

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



PASTOR'S STUDY

"Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace, and pursue it."
Psalm 34:14

Dear friends of Faith, in the first petition of the Lord's Prayer we pray, "Hallowed be Thy name". According to Luther's Small Catechism, this means: "The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray...that it may be hallowed also among us." We do this in two ways.

We hallow God's name when we teach His Word in its truth and purity. To do otherwise is to follow in Satan's footsteps when he first deceived Eve. This is hard for us because His Word can offend. Recall Namaan the leper's healing in 2 Kings 5:1-17. He became upset when Elisha told him to wash seven times in the Jordan. He wanted the prophet to wave his arms, say some words, and make a big show. Except to do so would have shifted the focus from the Word of God (Jesus) to His servant Elisha. This, by the way, is why I preach from the pulpit. I don't want the attention to be on myself—my clothing, my movements, or my ability to memorize lines.

I once performed regularly in musicals. I can memorize, emote, dance, sing, and keep an audience entertained. At the end of every show the cast came out on stage to receive the applause of the audience. That's exactly the opposite of what should take place with God. To hallow His name is to acknowledge that it's He who does the work—it's to point to His Word, His Spirit, His work done for our salvation. As John the Baptist stated, "He must increase, but I must decrease," (Jn 3:30).

The second way in which we hallow God's name is by leading holy lives. This

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 3rd Comedy Improv Night at Faith - 7:30 p.m.
- 4th LWML Sunday
- 4th Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.
- 5th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.
- 5th Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.
- 7th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.
- 8th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.
- 9th Men's Gathering - 6:00 p.m.
- 10th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.
- 11th Oktoberfest - 11:45 a.m.
- 12th "Generations of Faith"
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- 12th Confirmation Class - 7:30 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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too is impossible without the help of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit calls us by the Word, and sustains us in faith through His gifts given in Church. Each day we arise, remember that we are God's children, that we bear His name, and then call upon His Spirit to guide us in all we think, do, and say, so that we may depart from the ways of our flesh, and do good; that we seek peace, and pursue it. When we sin, we repent and pray for help in doing better, trusting in God's mercy to forgive and help us, just as He has promised. This is the shape of our lives as His children. 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		For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection.
NEW LIFE	Expectant moms: Katie Spalding, Sam Vanhorenbeck, Gabrielle Guerra, Baby Noah - newborn with health issues, Clair Northcutt (Carol Engwall's niece)	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, Linda Hibbard and Savannah (Daughter of Bob & Julie).	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
 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.

The only essential and necessary elements of justification are the grace of God, the merit of Christ, and faith which accepts these in the promise of the Gospel, whereby the righteousness of Christ is reckoned to us and by which we obtain the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, adoption, and the inheritance of eternal life.

Thus there cannot be genuine saving faith in those who live without contrition and sorrow and have a wicked intention to remain and abide in sin, for true contrition precedes and genuine faith exists only in or with true repentance.

Love is a fruit which certainly and necessarily follows true faith. For if a person does not love, this indicates certainly that he is not justified but is still in death, or that he has again lost the righteousness of faith, as St. John says (1 John 3:14)

(Formula of Concord Solid Declaration, III.25-27)

BIRTHDAY

2nd Joy Jerome
 5th Dennis Kim
 6th Jennifer Belknap
 6th Jacob Smilanich
 6th Robert Smilanich III
 14th Elijah Belknap
 14th Brady H. Sunday
 18th Martha Sorenson
 22nd Gabby Belknap
 26th Emily Sorenson

ANNIVERSARY

7th Fred & Mary Malinowski
 27th Brady & Morgan Sunday

BAPTISM

1st Carolyn Wood
 1st Don Tetzloff
 3rd Ava Kim
 3rd Rachel Onken
 19th Sue Snap

October

*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

October 4, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Rachel Onken, Carolyn Wood, Don Tetzloff, Ava Kim, and Sue Snap are the 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 for the celebrants. 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.

Thank you all for the generous cereal and milk donations; we are collecting until the end of October.

October 4th is LWML Sunday; remember to wear purple as a reminder to support the Lutheran Women in Mission! This is a good time to bring your mite boxes; give them to Sue, Martha or Flo. Thank you.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 20th, 10 a.m. in the church conference room. Bring your Winter Quarterly. Linda Hibberd is leading the Bible study... We will hear the scoop and can sign up for the fall rally at Christ the King on November 7th. See you there.

MENS' GATHERING

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." (Pro 27:17 ESV) Men of Faith, you're invited to an evening of fraternal Christian fellowship at the Nieminen house (102 Tanglewood Ct., Safety Harbor) on Friday, October 9th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to Michael (727-385-7693). Food and drink will be provided.

SERVING IN OCTOBER

SUNDAY SERVANT	4th	11th	18th	25th
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	Lukas Nieminen	Brady Kim	Elijah Belknap
COMMUNION ELDER	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap

FAITH FAMILY PHOTOS



Our newest child of God—Oliver!

To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by men but by God himself. Although it is performed by men's hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act.

—Luther's Large Catechism

EXTRA PROPS IMPROV COMEDY

E.P.I.C.

\$5 suggested donation

Faith Lutheran Church, Dunedin

7:30-9:30

doors open at seven

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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 7:30pm Comedy Improv Night at Faith
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