

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

Dear friends of Faith, the words of Psalm 51:10 form the opening of the Offertory in our Com-mon Service, and are well known by most Lutherans. These words of King David serve to transi-tion us from the hearing of the Gospel to its reception in the Eucharist.

Historically, the Offertory was sung as the bread and wine were brought forth from the congre-gation as elements being offered to God for use in the Sacrament. By extension, once monetary gifts began being collected during the service in the early 1800's, this was the time set aside for that as those gifts enabled the congregation to purchase the bread and wine. Indeed, such contributions provide for the altar, the building, the pastor, and all that is needed to proclaim the Gospel. The significant thing, however, is not the gifts given, but what our Lord does with such offerings.

Christ Jesus receives the bread and wine, and then, by His Word, gives them back to us as His Body and Blood. This is the mystery of God's grace—the mystery of the altar—as He takes what we offer Him, feeble, poor, and by no means sufficient to merit any good from Him, and gives it back to us as His own life-giving food. This is just like the mystery of the Incarnation, wherein Christ received the poor, feeble, flesh that the Blessed Virgin gave Him, and united it with His glorious divinity to give us life and salvation. Likewise, the mystery of our sanctification.

Sanctification occurs in the Christian as the Lord, by the power of His

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DATES TO REMEMBER

July

31st Comedy Improv Night -
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

August

2nd Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.
5th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
6th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
7th Men's Gathering at the Nieminen home -
6:00 p.m.
8th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
11th Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
12th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
13th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
16th 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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almighty Word, takes our poor, feeble, flesh, and cleanses it of all sin, renewing a right spirit within us, bestowing upon us His own holiness and righteousness. He pours His Word over us in the waters of the font, in the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs of the Church, in the preaching and teaching, and in His Body and Blood given at His altar. These divine works create and nourish the faith in each of us; faith that transforms us into God's children. This new creation is to be a living, busy, active, faith that serves neighbor and God alike, for to do otherwise is an impossibility. 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.	<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 Dusenbergl and JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder's cousin)	For healing, strength, patience, compassionate & wise care givers, and faith.
HOSPICE		For comfort, peace, and faith.
GRIEVING	The family of Russ Schanz	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 and her family, Rayma and Curtis, 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
 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.

Hence faith alone is the mother and source of the truly good and God-pleasing works that God will reward both in this and in the next world. For this reason St. Paul calls them fruits of faith or of the Spirit.

For, as Luther writes in his Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans, "Faith is a divine work in us that transforms us and begets us anew from God, kills the Old Adam, makes us entirely different people in heart, spirit, mind, and all our powers, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good.

Likewise, faith does not ask if good works are to be done, but before one can ask, faith has already done them and is constantly active.

(Formula of Concord Solid Declaration, IV, 9-11)

BIRTHDAY

1st Fred Malinowski
 1st Tom Fowler
 4th Don Tetzloff
 6th Sue Snap
 21st Jill Talley
 22nd Amy Bellhorn
 23rd Serena Jerome
 30th Brian Murkowski

ANNIVERSARY

4th Brent & Jan Duesenberg
 6th Sean & Kelsey King
 14th Fred & Pam Robbins

BAPTISM

6th Markus Nieminen
 11th James Watters Jr.
 17th Linda Goheen
 30th Dorothy Kuntz
 30th Brady H. Sunday

August

*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.

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).

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.

LWML NOTES

August 2, 2026 is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Markus Nieminen, James Waters, Jr., Linda Goheen, Brady H. Sunday, and Dorothy Kuntz are celebrants this month. Following Worship, you are invited to pick up your treats and coffee in the hall after worship. The Baptismal candle and special treats will be on the table in Luther Hall. 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!

Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

SERVING IN AUGUST

SUNDAY SERVANT	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
GREETERS	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard	Linda Hibbard
USHERS	Brian Murawski & Jeff Phillips	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	Paul & Flo Bellhorn
ALTAR CARE	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault
ACOLYTE	Brady Kim	Elijah Belknap	Lukas Nieminen	Brady Kim	Brady Kim
COMMUNION ELDER	David Hafner	David Hafner	David Hafner	David Hafner	David Hafner

FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



The Center for Liturgical Art

At Concordia University Nebraska the Center for Liturgical Art hosts an Artist's Guild for Luther-an artists. They specialize in designing Communion Ware, Stained Glass windows, Liturgical Furnishings, Graphics and Banners, and Sculpture. Pastor has requested their advice and possible assistance on the design work for our stained glass windows.

August 2026

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