



October 31 is Reformation Day, the anniversary of Martin Luther publicly posting his 95 Theses and unwittingly sparking the Reformation. (Some people call it Halloween, but Lutherans know better!) In the Church, we celebrate the Reformation on the last Sunday in October.

All Saints' Day then falls on November 1. In fact, that is the origin of the name Halloween. It is a contraction of All Hallowed's' Evening or the eve of All Saints' Day. In the Church, All Saints' is celebrated on the first Sunday in November.

There are two more celebrations that occur at the end of November. Thanksgiving Day is a national festival in America and Canada (albeit on different dates). It is not listed on the official Church calendar, but since the government sets Thanksgiving Day aside as a time to thank God for His many gifts and to seek God's continued blessing on our country, it is entirely appropriate for churches to treat Thanksgiving like other church festivals. The fourth festival, Christ the King, is on the Sunday right before or right after Thanksgiving Day. It marks the end of the church calendar year, which then starts over the next week with the first Sunday in Advent.

These four festivals have a natural connection that makes for a marvelous ending to each Church year. Reformation Day focuses on how God used Martin Luther and the other reformers to restore the truth and purity of the Gospel, which had become badly distorted and obscured over the centuries. That is a major reason to be grateful on Thanksgiving Day and to pray that God will preserve the Gospel so that it will continue to be preached in every generation.

There is a similar dynamic between All Saints' Day and Christ the King. On All Saints' Day, we gratefully recall all the faithful people who have gone before us, passed on the good news of Jesus as Savior and Lord to us, and now rest in His eternal care. As we reflect on their witness and the heritage of faith they gave us, we look forward to joining them to live forever in the glorious presence of Christ the King, who has been given "all authority in heaven and on earth." (Matthew 28:18)

As you experience these four festivals at the end of this Church year, I pray that they will combine to renew your gratitude for the Gospel, grant you a deep appreciation for our heritage of faith, increase your awareness of God's steadfast provision of all that we need for life and salvation, and spark in you an eager hope for the consummation of God's kingdom when Christ appears again in glory. Grace and peace to you as we enter into this holiday (holy-day) season.

See you in church!
Pastor Scott Grorud



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“God’s Cosmic Struggle Against Willful Rebellion,” Where Our Call to Witness Begins

Reflections from Pastor Paul Knudson



One of our mentors in witness is the late Dr. Carl Braaten, a Lutheran theologian and the son of missionaries. As I reflect on what I might say to lift up why we are passionate about the Great Commission, a few words from this mentor in witness hit me as right on target: “The fundamental human predicament is the enslavement of the human will to the powers of sin, death, and the devil. Then reconciliation...becomes the key category because it answers to the question of estrangement.” “All we like sheep have gone astray.” We will never be at peace unless we are at home with our heavenly Father.

Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior, having drawn us home to His Father and our Father, now commissions us to lives of witness, that through Him all God’s beloved children might be set free, no longer slaves to sin but free and called to ministries of reconciliation, first with our God and also with one another.

For me, and I pray for all of us through this congregation and our partners in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, we then have a mission, a central purpose in life. My prayer is that we can own this calling deep within our souls. I pray that we will delight in partnering with fellow witnesses in distant places. For some of our partners, the fruits of witness abound abundantly. For others, the challenges can be overwhelming at times.

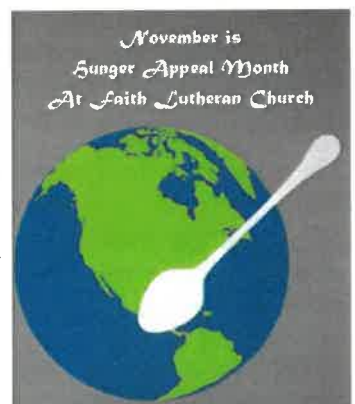
My own leadership is focused upon lifting up our partners in various international settings. In this brief article I would then like to lift up a couple of our partners in witness. In doing this I need to express their gratitude for our standing with them in their challenges and victories.

One of the major partners of Faith and the Augustana District of LCMC is the Tabor Congregation in Ethiopia. Imagine one congregation, begun, about thirty years ago, giving birth to nearly sixty other congregations spread throughout the country. Their passion for our Lord and his setting us free from the power of sin has touched deeply the hearts and minds of the often very poor people of their land. The power of sin has been broken and hearts have been united to our Savior and then they go forth to spread this Good News to others.

One of the challenging settings in which our partners in mission bear witness is the country of Estonia, which once had 95% confessing Christians, many of these Lutheran, but after communist occupation for over fifty years, this number was reduced to about 5%. Churches were closed and pastors exiled or even martyred. This has left leaders in witness challenging tasks now to lift up the name of Jesus and meet now unbelievers, estranged from their Creator and Redeemer. It is a slow and challenging call, but our partners at Home of Hope and the Tartu Academy of Theology are answering the call of our Lord to bear witness and prepare witnesses to Christ who alone can give the people of this land true freedom. Thanks be to God for the joy we can experience in standing with these witnesses to our Lord and Savior.

Blessed to Be a Blessing to the Hungry Near and Far Hunger Appeal: Invitation to Surpass Goal of \$7,000

At Faith Lutheran we are blessed to have marvelous partners, internationally and locally, to direct our giving to bless God’s beloved children, too many of whom are in need. Hunger relief offerings in the MONTH OF NOVEMBER will be directed locally through Common Cup Ministries and globally through New Hope Mission Society to its partners in India, along with our partners in Madagascar, Friends of Madagascar Mission. Leadership is suggesting 55% be directed internationally and 45% locally.



**SCAN TO GIVE
TO FLC OR GO TO
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We have set a challenging goal this year to match the generosity of our members in 2024. Last year we gave nearly \$7,500 for feeding the hungry, way past our modest goal of \$5,000.00. We are blessed to be generous in blessing the needy through our amazing partners. Globally, we directed approximately \$2,480 through NHMS and \$1,535.00 through Friends of Madagascar Mission. Locally, we directed \$3,455.00 to be distributed through Common Cup Ministry.

We ask you to pray with us that this November we give beyond our goal of \$7,000. You can use the Hunger Appeal envelope in your envelope packet and give your gift anytime during the month. You can also use this QR code to give online. Your Church in the World ministry team asks you to pray about how to respond and give generously as our Lord provides.



November Diaper Drive

One way that Faith Lutheran supports Common Cup Ministries is that every November we collect as many diapers as possible for the frequent diaper distribution days that CCM holds to assist families struggling with purchasing diapers.

This November the greatest need is for larger size diapers and pull-ups. Diaper and cash donations can be left in the church office or on the wire shelves near door #2. Thank you for caring for your neighbors through this ministry.

New Common Cup Ministry Address

If you have not heard, let us be the first to share the exciting news that the Common Cup Ministry office has moved! It is now located at 405 California St. NW and will be hosting an open house on Thursday, November 13, from 4-6 p.m. so the community can stop in and see the new facility.

Stop in and say hi!



Seniors Scene

HEAR YE, Hear Ye—we will have our usual Seniors' Potluck dinner and fellowship around the tables early this month! In November we meet early to do our annual packing of the Operation Christmas Child boxes and in December, of course, we meet early to avoid Christmas week. Many of you just received a printed schedule for the year, we are shouting out an extra reminder. Here's the scoop: **Seniors' Potluck** meets **Thursday, November 13, 12:00 noon**. We will have a brief devotion and then we will do our packing.

You can do some preparations for this project. As you do your usual shopping, keep an eye out for items that a child in a faraway country would be so happy to receive for Christmas. Picture bubbly kids with eager eyes delightedly opening their box and being surprised to see items they would never expect to receive—hygiene items, toys, games, small booklets, socks, underwear, T-shirts, shorts, etc. All of these items are a doorway to open their hearts to Jesus. Along with their boxes they are invited to a 12-session class to learn about Jesus and His desire to love and save them. Most of the box recipients do attend those sessions.

Please bring your purchased items to Pastor Paulus' office or tell someone in the office to see that they get there. You may also bring them the day of our meeting.

We do have information to help you shop. Check the narthex areas for folders, and for more complete lists for several age levels; or ask us for those we had available at our October meeting. Please note those items NOT acceptable—tooth paste (tooth brushes OK), liquids (like sanitizers), and soft candies.

Besides shopping, if you have a Thrivent policy you can order a \$250 gift card, to use for shopping, or bring it to my office so someone else can do the shopping. So check your Thrivent policy. If you're not sure, check with your Thrivent agent.

You can also bring cash for postage. Each box now costs \$10.00 to send. You can also pack your own box at home. Just make sure you follow the instructions in the flyer.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, give us a call or see us here at the church.

Final note: we will be joined by Mona Hjerpe and the amazing group from Meghan's Place again. We look forward to that as they were such a blessing last year with their smiles and eagerness.

See you at SENIORS' POTLUCK!

Attention Snow Birds

As you prepare to head south for the winter, we would love to have your temporary address so that we can keep you in the loop of all things "Faith Lutheran" while you are gone.

We can't forward your tax statements, newsletters, etc. to you if we don't know where you are. Please call the office with your temporary address, the date you plan to leave, and when you plan to return. Help us keep you "In the Know!"

Don't forget that you can get your monthly Faith Matters and weekly news via e-mail if you are not already doing so.



STUMP THE PASTOR

Stump the Pastor

Q: What do the terms “the Church militant” and “the Church triumphant” mean?

A: This question is very fitting as we approach All Saints’ Day and Christ the King Sunday. The two titles differentiate Christians who are still living in this world broken by sin and unbelief from Christians who have died and now rest in God’s care.

The name “the Church militant” reflects all the struggles that the Christian Church and individual believers face in this life. Whether it is due to persecution, corruption or decline in the Church, or the temptation, sin and suffering we experience in daily life, living as God’s people is an ongoing battle. The world has been in rebellion against God since Adam and Eve first rose up against Him in Genesis 3. We remain *simul iustus et peccator* (simultaneously justified with God and sinful) for as long as we live in this life. To think of Christ’s Church as militant, as waging a constant war, accurately describes the reality of living as sinners in a sinful world.

Yet, despite all those struggles, Christ’s final triumph over sin, death and the devil is not in question. He secured ultimate victory in his death and resurrection, and will appear again in glory after He has “put all his enemies under His feet.” (I Corinthians 15:25) So even as the forces of evil continue to do their worst, we are assured that “the gates of hell will not prevail against” the Church (Matthew 16:18), and that one day we will be raised from the dead as Jesus was to join that “great multitude...from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white” (Revelation 7:9) to sing God’s praises forever. That is the Church triumphant, delivered from every enemy of God’s saving will. What a glorious future it is that awaits us through Christ Jesus!

Stewardship
A way of living

Stewardship Matters

For a number of years now, Faith’s elected leaders and staff have expressed concern about how much of the church’s annual offerings are received in November and especially December each year. We have urged the family of Faith to move more of their offerings earlier in the year, so as not to have to make up an enormous deficit in the General Fund at the very end.

So far, though, that pattern has changed very little. Again in 2025 and very typically, Faith Lutheran needs to receive about 25% of its annual offerings in November and December or around \$260,000.00. (To be clear, this is not due to excessive spending; at the end of September, expenses were more than \$20,000.00 below budget.) As long as those massive late offerings arrive each year, the church can meet all her expenses, but one major December disaster, God forbid, could spell serious financial trouble.

That is especially true since the church cannot put off 25% of her expenses until December each year. Those remain steady all year long. Blessedly, Faith Lutheran’s finances have strengthened to the point that we have not had to borrow money to cover each year’s General Fund deficit, but this long-term pattern remains worrying.

Please give generously and in proportion to how God has first blessed you to support all the ministry and mission that God has entrusted to us. It is such a great privilege, but also a serious responsibility, to proclaim Christ as Lord in this time and place where God has placed us. In trust, hope and gratitude for God’s steadfast provision, let’s pull together to provide for the ministry we share. **Thank God and thank you!**

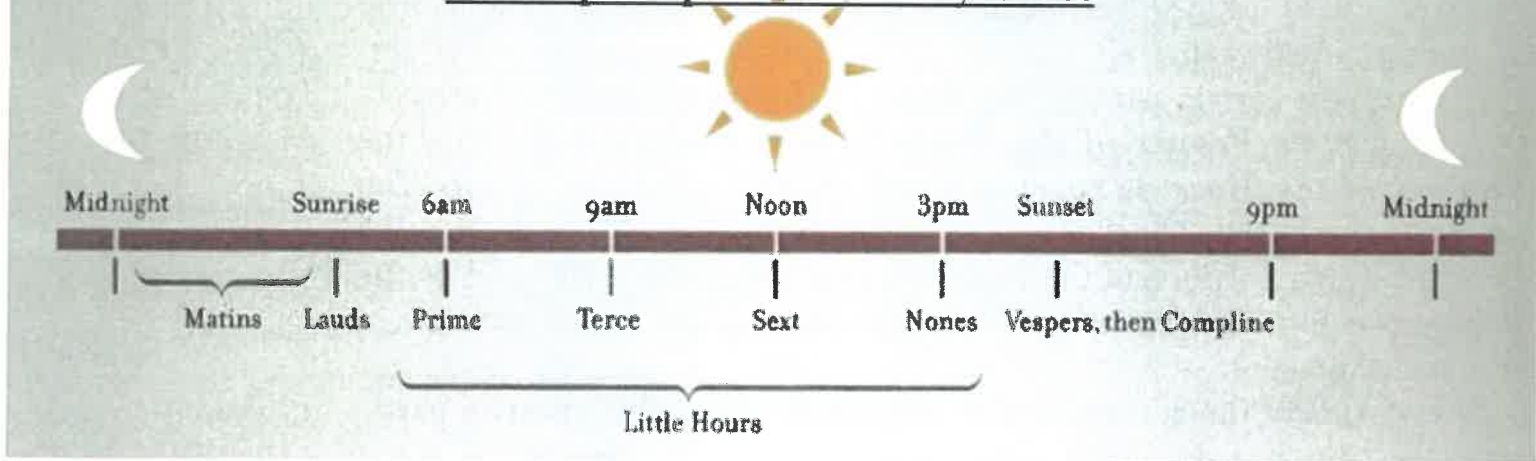


Have you given up your landline?

We have found that we have some “out of service” phone numbers in the church records. If you have eliminated your landline, please update your information with the church office by filling out an “Update Your Information” card in the sanctuary pews, e-mailing office@faithlc.com, or by calling the office at 320-587-2093.

Thank you for updating your information and helping us stay in touch with you!

Worship Snapshot: The Daily Office



Early Christians often prayed and sang psalms at regular times throughout the day and night. The observances were eventually categorized in the Office, a series of eight services that, since the Middle Ages, have been celebrated daily at specified times as shown in the graphic above. The Office was particularly important in monasteries and convents, where Mass and Office observances occupied several hours every day and night. Over the course of a normal week, all 150 psalms were sung at least once. The most important Office services, liturgically and musically, were Matins, Lauds, and Vespers. Today, Matins and Vespers hold primary significance both for their historical roots and for the number of musical settings available. The chief purpose for the practice of the Daily Office is the sanctification and marking of time. Mark 13:35-37 says, “Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.” During the Middle Ages, an elaborate system was prescribed through orders of Roman Catholic law for monastic vocations and various orders of the clergy, since the chief vocation of the monks was that of prayer. But as time passed, reforms of the schedule and content of the Daily Office have occurred throughout the centuries, most notably since the Reformation. Luther and his cohorts greatly simplified the Daily Office such as the midnight Office of

Matins aggregating with Lauds. A later development got rid of Lauds and Prime altogether leaving Matins as the sole early morning prayer service. Vespers and Compline were also blended into a single evening service keeping the name of Vespers or sometimes being referred to as Evensong. Luther was also responsible for taking Matins and Vespers out of the monasteries and making them available for congregational use. Unlike the Anglicans who retained the Roman Catholic tradition of appointing all 150 psalms, Luther focused on praise and reflection on Scripture, making Matins and Vespers suitable as “preaching services” that could follow the progression of the Church Year. In recent generations, the increasing attention that the secular world demands of Christians has left these prayer services vulnerable and often ignored. However, they remain relevant as going to the heart of Christian faith by teaching the Church the meaning and practice of prayer. The Office not only gives us the words and forms for our prayer but also interjects the hours of the day with devotional significance. The whole Church on earth participates in a service of praise to our God. When we find our day’s work at an end, new congregations of God’s people take up the unending song. So, the prayers of the Church go on, hour by hour, around the world, from generation to generation in an unbroken cycle of praise.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Austin

Vespers

During the Advent season and continuing through Epiphany, we will be switching our Vespers order to the beloved Holden Evening Prayer service. Join us on Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary or live on Facebook (search for the Matins/Vespers group page) as we continue our Monday Vespers. The LBW Vespers order will conclude on November 24 and Holden will start on December 1. Vespers is a contemplative service of light and prayer as we join in Word and song at the close of the day.

Vespers *Evening Prayer*

Mondays in-person and live on
Facebook at 7:00 pm





Reading Your Bible With Your Child

A month ago on a Wednesday afternoon, while the youth space was swarming with middle schoolers here for confirmation and 56er's, I had one of our middle school boys walk up to me excitedly holding out his Bible to show me a cool Bible verse he read yesterday. He shared the verse and what it meant to him. I was dumbfounded! Did a middle school boy just share an inspiring Bible verse with me?! It was hard to believe what I just experienced, but so encouraging at the same time.

How cool would it be if you were a parent who regularly had conversations with your child about Bible verses and passages that moved your child to share what it meant to them? If that was my child, I would not want to put out that flame. Rather I would want to help kindle that excitement about reading God's Word and growing deeper in their faith.

But how?

- Pick up your Bible and start reading. Easy passages to pick would be readings from the Sunday before or the next Sunday. If your child has a storybook Bible, pick one story to read each night.
- Keep it short. Maybe that is one day a week or 5-10 minutes a day. But make it a routine. Same time and place each day. New habits take 6-8 weeks to form so keep it up!
- Talk about what you just read. Ask clarifying questions to see if they understood what they just read.
- Maybe even memorize it. If there are inspiring Bible verses that would be good to remember, try to memorize them with your child. You could even see if there is a song online that helps with memorizing.
- Lead by example. Show your child that reading your Bible is important by reading your own Bible in front of them.
- If you get out of routine, that's okay. Try to get back into it.

Laura Stowman, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Operation Christmas Child

Help send gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can do this by...

- Picking up a shoebox and a list of recommended items, go shopping and fill the box with fun, new items, and **return to church by November 16.**
- Donate items from the list of gift recommendations **by November 12.**
- Donate money to help with the shipping costs of the shoeboxes.
- Pray for the children who will receive the shoeboxes.



56er's will be packing on November 12.
Seniors' Potluck will be packing on November 13.



Aftershock

This ministry meets on the school early release days from 1:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m., and is for children in kindergarten—5th grade. Children get picked up from school, have a snack, make crafts, play games, have a Bible story time, and worship.

NEXT DAY: November 5.

If you are able to volunteer for Aftershock please reach out to Laura Stowman. Thank you!

56er's

56er's is an after-school program on Wednesdays for ANYONE in 5th and 6th grade. Our time is filled with hang time, snack, lesson, and games. This group meets right after school until 5:15 p.m. Go to our church website to register your child.

NO 56ER'S ON: November 5 & 26.

Sunday School

So far our Sunday School students have been learning about serving and giving thanks through the lesson of the good Samaritan, story of the ten lepers, parable of the talents, and Mary and Martha. Then we will enter into our Christmas lessons.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: November 30.

Christmas Programs

Mark your calendars for December 21.

Preschool—1st grade perform at 10:10 a.m. during the Sanctuary worship service.

2nd—5th grade perform at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Program



DECEMBER 21, 2025 IN THE SANCTUARY
PRE-K-1ST GRADE @ 10:10 AM
2ND-5TH GRADE @ 2:00 PM



Confirmation

Mentor Meeting—Wednesday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m.— Please watch for more information to follow if you mentor a confirmand!

FLY Night

Faith Lutheran Youth night continues for all high school students on Wednesdays from 7:00—9:30 p.m.

HELP SERVE FREE LUNCH!

Faith serves Free Lunch on December 4 and we need your help. Commitment is 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Contact Kristen if you have more questions!

Questions? Prayer Requests? Contact us!

Laura Stowman—Director of Children and Family Ministries—lauras@faithlc.com

Kristen Durst—Director of Youth and Family Ministries—kristend@faithlc.com

Upcoming Concert Opportunities

Coming Together in Song

A Community Fundraising Concert Supporting Common Cup Ministry

Join us for an uplifting afternoon of music, unity, and purpose at Coming Together in Song — a heartfelt community concert featuring musical groups from local churches and schools.

 **Date:** Sunday, November 16 (a week earlier than past years)  **Time:** 3:00 p.m.

 **Location:** Christ the King Lutheran Church, Hutchinson

Experience the power of voices raised in harmony as we come together to support the vital work of Common Cup Ministry, providing hope and help to those in need in our community. Free will offering accepted — all proceeds go to Common Cup Ministry.

 All are welcome!



A Joint Choir Concert

Faith Lutheran Church (Hutchinson) & St. John's Lutheran Church (Howard Lake)

You are invited to a special musical event celebrating community, faith, and fellowship! Join us as the choirs of Faith Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church of Howard Lake—sister parishes in the Augustana District of the LCMC—will join voices in an afternoon of song.

 **Date:** Sunday, November 30  **Time:** 3:00 p.m.

 **Location:** Faith Lutheran Church, Hutchinson

This special collaboration is a celebration of our shared faith and the deepening bond between our congregations.

 All are welcome!

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of inspiration, fellowship, and joyful harmony.

"Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things!" – Isaiah 12:5



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Leap of Faith Update

The Leap of Faith update meeting held on October 12 reported that this new capital campaign has received just over \$3 million in pledges and gifts from households that did not pledge. Of that amount, well over \$650,000 is already on hand and invested in safe, interest-bearing accounts. That is such a generous response, setting records for the most amount raised in any one capital campaign, the largest single pledge ever made and the highest average pledge ever given. Those who attended the meeting were excited and hopeful.

All of that indicates that finishing Phase II of our long-term building plan is possible! Unfortunately, since building costs have risen dramatically since Phase I was completed, even the impressive amount pledged so far is not enough to begin construction. At this point, 180 households have pledged to Leap of Faith, only about one-third of the total number we had hoped would respond. *Have you made a commitment to Leap of Faith? If not, would you prayerfully and generously join those members of Faith who are supporting it to make this much-needed ministry space a reality?*

A well-known social service agency recently announced an ambitious goal of raising \$100 million dollars and reported that \$60 million of that total had already been raised. Could we look at the gifts pledged to Leap of Faith in that same light? We are well on our way! The goal is achievable! Please pray that we can pull together to build off this great start and fulfill the vision of Phase II that God has put before us.

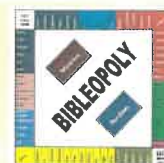


**Leap of Faith
Online
Pledge Card**

Bibleopoly Check-In

The Bibleopoly boards continue to fill up with colored dots and it looks like the congregational Bible reading for 2025 is going great. So far, you have read 1,081 books and you still have two whole months to keep reading, so snuggle into a blanket with a warm beverage and get swept away in the Word.

There is talk about a gathering in January to celebrate the way that you have all come together to dig deeper into the Word through 2025. Watch for details while you **keep on reading!**





Faith Lutheran Church Women (FLCW) Update

The FLCW has been busy doing a lot of behind the scenes planning and work, and have a few dates they want you to get on your calendars so you can participate in these awesome events.

- 1) Annual FLCW Meeting in the Faith Center on Sunday, November 9, at 11:45 a.m. This meeting is open to all women of FLC and consists of a light lunch (sandwiches, hot cider, and more), and a short meeting in which the attendees get to vote on how to spend the funds raised over the past year.
- 2) Deep cleaning of the church kitchen on Tuesday, November 18, from 11 a.m. until the work is done (usually a couple of hours). Volunteers will shine up the kitchen and then enjoy conversation, coffee and coffee cake.
- 3) The Christmas Lunch will be held in the Faith Center on Saturday, December 13, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. We are still looking for one person to host a table. Contact Carreen Pierson at 507-236-0316 if you are interested in being a hostess.
- 4) The 2026 Rummage Sale dates have been set! The sale will be April 23—24 with four days of prep before and one day of clean up after these dates. Use these cooler days to clean inside and set aside items you would like to donate. (Please note that the church does not have space to store items for you, so donations should not be brought to Faith before April 20-22.) Thank you!

What are

Ministry Teams

Faith Lutheran Church Leadership

This second Ministry Team we are going to look at is the Congregational Life Ministry Team.

This team finds ways to gather members of the congregation together for fellowship events like the Lenten picnic, the Thanksgiving pie and dessert social, and cookies and cocoa after an Advent service. They also coordinate

a spring food drive for the McLeod County food shelf, schedule treats for our outdoor worship services during the summer, and organize an "Adopt a Senior" through CHAP Ministries at Christmas time. They also send cards to first communicants, confirmands and high school graduates each year.

This year, the Congregational Life Ministry Team has the following members: Sue Alrick, Tanja Glaser, Shelly Grorud, Tammy Kirchoff, Julie Monahan, Monica Schiller and staff liaison, Marsha Schmit. Two of our members bring updates to the Church Council of which they are voting members.



Thanksgiving Worship

There will be two opportunities to participate in Thanksgiving Worship at Faith.

- 1) Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, at 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Dessert & Pie Social

Following the Thanksgiving Eve service you are invited to stay for a Dessert and Pie Social.

****We need people to sign up to bring a dessert or pie. Come for fellowship, coffee and a treat!**



ADOPT A SENIOR



CHAP Ministry ~ Christmas Gifts for Senior Citizens

The Congregational Life Ministry Team is again partnering with CHAP Ministries to provide Christmas gifts for senior citizens in need. Watch for the Christmas Giving Trees to go up in the front entry and outside the Sanctuary towards the end of this month!

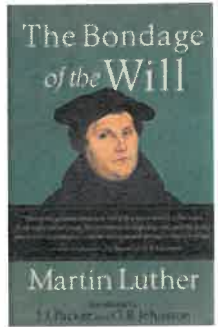


Digging
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“Faith Seeks Understanding”
Continuing Learning Opportunities for Adults
Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10 a.m.

Martin Luther’s Revolutionary Book

This year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s great book, *The Bondage of the Will*, which he considered one of his two most important works and foundational to a true understanding of the Gospel. This class will highlight the main themes of this complex and difficult work to show why it is so essential. Meeting in the Faith Center, November 2, 16 and 23.



Mission Sunday

Sunday, November 9, is Faith Lutheran’s annual Mission Sunday. In the Faith Center during Digging Deeper that morning, members of the Church in the World ministry team will describe some of the many facets of our congregation’s mission work.

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Raising Passionate Jesus Followers

There is no greater joy than seeing your children follow the way of Jesus! Join our Children and Youth Directors, Laura and Kristen, for this 6-week series as they lead discussions on the ways of partnering with God intentionally to raise sons and daughters who grow up loving God and loving people on purpose. Based around the book *Raising Passionate Jesus Followers* by Phil and Diane Comer. **Meets in the main floor conference room from November 2 - December 21. Not meeting November 23 & 30.**



New Member Orientation and Reception

A new member orientation class will meet during the educational hour on Sunday, November 2, 9, 16. Members will be received on November 16. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Marsha at marshas@faithlc.com

Thrivent Grants and Choice Dollars

As we approach the end of 2025 it is a great time to remind those of you who have Thrivent policies that you have two Thrivent Grant opportunities each year. If you have not used them both this year, please contact the church to find out how you can use them to support the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church.

If you have Choice Dollars that you can designate to a non-profit of your choice, the ministries of Faith can also be supported through these gifts. You have until the end of March to designate your 2025 dollars but don’t wait,



Faith Lutheran Church Support Groups

For more information or to plug into any of the following support groups please call the church office at 320-587-2093 and ask for Pastor Paulus Pilgrim, Jeff Amundson, or Marsha Schmit.



- 1) **FACe Cancer Support Group** This group is open to members and non-members of Faith alike. Those with cancer, those who are in remission, and family members who are caregivers of those with cancer are encouraged to participate in this support group. The FACe group meets the second and fourth Thursday morning of each month in the third floor conference room at 10 a.m. A Zoom option is available for those who are not able to attend due to health or distance obstacles.
- 2) **Caregiver Support Group** Meets the THIRD Thursday of each month September—May at 4 p.m.
- 3) **Grief Support Group** meets as needed throughout the year.

Please Remember in Prayer

Please remember those who are
serving our country through active duty:

LtCdr. Brett Stadsklev (Navy, San Diego, CA-
son-in-law of Judy and Tom Felber)
Spc. Jones R. Reid (Space Force, Patrick, FL - son
of Melissa Straka, grandson of Sherry Schuetz

**Please contact the church office
to make any changes or additions to this list.**



**Remember our Faith
members in nursing homes
and health care centers:**

Buffalo Lake Nursing Home

Kathy Fabel

Cedar Crest – Silver Lake

Patricia Lambert

Cokato Nursing Home

Clara Betker

Elaine Blade

GlenFields– Glencoe

Barb Helland

Harmony River

Alice Hansen

Shirley Holtz

Wilbur Johnson

LorAllen (Schmudge) Schmeling

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"EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY,
FOR BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST"
EPHESIANS 4:12



TO LIVE OUT THAT MISSION, GOD CALLS US TO:

FOLLOW JESUS
ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL
INVITE ALL PEOPLE
TEACH CHRISTIAN TRUTH
HELP ALL WHO ARE IN NEED