

Faith Church Summer Camp

When: July 25-29, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Who: Children ages 3 (as of January 1st) through kids finishing 5th grade

** Youth entering 7th grade and older can volunteer and earn 25 community service hours. Register online.*

Where: Faith Church Campus

Cost: \$55.00 per child before June 15th. \$75.00 after June 15th. Scholarships are available.

For online registration: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/faithchurchvbs>

Parents: Our camp is run by all volunteers and we ask that parents volunteer one day during our camp week. This helps us provide a safe place for children and youth. If you are unable to volunteer during the week, please contact Lisa Peters at Lisa@faithunited.org.

Welcome to Cave Quest: Following Jesus—the Light of the World

Each day, kids participate in small groups, called Cave Crews, and discover practical ways to follow Jesus, the light of the world! Not only will they experience exciting Bible adventures, but they'll also watch for God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. You and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that His light shines for us to see daily!

Cave Quest is filled with unforgettable Bible-learning experiences kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! KidVid Cinema shares real stories of real kids who are shining God's light in everyday life! Plus, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats keep everyone on the move.

For more information or question regarding our Vacation Bible School please contact Lisa Peters at lisa@faithunited.org.

Welcome to Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

In just a few short months, our church will be getting a subterranean makeover as we begin a gem of an adventure at Cave Quest VBS! Kids will worship Jesus through songs and prayer, experiment with Science-Fun Gizmos, and discover life-changing Bible truths in fun and memorable ways.

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. So let me share a few ideas about ways you might be able to make this program a success. Please check out the following list, and then pray about where God might use you.

Station Leaders: Use easy-to-follow station leader manuals and prepare one 20-minute session each day, which you will repeat with four different groups of approximately 20 kids. We need leaders for the following stations:

- Sing & Play Rock/Cave Quest Closing (daily opening and closing, includes leading songs)
- Imagination Station (fun, hands-on science experiments)
- Spelunker Sports & Games (*fun* games that reinforce Bible truths)
- Music Station (fun songs and motions)
- Cavern Café (helping kids make snacks)
- Deep Bible Quests (incredible, surprising explorations of Bible stories)
- Tad's Preschool Pool

Crew Leaders: Shepherd a mixed-age group of five elementary children through each day's activities. . . and there's no preparation!

Crew Leaders for preschoolers: Be a friend and helper to a group of five preschool children. . . again, no preparation required!

Still don't see something that interests you? We'd also love to have a . . .

- Registration team
- Decorating team
- Mission coordinator

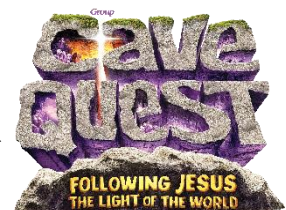
Guess what? There are also a few spots for anyone who's dramatically inclined! Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a place for you!

We believe that God will use this incredible program to reach many children with the ultimate message of his love, so please prayerfully consider your role in Cave Quest VBS. Feel free to contact me by email, phone, or in person if you have any questions.

Lisa Peters

Lisa@faithunited.org

You can log on to <http://www.faithunited.org>, click on the VBS button and register as a volunteer.



Message from Pastor Elizabeth



Dear friends,

I love living in Issaquah in the Spring: the depth of beauty on the mountainsides as the new green of fresh leaves joins the deeper color of the Evergreens would be inspiring enough, but to have tips of snow-capped mountains peeking over horizons makes for a stunning view. On sunny, beautiful days like today, it feels like the whole world is blooming with something new.

Things that before seemed too difficult to even try now feel like real possibilities.

It's in this season that we look forward to what God might be calling Faith Church to do next, and when we discern whom God might be calling into leadership and service in our congregation and community. While we're all a part of that discernment for the future of Faith Church, the recruitment of leaders is the work of the Nominations and Leadership Development Team, who meet monthly throughout the year to support and encourage your church leaders, and who develop a slate of new leaders each spring to take office beginning July 1.

Perhaps you've already gotten a call from a member of our team, asking about your gifts, talents, experience, and willingness to serve. Or maybe you've been feeling a tug in your heart to get more involved, to give back to the community that supports you so well, or to grow in your faith through service. Or maybe you're one of the dozens in this community who feels unprepared to lead or serve due to lack of experience or knowledge.

If you're already in touch with a member of our team, thank you for your openness and honesty as we all discern our next steps. If you are feeling a tug to serve in a particular area, please let me know! It's impossible for us to know the gifts and talents of every parishioner, so we rely on your discernment as we build leadership teams for the next year.

But if you're in that last category, thinking you couldn't possibly know enough to serve, or thinking you haven't been around long enough, or you're not a mature enough disciple, I hope you will open up your heart to the idea of serving, as well. None of our leadership positions require advanced degrees or superior Bible knowledge. We don't have any kind of test that you must pass before being able to serve. All that is required is a commitment to uphold the vows of membership (prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness), and a willingness to let God work through you.

Our church cannot function well without Sunday School teachers, youth group volunteers, kitchen workers (on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, especially), folks who can set up and clean up before and after events, people to run audio and visual technology during services; and those who have more specific gifts around finances, the encouragement and building up of staff-congregation relations, this work of recruiting and developing leaders, and stewarding the church's buildings and property for the work of ministry. All of these roles come with support and training, as needed. There are handbooks or mentors – or sometimes step-by-step instructions, in the case of Sunday School teachers – for each one. All that's missing is a heart willing to serve.

Will you spend time this month discerning where *you* are called to serve, how *you* are called to take the next step in your faith journey with the congregation at Faith Church?

With you on the journey,
Pastor Elizabeth

TRUSTEES

THANK YOU!!! Trustees would like to thank all of you who participated in our work day on Saturday, April 23!! Thank you to Rebecca for organizing it; to Liz for signing people in; to the lifters who assisted in moving the heavy items; the truck for hauling away the donations/trash; the ladies that cleaned the kitchen; the crew that worked in the yard; the Boy Scouts who came and worked very hard in many areas and for all the folks who lent a hand! **THANK YOU!**

Safe Church Update There will be an Abuse Awareness Training group session on *Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.* The training will take place in the Great Room of the Talbert building. Patti Hong will facilitate. Adult and youth volunteers who work with children are encouraged to attend!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Faith Café - May Schedule

May 4 - Games

May 11 - Service Project (Soup dinner)

May 18 - Bible Study

May 25 - Brunch at Egg & Us

Watch for our Fall Schedule in September!

Mark your calendars!

Friday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m.: Women's Fellowship in the Talbert Building.

Friday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.: Women's Fellowship in the Talbert Building.

February 3-5, 2017, Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend, WA.

The Women's Ministry Team is looking for a couple of committed women to facilitate special events and fellowship. If this is a ministry that has been calling to your heart, please contact Pastor Elizabeth, the office or check it on the Connection Card.

MUSIC MINISTRY

A number of our youth musicians have been practicing and rehearsing to share their talents with us at both services on May 8.

The children's choir is now rehearsing every week after second service in the choir room. They will also be sharing music with us on May 8 and on June 19 (Mother's Day and Father's Day). For

more information, please contact Melissa Bortnick (Melissa@faithunited.org). Thank you to both Melissa and to Kara Huntley for their leadership in this ministry!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 12 from 3:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m. Our praise band FaithWalk will be participating in a benefit concert for Atlantic Street Center held at Bothell UMC. A number of Methodist churches from our conference will be bringing bands/choirs/ensembles to participate in this event.

As part of an all-church clean-up effort, the choir room is currently being purged, cleaned, re-organized and painted, so be sure to take a peek in the next few weeks. Thank you to Trustees and everyone else involved in this clean-up!

Contact Pam Sloane thesloanes@comcast.net or Emily Cowgill emilycowgill@gmail.com. There is something for everyone in Faith's Music Ministry!

MISSIONS

Make a difference in our community!!

GIVE BLOOD. It's easy and takes only about one hour of your time. Faith Church Missions Ministry team will be hosting a blood drive through Bloodworks Northwest, Saturday June 4th, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (closed 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) in the Talbert building at Faith Church. For eligibility questions, contact the Blood Center: 1-800-DONATE-1, extension 2543 Puget Sound Blood Center is now Bloodworks Northwest. Sign up on FaithOnline or after worship service.

Day of Service Opportunity - Saturday, May 14th

Faith Church will be partnering with several other east side churches on May 14th in the annual "Day of Service." Last year over 500 volunteers took part and this year we have room for 865. There are a variety of projects available with many being "family-friendly." You can sign up on FaithOnline and you're encouraged to sign up quickly in order to get your first choice. This should be a great day as we all get a chance to give

back to our community. Please call Dick Gram (425-392-7016) with any questions.

IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

Thank you Faith Church for supporting the preschool ministry with your generous car wash ticket purchases. You helped us raise over \$1,000 that will go directly into our classroom updates.

We start May by celebrating our mothers with nine teas in their honor. Our students are so proud to have this special time with their mothers. We also celebrate the teaching staff during National Teacher Appreciation Week. We close the month with sharing our Art Walk Sunday, May 22. You will see incredible creations in the old masters' styles from ages 2 years to 6 years old.

The Preschool ministry is successful because of God, the support we receive from Faith Church that allows us to passionately share our talents with young children, and their families to provide the best Early Christian Childhood Education in our community. To all of you, thank you!

To all the Mothers, we want to wish you a Blessed Mother's Day!

Blessings, love and thanks,

The Staff of In the Beginning Preschool

We have class openings left in our Busy Bunnies and in our Pre-K classes. Kathryn at 425-392-0123 or visit our website at www.inthebeginningpreschool.org.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES



Welcome to Faith Church Children's Choir. All children ages Preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend choir practice **every Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-**

12:00 p.m. in the choir room directly after their 10:30 a.m. Sunday school class. Parents should mark the attendance sheet during Sunday School sign-in under "music" if their child will attend choir on that day. Children will be escorted by Children's Ministry staff and teachers directly from their classrooms to the choir room.

Children will be dismissed when a parent is present.

Meet your Children's Choir Teachers:

Director Melissa Bortnick (mom of 3)

Serves as the Children's Ministry Assistant and has extensive classroom teaching experience. She has been a choir member for many years and loves to share music with children.

Director/Accompanist Kara Huntley (mom of 4)

Has lovingly taught choir in the classroom for several years. She is an accomplished children's voice coach and piano instructor. Her gifts of piano and vocal talent are joyfully reflected in the performance of her students.

Performance dates:

Children will perform at the 10:30 a.m. service several times each year during special holiday times. Our first two performances will be on Mother's Day and Father's Day!

Objectives of Children's Choir:

1. Children offering their time and musical gifts to our Lord
2. Spending time in Christian fellowship with mixed age children
3. Learning group participation expectations
4. Increasing performance confidence
5. Becoming familiar with basic music concepts

Rehearsal Format:

1. Nut-free healthy snack 5min
2. Vocal warm ups 5min
3. Instruments/rhythm/movement (bells, shakers, triangles, colorful noise makers) game or other rounds/ repeat/claps, 5 min
4. rehearse songs that we will perform during service -10min
- 5- Group prayer time or verse lesson, occasional craft 5min

Please contact Melissa Bortnick if you would like to volunteer or have any questions: melissa@faithunited.org

Sunday School Teachers Are Needed to Support Children's Ministry.

Summer is coming and we are looking for people to teach. During the school year we have 15 dedicated teachers sharing the love of Jesus with our children and as we get into the summer months we need volunteers to step in and teach. We need 4 volunteers each Sunday to spend 45 minutes with our kids. The curriculum is fun, super easy to teach and the only thing you need is a love of children. We start our summer class program June 5th and it runs through the end of August. We have 2 age groups to cover; preschool-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade.



Please contact Lisa Peters if you can help this summer.

Lisa@faithunited.org

All Church Retreat- August 19-21 at the Lazy F camp located in Ellensburg WA.



Each summer we head over to Ellensburg for a weekend of fellowship and fun. This weekend is for people of all ages and is a great way to connect with others. We hike, play board games, go tubing in the creek, zip line, climb the wall and just kick back and relax. Registration opens in May.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Spring has been an exciting time in the world of Faith Youth! We adopted a youth group pet, Tuck the Turtle, and are working on fixing up the Annex building upstairs to repurpose it as our designated youth space! Memorial Day weekend, we will be working on painting and furniture so we can officially move in by the time summer starts. If you are interested in getting updates for youth group, please sign up on Faith Online.

May Events

Annex Painting Party: We are getting the annex ready to return to fully operational youth space. With that in mind, we are having a painting party on Saturday, May 28th from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Please RSVP for this event so we have enough

rollers and brushes and come in clothing appropriate for painting.

Ikea Shopping Trip/Furniture Assembly Party (high school only):

If you are in high school and would like to accompany Leslie to Ikea to pick out some new furniture to go in the annex, and help start the assembling process, you are invited to do so after church on Sunday, May 29th. Lunch will be provided and you must have a signed permission form. Please RSVP to make sure we have enough seats.



Every Sunday

High School Sunday School: Starting May 1st, we will be holding a class for high schoolers from 9:15 a.m. -10:15 am in the Annex. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to come eat breakfast, share life, and learn more about what it means to be a follower of Christ.

Middle School Sunday School: Happens every week at 9:00 a.m. in the Talbert Living Room. Students grades 6-8 are invited to eat doughnuts, play games, and learn about the basics of faith.

Youth Section: If you are 11-18, or wish you were, you are invited to sit in the front rows of the far right hand rows of the sanctuary during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Youth Band: If you play an instrument, and the triangle counts, you are invited to join the youth band! They practice most Sundays from 11:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Every Wednesday

Mid-Week Encounter: Youth group meets every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. as a part of Mid-Week Encounter. Come be part of the fun!

Youth Ministry

Leslie Anneliz Moreno

Youth Director

leslie@faithunited.org // (626) 340-5638

May Birthdays!

May 1	Chuck Klein Sara Vossler	May 19	Abigail Artman Aaron Cox
May 2	Tabatha Honeycutt Emily Yates	May 20	Wyannie Flowers Bart Wherritt
May 3	Don Gray	May 21	Caroline Schindler
May 6	Austin Halstead	May 24	Jenna Burke Wayne Schattenkerk
May 8	Barbara Lewis	May 25	Laura Meinhardt Sara Andres Sara Bauman
May 10	David Hand Jane Peters	May 26	Greg Rolette
May 11	Jay Larson	May 28	Jack Wilcox Jan Bennett Emerson Archer
May 12	Shannon Hardisty	May 29	Tanner Wheeler Curt Anderson
May 13	LaVerne Mandell	May 31	Kayla Campbell Carolyn Holeski
May 14	Cali Bennett		
May 16	Talia Cottrille		
May 17	Max Campbell		
May 18	George Metcalf Kristi Morris Isabella Brandes		

May Anniversaries!

May 3	Bill & Annie Tuttle Matthew & Minerva Davis
May 11	John & Pam Zajac
May 14	Peter & Melissa Meinhofer
May 18	Don & Ginny Gray
May 20	Scott & Kendra Campbell
May 22	Bob & Judy Sansing
May 23	Mike & Donna McCuen Brian & Lisa Galicia
May 26	Clay & Rosemary Stika
May 29	Read & Kari Culbert
May 31	Michael & Jana Marchand

This month, we are thankful for...

- Clay Stika for Walking 520 bridge with me.
- Pastor, Lisa and Pam for All the prayers and love during this difficult time.
- Emily for All of her hard work.
- The Staff of Faith Church for Their amazing service!
- Phil for His service with the Starbuck's mission.
- Leslie for Leading our youth and teaching us all today! Great message!
- Bart & Roberta for Organizing communion before, during and after Lent!
- My Church for For prayer support.
- Pearl for Her work keeping our church grounds looking beautiful and cared for.
- Kathleen for Organizing the hospitality for the Giesa family memorial..
- Tom for Leading the Adult Sunday School class.
- Kathleen, for All those who helped or brought food for Baby Burke's memorial service., for their hospitality and for their generous help.
- Brenna for All who volunteer.
- John for Helping me with my dahlias.
- Pam for Being inspirational.
- Bennett's & Gram's for Their thoughtfulness and help.
- Our Church Leaders for Time and talents.
- Bill for Such a great teacher!
- Les & James for Sharing their musical talents at worship.
- Tom for Adult lessons and support group.
- Lisa for Connecting me to the Adult class
- Bill for Facilitating the Wednesday night Adult study.
- Elinor for Being so welcoming!
- David for Bringing treats to Choir!
- Kathryn for Faith Church for purchasing car wash tickets!
- Bob for Taking Paul to chemo.

Faith Church for Support as the Giesa family returned our little great grandson to God.

Lisa for Faith and Family Ministries.

Choir for Such beautiful praise!

Faith Church for All of their support.

Dan & Mike for Their help on Church work day moving things all over the church!

Boy Scout Troop 636 for For their help at Church work day! They were a great example of Christian Service!

Women Kitchen crew for Their help with the Church work day!

Pastor Elizabeth for Her prayers for healing for Nancy Upton over the past 3 months.

Everyone for Who participated in the Church Clean-up day!

Lisa for Leading our Children's ministry is a loving way!



Faith Staff

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Office Administrator	Pam Zajac	pam@faithunited.org

Sunday's at Faith Church

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service
Adult and Middle School Sunday School
Child-Care Provided

9:15 a.m.

High School Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship in Lobby

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service
Children's Sunday School
Child-Care Provided

11:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Practice