

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

*"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."*  
Psalm 19:8

Dear friends of Faith, David says something strange in this week's Psalm. He says the Commandments of the Lord rejoice the heart. Not burden it. Not crush it. Rejoice it.

How can this be? The same commandments that slay the sinner also gladden the saint? The Lutheran Confessions help us to understand this dichotomy. The Law functions in more than one way. To the old Adam, it is a hammer that shatters the pretense of self-righteousness. To the new man, it is a lamp. It is the path marked out by a Father who has already claimed us as His own in Baptism. The Law does not change. What changes is who is reading them and why.

When you read God's commandments as a condemned sinner trying to earn your way to heaven, every verse is a fresh wound. But when you read them as a baptized child of God who has already been justified by grace through faith in Christ, the same words become a description of the life your Father has called you to live. Not to earn His love, but because you already have it.

The Law does not disappear once you are forgiven. It becomes something it never was before: a guide, a delight, a pattern for the new life. No longer is the Father's will a standard to be met, but through the work of the Holy Spirit in changing our soul, it becomes the very fabric of our being, bringing joy to a heart that has been set free from the impossible burden of self-justification.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### July

- 18<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.

### August

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 16<sup>th</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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David knew well his sins; just as you know yours. Yet he could write this Psalm because he also knew the mercy of the God who gave the Law. The same Lord who commands us to be holy is the Lord who poured out onto us in the waters of the font the holiness we could never produce on our own.

Eyes of faith behold the Law for what it truly is: not a ladder to climb, but a home in which to dwell The Father has made His will known. It is good. It is pure. And for you dear saints, it is joy.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Pastor Sorenson*

*O Lord, have mercy.  
O Christ, have mercy.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*Names will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested.*

| CATEGORY             | THOSE IN NEED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | PETITIONS                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| THE CHURCH           | Christ the King, Largo: Struggling financially and seeking a new pastor.<br><br>69 <sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the Synod this summer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Kyrie elieson!</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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 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), Brent Dusenbergh and JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder's cousin)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 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), 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) Mike and Sharon (Jenny Kims' parents), Barbara (Flo's sister-in-law) 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; \$1,553 toward the Young Adult Conference scheduled for January 2027; and \$500 for Stained Glass Windows.

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: \$6,875; Musical Instruments: \$3,754; Chancel/Kneelers: \$1,935; and Young Adult Conference \$1,653.

|         | JUNE     | 2026      |
|---------|----------|-----------|
| INCOME  | \$21,735 | \$138,692 |
| EXPENSE | \$19,574 | \$143,704 |
| TOTAL   | \$2,162  | (\$5,012) |

### OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...

Website - [www.faithdunedin.org](http://www.faithdunedin.org)  
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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.*

The distinction between works is due to the difference in the individuals who are concerned about living according to the law and the will of God. For as long as a person is not reborn, lives according to the law, and does its works merely because they are commanded, from fear of punishment or in hope of reward, he is still under the law. St. Paul calls the works of such a man "works of the law" in the strict sense, because his good works are extorted by the law, just as in the case of bondservants. Such people are saints after the order of Cain.

But when a person is born anew by the Spirit of God and is liberated from the law (that is, when he is free from this driver and is driven by the Spirit of Christ), he lives according to the immutable will of God as it is comprehended in the law and, in so far as he is born anew, he does everything from a free and merry spirit. These works are, strictly speaking, not works of the law but works and fruits of the Spirit, or, as St. Paul calls them, the law of the mind and the law of Christ. According to St. Paul, such people are no longer under law but under grace (Rom. 6:14; 8:2).

(Formula of Concord Solid Declaration, VI, 16-17)

### BIRTHDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Pam Robbins  
8<sup>th</sup> Natalie Kim  
14<sup>th</sup> Jacob Mathews  
14<sup>th</sup> Marolyn Hafner  
15<sup>th</sup> Linda Goheen  
16<sup>th</sup> Jim Hayden III  
17<sup>th</sup> Leah Belknap  
24<sup>th</sup> Markus Nieminen  
28<sup>th</sup> James Watters Jr.

### ANNIVERSARY

8<sup>th</sup> John & Carolyn Wood  
10<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Jenny Kim  
12<sup>th</sup> Paul & Flo Bellhorn

### BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> George Klemaier  
1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Martin  
13<sup>th</sup> Doris Watters  
15<sup>th</sup> Natalie Kim  
26<sup>th</sup> Carl Belknap III

*July*

*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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SUMMER BIBLE STUDIES                         | After July 1st we will not have our regular Wednesday or Thursday Bible studies during the month of July. Pastor will be traveling on vacation as well as preparing for and attending the Synodical Convention. We will continue to have Bible Studies on Sunday mornings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| VICAR BRIAN FRANK                            | While pastor is on vacation Vicar Brian Frank, from Grace Lutheran Church, St. Pete, will lead worship and our Sunday morning Bible Study. He is a student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He will return to Indiana at the end of July to complete his fourth year of studies before ordination.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 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: <a href="https://faithdunedin.regfox.com/in-the-world-but-not-of-the-world">https://faithdunedin.regfox.com/in-the-world-but-not-of-the-world</a> Interested persons can go there to register. While the sessions are limited to the registrees, the daily worship services are open to the public. |
| LWML NOTES                                   | Currently, Dunedin Cares is experiencing food shortages. We do not have a specific project or a collection box, but they take collections directly in the mornings at 9 a.m. during the week and on Saturdays before they serve clients.) Faith will set up a specific collection box after July/August.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| MEN'S GATHERING                              | Men, you are invited to the Nieminen home on Friday, August 7th, beginning at 6:00 p.m., for an evening of fellowship, discussion, and non-toxic masculinity. Food and drinks will be provided. Given the time of year, we'll skip the fire this time and meet indoors. Please RSVP to Joshua (727-396-3781).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



## SERVING IN JULY

| <b>SUNDAY<br/>SERVANT</b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>          | <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>         | <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>         | <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>         |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GREETERS                  | Kim Family                     | Kim Family                     | Kim Family                     | Kim Family                     |
| 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<br>ELDER        | Fred Robbins                   | Fred Robbins                   | Fred Robbins                   | Fred Robbins                   |

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



### This Window is all about Jesus

This stained glass panel contains four images that summarize God's work to redeem mankind:

1. Top Left: Jesus is the fulfillment of Malachi 4:2, the Sun of Righteousness, who rose on the third day to heal mankind of their sins. The sun rises in the East, and Christ's return will be from the East, which is why Christian altars are set towards the East.
2. Top Right: Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords, as depicted by the crown. This privilege was earned on the cross where He triumphed over sin, death, and the devil.
3. Bottom Left: Christ was born in a manger amid the darkness of winter and yet He came as the light of the world.
4. Bottom Right: A.D. or Anno Domini, the year of our Lord. This pane confesses the truth that the most significant year in the history of the world was the one where God took on human flesh and was incarnate as a man to save mankind. The Creator of time is the standard by which all time is measured.

### July Baptismal Birthdays

Doris Watters and Natalie Kim



## July 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                            | Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday                                    | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>28</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship                                   | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>1</b><br>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online) | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>                                  |
| <b>5</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship<br>11:45am Celebration of Baptisms | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                     | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                                 |
| <b>12</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship                                   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b>                                    | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>9am Maintenance Workday      |
| <b>19</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship                                   | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>                                    | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>10:30am Target Shooting Club |
| <b>26</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship<br>11:45am Church Council Meeting | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b>                                    | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>1</b>                                  |