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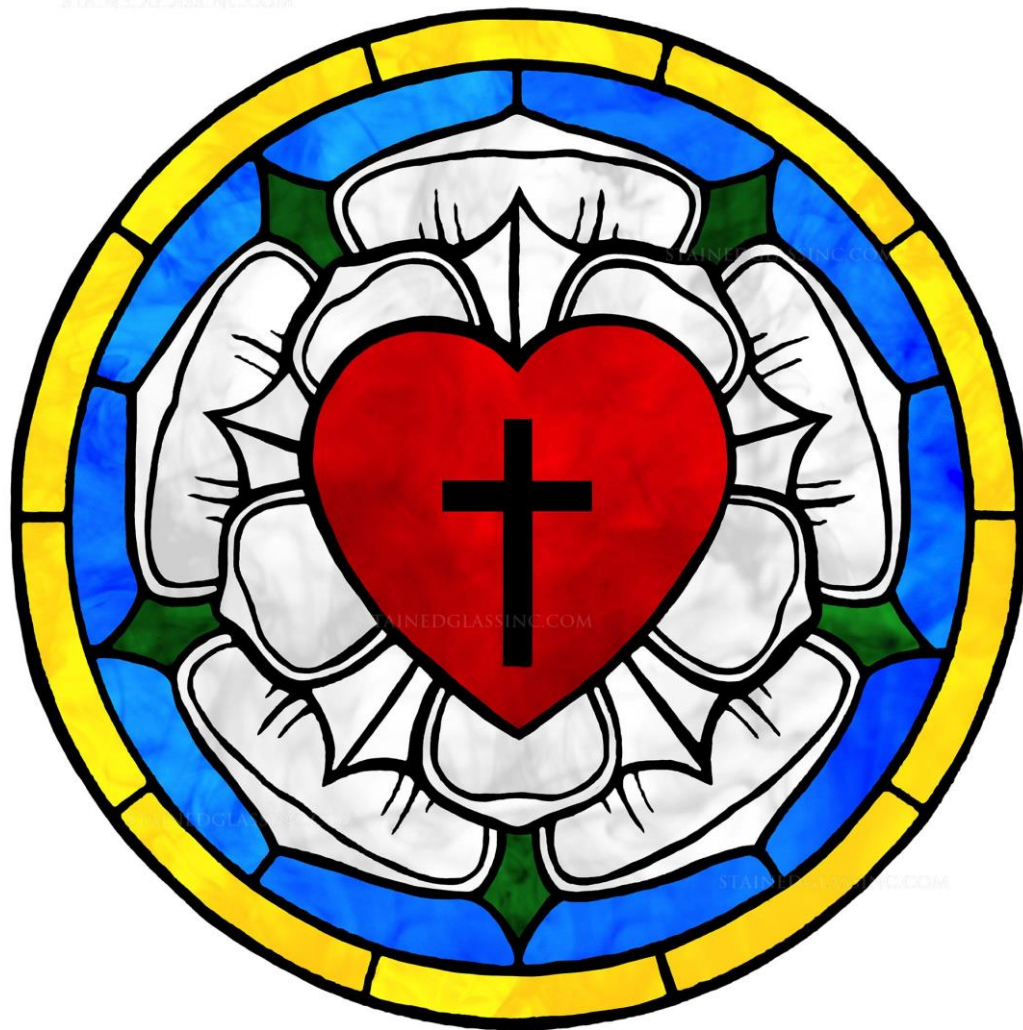
Vaunda Noerenberg, Traditional Worship

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REFORMATION DAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024

8:15 AM



*Saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone,
because of Christ alone.*

Good News! Thanks be to God!

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

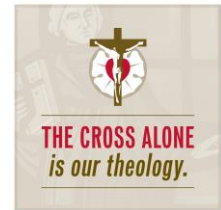
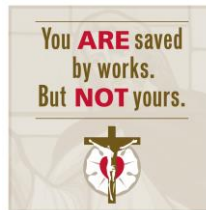
ALTAR FLOWERS LAST WEEK WERE GIVEN BY THE CZERWONKAS IN HONOR OF AND CELEBRATION OF DICK BOWEN'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 26). WITH APOLOGIES FOR THE OMISSION

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH



WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week (Oct 27 to Nov 2, 2024)

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts
 Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

Our Discipleship the Past Weeks:

Worship	10/6/24	10/13/24	10/20/24	10/27/24	
8:15 Traditional	115 (93)	79 (74)	85 (80)		
11:00 Contemporary	68 (64)	66 (58)	42 (40)		
Sunday School	56				
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	
Giving MTD	\$18,564	\$32,144	\$36,637		
Weekly Giving	\$18,565	\$13,579	\$4493		

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

REFORMATION! The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, has justified us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32).

OPENING HYMN

“A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

LSB 656

♩ 1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF THANKS

DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

LSB 556

♩ **1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won,
What price our ransom cost Him!**

**2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.
But daily deeper still I fell; My life became a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.**

**4. But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
He turned to me a father's heart; He did not choose the easy part
But gave His dearest treasure.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Lector: God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

EPISTLE READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE

LSB 556

**♪ 5. God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."**

**6. The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore; A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

LSB 555

**1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.**

**2. What God did in His Law demand And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.**

3. It was a false, misleading dream That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

5. Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

SERMON

“THE RIGHTEOUS BOAST” (1 CORINTHIANS 1)

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation festival. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, and teachers who teach with clarity and joy, that we and all Your redeemed children are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, You have great power and yet You act with mercy. Teach those who lead us to use power rightly for the preservation of order, the accomplishment of justice, the protection of life and the defense of the weak. Give us wise, godly and faithful leaders who will follow Your commands and serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, remember all who face adversity of any kind [*especially _____*]. Comfort them by Your Holy Spirit, that they would acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Your fatherly will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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CHOIR

"DAYS OF ELIJAH"

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord, You created me to be a steward. In Holy Baptism, You made me a Christian steward. Guide me in understanding that I am a steward by Your grace and that my stewardship is a way of life. Keep me dependent on You and responsible to You. I ask this for Jesus' sake, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

We are God's redeemed stewards. In partnership with and encouraged by fellow redeemed stewards, we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. We understand we are God's steward by His grace. We live as His disciples by His grace. And we manage the gifts He entrusts to us with joy and generosity—all so that His purposes are accomplished and His mission enhanced.

Our stewardship initiative in November will carefully and lovingly explore how every member at Faith can commit to regular, intentional giving in each of the 3Ts... Time, Talent, Treasure.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

- ♪ 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

“BY GRACE I’M SAVED”

(LSB 566)

- ♪ 1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain; By grace you too will life obtain.
2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.
3. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
4. By grace! This ground of faith is certain; So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace--grace through His Son.
5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?
6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 212

Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

LSB 555

♩ 8. The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

10. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

"I AM A TRUST FROM YOU, LORD!"

*God has entrusted me with life, body and soul, and all my material and spiritual blessings.
By faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I will care for, honor, and freely and gladly share His gifts.*

*Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and
who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything
comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

-- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14

The Monthly Spotlight: Family Life Board

The Board of Family Life shall plan programs to accomplish the following objectives: a. Strengthening the spiritual and social fellowship between congregation members; b. Integrating new members into the life of the congregation, including involving such members in Bible study groups available within the congregation; and c. Building mutual cooperation, trust, and fellowship. Debbie Schellmann serves as Director of the Board. She's joined by Linda Couch, Jonathan Cain, Carol Seelman, Laura Elston and Julie Buchtrup. God bless you all!

Bible Studies at Faith, Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

- ▶ **Women's Bible Study: Acts** (LWML Room)
- ▶ **The Wired Word: What does the Bible say about?** (Board Room)
- ▶ **Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6th Grade** (Gathers in Sanctuary)
- ▶ **Youth Confirmation: 7th and 8th Graders** (Confirmation Room)
 - ▶ **High School/College Age Bible Study** (Youth Room)
- ▶ **Adult Membership Course: GodConnects** (Conference Room)
- ▶ **We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms/Church and State** (Cafeteria)

The Wednesday Gathering (Every Wednesday)

Outreach, and more rolled into a strategic and intentional initiative to bring us together, to bring unchurched people to our facility and ministry circle, and to work toward "making disciples" for the Lord.



Bible Studies, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

The Wednesday Gathering Women: "The Heart of Jesus" (Board Rm)
The Wednesday Gathering Bible Men: "Titus 10" (School)
Crafts for Children

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Gathering all future bell ringers for a new Bell Choir at Faith.

October 30, 2024, 6 p.m., Music Room

Can you read music? Do you have bell choir experience? Always loved the Bell Choir? Come join us or speak to Vaunda Noerenberg or Jill Musgrove for more information.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes... in the narthex!

For children around the world, a shoebox is often their very first gift. Given together with the Good News of Jesus Christ, it communicates God's love to a boy or girl in need. So, it is important to make sure your gift is ... **FUN**—includes a "wow" item and other quality toys

FULL—packed to the brim with additional school supplies and personal care items

PERSONALIZED—prayed over and contains a note and photo, which are often the child's favorite!

Please take one today! Return date? ASAP, PLEASE!

FLCS October/November 2024 Events

Faith Lutheran School International Night in the Gym

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come and see the many exhibits on the beauty of God's creation in world cultures.

Faith School Children Sing, Sunday, November 10, 2024, 11 Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024, 12:30 PM ELECTIONS... VOTERS MEETING

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT

Thanksgiving Worship, Wednesday, Nov 27, 2024, 6:30 pm

Advent Begins... Sunday, December 1, 2024

Advent by Candlelight, Sunday, December 8, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

* Advent Midweek 1, Dec 4 Youth Worship (Dinner 5:30 p.m., worship 6:30 p.m.)

* Advent Midweek 2, Dec 11 School 1-8 Worship (Dinner 5:30, worship 6:30.)

* Advent Midweek 3, Dec 18 ECE Worship" (Dinner 5:30 p.m., worship 6:30 p.m.)

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If yes, you can be a huge blessing to our ministry as we "refresh" our Church and School through Thrivent Action Teams. From Thrivent's website: "It's amazing what a motivated group of volunteers can accomplish when they have the tools and resources they need." Please see Pastor Ken or Brenda for ideas and a sample "application." You can log in to your Thrivent account. Then you may submit your application. You can also find information about your current or previous Thrivent Action Teams.

Help us build a new membership directory! In your mailboxes in the School hallway, members will find a paper inventory for our upcoming membership directory. "**Gather together. Grow in faith. Go out and share.**" These words describe our vocations as believers in the Lord Jesus and members of His body at Faith. Each confirmand member is kindly asked to pick up the form, complete it, and return it to Sherri Booker's mailbox. We will compile all the responses to our talents and gifts from the Lord. Thanks!

Congregations and families across Florida and Georgia continue cleaning up after Hurricanes Helene and Milton. We have two churches with flooding and other churches with exterior damage. We are in the process of contacting congregations to determine the extent of staff and members who have been affected by the storm.

How can you help? Volunteers are needed! **Contact Jay Wendland** directly if you are not LERT trained but are willing and able to volunteer. **Your financial donations are also needed.** Please prayerfully consider giving financial assistance directly to the FLGA District *Disaster Response Fund* at flgadistrict.org/give.

Faith Lutheran School Update

The School Ministry Board and Director Danette Smith have completed and submitted paperwork to Jennifer Tanner, Florida-Georgia District Education Executive, to formally begin the process.

1. Our Principal, Amy Kurtz, has received and accepted a Divine Call to serve as Principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Memphis, Tennessee. Our Board of Directors is finalizing a plan for an Interim Principal and leadership team. We'll share details as quickly as possible... but we ask all of us to pray for the Lord to guide and bless us as we plan for the next Principal Call.

2. **October 28 – Nov 1 is “Red Ribbon Week”** ... This is the time when our school, along with thousands of other schools, stand up for a drug-free America. Our Student Council has planned special dress days for all students to show our commitment to be drug-free. Here's a sample of the YOUTH PLEDGE: I pledge to grow up safe, healthy and drug free by:

Understanding the dangers of drug use and abuse.

Respecting myself and being drug free.

Spreading the word to family and friends about the importance of being healthy and drug free.

Let's encourage our children to be “drug-free.” Wear as much red as you can during the week!

3. **Oct 29 is PTL Meeting, 6:30 p.m.** The purpose of Faith Lutheran School PTL is to “boost participation and bring our community together toward the common goal of supporting our School, teachers, and children. We seek to enhance all aspects of student life by providing the resources necessary to accomplish the school's mission with excellence. We work shoulder to shoulder with the school administration and staff for the glory of God.” Upcoming events...

Nov 4- 8 Book Fair

Dec 2-6 Frosty's Fair

Dec 11 (Wednesday) Cocoa with Santa

4. Though it seems “a way away,” our School Children will share their gift of music in our Advent Midweek services, Dec 11 (Elementary School) and Dec 18 (Early Childhood). Each service begins at 6:30 p.m. An Advent Youth Service will be offered Dec 4, 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!

5. The Board of School Ministry and the Church are planning a “Farewell and Godspeed” for Amy on Sunday, December 15, 2024, between services and after the 11 a.m. worship.

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Join us on Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:00 pm, as we lift up in prayer our mission and ministry—Church and School.

Wed., Nov 6 we pray for a visionary and collaborative partnership among our new pastor and principal, together with our faculty and staff, ministry leadership, members, and School families.

Wed., Nov 13 we pray for servant leader hearts and “present and engaging” ministry for both pastor and principal as they bring focus and synergy to our combined ministry.

Wed., Nov. 20 we pray for managerial and administrative wisdom and skills as pastor and principal, in partnership with our Board of Directors and ministry Boards, lead the way for Faith, under God's mercy and grace, for many years ahead.

Candidates for Office (Election Meeting, Sunday, Nov 17)

Faith Lutheran Church and School, Marietta, Georgia

CAPITALS: OFFICE UP FOR ELECTION *Italics/Red: Office not up for election*

Inc: = Incumbent, eligible for re-election

ODD Number year starting 2025	Installation of Officers, January 19, 2025
President: WARD IRVIN	
2nd VP: INC: PETER AMELINGMEIER	
Treasurer INC: DOROTHY PARADA	
<u>Administrative Boards</u> DIRECTOR	5 Members Glenn Jones/Tim Lambert, Dan Gronsbell, Bill Smith, Steve Buchtrup
Elders VINNY CARACCI	
Stewardship INC: GREG SINATRA	3 MEMBERS
Public Relations JOSH HILDEBRANDT	1 MEMBER
Christian Education <i>Muriel Pfaff</i> Ass't Dir. SunSch MARTHA BRADSHAW Ass't Dir. Adult Ed. JON WAREHAM	
School Ministry INC: DANETTE SMITH	3 MEMBERS
<i>Youth Ministry</i> <i>Jason Walker</i>	2 MEMBERS
<i>Church Properties</i> <i>Bill Schellman</i>	3 MEMBERS
<i>Social Ministry</i> <i>Debbie Schellman</i>	2 MEMBERS
<i>Evangelism</i> <i>Gary Schleicher</i>	3 MEMBERS
<i>Family Life</i> <i>Debbie Schellman</i>	2 MEMBERS
<i>No one person shall serve concurrently in more than one of the positions listed</i>	

Qualifications for Voting Membership:

- Voting membership is held by all active confirmed members, where active membership is held by all members of the congregation whose membership has neither been placed in inactive status nor terminated. (Bylaws, Art II, Sec 1, D)

Officers and Board Members (terms begin at Installation).

- Officers and Directors must be voting members 18 years of age or older. (Bylaws, Art VI, Sec 1)
- *Members of the faculty and spouses are not eligible for Bd of School Ministry.*

Additional Requirement for Elders:

- Must be men.

Stewardship Board: Monthly Spotlight November

November Offering Hymn (LSB 781)

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

Please look for special presentations by Stewardship Board members on ministry plans:

November 3rd – Gary Schleicher, Financial Review Committee

November 10th – Stephen Bass, GaSSO

November 17th – Sherri Booker, Talent Survey

November 24th – Greg Sinatra, 2025 Stewardship Campaign

FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE... A Worklist presented to (and adopted by) Faith's Board of Directors:

1. Do a financial review of the student tuition and fee collection, recording, depositing and reporting system.

Outcome - A report with recommended improvements (if any) made to the church board for adoption.

2. Do a financial review of two or more special and/or dedicated funds.

Outcome - A brief report with findings. Recommended improvements will be included in item #3

3. Dedicated fund work process review and recommendations

Outcome – A Dedicated Fund Guideline document to be recommended to the church board for adoption.

4. Recommend a GASSO Scholarship Awarding work process. Work with the school board.

Outcome – A GASSO Scholarship Awarding Guideline document to be recommended to the church board for adoption.

5. Review the “Capital Campaign”. Purpose, timeline, accounting of funds in/out. Recommended improvements for future use in a possible new campaign.

Outcome – A Capital Campaign report to be presented to the church board for their approval and for sharing with the congregation.

6. Review the church board and school board balanced budgeting process. Address timing, facilities upkeep and debt reduction. Recommend a yearly budget framework with key milestones and a multi-year planning projection process.

Outcome – A brief report on the review findings and a Budgeting Framework document to be presented to the church board for their approval and adoption.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from Traditional IRAs

Here is an excerpt from an LCMS Mission Advancement communication: Are you aware that you can make a significant charitable impact by redirecting some of your traditional IRA funds? Under current federal law, individuals 73 years of age and above who own a traditional individual retirement account (IRA) must take an annual required minimum distribution (RMD)... However, those who are 70½ years of age can also choose to give from their IRA before they must take the annual RMD.

Please note: **Qualified Charitable Distributions** can satisfy *required minimum distribution* and do not generate a taxable event for the donor nor the nonprofit. Many LCMS parishioners (including some at Faith) are already tithing through QCDs. This giving opportunity is to be promoted for others over age 70.5 to consider with their charitable intent.