

# 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.

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 an infection in his leg.

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

**Sarah Tehkanan**, recovering from broken hip.

**William and Betty Winters'** grandson Demetrius, who was born on Sept. 4th, two months premature.

For Those That Are Home Bound:

**Vivian Criswell, Vern Formoe, Jim Godec, Norma Miller**

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 was deployed and on the USS Carl Vinson;

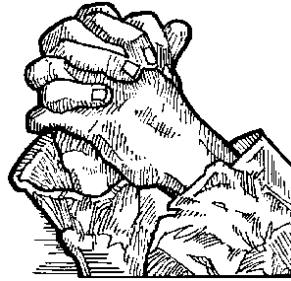
**Ryan German**, who is on the USS Enterprise in Norfolk, VA;

**Chris German**, who is stationed at Bremerton, WA;

Scott Donaldson, who is stationed in Sacramento, CA;

Comfort For:

**The family of Veronica Walkner** who passed away on Dec. 23rd.



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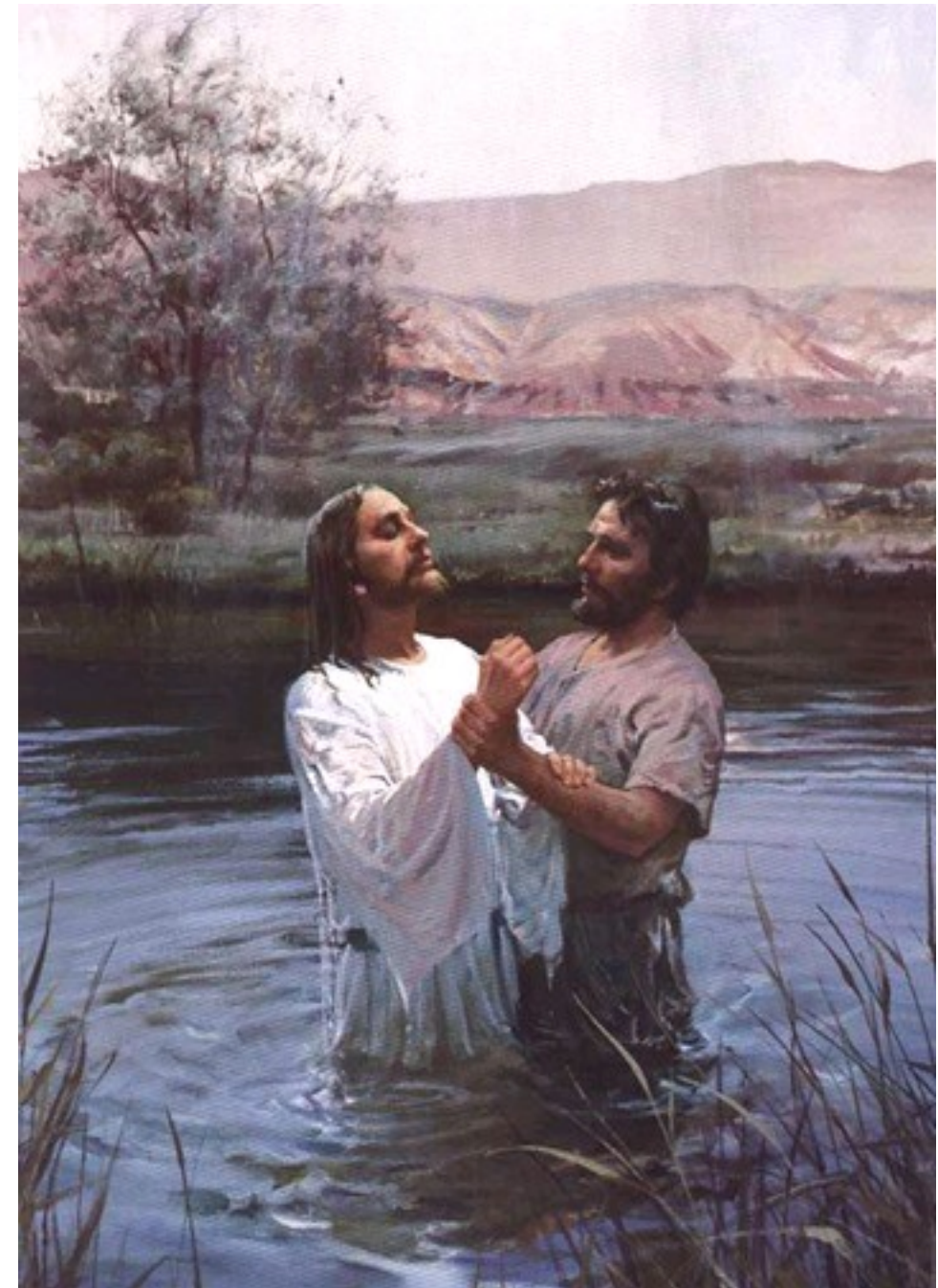
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*If you are need of prayers please contact the office or **Heather Svika** (951) 688-3827 so we can add your prayers to our prayer chain and be aware of your needs.*

**Worship Service  
Epiphany / The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 9, 2011—8:00 AM**

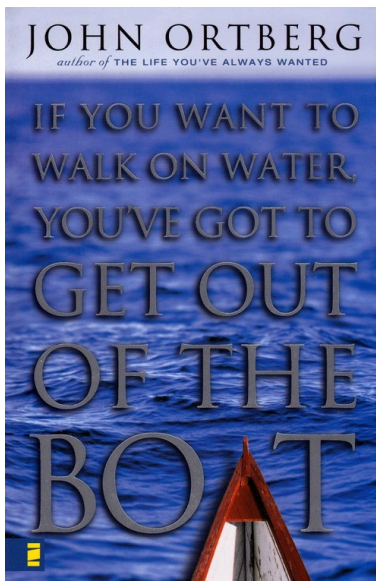


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**Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent  
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## Join a BIBLE STUDY during our Winter Sermon Series at Faith

In *If You Want to Walk on Water* you will learn how to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity so that we can faithfully follow the Lord who is calling us out onto the risky, exciting waters of the high seas.

**January 23– March 6, 2011!**

In conjunction with weekly sermons on the topics, there will be several small group studies on the days below:

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
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 ORDER YOUR STUDY BOOK TODAY!

Mondays @ 7 pm	Tuesdays @ 7 pm	Thursdays @ 10 am	Fridays @ 6:30 pm
<b>Leader:</b> Andy Shaffer	Rick Ferrell	Pastor Wenz	Forrest Fulk
Home study	Home study	Study at Church	Study at Church

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*Faith is equipped for the hearing impaired. An usher can provide you with a receiver.  
 A "Parents' Lounge," with a TV monitor displaying the entire service, is located off the north end of the lobby should young children become restless.*

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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. *John 20:19-23*

**People:** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;**

**Pastor:** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**+ WORD +**

**EPIPHANY GOSPEL READING** Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
 for out of you will come a ruler  
 who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

**EPIPHANY HYMN** "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" LSB 399

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 42: 1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”<sup>5</sup> This is what God the LORD says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

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

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 6: 1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; Death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Please Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 3: 13-17

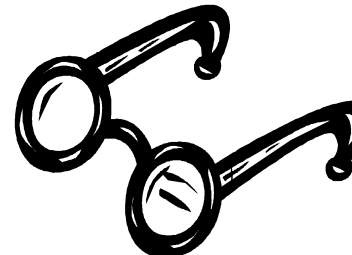
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter:  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



<b>FROM THE TREASURER . . .</b>	
FOR THE WEEK AT FAITH: <b>1/2/2011</b>	
<b>Attendance: 8 am—73, 10:30 am—57</b>	
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:	<u>\$2,297.30</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$1,802.70</b>
Dedicated Funds offerings (for specific programs or purpose):	\$208.00

*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!*



**Got Glasses?**

Do you have old eyeglasses that are just laying around the house? If so, then donate them today! Social Ministries is collecting old and used eye glasses to provide for the homeless and needy families. There will be a drop off box located in the Narthex. For more information please see Stephanie Michaud, or call the office.

**CELLPHONES FOR SOLDIERS**

As we begin a new year, please continue to remember our troops serving abroad and at home by donating your used cell phones. The phones are recycled and calling cards are provided to keep our troops connected to their loved ones at home.

For the year 2010, a total of 74 phones were donated.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Donaldson



If you would like to write to Joshua Kwiatkowski, please send your letters of encouragement to:

AOAN Kwiatkowski, Joshua  
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Pastor: For the Church here and around the world, that we not feel unworthy in our service, as did John the Baptist, but may spread the news of God's proclaimed favor in Christ. That those who make, administer, and judge the laws of all the nations would order society in peace and justice so that the Church may flourish, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who work in the healing arts, those who respond first in disasters, and those who protect us at home and while deployed in harm's way, that God would protect them in time of danger, give them courage to use their gifts for the good of all entrusted to their care, and guide them when making difficult decisions, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all who, like bruised reeds or faintly burning wicks, (*Isaiah 42:3*) cry out to God for compassion, strength, and healing [*including...*], that God would not let them grow faint or discouraged, but would visit and relieve them according to His gracious will, using us whenever possible to bring renewal of life and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That "the LORD give strength to His people [and] bless His people with peace," (*Psalms 29:11*) into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: 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. [*Psalms 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your 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: Blessed are You, creator of the heavens and the earth and all who live in them, blessed are You for giving Your Son for us, demonstrating Your faithfulness and love and effecting our salvation in complete grace. Gathered in His name, we ask that You strengthen us to faithfully receive Him as He comes under bread and wine. Gather us and all Your people of faith to the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**G** 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.**

*Be Seated*

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b>	"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" <i>LSB</i> 400
	"What Is This Bread" <i>LSB</i> 629
	"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" <i>LSB</i> 592

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**People: for His steadfast love endures forever.** (*Psalms 118:1*)

Pastor: We give thanks, Lord our God, that by faith we have beheld our Savior under bread and wine. It is He who fulfilled all Your promises and effected our salvation. Strengthen us by His body and blood so that we might walk in newness of life to the glory of Your holy name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty---the Father, "who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it" (*Isaiah 42:5*), the Son, "who was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, [that] we too might walk in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*), and the Holy Spirit, who at Jesus' Baptism, "descending like a dove [came] to rest on Him" (*Matthew 13:16*)---be upon you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Beautiful Savior" *LSB* 537