

FOCUS

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Focus on the New Vicar Family at Faith

As we continue focusing on new families here at Faith, we take the opportunity to meet our *newest* family – Vicar Nass and his wife Emily.

Tell us about the Nass family.

Emily and Vicar met at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. After we graduated, we got married in June 2008, and we've lived the last two years in Thiensville, WI. That's just north of Milwaukee and right next to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, where Vicar is training to be a pastor. We have no kids yet, but we do have 16 nieces and nephews and two more on the way. Emily is the youngest of six children, including five daughters, so it makes for a full house when they all get together.

Have you ever lived in the South before?

Even though our dads are pastors, which means that we've each moved around a bit, neither of us has lived in the South before. Emily was born in Nebraska and spent her grade school years in the little town of South Shore, South Dakota. Her family moved to another small town – Weyauwega, WI – just in time to start high school. She's always been a small town girl. Vicar was born in Minnesota, moved to Milwaukee, WI at the beginning of grade school, and moved to New Ulm, MN for the start of fourth grade. He did have the chance to visit Atlanta twice in high school, however, and he spent the summer of 2005 working for a church in Panama City, FL.

Do you have any hobbies?

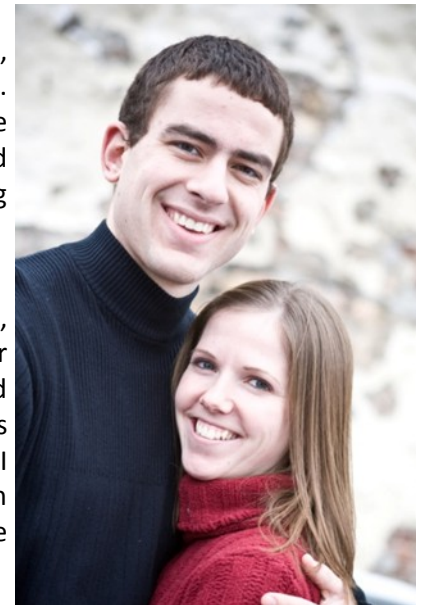
Vicar's younger sister constantly complains that Vicar has no hobbies whatsoever. He used to play the guitar a little. He goes running occasionally, and he's always liked all kinds of sports. He speaks Spanish. Lately, though, he's enjoyed pouring his time into studying and working. Emily, on the other hand, can't understand why Vicar needs so many books. She'd rather paint things like bird houses or pin wheels to give to family members. She enjoys playing tennis, running, and relaxing by swimming pools. She tries to keep track of her four sisters and all her nieces and nephews.

Have you ever done anything exciting?

God has blessed both of us with opportunities to travel. Emily visited Germany with some friends after high school. Vicar and his family visited some distant relatives in Norway while he was in high school, and he went on a Spanish Immersion trip in college to Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. We both traveled together to the Dominican Republic to visit one of Emily's sisters who taught there for a year. That same sister has subsequently lived in California and Utah, and Emily's visited her in those places as well. During his time at the Seminary, Vicar toured Israel and spent two weeks in Mexico. This past Easter, we went on a trip together to Rome, Florence, and Paris. It's time for us to settle down for a while!

Last words?

We are both very excited to be here at Faith! We look forward to meeting each one of you – just be patient as we try to remember your names. We're eager to work together with you in sharing the message of Jesus.



W o m e n ' s B i b l e S t u d y



Join us as we study "Hymns of Faith & Hope "

The Women's Bible Study has started a new study series just recently that will take us through the month of September. We are studying some of the hymns that we sing and the stories behind them. We'd love to see you there on Wednesday nights from 7-8 p.m. It's a perfect time for us to grow as women of God and a perfect time for us to grow as a family!

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FAITH LUTHERAN MEMBERS PROVIDE SUPPORT TO BICYCLISTS

On Saturday, August 14, members of Faith Lutheran Church staffed a rest stop for bicycle riders riding the 100-mile Tour of Faith, so called because different churches provide the various rest stops along the route. The bicycle ride begins and ends at the Bicycles Unlimited shop on Hwy 54 in Peachtree City. This is the fourth year that our congregation has provided one of the rest stops for bicycle riders participating in this event.

The Faith Lutheran Church rest stop was near the halfway point in the 100-mile circuit in Zebulon, GA. This was an opportunity to get the church name out and to provide drinks, snacks and a brief rest to the bicyclists.

The rest area was staffed by Scott, Tyler and Daniel Buth; Al Creel; Michael Deschamps; and Gary and Mary Beth Eckhardt. Providing support for the rest stop was Christell Bakken, Judy Christopher, Linda Hicks and John Hoth. Thanks to all who participated!

Confirmation Class Begins September 8th

Confirmation Class begins on September 8th at 5:45PM. Note the earlier start time this year. All children in 7th and 8th grade and their parents are encouraged to come to the first class. Classes are each Wednesday at 5:45PM during the school year.

Confirmation classes comprise a two-year period of instruction in the Christian faith for our seventh and eighth grade children. The purpose of confirmation class is to strengthen the faith of our children through instruction in the Word of God.

Please contact Vicar Nass with any questions at 770-253-4007 or nathan.nass@gmail.com.

Fall Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begins September 12th

It is a wonderful opportunity for all members of your family to grow in faith and knowledge of our Lord.

Please join us at 9:15AM

Devotion Time Feeling New? Not to God!

I'm new. There's no doubt about it. The fact that I'm new here at Faith has almost become part of my title. I'm not Vicar Nass – I'm the *new* Vicar. And being new can trigger lots of different emotions. There's excitement at being part of a new family. There's nervousness in the face of the unknown. There's thankfulness for the kindness shown by others. There's anxiety at feeling a little out of place. I have to admit, I'm looking forward to the day when I'm not *new* anymore.

But I don't have to tell you what it's like to be new. From what I hear, many of you are relatively new here at Faith too. You can probably remember what it felt like to walk through those big wood doors for the first time. And even if you've been coming to Faith for years, I know you've experienced those emotions of being new many times before: at a new school, at a new job, meeting a new family.

Regardless of how new you are to our family here at Faith, one thing is certain: You are NOT new to God! You see, God knows how hard and uncomfortable it can be to be "new." He understands that newness can bring doubts and insecurities. And so God has revealed something wonderful to us. He tells us that he chose us in Christ "*before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will*" (Ephesians 1:4-5).

Do you think about that very often? Before there were trees or mountains or oceans or people, before there was anything at all, God knew that he wanted you to be a part of his family. He knew that he wanted to make you his holy and blameless child both here on earth and forever in heaven. He couldn't wait for you to be baptized as his son or daughter.

But maybe you're not feeling too holy or blameless. That's what makes all this even more amazing! God knew that we his children wouldn't be perfect little angels. In fact, he knew that we would sin time and time again. He knew that even after our baptisms a part of us would constantly fight against his commands in spite of all his love toward us.

That didn't stop our God! Instead, he put in place the perfect plan of salvation through his perfect Son Jesus. In Jesus "*we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace*" (Ephesians 1:7). Jesus' blood makes us holy and blameless in God's sight. It is in Jesus that the wonderful relationship with God which has been planned from before the beginning of the world is realized.

So maybe you still feel new here at Faith. Maybe at times you still feel insecurities or doubts when you think about your relationship with God. Then take comfort in this truth today: You are not new to God! He's had you in his plans since before the beginning of time. In his love he's saved you through his Son Jesus. He'll be with you beyond the end of time in the eternity he's planned for you in heaven.

Vicar Nass

Faith Lutheran Preschool

Our preschool kids are nicely settled into their routines, and our days are running smoothly. We've been blessed with sixty-four students. A third of those families are looking for a church home. God has placed many wonderful opportunities in front of us. Please keep us in your prayers that we might be faithful workers in His vineyard.

Thank you for the donated items that we requested to help stock another preschool room. We are well stocked for the year and very much appreciate your generosity.

The children and the staff are enjoying the extra playground space. What a wonderful difference to have more space! The design and layout has worked fantastically. Thank you again to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Holly Buth, Director
Faith Lutheran Preschool



Youth Group

Youth Group begins on September 8th

All children in 4th through 6th grades are invited to join us.

We meet every Wednesday night from 7-8PM until Thanksgiving week.

We share a Bible devotion, work on service projects, enjoy some fun activities, and eat some yummy snacks. Please speak to Dawn or Gary Hill for more information.

Mother-Son Camp Out

Moms and sons are you ready for some camping fun? We're going to meet at the church property on September 24th to set up so we're ready to eat at 6:00 p.m. Vicar is going to come and do a devotion with us to help strengthen the spiritual relationship that we have with our sons. We'll roast hot dogs and marshmallows around the campfire, sing songs and enjoy each other's company.



In order to plan for this event, please e-mail Holly Buth at buthhalfdozen@numail.org to let her know you are interested in camping out. She'll contact you to see if you need any camping gear and also what you can help provide for dinner that night and breakfast the next morning.

The Great Georgia Air Show

**October 9th and 10th
Peachtree City Falcon Field**

Mark your Calendars!

The members of Faith have another opportunity to host a food booth at the Great Georgia Airshow. Faith mans a crowd favorite food booth. It takes many volunteers and lots of supplies to make our booth run smoothly.

When it gets closer to the event, there will be an informational meeting for all volunteers.

If you would like to help or have questions, or contact Antoinette at (770) 460-6750 . Please join us in this unique way to serve our community and have fun!



September-October Volunteer Schedules

Acolyte & Friendship Register

Acolyte

September 5 - Megan Eberle
 September 12 - Jordana Schroeder
 September 19 - Joshua Buth
 September 26 - Noah Kvidt
 October 3 - Caleb Christopher
 October 10 - Jeremy Countryman
 October 17 - Lauren Curtis
 October 24 - Mike Eberle
 October 31 - Jacob Fiscus

Friendship Register

Justin Schroeder & Katie Watkins
 Zeke Mueller & Dalia Gibson
 Megan Buth & Grant Heinz
 Ashley Kangas & Jacob Fiscus
 Grant & Garrett Madden
 Sam Pfliger & Emily Schroeder
 Will Smathers & Versailles Weigel
 Grant & Sidney Bakken
 Elizabeth Bloy & Maddie Bonnette

Cleaning Schedule

Date	Family 1	Family 2
Week of September 6	Weigel	West
Week of September 13	Chapman	Everhart
Week of September 20	Poage	Hendricks
Week of September 27	Gibson	Kvidt
Week of October 4	D and H Johnson	K. Green
Week of October 11	J. Pickett	Covey
Week of October 18	P & J Green	K. Schroeder
Week of October 25	TBA	Christopher
Week of November 1	Springstroh	Cook

Nursery Schedule

September 5	Rob Nichols / Jenny Schroeder	October 3	Madelyn Quinn/Terri Ricker
September 12	Buth	October 10	Pfeifer
September 19	Bonnette	October 17	Dawn Hill/Darla Pfiger
September 26	Buckley	October 24	Christopher
		October 31	Foust

Lawn Mowing Schedule

Week of	Lawn A	Lawn B	Lawn C	Trimming
9/6/10	Hansen	Pauli		
9/13/10	Pfliger		Sporleder	Roberts
9/20/10	West	Wessinger		
9/27/10	M. Schroeder		Wulf	
10/4/10	Buth	Johnson		Collins
10/11/10	Christopher		Soleto	
10/18/10	Hold	Walrath		

Video Taping

September 5	Joshua Buth	October 3	Keith Schroeder
September 12	Luke Hendricks	October 10	Andrew Bjornas
September 19	Andrew Bjornas	October 17	Joshua Buth
September 26	Caleb Christopher	October 24	Luke Hendricks
		October 31	Caleb Christopher

September

Ushering Teams

October

Buth

Anderson
Baumann
Carter
Creel
Ellis
Fiscus
Gehl
Hendricks
Mueller
Smith
Webb
West

Scott

Chad
Les
Keith
Al
Brent
Jeff
Len
Luke
Matthew
George
Donald
Tom

Nichols

Bjornas
Christopher
Cook
Everhart
Giles
Hoth
Walrath
Morgan
Pfeifer
Schwab
Curtis

Rob

Matthew
Jim
Frank
Jason
Blake
John
Dennis
Robbie
Jonathan
Andy
Ron



Birthdays



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**If you have information for the newsletter,
 please submit it to
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 by the 25th of each month. Thank you.**

Nathan Curtis	9/2	Aiden Johnson	9/12
Jessica Cook	9/4	Michael Lorenz	9/12
Millie Everhart	9/5	Matthew Curtis	9/13
Jordana Schroeder	9/5	Britani Webb	9/13
Julie Anderson	9/6	Tyler Kangas	9/15
Roxie Soletto	9/6	Elaina Lesage	9/20
Anna Curtis	9/7	Terese Harrington	9/21
Amanda Miller	9/7	Justin Hill	9/22
Wade Pickett	9/7	Ashley Kangas	9/22
Maria Baumann	9/9	Teresa Foust	9/25
Jamie Christopher	9/9	Erik Heitshusen	9/28
Heidi Nichols	9/11	Alyssa Countryman	9/29

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35

Ladies Night Out

Interested in a ladies night out?

Then join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 16th at Smokey Bones in Peachtree City.

Please RSVP to Kerri Madden 678-850-1428, so she can call ahead for table reservations.

