

# Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



## PASTOR'S STUDY

*"The Lord looseth the prisoners."*  
Psalm 146:7b

Dear friends of Faith, at the start of His ministry Jesus returned to Nazareth. In the synagogue He read from Isaiah 61:1, "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound." And then He declared that, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." The people, rather than rejoicing that their Messiah had come, were enraged and sought to kill Him. Why would they re-act this way?

The people could not accept Jesus as their Messiah because they were enslaved to the Law and had placed their trust in their own efforts to attain righteousness. They looked around and did not see Herod's jails emptied, the poor still begged in the streets, and the sick and brokenhearted remained among them. How could Jesus claim otherwise? How could He, the son of the carpenter, the boy they'd once known, be their Messiah?

What king has ever brought peace, security, freedom, and an end to poverty and disease? Rulers always promise such things, "A chicken in every pot," "Lower taxes," "Affordable health care," "No new wars," "A cure for cancer," but seldom deliver. And too often our disappointment with our leaders leads us to doubt the Lord's promises.

Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," and then He delivers. In the Divine Service we pray the Lord's Prayer before Holy

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

- 10<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> LWML Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting - 11:45 am.
- 21<sup>st</sup> "Generations of Faith"  
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Target Shooting Club - 10:30 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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Communion. We ask for His will to be done, for daily bread, forgiveness, protection against temptation, deliverance from evil, and so forth. Then our Lord gives us exactly we've prayed for in the Lord's Supper. The Lord delivers to us the Bread of heaven and the living waters that we need never thirst for righteousness. We are set free from our bondage to the Law; free from our own efforts to attain peace and security, free from all the worries of life.

Our freedom in Christ sends us forth from His table without worry or care. Free to share the Gospel; to use His gifts and talents entrusted to us to love our neighbors. We are free from the fear of death, knowing that the kingdom of heaven is already ours. 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, 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), 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, Vianne Nichols, (Kelsey King's step-grandma), Ron Ziegler and Clair Northcutt (Carol Engwall's niece). | 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...

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 Gospel, however, is that doctrine which teaches what a man should believe in order to obtain the forgiveness of sins from God, since man has failed to keep the law of God and has transgressed it, his corrupted nature, thoughts, words, and deeds war against the law, and he is therefore subject to the wrath of God, to death, to temporal miseries, and to the punishment of hell-fire. The content of the Gospel is this, that the Son of God, Christ our Lord, himself assumed and bore the curse of the law and expiated and paid for all our sins, that through him alone we re-enter the good graces of God, obtain forgiveness of sins through faith, are freed from death and all the punishments of sin, and are saved eternally.

For everything which comforts and which offers the mercy and grace of God to transgressors of the law strictly speaking is, and is called, the Gospel, a good and joyful message that God wills not to punish sins but to forgive them for Christ's sake.

(Formula of Concord Solid Declaration, V.20-21)

### BIRTHDAY

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

### ANNIVERSARY

*September*

### BAPTISM

6<sup>th</sup> Jeff Phillips  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jill Talley  
 14<sup>th</sup> Anthony Grimmig  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Michael Nieminen  
 25<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Kreiman  
 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### OKTOBERFEST AT FAITH!

Join us on Sunday, October 11, in Luther Hall for delicious German food, fun, and Christian fellowship! Enjoy bratwurst, German potato salad, red cabbage, pretzels, German beer, and more.

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. All are welcome!

### LWML NOTES

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

| <b>SUNDAY<br/>SERVANT</b> | <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>             | <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>            | <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>            | <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GREETERS                  | Linda Burns                       | Linda Burns                       | Linda Burns                       | Linda Burns                       |
| USHERS                    | Brian Murawski &<br>Jeff Phillips | Brian Murawski &<br>Jeff Phillips | Brian Murawski &<br>Jeff Phillips | Brian Murawski &<br>Jeff Phillips |
| SERVERS                   | Paul & Flo<br>Bellhorn            | Paul & Flo<br>Bellhorn            | Paul & Flo<br>Bellhorn            | Paul & Flo<br>Bellhorn            |
| ALTAR CARE                | Steven<br>Arsenault               | Steven<br>Arsenault               | Steven<br>Arsenault               | Steven<br>Arsenault               |
| ACOLYTE                   | Brady Kim                         | Elijah Belknap                    | Lukas Nieminen                    | Elijah Belknap                    |
| COMMUNION<br>ELDER        | Steven<br>Arsenault               | Steven<br>Arsenault               | Steven<br>Arsenault               | Steven<br>Arsenault               |

## FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



## September Baptisms!

He was baptized in Jordan's flood  
 The holy heav'nly Lamb of God,  
 And He, who did no sin, thereby  
 Cleansed us from all iniquity!

—Martin Luther, “Why, Herod, Unrelenting Foe”, verse 3

## September 2026

| Sunday                                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                         | Tuesday                                                      | Wednesday                                      | Thursday                                      | Friday                                        | Saturday                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>30</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship                                   | <b>31</b><br>7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal                                     | <b>1</b>                                                     | <b>2</b><br>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)   | <b>3</b><br>7pm Bible Study (Online)          | <b>4</b>                                      | <b>5</b>                                  |
| <b>6</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship<br>11:45am Celebration of Baptisms | <b>7</b><br>7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal                                      | <b>8</b><br>7pm Board of Elders Meeting                      | <b>9</b><br>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)   | <b>10</b><br>7pm Bible Study (Online)         | <b>11</b>                                     | <b>12</b><br>9am Maintenance Workday      |
| <b>13</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship                                   | <b>14</b><br>7:30pm Confirmation Class<br>7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal        | <b>15</b><br>10am LWML Meeting<br>5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild | <b>16</b><br>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)  | <b>17</b><br>7pm Bible Study (Online)         | <b>18</b>                                     | <b>19</b>                                 |
| <b>20</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship<br>11:45am Church Council Meeting | <b>21</b><br>7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal                                     | <b>22</b>                                                    | <b>23</b><br>9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)  | <b>24</b><br>7pm Bible Study (Online)         | <b>25</b>                                     | <b>26</b><br>10:30am Target Shooting Club |
| <b>27</b><br>9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study<br>10:15am Sunday Worship                                   | <b>28</b><br>7:30pm Confirmation Class - Zoom<br>7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal | <b>29</b>                                                    | <b>30</b><br>FL-GA District Pastors Conference | <b>1</b><br>FL-GA District Pastors Conference | <b>2</b><br>FL-GA District Pastors Conference | <b>3</b>                                  |