

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

"Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace, and pursue it."
Psalm 34:14

Dear friends of Faith, the cornerstone of Lutheran theology is the justification of a sinner by faith alone. Faith comes from hearing the Gospel. It saves by God's grace alone. The thief on the cross, apart from any good deed, confessed faith and was promised eternity with Christ in paradise. This promise is God's mercy in action. Mercy that is evidenced by the Son's willingness to die on the cross to pay for our sins.

I do not recommend you wait until you are on your death bed, or cross, to confess your faith in Christ. This is not just to avoid being caught unawares without occasion to repent, but that you enjoy the peace that surpasses all understanding that comes today when sins are confessed and forgiven. Why wait to enter the Kingdom of God at the end of your life when you can enjoy life in His Kingdom of grace now as a member of His bride, the Church?

Faith always precedes justification and, unless it comes in the moment of death, it leads to a life of good works as you bear the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, (Galatians 5:22). It's a life of putting to death your old sinful desires, departing from evil, and learning to walk in the paths of righteousness as you are led by God's Word and the work of the Holy Ghost.

Of course any Christian knows the difficulty in living such a life of faith. Your old sinful desires, the world, and the evil one, are constantly warring within you to lead you astray, and daily we fall. Yet, those seeking true peace, God's

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 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.

July

- 1st Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 2nd Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 5th Celebration of Baptisms - 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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peace, then turn to Him in sorrow for their sin, confess their errors, and rise again seeking to do better. This is what it means to pursue peace.

Peace is found in the means of grace—in Word and Sacrament. It’s found in Church, in the fellowship of believers as we strive together, encouraging one another, correcting when needed, and upholding each other in prayer and by acts of mercy. Such peace is what preserves you in the faith until the day you are called home, forever leaving evil behind to be welcomed into the joy of your Master. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

<i>O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy.</i>		
<h2>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...
 Website - www.faithdunedin.org
 Zelle pay - Check with your bank.
 Email: treasurer@faithdunedin.org

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.

When the question is asked, how a Christian can identify, either in his own case or in the case of others, a true living faith and distinguish it from a simulated and dead faith (since many lazy and secure Christians delude themselves into thinking that they have faith when they do not have true faith), the Apology gives the following answer: "James calls that faith dead where all kinds of good works and the fruits of the Spirit do not follow," and the Latin text of the Apology states, "James teaches correctly when he denies that we are justified by such a faith as is without works, which is a dead faith."
 But, as the Apology declares, James is speaking of the good works of those who are already justified through Christ, who are reconciled with God, and who have obtained forgiveness of sins through Christ.

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, III, 42-43)

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 Diccico
 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** 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.
- IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE** Faith will host this conference for young adults this coming January, 15-17. It's targeted at those 18-35 year olds desiring to learn what it means to live as Christians joyfully in the home, the church, and in the world. The page for the conference can be found at <https://faithdunedin.regfox.com/in-the-world-but-not-of-the-world> Interested persons can go there to register. While the sessions are limited to the registrees, the daily worship services are open to the public.

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



This month's Baptismal Celebrants! (Carmen, Sean, Fred, and Brady)

From Luther's Explanation of Holy Baptism found in the Small Catechism:

What gifts or benefits does Baptism bestow?

It effects forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and grants eternal salvation to all who believe, as the Word and promise of God declare.

What is this Word and promise of God?

As recorded in Mark 16:16, our Lord Christ said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

June 2026

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