



Activity Booklet



**FALL
2026**



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Welcome! The fall is here and Faith wants you to have as much information as possible about the ministry possibilities that exist. Faith cares about building strong friendships and partnerships in our building and out in our community.

Look through the fall activity book for upcoming events, reach out to me or the listed contact with questions, and if you want to start something, we'd love to help promote it and encourage others to join. Thanks for being part of our Faith-ful community!

John Klawiter
Pastor





Sunday Worship

Faith welcomes you to worship! Join us at 9:00 AM.. Communion takes place on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. Watch online at www.youtube.com/@FaithfLOrgELCA

Sunday Fall Worship Theme: Living In the Community of Faith

During the fall, we will look at the parables of Jesus focusing on how we treat each other.

- September 6
- September 13*
- September 20*
- September 27
- October 4
- October 11*
- October 18*
- October 25
- November 1

* communion served during worship

Stewardship Worship Series:

Our theme for this year is "This Is God's World."

- November 8* - Deacon Nina Joygaard, preaching
- November 15* - Bishop Justin Grimm, preaching
- November 22 - Pastor John Klawiter, preaching

* communion served during worship

Advent

- November 29* First Sunday of Advent
- December 6* Second Sunday of Advent
- December 13 Third Sunday of Advent (Children's Christmas Program)
- December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Carol Sing)

Post-Christmas

- December 27 Christmas Carol Sing

Special Worship Services

Rally Sunday

August 30, starts at 9:00 AM

Blessing of the backpacks and the installation of the teachers/volunteers. Following the service, we are having Pancake Breakfast with the Carnival in partnership with our preschool, LADC.

Guest Preachers:

October and November

- October 4th: Rev Ed Treat, from the Center of Addiction & Faith
- November 15th: Stewardship Sunday with newly-installed Bishop Justin Grimm

Affirmation of Baptism:

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 AM

On this Sunday, we celebrate these young people and their affirmation of their baptisms.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service:

Wednesday, November 25, 11:30 AM

A special worship service for Thanksgiving Eve with readings, hymns, reflection giving thanks for the abundance of God's grace throughout the year. Lunch follows the worship service.

Longest Night Worship Service:

Thursday, December 17 5:30 PM

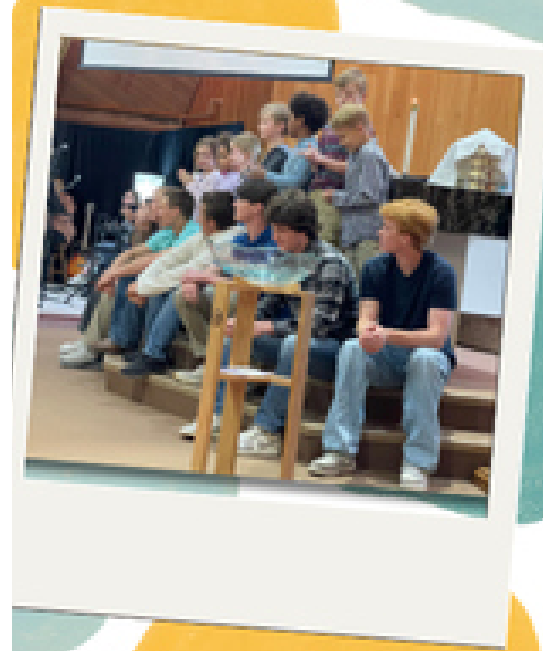
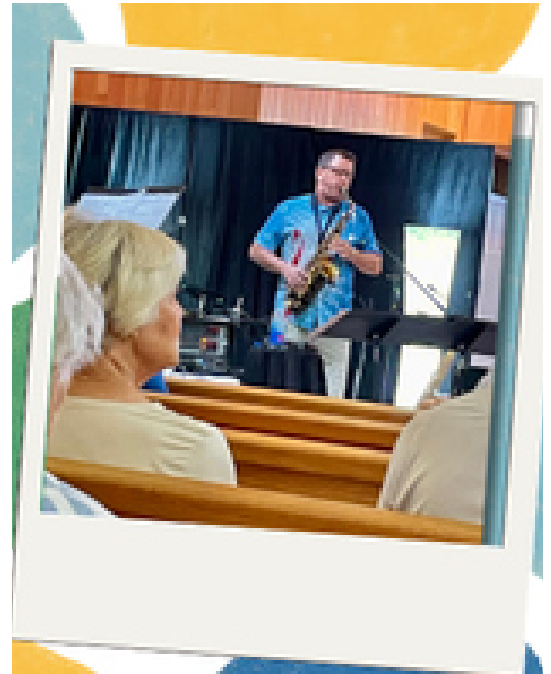
Join us for a quiet and contemplative service of hope in the darkness before Christmas. For those who are experiencing grief, illness, uncertainty, and overwhelm – this service is a time to come together to remember, grieve, and hope in the promise of Christmas.

Christmas Eve Worship:

Thursday, December 24

10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 8:00 PM

We celebrate the coming of the Christ Child in the preaching the word and especially in song. Communion is served at all four services.





Children and Youth

For more information, please contact Children and Youth Director Brett Sterling at bretts@faithfl.org.

Sunday School: Ages 3 thru 5th Grade

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Kids go to worship with their families and come forward for the children's message. After the message, the kids go to the Education Wing for Sunday School class. After worship, families pick up their child in the classroom. (must be 3 years old by September 1 and potty-trained)

Team 5

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in room 208. This is for all 5th graders to come together in a unique classroom setting where they take ownership of their lessons. They will choose their lessons from the reform curriculum, attend service together once a month, and lead two service projects during the year.

Kids of the Kingdom Choir

Sundays at 10:00 AM

3-year-olds through 3rd grade are welcome to join in singing fun songs and playing instruments to praise God through music.

F2 (Faith and Friends)

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

Middle School Youth can come hang out with us in the Youth Room for some food, fellowship and fun!

FAME (Faith, Arts, and Music Expression)

Wednesdays at 5:45 PM

Open to students in 4th through 8th grade, we meet on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15 p.m. from September - April to learn songs and sing in worship each month. The Worship Band loves to collaborate with our FAME singers!

Club 45

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Being a "Preteen" can be difficult – you are no longer a child but then not quite a teen. This is why we have developed Club45 for Wednesday evenings.

BLAST

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

All present K – 3rd graders are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings for a time of fun, stories, art projects, games, and more.

Sixth Grade Confirmation Readiness

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Our sixth graders prepare to take the next step in their spiritual journey through the Confirmation Readiness class. During these classes, we will dive into Lutheran traditions, the Small Catechism, and Lutheran living. We will also talk about the promises made on their behalf when they were baptized and how these promises will relate to their confirmation experience.

Confirmation (Grade 7-9)

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

Confirmation, or Affirmation of Baptism, is an opportunity for teens to affirm for themselves the promises made by their sponsors (parents, guardians, sponsors, and the congregation) at their baptism. The Confirmation journey begins in the fall of 7th grade and continues through the fall of

your 9th grade. During this time, everyone will take a deeper look at the Bible and how it applies to daily life, and build on the knowledge of Martin Luther's teachings in the Small Catechism. There will also be many opportunities for fellowship/service events and retreats.

Special Kids Events

Rally Sunday

August 30, starts at 9:00 AM

Rally Sunday starts the program year! Blessing of the backpacks and the installation of the teachers/volunteers. Following the service, we are having Pancake Breakfast with the Carnival in partnership with our preschool, LADC.

Baptism Family Get-to-Know-You

September 27, 10:30-11:30 AM, Christian Education Wing (Nursery)

Parents who have had a child baptized or planning to are invited to get to know each other in a gathering led by Pastor John. Nursery and supervised gym will be available for toddlers and kids.

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 PM

Kids (and adults) will get to dress up and go from car to car to get yummy sweet treats! Dinner served beforehand.

Affirmation of Baptism Service

Sunday, October 25 at 10:30 AM

The confirmation of our 9th Grade Students.

All Hallows Concert

Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM

An intergenerational evening of music that both touches and thrills the heart. We will end the evening with an invitation to light a candle to honor the memory of a loved one.

Turkey Bingo

Sunday, November 22

Our annual bingo time of fun and frivolity!

Grandma's Attic

Wednesday, December 2 at 5:00 PM

Grandma's Attic is an annual event where kids can come to buy gently used items to give as Christmas gifts for friends and family. All items, big and small, are available for 25 cents!

Fireside Storytime

Time and dates to be announced, in the Fireside Library

Families are welcome to join us for a Fireside Story Time. Come as you are and enjoy a seasonal-themed book reading and activity for kids and families. All are welcome. Bring a friend and share the joy of reading!



Adults

For more information, please contact Pastor John Klawiter at johnk@faithfl.org or Deacon Nina Joygaard at ninaj@faithfl.org.

Hybrid Prayer Lab:

First and Fourth Sundays at 10:00 AM

Bi-monthly Prayer Lab Sessions meet in person and on Zoom simultaneously to experiment with different types of prayer in a safe community. No experience or speaking is necessary! Our team of leaders provides learning, guided prayer practices, and an opportunity to reflect on your prayer experience. All are welcome to join. Contact Deacon Nina at ninaj@faithfl.org for Zoom information.

- October 4
- October 25
- November 1
- November 22
- December 6

Brewed Theology:

Sundays at 10:30 AM

Join us Sundays after worship, grab a cup of coffee and crafted conversations. No Brewed Theology on October 18th (MEA) or October 25th (Reformation/Confirmation). No Brewed Theology on November 29th (Thanksgiving).

- September 13
- September 20
- September 27
- October 4
- October 11
- November 1
- November 8
- November 15
- November 22 (Turkey Bingo)
- December 6
- December 13
- December 20

ASPIRE Book Club:

ASPIRE Book Club (ASPIRE: Advocating, Serving, & Promoting Inclusion & Racial Equity) meets to discuss a book. This year's focus is to lean into JOY! 11:30 am - 1 pm in the Fireside Library.

- Sunday, September 20, 11:30 am - 1 pm - "The Amen Effect" by Sharon Brous
- Sunday, November 8, 11:30 - 1 pm - "The Tears of Things" by Richard Rohr



Old Guys Bible Study:

Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, Keys Restaurant, Forest Lake

A weekly gathering each Tuesday for mature guys meeting at Key's Cafe in Forest Lake to discuss a biblical passage each week. Join in, ask questions and seek fellowship.

Women of Wisdom Bible Study:

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM, Faith Lutheran Conference Room

Each Tuesday afternoon, we discuss the upcoming Sunday lesson and join in the conversation.

Hannah Circle:

First Mondays at 1:30 PM, Faith Lutheran Conference Room

This women's study meets for Bible Study on a monthly basis.

Dorcas Circle:

First Thursdays at 9:30 AM, Faith Lutheran Conference Room

This women's study meets for Bible Study on a monthly basis.

Old Friends Book Club:

Second and Third Fridays 12:30-2:00 PM, Faith Lutheran Fireside Room

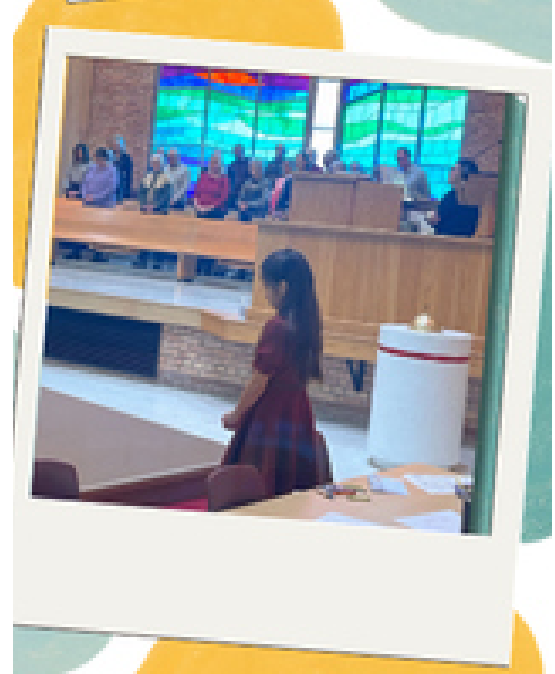
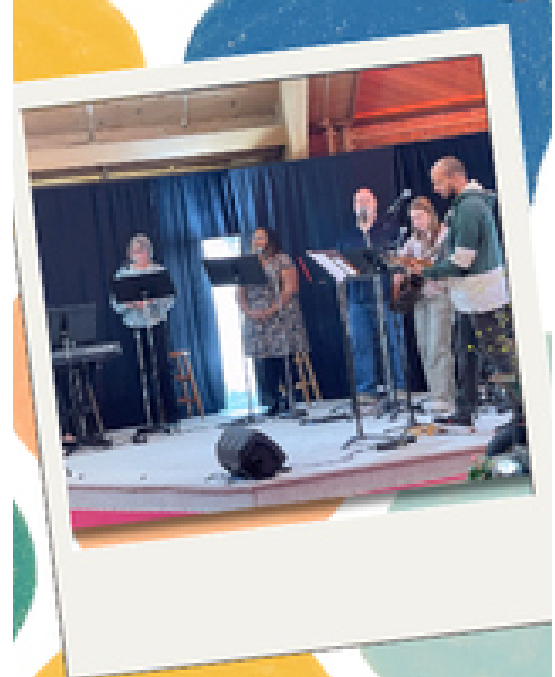
This study comes together to talk about a book once a month.

- September 11 and 18 – *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people*, Bob Goff
- October 9 and 16 – *Messy Spirituality*, Michael Yaconelli
- November 13 and 20 - *Jesus Discoveries: 10 Historic Finds that Bring us face-to-face with Jesus*, Jeremiah Johnston
- December 11 and 18- *Herod and Mary: The True Story of the Tyrant King and the Mother of the Risen Savior (Ancient Evil, Living Hope)*

Senior Fellowship

Senior Fellowship meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month prior to Lent. Lunch and a program go from 11:30-1:30. There is no cost and guests are always welcome. We do request an RSVP for meal planning purposes. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or call Deanna at 651-464-3323.

- September 10: CODA, musical duet
- October 8th: Norwegian Comedian Chad Filley
- November 12th: Minnesota National Guard Public Affairs Officer, Major Andrea Tsuchiya
- December 10th: Pastor Keith Long, the Christmas Story
- January 14th: Rev Kev, musical ventriloquist Kevin Doely



Personal Prayer Retreat

Friday, September 25 - Saturday, September 26 - St. Scholastica Monastery in Duluth

Take some time away to nourish your soul, rest and reflect, and connect with your Creator.

Spiritual Gifts Retreat

Saturday, October 10 (offsite)

Join with others from the Saint Paul Area Synod to explore Your unique spiritual gifts and how God is calling you.

Music

For more information on any of the following opportunities, don't hesitate to get in touch with Worship Arts Director Linda Ek at lindab@faithfl.org.

Faith Choir (9th Grade- Adults):

Wednesdays 1:00 PM OR 6:30-8:00 PM (September-May)

Worship Band:

Sundays 10:00 AM.

Bells of Faith (9th Grade- Adults):

Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 PM (September-May)

FAME (Grade 4-8):

Wednesdays 5:30 PM (September-April)

Kids of the Kingdom (Age 3 – 3rd Grade):

Sundays 10:00-10:30 AM (September-April)

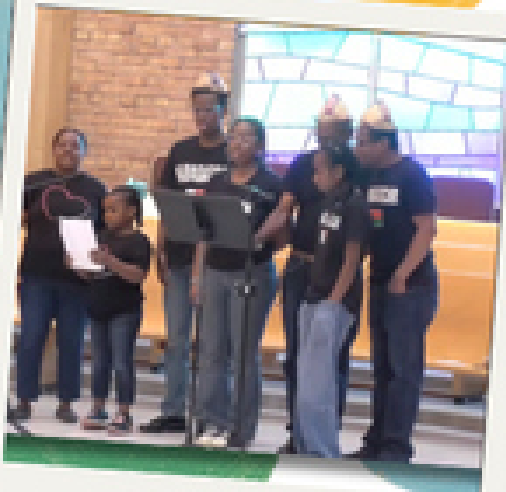
Special Music Opportunities:

We are looking for people to share their music talents in worship. Please contact Worship Arts Director Linda Ek at lindab@faithfl.org if you're interested.

Faith Music Academy

We are ready for you to learn the music that excites you. Our teachers work with students of all ages and abilities to reach your goals in engaging with the music you love. Contact Linda Ek today to find out more and to get connected with a teacher who will join you in your music journey: Lindab@faithfl.org.

Faith Music Academy provides affordable, high quality music lessons for students at all levels in a safe and nurturing environment. Specific lesson times are made to best suit the scheduling needs of both you and your teacher.





Finding a place to connect, serve and share the gifts God has given you is a valuable step in becoming part of our community. At Faith, we intentionally seek to match a person's interests and spiritual gifts with a place to serve. Explore these opportunities or reach out to Deacon Nina Joygaard (ninaj@faithfl.org or 651-464-3323) for more information or to find out where you can share God's love.

Sunday Morning Service

If you're interested in sharing your smile and welcome through hospitality at Faith, we could use additional ushers, greeters, communion-prep team, and more. Hospitality is a wonderful way to share your gifts of mercy, helping, generosity, and service at Faith. For those with musical gifts to share, contact Worship Arts Director Linda Burk (lindab@faithfl.org) for more information.

Care Ministries

Want to share God's love and connect with elders and others facing challenges? Join our FaithCares Outreach Team to send mail and make phone calls to members of our community. Prayer Chain members receive emails a few times a week with prayer concerns, joys, and updates from friends in our community requesting prayer. Contact the church office to join this confidential ministry

of prayer. (prayerchain.faith@gmail.com or call the church office at 651-464-3323).

Peace & Justice

Are you particularly passionate about an issue near and dear to your heart? Faith has several teams that focus on such issues and we always welcome new voices and fresh perspectives. The Creation Care Team seeks to promote, support and develop an enlightened care of God's creation. The ASPIRE (Advocating, Serving, & Promoting Inclusion & Racial Equity) Team promotes diversity and inclusiveness at Faith through book studies and events. Our Cherish All Children Team provides education and information to raise healthy generations free from exploitation. Our Refugee Outreach ministry works with partners to provide monetary and/or material support for refugees and educate people about the refugee issues around the world.

Community Outreach

This Little Light of Mine is a ministry of Faith in partnership with Walking With a Purpose MN. Members recycle new and used candles and candle wax into pillar candles that are given to those unsheltered to use for light and heat. Donations can be dropped off inside Door 1 anytime.





We have ongoing ministries for those dealing with food insecurity in our community. You can always bring non-perishable food donations to Faith and leave them in the shopping cart in the lobby near the office. We also have a wonderful program called Faith Feeds Our Neighbor for growing, collecting and donating freshly grown produce throughout the gardening season.

Special Skills Needed

Prayer Shawls and Quilts: Do you know how to knit? We could use your time and talent in making prayer shawls that are gifted to friends and community members. Maybe quilting is more your thing – join our Mission Quilters group or quilt on your own for generous sharing of quilts in the community.

Grounds and Decorations: Do you love to get your hands dirty out in the garden? Our Grounds Beautification Team keeps our property and Memorial Prayer Garden looking gorgeous in all seasons. If indoor beauty is more your thing, our Design Team works on decorating and designing our interior space throughout the seasons and for special holidays.

Tech Ministry: If you are a tech-wizard (or maybe just enjoy it) – you could serve as part of our Tech Team keeping everything running with computers, sound and video in our online worship, for offices, and throughout the building. Or you could join our FLURB Team (Faith Lutheran Laptop RefURBishing Program) refurbishing donated computers to those in need. Laptops, desktops, and monitors are all acceptable donations for this mission-program.

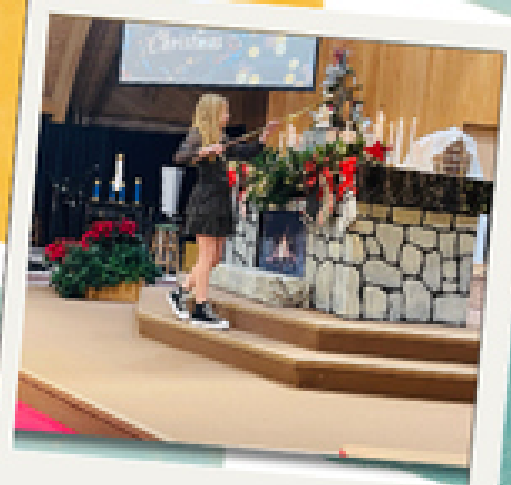
Connection Events

Community Meals

First Sunday of the Month, 4:30-6:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to come and be a part of this meal for the whole community. On the first Tuesday of the month, anyone looking for a good meal and fellowship can pull of up seat, grab a plate and join us.

- September 1st
- October 6th
- November 10th (note the extra week due to Election Day)
- December 1st



Hospitality Ministry

Training on Sunday, 8/30

Are you interested in sharing your time and kindness to welcome people to Faith? Join us for a Hospitality Ministry Training. Where is a wheelchair, First Aid Kit and AED located? How do you help welcome families with everything they might need? Who should someone speak to about opportunities for helping? What makes someone feel welcomed entering our building? This training is for existing greeters, ushers, and welcome center and new ministry volunteers.

New Member Event

Sunday, October 11 - 11:00 am

We love seeing new faces in our congregation. We invite you to join us in meeting others to learn more about what Faith Lutheran is all about.

FaithCares

FaithCares Thank You Event - Sunday, October 25 - 11:00 am

New and existing participants in our FaithCares Outreach Ministry will gather for celebration, story-sharing, and gratitude.



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