

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

DATES TO REMEMBER

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."
Psalm 103:5

Dear friends of Faith, the world is obsessed with the preservation of the temporal body. Since the fall of Adam, man has looked at his own mortality with terror, desperately seeking a way to halt the steady march of decay. From the mythical Fountain of Youth to the modern transhumanist search for biological immortality, humanity grasps at an everlasting "now" in this fallen world. Men seek to prevent sagging skin and a failing heart, vainly assuming that if he can cheat the grave, he can beat the curse.

This is a chasing after the wind. We are told, "He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:14). Man's search for eternal youth is an attempt to find glory outside of the Cross. It is a rebellion against the reality of sin, pretending that the creature can sustain himself by his own strength or inventions.

God humbles all such vanity with a far more profound promise. In Psalm 103:5, we are told that God "satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Rather than to save the body for a few more years of earthly misery; God provides the "good things" of His Word and Sacraments to sustain the believer for eternity.

The Christian does not need a fountain of youth because he drinks from the Fountain of Life— Christ Jesus. As we feed upon the Gospel, we receive the forgiveness of sins—the only true antidote to death. The Word of God, the waters of Holy Baptism, and His body and blood at His table, renew and

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June

- 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.
- 8th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 9th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 11th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 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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strengthen us daily to preserve us in the faith until our last day.

The eagle's renewal is not a return to the past or to physical youth, but the strength to soar above the circumstances of this life. It is the life of the New Man, who is resurrected even now through faith, to hunger for the righteousness of Christ, which never withers. Let the world run its race toward the inevitable sunset of the grave. You, however, have been given a youth that does not fade, bought with the blood of the Lamb, and kept for you by the Holy Spirit. In Him, your strength is perfectly, eternally renewed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

<p><i>O Lord, have mercy.</i> <i>O Christ, have mercy.</i></p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.</i></p>		
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, Tom Fowler, and Johanna Punch	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 Dusenber 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), , 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 Sharon (Jenny Kims' parents) and Asher (friend of Brady & Morgan's son).	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.

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

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

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.

Our election to eternal life does not rest on our piety or virtue but solely on the merit of Christ and the gracious will of the Father, who cannot deny himself because he is changeless in his will and essence. Hence when his children become disobedient and stumble, he arranges to recall them to repentance through the Word, and through it the Holy Spirit wills to effect their conversion in them. If they return to him in true repentance through a right faith, he will always show the same old fatherly heart to all who tremble at his Word and cordially return to him...

It is indeed correct and true what Scripture states, that no one comes to Christ unless the Father draw him. But the Father will not do this without means, and he has ordained Word and sacraments as the ordinary means or instruments to accomplish this end. It is not the will of either the Father or the Son that any one should refuse to hear or should despise the preaching of his Word and should wait for the Father to draw him without Word and sacraments.

(Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI, 75-76)

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.
- LADIES OF FAITH LUNCH** The Ladies of Faith Lunch will be on Thursday, June 25th at 12:00 p.m. at Molly Goodhead's. The sign up sheet is in the mail room.
- LWML NOTES** July 5, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. George Klemaier, Rebecca Martin, Doris Watters, Natalie Kim, and Carl Belknap are celebrants this month. Following Worship, you are 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 Emily 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 Martha Sorenson, Secretary, or Flo Bellhorn, President. We still collect the mites during the summer months.
- The donation box for feminine products is in the mailroom until June 26th. Thanks for supporting this gift to serve others.
- 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 Belnap	Lukas Nieminen	Brady Kim
COMMUNION ELDER	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall

FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



Faith on the Maple Lanes

June 2026

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