

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak: For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: But let them not turn again to folly."
Psalm 85:8

Dear friends of Faith, in Confirmation you were taught the three uses of God's Law. The first use is that of a mirror which reveals to you your sinful nature to bring you to repentance. The second use is to restrain evil and maintain order. The third use is to guide you in how you are to live your life—showing you the good works which God has prepared in advance for you to do, (Eph. 2:10). At times all of us are pretty bad at keeping God's law.

The good news is that Christ knew this and thus sent to us the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, to help us to remember all that He taught and said. It is He that calls us by the Gospel, enlightens us with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, and gathers us into the Holy Christian Church to keep us safe in the faith until the Lord returns in glory to judge the quick and the dead. And this is exactly what the Sons of Korah were singing in Sunday's psalm.

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak." The Third Commandment tells us to "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy," not despising preaching and God's Word. That is, we are to come together as His people and hear what God is speaking. You can certainly hear God speak as you read His word at home, or listen to a faithful podcast or service online, and I encourage you to do such things. What they can't give you though is the explicit forgiveness of sins that comes in Confession and Absolution, receiving the body and blood of your Lord, or the encouragement of your fellow saints.

The Holy Spirit inspired the author of Hebrews to warn the saints not to

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 21st Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 23rd Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.
- 27th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 28th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 31st Voters' Meeting - 11:45 a.m.

June

- 3rd Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 4th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 7th Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.
- 9th Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 10th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 11th 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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forsake the assembling of the saints together, but to come together and exhort one another to good works, to keeping the law, (Heb. 10:25). We do this so that we not “turn again to folly,” as the psalmist says. This is how we remain steadfast in the faith until the final day.

Pentecost marks the birth of the Church—God’s gift to His saints. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

| <i>O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.</i> | | |
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| <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 | | For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection. |
| NEW LIFE | | 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, Larry Edgar (Jeff’s friend) and Marge Sieja. | 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 |
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| 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.

It is not God's will that anyone should be damned but that all men should turn themselves to him and be saved forever. "As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 33:11). "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes on him should not perish but have eternal life."

To this end, in his boundless kindness and mercy, God provides for the public proclamation of his divine, eternal law and the wonderful counsel concerning our redemption, namely, the holy and only saving Gospel of his eternal Son, our only Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Thereby he gathers an eternal church for himself out of the human race and works in the hearts of men true repentance and knowledge of their sins and true faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. And it is God's will to call men to eternal salvation, to draw them to himself, convert them, beget them anew, and sanctify them through this means and in no other way—namely, through his holy Word (when one hears it preached or reads it) and the sacraments (when they are used according to his Word).

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II, 49-50)

BIRTHDAY

3rd Andrew Sorenson
3rd Steven Arsenaault
9th Shirley Davis
13th Zachary Mathews
15th Carman Diccico
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.
- LWML NOTES** We continue serving the Lord with Gladness. At our April meeting, we voted to collect Feminine Products for Dunedin Cares. A box, appropriately marked under the LWML sign in the mailroom, is there for your donation. We suggest small to medium-sized packages for teens and women. Packages would also be most welcome for women's and men's incontinence needs, both pads and pull-ups. The deadline for the collection is June 28, 2028.
- NURSERY UPDATE** In addition to the fresh paint and new carpet and furniture in the Nursery, the tech folks have set up the TV to receive the video and audio of the service.

SERVING IN MAY

| SUNDAY SERVANT | 3rd | 10th | 17th | 24th | 31st |
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| 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



Looking Good!

It takes a lot of effort to keep the church grounds and building looking good. The improvements to the sanctuary last year were dramatic, but the work on the Mail Room, the Nursery, cleaning out the storage areas, and especially the exterior grounds cleanup have been significant. It's nice to have fresh paint, and well cared for grounds to make a good impression on visitors.

Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand. If you would like to help out on a project, or are looking to make an impact, talk to Dennis about ways to do so.

May 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 |
| 3 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 10:30am Rite of Holy Baptism - Eloise Sorenson 11:45am Celebration of Baptisms | 4 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal | 5 | 6 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online) | 7 7pm Bible Study (Online) | 8 | 9 9am Maintenance Workday |
| 10 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship | 11 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal | 12 7pm Board of Elders Meeting | 13 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online) | 14 7pm Bible Study (Online) | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting | 18 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal | 19 12pm LWML Luncheon at Ozona Grill 5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild | 20 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online) | 21 7pm Bible Study (Online) | 22 | 23 10:30am Target Shooting Club |
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