

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

DATES TO REMEMBER

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: For his mercy endureth for ever."
Psalm 107:1

Dear friends of Faith, God's mercy endures forever. Not for a moment. Not only at Christmas, Good Friday, or on Easter morning, but forever. Eternally. Paul taught that God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world. Before time existed, (Eph. 1).

Psalm 139 tells us: "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; And in thy book all my members were written, Which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them," (v. 16). All of your days were written in God's book before you ever existed. Before time existed. Your Father knew you—every detail about you, good and bad, loved you, and chose you to be His child. Even more, He chose to crucify His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem you from sin, death, and the power of hell. This is true mercy as only God is able to show.

Paul told the Romans: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us," (Ro. 5:7-8). Courageous men and women have routinely given their lives for those whom they love, even for their countries and the weak or innocent stranger. Christ, however, gave His life for His enemies; for sinners; for us. And now, we who have been baptized into His death and resurrection and have the privilege to bear His name, are called to do the same.

We are called to crucify our sinful desires and rise anew each day in our baptismal garments—washed white in the blood of the Lamb, and to love our

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May

- 7th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 11th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 11th Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 12th Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 14th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 17th Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- 18th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 18th Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 19th LWML Meeting - 10:00 a.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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neighbors. To love even those who hate us. This love begins with the tongue. Speaking the gospel. Taming the tongue that desires to speak evil of or curse a brother. Avoid gossip. Learn to build up rather than tear down.

To bridle the tongue we must fill our hearts and minds with God’s word, with psalms, and hymns, and spiritual psalms—that these may fill our hearts and spill from our lips, blessing those within earshot! We must always be giving thanks to the Lord for His mercy especially as it flows like living water through our words and deeds. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

<i>O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.</i>		
<h2 style="text-align: center;">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	Christ the King, Largo: Struggling financially and seeking a new pastor. 69 th Regular Convention of the Synod this summer.	<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), Denise Banacos, Linda Hibbard, Brent Dusenberg and Carolyn Wood.	For healing, strength, patience, compassionate & wise care givers, and faith.
HOSPICE		For comfort, peace, and faith.
GRIEVING	Family of Jane Sternemann	For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection.
NEW LIFE	Mark William Curry	For healthy growth, breathing, and peace for the family.
SPECIAL REQUESTS	Gail Battistoni, Carol (Linda R’s niece), Amanda (Linda H’s niece), Lisa Kunder (Kathy K’s sister), JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder’s cousin), Johanna Punch, Karl Streitenfeld (Kathleen Kreiman’s son), Flo Bellhorn, Sue Laeder, Matthew Chrien, Amy Bellhorn, Charlotte (Linda H’s niece), Kathy Kreiman and Larry Edgar (Jeff’s friend).	That the Holy Spirit, knowing the needs of His children, would intercede on their behalf before heaven’s throne.

LET'S TALK FINANCES

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 \$1,000 for Musical Instruments; \$100 for the Sunday Bible Study; and \$100 for the Wednesday Bible Study; and \$25 for Chancel/Kneelers.

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: \$6,360; Chancel/Kneelers: \$5,207; and Musical Instruments: \$2,754.

Also, we received \$53.30 for can donations during the month of April. Thanks to all of those who donated cans for this purpose.

	APRIL	2026
INCOME	\$25,394	\$97,136
EXPENSE	\$22,822	\$101,769
TOTAL	\$2,572	(\$4,633)

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.

We should accordingly consider God's eternal election in Christ, and not outside of or apart from Christ. For according to St. Paul's testimony we have been elected in Christ "before the foundation of the world was laid" (Eph. 1:4), as it is written, "He has loved us in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:6). This election is revealed from heaven through the proclaimed Word when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Luke 3:22). And Christ says, "Come to me, all who are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). And of the Holy Spirit Christ says, "He will glorify me" (John 16:14) and recall everything to you that I have told you.

Thus the entire holy Trinity, God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, directs all men to Christ as to the book of life in whom they are to seek the Father's eternal election. For the Father has decreed from eternity that whomever he would save he would save through Christ, as Christ himself says, "No one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6), and again, "I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved" (John 10:9).

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.65-66)

BIRTHDAY

3rd Andrew Sorenson
 3rd Steven Arsenaault
 9th Shirley Davis
 13th Zachary Mathews
 15th Carman Dicicco
 20th Aaron Vanhorenbeck
 26th Fred Robbins
 26th Jim Hibbard
 28th Eldon Hardenburg
 28th Rebecca Martin

ANNIVERSARY

13th Michael & Claudia Nieminen
 14th Neal & Carol Engwall
 17th Mark & Tina Sunday

BAPTISM

1st Jim Hayden III
 4th Claudia Nieminen
 8th Andrew Sorenson
 9th David Hafner
 9th Jacob Mathews
 9th Joseph Engwall
 9th Mike Mathews
 9th Zachary Mathews
 18th Luke Belknap
 21st Jen-Nett MacLean
 24th Sue Laeder
 26th Marge Sieja

*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** 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.
- 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!
- FOOD TRAIN FOR KATHY** Kathy Kreiman is currently homebound and in a wheelchair as she recovers from foot surgery. During this time, a warm meal and a kind visit would be a meaningful way to support and encourage her. If you're able to help, there is a signup sheet in the mailroom for providing meals. Your care and prayers would be a true blessing to Kathy as she heals.
- MUFFINS WITH MOM** Join us this Sunday for Muffins with Mom during coffee hour! Come enjoy a sweet treat and a little extra time of fellowship as we celebrate the gift of moms.
- THANK YOU!** Martha and I want to thank all of you who were able to join us on Saturday at our Open House. Those whose schedules allowed, and who were willing to brave the tornado warnings and lightning made it a great day of fellowship and celebration. A special thanks to those who provided the baked goods, and to the entire congregation for your very generous birthday gift on Sunday morning! Not only were you a blessing to me, but other folks who attended commented on how much they enjoyed being included in our church family.
- LOST AND FOUND** A black umbrella was found at Pastor's house following the open house on Saturday. If you are missing an umbrella it is on the secretary's desk in the office.

SERVING IN MAY

SUNDAY SERVANT	3rd	10th	17th	24th	31st
GREETERS	Genesis Arsenault	Genesis Arsenault	Genesis Arsenault	Genesis Arsenault	Genesis Arsenault
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	Brady Kim	Lukas Nieminen	Elijah Belknap
COMMUNION ELDER	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap

FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



May is a great month for Baptisms!

Not only was Eloise baptized during the Service, but many of our May celebrants were able to join us afterwards: Sue, Luke, Marje, Joseph, Jen-Nett, Claudia, Eloise, Pastor, and David.

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"
LSB 603.3



Dear Faith Family,

Thank you all for the support of New Life Solutions' Walk for Life! As a church, we raised \$2,750 for women and children in need in Tampa Bay! Jeff, Esther, and I enjoyed fantastic weather and fantastic company as we Walked for Life through North Shore Park in St. Pete. We were able to meet with our friends from Grace Lutheran Church at the event and walked and sang hymns, including "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "A Mighty Fortress."

The morning had over 500 walkers, and the event raised nearly \$450,000 for the organization! Thank you all so much for your support for this wonderful, life-saving organization.

Rachel



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	27 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	28	29 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	30 7pm Bible Study (Online)	1	2 1pm Sorenson Open House
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