



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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Proper 28 (19 November 2017)

Zephaniah 1:7–16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is “near and hastening fast,” and it will be “a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation” (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish “the men who are complacent” concerning His Word, “who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud” (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: “Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them” (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are “good and faithful” stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and “the master of those servants” settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, “God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also “put on the breastplate of faith and love” in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

Stewardship Verse - Psalm 27:13-14

***I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!***

Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Class starts at 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.

Choir! Our choir will practice Sunday morning at 8:45. Come and join us!

We practice after Bible Study on Wednesdays ~ 10:45 am. / 7:00 pm

LWML Christmas gifts for seminarian & family Please help with our support of our seminarian & family by donating money, a gift card or another gift. Please adhere to a firm Nov. 30 deadline. We have collected over \$200 already! Thank you!

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting & Fellowship Potluck - Sunday, Nov. 19

Annual Elections and Budget Meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and plan to join the fellowship. At the voters' meeting November. 19, positions to be voted on will be **President, Secretary, Evangelism, Director of Education & 1 Elder**. Please let us know if you'd like to be added to the ballot. The board is allowing people to be nominated at the meeting as well.

The annual LWML Christmas Party is Mon. Dec. 4, at Queen's Pizza, starting at 6:30. Barbara Green, founder of HEP, Homeless Empowerment Project, will be our speaker and guest of honor. Our gifts will go to HEP this year. They are in need of canned goods, toilet paper, paper towels, and toiletries. Please don't wrap them, as there will be a table to display them, and Barb will then take them back to HEP for the residence. All women of Faith Lutheran are invited. There will be a sign up sheet in the overflow area. Everyone orders off the menu, and pays for their own meal. Please bring an unsigned Christmas card. There will be games, songs, and lots of Christmas cheer!

Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm, November 22. Give Thanks to God!

Help, Help we are looking for a LARGE Double Door refrigerator, freezer on bottom.

Help, Help, Help we are looking for a patio umbrella with or without a stand. Thank you.

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

Thrivent Funds We are pleased to let you know that Thrivent made a deposit in Faith's account on behalf of Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice(R) program. Amount of Deposit – \$177.00 Thank you!

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 –

Pray for those in care facilities –

Pray for those recovering – Glenda Shinabarger, Chuck Jaki, Andy Sorenson, Kyle MacLean, Steve Pano, Dorothy Laabs, Maggie McLaughlin, Ruth Rauch, Cindy Crutchfield, Eric Rauch

Undergoing Treatment: Lou Fairchild, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauff, Cindy Crutchfield

Awaiting Surgery:

Pray for grieving families – Jonsson (Son Jon), Premo (Sylvia),

Pray for special requests – James Watters, Bellhorn Family, Dorothy Laabs, Jennifer Prewitt, Prayers for the effects of Hurricane Harvey / Irma / Maria. Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria

Celebrations – Glenda Shinabarger is recovering nicely, Shari Martin came through surgery fine, 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 Pano, Glenn & Edith Marshall sold their home in Wyoming and are now full time Floridians & Faith Members

SERVING THE LORD-2017		
Date	19-Nov	26-Nov
GREETERS	Glenda Shinabarger	Glenda Shinabarger
USHERS	George/Ann Klemaier	George/Ann Klemaier
HOST - HOSTESS	VOTERS' MEETING POTLUCK	Mark/Tina Sunday
ALTAR CARE	Wilma Lehto, Linda Richardson	Wilma Lehto, Linda Richardson
COMM. / ELDER	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap
READER	Micah Prewitt	Jen-Nett MacLean

<p>Happy November Birthday</p> <p>16th Casey Forsong 16th Johanna Punch 17th Robert Ossian 27th Elda Thomas</p>	<p>Happy November Birthday</p> <p>28th Wilma Lehto 29th Linda Richardson 30th Dawn Matthias (No Anniversaries in November)</p>
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From the Churches

Lutheran Worship for Shutins If you have to miss Sunday worship, Lutheran Worship for Shutins 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

Donate to Modular Makeover For Dunedin Cares on Go Fund Me



FOOD PANTRY
 1620 Pinehurst

NOW OPEN ON
 TUESDAY, THURSDAY
 AND SATURDAY
 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Dunedin Cares has outgrown our current donated space that houses our Food Pantry. Two local churches have been most generous in reaching out to us. One has been providing us space and is now going to provide the property where a donated modular building will be located. The generous donation of the building from the other church is just incredible. Moving the donated modular was very expensive and does needs some renovation to comply with Public Safety codes. This takes money. Combine the need for renovations with our need for non-perishable canned and paper goods and you get a better understanding of why we seek funding.

If you would like to see our renovation progress and donate to our Go Fund Me Campaign please go to:

<https://www.gofundme.com/dunedincares>

Any size donation is greatly appreciated!

Pastor's Corner

“ For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

(Romans 3:23-25b))

This week I'd like to take time to examine a core belief of our faith—the justification won by Christ, and given to us as a gift. From the Augsburg Confession, Article IV:

[IV. Concerning Justification]

[1] Furthermore, it is taught that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake through faith

[2] when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.

[3] For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness in his sight, as St. Paul says in Romans 3[:21–26] and 4[:5*].*

In Confirmation classes I teach my students the “Salvation Formula”. It goes like this: “Faith + _____ = Salvation.” Thoughtful students will ponder the blank. Some will say, “making a decision to believe”, others might say, “grace”. Others, sensing the trap, keep quiet. The answer is that “Faith + Nothing = Salvation”, for there is nothing that you can do to earn the salvation that Christ won for you on Calvary.

This is important. If your salvation depends upon you making a decision, or doing some other good work, then you rob Jesus of his glory. His glory was to die for you to pay the price for your sins. His blood shed for you on the cross won the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil, that was sealed at His Easter resurrection. To claim some part, however small, in your salvation takes away from the work Christ did on the cross. This is critical to our faith, and should be a relief to all believers, because it means we can't screw it up!

Have you ever been to a church that has altar calls? If you attended regularly chances are that you saw some of the same people going up time after time. Why? Because they feel that the first time didn't take. They've “backslidden”, sinned again, and must not have been sincere when they made their first decision. This can lead to anguish and doubt about one's salvation. This robs the Christian of his or her joy and hope in their salvation!

There is great joy in knowing that you are special, that God has chosen you! “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.” (Deut. 7:6) Your Creator loves you enough to choose you, to send his Son to pay the price for your sins, to call you out of the darkness of sin into the light of His grace, and to name you His own child! This is something that you can't mess up. This is grace. This is accepted through the faith He placed in your hearts.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

~~~~~Garlic Butter Green Beans~~~~~

....What You'll Need:

1 1/2 pounds fresh Green Beans , ends trimmed and cut in half
3 Tablespoons Butter or Olive Oil
1 small Onion , diced
4 cloves Garlic , minced
Kosher Salt or seasoned salt , to taste
fresh cracked Black Pepper , to taste
zest of 1 medium Lemon
squeeze of fresh Lemon Juice , to taste

What To Do:

Add green beans into a large skillet and cover with water. Salt the water generously. Bring the water to a boil, then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer and cook the beans until they are tender to your preferred texture. Drain the green beans.

In the same skillet, remove all excess water. Melt butter or add olive oil. Add the onions and garlic, and cook until onions and garlic are softened and lightly browned. Add green beans and cook until heated through, about 1 minute.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Add lemon zest and squeeze of fresh lemon juice. Serve warm.

A Little Humor

Heard in a small church, south of the Mason-Dixon line:

“What’s wrong, Bubba?” asked the pastor.

“I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba.

The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?”

“I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday.”