



*It's not enough to be busy,
so are the ants.
The question is...
"What are we busy about?"
Henry David Thoreau*

“HELPING HANDS OF FAITH” December Update:

With our *helping hands of Faith*, we're moving forward!

Teams of Faith members are ready to serve, *with helping hands*, both within our congregation, and also outside our walls in the community. Updates on a few of our new HHF servant-teams:

- **Meal Serving Team:** We are now regularly scheduled to serve a noon meal the third Wednesday of each month at the ROCK at NoonDay! Contact [Ginni Webb](mailto:Ginni_Webb@faithabq.org) at 363-6802 or [Joan Reel](mailto:Joan_Reel@faithabq.org) at 797-4934 for more information.

- **Martha Mission Team:** For months, we have been working to complete shampooing, dusting and washing each one of the Sanctuary chairs. The end is in sight! This enormous project has been undertaken in service to our congregation. We also remember it is by God's grace and blessing that we have this place of worship, learning and gathering.

If you would like to join us, we have scheduled hours between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm on Tuesdays. Please call Kirsten at the church office, 296-0762, or Jan Gale at 264-0063.

- **Handy Man Team:** We offer assistance to members in need of help with minor yardwork or minor home repairs. We have planted a shade tree for a member in need, provided some assistance to the Landscape Team, and are open to future projects!

- **Landscape Team:** We are now on "Maintenance" after major clean-up work on the FLC landscape this year. Enjoy the holidays and come join us beginning Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 8:30 am-11:00 am. We'd love to have you join us!

As these ministries grow, along with other ideas 'in the works,' Faith is fulfilling our mission to be Christ-like in our community; a servant-minded *Church with Windows*; a congregation willing to see and serve the needs of the community around us!

To find out more, or to sign up for any of these ministry teams, or discuss any other *helping hands* ideas, contact Kirsten Wilder at 296-0762 or via email at kwilder@faithabq.org.

[Check here in the future for continued updates!](#)



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Helen Bielejec, Choir Director • **Tom Crow**, Emmaus Praise Team Director
Ruth Ronan, Campanas de Fe Director • **Ronda Schripsema**, Organist

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This week at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TODAY

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
9:30 am
9:30 am
9:30 am
10:30 am
1:00 pm
4:00 pm

Monday

9:30 am
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Tuesday

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Wednesday

8:30 am
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Thursday

9:00 am
10:00 am
Noon

Friday

7:00 am
8:00 pm

Saturday

7:00 am
9:00 am
5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am
9:30 am
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1:00 pm

December 2, 2018 - Communion Sunday

Worship Service: Traditional, Blended, Contemporary
Adult Bible Study
Groundfloor Youth Worship - Youth Room 1/2
Youth Sunday School
EPIC - Room 12
Children's Choir - Choir Room
Young Adult Ministry - Library
Dinner for 8 Christmas Potluck - Fellowship Hall

December 3

Dorcas Needlework Group - Room 4/5
Cub Scout Pack 166 - Youth Room 1/2/3
Troop 166 BSA - Fellowship Hall
SOS Men's AA - Room 10/11
Campanas de Fe - Choir Room

December 4

Faith Quilters - Room 6/7
Martha Mission
REFUEL - Youth Room 1/2/3
Stephen Ministry - Room 4/5
Emmaus Band - Sanctuary

December 5

Faith Quilters - Room 6/7
Ruth & Sarah Bible Study Groups - Library & Family Room
Youth Mid-week Programs: Dinner, WEBS, Grapple, SURF, Refuge
Chancel Choir - Choir Room
Fruit of the Spirit - Conference Room
Adult Bible Study - Lecture Hall

December 6

Raising God's Miracles - Room 4/5
Mission & Service Ministry Team - Conference Room
Finance Committee - Off-Site

December 7

Men's Friday Breakfast - Off-Site
Smokeless AA - Room 6

December 8

Men of Faith - Room 10/11
Back to Basics Al-Anon - Room 13
Worship Service

December 9

Worship Service: Traditional, Blended, Contemporary
Adult Bible Study
Groundfloor Youth Worship - Youth Room 1/2
Youth Sunday School
EPIC - Room 12
Children's Choir - Choir Room
Young Adult Ministry - Library

Hospital and Home Visits

Our pastors visit members in the hospital and in rehabilitation centers, and also bring Communion to the homebound. If you are in need of this pastoral care, please contact the church office with the location and room number. Thank you!

Prayer Chain

To notify our confidential Prayer Chain of a prayer need, contact Barbara Peterson at 898-6093 or Cheryl Dix at 280-2101 or 771-2014, or call the church office at 296-0762.



ALTAR FLOWERS are given this week by:

- * Charmaine Schmille in loving memory of Donald Schmille
- * Duane L. DeWerff in loving memory of Charmaine DeWerff

Dinner for 8

is having a Christmas Potluck **TODAY at 4:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are a current, former, or interested participant, please join us! Paper goods and drinks will be provided. Questions? Please call Pam Limke, 610-6851.

Stephen Ministry Meeting

This Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm

Our December meeting is our Christmas potluck! We will meet in the Crossroads Café. Contact Pam Zimmerman at 293-0477, to let her know if you are attending and what you will be bringing.

Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study Group

will meet again **this Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30 pm** in the Conference Room.

Luther's Ruckers

December 8 at 6:00 am, church parking lot

Men of Faith, please join us for a new and exciting journey in team-work and self-discovery as we ruck into new territory with ourselves and our fellow team mates; push our limits and find new paths to follow and see where they lead us. Luther's Ruckers is for all men of faith of any and all fitness levels. The goals of this group are to

encourage fitness, fellowship and faith through the joys and stresses of function fitness routines and rucking. We will meet in the church parking lot. The men's breakfast to follow in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. For more information contact Taylon Chesser, 505-504-4217 or Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2214659582192931/>.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, December 8, at 8:00 am

Join us for a delicious breakfast (did we mention bacon), great conversations with other men, time in prayer for one another, and together hear some real life testimonies of what God is doing in the life of men through everyday life on the job, in the office, or wherever God has led them. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal. RSVP today! Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or electronically at Eventbrite.com.

Christmas Toy Collection

We will collect toys for The Salvation Army. Bring in your new, unwrapped toys now through December 9 and place them under the Centrum Christmas Tree.

'Believe' Continuing w/Lessons 11-20

**Next Sunday, December 9, at 9:30 am
Room 13**

It's not too late to join us in our journey to become more like Jesus. Lessons 11-20 examine what we should do as Christians and how we can become more like Christ. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall today.

Dinner Out 50+

All couples and singles age 50 and over – come join us at Scalo Northern Italian Grill (Nob Hill Business Center) on **Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 pm**. Sign up today. Our Hostess is Sandi Johnson, 250-3392. Reminder: We will have a Christmas gift exchange.

Bible and Brew

**Men's Bible Study in the Book of James
Thursday, December 13, at 5:30 pm**

Location TBA Soon

Men will gather for Bible study and brews. We will be studying the book of James. We will have some fun but also invite and challenge one another in the Word of God. We hope you will join us! Leaders for this event are Dominic Anderson and Brandon Phillips. Look for more information on <https://mensbiblandbrew.eventbrite.com> and www.facebook.com/faithlutheranchurch.albuquerque/.



New Mexico Philharmonic

Presents

**Handel's Messiah
Sunday, December 16,
3:00 - 5:30 pm**

The New Mexico Philharmonic is coming to Faith Lutheran to perform the *Messiah* with Coro Lux and members of our Faith Chancel Choir. **You can buy tickets for this concert in the Fellowship Hall this morning and the next Sunday, December 9, from 9:00-11:00 am.** For more information, see today's special insert.

Lunch & Learn

Join us **Thursday, December 20, at 12:00 noon** in the Fellowship Hall for our delicious Christmas luncheon. Following our meal, we will meet in the Sanctuary where Ruth Ronan, along with Dwayne Knirk and Helen Bielejec, will lead us in joyful singing of Christmas songs.

Greeting Card Group

will NOT meet in December. We will meet again on **Thursday, January 3, and Saturday, January 5**. Look for bulletin information and sign-up sheets in mid December.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

To find out more about our Youth Program - Sunday School, weekly and special events - visit our website: www.faithabq.org/kids-youth/.

Grad Gift Meeting

**Next Sunday, December 9, @ 10:30 am
in the Refuge High School Room**

Parents, grandparents and family of 2019 High School Graduates: We would like the opportunity to partner with you to make a meaningful gift that will bless your graduates for years to come! Along with emails, there will be a short meeting discussing the details of this special project. Please contact Scott Strachan at 296-0762 or sstrachan@faithabq.org.

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 23, at 9:30 am

Rehearsals take place on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Drop off is in the Fellowship Hall, pick up is in their regular classrooms.

