

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

"The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind."
Psalm 146:8

Dear friends of Faith, our Psalm declares, "The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind." More than mere poetry or an empty sentimentality, this is a statement of the concrete, creative action of God, toward a mankind dead in sin. At the Fall man's nature was so deeply corrupted that it possesses no power, or ability, to understand, desire, or cooperate in salvation. We are spiritu-ally blind, unable to see the light of Christ, and bowed down under the crushing weight of the Law. Thus Christ came, "To open the blind eyes, To bring out the prisoners from the prison, And them that sit in darkness out of the prison house," (Isaiah 42:7).

Man's complete corruption is why we need Christ, for we cannot manufacture our own healing. If our wills are captive to sin, we cannot look to ourselves for liberation. We are, in every sense, the blind and the bowed. Therefore, God must act upon us. He does this through the "means of grace"—the Word and Sacraments.

The Historic Liturgy of the Christian Church, practiced for over 2,000 years, delivers God's grace. The Liturgy is not wholly a man-made program, nor empty ritual. It is the rhythmic, re-petitive delivery of the Gospel that heals the soul. When we gather, we are brought into the presence of the One who opens eyes. The Confession of Sins bows us down to the reality of our sin, while the Absolution raises us up through the merits of Christ. The read and proclaimed Word of God, and Holy Communion are the tools by which the Holy Spirit works—not through our cooperation, but through His power to "call, gather,

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 20th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.
- 23rd Voters' Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- 26th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 27th Ladies of Faith Lunch at Hog Island
Fish Camp - 12:00 p.m.
- 27th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 29th Improv Comedy - 8:00 p.m.
- 31st "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

September

- 2nd Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 3rd Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 6th 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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enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian church on earth" (Small Catechism, Creed, Art. III).

The Liturgy is medicine for the wayward heart. It is the means by which the righteousness of Christ is poured out upon the unrighteous. Because we have no capacity to earn God's favor, we must be recipients of it. The constant repetition of the liturgy anchors the believer in the objective truth of the Gospel, shielding us from the erratic impulses of our own sinful nature. In the rhythm of liturgy the blind receive sight and the weary are raised to new life, as God fulfills His promises, and by His grace, we are made holy. 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 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	For healing, strength, hope, and that they may know Christ's love.
UNDERGOING TREATMENT	Colton Hafner, Neal Laeder, Fred Robbins, Dianne Shelby (Dorothy's niece), Brent Dusenberg, JoCarol Kautz (Sue Laeder's cousin) and Matthew Criechn	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 and her niece, Rayma, Carol (Linda R's niece), Amanda (Linda H's niece), Lisa Kunder (Kathy K's sister), Karl Streitenfeld (Kathleen Kreiman's son), Flo Bellhorn, Amy Bellhorn, Charlotte (Linda H's niece), Kathy Kreiman, Pam Robbins, Rev. Jim Van Dellen (retired Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Michigan) Mike and Sharon (Jenny Kims' parents), Barbara (Flo's sister-in-law), Asher (friend of Brady & Morgan's son) and Marje Seija.	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. July expenses were relatively high due to parking lot resurfacing (\$6,180) and payment of quarterly tithes (\$6,695) to the organizations we support.

We received additional donations of \$1,000 for Musical Instruments; \$100 for the Sunday Bible Study; and \$100 for the Wednesday Bible Study; and \$205 toward the Young Adult Conference scheduled for January 2027.

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: \$6,875; Musical Instruments: \$4,754; Chancel/Kneelers: \$1,935; and Young Adult Conference \$1,858.

	JULY	2026
INCOME	\$18,770	\$157,462
EXPENSE	\$31,353	\$175,237
TOTAL	(\$12,583)	(\$17,775)

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE...

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 Zelle pay - Check with your bank.
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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 pure teachers of the Augsburg Confession have taught and argued that through the fall of our first parents man is so corrupted that in divine things, concerning our conversion and salva-tion, he is by nature blind and does not and cannot understand the Word of God when it is preached, but considers it foolishness; nor does he of himself approach God, but he is and re-mains an enemy of God until by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Word which is preached and heard, purely out of grace and without any cooperation on his part, he is con-verted, becomes a believer, is regenerated and renewed.

(Formula of Concord Solid Declaration, II.5)

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 is currently being updated. If you have any changes to your information please let Linda know.
- PICNIC POTLUCK** Join us for a Picnic Potluck on Sunday, August 23, before the Voters' Meeting. Bring your best picnic recipe to share and enjoy food, and fellowship with your church family.
- A sign-up sheet is posted in the church mailroom to help us plan.
- 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 registrants, the daily worship services are open to the public.
- LADIES OF FAITH LUNCH** Join us for our August Ladies Lunch on Thursday, August 27, at Hog Island Fish Camp, 900 Broadway in Dunedin. Come enjoy good food, great conversation, and fellowship with the ladies of Faith!
- Please sign up or call Sharon at 904-616-6027. We hope you can join us!
- LWML NOTES** September 6, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Jeff Phillips, Jill Talley, Anthony Grimmig, Michael Nieminen, Kathleen Kreiman, and Leah Belknap are celebrants this month. Following Worship, you are invited to pick up your treats and coffee on the kitchen counter 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 to be together in this time of fellowship and to remember our own Baptismal Blessing. See you there!
- As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.
- Beginning September 27, 2026, until October 25, 2026, we will collect cereal for the food pantry. We are thinking about healthy cereals, and we are happy to receive your favorite kind, too.
- Cereal with milk is great; if you're inclined, you can find quart boxes of milk at the Dollar Store (something to keep in mind when you buy boxed mac and cheese, too.) A box will be set up in the mail room labeled LWML DONATIONS
- COMEDY IMPROV IN AUGUST** This month's Comedy Improv night will be held Saturday, August 29th, from 8pm - 10pm. Folks of all ages are invited to watch, laugh, and for the truly daring—maybe even join the troupe on stage in a skit!

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



Convention Report Available

Last month pastor served as a Delegate to the 69th Convention of the Lutheran Church – Mis-souri Synod. As part of his duties he was required to report to the churches of our Circuit what took place at the Convention. You will find his report available to download at: <https://faithdunedin.org/download/25111/?tmstv=1787156747>

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