

## Hands Against Hunger Event

Saturday, November 12th

10:00am-12:00pm

Faith Church

Please join us in the fight against hunger in our community! Hands of **ALL AGES** can come together to pack supplies for hunger relief on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> here at Faith Church. We are partnering with Hopelink Pantry Packs and need hands of all ages to help us pack bags of food which provide weekend food for hungry Lake Washington School District students. Hopelink is currently sending 700 packs home per week (approximately 2,800 packs per month)! Our goal is to pack 800 packs.

We need your help to make this event a success. All supplies will be purchased before the event. Please support this project with your prayers and participation. RSVP to attend at [FaithOnline](#).

Questions: [Tina Brake](#) & [Rebecca Ittig](#)

**All ages can be an integral part of this event!**

**HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?**

Prayers: Please lift this mission event up in prayer

Support: You can support by attending the Hands Against Hunger event.



## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELIZABETH



Dear friends,

At the end of September, twelve Faith Church leaders went together to the Kansas City area to attend Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection (UMC). Your generosity provided eight volunteers and four staff this opportunity to join hundreds of other church leaders from all over the country in worship, presentations, and workshops on almost every area of church life. These twelve came back inspired, excited, and ready to engage our congregation and community in ministry in new ways. They brought back new ideas for creating space for new ministries and raising up new leaders in our congregation, rallying behind a common vision, and helping everyone understand their own gifts so that we're all able to serve in ways that are life-giving to us. I hope you will ask them what they learned! People who attended included Susan Appleton, Melissa Bortnick, Nancy Brose, Brendan Cooney, Karen Gladhill, Tara Johnston, Becky Kleinknecht, Dan McLachlan, Leslie Moreno, Phyllis Pieri, Pam Sloane, & Bill Tuttle.

Then, the last Saturday of October (after rescheduling from the weekend of the terrible-storm-that-turned-out-to-be-not-so-bad), your Coordinating Team (church council) met for an all-day off-site retreat at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. During the day, we were able to spend time getting to know each other on a deeper level, explore what it means to be a church leader and how we can encourage others in whom we see leadership gifts, look at the role of the Coordinating Team in the life of the church's mission and ministry, and set some goals for the coming year. I'm excited to share those goals with you in an upcoming all-church meeting in January – they will help us engage with our community, have fun together, learn more about sharing our stories and inviting others into the journey of faith, and grow in our understanding of who God is and how God calls us to live in the world. We are blessed with amazing leaders – both staff and volunteers! I hope you will pray for them regularly.

This month, we take this great momentum and excitement about what God is doing at Faith into our annual stewardship focus. Of course, stewardship is something we do year-round when we consider how God wants us to use the resources we have for the work of the gospel. But once a year, we focus on how each of us can be a more generous disciple and an even better steward of what God has offered us. I hope you will take the time this month to consider your own resources – your time, talent, finances, and relationships – and how you might offer them for the work of God's kingdom at Faith Church and beyond. Everyone's gifts are important as we build community, grow as disciples, and change the world with God's love. I'm excited about what's in store for us, and grateful to be on this journey with you!

Peace,

Pastor Elizabeth

## WELCOMING TEAM



WELCOME! We'd like to take a second to introduce ourselves as the new Welcoming Team Co-leads; Becky Kleinknecht and Tara Johnston. We are very excited to be a part of this team and the work this team will do together to continue creating a warm, inviting environment at Faith Church!

Do you remember the first time you walked into Faith Church? Was it a warm, friendly experience that led you back to visit again? The Welcoming Team would like to ensure that each and every person that walks through Faith Church's front doors - whether it is the first time or the 10<sup>th</sup> - time can say they remember it as a warm, welcoming experience and it felt like home.

The Welcoming Team is a partnership between greeters, ushers, and hospitality to extend a friendly, polite welcome to new folks looking for a church family where they can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. If you have a gift of hospitality and love to greet people with a big smile, encouraging words and a warm heart, please consider joining our team. We'd LOVE to have you welcome new folks to our Faith Church Family. If you are interested in learning more about the Welcoming Team, please attend our information meeting on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us, [Becky](#) or [Tara](#).

## FINANCE

**Stewardship Campaign:** Please be sure to return your Estimate of Giving card by Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Team will work diligently to present a budget to the Coordinating Team on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and present the budget to the congregation in January of 2017. There will be a Charge Conference/Coordinating Team meeting on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in the Lobby to approve the pastor's salary and give the Faith Church 2016 accountability reports to the Conference.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Plans for Advent/Christmas are well on their way! Don't miss out! Sunday worship services this Advent season may look and feel a little different than "usual." Each Sunday will bring music of the season, dramatic readings, and a message providing spiritual food for thought. If you wish to be involved, please let me know or just show up to choir rehearsal on Tuesdays at 7p.m.



In the Beginning Preschool kids along with Faith Church's children's choir will be treating us to a musical program called "Christmas in Our Jammies" on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Expect an abundance of "cute and adorable!"

Contact [Pam Sloane](#) or [Emily Cowgill](#) any time to discuss where and how you can serve in music ministry. There is something for everyone in Faith's Music Ministry!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### LADIES NIGHT



The Women's Ladies Night Out has been rescheduled for Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Lobby (not the Talbert). Bring your friends and come for a warm and hearty soup dinner, games and fellowship. You will be able to register early for our Annual Women's Retreat that will be February 3-5, 2017 at the Rainbow Lodge in North Bend.

The Women of Faith meet Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Talbert Building. Crafts, breakfast out and a cookie exchange are on the agenda for November. Everyone is welcome so sign up to receive emails at FaithOnline for the Faith Café Group or contact [Pam Zajac](#).

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The logo for FaithOnline, featuring the word "faithonline" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The "f" is white and set against a dark green square background, while the rest of the text is dark green.

### Want to Sign Up and Pay for activities Online?

First of all, you need to sign up for FaithOnline. *We promise you it is **secure and safe**.*

[Click Here](#)

You will be asked to give your name, email address and phone number. To the right you will see a message:

To request a login to our online community, please fill out the form to the left.

If an email match is found in our system, we will send you a login activation email with your new username and a link to set your password. After activating your profile, you can log in to change your username and/or password.

If no email match is found, a message will be sent to the administrator, who can send you an email with your username and activation link.

Once you are a member of FaithOnline you will have access to lots of church information. A few highlights include, the church directory, different ministry teams, giving online and answering the call of what team might need your help!

Please Note: You are unable to sign up for service support/needs and RSVP if you are not part of the SAFE and SECURE FaithOnline family.

## MISSIONS

**Make a difference in our community!! Mark your calendars.**



GIVE BLOOD. It's easy, takes only about one hour of your time. Faith Church team will again be hosting a blood drive through Bloodworks Northwest, Saturday November 5, 2016 from 8 am – 2 pm (closed 10:30-11:15am) in the Upper/Talbert building at Faith Church. You can sign up on [FaithOnline](#) and/or sign up after Sunday Services on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

For eligibility questions, contact the Bloodworks Northwest Blood Center: 1-800-DONATE-1, extension 2543.



### ***The Giving Tree***

The Season of giving is upon us and soon you will see the Faith Giving Tree in our Narthex. This year we will support the children and families served by Pioneer Counseling Services. Pioneer helps parents for the sake of children through support programs that build upon individual and family strengths. This program is based out of Lynnwood and serves youth/families/relative care givers and foster parents in their own homes throughout Snohomish/Skagit/Island and Whatcom counties.

**The Giving Tree supporting Pioneer Counseling Services will be up in the Narthex from November 20<sup>th</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>.** There will be approximately 100 tags on the tree. Each tag bears the name, age, and wish list of the recipient. There are moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas, as well as children and mentally challenged adults we would like to provide gifts for. The gifts will be turned over to Pioneer after the **December 4, 2016** worship service. You may place your tagged, unwrapped gifts under the Giving Tree or leave them in the church office. A flyer with more specific instructions will be available when you sign up to sponsor a recipient. If you have questions, call Bob Vivian at 425-369-9124.

### **Tent City 4 Holiday Dinner**

Faith Church will host our friends for dinner and will make gingerbread houses on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Lobby. Please plan on attending!

### **Habitat Build Moves to Sammamish - Volunteer Opportunity**



Habitat for Humanity has begun construction in Sammamish! Located at 228<sup>th</sup> and SE 20<sup>th</sup>, ten homes will be constructed. Faith Church has been asked to partner with other plateau churches in the building process. Faith Church is working to put together a volunteer



database for the project. If you'd like to come out and help build a home (or two or ten) for some deserving families, email [Dick Gram](#) with the following information:

Name, availability - weekdays (Tuesday - Thursday), Saturday, either, frequency - weekly, semi-weekly, monthly. No construction experience is necessary. Open to men, women, and youth (16 years and older). Thanks so much for your consideration.

## IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

Do you remember growing up, when you couldn't wait for Halloween to come and then you were even more excited about Thanksgiving coming and the thought Christmas made your body almost vibrate with joy...?!?! Now with retailers starting their Christmas campaigns in August the anticipation of the Advent season seems to just be another event that we add to the list. This is why it becomes even more important that we remember to take the time to slow down and listen to God. He will help us rejuvenate and savor precious moments with our family that this season is all about... it is waiting for each and everyone one of us!



We held our 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Daddy & Me" Pumpkin Carving event on Tuesday, October 25. It is a fantastic evening night spending time together carving pumpkins, eating yummy cookies, and hearing the children raised their sweet voices in praise to God singing "This Little Light of Mine." A special thank you to our wonderful dad's for taking the time to share in the joy of being together.

As the Preschool Ministry moves into the Christmas season so does our charitable programs with enriching our students lives by the sharing our treasures and blessings with those in our community, most in need. Our Christmas Magic Gift Program partners with Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank and asks our families to support children in our community by donating presents. Our students help decorate the ornaments for the Christmas Magic Giving Tree and help choose a child they want to shop for. Even at their young age, they enjoy the feeling of 'giving' as much as receiving.

Our wonderful, Sing, Swing & Sway Teacher, Pam Sloane starts working with our students on our annual Christmas Program. This year it is called "Christmas in our Jammies". We would love to see you at our program on Friday, December 16 at noon in the Sanctuary.

Thank you for your support of the Clothing for a Cause Fund-raiser. In the Beginning will post results in the December newsletter.

Kathryn and the Awesome Staff of ITBP, Website: [Click Here](#)

## Issaquah Turkey Trot



Faith Church is a sponsor of the 2016 Issaquah Turkey Trot. Faith Ambassadors are needed at our Sponsor booth. Please sign up on [Here](#). All proceeds go to the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank.

5K walk/fun-run on Thanksgiving morning Nov 24th 9:00 a.m. start near the Costco Parking lot area.

Help is needed at our Faith Church Booth and we hope to have many others register to participate. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

[Register Here](#). Contact [Melissa Bortnick](#) with questions.

[www.issaquahturkeytrot.org](http://www.issaquahturkeytrot.org)

Issaquah Turkey Trot is a 501(c)(3) organization. 100% of the profits earned from this event will go to the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank.



**A BIG THANK YOU** to all of the families and friends who joined us for our Fall Festival! We celebrated the afternoon with 200 people including many princesses, super heroes and a host of wonderful volunteers.



**Faith ADVENTures, Sunday evenings in Advent, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
All are welcome!**

- 11/27          Chrismon service and Advent wreath making
  - 12/4          Tent City 4 dinner and gingerbread nativity scenes
  - 12/11         Christmas caroling and canned food collection
  - 12/18         All Church Christmas Party with fun, games and mission projects
- There will be *no* Midweek Encounter during Advent.

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**



February 17-20, 2017 Faith Church will be sending nine of our youth and volunteers on a mission trip to Los Angeles, California for a 4-day mission. While there, the group will be joining with Center for Student Mission and will engage in non-profit work, homeless and inner city experience, and the discover the ways God is at work in this multi-cultural community.

Please keep our students in your prayers as we prepare for our upcoming trip and be on the lookout for ways in which you can support our students as they go!

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**



**Meeting at a new location:** Caring for someone with memory loss? Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey

of providing care to a person with memory loss. A free information and support group for unpaid care partners, family members and friend is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Providence Point, North Community Building/Library, 4135 Providence Point Dr. SE, Issaquah, WA 98029. For more information, contact group facilitator Helen Boyer at 425-301-0709.



# November



11/2	Sophia Harron	11/16	Lisa Peters
11/3	Stephanie Dietzel	11/17	Margy Toler
11/4	Deneall Owens	11/18	Sarah Bennett
	John Gette	11/19	Nicholas Meinhofer
	Maren Buckley	11/20	Kevin Meinhardt
11/6	Lisette Whiteside		Alanna Town
	Kendall Krieg	11/21	Becky Sorenson
	Sienna Huntley		Susan Vossler
11/7	Lida Buckley	11/22	Cliff Hayashi
11/9	Sandy Nielsen		Grace Krueger
11/10	Noah Brandes	11/23	Tyler Hanson
	Don Yantzi	11/24	Greg Brake
11/11	Adam Jones	11/25	Allison Reeves
11/12	Angela Pickett	11/25	Jennifer Watson
11/13	Dorothy Russell	11/25	Georgia Bassett
	Lesa Larson	11/27	Elora Lee Hartway
11/14	Will McCollough	11/28	Leslie Allen
	Jennifer Cannon		Tyler Larson
	Terry Cowger		Lili Young
11/15	Brendan Cooney	11/29	Joan Young
	Lincoln Reynolds	11/30	Chase Hanson

11/5	Paul Gray & Karen Bergsvik
11/10	Bruce & Valerie Cronquist
11/11	Stephanie & Jim Callahan
11/12	Jeremy & Sheila Olson
11/20	Ron & Carol Sumner
11/24	Lee & Susan Mann
	Bob & Nanci Vivian
11/25	Aaron & Burgundy Cox
11/28	Dick & Jan Gram



## *This month, we are thankful for...*

- God For All of my blessings.
- Faith Church For Sending Phyllis to the leadership conference. So helpful and inspirational.
- Elmore For Bringing us to church.
- Leslie For Leadership institute logistics and serving all attendees.
- Bill T For His devotion to the church.
- God For Keeping me well to come to church today.
- Pastor Elizabeth For Beautiful communion.
- Volunteers For Mayors' food drive.
- Dick For Organizing the Mayors' Month of Concern for Faith Church.
- Pastor For Recent sermon series. Excellent! Relating sensitive issues to the Bible.
- Pastor For The sermon is related to real life.
- All the volunteers For Their service to Faith Church.
- Patti For Her faith in God. She leaps knowing God's net will appear.
- Pam Z For All she does that no one sees and always being there when you need her.
- Chloe For Her great 'fix-it' skills.
- The Prayer Chain For Their weekly prayers.
- Leslie For Preaching on Sunday, October 23.
- Common Ground For Their guest singing.
- Laurie For The many times she steps up to bring fresh flowers for our altar.
- Dan For Reading scripture with such passion, joy and love for the Lord.
- God For All the beautiful sun time.
- Pastor Elizabeth For Her leadership at our church
- Faith Café Friends For Telling me I had to stop all the lifting and moving.
- Pastor Elizabeth For The leadership retreat.



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| November 5  | Blood Drive in the Talbert Building                    |
| November 8  | Election Day   |
| November 23 | Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Faith Church |
| November 24 | Issaquah Turkey Trot                                   |
| November 27 | First Sunday of Advent                                 |
|             | Faith ADVENTure Begins on Sunday evening               |

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## SUNDAYS AT FAITH CHURCH

### **9:00 a.m.**

Worship Service  
Adult, Middle & High School Sunday School  
Child-Care Provided

### **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