

Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool

September 2025



Welcome Statement

In response to God's unconditional love and grace, the people of Faith Lutheran Church seek to follow Jesus' commandment to love God, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We express that love in our commitment to racial equity, and in our welcome of people of all ages, races, economic status, intellectual and physical abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, along with their families and friends, to join with us as we worship God, grow in faith, and offer hope.

Children & Youth News

Sept. 7 - Youth and children participate in **ELCA Day of Service** activities at 11 a.m.

Sept. 14 - **Sunday School Resumes**

Children, preschool – 2nd grade meet upstairs, and 3rd - 5th grade meet in the library. Youth in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room.



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Favorite Hymn Sunday & Blessing of Backpacks

ELCA Day of Service Sunday, September 7

One combined service at
10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

On Sunday, September 7, the ELCA Day of Service, there will be one combined service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Day of Service activities (see pg. 5 of this newsletter for details). Worship that day will feature "**Favorite Hymn/Song Sunday**" and the "**Blessing of Backpacks**" for the beginning of the school year, including blessings not just for kids, but for all teachers, administrators, board members and school personnel.





Pastor's Pondering
Pastor Jean M. Hansen

OK...who stole summer? If it wasn't for the fact that I ask a similar question each September, I'd be convinced that this year's summer months zoomed by more quickly than usual. No doubt being away at my "Chautauqua Sojourn" for nearly three weeks in August contributed to the feeling that time has speeded up. While there I read multiple books, walked five to six miles daily, attended at least two lectures daily and enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment options, from the symphony to modern dance to popular music in the evening. Thank you for the time and the support that made this time of personal and professional growth possible!

As has been the case for a number of years, the "kick off" event for autumn at Faith Lutheran Church is the ELCA Day of Service on Sunday, September 7. There will be one service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary featuring Favorite Hymn Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks. Worship will be followed by Day of Service activities which will occur at the church, and doing an outside project at the home of Faith members.

For 12 years the ELCA has encouraged nation-wide congregational participation in this day as an opportunity to celebrate being one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. The theme, "God's Work...Our Hands," focuses on activities which remind us that every act of service flows freely from our confidence in God's grace and a desire to share that grace by meeting needs and showing unconditional love.

Each month the Beacon of Faith's Outreach pages are filled with examples of how this congregation strives to do God's work with our hands in the community. This happens through ministries planned and staffed by Faith members, as well as participation in community activities and groups. It takes significant effort to be a visible, caring presence both within and outside of the church walls, and I give thanks for staff member David Simpson, Outreach Coordinator, and the many, many people who are organizing ministry and doing God's work with their hands on behalf of Faith Lutheran Church.

A number of years ago at its annual retreat the Church Council decided that outreach would be a significant focus of Faith Lutheran Church, and I give thanks for the growth that has occurred since then. I also want to note that the St. John/St. Paul Endowment is financially supporting outreach not only at FLC, but in congregations and ministry settings throughout northeast Ohio. God's grace is being shared, and needs are being met in 2025-26 at eight different locations due to the Endowment.

I am thankful for the ELCA Day of Service which reminds us of God's call to serve others, but I am even more grateful that for Faith Lutheran Church doing so is a daily goal.

Correction: In various places I've indicated that in January I will begin my 37th year of ordained ministry. I recently recounted ... it will be my 38th year of ministry that will begin then, not 37th!



Business

Congregation Council

Your Congregation Council members meet once a month to oversee and guide the church's mission and ministry. There are nine members who are serving 3-year elected terms. This month we introduce **Joe Antal**.



What is your role on Council?

I am the liaison for the Worship Team.

Who are your family members?

Wife, Mary Fleser and daughter Luna Antal

Parents, Tom Antal and Dineen Dowling; Sibling, Em Antal

How long have you been a member of Faith Lutheran Church?

I have been a member of Faith since I was two years old.

What occupies your time? (types of employment, volunteering, hobbies and/or other responsibilities)

Aside from my 11 month old, I am a laborer and martial artist who spends the majority of my free time training for competition and self defense.

What is one way Faith Lutheran Church impacts your life?

Providing me and my family, especially my daughter, with a spiritual community that is safe and grounded in the attitudes of Jesus. I appreciate when Faith puts shoe leather to the social justice causes that I hold to be important.

Business

Nominating Team Highlights Committees



Our congregation has four committees/groups that consist of members who are elected by the congregation at our annual meeting in November. The St. John/St. Paul Endowment Board is the group that oversees the St. John/St. Paul Endowment Fund. Members who have a good understanding of finance, keen organizational skills, and commitment to good stewardship of the resources God gives us make excellent candidates for this board, which receives grant requests and makes decisions concerning funding them.

As a member of the St. John/St. Paul Endowment Board, you would meet several times a year. It is a time commitment of no more than 20-30 hours. The term for St. John/St. Paul Endowment Fund Board is three years.

Members of the current St. John/St. Paul Endowment Fund Board are (left to right): Jerry Allen, Heather Popio (treasurer), Pastor Sandy Selby (president), John Knops (vice-president), Pastor Jean, John Reyes (secretary) and Bobbie Fitt.

Stewardship

“Set Sail on the Steward-ship: We’re Stronger Together!”

“Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in Spirit, serve the Lord!” ... Romans 12:11

Stewardship Emphasis

October 5, 12 and 19 (Commitment Sunday)

Come aboard for these Sunday Fundays!



Worship



Change in Communion Date in September

In September, Holy Communion at 9 a.m. worship will be celebrated on September 7 and September 28 (rather than September 21).

Outreach



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COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

ELCA DAY OF SERVICE – SEPTEMBER 7

The following projects will take place here at various locations within our building:

- Assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits
- Cut and tie fleece blankets for Akron Children's Hospital
- Decorate visitor bags
- Decorate reusable canvas bags for Copley Outreach
- Create college student gift boxes which includes frosting cookies, writing encouraging notes, decorating gift boxes

One other project will be at the home of a congregation members and will consist of outside yard cleaning. Eric Jezewski is the coordinator for this project which will be in Richfield. Sign-up sheets are posted in various places throughout the building. There is still time to plan on participating in these various service projects.

Mutual invitations have been extended between our church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for this day. Both congregations will have a worship service at 10 a.m.

RIC

The Akron Pride Festival and Equity March took place on August 23. Our volunteers who marched and/or staffed the booth throughout the day included:

Deb Allen
Darryl Anderson
Evie Anderson
Em Antal
Joe Antal - March Leader
Tom Antal
Adam Ashenfelter
Lori Ashenfelter

Zoe Ashenfelter
Duane Daily
Loralee Daily
Megan Demuth
Dineen Dowling
Nancy Hooper
Martha Keeler
Ed Pleasant

Sandi Schmidt
David Simpson
Dana Singer
Jim Tobar
Nancy Tobar
Susan Wiedmann
Marilyn Wilson

Thanks to the RIC Team and other volunteers for making our participation in the festival possible. Special thanks to Marilyn Wilson for leading this endeavor.



Outreach

Overall, 98 organizations had a group of marchers in the parade. Of these, 17 or nearly 1/5th were churches.

Bath United Church of Christ
Bethany United Church of Christ
Catholics for Inclusion
Church of our Savior Episcopal
Faith Family United Methodist
Faith Lutheran Church
Fairlawn West United Church of Christ
Grace United Church of Christ of Loyal Oak in Norton
Kent United Church of Christ
North Springfield Presbyterian
Peninsula United Methodist
Richfield United Church of Christ
St. John Episcopal
Trinity United Church of Christ
Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron
United Methodist Church



Turn the page to see more pictures from the day.

Outreach



Outreach

The RIC team will explore the possibility of hosting another Safe Space Allies Training program with Ken Ditlevson in the coming year. He previously presented here on January 27, 2024. This program's goals are:

- To develop a deeper awareness of personal ideas, stereotypes, and assumptions related LGBTQ individuals.
- To develop an increased awareness of services in the community that supports LGBTQ and allied individuals.
- To develop a network and community to support people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions within our communities and in our workplaces.

Loads of Faith (LoF)

Statistics for the first half of this year are consistent with budgeted projections and comparable to previous years. The expected year end total expenditure will be about \$20K. Participation levels are also about the same as expected both at North Hill and Wallhaven. One significant difference between the two is the family size or number in household size. It is 70% larger at North Hill.

Grant support of \$15k has been approved from the St. John/St. Paul Endowment Fund for the 2025-2026 year. Other support will be requested from the Akron Community Foundation and other local foundations.

It is also wonderful to report that several new volunteers have joined this ministry.

GRACE HOUSE AKRON



Grace House garden and gazebo

Since Grace House is now one of our outreach ministries the following draft text has been prepared for inclusion on our website:

The mission of Grace House Akron is to provide a caring environment for terminally ill people who are homeless or have no means to support a caregiver. Grace House Akron is grounded in the knowledge that there are too many individuals in our community, who are at the end of life, with nowhere to go, and no one to care for them. It is founded on the belief that everyone deserves to die in the presence of care, compassion, and dignity, and that no one should die alone.

Volunteer opportunities include:

*Welcome desk hosting
Companion visiting
Caregiver services
Vigil sitting
Meal preparation and cooking
Clerical and special event assistance
Companion visiting
Gardening
Housekeeping
Pet visiting and pet therapy
Musical performing
Spa caring*

Outreach

The Grace House website is: <https://www.gracehouseakron.org>

On July 24, Pastor Jean, Pastor Sandy Selby and various other clergy led a lovely memorial service for 20 Grace House residents who have died since March. The event consisted of prayers, shared reflections and music. It was attended by staff, volunteers, hospice personnel and some family members and friends of the deceased. A white rose represented each of those remembered and was presented to family members and others present as a special token from Grace House.



Pastor Sandy Selby and Pastor Jean



COMMUNITY GARDEN

More than 2,000 pounds of food have already been donated to OPEN M as of August 14. Tim Lewis harvested and delivered these early tomatoes on that day.



Gardeners Art Kauffman and Tim Lewis

Outreach



More harvest



Reception at OPEN M

AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL (AAIC)

This organization will continue to work on immigration with two focus areas. One is directly with individuals and families providing them with education and legal protection information. The other is education for “helping professionals” including clergy teaching about laws, rights and regulations concerning immigrants and refugees. The AAIC immigration work is becoming both increasingly more important and simultaneously more controversial and challenging due to the current political environment. See the Immigration Fact Sheet on page 12 for more information.

AAIC will have an **interfaith prayer service for immigrants on Thursday, Sept 25, 7 p.m.**, at Church of Our Saviour. Attendance is open to all.

Based on our membership, Faith Lutheran Church is permitted to have one additional representative for this organization. At present, Bob Radl is serving as one of our two representatives. If you are interested in knowing more about this opportunity, please contact Bob or David Simpson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELCA Day of Service – September 7

DLM SCHEDULE FOR 2025

September 13 – Resource Fair
October 11 – Fall Fest (Kids and Families)
November 22 -- Harvest Fest (Kids and Families)
December 13 – Breakfast with Santa (Kids and Families)

LOADS OF FAITH DATES FOR 2025

September 24
November 19
December 17

Outreach

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) History – A Brief Look Back - Lutheran World Relief was officially founded in 1945, as Lutherans in the United States began responding to the refugee crisis in post-World War II Europe by sending food, clothing and quilts. By the end of the decade, LWR was also sending relief aid to those affected by conflicts in Palestine, Hong Kong, Korea, and Bangladesh. In the 1960s and 1970s, LWR began forming methodologies of working in agriculture and with farming cooperatives to increase rural incomes and food security in the developing world. In 1979, it opened its first regional office in Peru.

In the 1980s, famine in Africa made international headlines, especially the plight of people in Ethiopia. In response, LWR shipped 5,000 tons of wheat to northern Ethiopia and also opened a regional office in West Africa. For this work LWR became the first faith-based development agency to receive the Presidential End Hunger award. In 1999, LWR moved its headquarters from New York City to the newly built Lutheran Center in Baltimore.

Since 2000, LWR has increased its emphasis on sustainable agriculture and climate adaptation while continuing to respond to major natural disasters and humanitarian crises around the world. As of 2023, in addition to responding to emerging crises as needed, LWR maintains ongoing operations in 29 countries in Central and South America, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Oceania.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise expands affordable housing in Akron with support from Progressive Insurance®. Progressive is teaming up with Family Promise to help expand access to safe, stable housing in Summit County. Family Promise hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil this new home at 1040 Silvercrest Ave., Akron. Family homelessness is an invisible crisis impacting every community. In Akron Public Schools, 2,000 students or 10% of the student population are considered homeless. This ribbon cutting is part of a larger national collaboration between Progressive and Family Promise that supports families facing a housing crisis through affordable housing and stabilization services.



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

There are currently 120+ Million displaced people in the world! More than at any other time in human history!

IMMIGRATION FACTSHEET

Currently there are 48 million migrants in the US!
Roughly: 50% are Citizens
25% are Permanent Residents or VISA Holders
25% are Undocumented
 (50% of the Undocumented came here legally but overstayed their VISA)

WHO IS AN IMMIGRANT?

An immigrant is a person who makes a decision to leave their home and to move to a foreign country with the intention of staying there. They move to a new country for different reasons, including economic opportunities, to unite with family members, and to escape harmful or dangerous conditions in their country.

WHO IS A REFUGEE?

A refugee is someone who is part of a group which has been forced to flee their home because of war, violence, or persecution. They can have international protections, and they spend on average 15 years in a host country before being permanently resettled in a third country like the United States.

WHO IS AN ASYLUM SEEKER?

An asylum seeker is someone who is seeking individual protection because they individually face a serious risk of persecution in their home country. They must apply for protection in the country of destination — meaning they must arrive at or cross a border in order to apply.

Ohio Refugees

4,311 arrivals in 2024
 From 47 different countries
 11th most popular state
 523 arrived in Akron
 1,387 arrived in Cleveland
 (Most of any Ohio region)

Five County Cleveland Metro Area Foreign Born

125,000 residents
 5.8% of population
 6.6% of the labor force
 10.1% of entrepreneurs
 \$1.7 Billion paid in taxes
 \$4.6 B in spending power

Ohio Foreign Born

600,000+ residents
 5% of population
 6.2% of the labor force
 8.2% of entrepreneurs
 22.2% of Ohio physicians
 12% of home health aides
 \$7.3 Billion paid in taxes
 \$20 B in spending power

Biblical Teaching on Immigration

- The Israelites' experience of living as homeless aliens was so painful that God ordered his people for all time to have special care for the alien: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Lv 19:33-34).
- The New Testament begins with Matthew's story of Joseph and Mary's escape to Egypt with their newborn son, Jesus. Our Savior himself lived as a refugee because his own land was not safe.
- Jesus reiterates the Old Testament command to love and care for the stranger, a criterion by which we shall be judged: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me". (Mt 25:35)



Learn more about our Catholic Teaching on immigration by scanning here!



Catholic Charities
Diocesan Social Action Office
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

FAITHKIDS & JR YOUTH GROUP



FaithKids and Junior Youth Group Sunday School Classes

Every Sunday from

9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Preschool through 2nd grade children meet in the classroom upstairs, while Junior Youth Group (3rd–5th grade) will meet in the library.



- **September 7– ECLA Day of Service and Backpack Blessings!** Don't forget to bring your backpack to worship at the **SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 a.m.**
- **September 14– 1st Day of Sunday School** (This Fall's Theme: Back to the Beginning: Getting to Know Genesis)
- **September 28– Girls (grades 3-8) Retreat** Details of time and location will be sent out.

Backpack Blessings

We want to welcome back all Teachers, School Administrators, School Personnel, School Board Members, and Students to the 10 a.m. Worship Service.

On that day, we will introduce you during the Children's Message. We look forward to recognizing you, and expressing our sincere appreciation for your time, commitment, and diligent work as you continue to have a positive impact upon the lives of our children, parents and community.



STUDENTS, BRING YOUR BOOKBAGS OR NOTEBOOKS TO BE BLESSED!



ELCA DAY OF SERVICE

Join us in frosting cookies, writing encouraging notes and decorating boxes to mail to our college students as they begin a new year studying both near and far!

We will also beautify and create designs on reusable canvas bags to donate to Copley Outreach!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

It is sure to be fun for ALL AGES and Abilities!



SEPTEMBER CLASS LESSONS

- 14– 1st Day Welcome Back!
- 21– Genesis
- 28– Genesis

YOUNG GIRL'S RETREAT "BRAVE AND BELOVED"

Sunday, September 28th (Time & Location TBD)

We are excited to invite all girls in grades 3 thru 8 to join us for a fun and faith-filled retreat!

We hope during this time together we will play games, dig into Scripture, eat yummy treats, make crafts, and engage in deep conversations. We hope during this time together we will help these young girls grow in their confidence of who they are, who God created them to be, and how to navigate the new social challenges of this age group. Topics we hope to discuss are:

- How to be a good friend
- God loves you and created you intentionally to be unique and special
- Build their confidence
- Cliques
- Gossip
- Bullies
- And more!



We look forward to creating close friendships among our young female church members and growing closer to God together!

Please contact Pastor Sarah if you are interested!

faithkids@faithlutheranchurch.org

Growth & Learning

Faith PRESCHOOL

Faith Preschool Staff attended an Inspired Early Childhood Educators Symposium at the Akron Summit County Main Library in August. The topic was "Wonderful Play! Using music to support early childhood development in the classroom." It was a great event featuring award-winning children's musician Mr Jeff! Our staff appreciate and benefit from these professional development opportunities, six hours of which are mandated by the state.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

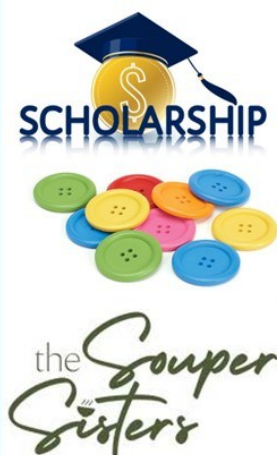
Preschool classes resume on Wednesday, September 3, 2025! We are so excited to welcome new and returning students! It's going to be a great year of GROWTH!

Both of our PReK classes are full. There are a few spots in the MWF or T/Th Threes Classes, as of this printing. We have openings in our Turtle Tots class for Two year olds and a caregiver. So, if you know anyone with a three year old or a two year old looking for an early preschool experience, please tell them about Faith Preschool!

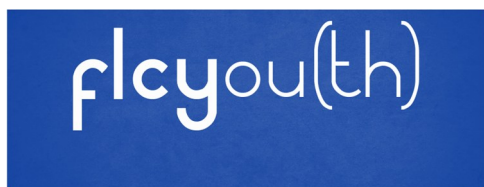
THANK YOU! Special thanks to those who donated to the Preschool Scholarship Fund. We are delighted to report, at press time, we have received \$6,420! Your generosity will help secure tuition funds for those families who are experiencing some financial struggles. These preschoolers will still have the best start to their education at Faith Preschool!

BUTTONS! We are still collecting buttons for teachers to use in the classroom. These are great for sorting and for crafting! If you have any buttons taking up space in your house, please consider donating to the preschool. You can leave them in Dineen's office.

FUNDRAISERS! At the end of September into early October, two of our popular fundraisers will open: Soup from the Souper Sisters (Faith's very own Nicole Vincent's amazing soups) and Butterbraids pastries/Mrs. Field Cookies. More information will be available in the Weekly Beacon. Watch for opportunities to enjoy these delicious ways to support us!



Growth & Learning



Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
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Abby and Eric want to welcome everyone back from summer break as we head into another year together! We hope everyone was able to recharge and relax, and we look forward to hearing about the start of the new academic year for everyone!

Youth helped complete over **200 keychains**, as well as tie-dyed bandanas and ally clips for the Akron Pride march and festival. Thank you to all of the youth who helped us assemble these as an outward symbol of our love and commitment to our communities!

Thank you to the youth and families who attended Confirmation Orientation on Sunday, August 24 for all incoming 6th grade youth. We are excited for new faces to join us as we head into another year of programming!

Don't forget that the fall **Schedule to Serve document, along with the new youth calendar are now available**. Both of which will be added to the Band app for ease of access and hard copies are available in the Youth Room for all youth/parents. Please remember to add all of your youth's assigned acolyte/communion assistant duties to your personal paper calendars, as well as on your mobile devices. As we head into another year of serving, reminders will again be sent out via the Band app and email prior to dates of service.

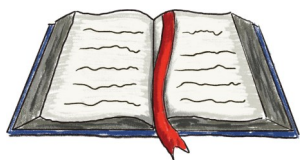
Our annual Back-to-School gathering will be held mid-September. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited and encouraged to attend (with friends!). Please check your email for the RSVP. Even if you are unable to attend, we ask that you complete the RSVP so that we can ensure we have enough food on hand. Thanks!

We are collaborating with Pastor Sarah for a late September/early October care package service project to send to our graduates. **Congregation members, we will need help with donations of snacks as we assemble these.** We (and our grads) have truly appreciated your support in the past when we have assembled these care packages. Lists of needed items will be posted on the Youth Room doors and will appear in the Weekly Beacon.

Thank you to all youth and families who participated in the ELCA Day of Service! Your support and engagement are truly making a difference for all of God's people throughout our communities!

A reminder for all youth and parents in grades 6-12, an email with the link to join the Band app has been sent out. If you have not downloaded the app yet, you are missing out! It is our main mode to get information, reminders and updates out quickly to our youth group. Please make sure you download it to stay up to date! Thanks!

Growth & Learning



Men of Faith Bible Study and Discussion Group **9 a.m. in the Youth Room** **Saturday, September 20**

Men of Faith, a Bible study and discussion group meets the third Saturday of each month in the Youth Room. For more information contact Geoff Whidden, geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com or Karl Demuth, karldemuth@gmail.com.

3rd Thursday **Women's Bible Study** **Thursday, September 18** **10 a.m. in the Youth Room**

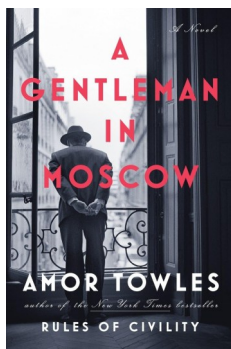


Ephesians 1-3 is jam packed with Paul's energy and zeal for Jesus Christ. Not only does he praise Jesus and testify to God's lavish love for us, but he prays fervently that Christians realize and understand the magnitude of His gift.

Ephesians chapter 2, verse 11-22 is the topic of discussion during Third Thursday Bible Study when we meet on Thursday, September 18, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room at Faith.

A video series which is companion to the book, *A Study of Faith and Practice Ephesians* by Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger will be shown. Discussion will follow. Attendance is not contingent on previous session attendance.

All women are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bonnie at 330-606-3230 or janellebonnie@gmail.com. For a Zoom invitation contact Dana Singer at 330-697-8514 or danasinger12@gmail.com.



Imprisoned in a Luxury Hotel?!? **Book Club Reads a Popular Novel**

Faith's Book Club begins its 2025-26 year reading and discussing *A Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles. The setting is unusual and intriguing. Read on!

In 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, and is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him entry into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

Join us in the FLC Youth Room at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, for a lively discussion of this novel. Members of Faith and their friends are welcome to attend. For more information contact Marilyn Wilson or Steve Thompson.

More exciting titles are scheduled for this fall, winter, and spring. They are: *The Last Castle* by Denise Kiernan (October 21), *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter (November 18), *The Summons* by John Grisham (January 20), *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman (February 17), *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict (March 17), and *The Dutch House* by Anne Patchett (April 21). Additional information can be found on the FLC website: click **Fellowship, Ministries, Adults, FLC Book Club**.



In Our Prayers:

Health Concerns:

Faith member Ann Chastven
Faith member Lolly Gordon
Faith member Pastor Rick Gordon
Faith member Bev Gorman
Tommy Gorman
Faith member Joe Iacano
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Linda Lewis
Faith member Lucy Kmet
Faith member Heather Parr
Faith member Roger Pritt
Faith member MaryAnne Pritt
Faith member Terry Vernon
Faith member Darlene Weaver
Faith member Barbara Wiedmann

For Faith members Marian, Liane, Shirley, JoAnn, Ann, Don, Heather and Dottie who are in assisted living facilities, or receiving nursing care.

In Times of Loss:

Special Prayers

For Faith member Gwen Whidden for strength and forbearance in the coming weeks.

With Thanksgiving:

QR Code Prayer Requests:




Schedule to Serve

Date	Service	Altar	Communion	Flowers	Lay Reader	Ushers	Youth
7	10 a.m. ELCA Day of Service	Martha Keeler	Cora Solberg - SE Emily Solberg - SE Kit Scheetz -SP Judy Harrison - B	Nancy Bradshaw	Judy Harrison	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong	Acolyte: Katie Archbold Assistant: Crosby Jezewski
14	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Martha Keeler Nancy Hooper	 Nancy Hooper	Lynne Poulton	Dana Singer	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong Alice Gilmore Becky Kuhar	
21	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Martha Keeler Tana Fligor	 Tana Fligor	David & Melissa Johnson	Sue Harman	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong Karin Allen	
28	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Martha Keeler Deb Allen	Cora Solberg - SE Emily Solberg - SE Debbie Gottas - SP Corie Miller - B Deb Allen	Carla Ringer	Terry Anderson	Darryl Kleinhenz Paul Skerlong Charles Michael	Acolyte: Elyse Vincent Assistant: Treader Anderson

SE - Server
SP - Supplier
B - Bread

SEPTEMBER

Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  8 p.m. AA	2 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 5:30 p.m. Preschool Open House 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	3	4 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl	5	6
7 10 am Worship ELCA Day of Service Activities 7 Scout Leaders 7:30 AA	8 10 a.m. St. Cecelia 6 p.m. Preschool Bd. 8 p.m. AA	9 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 6 p.m. Faith Endowment 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	10 5 p.m. RIC	11 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6 p.m. Finance Committee	12	13 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. DLM @ Holy Trinity
14 Sunday School Resumes 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Café 10:30 Informal Service 11:30 Bound Worship Team 7:30 AA	15 1 p.m. Courtyard Team 7 p.m. Congregation Council 8 p.m. AA	16 9:30 a.m. Busy Fingers Yoga 2 p.m. FLC Book Club 7 p.m. Scouts Al-Anon	17 5 p.m. Wolf Creek Winery	18 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl 3rd Thursday Women's Bible Study	19	20 9 a.m. Men of Faith
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