

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

DATES TO REMEMBER

"An horse is a vain thing for safety: Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength."
Psalms 33:17

Dear friends of Faith, the season of Trinity is often called the "Time of the Church." It's the non-festival half of the Church year. The Church year begins at Advent. The first half is called the "Festival" part because Christmas, Epiphany, Transfiguration, Lent, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity Sunday are the Church's major festivals. They are days where we celebrate the work the Lord did to accomplish our salvation. That work does not end in Trinity.

Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Ghost, is the perfect festival to begin this part of the year. It is the Holy Ghost who calls us by the Gospel. He calls us out of sin and darkness and into the light of Christ. He calls us out of death's domain and into the kingdom of God. He calls us from the world and into the Holy Christian Church. The Church is the Lord's creation and His means to care for and to nourish the saints.

In the Church, God's kingdom of Grace on earth, we are preserved in faith by the preaching of the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Eucharist. These gifts sustain us in this life, strengthening and molding us to God's will, and preparing us to do the good works that our Lord has given us to do in our vocations.

When the psalmist calls a horse a "vain thing for safety", he's speaking of the end times. When the Lord returns there will be no place to flee. No amount of strength, wealth or political power will save you. You cannot hide even in the deepest bunker, nor flee on a horse, boat, spaceship, or any other vehicle. Faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is all that is required for salvation.

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June

- 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.
- 17th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 18th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 21st Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- 24th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 25th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 27th Target Shooting Club - 10:30 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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Saving faith is always a gift from God that comes through the hearing of His Word and the power of the Holy Ghost. It's preaching therefore is the work of the Church, not just for our well-being and peace, but to call to faith the nations of the earth. God desires all men to be saved by His Word that creates repentance and transforms sinners into saints.

Trinity equips saints for God's work, filling them with His Spirit that they forever sing of His mercy unto to the nations. 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, 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, Rev. Jim Van Dellen (retired Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Michigan) and Mike and Sharon (Jenny Kims' parents).	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; \$100 toward the Young Adult Conference scheduled for January 2027; and \$15 for Stained Glass Windows.

	MAY	2026
INCOME	\$19,820	\$116,956
EXPENSE	\$17,079	\$119,130
TOTAL	\$2,741	(\$2,174)

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: \$6,375; Chancel/Kneelers: \$5,207; and Musical Instruments: \$2,754.

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.

Everything which prepares and fits man for damnation emanates from the devil and man through sin, and in no way from God. Since God does not want any man to be damned, how could he prepare man for damnation? God is not the cause of sin, nor is he the cause of the punishment, the damnation. The only cause of man's damnation is sin, for the "wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). And as God does not will sin and has no pleasure in sin, so he also does not will the death of a sinner and has no pleasure in his damnation. He does not will that "any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9). It is written in Ezekiel, "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live" (Ezek. 18:23; 33:11).

And St. Paul testifies with clear words that God's power and operation can transform the vessels of dishonor into vessels of honor when he writes, "If any one purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work" (2 Tim. 2:21).

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI, 81-82)

BIRTHDAY

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

ANNIVERSARY

2nd Robert & Karyn Smilanich
 18th Linda & Jim Hibbard
 29th Bob & Shirley Scott

BAPTISM

8th Carman Diccio
 17th Fred Robbins
 17th Rudy Almquist
 22nd Brady Kim
 23rd 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.
- MAINTENANCE WORKDAY** The maintenance workday scheduled for Saturday, June 13th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.
- FOOD TRAIN FOR LINDA** Linda Hibbard is currently recovering from 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 Linda as she heals.
- LWML NOTES** June 7, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Rudy Almquist, Carmen Dicicco, 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.
- STAINED GLASS PROJECT UPDATE** This past week the Voters' elected to explore obtaining windows made of actual glass vice polycarbonate. We will look into a company that manufactures stained glass windows using tempered glass that meets commercial building code. This will also require obtaining some original artwork for the window designs. The average cost of such windows runs from \$4,288 to \$5,900, dependent upon the complexity of the design. The use of tempered glass meets safety concerns while preserving the beauty of glass.

SERVING IN JUNE

SUNDAY SERVANT	7th	14th	21st	28th
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. 4 Reuban, "Unstable as water, you shall not excel."
- Top-right: v. 5 "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Instruments of cruelty are in their dwelling place."
- Middle-left: v. 13 "Zebulun shall dwell by the haven of the sea; he shall become a haven for ships."
- Middle-right: v. 17 "Dan shall be a serpent by the way."
- Bottom-left: Levi – this image does not come from Genesis 49 as do the others. The image is of an ephod, a symbol that reflects the Levitical priesthood instituted later in Deuteronomy 33.
- Bottom-right: v. 9 "Judah is a lion's whelp."

June 2026

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