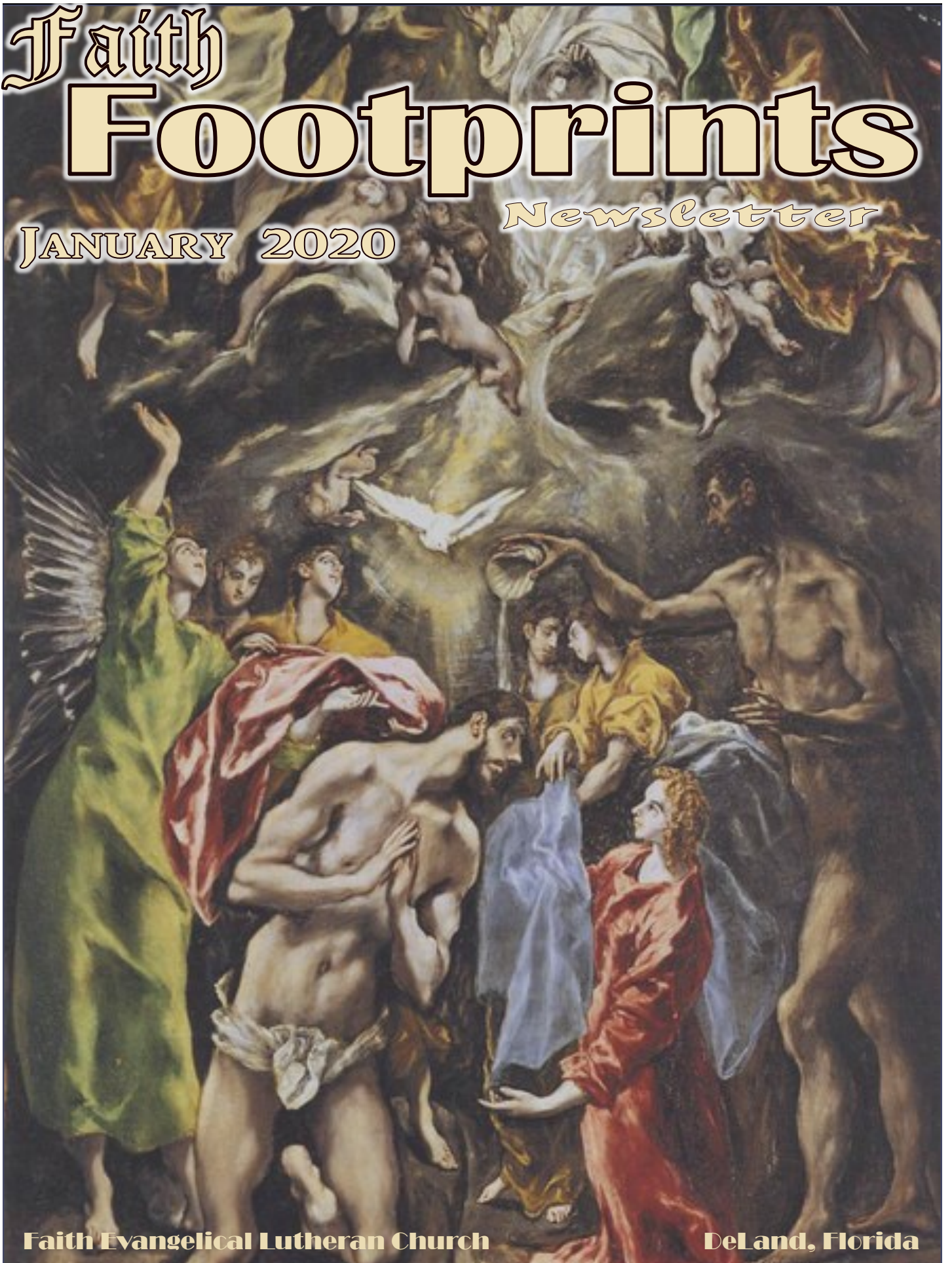


# Faith Footprints

*Newsletter*

JANUARY 2020



**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**DeLand, Florida**

# Notes from the Pastor

## January 2020



### LIGHT,LIFE,LOVE. 2020 VISION OF FAITH

These three words depict what I believe Epiphany and the new year are all about. It is when light reaches in the world that life comes into being. And that life ,God says is to be lived in love.

There's another equally important reality that comes with light. We see that dramatically in the story of Matthew when the magi tell King Herod of the astrological announcement of Jesus birth. Herod is fearful, lashes out, kills and destroys any potential rivals. The magi come and worship a new reality in life and love revealed to them in the celestial light.

That is not unlike what we have to do when we see the Christ breaking into our world. We can either adore it and align our lives with it , as did the magi, or reject it and look to having a life consist of our power our desires and fight tooth and nail against anything that would deny us what we most want. We can be Maui or a King Herod Those are the choices we are given when the reality of the Christ is revealed in the light of Epiphany.

I believe we have some magnificent days ahead of us when we align ourselves with gods purposes. I believe this is particularly true for our community of Faith.

I believe we can continue to see ourselves as Gods people active in love as we continue Our faith progress from 2019, and look forward in anticipation to some new ventures God is laying before us.

### VITALITY

I believe can be a life transforming experience for each of us individually, and corporately as Faith Lutheran. In the coming weeks we will lay out all of the particulars. In essence it is corporate and individual prayer that focuses us leads to discernment and lead to spiritually informed decisions. The pattern is very biblical. The leadership from the scented is full throated. The excitement from the core group of people from Faith who first experienced the demonstration ,is enthusiastic.

Pastor Rob Carlson is our leader for the Florida Bahamas synod. He has designed this to be a year-long congregational focus. I do believe it contains all the elements we at Faith desire for projecting into our future. Please start to pray about this success and your participation. God has some great things in mind for Faith.

### INTER-FAITH KITCHEN

This very dynamic out reach ministry continues to propel us to concern for our most vulnerable neighbors. I want to thank everyone who has seen this as a continuing response to what God is placing in front of us. I also know that we have to renew our leadership. In the next couple weeks we will have an Create position descriptions and clarify our expectations of what we need to do to continue effectively.

We also are being presented some new exciting possibilities. During our last gathering for interfaith kitchen middle school students from DeLand came to help. They were very excited to partner with us. Our conversation also led to some of us thinking of new areas and ways we could partner.

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Visit us on the web!  
[FaithLutheranDeland.org](http://FaithLutheranDeland.org)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

The leader of the middle school group told us of our desire to put together food staples to be taken by children home to their families. We were told it fully 1/3 of the students at Deland middle school had food insecurity or homelessness as a part of their reality. We said that we would speak of our ability to partner it may be creating backpacks For students to take home. We have the names of the students and the teacher and we promised each other we would come together in the new year to explore these opportunities.

I know many of us of been looking for ways to do youth ministry in our area. As I looked at these students ,all concerned about the ones who are in need, I begin to think of ways that we can be of aid to them. I know youth ministry to be effective when it is to,by ,and with youth. Maybe in this way we help students who are not now a part of our community and as they get to know us and trust us possibly we can foster closer relationships caring for people Jesus totally loves. "I was hungry and you gave me food"

## AUDIO VISUAL UPGRADE

We are also working with a task force with a very generous benefactor who wants to help us have better sound and visual communication in our worship area. The task force is working with our potential donor and I think in the near future, God willing, we will be able to share with you the marvelous advantages that are being given to us.

## THANK YOU!

I personally want to thank Mr. Scott Bouchard, president of our congregation in 2019, for helping us to solidify advances that we have had this year. We have seen growth in our worship attendance, we have benefited from your sacrificial giving through consecration Sunday, and I believe we are trying to develop an overall good solid trusting faithful relationship with the congregation ,our leadership ,our staff and the Florida Bahamas synod.

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I also want to thank Debbie Morris for accepting the presidency of the congregation for 2020. I also would like to affirm and thank all of our other elected council members and volunteers for this year. I believe we can build on the progress we have made, pray our way into a continuing fulfilling relationship with each other ,our community all under the Lordship of Jesus.

I am very confident in the midst of this we will have growing pains, our task is to change them into growing plans.

TS Eliot has written :

"for last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words wait another voice. And to make an end is to make a Beginning"

## PRAYER

Heavenly father, we thank you profusely that you have walked with us as we start a new decade. We further ask your presence with us as we step out in faith in the light, life, and love that you have given us. Amen

# INTERFAITH KITCHEN

Located in the basement of the  
**First United Methodist Church**  
 of DeLand  
 Thanks to all who served in  
**December!**

Great teamwork – thanks be to God!

On Tuesday, December 10th, we served meals, to the hungry. Big thanks go to those preparing and serving!

We serve on the second Tuesday of each month. This is a great opportunity for a group, club, or family to serve the community. There is no financial commitment necessary; simply a gift of time and service. The entrees for these meals are provided, but salads, side dishes, and desserts are always appreciated.

**Our next turn is  
 Tuesday, January 14th at 5:00pm.**

If you would like to serve, please know that **we are looking for a new Interfaith Coordinator!** Contact Donna or Scott Bouchard for details on what Interfaith Coordinator is all about!

# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Potluck 5:30 pm	2	3 	4
5 Worship 9:30pm Supply Pastor: Jack Ottoson	6 Epiphany	7 Rebekah Circle 10:00am @Good Samaritan	8 Potluck 5:30 pm	9	10	11
12 Service 9:30 am; Second Sunday: peanut butter; Supply Pastor: Jack Ottoson	13 Safety & Security 6 pm	14 Interfaith Kitchen 5:00 p.m.	15 Potluck 5:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Service 9:30 am; Mission Sunday: Worship supplies Worship and Music 12:30 pm	20	21	22 Potluck 5:30 pm	23	24	25
26 Service 9:30 am	27	28	29 Potluck 5:30 pm	30	31	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan 7th Gary Cornwell    Jan 28th Debby Morris

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS SECOND SUNDAY SHARING

Faith's Outreach Ministry will be continuing our partnership with St Barnabas to help their

### Faith at Work Food Pantry!

On the second Sunday of each month, everyone is asked to bring a specific **non-perishable** food item the pantry needs.

**On January 12  
Please Bring:**

**Peanut  
Butter**



## MISSION SUNDAY



On the third Sunday of each month there will be a second collection for various needs of the church. The collection on **January 19th** will go toward **Worship Supplies**.

**Show Your Support!**  
Wear the new official FELC tee!

Styles for Men & Women  
Long & Short Sleeves  
Hooded Sweatshirts



Visit the website to order yours!

# Someone else's Bulletin Bloopers

Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.

Applications are now being accepted for 2 year-old nursery workers.

The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.

Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.

We are grateful for the help of those who cleaned up the grounds around the church building and the rector.

A worm welcome to all who have come today.

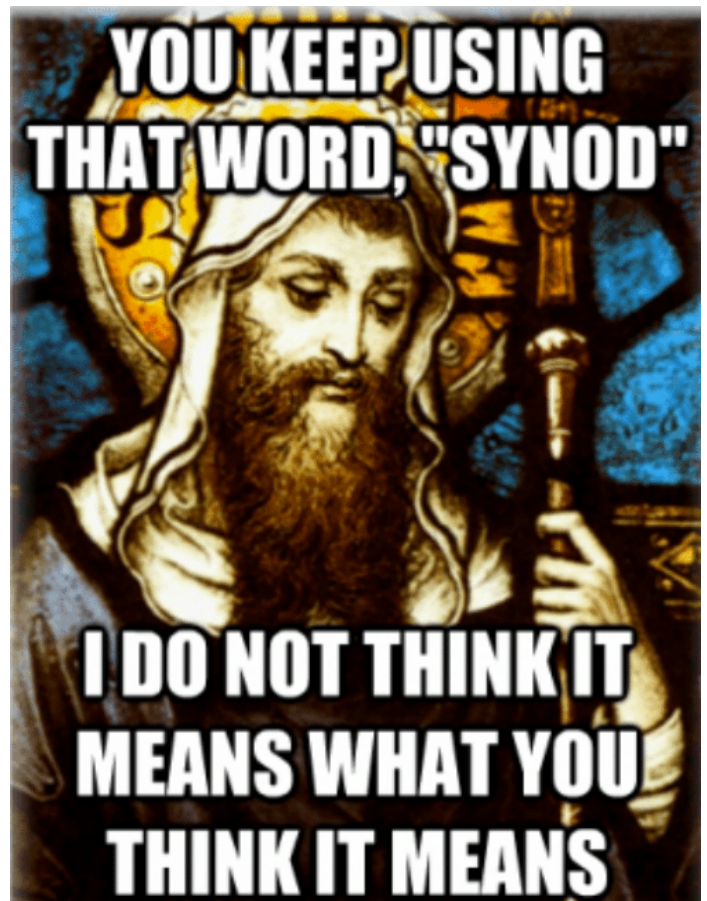
Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.



**Make your offering electronically!**



Check the pew pocket for details!



# MONEY MATTER\$

Attendance & offerings for the month of **December 2019**

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	Designated Giving	CHMS Contributions	December Total
52	\$7,793.00	\$455.59	\$3,428.00	\$11,576.59

Total Income \$11,576.59

Total Expenses \$12,300.41

**Difference \$723.82**

Thanks for Giving! We need your regular tithe in order to maintain day-to-day operations.



*Thank You!* **General & Ministry Offerings** includes Regular and Loose Tithe offerings, Stewardship, and Sunday School offerings.

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- Click the Make A Donation link at the left side of the page.
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- Give a one-time gift, or set up recurring donations.

#### With Your Smartphone

- Upload the free QR code scanner app at the Google Play Store.
- Scan the QR code found on donation cards, bulletins, and newsletters.
- All major credit cards accepted.



# THIRD SUNDAY SHARING 2020

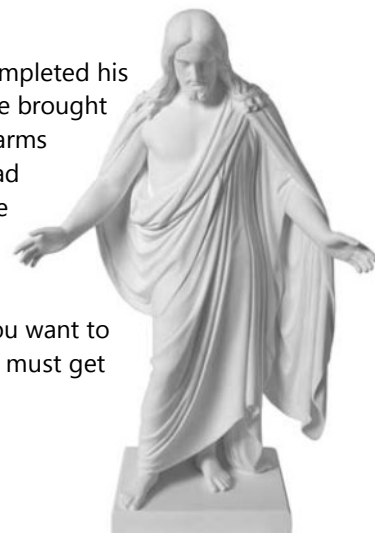
January	Worship
February	Fla-Bahamas Synod
March	VBS Sunday School
April	Music
May	Christmas in July Military Christmas
June	Fla-Bahamas Synod
July	Local Youth Activities
August	Butterfly Garden
September	ELCA World Hunger
October	Congregational Life
November	Fla-Bahamas Synod
December	Local Youth Activities

Daily math  
lesson:

1 cross + 3 nails  
= 4 given.

After Thorwaldsen had completed his famous statue of Christ, he brought a friend to see it. Christ's arms were outstretched, his head bowed between them. The friend said, "But I cannot see his face."

The sculptor replied, "If you want to see the face of Christ, you must get on your knees."



## PRAYER CHAIN

**Intercessory prayer is one of the Christian's most powerful tools. By lifting up those in need, we bring them to the Lord for His healing hand, strength and comfort.**

We pray for those who are chronically ill, that God would be their daily companion and strength:  
**Nina Eriksen, Kerry Sholtis, Lance Borows, Faith Eriksen, Wilma Brokaw**

For those who are fighting cancer, that they will know they are not alone in the battle:  
**Ray Bebee, Roy Erickson, and Craig Parrillo**

We rejoice with those who are recovering from injury, illness, or surgery:  
**Scarlet Valdez, Steve Tonjes, Walter Peterson, Wilma Brokaw**

For those who are shut in, that they will feel the Lord's constant presence:  
**Anna Anderson, Millie Glover, Corinne Martinez, Virginia Fauble**

We pray for those whose needs are known only to the Lord:  
**Marilyn Snow, The Family of Alice Bebee, Dorothy Caldwell**

We pray for the special concerns of our neighbors, our community, our nation and our world:  
**Our men and women in the military, Habitat for Humanity, All people in war-torn nations, Storm victims, Rain for areas that need it, For our local, state and national leaders, for those in the grip of addiction to drugs and alcohol and for their families.**

**Email your prayer request to [prayerrequests@faithlutherandeland.org](mailto:prayerrequests@faithlutherandeland.org) or contact the church office at 386-734-2791 and leave a message!**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Sharing Christ's love, our mission is to extend hospitality, serve our community,  
and spread the **Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Pastor:** Rev. Robert Berger  
**President:** Debbie Morris  
**Vice President:** Don Boyer  
**Council Secretary:** Helen Martin  
**Treasurer:** Dora Mallett  
**Financial Secretary:** Carol Sutton

Debby Boyer            Scott Bouchard  
 Julia Beckwith        Christine Medrano  
 Ray Morris  
 Eddie Murphy

### CHURCH OFFICE:

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### CHURCH STAFF:

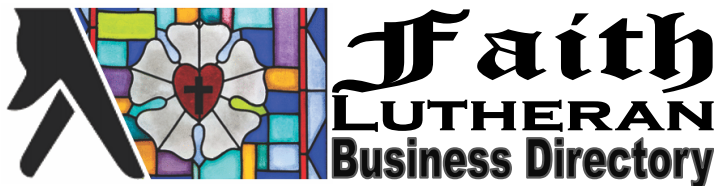
**Pastor:**  
 The Rev. Robert Berger

**Office Manager:**  
 Amy Cornwell

**Music Director:**  
 Deborah DeGaetano

**Church Sexton:**  
 Bob DeGaetano

**Organist:**  
 Tiffany Demps



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**TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS**



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