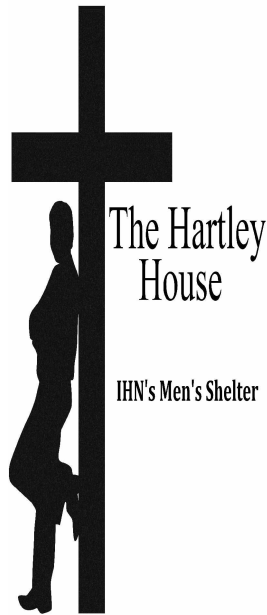
Please sign up when the sign up sheet is set out in the narthex. Once The Ohio State at Maryland Football game start time has been announce, we'll adjust the time of the event as needed.

Undie Sunday was a smashing success!

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful, caring congregation. Your generous donations undies, undershirts, undershorts and socks, for the men of the Hartley House, IHN's Men's Shelter, are greatly appreciated.

With your help we were able to collect 342 items of Undershirts, boxers, and Socks along with an additional \$60 to meet the needs of the men of Hartley House.

A big round of applause goes out to the **WinS Board** for sponsoring this project and for providing a wonderful Fellowship time. The ice cream sundaes were enjoyed by all.



Special Congregation Meeting Sunday Dec. 4, 2016

Dear Members of Faith,

The Congregation Council of Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church has called a special Congregational Meeting of Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. The meeting will take place immediately after the worship service (approximately 11:45 a.m.) on Sunday, December 4, 2016. There will be one item on the agenda for this meeting:

- to approve a ministry plan (budget) for 2017 for Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As per constitutional guidelines, this will be the only item on the agenda and will be the only business conducted at this special congregational meeting. Thirty voting members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of voting members present and voting is required for any action.

Your church council is preparing a recommended ministry plan for 2017. This recommendation will be available in the church office as soon as it is finalized.

Please plan to attend the special meeting on December 4th. Questions regarding the ministry plan may be directed to any council member.

Beth Brown

President, Faith in Christ

Jeff Lee

Pastor, Faith in Christ

Thank you for your partnership in ministry,

Beth Brown,

President, Congregation Council,

Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Jeffrey Lee,

Pastor, Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday Nov. 23rd at 7 P.M.

The Lord provides in so many ways for our daily life. Rain drops and sunshine fall on the fields that yield the food we eat. Gifts from our Great God! Come and give

thanks. Thanksgiving Eve worship will include Holy Communion.



Decorating for Advent and Christmas

Sat. Nov. 26th, 10 A.M.

Come and share in the joy of preparing for Advent and Christmas. We have numerous Christmas trees that need to be assembled and then decorated. There are tasks for all ages. We will also enjoy a snack together.

Teen Servants

Teen Servants is for all Youth in Grades 7 through 12

October 2nd

Shopping for and Working at IHN's Food Pantry
Bring money to buy lunch; May be back later than 2 PM

October 9th

Fall Hike! Picnic at John Bryan!

October 16th

Scavenger Hunt

October 23rd

Dunk'n Doughnuts!

October 30th

No Teen Servants. Confirmation Class is providing worship

service at Good Shepherd Nursing Home

November 6th

Shopping for and Working at IHN's Food Pantry Bring money
to buy lunch; May be back later than 2 PM

November 13th

"Setting the Stage" Part 2

November 20th

No Teen Servants.

Confirmation is on retreat at Lutheran Memorial Camp

November 27th

No Teen Servants - Happy Thanksgiving

Faith in Christ is on Facebook

Visit Faith in Christ's Facebook page for updates and info
throughout the week. "Like" the page and share with your
friends. Get the word out how special we are!



*Prayer
Shawl*

Group

It has been reported that our supply of “Prayer Shawls” is getting a little low. These are the shawls, afghans, and lap robes that we give out to lift the spirits of someone who is ill, has lost a loved one, needs some comforting, or has some other sort of need in their life.

The item can be knitted, crocheted, quilted, tied (fleece), etc. The main criteria is that it is made by hand and that the maker offer prayers for a person who will eventually receive the item as you make it.

The Pregnancy Resource Clinic 2016 Annual Fundraising Banquet A Dinner-Theater Event Friday, October 28

Luncheon: 11:30 am - 1 pm. Dinner: 6:30 - 8:30 pm
register by phone: 937-525-3781
RSVP: by October 20, 2016

Event Location:

**Hollenbeck Bayley Conference Center
275 S. Limestone St., Springfield**

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor
and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of
the wicked...[Psalm 82:3-4]



Confirmation Retreat

Mark Your Calendar for:

Friday November 18 -

Sunday November 20

Spring Run Lodge, Lutheran Memorial Camp

Please contribute \$25 for the retreat and meals.

We will leave Friday night at 6:30 P.M. from the church.

Make sure you have already eaten dinner.

We will return Sunday at 3:00 P.M.

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Technical Director	Tony Rogers
Confirmation Ministry	Dave & Holly Hare
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