Beacon of Faith

Worship God. Grow in faith. Offer hope.

Faith Lutheran Church November 2026

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.

Veterans Day

November 11



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ONE Service on November 22

9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Followed by the 2026 Annual Meeting

(in the Fellowship Hall)

There will be one service at 9 a.m. on November 22 in the sanctuary, followed by the 2026 Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Parents, please note: Children are invited to participate in the service. There will be a Children's Message in worship. The nursery (age 6 and under) will be available for worship and the Annual Meeting. Supervised activities will be held for children preschool - 5th grade during the meeting.

IMPORTANT: The meeting report, including the proposed budget for 2027, will be available on Sunday, November 15. Those who would like to review it prior to the meeting are encouraged to pick one up at the church OR call and request that it be sent electronically or by mail (330-836-8811).



Pastor's Pondering



Rev. Dr. Bruce Roth

Beloved People of God,

It's hard to believe that at the end of this month, we will be celebrating the Day of Thanksgiving and moving into a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. That reality reminded me of a wonderful insight shared by Rudyard Kipling.

During the peak of his popularity someone estimated that every word Rudyard Kipling wrote was worth 24 shillings. A group of college students heard about it and wrote Kipling a letter that said, "We understand that every word you write is worth 25 shillings. Enclosed is 25 shillings. Please send us your best word."

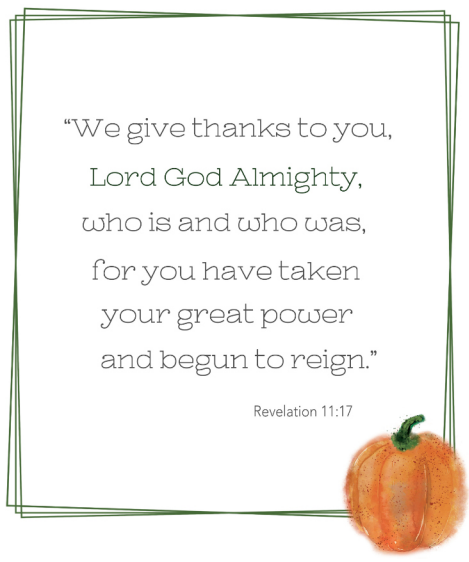
A couple of days later the college students received a telegram from Mr. Kipling. It consisted of one word, Kipling's best word, was, "Thanks."

There are few more powerful words than the word, "Thanks." For example, few words can change one's attitude more quickly than the word thanks. Few words can strengthen a relationship more quickly than the word thanks. Few words can make us feel good on the inside more quickly than the word thanks. In other words, Kipling is right. The word, "thanks" is perhaps one of the best, most powerful words in our language, period. It's a word that has the power to change our lives as we hear it and as we share it. I believe that's because the word thanks is a gift that comes to us straight from the heart of God.

We see the power of thanks at work almost every day. All of us know people who are "thanksgiving" people. There's something attractive about them. They make us feel better about ourselves. They seem to have a more positive outlook on life. They seem to get more out of life. They're the kind of people we want to hang around. There is something powerful and life changing about the word thanks.

So, I want to say, "Thanks!" Thank you for your support and love for the mission and ministry that is Faith Lutheran Church. Thank you to our Council for their leadership. Thank you to our staff for all of their hard work, energy, and creativity. Thank you to our Call Committee as they continue their important work and prepare for a new pastor. Thank you, too, for all who turned in their Estimate of Giving Card and for all who will! Thank you to all who share your time, talent and treasure in so many varied ways to help us worship God, grow in faith, and offer hope.

Thanks in Christ,
Pastor Bruce



Business - Call Process Update

The responsibility of the Call Committee is to recommend to the congregation a candidate for pastor who has the gifts to be our leader and our partner in mission and ministry. As we have shared in past communications with the congregation, our initial responsibility is to develop a Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that faithfully describes the congregation, its mission and vision, and the needed leadership skills and gifts of a pastor to work with us toward that mission. The MSP will then be sent to Pastor Mitch Phillips at the Northeast Ohio Synod and to the Congregation Council for approval. Once approved, it will be submitted to the ELCA and made available to rostered ministers who are considering a new call. After the MSP has been available on the ELCA website for about a month, candidates will be presented to the Call Committee for evaluation and interview.

As a resource for our work, the ELCA provides an 80-page guide for developing the information needed for the MSP. Thus far, we have discussed, in four sessions, Purpose, Characteristics, Goals, and Programs; Our Congregation and Our Neighborhood; and Mission and Vision. In our November meetings we will study Leadership Expectations, and Gifts and Leadership Support, while continuing to gather key demographic data about our congregation and community. We hope to complete the MSP by early December.

On October 11, we asked the congregation to participate in a two-question survey on Leadership that was included in the bulletin. Since input from the congregation is vital to the call process, we hoped to receive a higher level of participation. We provided that opportunity again on October 25. If you have not yet completed that survey, we are offering the opportunity to do so, as follows:

Please finish the following two statements. Be specific in your responses.

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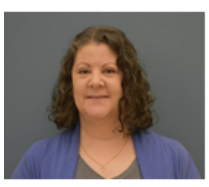
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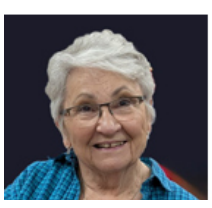
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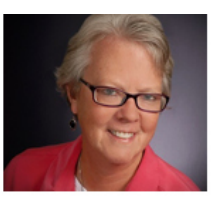
Please provide that input to us by November 11. You may submit your response to the committee by sending it to me via email at sfselby@me.com. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can do so by placing your response in my mailbox at church or submitting it to the Church Office in person or by mail.

We know that the Holy Spirit is with the Call Committee and the entire congregation on this journey. We appreciate your prayers and support, as we discern who God is calling to be the next pastor of Faith Lutheran Church.

Sandy Selby (Chair), for the Call Committee: Lori Ashenfelter, Kit Scheetz, Judy Vernon, Mark Watkins, and Geoff Whidden.








Outreach



David Simpson

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE



Once again, we will be participating in the Adopt-a Child Christmas Gift Program. Our commitment is to provide gifts for 30 children whose age range will be from infancy to young teen years. The tree will be set up in November and the delivery deadline date for the gifts has been set for December 6. Salvation Army staff Cheryl Knerien and Pebble Sellers are preparing the gift tags for delivery toward the end of this month.

SOUP SUPPER FOOD PANTRIES

Soup supper attendees gathered on September 25, and enjoyed an array of sixteen delicious soups, including one of our Meal-in-a-bag recipes. The event generated $2,000, which will be distributed among several local food pantries. Thanks to all the volunteers who organized and staffed this fun, nutritious and altruistic program.

MEAL-IN-A-BAG PROJECT

On September 22, John and Dana Singer delivered 25 Meal-in-a-Bag kits to Tammy Monroe, Family Resource Coordinator at the Helen Arnold C.L.C. on Vernon Odom Blvd. The meals will be provided to families through 5th and 6th grade students along with cards to provde feedback of their impressions of the concept. We are interested in suggestions and recommendations from parents so we may adjust the program accordingly. One idea we are considering is to teach the students how to package the meal kits with recipes so that the program would be adopted for continuance on a regular basis by and within the school itself.



John and Dana Singer with Tammy Monroe, Family Resource Coordinator

Subsequent to our visit, we received the following message from the school principal:

Good Morning All,
Thank you all so much for all the love and care that you have given to our school. We gave the first set of Meal-in-a-Bags last week and it was a HIT!!! The 5th graders loved it and the parents were thrilled beyond belief that these meals were sent home. PLEASE, PLEASE let me know when and if we can receive another set in November!
We appreciate you so much!! LaMonica D. Davis
Principal, Helen E. Arnold C.L.C.



Faithful gardener Tim Lewis

COMMUNITY GARDEN

As the season nears the end, the harvest has again been robust. We are approaching another year of 3,000 pounds of food donation to OPEN M.



Nicole Vincent with delivery load

DLM

The previously scheduled September event was cancelled due to internal construction renovation at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The service resumed in October and will continue through the end of the year. For next year the program will take place on the second Saturday of each month beginning in February. There will be a break in January. Holy Trinity is located at 50 N. Prospect St., Akron.

We welcome new volunteers for this ministry. Times are 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The kitchen staff arrives at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in learning more is welcome to come on the second Saturday of each month to determine if you might wish help with this volunteer effort. For more information please contact Debbie Gottas at 330-592-4251 or d6gottas@outlook.com

LOADS OF FAITH (LoF)

A grant proposal has been submitted to the Akron Community Foundation for 2027. We anticipate continued funding for approximately $2K. Proposals are also being developed for other foundations.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Lecture Scribes, our program for the hearing impaired, is now available. Details were included in the October Beacon of Faith.

Under the leadership of Rev. Nathan Krause, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Vitality and Director for Evangelical Mission, the Northeastern Ohio Synod is developing a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Ministry Network to bring together local area RIC congregations and allied ministries to strengthen LGBTQIA+ inclusion, share resources, learn from one another, and expand opportunities for ministry. Grounded in the Gospel of radical welcoming, the Network will help congregations build relationships and create authentic, welcoming faith communities. One potential initiative is the Hinge Mission, exploring the possibility of a new worshiping community serving LGBTQIA+ people on Cleveland's Near West Side. The Synod has appointed Vicar Albie Nicol to serve as the missionary for the Hingetown project. Congregations are invited to support this work intended to strengthen a shared witness of welcome, healing, and grace throughout Northeastern Ohio. Our RIC Team is exploring how we may support and/or join this endeavor.

RECONCILING WORKS



Each month ReconcilingWorks (the international RIC umbrella organization) will feature a new story from an RIC Partner across the United States or Canada. Whether it's a congregation deepening its welcome, a campus ministry creating belonging, a synod leading with courage, or a community making an impact beyond its walls, it is hoped that these stories will encourage, inspire, and remind us of what is possible when people faithfully live out God's call to justice and love. Visit https://www.reconcilingworks.org and type in *Stories of Imact* in the **Search** field.

INTERFAITH JUSTICE ALLIANCE (IJA)

The planning committee continues to meet regarding the 2027 program. The presentation focus areas are listed below.

Our participants on the committee are Pastor Bruce, Dineen Dowling, John Singer and David Simpson.

February 17, 2027 Healthcare: *What Can We Do Better?* — Skip Radwany at Temple Israel

February 24, 2027 Food Deserts — Marty Belsky & Pastor Jack Streeter at Prince of Peace

March 3, 2027 Immigration — Art Krakauer at Faith Lutheran

March 10, 2027 Housing — Hope McGonigle at New Hope Baptist

March 31, 2027 Workshops / follow-up session at St. Hilary

KIDS CLOTHING CLOSET MINISTRY

FaithKids, Jr Youth and Faith's Youth Group have partnered up with Sue Wimer at First Serve to adopt Harris-Jackson CLC (an elementary school in the North Hill neighborhood of Akron) to fill their Clothes Closet every month as our Children's Ministry Outreach project for the 2026-27 school year. In September we collected Hoodies and Sweatpants and October it is hats, gloves and mittens month. Future months to be determined by need.

We were invited to take on this ministry after our VBS donated an abundance of shoes, socks and underwear to First Serve to show love to our immigrant neighbors (specifically elementary children) in need. They took those donations and provided them to the local Akron Public Schools in the North Hill area of Akron, which serves a large immigrant population. Sue Wimer then extended us this ministry opportunity (see letter below). The plan is to continue this ministry through the school year. Eric Jezewski and Amanda Hyter offered to be the coordinators.

AAIC
From the AAIC Immigration Committee:

About 40 people gathered for the September family support group, representing several faith communities and community partners. AAIC continues to build strong relationships with local agencies and volunteers, including many with no church affiliation. Recent efforts have included welcoming Walter home after nearly a year in jail and helping him resume his asylum case, providing rent assistance to two mothers facing family crises, covering two DACA filing fees, and helping with passport costs. A successful tamale sale helped pay a woman's dental bill, with more fundraising events planned.

At the heart of AAIC's work is relationship-building—accompanying immigrant neighbors through difficult circumstances, overcoming barriers through creative problem-solving, and strengthening friendships and shared community support.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR 2026

LOADS OF FAITH
October 28
November 18
December 30

DLM
November 14
December 12

JUST FYI:

BRIDGING THE DIVIDE: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

This program (held on Oct. 10), sponsored by the Ashland Center for Nonviolence was very similar in content and purpose to our 2025 Interfaith Justice Alliance topic. It was a free, one-day workshop designed to help leaders and community members navigate difficult conversations, manage strong emotions, and resolve conflicts constructively. Participants learn practical skills to de-escalate tense situations, understand the underlying needs of people with differing viewpoints, communicate more effectively, and develop solutions that address everyone's concerns. Led by conflict-resolution expert Dr. Jennifer C. Batton, the training was open to higher education, nonprofit, government, school, and faith-based organizations. It also provided a foundation for more advanced conflict-management training.

SOUTH STREET MINISTRIES BIKE SHOP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The summer Bike Shop has come to a close with over 550 bikes earned! If it seems like a lot of bikes, it is. However, it's only possible because of volunteer support throughout the year. We need volunteers who want to learn or already have the skills to work on bikes and get them prepared for our neighbors in Summit Lake, South Akron, North Hill, downtown, and potentially on the east side next year. Interested in volunteering or learning more? Reach out to Chris Usner at chris@southstreetministries.org or call (330) 319-1432.

Worship

Advent Is…

The word Advent is from the Latin adventus for “arrival” and is associated with the four weeks of time of preparation for Christmas. Although the historical record is sketchy, it appears that our Advent arose out of a season of fasting to prepare for baptisms at Epiphany. Historians have tracked the first Advent celebrations to the 5th century in northern Italy. It became tradition that Christians would observe weeks-long spiritual preparation for the feast day of Christmas.

By the sixth century, the Council of Macon, held in 581, adopted the practice of Tours and soon France also observed three days of fasting a week from the feast of Sanit Martin until Christmas. German Lutherans adapted the Advent calendar in the 19th century as a way to mark the days of the hopeful season of preparation for Christmas and a more eschatological emphasis was present. Our Advent comprises the four Sundays before Christmas. Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ’s birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus’ birth is. There are many different Christian traditions associated with the four weeks of Advent. The Advent season invites us to step away from what can be a frenzied time of parties, shopping, and holiday noise to consider how we commemorate the birth of Jesus, one of the holiest times in Christian faith. It is also a time to reflect on the triumphant return of Jesus at the second coming.

Advent is a season of preparation and expectation; it doesn’t just focus on Jesus’ coming in the frail fresh of a child in Bethlehem. It also focuses on the promise that Jesus will one day come again, this time in power and glory. He will come one day to bring God’s work of salvation, of restoration, to completion. He will come to judge the living and dead. The question is, what does that mean for us?

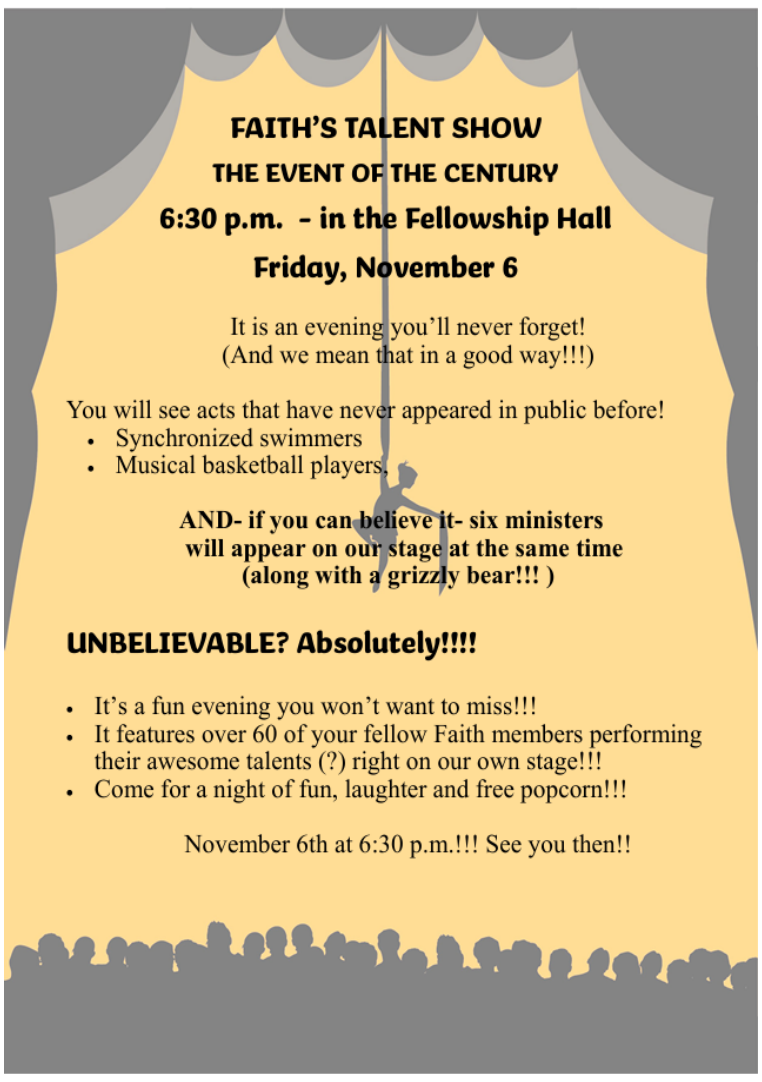
We will focus on the varying answers to that question through a sermon series entitled, “Advent Is….” The schedule and texts are below.

See You Sunday!
Pastor Bruce

Nov. 29	Advent 1	Advent is…Waiting for Jesus with Hope and Expectation	Mark 13:24-37
Dec. 6	Advent 2	Advent is…Watching for Jesus	Mark 1:1-8
Dec. 13	Advent 3	Advent is…Welcoming Jesus	John 1:6-8; 19-28
Dec. 20	Advent 4	Advent is…Worshipping Jesus (Special musical offering)	Luke 1:26-38



Key Dates





Salvation Army Angel Tree
Located in the
Welcome Center Beginning
November 22

Choose a tag(s) from the tree and place your name and contact information next to the corresponding tag number on the clipboard. Shop! Bring your unwrapped gifts in a garbage bag (with name tag securely attached to the bag), to the church and place under the Angel Tree.

Please note deadline to return bag of gifts is Sunday, December 6.



Please fill out a red poinsettia order form and place in the offering plate or turn into the church office.

The deadline to place your order is December 1.



Philip Nagashima in Concert

4 p.m.

Sunday, December 6

Pianist Philip Nagashima received his musical training in Japan, Russia, and the United States, including three years of study at the Moscow Conservatory with renowned pianist and pedagogue Vera Gornostaeva. He has performed as a soloist in the United States, Japan, Taiwan, Russia, Germany, and Ukraine, with appearances at major concert venues in Tokyo, Moscow, and Taiwan.

Now based in Akron, Nagashima maintains a private piano studio and is returning his focus to solo performance after many years devoted largely to teaching. His December 6 recital at Faith Lutheran Church will feature works by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Debussy, Chopin, and Rachmaninoff.

This concert is free and open to the public. Come enjoy an afternoon of music.

Key Dates

Daylight Savings Time
Ends on Sunday, November 1



Tinsel & Tea
Sat., Dec. 5
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



The cost is $18 per person an includes a lovely buffet lunch and holiday entertainment by the St. Cecelia Choral Society. More information and sign up coming soon!

Faith Spirit Wear!

NEW PRODUCTS! Our friends at Made2Wear have created some Faith apparel in navy with the Faith logo in teal embroidery. Wear your Faith with pride! Choose from the following:

Polo with teal logo = $30

¼ Zip with teal logo = $40

Crew neck sweatshirt with teal FAITH = $40

Crew neck sweatshirt with puffy embossed teal FAITH outline = $40

Also, Faith T-shirts are still available at $15 each.

See the display in the Welcome Center. Order forms on table. Pay Dineen with cash or check made out to Faith Lutheran Church. Perfect for this cooler weather! Makes a great gift!









Growth & Learning

FAITH LUTHERAN
FaithKids Jr Youth Group

Sunday School 9:50-10:30a

FaithKids Preschool-2nd Graders *(Upstairs)*
- Led by Miss Amanda & Miss Hannah

Junior Youth 3-5th Graders *(Library)*
- Led by Miss Dineen and Miss LJ

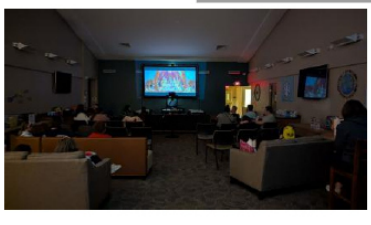
Youth Group 6th Gr-High School *(Youth Rm)*
- Led by Eric and Abby

Our FaithKids & Jr Youth Classes include Bible Stories, themed games, songs, crafts, snacks and service projects. Please join us for some fun with friends as we learn all about God's love!
For more info. reach out to Amanda Hyter, Faith's Coordinator of Children's Ministries at faithkids@faithlutheranchurch.org



Oct. 18th was Donut Day where FaithKids and Jr Youth finished up "Running the Race", aka our stewardship campaign, with donuts, discussion and a playground Obstacle Course (thanks to Hannah Kozee)! Throughout Sept. and Oct. our children's ministry focused on Paul's message in Phillipians about sharing gratitude, rejoicing in all things, learning about the importance of unity and how to keep our hearts and minds focused on God. Jr Youth dived deep into how God's Hope counters human despair and FaithKids learned how we are all linked together as parts of the body of Christ.

October marked the start of rehearsals for the Talent Show Children's Choir led by Sarah Kaufman as another way of sharing our God given talents!



Thanks to everyone who came out for our October Smores & Drive-In Movie night which turned into a Popcorn and Indoor Movie Night due to the weather. We had 38 people including 6 Faith and 4 Preschool families who came to enjoy a Toy Story Short & our feature film Disney's Coco.

Save the Date:

Nov. 22nd is a One Service Sunday at 9a where we will present Bibles to children in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. FaithKids and Jr Youth invited to our "Christ the King" Party after service during the Annual Meeting.

Dec. 2nd is our Wed. Family Advent Night from 5:30-7:30p. Advent is the season of preparation for Christ's Birth who brought "great joy for all people" so we will take our cue from our Global VBS and journey together to explore Christmas traditions from around the World. Dinner included!

2026-27 Outreach Project

FaithKids, Jr Youth and Youth Group Families are working together with First Serve to Fill the Kids Clothing Closet at Harris-Jackson CLC.

Thank You to everyone who donated Hats, Gloves and Mittens for our October Kids Closet Drive that benefitted both Harris-Jackson CLC and Mason CLC!



For November we are collecting children's winter coats sizes 5-12

FAITH PRESCHOOL



*During this month of thanksgiving, Faith Preschool sends out some specific **Thank Yous**:*



Thank you to all church members and families who purchased frozen Butter Braids pastries and David's cookie dough. Items will be delivered to Faith on Tuesday, November 10 and available for pick up between 11:30 a.m. and 12 Noon. We can keep your order in the freezer at church until you can pick up on Sunday, November 15.

Thank you to all who ordered and enjoyed soup from the Souper Sisters! We love supporting our sister Nicole Vincent's little home grown business!

Thank you to all who helped make Halloween fun for our preschoolers! From donating treats to donating your time by passing out the treats, we appreciate your willingness to play along and have fun with us!

Thank you to Amanda Hyter who teaches our Turtle Tots class for 2-year-olds and a grown up. We have THREE class offerings: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This class is an excellent introduction to the preschool experience. We have room in our classes! IF you know anyone with a two-year-old, please tell them about Faith!

Thank you to Linda Reyes and Carla Ringer who kept vigil with Dineen Dowling on the morning of Saturday, October 10, as Barberton Tree cut down the mighty oak that was inside the playground! It had developed Oak wilt and was dying. Watching the workers strategically and safely remove tree branches and trunk was a marvel. The stump was left for the students to use as a stage for pretend play. New trees and a cantilever umbrella will be purchased and installed.



Thank you to Seth Solberg for donating Purell hand sanitizer for the classrooms. We are keeping clean with your help!

Thank you to Beth Unk, Debbie Gottas, and Carla Ringer for coordinating and running a new Drive-Up Coffee Fundraiser for preschool parents in October! After dropping students off at the Welcome Center doors, parents could drive to the Narthex doors and order a cup of coffee! We will offer it again the mornings of November 3 & 4!

DEWEY'S PIZZA



Monday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Eat Dewey's Pizza for Faith Preschool!

Be sure to tell the cashier it's for the "Give Back Night!"

Faith Preschool receives a portion of the proceeds! Thank you!

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youth MINISTRY
Faith-Fellowship-Fun



Eric & Abby Jezewski
Youth Leader & Co-leader
330-836-8811/faithlcyouth@gmail.com

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for Coco at the Drive-In! Even though we had to move it inside due to weather, we had great turnout from FLCYouth, Jr. Youth, FaithKids and Preschool families! We truly appreciated everyone spending an evening with us!

Congratulationsto Katie Archbold on her confirmation! We are incredibly proud of you and have truly enjoyed having you as a part of our youth group. We look forward to you continuing to walk with us in faith as you enter high school!

Sunday November 1st all youth in grades 6-12 will help with the annual community garden cleanout and final harvest! This is a great way for us to serve at FLC and our local community. Parents, please plan on joining us! We have a larger group every year and thanks to that, we are able to prep the garden for Winter and harvest the remaining vegetables for donation! Lunch will be provided afterwards

Just a reminder that Meal & More is on Sunday, November 15th. Our theme for that day will be Giving Thanks! ALL youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend, share a meal and participate in a discussion/ activity! Additionally, the second confirmation learning retreat of the year is on Sunday, November 22nd! 6-8th grade youth will meet in the Youth Room immediately following FACE Time with lunch provided. We will wrap at 1pm and look forward to seeing you all there!

Don't forget, the 2026/27 Scheduled to Serve and Youth calendars for Fall/Winter are in the the Band App under the 'info' tab!

Parents and youth in 6-12th grade, we have the majority of you with us in the Band app, but if you haven't joined yet, you're missing out on up to date info and details for events and meetings, as well as the most direct route to communicate with everyone quickly. Please ask Eric for the invite link if you haven't joined yet!

ACME Fresh Market COMMUNITY CASH BACK

Acme Community Cashback program is a very easy way to financially support our youth programs at Faith.

- Save your Acme receipts (receipts dated 8/1/26 - 2/15/27)
- Drop off your receipts in the collection boxes in the Welcome Center, Narthex, or the counter outside of the Fellowship Hall.
- Please contact Carla Ringer or Youth Leader, Eric Jezewski (faithlcyouth@gmail.com) with questions.

Growth & Learning & Thank you



Bible Study Groups – Something for Everyone

What are the Dead Sea Scrolls and Why do they Matter? Freedman and Kuhlken authors. Questions listed in this book will be answered from the text during the November meeting of Third Thursday Bible Study on Thursday, November 19, at 10 a.m. in the Youth Room at Faith. All women are invited to attend. Contact Bonnie Janelle, 330.606.3230, if additional information is needed.

Men of Faith Bible Study and Discussion Group meets Saturday, November 21, at 9 a.m. in the Youth Room. This group that meets the third Saturday of each month. For more information contact Geoff Whidden, geoffrey.whidden@gmail.com or Karl Demuth, kardemuth@hotmail.com.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 6 p.m. on November 4 and November 18 in the Youth Room. We are discussing the book: They Walk With God: 40 Characters Who Inspire Us, by Max Lucado. For more information, please reach out to Lori Pritt, yes2justice@hotmail.com or Jennene Pritt, mgia247365g@aol.com.



Faith Book Club's November Choice
The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules
By Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel meets *The Italian Job* in internationally-bestselling author Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg's witty and insightful comedy of errors about a group of delinquent seniors, whose desire for a better quality of life, leads them to rob and ransom priceless artwork.

Faith Book Club will meet on November 17, at 2 p.m. in the Youth Room at Faith Lutheran. Come and enjoy, what I'm sure will be, a lively and fun discussion. If you didn't get a chance to read the book, come anyway. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Wilson, marsiewilson7@gmail.com.

Dear Faith Members,

I want to thank each of you who offered prayers and words of support for my successful surgery. Our church family is special and I appreciate every one of you. Everything went well, my healing is right on schedule, and I hope to see you soon. God bless you all. **Sue Harman**

Dear Pastor Bruce,

On behalf of the Christian families of Bethlehem in the Holy Land, we want to thank you for having us at again your church and for supporting Bethlehem Christians during this very difficult time. We enjoyed being with you and were impressed by the interest and generosity of your church members. Please thank every one of them on our behalf….

We hope to meet you again either here in the USA or in Bethlehem.

Yours in Jesus,
Dr. George Ghanem, www.hlcsc.org, 703 745-2604

In Our Prayers



Health Concerns:

Faith member Ann Chastven
Faith member Muriel Dietz
Faith member Chris Fritzen
Tommy Gorman
Faith member Sue Harman
Faith member Eden Hollimon
Faith member Pastor Tim Keeler
Faith member Judy Lee
Faith member Lynne Poulton
Faith member Vee Robinson
Faith member Norma Setteur
Faith member Terry Vernon
Faith member Ellie Wilkinson

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

In Times of Loss:

For the family and friends of Faith member Heather Parr upon her death on October 12, that they may be comforted. A memorial service was held on October 17, at Bethany United Church of Christ.

For the family and friends of Carol Lovell, the sister-in-law of Faith member Marilyn Wilson, who entered the Church Triumphant. May God's peace and presence be with her family and friends.

Special Prayers:

For Lori Ashenfelter, Kit Scheetz, Sandy Selby, Judy Vernon, Mark Watkins and Geoff Whidden, as they lead the process of calling Faith Lutheran's next pastor.



Schedule To Serve

DATE	SERVICE	ALTAR	COMMUNION	LAY READER	FLOWERS	USHERS	YOUTH
1	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Nicole Vincent - SE Linda Weigand - SE Terry Anderson - SP Art Kaufman - SP Sandy Selby - B Michelle Borodkin	Linda Weigand	Katie & Ella Stack	Paul Skerlong John Weisend Geoff Whidden	**Acolyte:** Elyse Vincent **Assistant:** Cayden Cloninger
8	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Kit Scheetz		Nicole Vincent	Gary & Ann Hagen	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	
15	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Terry Anderson - SE Art Kaufman - SE Nicole Vincent - SP Linda Weigand - SP Corie Miller - B Michelle Borodkin	Richard Weaver	Bob & Melissa Mollard	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	**Acolyte:** Hannah Williams **Assistant:** Elyse Vincent
22	9 a.m.	Kit Scheetz		Karl Stone	Eli Cooper	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	
29	9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Kit Scheetz	Sandy Selby - SE Melissa Mollard - SE Dana Singer - SP Tim Lewis - SP Corie Miller - B Michelle Borodkin	Loralee Daily	Sara Shook	Paul Skerlong John Weisend	**Acolyte:** Cayden Cloninger **Assistant:** Ben Shiban



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Cafe 10:30 Informal Svc. 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	**2** 6 pm Interfaith Justice 8 pm AA	**3** 9:30 am Busy Fingers 9:30 am Yoga 6:30 pm Call Committee 7 pm Al Anon 7 pm Scouts	**4** 6 pm Wed. Evening Bible Study	**5** 10 am Prayer Shawls 6 pm Finance 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	**6** 6:30 pm Talent Show	**7**
8 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Cafe 10:30 Informal Svc. 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	**9** 10am St. Cecelia 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Council 8 pm AA	**10** 9:30 am Busy Fingers 9:30 am Yoga 5 pm Preschool Board 7 pm Al Anon 7 pm Scouts	**11** 7 pm SJSP Endowment	**12** 10 am Prayer Shawls	**13**	**14** 8 am Soup Making 10:30 DLM
15 9 Traditional Svc. 9:50 Christian Education 10 Kinship Cafe 10:30 Informal Svc. 11:30 Bound 7:30 AA	**16** 2 pm RIC Meeting 8 pm AA	**17** 9:30 am Busy Fingers 9:30 am Yoga 2 pm Book Club 7 pm Al Anon 7 pm Scouts	**18** 5 pm Laundry 6 pm Wed. Evening Bible Study	**19** 10 am Prayer Shawls 10 am Third Thurs. Bible Stdy 6:30 pm Call Committee 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	**20**	**21** 9 am Men of Faith 9 am Girl Scouts
22 9 One Service Followed by Annual Meeting 7:30 AA	**23** 10am St. Cecelia 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Gardeners of Gr. Akron 8 pm AA	**24** 9:30 am Busy Fingers 9:30 am Yoga 7 pm Al Anon 7 pm Scouts	**25**	**26**  	**27** Office Closed	**28**
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