

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

*"The Lord is upon many waters."*  
Psalm 29:3

Dear friends of Faith, one of the questions I pose to our Confirmation students when studying the Apostles' Creed is, "Where in Genesis chapter one do we find three persons of the Trinity at work during Creation?" They usually get the first answer quickly: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Or, as stated in the Creed: "God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth."

The Spirit appears in the next verse: "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." Finding the Son in the third verse takes a little more knowledge of Scripture: "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." We don't find mention of "Son", or "Jesus", or "Angel of the Lord", or any other of His many names. The "light" that is mention is created, however, Jesus was 'begotten not made'. The opening of John's gospel provides the clue.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God, All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made," (Jn 1:1-3). When God said, "Let there be light," He spoke and the Word of God went forth and created all things. This same Word continues to bring life today.

When David wrote in the Psalm, "The Lord is upon many waters," he is drawing upon the imagery of Creation where the Spirit hovered over the waters of the earth. Even in the creation of man in Genesis 2:6 we hear: "A mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground." God

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### May

28<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

31<sup>st</sup> Voters' Meeting - 11:45 a.m.

### June

3<sup>rd</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

10<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.

11<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.

18<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> Church Council Meeting - 11:45 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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watered the soil before using it to form man.

Later, in Holy Baptism, God places His Word, along with ordinary water, onto mankind to create in him a new heart, washing away sin, and restoring to man the image of God that had been lost in Adam’s fall into sin. This process of restoration is how He can call you a holy nation, those blessed by the Lord. He calls you what He makes you. By water and Word, He makes you holy, sinless, and His beloved child. This is your triune God at work, renewing the face of the earth, renewing His people. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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, 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, Matthew Chrien, Amy Bellhorn, Charlotte (Linda H’s niece), Kathy Kreiman, Pam Robbins, 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
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.*

Original sin is the complete lack or absence of the original concreated righteousness of paradise or of the image of God according to which man was originally created in truth, holiness, and righteousness, together with a disability and ineptitude as far as the things of God are concerned. As the Latin words put it, "The description of original sin denies to unrenewed human nature the gifts and the power, or the faculty and the concrete acts, to begin and to effect anything in spiritual matters." Original sin in human nature is not only a total lack of good in spiritual, divine things, but that at the same time it replaces the lost image of God in man with a deep, wicked, abominable, bottomless, inscrutable, and inexpressible corruption of his entire nature in all its powers, especially of the highest and foremost powers of the soul in mind, heart, and will. As a result, since the Fall man inherits an inborn wicked stamp, an interior uncleanness of the heart and evil desires and inclinations. By nature every one of us inherits from Adam a heart, sensation, and mind-set which, in its highest powers and the light of reason, is by nature diametrically opposed to God and his highest commands and is actually enmity against God, especially in divine and spiritual matters.

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, I, 10-11)

### BIRTHDAY

4<sup>th</sup> George Klemaier  
 4<sup>th</sup> Mike Mathews  
 8<sup>th</sup> Brady Kim  
 11<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Kuntz  
 13<sup>th</sup> Rudy Almquist  
 16<sup>th</sup> Carl Belknap III  
 17<sup>th</sup> Kathy Krieman  
 19<sup>th</sup> Noah Smilanich  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Duesenberg  
 28<sup>th</sup> Doris Watters

### ANNIVERSARY

2<sup>nd</sup> Robert & Karyn Smilanich  
 18<sup>th</sup> Linda & Jim Hibbard  
 29<sup>th</sup> Bob & Shirley Scott

### BAPTISM

8<sup>th</sup> Carman Diccico  
 17<sup>th</sup> Fred Robbins  
 17<sup>th</sup> Rudy Almquist  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Brady Kim  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sean King

*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** June 7, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Rudy Almquist, Carmen Diccico, Brady Kim, Sean King, and Fred Robbins are 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 Luther Hall after worship. Jen-Nett or Emilie will choose a favorite Baptismal hymn. Sharon will snap a picture for the weekly newsletter. What a blessing for this time of fellowship and to remember our own Baptismal Blessing. See you there!  
Please remember to turn in your mite boxes on the first Sunday of the month if possible. Give them to Sue Laeder, Treasurer; Martha Sorenson, Secretary; or Flo Bellhorn, President. We still collect the mites during the summer months.  
Group Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month. The next time we meet is in September. Please make plans to join us.  
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.
- MAINTENANCE WORKDAY** The maintenance workday scheduled for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- JANET KRAUSS FUNERAL** The funeral for this dear friend of the saints here at Faith will be held on Saturday, May 30, at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Largo. A viewing will take place at 10 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m.

## SERVING IN JUNE

<b>SUNDAY SERVANT</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>
GREETERS	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
SERVERS	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn	Paul & Flo Bellhorn
ALTAR CARE	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
ACOLYTE	Brady Kim	Elijah Belknap	Lukas Nieminen	Brady Kim
COMMUNION ELDER	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



## Stained Glass Panes

Do you recognize the symbolism found in the panes of our stained glass in the Sanctuary doors?

These panels all come from Genesis 49 and Jacob's last words to his sons.

- **Top-left:** v. 19 "Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him, but he shall triumph at last."
- **Top-right:** v. 27 "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf."
- **Middle-left:** v. 21 "Naphtali is a deer let loose; he uses beautiful words."
- **Middle-right:** v. 20 "Bread from Asher shall be rich, and he shall yield royal dainties."
- **Bottom-left:** v. 22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough."
- **Bottom-right:** v. 14 "Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between two burdens."

# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Voters' Meeting	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	<b>4</b> 7pm Bible Study (Online)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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