Faith Weekly

A NEWSLETTER OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor's Study

"He hath shewed his people the power of his works, That he may give them the heritage of the heathen."
Psalm 111:6

Dear friends of Faith, I rejoice now that the mid-term elections are done. I pray you each did your civic duty and voted. Now, the results are in and life continues. The political winds blow where they may, but the hope, joy, and peace of a Christian does not come from the ballot box, but from Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified.

In the First Article of the Creed, we confess that God "still preserves" us; He governs the nations. When the Psalmist speaks of the "heritage of the heathen," he reminds us that the land, the people, and the order of society are ultimately under the Creator's decree. Our hope is not in a legislative majority, nor in the ability of any party to reverse decades of societal decline. Our hope is that Christ remains the King of kings and continues to govern all things by the strength of His arm.

Whether Tuesday's results pleased or disappointed you, I encourage you to not become complacent, trusting in man-made institutions to save our nation. God has given each of us a duty, a stewardship. We are called to be salt and light in our church, our schools, and our homes. We must continue to gather as His people to receive His gifts, and use them to raise future generations of believers in the fear and admonition of the Lord. He died to save the world, our task is to let the world know and to remain steadfast in the faith.

We render to Caesar what is his: taxes, civil obedience, and the fulfillment of our vocations. Our hearts, our worship, and our ultimate loyalty, however, are

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Dates to Remember

November

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.

11th Bible Study (Live/Online) - 9:15 a.m.

12th Bible Study (Online) - 7:00 p.m.

14th Maintenance Workday - 9:00 a.m.

15th Church Council Meeting - 11:45 a.m.

16th "Generations of Faith" Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

16th 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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reserved for the Lord who governs history; the One who gives us His bride, the Church, as His fortress of truth. Whether our political prospects rise or fall, our task remains unchanged: to confess Christ, to love our neighbor, and to preserve the legacy passed down to us by the generations of saints who went before. The kingdoms of this world may rage, but the Kingdom of God endures, this is our heritage, and that of all who confess Him Lord. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth! 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	Robert Martin.	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, 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), 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.

This month's deficit was caused by payment of quarterly tithes of $6,160 to the Florida/Georgia district and the various organizations we support.

We received additional donations of $1,000 for Musical Instruments; $100 for the Sunday Bible Study; and $100 for the Wednesday Bible Study; and $466 toward the Young Adult Conference scheduled for January 2027.

Major restricted fund balances include: Stained Glass Windows: $6,885; Musical Instruments: $8,754; and Young Adult Conference $2,822.

	October	2026
Income	$22,944	$223,373
Expense	$25,340	$238,846
Total	($2,396)	($15,473)

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.

It is God's will, ordinance, and command that believers walk in good works; that only those are truly good works which God himself prescribes and commands in his Word, and not those that an individual may devise according to his own opinion or that are based on human traditions; that truly good works are not done by a person's own natural powers but only after a person has been reconciled to God through faith and renewed through the Holy Spirit, or, as St. Paul says, "has been created in Christ Jesus for good works."

(The Formula of Concord, II, IV, 7)

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

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.

Men's/Women's Fellowship

The next men's gathering will be on Friday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Nieminen house. We plan to gather outside around the firepit this time, so bring a jacket if it's cool. Ladies, you're also invited to a women's gathering at the same time and place. There will be a fun craft for us to do indoors while we socialize and encourage each other. Parents with young children: An anonymous donor has provided funds for babysitting for the evening, so Mom and Dad can both come. Please see Fred Robbins for details. Beverages will be provided, but you are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you like! RSVP to Claudia (727-385-8296) or Michael (727-385-7693).

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



Sunday's Readings:

Proverbs 8:11-12
Philippians 3:17-21
Matthew 22:15-21

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**
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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** 6pm Men's & Women's Gatherings at the Nieminen house	**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** 10am Matins Service 7pm Vespers	**3** 7pm Bible Study (Online)	**4**	**5**