

You're invited to worship with us this Christmas!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship:

3:00 (Contemporary Worship)

5:30 (Traditional Worship)

7:30 (Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion)

Christmas Day Worship:

10:00am (Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion)



-In the spirit of giving, on Christmas Eve families are encouraged to drop-off **food & hygiene donations** for families in need this Christmas season.

-The church Library will be decorated and set aside as a space for families to take **Christmas photos** on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

We'd love for your family and friends to join us this Christmas!

***Join us this Advent & Christmas as we focus on
"The Names of Jesus!"***

There are so many holy names and titles that God gives Himself throughout the Bible, including the names of His Son, Jesus. Throughout this season of Advent, our congregation will be focusing on different names of Jesus leading up to Christmas.

Dec. 1st – "Root of Jesse"

Dec. 8th – "Son of God & Son of Man"

Dec. 15th – "Light of the World"

Dec. 22nd – "Prince of Peace"

Dec. 24th – "The Word"

Dec. 25th – "Emmanuel"



Each of these names of Jesus draws us closer to Him, helping us to understand the depths of His love, and know Him personally.

May these names of Jesus guide our hearts and our worship this Advent & Christmas season as we prepare for the coming of Christ, who holds every promise and every hope in His name!

**Join us December 22nd for
Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class led by Diane Van Auken**

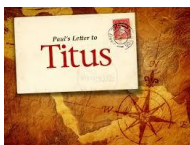
The Study of familiar **Advent hymns** gives us a deeper Biblical meaning to the words we sing during this season of preparation. It also looks at the history of the hymns themselves. The series, written by staff of Concordia Publishing House (CPH), give us an opportunity to see how the hymns bring the scripture to life in song.



Pastor Peter will be leading a three-session New Member class on Sunday – **January 5th, January 12th, and January 19th** from 9:45 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. in the Community Room. This is an informal class designed for newcomers, inquiries, and prospective members of our congregation. The class is a time of discussion, discovery, presentation, and inclusion.



We will be officially welcoming anyone who would like to become an official member of Faith on Sunday, January 26th. Any questions, call the office at 381-3970.



New Adult Bible Class in January!

On Jan. 5-19, join us for a study of the book of Titus. We will discuss concepts of Godly leadership and discipleship and consider the trials of ministering to Cretan culture as well as our own. We will rejoice together with Paul and

Titus in our redemption in Christ and freedom from sin as we study this wonderful letter with a focus on what it means to be entrusted with the good news of Christ. This class will be led by Michael Balentine in the Auditorium.

Our beautiful and brilliant new Christmas Wreath went through a major update last year. Thank you to the Saresky Family Memorial for financing the project; Pat Claus-Lapresi, Nancy and Tom Hammond, Laurie Ebbecke, Janise Pilosi, Cathy Saresky, and Sharon Finkbeiner for redoing the entire green holly and red berries wreath; and, Mark Saresky for strengthening and simplifying secure wreath section connections, and for making a 2 pulley lifting system to greatly ease and make much safer for raising and lowering of the 120 pound wreath. The wreath is assembled on the floor, and then carried by 4 men over stair rails, two sets of steps, partially over communion rail, cleared-off altar, and behind the cross while lifting it 30' up (via pulleys) to man at top of a 34' ladder.



Much appreciation for our Wreath Team installers: Steve VanderMallie, Steve Welk, Mark Saresky, Mark Harstad, and Ralph Harstad



Please join us as we take down the Greens from our Christmas celebration on Sunday 1/5 at 12:15 starting with lunch! Sign up is in the Concourse.

L.I.F.T sign-ups for 2025 are available in the concourse book now! Please take a moment to pick a month you'd like to host/organize/lead so our fellowship activities continue into the new year!





If you are receiving **Offering Envelopes** for 2025, they can be found in the concourse.

December 15th Worship Attendance

In-Person: 284 Livestream: 76 Total: 360

December 29th Scriptures

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

Old Testament: Psalm 111



2025 L.I.F.T. ADVENTURE TRIP to The Museum of the Bible, Washington, D.C. September 29-October 1, 2025

The Museum of the Bible is a museum in Washington D.C. which documents the narrative, history and impact of the Bible. The museum opened on November 17, 2017. With 1,150 items from the museum's permanent collection and 2,000 items on loan from other institutions and collections, the museum claims to have amassed one of the largest assemblies of biblical



artifacts and texts in the

world through collaborations with private donors, institutions, and other museums. Museum of the Bible aims to be among the most technologically advanced and engaging museums in the world. Showcasing rare artifacts spanning 3,500 years of history, the museum offers visitors an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible, and its ongoing impact on the world around us.

Limited to first 30 people to sign up, the cost for two nights hotel, bus transportation, and admission to the museum would estimate to be \$772/per couple (sharing room) or \$560 for a single room. Breakfast is included at the hotel (Holiday Inn Express, Alexandria VA Fort Belvoir). Other meals on your own. Options to tour other museums in Washington, DC is possible after visiting the Bible Museum. This trip is only available for those that can walk.

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP WITH YOUR INTEREST: JULY 15, 2025.

Questions? Contact Stella Reschke, 607-624-0036 or stellareschke@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

Thank you...

- To the Schembri's, Kuiper's, and Young's for hosting our wonderful Sr. FLY Progressive Dinner last Sunday!
- To all of the adults who drove FLYers for the Progressive Dinner!
- To Mari-Beth for organizing the fun caroling around town last Sunday!

Jr. FLY Confirmation Class Today @ 9:45-10:40am

7th & 8th grade students are reading through The Story on Sundays with Pastor Peter and Mark Harstad in Room 204.

***No class next Sunday, Dec. 29.**

Sunday Morning Sr. FLY Class Today @ 9:45-10:40am

This morning our class will be watching "The Nativity Story" and digging into the story of Christ's birth! Join us! ***No class next Sunday, Dec. 29.**

***NO Sunday Night FLY tonight! Our next SNFLY is "Karaoke Night" on Jan. 12!**

Coffee House Performer Needed!

****ONE SPOT LEFT!!****

Sign-up to perform on stage during our **32nd Annual Coffee House on Jan. 31st!**

We are looking for singers, musicians, dancers, bands, ensembles, and comedians to share their God-given talents at this fun variety show!

Performers can perform 2 songs or up to 10 min. *The sign-up is posted on the FLY bulletin board through **TODAY!**



Coffee House

*The **Coffee House Volunteer Sign-up** is now posted on the FLY Bulletin Board! Sign-up to help on different crews and earn FLY volunteer & service hours!! Thanks for your help in making this show really special!

Please talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions about this FUN and entertaining event. Thank you!

Children's & Family Ministry Announcements

Sunday School 2024-2025

Sunday School is available to children age 4-6th Grade. Sunday School is offered every Sunday from 9:45-10:40am. Please see the schedule located on the Children's Ministries bulletin board in the concourse each week for your child's classroom location.



Please note, there will be **No Sunday School classes on December 22nd and December 29th.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FROM THE FAITH LEADERSHIP BOARD

The ongoing operations of Faith rely entirely on the generosity of the congregation to provide the funding support for the ministries that are so important to us and the community in which we serve.

We give thanks to God for your gifts to the general operating fund. We experienced a 12% unfavorable variance in envelope giving for the month of October resulting in a year-to-date unfavorable budget variance of \$7,508 which represents an unfavorable budget variance of just over 1%.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be a faithful steward of the many gifts He has given you. We look forward to receiving your 2025 pledge card and deeply appreciate any way in which you choose to participate in and support the many ministries and outreach of Faith that allow us to continue to "Connect, Grow and Serve".

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4: 1 & 2, "This how is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

ENVELOPE GIVING

	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
October 2024					
Monthly Total	\$50,000	\$44,004	(\$5,996)	-12%	\$55,886
Year-to-Date Total	\$542,500	\$534,992	(\$7,508)	-1%	\$539,992

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

12/22 Todd Natemeier
12/23 Ryan Ledermann
12/24 Catherine Saresky
12/25 Guy Brown
12/26 Daniel Kleine, Jennifer Wilson
12/27 Emily McLean

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week

12/23 Matt & Debra Kime
12/24 William & Marguerite McKee
12/27 Ray & Elizabeth McLean
12/28 Roger & Natalee Wilder

Ongoing Prayers

Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Cris Alello, Jeff Aspenleiter, Sandi Banning, Dan Behnfelddt, Ruth Behnfelddt, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Torrence Couture, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, Hailey Keller, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Dave Malecki, Aram Mangerian, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, Alex Sudore, Eric Sykes, Ronald Uecker, Diane Wagner, Bob Welk, Penny Wheeler, Terry Wheeler, Bob Wyman

Those in Care Facilities

June Leibring	Baywinde (Webster)
Ed Lindskoog	Baywinde (Webster)
Bert & Brigitta Lux	Heathwood (Penfield)
Sally Schooley	Maplewood (Webster)
Ida Stiner	Brentland (Henrietta)

Serving in the Military

Ryan Brink	Nephew of Terry & Penny Wheeler
Will Brown	Friend of Charlie Arnone
Sean Dempsey	Nephew of Ed & Marsha Freeman
Thomas DiMiero	Son of Paul DiMiero
Elizabeth Flint	Niece of Jon & Terry Allen
Michael Flint	Nephew of Jon & Terry Allen
Jasigha Garrett	Nephew of Taylor Saunders-Garrett
Aaron Johnstone	Godson of Lisa Sykes

Ben Krenzer	Son of William & Barbara Krenzer
Paul Krenzer	Son of William & Barbara Krenzer
Andrew Lindskoog	Son of David & Cathy Lindskoog Grandson of Ed Lindskoog
Alexander Mangerian	Son of Peter Mangerian & Laura Mangerian-Smith Grandson of Elisabeth Mangerian
Lauren Marcum	Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
Marques Marion	Former Assistant Teacher at FCCNS
Tim Monczynski	Son-In-Law of Ed & Marsha Freeman
Jake Moszkowicz	Neighbor of Diane Van Auken
Mattie McDonough	Son of John & Carolyn McDonough
Alana Nicole Neves	Niece of Dick & Roxanne Leschhorn
Quaysean Odom	Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian
Omar Parkinson	Son-in-law of Sharon Davenport
Kayla Petteway	Relative of Elisabeth Mangerian

Extended Family and Friends

Angie, Cathy's Husband, Diane, Dianne, George, Jeff, Jessica, Mirym, Nan, Ryan, Scott, Steve, Steve & Pat, Sharon Armbruster, Vanmany Banks, Celia Butterhold, Rich Causey, Bill Cerveny, Bob Comstock, Bruce Conrow, Rebecca Cronk, Bertha Dill, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Karen Keiter, Kris Kessler, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Scott McCarthy, Elizabeth Samuels-McGahey, Thelma McKee, Ed McMaster, Edward Menzies, Jeffrey Menzies, Scott Menzies, Trey Michel, Cliff Milner, John Mirabito, Rick Monczynski, George New, Mark Niemeir, Ed Oliver, Domenica Panichia, Kevin Patterson, Nancy Perry, Vincent Poromon, Sue Provencher, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Tom Scott, Marge Sharick, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Jess Sudol, Phil Tallenger, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Sue Weatherall, John Woods