

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH FAMILY

For the Lord's healing and protecting hand on:

Bobby Rice, who suffered a stroke.

Jennifer Rowe, Vicki Harden's daughter-in-law, with bone cancer;

Dorel Antim, with ongoing health concerns.

Bob Powell, prayers for healing after suffering a stroke.

Alice Robenson, who suffered a stroke.

John Samson, who has colon cancer.

Veronica, Dorel's daughter, who is terminally ill.

Tammy Kwiatkowski, who is in recovery after a recent surgery.

Margaret Clarke, who is starting 6 month chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Madonna Sandunsky, with health concerns during pregnancy.

Arlene Milton's relative **Peter**, who is recovering from a stroke, and her niece's husband,

Dick Hoyt, who has bacterial meningitis.

Mike Butala, step-father of Pastor Wenz, who is recovering from surgery.

Jimmy Soria, who has a staph infection in his leg.

Carol Cope, daughter of Verna Vogt, with colon cancer.

Sarah Tehkanan, recovering from broken hip.

Don Donaldson, who had surgery on Tues, Nov. 16th.

Thank You For:

For Those That Are Home Bound:

Vern Formoe, Jim Godec, Grace Eckhardt, Vivian Criswell.

Those in the Military:

Robert Hureto, Eric David Martz, Oscar Acabal & Bradley Carpenter in Iraq;

Daniel Loeschen who is now at Fort Hood, TX;

Jeremy Jackson and Rod Dove who are in Afghanistan;

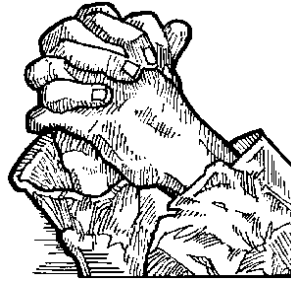
Rick M. Ferrell who is at Fort Carson, CO;

Joshua Kwiatkowski who is stationed in Le Moore, CA;

Ryan German, who is on the USS Enterprise in Norfolk, VA;

Chris German, who is stationed at Bremerton, WA;

Comfort For:



FAITH
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

*"Bringing
God's
Children
Home"*

Rev. Paul Wenz
Pastor



Caitlin St. John
Organist



Sundays:
Worship
Services
8:00 and 10:30 am

Bible Study
& Sunday School
9:15 am



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If you are need of prayers please contact the office or Heather Svika (951) 688-3827 so we can add your prayers to our prayer chain and be aware of your needs.

Worship Service
First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2010—8:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 28, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Today we begin not just a season but a whole new Church Year. On the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30), the Church enters the Advent, Christmas, Epiphany cycle. Far more than a look back to the birth of Jesus Christ, Advent has a present focus in Christ's coming to us now in Word and Sacrament. There is also a forward focus in the Christ who has promised to return at the end of days and bring to completion what He began in His incarnation. Between Christ's first coming as the Son of Mary and His return in glory as Lord and Judge of all, we live in the dark days of a world with problems and conflicts where tests and trials face both the individual Christian and the Church. In these dark times, it is even more important that we recognize the path of light we have in Christ and walk in His light.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

OPENING HYMN "The Advent of Our God" *LSB 331*

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

People: **So let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**
Romans 13:12

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Silence for self-examination)

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You this day, O Lord. Some of my sin I know--- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness and I pray You to deliver and restore me, a lost and condemned sinner.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Philippians 1:6)* The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Do you like to sing?** Would you like to join your voice in Faith's Christmas Choir? The choir is now practicing with Kedma Wenz on Monday nights at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Singers and actors are needed for this year's Christmas Musical on Christmas Eve.
- Advent Suppers begin Wed. Dec. 1st at 6 pm. Join us for a meal before the service at 7 pm. A freewill donation may be given. Bring your family and friends! Our Advent theme this year is "It's About Time!"

Christmas Open House
Sunday, Dec. 12th between
3:00 - 6:00 p.m

Pastor and Kedma Wenz invite you to their house at:

15811 Skyridge Dr.
Riverside, CA 92503

(call church or our home at 951-352-6554 for directions)



Upcoming Worship Schedule 2010

- Dec. 1 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Advent Services
- Dec. 8 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Advent Services
- Dec. 15 at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m. – Mid-week Advent Service
- Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. – Children's Christmas Program
- 11:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve candlelight service
- Dec. 25 at 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Worship Service

Leave your checkbook at home.

*Faith Lutheran Church Accepts
Electronic Giving, EFT (checking/Savings)*

A Simple, Generous Choice

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our Church. Please contact Bruce Duerfeldt to learn how you can participate.



Be Apart of a Unique Ministry!

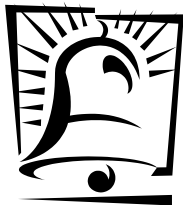
The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) uses your invested dollars to help build churches and schools. It is truly a unique way to help God's kingdom grow, at the same time your investment grows. See Bruce Duerfeldt today for more information or you can call LCEF at 1-800-843-5233

NOW IS THE TIME FOR FLU SHOTS!

Flu clinic hours are Mon—Fri. 8:00 am to 11:30 am and 1:00 pm—4:00pm

Riverside Neighborhood Health Center
7140 Indiana Ave. Riverside, CA 92504

MORE LOCATIONS ARE LISTED ON FLYER ON BULLETIN BOARD IN NARTHEX



JOIN THE BELL CHOIR!

Bell Choir Sign-ups now
For Christmas!
(see list in narthex)
Practices TBD
Directed by Tim Noel

"Early Communion Class for all 5th graders and up"

Pastor Wenz will be starting an Early Communion class to prepare 5th graders or other students in 5th through 8th grade who have not yet taken this class, to receive Holy Communion. We will start on January 9, 2011 and the next three Sundays after church from noon till 1 pm. To sign up please contact Pastor Wenz or the church office. A work book will be provided.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE—The Candle of Hope *Wenz Family*

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a King in the line of David. They spoke how He would rule the world wisely and bless all nations. God said of Jesus through the Prophet Isaiah:

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope." – Matthew 12:18-21

As followers of Christ, we await His return. We light this candle to remember that as He came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so He is coming again in power to deliver us, His people. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch in certain hope for His return.

Let us pray: Loving Father, we thank you for the hope you give us through Jesus, Your Son and our Savior. By the working of the Holy Spirit prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord.

☐ Amen.

1 Light one can-dle for hope, one bright can-dle for
hope, He brings hope to ev - 'ry heart, He
ending first time | *ending second time*
comes! He comes! comes! He comes!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Be seated

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:² In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.³ Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord;
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13: 11-14

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord;
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter:

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:⁵ "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**



FROM THE TREASURER . . .	
FOR THE WEEK AT FAITH: 11/21/2010	
Attendance: 8 am—92, 10:30 am—67	
Amount needed per week (average) to operate our Church:	\$4,100.00
Last week's offering for expenses for the Lord's work at Faith:	\$
Difference	-\$
Dedicated Funds offerings (for specific programs or purpose):	\$

From Social Ministries:

Social Ministries is **no longer** able to accept new applications for our Food Distribution. We thank you for your generous donations to keep this ministry of love going! Also, a reminder that Social Ministries only accepts FOOD donations. If you have clothing, toys, or any other types of donations, there is a Salvation Army drop off truck located at the WalMart on Van Buren.

*Social Ministries is now collecting jackets, blankets, and sleeping bags to provide for the homeless during colder weather. We are accepting new and used ones. All used items need to be in good condition. We are **not accepting any other clothing at this time!***



CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas, far away from their families. By donating used cell phones, provides families a much needed connection to their loved ones. Cell phones for soldiers was founded by two teenagers Robbie & Brittney Berguist from Norwell, Mass. Since starting the project more than 500,000 calling cards have been distributed to soldiers overseas.

I am proud to see FLC donating so many used cell phones for this program. As of March 2010, you have donated 49 cell phones to be recycled.

Thank You,
Carolyn Donaldson

Starting Monday January 1st at 6 pm Woman's Bible Study will be held in the Fellowship Hall. For more information please contact Karen Rice after 5 pm.

Those Serving and Assisting You in God's Service Today:

Pastor Paul Wenz – Organist, Caitlin St. John

Altar Guild	8:00 a.m.	Katherine Cross
	10:30 am	Ruby Doucette
Elder	8:00 am	Joe Kwiatkowski
	10:30 am	David Tito
	This week at Faith: Nov. 28, 2010	
** Today**	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	11:00 am	Bible Study at Whispering Fountains
	1:00 pm	Advent Midweek Service
	6:00 pm	Bell choir practice & ADVENT SUPPER
	7:00 pm	Advent Midweek Service
	8:00 pm	Christmas Choir Practice
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Friday		
Saturday	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 am	Traditional Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service



A BIG Thank You to Katherine Cross, Louise Jackson, Susie Fairfax, Anna Wahlstrom and everyone else that helped make our Thanksgiving Dinner a big success!! God Bless You All.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Missy Creacy

SERMON HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB 357, vv. 1-3

SERMON "There Is No Peace of any Kind Unless There Is First Peace with God" by Pastor Paul Wenz

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray on behalf of the world, all people as they have need, and the household of the faithful. . .

(Silence for prayer and meditation)

Pastor: that we may not walk in the darkness of sin and its death but in the light of the Lord; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That we may be steadfast in faith during times of test, trial, and tribulation, that Jesus may find us faithful and ready when He comes again; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That all who suffer, all the sick, all the sorrowful, and all in need may call upon the Lord and be comforted (*especially* _____), that they may trust in God's grace for every trouble and circumstance; let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: That the nations may walk together in peace, that the leaders of the nations may act with integrity, wisdom, and justice for all people; let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That all who come to the Lord's table may have faith to receive all that is offered to us there and receive this Holy Communion for their benefit and blessing; let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ;

People: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(Sung, see LSB p. 178 for music)*

Holy, Holy Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, You made all things and still preserve them. You bore with us sinners when we rebelled against You and chose the path that made us captive to darkness, sin, and death. You sent forth the prophets to proclaim the hope of a Savior who would redeem us from all our afflictions. We give You thanks that Your Word has been fulfilled in the gift of Your Son, born of the virgin Mary, to be our Savior and Redeemer. He has won us back for You by His own death and resurrection and ever sustains us in faith by His Word and Spirit and the Means of Grace which impart them to us.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25)*

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord + be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *Sung, see LSB p. 180 for music)*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Prepare the Royal Highway" *LSB 343*
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries" *LSB 344*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord of Light, in the darkness of our sin and its death we had no place to turn but to You. You sent forth Your Light into our darkness and clothed us in the light of Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may live in His light and walk in His light, to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *LSB 340*

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*To God Alone Be the Glory!*