Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor's Study

"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble."
Psalm 46:1

Dear friends of Faith, in the 1990's the Berlin Wall came down marking the end of the Soviet Union; a seismic shift in the world power. In 2007 the iPhone was introduced ushering in a new era in communications. Today, Artificial Intelligence threatens to disrupt our world again. Such are the shifting sands of history and culture.

Jesus Christ, however, is the same yesterday, today, and forever, which is why the Psalmist calls Him our refuge and strength. Or, as Luther wrote, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." The Reformation was an era not only of religious upheaval, but Europe was under threat of invasion by the Turks. Despite such danger, Luther understood that the greatest battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the "old evil foe" who seeks to devour the conscience through the terrors of the Law and the whisperings of doubt.

This Sunday, as we sing, "A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon," we are confessing the theology of the Cross. Just as the Psalmist prophesied the shaking of the mountains and roaring of the waters roaring, so too does the Christian life face the turbulence of a fallen world. Yet, the victory is already won. The "Lord of the Sabbath" holds the field forever.

The Reformation taught us not to strive or worry but to trust in our Champior —Jesus Christ. While the devil may, for the moment, hold dominion over the kingdoms of this world, he has no claim upon the child of God whose life is baptized into Christ. And so we join the Church in singing—"The kingdom

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Dates to Remember

October

22nd Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

24th Target Shooting Club - 10:30 a.m.

26th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

26th Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.

28th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.

29th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

November

1st Celebration of Baptisms - 11:45 a.m.

2nd "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

2nd 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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ours remaineth"—echoing the Psalm's final promise: "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

This is our Lutheran heritage and identity. We are a people of the Word, standing in the liberty won by Christ. Our confessions are no relic, but a living weapon against the darkness of this age. They remind us that God provides all that we need to support this body and life, but more importantly, He has delivered us from the domain of darkness. Though the world be full of devils, the Lord of Hosts remains our fortress and our shield. He calls us to His Church where He invites us to be still, and know that He is God. 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. .	*Kyrie elieson*! 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 Kim family mourning Jenny's dad, Mike.	For comfort, and the peace in the hope of the Resurrection.
New Life	Expectant moms: 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, Rayma (Gail Batistoni's niece), 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, 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, Savannah (Daughter of Bob & Julie), Lara Musumeche (Jeff Phillips' sister) and Jessica Rexroat (friend of Kelsey King).	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; $10 for Stained Glass Windows; and $369 toward the Young Adult Conference scheduled for January 2027.

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: $6,885; Musical Instruments: $6,754; Chancel/Kneelers: $1,935; and Young Adult Conference $2,356.

	September	2026
Income	$22,670	$200,429
Expense	$19,789	$213,506
Total	$2,881	($13,077)

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.

To have faith means to want and to accept the promised offer of forgiveness of sins and justification. It is easy to determine the difference between this faith and the righteousness of the law. Faith is that worship which receives God's offered blessing; the righteousness of the law is that worship which offers God our own merits. It is by faith that God wants to be worshiped, namely, that we receive from him what he promises and offers.

(The Augsburg Confession, Article, IV, 48, 49)

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.

Our conference has gained a lot of notice Synod-wide and we now have over 30 people registered. When we set out to host this event we thought we might attract 30 total, now we are planning for 70-100 attendees—Praise the Lord! Our conference planning committee is working on logistics—food prep and service, security, cleaning and restocking bathroom supplies, and multimedia production. The growing enthusiasm reflects the need for such an event in our Synod and our state. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

First Lutheran Church LWML Holiday Bazaar

First Lutheran Church LWML, 1644 Nursery Rd., Clearwater, invites you to the 21st Annual HOLIDAY BAZAA on Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 am – 2 pm. This all-indoor craft show features unique, high quality seasonal and non-seasonal products from over 75 vendors. The Bake Sale is not to be missed! Door prizes galore! All proceeds are used to help those who are in need.

2027 Budget Information

The Budget Summary and Budget Worksheet for the 2027 budget are available to view at the links below:

https://faithdunedin.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Budget-Summary20261012.pdf

https://faithdunedin.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/BudgetWorksheet20261012.pdf

40th Annual Presentation of Handel's The Messiah

Grace Lutheran Church in St. Pete is soliciting singers to participate in this event to be held on Sunday, December 13th, 2026, at 3 p.m.. Rehearsals are at 3 p.m. in Grace's sanctuary on Nov 8, 15, 29, and Dec 6, plus a full rehearsal Dec 12. If you would like to participate or need more information, please contact Jennifer Tippet at 727-527-6213 ext. 102.

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



And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are the ones whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth."
So they answered the Angel of the Lord, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly."

Zechariah 1:10–11.

This week two Crepe Myrtle trees were planted in the front of the church in thanksgiving for the work of Keith Sontag and Mark and Tina Sunday over the past years to keep the grounds of Faith Lutheran looking good. Keith and his father have mown the lawn and done a lot of clean- up work for roughly two decades. Mark and Tina have invested countless hours weeding, trimming, watering, and planting. The fruits of their labors have helped to beautify the Lord's house and to create a place where all the earth can come and rest quietly in the peace of His forgiveness.

Lutheran Women in Mission

November 1, 2026, is Baptismal Celebration Sunday. Three members of the Belknap family are the celebrants this month: Elijah, Jennifer, and Gabby. Following worship, you are invited to pick up your treats and coffee in the hall. 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. October 25th is the last Sunday for the cereal collection. Thank you for your generous variety of donations. Dunedin Cares will also appreciate the milk. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness.

The Lutheran Women in Mission met last Tuesday for the first meeting of the season.

We learned the food pantries are in dire need this year and cannot supply many ordinary food items. Faith LWML selected HEP as our Christmas Project this year. We are asking our Faith Brothers and Sisters to help us fulfil their request.

HEP gave us a list of three specific needs: CANNED BEANS (any kind), CANNED FRUIT, SNACKS.

The box will be in the mail room from November 1 until mid-December so that HEP can pick it up for Christmas.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 17th, 10 a.m. in the church conference room. Bring your Fall Quarterly. Linda Burns is leading the Bible study. We will hear the report about the fall rally at Christ the King on November 7th. We will find out where our Christmas outing will be. See you there.

Blessings,

Your Sister in Christ,

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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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11 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Oktoberfest	**12** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**13** 7pm Board of Elders Meeting	**14** 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	**15** 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**16**	**17**
18 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting	**19** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**20** 10am LWML Meeting 5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild	**21** 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	**22** 12pm Ladies of Faith Lunch at Poblanos Mexican Grill 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**23**	**24** 10:30am Target Shooting Club
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