

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

DATES TO REMEMBER

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Psalm 119:9

Dear friends of Faith, daily we hear tales of brokenness and sin. We witness despair—the homeless guy; the woman at the check-out unsure if she has enough change; the sad faces in the doctor's. The world's fear merchants worked hard during the pandemic to scare many away from the pews, not because going to church was any more dangerous than going to a grocery store, but because the Word of God was and remains the sole source of hope to stem the tide of despair.

The Psalmist asks how a man can keep his way pure in a world that seeks to defile and bring despair at every turn? This is not done by willpower, nor good intentions. It cannot be achieved by resolving to do better. The answer is: by taking heed to the Word of God.

God's Word called you to faith. It is also the Holy Spirit's means of preserving you in the Christian faith. It's natural, in the midst of Job-like suffering, to question whether or not you are really saved. The answer to this question cannot be discovered from the philosophers or a science text book, but only in the revealed Word of God.

The incarnate Word shows you salvation in His nail-scarred hands. He reveals His love and mercy in the preaching of the Gospel. He heals your soul as He comes to you physically at His table to forgive and strengthen you. These are His promises found in Scripture.

In the account of the ten lepers whom our Lord healed. Only one returned to give thanks. Only one returned to the Healer. Our Lord told

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September

- 3rd Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 6th Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.
- 7th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 8th Board of Elders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 10th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 12th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 14th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 14th Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 16th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 17th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.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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this man: “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well,” (Luke 17:19). So too, your faith has made you well.

The Word created your faith; the Word now sustains that faith. The Word comes to you to inoculate you against the merchants of fear, death, and despair, prowling the Internet, the nightly news, and our streets. In returning each day to the Word of God; by using those means of grace He provided—the Word and Sacraments—and by gathering as His people, He guards your soul safe within the ark and preserves you against the raging tide of brokenness. Here, in His house, He bears you safe unto salvation. 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	Kyle MacLean	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, 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 and friends of Matthew Chrien.	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, Rod Cotter, Mike and Sharon (Jenny Kims’ parents), Barbara (Flo’s sister-in-law), Asher (friend of Brady & Morgan’s son), Marje Seija and Vianne Nichols, (Kelsey King’s step-grandma).	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; and \$130 toward the Young Adult Conference scheduled for January 2027.

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: \$6,875; Musical Instruments: \$6,754; Chancel/Kneelers: \$1,935; and Young Adult Conference \$1,988.

	AUGUST	2026
INCOME	\$20,157	\$177,759
EXPENSE	\$18,762	\$193,999
TOTAL	(\$1,395)	(\$16,240)

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.

The Holy Spirit wills to be certainly present with and efficacious and active through the Word when it is proclaimed, heard, and meditated upon. Hence, as was mentioned before, there is no basis for the assumption that those might be the elect who despise God's Word and who reject, blaspheme, and persecute it (Matt. 22:5, 6; Acts 13:40f., 46), or who harden their hearts when they hear it (Heb. 4:2, 7), resist the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:51), remain in sin without repentance (Luke 14:18, 24), do not truly believe in Christ (Mark 16:16), make only an outward pretense (Matt. 7:15; 22:12), or seek other ways to righteousness and salvation outside of Christ (Rom. 9:31).

On the contrary, as God has ordained in his counsel that the Holy Spirit would call, enlighten, and convert the elect through the Word and that he would justify and save all who accept Christ through true faith, so he has also ordained in his counsel that he would harden, reject, and condemn all who, when they are called through the Word, spurn the Word and persistently resist the Holy Spirit who wants to work efficaciously in them through the Word.

(Formula of Concord Solid Declaration, XI.39-40)

BIRTHDAY

9th Michael Nieminen
 11th Sharon Murawski
 13th Linda Hibbard
 14th Carolyn Wood
 15th Eric Jerome
 18th Ava Kim
 19th Rachel Onken
 20th Brent Duesenberg
 21st Carol Hammerle

ANNIVERSARY

September

BAPTISM

6th Jeff Phillips
 6th Jill Talley
 14th Anthony Grimmig
 22nd Michael Nieminen
 25th Kathleen Kreiman
 27th Leah Belknap

*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.

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.

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.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY SERVANT	6th	13th	20th	27th
GREETERS	Linda Burns	Linda Burns	Linda Burns	Linda Burns
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	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault	Steven Arsenault

FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



Welcome to the Guerra family!

They recently moved from Montreal, Quebec to Odessa, Florida and are excited to be worshiping and receiving the Lord's gifts alongside the saints at Faith.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	31 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	1	2 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	3 7pm Bible Study (Online)	4	5
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20 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting	21 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	22	23 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	24 7pm Bible Study (Online)	25	26 10:30am Target Shooting Club
27 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	28 7:30pm Confirmation Class - Zoom 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	29	30 FL-GA District Pastors Conference	1 FL-GA District Pastors Conference	2 FL-GA District Pastors Conference	3