

FAITH NEWSLETTER

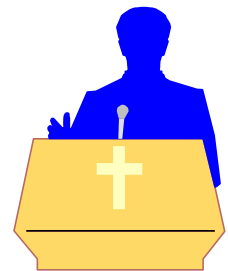
December 2007 / January 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The interim period between called Pastors at Faith is the start of a journey for our congregation. Our Lord above has seen the need for a change at Faith and has set us upon this journey. Be assured that the leadership of Faith is attentive to the ongoing needs of the congregation and is actively working to ensure those needs are cared for during the transition to the next pastor.

Communion will be celebrated on Sunday December 2nd, 16th and 30th per normal schedule with guest pastors at Faith. Guest pastors will also preach on Sunday December 9th and Christmas Eve, Monday December 24th. We presently do not have a commitment from a pastor for worship services on Sunday December 23rd and Christmas Day. An Elder will conduct the two worship services if we are unsuccessful finding a guest pastor.

A resolution to call the Reverend Ronald L. Simpson as *Half-Time Interim Pastor* commencing on January 1, 2008 and continuing until a full-time pastor begins ministry at Faith, or until the Reverend Ronald L. Simpson receives a full-time call to another ministry will be presented to the voters on Sunday November 25 after the 9:00 AM worship service for approval. Let us all pray together that the Reverend Simpson's time at Faith will be a blessing to him and to the congregation and also recognize that *God does provide*.



The beginning of the month of December is a great time of the year for all of God's people. The Thanksgiving holiday, when we celebrate all of God's many gifts to us, is still fresh in our minds and we joyously look forward to Christmas and God's greatest gift.

Come, you thankful people come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
(LW 495)

I am trusting you to guide me;
You alone shall lead,
Every day and hour supplying
All my need.
I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.
(LW 408)

During the pastoral vacancy we all need to trust in the Lord and as a congregation come together in prayer, in commitment and with a determination in our hearts, body and mind to make Faith a vibrant place for God's work.

In Christ's service,

Frank Oslakovic

Congregation Chairman
(708) 599-6675

In and Around Faith Church

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Our ladies are invited to the Christmas Tea at St. Paul Church Oak Lawn, Dec. 2, 2007 at 2:00 PM. Come and spend a lovely afternoon in preparation for the Christmas season. If you plan on attending please let me know.

Grace Scott

Faith Ladies Aid

November proved to be one of our Ladies busiest months. Thanks to all who helped at our Christmas Bazaar. Also thanks to all who attended and help make our event a success. It was truly a day of fellowship and fun.

We want to give a big thank you to Mary Slepki for organizing the trip to see "The Rockettes". What a memorable performance culminating with the live Nativity.

As we bid farewell to Pastor and Anna, we wish to thank her for all the enthusiasm she gave us. We pray that one of our congregation ladies will come and fill her chair. This is an open invitation for the ladies of Faith to attend our Christmas party, Thursday, Dec. 6th at 6:30 PM. Bring a dish for the common table and a \$5.00 optional grab bag gift.

Faith Ladies Aid sends their prayers to you for a Blessed Christmas and New Year. A special "HELLO" to Hertha, our Sunshine Lady. We miss you!

Kathleen Nowak
Membership Chairman



Sincere Appreciation

A special thank you to the following contributors to our Fall Bazaar:

The Chicago Cubs
The Chicago White Sox
The Chicago Bulls
The Wolves
Fairplay Foods
Moraine Valley Theater
Members of Faith

Your donations helped make our Bazaar a huge success.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For those of you who still may not know, I accepted a call that was extended to me to serve as pastor at St. John the Baptist Lutheran Church in Emporia, Virginia. It was a tough decision made with numerous considerations in mind and lots of prayers lifted to the Lord. While many of you expressed heartfelt sadness, others shared their disappointment but all of you enveloped Anna and me in Christian love.

So I encourage all of you to work together to do God's Kingdom work for His glory. Thank you for your love, care, and concern for Anna and me since our arrival in August 2005. I have been privileged and blessed by God to serve you as your pastor and as a brother in Christ. I am confident that you will embrace your next pastor with the same love and respect that you showed me. Remember that you are wonderfully made and redeemed by God so, first and foremost, faithfully... **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"** (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Steve Bocklage

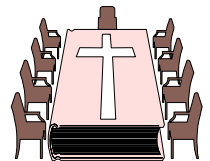
Schedule of Dec.2007 / Jan. 2008 Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>December Event</u>
1	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
2	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
9	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Meeting with NID Rep.
15	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
16	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
23	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
25	9:00 AM	Christmas Day Worship
30	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>January Event</u>
5	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
6	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
13	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
19	9:00 AM	Food Pantry Distribution
20	9:00 AM	Worship / Communion
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class
27	9:00 AM	Worship / Children's Msg.
	10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class

Weekly Meetings

AA Groups	M & F - 6:00 PM
	Sat - 8:00 AM
Bible Study	Fri. - 10:30 AM
Girl Scouts	Tu - 3:30 PM F - 6:30 PM
ALANON	Tu - 7:00 PM
Choir	W - 6:30 PM
Ladies Aid	(First) - Th. - 7:00 PM



Thought of the Day

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

Jesus is with us to weep with us to laugh with us. He is with us to hear our confession of sins to shower us with His forgiveness. He is with us in times of ease and times of stress to calm our fears, to encourage us to overcome our weaknesses and to fill us with His love. He is with us to guide and protect us, to caution, heal and save us. He is with us to take away our sin and to give us blessedness, and peace. He is with us at the end of one year and at the beginning of a new year.

Exerpt from Portals of Prayer 2007

December / January Elders, Ushers & Lay Readers

<u>Worship</u>	<u>9:00 AM Sunday</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>9:00 AM Sunday</u>
Dec. 2	Frank Oslakovic Bill Weems Nick Trojanowski Glenn Werth	Jan. 6	Alden Ketchum Bill Weems Mark Trojanowski Dory Moeller
Dec. 9	Alden Ketchum Howard Johnson Bob Stegman	Jan. 13	Ed Neaves Gail Henson Mary Slepski
Dec. 16	Ed Neaves Gene Osmanski Christina Trojanowski Elise Trojanowski	Jan. 20	Richard Clark Frank Oslakovic Nick Trojanowski Howard Johnson
Dec. 23	Richard Clark Howard Johnson Dory Moeller	Jan. 27	Gene Osmanski Bob Stegman Christina Trojanowski
Dec. 24	<u>Christmas Eve 7:00 PM</u> Richard Clark Ed Neaves Bill Weems	<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>9:00 AM Sunday</u>
Dec. 25	<u>Christmas Day 9:00 AM</u> Frank Oslakovic Alden Ketchum Gene Osmanski Mark Trojanowski	Jan. 6	Mark Trojanowski
Dec. 30	Frank Oslakovic Bill Weems Al Skopec Andrea Skopec	Jan. 13	Ed Neaves
<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>9:00 AM Sunday</u>	Jan. 20	Nick Trojanowski
Dec. 2	Bill Weems	Jan. 27	Christina Trojanowski
Dec. 9	Mark Trojanowsk		
Dec. 16	Gene Osmanski		
Dec. 23	Debbie Hochgesang		
Dec. 30	Frank Oslakovic		

