

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

*Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, And ye perish from the way, When his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*  
Psalm 2:12

Dear friends of Faith, this Sunday we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, the moment when His divine glory is fully revealed to Peter, James, and John, and the Father's voice from heaven confirms His identity as the Son of God. It marks the culmination of the season of Epiphany—the revelation of Jesus as God.

Epiphany began with the raging of King Herod against the Lord and His Anointed. In spite of Herod's demonic schemes his will is thwarted. God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Ultimately it is Jesus Christ who will overthrow such earthly princes and be enthroned at God's right hand in heaven to sit on David's throne forever. When the psalmist declares, "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry," it's a reminder that we are to put not our trust in earthly princes or powers, but in the Son of God alone, for it is He that gives and sustains life.

Satan, the world (Babylon), and our sinful flesh wage war against the Author of Life. As Herod tried to snuff out the Christ child's life, so too do these enemies of man seek our own, tempting us to rebel and to plot in vain against God's will. The Transfiguration is a brief moment in time when Christ is revealed to His apostles to give them hope to sustain their faith for the days ahead—the days of our Lord's Passion soon to follow. Today, this same hope and revelation is given to the faithful as they kneel before His altar and receive the Lord's body and blood in the Lord's Supper. It is given for the same purpose, to sustain us until the resurrection of all flesh.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### January

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to join our Bible Studies online please notify the pastor and specify which Bible Study you would like to attend.

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Divine Service - 10:15a  
Christian Education - 9:15a  
Wednesday Bible Study - 9:15a  
Thursday Bible Study - 7:00p

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The Sacrament of the Altar proclaims the crucified and glorified Son of Psalm 2. The ordinary bread and wine are Transfigured into the divine body and blood of our Lord that deliver forgiveness, life, and salvation to Christians. This gift is received by those who trust in His word, who believe that Jesus does as promised, and that His body and blood conquered sin's rage and vain plotting. Blessed are they that put their trust in Him. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Pastor Sorenson*

*O Lord, have mercy.  
O Christ, have mercy.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

CATEGORY	THOSE IN NEED	PETITIONS
THE CHURCH	For unity of doctrine and practice; faithful pastors, teachers, administrators, and laity; and courage to preach and teach the whole counsel of God.	<i>Kyrie elison!</i> Lord, have mercy!
THE NATION	Elected officials; First Responders; Military; and Justices. For economic stability; for peace in our nation and around the world and especially for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Africa.	For just rule, a peaceful, orderly society, and relief from natural disasters.
HOSPITALIZED		For healing, safety, and strength.
IN CARE FACILITIES	Edna Opatka, George Klemaier and Tom Fowler.	For healing, strength, hope, and that they may know Christ's love.
UNDERGOING TREATMENT	Colton Hafner, Jim Watters, Neal Laeder, Ray Rothe, Doug Dyer, and Fred Robbins.	For healing, strength, patience, compassionate & wise care givers, and faith.
HOSPICE		For comfort, peace, and faith.
GRIEVING	David Kuntz	For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection.
NEW LIFE		For a healthy pregnancy for mother and child, safe delivery, and God's blessings on both family and home.
SPECIAL REQUESTS	Gail and her family (Connie, Maya & Jaxson), Carol (Linda R's niece), Jane Sternemann (Rachel's aunt), Bart Tallent (Kathy Kreiman's brother), Lisa Kunder (Kathy Kreiman's sister), Marge Sieja, Linda Richardson, JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder's cousin) Stephen Fenton (cancer), Johanna Punch, Becky Cox (Sue Laeder's niece) Karl Streitenfeld (Kathleen Kreiman's son) and Jake Sorenson.	That the Holy Spirit, knowing the needs of His children, would intercede on their behalf before heaven's throne.

*A regular update of the financial health of our congregation.*

The numbers to the right are the unrestricted offerings and current expenses of the Church. We received additional donations of \$100 for the Sunday Bible Study, \$100 for the Wednesday Bible Study, \$1,000 for Chancel/Kneelers, \$500 for Higher Things, \$3,045 for Musical Instruments, and \$2,010 for Stained Glass Windows.

Major restricted fund balances include: Musical Instruments: \$14,004; Stained Glass Windows: \$6,050; Chancel/Kneelers: \$6,000; and Higher Things: \$2,951.

	DECEMBER	2025
INCOME	\$20,226	\$351,862
EXPENSE	\$17,399	\$284,881
TOTAL	\$2,827	\$66,981

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...  
 Website - [www.faithdunedin.org](http://www.faithdunedin.org)  
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## THIS WE CONFESS

*The following excerpts come from the Lutheran Confessions. Unless otherwise note, they are from the Tappert edition of the Book of Concord, Mühlenberg Press, 1959.*

We have briefly considered the first part, namely, the essence of this sacrament. Now we come to its power and benefit, the purpose for which the sacrament was really instituted, for it is most necessary that we know what we should seek and obtain there.

This is plainly evident from the words just quoted, "This is my body and blood, given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins."

In other words, we go to the sacrament because we receive there a great treasure, through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins. Why? Because the words are there through which this is imparted! Christ bids me eat and drink in order that the sacrament may be mine and may be a source of blessing to me as a sure pledge and sign—indeed, as the very gift he has provided for me against my sins, death, and all evils.

(The Large Catechism, Sacrament of the Altar, 20-22)

### BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Terry Davis  
 4<sup>th</sup> Lois Finn  
 11<sup>th</sup> Claudia Nieminen  
 14<sup>th</sup> Jen-Nett MacLean  
 17<sup>th</sup> Carol Engwall  
 20<sup>th</sup> Lukas Nieminen  
 28<sup>th</sup> Phil McWhorter

### ANNIVERSARY

6<sup>th</sup> Carl & Jennifer Belknap

### BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> Barbara Treubig  
 1<sup>st</sup> Bobbie Inglehart  
 14<sup>th</sup> Lois Finn  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Neal Engwall  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Emily Sorenson  
 28<sup>th</sup> Lowell Stange

*There is one body  
 and one Spirit*

*Thank you!*

*For continuing to support the Word and Sacrament ministry at Faith Lutheran with both prayer and your donations.*

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**DONATIONS**

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify the Sanctuary during our services, please sign up using the Flower Calendar posted on the bulletin board in the Mail Room behind the Sanctuary. Please use the provided envelopes & request forms. Cost is \$25 per arrangement. Orders may be placed in Sharon Murawski's mailbox.

Thank you to everyone that brings in aluminum cans to be recycled. The monies generated are placed in the general church budget. Please keep bringing empty cans and placing them in the trash bin outside of Luther Hall.

**SERVANT NOTES**

**CHURCH DIRECTORY  
UPDATED**

The church photo directory has been updated for January 2026. Printed copies are available on the table in the mail room. A link to download a digital copy has been emailed to all members.

**FELLOWSHIP  
COMMITTEE  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

As we look ahead to a new year, we're looking for people with ideas who enjoy helping bring others together! Help create fun and welcoming fellowship events in 2026 by joining the Fellowship Committee. If you're interested, see Sharon Murawski for details. We'd love to have you join us!

**BOOK OF CONCORD  
ONLINE**

CPH has made the Readers' Edition of the Book of Concord available online for free. <https://bookofconcord.cph.org/> This is an excellent resource for those seeking to understand what Lutherans confess. It was written and formatted to be more understandable to the lay person.

## SERVING IN JANUARY

<b>SUNDAY SERVANT</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>
GREETERS	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard
USHERS	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips			
SERVERS	Paul & Flo Bellhorn			
ALTAR CARE	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
ACOLYTE	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen
COMMUNION ELDER	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



**Before and After**

Two different companies had previously worked on the terrazzo flooring in the Sanctuary, neither had been able to remove the staining caused by the oil from the carpet glue. This week Fred brought in a company that claimed to be the “best” in the area. You can see the result of their test area. The Before picture is actually immediately after the chemical treatment compound was removed. After a few hours you can no longer tell the difference between where the treatment happened and the rest of the floor. We plan to have the rest of the stains removed and some of the gaps between the terrazzo and tile filled properly.

## LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

BY SUE LAEDER

February 1, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Lucas Nieminen, Pam Robbins, and Carol Engwall are the celebrants this month. Following Worship, you are invited to pick up your treats and coffee in the hall. The Baptismal candle and special treats will be on the table in the Luther Hall Room after worship. Jen-Nett or Emily will lead us in a baptismal hymn. Sharon will take a picture for the weekly newsletter. This fellowship time is a blessing for us all to remember our own Baptismal Blessing. See you there!

Our January LWML meeting was held on the 20th. Linda Burns led the Bible study from the Winter Quarterly. Flo opened the meeting, and the minutes and treasurer's reports were approved.

Sue shared a list of extra special items that we might consider collecting for the food pantry that we don't normally think about. We'll check with Dunedin Cares and HEP to see if they could use some of those items, so we can collect them later.

March 8, we've scheduled a Mission Potluck with a Mission Speaker. What is a MISSION POTLUCK? The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod sponsors missionaries and projects all around the globe. We are going to post a list of those countries on the board. Folks can choose one or two countries, find a recipe, make the dish(es), and bring it on Sunday, March 8, 2026. If anyone has questions, ask Sue Laeder.

As of January 2026, Linda Hibbard oversees the greeting card ministry. We thank Elda Thomas for the many years that she so lovingly cared for the cards; good job, well done, faithful servant!

We welcome all women of Faith and snowbirds to join us. And we are still open if you want to change the meeting times. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 10 a.m., in the CR.

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Your Sister in Christ,

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# January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:15am Children's Sunday school</p> <p>9:15am Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am Sunday Worship</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7pm New Year's Eve Service</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:15am Children's Sunday school</p> <p>9:15am Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:45am Celebration of Baptisms</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7pm Feast of the Epiphany</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9am Maintenance Workday</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9:15am Children's Sunday school</p> <p>9:15am Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am Sunday Worship</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7pm Board of Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7pm Bible Study (Online)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9:15am Children's Sunday school</p> <p>9:15am Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10:15am Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:45am Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:30pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>10am LWML Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>12pm Ladies of Faith Luncheon at Clear Sky Draught House</p> <p>7pm Bible Study (Online)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>10:30am Target Shooting Club</p>
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