"Forgiven and Loved in Christ" *October 29th, 2026*

Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor's Study

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, Even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."
Psalm 91:9-10

Dear friends of Faith, for those of us still walking through the vale of tears that is this fallen world with all of its wars and rumors of wars, droughts, famines, and plagues, the psalmist's words may sound naive. Yet consider Daniel's words from the lion's den: "Daniel said to the king, "...My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you," (Daniel 6:21-22).

Daniel had been taken as a captive to Babylon and made to serve a pagan king. He had been falsely accused by a mob, sentenced to death by a king who knew him to be innocent, and thrown into a den of hungry lions. Yet, the Lord sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths, for He counted Daniel as innocent—holy and righteous. He did not spare Daniel from the hardships of this life, but was there to comfort Him, and at the end to bring him home to heaven.

Today, He regards all whom He has called by the Gospel and made holy with His gifts, as righteous and innocent as Daniel. For One greater than Daniel has come—God's own Son. He too was falsely accused, dragged by a mob before a ruler who deemed Him innocent yet sentenced Him to death. Unlike Daniel, God did not spare the life of His Son, but raised Him to life on the third day, triumphant over sin, death and the grave.

He now sends His Spirit to call you into the refuge of Zion, your holy habitation, where He defends you against all evil with His gifts of Word and

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Dates to Remember

October

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.

4th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.

5th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

9th "Generations of Faith"
Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

9th Confirmation Class - 7:30 p.m.

10th Matins - 9:30 a.m.

10th Winkle - Pastors of the Circuit
- 10:00 a.m.

10th Board of Elders Meeting - 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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Sacrament. Such gifts are the power of God to salvation for all who confess Jesus, "Lord"!

The Lord is our refuge. We look to the Cross for our salvation and hope. When all else fails, when our eyes fade and our bodies become frail, He remains our strength and vigor. For He who was faithful to save Daniel and all of the saints who've gone before us, is faithful to save us, the sheep of His pasture. 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), Jessica Rexroat (friend of Kelsey King) and Robert Martin.	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.

And we should not regard this call of God which takes place through the preaching of the Word as a deception, but should know certainly that God reveals his will in this way, and that in those whom he thus calls he will be efficaciously active through the Word so that they may be illuminated, converted, and saved. For the Word through which we are called is a ministry of the Spirit—"which gives the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:8) and a "power of God" to save (Rom. 1:16). And because the Holy Spirit wills to be efficacious through the Word, to strengthen us, and to give us power and ability, it is God's will that we should accept the Word, believe and obey it.

(The Formula of Concord, II, XI, 29)

Birthday

2nd Brady Sunday
3rd Gail Batistoni
10th John Wood
11th Karyn Smilanich
13th Denise Banacos
13th Sean King
16th Johanna Punch
20th Linda Burns
26th Candice Mathews
27th Elda Thomas
29th Kelsey King
29th Linda Richardson
29th Kelsey King

Anniversary

13th David & Marolyn Hafner

Baptism

6th Elijah Belknap
16th Jennifer Belknap
20th Gabby Belknap

November

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.

First Lutheran Church LWML Holiday Bazaar

First Lutheran Church LWML, 1644 Nursery Rd., Clearwater, invites you to the 21st Annual HOLIDAY BAZAAR 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. Hard copies are also available in the office.

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.

LWML Notes

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!

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.

Serving in November

Sunday Servant	**1st**	**8th**	**15th**	**22nd**	**29th**
Greeters	Linda Burns	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	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					
Communion Elder	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall	Neal Engwall

Faith Family Photos



Baptism is simply water and God's Word in and with each other; that is, when the Word accompanies the water, Baptism is valid, even though faith be lacking. For my faith does not constitute Baptism but receives it. Baptism does not become invalid even if it is wrongly received or used, for it is bound not to our faith but to the Word.

Luther's Large Catechism, Baptism

Celebrating a Baptism was the perfect Reformation sermon. Baby Clara was saved by God's grace imparted by water and the Word—fully effective because of the promise He has given. Baptism now saves.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Celebration of Baptisms	**2** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**3**	**4** 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	**5** 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**6**	**7**
8 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	**9** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**10** 9:30am Matins 10am Winkle - Pastors of the Circuit 7pm Board of Elders Meeting	**11** 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	**12** 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**13**	**14** 9am Maintenance Workday
15 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Church Council Meeting	**16** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**17** 10am LWML Meeting 5:30pm Dunedin Youth Guild	**18** 9:15am Bible Study (Live/Online)	**19** 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**20**	**21**
22 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship 11:45am Voters' Meeting	**23** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**24**	**25** 7pm Thanksgiving Eve - Divine Service	**26**	**27**	**28** 10:30am Target Shooting Club
29 9:15am Sunday Morning Family Bible Study 10:15am Sunday Worship	**30** 7:30pm Confirmation Class 7:30pm "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal	**1**	**2**	**3** 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**4**	**5**