

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.*  
Psalm 43:1

Dear friends of Faith, the war with Iran is driving a wedge between Christians. This debate centers upon our relationship to Israel. Whether the war is just, smart, or will end well is for pundits to debate, but false doctrine is a matter for the Church. God commands us not to take His name in vain, this includes not using His Word to deceive or foment injustice.

Christian Zionism is the political and religious ideology supporting the return of ethnic Jewish people to the Holy Land. It is based, in part, upon the belief that it fulfills Biblical prophecy. This centers upon God's covenant with Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," (Genesis 12:3). This covenant is fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Jesus's death and resurrection and the salvation won for us on the cross is the fulfillment of God's blessing. People of every nation, tribe, and tongue, who confess Jesus as Lord, are blessed by Him; their sins are forgiven and they will receive eternal life. Those who reject this faith, who curse Jesus, will be cursed in hell.

Jesus taught the Pharisees, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. You do the deeds of your father," (John 8:39-41). And speaking through Paul, "For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of

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### March

- 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.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dunedin Youth Guild - 5:30 p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Lenten Matins - 10:15 a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Lenten Vespers - 7:00 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Ladies of Faith Lunch - 12:00 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Matins - Monday of Holy Week -  
10:15 a.m.
- 30<sup>th</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 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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Abraham,” (Romans 9:6-7). Israel has always been those people who saved by faith. For Abraham it was faith in the promised Messiah. For those living post-resurrection, it is faith in Jesus Christ. This promise is for Jew and Greek, male and female, slave and free—all who confess Jesus as Lord.

The modern nation-state of Israel is as legitimate as any other nation-state. Jews are people created by God whom He loves and desires come to faith in Jesus Christ. This too should be our desire. We are commanded to love all neighbors, and the greatest love we can share is the gospel of salvation. 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, 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, Sue Laeder, Matthew Chrien and Amy Bellhorn.	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.*

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”

The greatest abuse, however, occurs in spiritual matters, which pertain to the conscience, when false preachers arise and peddle their lying nonsense as the Word of God.

See, all this is an attempt to embellish yourself with God's name or to put up a good front and justify yourself, whether in ordinary worldly affairs or in sublime and difficult matters of faith and doctrine. Also to be counted among liars are blasphemers, not only the very crass ones who are well known to everyone and who disgrace God's name unabashedly (these belong in the hangman's school, not ours), but also those who publicly slander the truth and God's Word and consign it to the devil. Of this there is no need to speak further.

Let us take to heart how important this commandment is and diligently shun and avoid every misuse of the holy name as the greatest sin that can be committed outwardly. For to lie and deceive is in itself a gross sin, but it is greatly aggravated when we attempt to justify and confirm it by invoking God's name and using it as a cloak to cover our shame.

(The Large Catechism, Second Commandment, 54-56)

### 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.

### MISSIONS POTLUCK - THANKS!

Thank you to all who brought dishes and helped to set up, serve, and clean up! Your help and enthusiasm, as well as the hard work LWML put into its organization, helped make this a very enjoyable event.

### DUNEDIN CARES

If you are interested in donating to the food pantry, summertime brings an increased need for breakfast and lunch items. Additional items always needed are peanut butter, jelly, rice, cereal, flour, sugar, oil, ramen, ravioli, toilet paper and paper towels.

### TARGET SHOOTING OUTING

Fellowship • Safety • Skill

When: Fourth Saturday of Every Month

Where: Reload Gun Range – Tarpon Springs

Time: 10:30 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

### JOIN OUR GREETING TEAM!

Church greeters have a long history, going back to early Christian communities where welcoming visitors was considered a vital ministry. Greeters help make everyone feel at home, set a tone of warmth, and ensure that each person entering the church experiences God's love right from the door.

We're looking for friendly faces to continue this important tradition! Sign-ups are now open—please add your name to the sheet on the board in the hallway. Any questions? Contact Peggy Harting.

Your smile can make a difference—come be a greeter!

### CELEBRATE EASTER WITH A LILY

Add a touch of beauty to our Easter celebration by ordering an Easter Lily! Each lily is \$10. Simply sign up on the sheet in the hallway bulletin board and place your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies."

If you have any questions, feel free to call Sharon at 904-616-6027. Let's make our sanctuary bloom with joy this Easter!

## 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



Missions Potluck Speaker Deaconess  
May

One of several tables full  
of great dishes!



Violet turns 1!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR – SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026 FOR THE AFTER-CHURCH LUNCH BUNCH OUTING

### After-Church Lunch Bunch

The After-Church Lunch Bunch is a friendly group from Faith Lutheran Church that enjoys gathering for lunch and fellowship after Sunday worship. Our goal is simple—to spend time together, build friendships, and enjoy one another's company outside the church walls.

On the first Sunday of each month, anyone who would like to join meets up after the service and heads to a local restaurant for lunch. It's a relaxed and informal way to continue the spirit of fellowship that begins during worship. Everyone is welcome—singles, couples, and families with children. Whether you are new to the congregation or have been part of the church for years, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in a casual setting.

Guests simply order what they would like from the restaurant menu and enjoy a meal together while sharing conversation and laughter.

A Sign-up sheet with the restaurant information will be posted on the bulletin board beginning in April.

### LWML Notes

Thank you to all who participated in the Mission Potluck. The pictures of the food were wonderful, the amount was abundant, and everyone who pitched in to help our group and Paul set up and clean up was appreciated. Thanks to Rachel and Linda M. for making the country labels, and Jenny for your graphic art work by making our sign-up board look more attractive before the event. Flo and I really missed out. Carolyn and John brought me a plate of food that was absolutely wonderful. Loved the curry!! So special whoever made it. Thank you. We hope you all enjoyed hearing part of Deaconess May's story and your meal. We are here to Serve the Lord with Gladness.

Reminder: Baptismal Sunday will be celebrated on April 12th. We expect to see Violet, Dennis, Emma and Jordan, for sure.

Blessings,  
Sue Laeder  
Treasurer/VP Christian Growth LWML

## 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
<b>15</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 10am LWML Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:15am Lenten Matins 11am Latin Exam 7pm Lenten Vespers	<b>19</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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