



The Joyful Noise

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2015

“I Believe - Walking with Christ in the Adventure of Faith”

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”

Luke 5:4 (NIV)



PRAYER IS POWERFUL!!! Let there be no doubt in your mind or in your heart.
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“No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for.

God sometimes delays, but He always comes.” ~ Martin Luther

Five young college students were spending a Sunday in London, so they went to hear the famed C.H. Spurgeon preach. While waiting for the doors to open, the students were greeted by a man who asked, “Gentlemen, let me show you around. Would you like to see the heating plant of this church?” They were not particularly interested, for it was a hot day in July. But they didn't want to offend the stranger, so they consented. The young men were taken down a stairway, a door was quietly opened, and their guide whispered, “This is our heating plant.” Surprised, the students saw 700 people bowed in prayer, seeking a blessing on the service that was soon to begin in the auditorium above. Softly closing the door, the gentleman then introduced himself. It was none other than Charles Spurgeon. (Our Daily Bread)

Throughout history, defining moments of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit came as the answer to prayer. Hands and hearts joined together knowing that the answer of all the challenges of life is found only in God. Lifting hands and hearts in prayer to the Lord our God with burdens for the lost, the broken, and all who are held captive by sin. Believers prayed, and prayed, and prayed some more. They kept praying, calling on the Lord God to come in mercy and power, full of compassion, and redeem lost souls.

We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth."
~ Andrew Murray

That is why I am calling Faith in Christ to Prayer. How we'll actually go about beginning prayer meetings and praying together at this time I just don't know. I do know beyond any doubt, WE NEED TO PRAY. As the Church fo Jesus Christ at Faith in Christ, we need to pray.

Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between His will and its accomplishment on earth. Amazing things happen, and we are given the privilege of being the channels of the Holy Spirit's prayer.
~ Elisabeth Elliot

We don't need to find another program to do. We don't need to jump on the bandwagon of the latest fade. What we need are hearts broken by the burden of prayer. Hearts longing to see the transforming power of grace found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ bring a soul dead in sin to life in Jesus Christ. We need what only God can offer and the means of carrying that need to the Father is Prayer.

There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer.
~ Arthur Tappan Pierson

Look for more in the coming weeks as we plan together to pray together. In preparation, please listen again to the sermons from September 6th and 13th which can be found on Pastor's page on our website www.ficlc.net and pray to hear the message in your heart.

Praying in Jesus' Name,
Pastor Jeff

Prayer Moment:



Father, turn my heart towards You when I rise in the morning. Turn my heart towards You as I eat my lunch. Turn my heart towards You as I prepare to close my eyes at night to sleep. From my waking to my sleeping, Lord be the center of my heart and center of my life. I pray in the Name of Your Son, Jesus. 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.

**Kids Hope USA at Northridge Elementary in partnership
with Vineyard Church of Northridge**

Vineyard Church has partnered with Kids Hope USA over the past several years to mentor students at Northridge Elementary. They now invite Faith in Christ to join with them in making a difference in a child's life at Northridge Elementary.

Would you consider giving an hour a week to mentor a child? Would you consider helping nurture the heart of an at risk child? Just a commitment of an hour a week can make a transforming difference in the child that will change the course of life. Vineyard Church's Kids Hope USA program director will train and support you.

Please see Pastor Jeff to learn more and make a difference in a child's heart.

**Walking in the Word –
Tuesday Night Bible Study
Oct. 6th, 20th, 27th and
Nov. 3rd, 17th, 24th at 7 P.M.**



Come and Studying the Bible with your brothers and sisters in Christ on Tuesdays at 7 pm.

We are in Nehemiah right now and the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. Soon will be taking walk with C. S. Lewis and his very influential book Mere Christianity.

Mere Christianity is a classic of Christian Apologetics and has become one of the most influential books on basic Christian Faith. Chuck Colson pointed to Mere Christianity as bringing him to Christian Faith and transforming his heart and life to become a disciple of Jesus Christ.

We concluded 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

Calling all young Disciples of Jesus!
Come and grow in your life walk with Jesus in 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 and make an eternal difference in a child's life.



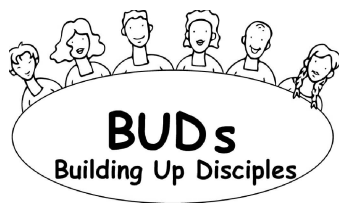
**Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.**
Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Hymn Sing for FIC's Homebound Sunday Oct. 18th

All are invited to join together after church on Sunday, October 18th to share some Christian cheer with our homebound members. Please bring a brown bag lunch to eat after worship as well as your Joyous spirit.

Let's go Hymn Singing





B.U.D.s Upcoming Ministry Calendar

Sunday Oct 4th

Ultimate Day -
build your own

Sub, Ultimate Frisbee and Frisbee Golf
after Church! Bring change of clothes
and tennis shoes - Ends at 2 P.M.



Sunday Oct. 18th

Hymn Singing - bring a sack lunch and we'll join with
others to HYMN sing to our homebound.

Christian Clowning

Sunday Nov. 15th

Clowning Around - First we'll host the
Fellowship time following the special
congregation meeting and then CLOWN
AROUND. Ending at 2 P.M.



Sunday Nov. 29th

Good Shepherd Nursing Home - We'll bring God's Word to
Good Shepherd and then have a FAST FOOD
THANKSGIVING Teen Feast. Bring \$\$\$ and we'll end at 5
P.M.

TNT Annual Party Thursday Oct. 29th

The congregation is invited to join the
TNT'ers that evening and to bring a bag of
candy at 7:45 p.m. to pass out to the kids
as they parade around the church.

Everyone is invited to stay for the
Awesome Halloween Party.

The party will end at 8:30 p.m.!



Trix R For Kids



TWIGS

TWIGS Meet Sunday Nights
6 to 7:30 P.M.

The TWIGS (Teen Working In God's
Service) will begin their weekly
meetings Sunday, September 20th.

TWIGS meet every Sunday evening
from 6-7:30 pm and is open to all 9th
through 12th graders. Please check the calendar on the
youth ministries board or the TWIGS page on the
website (www.ficlc.net) for updates!

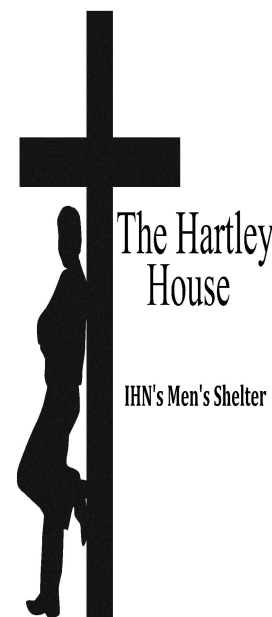
Undie Sunday was a smashing success!

Thank you so much to all of our
wonderful, caring congregation. Your
generous donations of
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:

86 Undershirts
92 Undershorts
69 Pairs of Socks

247 Total Items of Clothing



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 and baked
goods were delicious and enjoyed by all.

Thank You to the Men of Faith in Christ!

Thank you Men of Faith in Christ for preparing and hosting the Cook Out on August 30th. The food was FANTASTIC! Another thank you to all who brought side dishes. They were FABULOUS! The Lord Bless You.



Special Congregation Meeting Sunday Nov. 15, 2015

Dear Member 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, November 15, 2015. There will be two items on the agenda for this meeting:

- to vote “yes” or “no” on the North American Lutheran Church Convocation’s action to amend Articles 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 of the NALC Constitution, and
- to approve a ministry plan (budget) for 2016 for Faith in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As per constitutional guidelines, these two items 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.

An explanation of the proposed amendments to the NALC Constitution is provided.

Your church council is preparing a recommended ministry plan for 2016. This recommendation will be available in the church office as soon as it is finalized.

Please plan to attend the special meeting on November 15. Questions regarding any of the constitutional amendments and/or the ministry plan may be directed to any council member. The contact information for the council president and the pastor is provided.

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

NALC Constitutional Amendments

In addition to the participation of congregational delegates at Convocation, NALC congregations are asked, at times, to ratify the action of the annual Convocation. As a result of the action of the 2015 Convocation, each congregation is now asked to schedule a duly called congregational meeting for the purpose of voting “yes” or “no” on the Convocation’s action to amend Articles 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 of the NALC Constitution.

Earlier this year, following a review of its organizational direction, Lutheran CORE amended its constitution to remove all references to specific Lutheran denominations. Those amendments included removing references to the Joint Commission on Theology and Doctrine, which had been a joint commission for Lutheran CORE and the NALC.

Following this action by Lutheran CORE, the NALC Executive Council proposed amendments to the NALC Constitution to remove “Joint” from the name of the commission. The Executive Council did so for the following reasons: 1) Lutheran CORE as an organization is no longer participating in the commission; 2) the vast majority of the commission’s activity to date has been at the request of the NALC; and 3) the NALC is now providing sole support for the commission.

Most of the proposed amendments are simple deletions. The proposed amendments to Article 12.01 describe an amended procedure for appointing members of the commission, which would allow for the appointment of non-NALC members provided such individuals agree to act in accordance with the NALC Confession of Faith. They could be individual Lutheran CORE members who are members of another Lutheran church. The proposed amendments to Articles 12.02 and 13.02 provide more concise and clear wording on the role of the Commission on Theology and Doctrine in ecumenical relations.

A black-lined copy of the amendments related to the change in relationship between Lutheran CORE and the NALC that were approved by the voting delegates to the 2015 NALC Convocation is available in the church office or online at <http://thenalc.org/2015convocationrecap/#Reports>.

These proposed constitutional amendments were approved by the voting delegates to the Convocation, reflecting a change in relationship between Lutheran CORE and the NALC. The above-referenced amendments must be ratified by 2/3 of NALC congregations voting within six months of the conclusion of the Convocation before they will go into effect.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Wednesday Nov. 25th 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. 28th, 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.

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.

If you have any questions, please see Cindy Post.

Women in Service



You're Invited!

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The Women in Service (WinS) cordially invites the ladies of Faith In Christ to our annual

WinS LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 17th @ 11:30am

Our program will be a hands-on demonstration of simple cooking tips and low-stress holiday appetizers for your upcoming holiday gatherings. (The best part? We will get to enjoy the "fruits of our labor" at the end!)

All are welcome, invite your friends! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank all of you for the wonderful and heartfelt Retirement Celebration. . . for the gifts, cards, and well-wishes. A great big thank you goes out to my fellow WinS/WOT'ers for the celebration with good food and drinks. Everything was delicious! And an extra big thank you goes out to Heather Lee for the fantastic cake with the cute little Church Mouse figure on it. Why, it looked just like me, it did. The beautiful silver engraved tray is a gem, as is the surprise shadow box of my "ChMous" license plate. Who knew my husband snuck out and actually removed it from the van and replaced it with our recently expired plate from the car?

Thank you all so much!
Cindy (fka - The Church Mouse)