

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*"LORD, Remember David, And all his afflictions."  
Psalm 132:1*

Dear friends of Faith, what does it mean for the LORD to remember His people? The thief on the cross prayed, "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom," (Luke 23:42). Moses recorded in Exodus 2:24, "God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant...and looked upon the children of Israel and God acknowledged them." God only forgets that which He chooses to, such as forgiven sins, (Jer. 31:34). Did the thief really believe that the Lord would forget him?

While men are prone to forgetting, our Lord is not. He does not forget His children—He does not forget you. He has promised to be with you always, even unto the end of the age (Ma. 20:20). When the Lord remembered Israel in her Egyptian captivity, He sent Moses to begin the process of bringing His children home. Christ promised to bring the thief home to heaven that very day. The Lord has remembered you as well.

On Maundy Thursday Jesus predicted His abandonment by the disciples—you will leave Me alone. And then He said: "I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," (John 16:32-33). Just as the Father was with the Son in His hour of tribulation, so too the Son is with you during yours.

As you journey through this life bearing your cross never for one second doubt your Savior's love for you. Even on your darkest day He is there, bearing you up

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### March

- 12<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Confirmaiton Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> LWML Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Matins - 10:15 a.m.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lenten Vespers - 7:00 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Confirmation Class - 7:30 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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in His outstretched, nail-scarred hands, remembering you, loving you, feeding you, touching you with His healing hand.

We celebrate Holy Communion weekly for it is Christ’s gift to you, a fulfillment of His promise to be with you for forgiveness, strength, and peace. He comes to you daily in His Word so that you walk not in the counsel of the ungodly, but that you may meditate in the Law of the Lord day and night, like a tree planted by the river of living water, (Ps. 1). For His leaf does not wither, but brings forth good fruit in due season and in your life, as He remembers you, and leads you in the way everlasting. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Pastor Sorenson*

<i>O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.</i>		
<h2 style="margin: 0;">PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL</h2>		
<i>Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.</i>		
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, Fred Robbins, Dianne Shelby (Dorothy’s niece) and Brent Dusenberg.	For healing, strength, patience, compassionate & wise care givers, and faith.
HOSPICE		For comfort, peace, and faith.
GRIEVING		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), Lisa Kunder (Kathy Kreiman’s sister), JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder’s cousin), Johanna Punch, Becky Cox (Sue Laeder’s niece), Karl Streitenfeld (Kathleen Kreiman’s son), Flo Bellhorn and Sue Laeder.	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. Note that a significant chunk of this month's Current Expense was the non-recurring cost of \$10,544.00 for floor repairs.

Also, we received additional donations of \$3,000 for Kneelers; \$1,125 for Musical Instruments; \$15 for Stained Glass Windows; and \$10 for Higher Things.

Major restricted fund balances include: Musical Instruments: \$16,254; Stained Glass Windows: \$6,080; and Chancel/Kneelers: \$8,581.

	FEBRUARY	2026
INCOME	\$27,531	\$46,995
EXPENSE	\$28,583	\$57,909
TOTAL	(\$1,052)	(\$10,914)

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...  
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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.*

The Lord's Supper is given as a daily food and sustenance so that our faith may refresh and strengthen itself and not weaken in the struggle but grow continually stronger.

For the new life should be one that continually develops and progresses.

Meanwhile it must suffer much opposition. The devil is a furious enemy; when he sees that we resist him and attack the old man, and when he cannot rout us by force, he sneaks and skulks about everywhere, trying all kinds of tricks, and does not stop until he has finally worn us out so that we either renounce our faith or yield hand and foot and become indifferent or impatient.

For such times, when our heart feels too sorely pressed, this comfort of the Lord's Supper is given to bring us new strength and refreshment.

(The Large Catechism, Lord's Supper, 24-27)

### BIRTHDAY

4<sup>th</sup> Bob Scott  
 10<sup>th</sup> Marge Sieja  
 14<sup>th</sup> Joshua Nieminen  
 14<sup>th</sup> Violet Vanhorenbeck  
 20<sup>th</sup> David Hafner  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mark Sunday  
 26<sup>th</sup> Theodor King  
 27<sup>th</sup> Robert Hammerle  
 28<sup>th</sup> Jeff Phillips  
 28<sup>th</sup> Luke Belknap

### ANNIVERSARY

### BAPTISM

5<sup>th</sup> Brady D. Sunday  
 11<sup>th</sup> Jenny Kim  
 13<sup>th</sup> Flo Bellhorn  
 18<sup>th</sup> Kyle MacLean  
 20<sup>th</sup> Selah Sunday  
 25<sup>th</sup> Linda Burns  
 30<sup>th</sup> Joshua Nieminen  
 30<sup>th</sup> Morgan Sunday

*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.*

## 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 desk in the office. A link to download a digital copy has been emailed to all members.
- LENTEN SUPPER REMINDER** Every Wednesday in Lent there is an informal time of fellowship as we gather to break bread together at 6 p.m. prior to evening Vespers.
- EASTER VIGIL/EASTER SUNDAY** Fellowship isn't just a Wednesday evening affair, we will also have a reception following the Easter Vigil and a breakfast preceding the Easter Sunday Service.
- TARGET SHOOTING OUTING** Fellowship • Safety • Skill  
 When: Fourth Saturday of Every Month  
 Where: Reload Gun Range – Tarpon Springs  
 Time: 10:00 a.m.
- Interested in shooting sports and good fellowship? Join fellow members of the congregation for our monthly Targeting Shooting outing.  
 We gather at a local range to practice safe and responsible firearm handling, share tips, and enjoy time together. Both experienced shooters and beginners are welcome.  
 Safety is our priority, and all participants follow standard firearm safety practices and range rules.  
 Interested in joining?  
 Contact the church office or sign up on the Fellowship Bulletin Board.  
 The next outing is Saturday, March 28 at: Reload Gun Range, 40050 U.S. 19 N, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
- LWML NOTES** Group Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 17, 2025, 10 a.m., in the CR at Faith Lutheran Church. All Faith women, plus snowbirds, too, are welcome.  
 Reminder: Baptismal birthdays will be celebrated the Sunday after Easter on April 12th.

## SERVING IN MARCH

<b>SUNDAY SERVANT</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>
GREETERS	Gail Odea	Gail Odea	Gail Odea	Gail Odea	Gail Odea
USHERS	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips
SERVERS	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn
ALTAR CARE	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
ACOLYTE	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen	Lukas Nieminen
COMMUNION ELDER	David Hafner	David Hafner	David Hafner	David Hafner	David Hafner

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



March Ladies Luncheon

## March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Celebration of Baptisms	<b>2</b> 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:15am Lenten Matins 7pm Lenten Vespers	<b>5</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Mission Potluck	<b>9</b> 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 7pm Board of Elders Meeting	<b>11</b> 10:15am Lenten Matins 7pm Lenten Vespers	<b>12</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9am Maintenance Workday
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<b>22</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>23</b> 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild	<b>25</b> 10:15am Lenten Matins 7pm Lenten Vespers	<b>26</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:30am Target Shooting Club
<b>29</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	<b>30</b> 10:15am Matins - Monday of Holy Week 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 10:15am Matins - Tuesday of Holy Week	<b>1</b> 10:15am Matins - Wednesday of Holy Week	<b>2</b> 7pm Maundy Thursday - Divine Service	<b>3</b> 7am Good Friday - Chief Service	<b>4</b> 7pm Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 9pm Easter Vigil - Reception