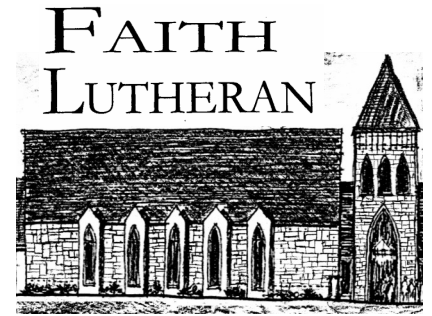


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December 2010

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Focus on New Families at Faith

As we focus on new families here at Faith, we take the opportunity to meet another one of our newest families—Mark and Carolyn McDevitt and their children Miles and Max. Here's what Mark has to say about his family.

Tell us about the McDevitt family.

I grew up in Lancaster, Ohio and went to college in Columbus. My whole family still lives up north. I came to Georgia in 1991 and met Carolyn here in 1994. She grew up in Fairburn, and now her parents live in Tyrone. It's nice to have some relatives close by! We met casually—my roommate dated one of Carolyn's friends, and one day I met Carolyn at a restaurant and we just started talking. It was kind of a coincidence, but after dating for a year, we got married in 1995. At first we lived in Fairburn, then we moved to Tyrone. As our two sons—Miles and Max—were getting older, we needed more space, and since we liked the school system better here in Sharpsburg, we decided to build here. We're really happy where we're at.

What's work like for you and Carolyn?

Carolyn teaches 9th grade English at Northgate High School. That's nice because it's so close to our house. I keep busy with the graphics design company that I run with my partner. We have a shop up in East Point, but I'm able to do a lot of my work from home. It's nice to have the flexibility of running your own business, but it can mean some long days too. Lately we've been designing silk screen posters and memorabilia for bands on tour, and we designed some of the latest posters for the Dave Matthews Band.

What are your boys interested in?

Max has played every sport except basketball, but he especially loves football. His team actually just made it to the Super Bowl of the league in Sharpsburg he plays in. He's a defensive end. Our older son Miles loves baseball. He's been playing since he was four and a half. He's played pitcher and first base and done a little outfield and second base too. His traveling season starts soon and will run through June or July. That keeps us really busy. I help coach when I can. The boys also like Airsoft. It's a little like paintball, except you shoot little white soft BBs instead of paintballs. They like to go to a place over in Newnan.

How did you hear about Faith?

We drive by Faith all the time. I can remember when it was first being built. I always thought it was a really beautiful church and liked its classic look. I grew up Catholic, but never felt comfortable there. Carolyn grew up Methodist, so we went to a Methodist church after we got married. When we left the Methodist church, we tried some other churches before checking Faith out. Our friends the Bonnettes had started coming here too. We walked in and felt comfortable right away. We knew it was the right place for us.

Does your family have any hobbies?

We like to go fishing and camping and hiking when we can, but the boy's sports keep us really busy. There're some weeks where it seems like there's something going on every night. So we actually enjoy it when there's nothing to do. It's nice just to sit at home and cook out. We just enjoy being at home!



Christmas Worship Schedule

We will celebrate the Nativity of our Lord on



Dec 24th	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Dec 25th	10:00am	Christmas Day Service
Dec 26th	- 10:30am	Sunday Worship Service (No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School)

Make plans to join us and invite others to share in the joy of Christmas!

Advent Dinner & Devotion

Set up begins at 5:30 pm and dinner starts at 6:00pm.

Each week will have a different theme.

- December 1—Soup
- December 8—Sloppy Joe's
- December 15—Italian



Devotion follows dinner around 6:45pm and will last until about 7:30pm.

There are two sign-up sheets for each Wednesday. One to bring a food item and one to record that your family is attending dinner for food planning. If you have any questions please see Sarah Kvidt.

Christmas Eve Refreshments

Help us share the joy of Christmas with the family of Faith! We are in need of cookies to serve on Christmas Eve to our members, guests and visitors.

Please bring a tray of cookies, ready to serve, on Christmas Eve. There will be a table set up in the gathering area and the cookies will be served there after the 5:00pm and 7:00pm services.

If you have any questions, contact Judy Christopher.



Sunday School Christmas Party



December 12th after church

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area
so plans can be made for enough food and crafts.

Any questions, please speak to Richard or Joan Bjornas

Ladies' Christmas Party



Please join on us at the church on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 11:00am for the Ladies Christmas Party.

Take time out from your busy holiday schedule for food, fellowship and fun with the ladies of Faith Lutheran Church. The ladies will eat brunch, have devotion and work on the Christmas ornament that is distributed to guests and visitors on Christmas Eve.

There will be a sign up sheet in the gathering area for those wishing to attend as well as food items to bring. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Schroeder at 404-667-0292 or via email at jschroeder.email@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran Preschool News

I know this sounds hard to believe given that it seems like this school year just started, but the Preschool Executive Committee has been hard at work preparing for registration for the 2011-2012 school year. Because available spots in the preschool fill quickly, please let me know if you are considering sending your child to the preschool. I will then know to get the registration materials to you when they are available the second week in January so that you can be prepared when we open registration on February 1st. If you have a child currently enrolled in the preschool, you will automatically receive registration materials when you come back from Christmas break.

Thank you very much for keeping the preschool ministry in your prayers. God has blessed the program, and we look forward to seeing what else He has in store for us in 2011!

Holly Buth, Director

Women's Advent Tea

Sunday, December 12, 2010

4:00 P.M.

All ladies of the congregation and of WELS congregations around Atlanta are invited to the Advent Tea. Women and girls age 6 and above are invited. Please invite friends and relatives to spend this afternoon with us and prepare to receive God's priceless gift to all of us....Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Dawn Hill by Dec 5th.

Sola Fide Lutheran Church is located at 1307 Webb Gin House Rd, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Youth Group Project



FAITH WELS
LUTHERAN CHURCH 2011 CALENDAR

The youth group has created a 2011 calendar to be sold to raise money to support one of our synodical schools, Martin Luther College.

The calendars will be available during the month of December, so if you would like to purchase one, please place your order after any church service in December at the youth group table.

Each calendar costs \$5 AND 100% goes to the school.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area for those who would like to purchase poinsettias to beautify the church for Christmas.

You can take the poinsettias home with you after the candlelight service on Christmas Eve.

They average in price around \$6 but as soon as they are purchased, an email will be sent letting you know the exact cost.



Devotion Time

The Perfect Gift

How would you describe the perfect gift? It's hard, isn't it? As much as we look forward to the gift-giving of Christmas, it doesn't happen very often that we get what we'd call a perfect gift. We're talking about more than just a gift card or clothes that you'll end up taking back anyway. The perfect gift is that surprise under the tree that's totally unexpected. It takes your breath away. It's the gift that makes you say: "Wow, how did you know this is exactly what I wanted!" The perfect gift comes from someone very special. It's wrapped in their love. As thankful as we are for all the gifts we receive at Christmas, it's not too often that we get the perfect gift.

And so this Christmas, remember the perfect Gift given by the perfect Giver. If you want to talk about a perfect gift, God knew exactly what we needed. In fact, God knows us better than we know ourselves. So God didn't give us something that we would have put on our own list: toys or tickets or cars. He knew our greatest need, and he gave us the absolute best he could give. God's perfect Gift is completely unexpected and absolutely undeserved. And God's perfect Gift was given from the abounding love of a Father who thinks night and day about his dear children.

And so God gave us the perfect Gift. *"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). God looked at his children struggling with sin and facing eternal death, and he realized what we needed most wasn't a Playstation or a couch. It was a Savior. We needed a Savior who could wash away our sins, wipe away our guilt, and calm our doubts. And so he sent us his perfect Son.



Jesus, God's perfect Gift, is perfect for us in every way. Perfect in that he's a human like us so that he could die in our place on the cross. Perfect in that he's God like his Father to live the perfect life we've failed to live and pay the penalty for our sins. This is the perfect Gift: God gave us his only Son as our Savior so that we'd have a real reason for the season of Christmas.

So what can we give back to the One who's given us the greatest gift? What can we give to the One who already has it all? God's not looking for payback. He's not waiting for us to give back to him a gift that's as good as the one he's given us. That's impossible. He's simply looking for our hearts. He's looking for our simple trust in him as our God and in his Son as our Savior. For a love that loves because he first loved us. For a faith that lives for him who lived for us.

Because there's one more important fact about God's perfect Gift—it lasts forever. Jesus is the Gift that keeps on giving. He's the Gift that keeps on loving and forgiving. He's the Gift that gives eternal life. Jesus is one Gift you'll never want to take back to Kohl's. He's a Gift that will never wear out or grow old. He's here for you now, and he'll bring you there to heaven to be with him forever. Now that sounds like the perfect Gift.

Acolyte & Friendship Register

	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Friendship Register</u>
December 5	Grant Heinz	Clayton Gibson & Elise Harris
December 12	Ashley Kangas	Ava Johnson & Nicholas Johnston
December 19	Noah Kvidt	Tyler Kangas & Laura Kvidt
December 26	Tyler Madden	Grant & Garrett Madden
January 2	Andrew Bjornas	Versailles Weigel & Will Smathers
January 9	Tyler Buth	Emily Schroeder & Ava Johnson
January 16	Erin Ricker	Sam Pfliger & Garrett Madden
January 23	Caleb Christopher	Grant Bakke & Sidney Bakken
January 30	Jimmy Countryman	Elizabeth Bloy & Maddie Bonnette

Cleaning Schedule

Date	Family 1	Family 2
Week of December 6	Heinz	Mueller
Week of December 13	Eckhardt	Bloy
Week of December 20	Clow/Hicks	Countryman
Week of December 27	Pfeifer	Harrington
Week of January 3	Hendricks	J & B Ford
Week of January 10	Gibson	Kvidt
Week of January 17	D & H Johnson	L & K Green
Week of January 24	J & C Pickett	Covey
Week of January 31	P & J Green	M & K Schroeder

Nursery Schedule

December 5	D & H Johnson	January 2	Joyner
December 12	Julie Anderson/Linda Hicks	January 9	Weigel
December 19	Emily Nass/Peggy Clow	January 16	Bloy
December 24	VOLUNTEERS	January 23	Eckhardt
December 26	The Pickett	January 30	Harrington

Video Taping

December 5	Cole Johnson	January 2	Andrew Bjornas
December 12	Caleb Christopher	January 9	Katherine Curtis
December 19	Luke Hendricks	January 16	Cole Johnson
December 24	Keith Schroeder	January 23	Lauren Curtis
December 25	Joshua Buth	January 30	Caleb Christopher
December 26	Keith Schroeder		

December

Ushering Teams

January

<i>Hill</i>	<i>Gary</i>	<i>Heinz</i>	<i>Travis</i>
Boe	Gordon	Buckley	Dennis
Collins	David	Countryman	Jimmy
Harrington	Matt	Deschamps	Michael
Hill	Justin	Foust	Jeff
Joyner	Roy	Higgs	David
Koepke	James	Johnson	Cole
Peterson	Duane	Kvidt	John
Schroeder	Michael	Lesage	Ed
Seitz	Tom	Massmann	Mark
Springstroh	Dave	Oberhelman	Jim
Weigel	Martin	Walrath	Dennis
Wulf	Dick		

December Birthdays

John Hoth	1	Raymond Johnston	17
Katherine Curtis	2	Matt Mueller	17
Kim Green	2	Kaitlyn Schroeder	17
Kristine Schroeder	3	John Garrelts	19
Sarah Lorenz	5	Megan Buth	20
Joseph Bendall	6	Sherry Kangas	20
Arthur Adam	9	Reid Pickett	20
Mona Robertson	10	Noah Kvidt	21
Ruth Curtis	11	Dawn Hill	24
Jim Roberts	12	Jack Anderson	25
Helen St. Pierre	13	John Kvidt	27
Holly Buth	14	Ashley Lanier	28
Haley Foust	14	Sherry Roberts	28
Kirstin Massmann	14	Kelly Lass	29
Jordan Springstroh	14	Mathew Bjornas	30
Deb Peterson	15		



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 by the 25th of each month. Thank you.



⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:8-12

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*"Faith comes from hearing the message,
 and the message is heard through the word of Christ."
 Romans 10:17*

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