



Faith Lutheran Church

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<http://faithdunedin.org/worship-and-sermon/> <http://faithdunedin.org/announcements/>

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sunday at 10:15 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday at 9:15 am

BIBLE STUDY: Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 9:30 am

CHOIR PRACTICE: Sunday at 8:45 am; and Wednesday at 10:45 am / 7:00 pm

The Mission of Faith

Faithful to God's Word through Christ, We aspire to love, care, and serve all people.

The Vision of Faith

Faith Lutheran exists to bring the salvation of Jesus Christ to people and send them to Heaven for all eternity.

FAITH WEEKLY

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Proper 24 (22 October 2017)

Isaiah 45:1–7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10, Matthew 22:15–22

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “to entangle him in his words” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “from the rising of the sun and from the west” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “in power and in the Holy Spirit” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

Stewardship Verse - Psalm 24:5-6

***He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.***

Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Class continues with the study of John. Starting time is 9:30 am.

Sunday School meets this week, start time is 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Class will meet at 9:15 am.

October Fest – October 29th, The BOD will provide Bratwurst, members of the congregation will bring German food to share (potluck). Entertainment will be provided. ~Thank you, Rita McWhorter

Help, Help the church is looking for a LARGE Double Door refrigerator, freezer on bottom.

Washer / Dryer for Sale Amana washer and “gas” dryer. Best offer, donation to church.

Donation sites to help hurricane victims:
You can donate to Synod’s Disaster response here. - <https://www.lcms.org/disaster-response>

Samaritan’s Purse - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

LCMS World Relief and Human Care, through LCMS Disaster Response, is supporting Puerto Rico. See the flyer in the church foyer.

Love, Care & Serve !

*Names will be kept on the printed prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested

Pray for the church – that she may be faithful in her mission to share the Gospel.

That God will bless us with the means to take care of His House.

Pray for the hospitalized – Kyle MacLean

Pray for those in care facilities –

Pray for those recovering – Steve Pano, Peter Kolb, Dorothy Laabs, Linda Harris, Maggie McLaughlin, Carmel Beck, Pat Clifford, Ruth Rauch, Cindy Crutchfield, Eric Rauch

Undergoing Treatment: Paul Martin, Janice Tyma, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Paul Blackburn, Anne Koster, Bob Weinkauff, Cindy Crutchfield

Awaiting Surgery: Shari Martin,

Pray for grieving families – Jonsson (Son Jon), Premo (Sylvia), Uliano (Evelyn’s Mother, Muriel Roach), Crutchfield (Son)

Pray for special requests – James Watters, Bellhorn Family, Dorothy Laabs, Jennifer Prewitt, Prayers for the families of the shooting victims in Last Vegas and prayers for the wounded, Pray for those recovering from the effects of Hurricane Harvey / Irma / Maria. Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria

Celebrations – Whitney Kiehn is expecting a girl in February, Mark & Tina Sunday welcomed two more grandchildren into the family, John & Janette Corlito are first time grandparents, Doris Watters is engaged to Steve Panos, Glenn & Edith Marshall sold their home in Wyoming and are now full time Floridians & Faith Members,

SERVING THE LORD -2017		
Date	22-Oct	29-Oct
GREETERS	Carol Lentz	Carol Lentz
USHERS	George/Ann Klemaier	George/Ann Klemaier
HOST - HOSTESS	Flo Bellhorn/Janice Tyma	<i>Octoberfest / Reformation</i>
ALTAR CARE	Svana Jonsson, Tina Sunday	Svana Jonsson, Tina Sunday
COMM. / ELDER	Mark Sunday	Mark Sunday
READER	Jen-Nett MacLean	Susan Laeder

Happy Birthday!		Happy Anniversary! Eric Lackey & Mary Keller October 20
October 21	Maggie McLaughlin	
October 22	Gabrielle Belknap	
October 26	Warren Anderson	
October 26	Emily Sorenson	
October 29	Anne Siatkowski	

From the Churches

Lutheran Worship for Shut-ins If you have to miss Sunday worship, Lutheran Worship for Shut-ins is available on the TCT Network Sunday mornings at 11:30. It is channel 377 on Direct TV. Or, go online at Lutheran Worship Service for Shut-ins <http://www.worshipforshutins.org/#!ways-to-watch/csp0>. Or Google Lutheran Worship for Shut-ins.

Another source for Christian living and learning is

ON THIS WEBSITE: <http://kfu.org/on-demand/live-stream/> Click on streaming play

Thrivent Financial representatives Jon Stricker and Mike Joeckel will be teaching a class called “Suddenly Single” in late October. This class is focused on helping congregational members organizing their affairs and teaching the “do’s and don’ts” in the event of their or their spouses passing. Mike is one of Thrivent Financial’s top Estate Planning representatives in the state. The class will be taught October 26th at 6:30pm at Bethel Lutheran on McMullen Booth road in Clearwater. Finger food and beverage will be provided and class takes place in the Fellowship Hall. Please email jonathan.stricker@thrivent.com or call 727-403-6627 for RSVPs.

Pastor’s Corner

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

(Malachi 3:10)

In the spring of 1522 the small town of Leisnig, located in modern Germany, joined the Reformation and began to reorganize its parish along lines similar to those followed in the larger cities such as Wittenberg. They soon ran afoul of a local abbot who exercised patronage over the city. This abbot used his patronage to deny the parish funds, and he denied them priests to celebrate mass. Luther’s advice to the people of Leisnig was two-fold: first, the parish should elect their own priests and preacher; and, second, the parish establish a “common chest.” (Luther’s Works, Vol. 39) They heeded his advice, as do we today in the modern Lutheran Church.

Lutheran congregations are free to call any pastor they choose. The only caveat is that those churches that belong to a particular denomination, such as our Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, vow to abide by synodical guidelines for pastors. There is much more freedom to follow one’s conscience today than in 1517 when the Reformation began.

The second recommendation, to establish a common chest, was equally liberating. Bottom up funding of the local parish, vice relying on top-down largess, ensures that the congregation is controlled by the members, not a distant body. No longer can an abbot threaten to cut off funding unless the parish obeys his will. That’s not to say that people won’t still try.

The remedy is for all the people to obey God and bring their tithes into the store house—the common chest—or today, the offering plate, that there may be food in God’s house. (Malachi 3:10) A tithe is simply a portion of your income 1%, 5%, 10%, 15%, or more. It’s up to you, for God loves a cheerful giver. You give, not under obligation of the Law, but out of joy that you are saved. Your tithe, when joined with those of the rest of God’s saints here in Dunedin, ensures that this parish continues to bring the truth of Christ’s Gospel to the world. It ensures that the sacraments are faithfully

administered, and it helps us to reach out in service to our neighbors. All of this is controlled by you, the member.

Last week the Board of Faith Lutheran Church formulated our 2018 budget and voted to recommend its approval to you, the members. I encourage you to get a copy, study it, and to ask questions. This is not only your right, but your responsibility. Like most smaller churches, the majority of the expenses are salaries and building maintenance. Wouldn't it be nice if that could change?

A true "Community Chest" would be used to benefit the poor, the sick, and the suffering in our community. This is Gospel love, but to get there, we need to see more growth—both in terms of members and tithing. The good news is that both are on the rise. Well done! But now isn't the time to grow complacent, but rather to continue to build on the momentum so we can reach even more people with the light of the Gospel and the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

Just as the people of Leisnig took control of their church through election of their own pastors and funding their own church, so too do you control what happens here at Faith. Your God has indeed opened the storehouses of heaven and poured down a blessing—the blessing of the forgiveness of sin and eternal life. A gift that can never be taken from you. Your faithfulness in time, talent, and treasure ensures that this blessing continues to be faithfully proclaimed until He returns in glory.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

~~~~~ Stylish Beef Stroganoff ~~~~~

...What You'll Need:

- 1 pound boneless beef tri-tip (bottom sirloin), cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 pound mushrooms, cut into -inch slices (about 3 cups)
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup ready-to-use beef broth
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 pound egg noodles, cooked according to package directions

What To Do:

In a large skillet that has been coated with cooking spray, brown the beef with the salt and pepper over medium-high heat for 3 to 5 minutes or until no pink remains. Remove the meat and all but 2 teaspoons of the pan juices to a medium-sized bowl; set aside.

Sauté the mushrooms and onion for 4 to 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in the flour then add the broth, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil and cook for 2 minutes or until the sauce has thickened.

Return the beef and juices to the skillet and cook for 3 to 4 minutes or until heated through. Serve over noodles with a dollop of sour cream over each serving.

A Little Humor

