



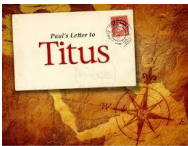
Altar Flowers are provided today by *Faith Lutheran Youth In Celebration Pastor Peter's Birthday*

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Pastor Peter will be leading a three-session New Member class on Sunday – **January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>, and January 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**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.**

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**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.

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### **December 15<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance**

*In-Person: 284 Livestream: 76 Total: 360*

### **December 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stellareschke@gmail.com)

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## Faith Lutheran Youth (FLY) Announcements

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**\*No Jr. FLY Confirmation Class & Sr. FLY Bible Class Today! Classes resume next week.**

### **Coffee House Volunteers Needed!**

Faith's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Coffee House variety show on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> will highlight various talented people from our church while raising money for youth attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans next July! It takes many volunteers to help setup the stage, lights & tables, bake food, serve food & drinks, and clean-up after the show. You can sign-up on the FLY bulletin board to join one or more volunteer crews!

*Coffee  
House*

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

### **Sunday Night FLY "Karaoke Night!" – Jan. 12 @ 7pm**

Bring your friends to our hilarious Karaoke Night! Sing to your favorite songs and laugh along with your friends! You can even come dressed up as your favorite performer, too! No need to get up front and sing, but you are guaranteed to have a great time!



### **FLY Internship Opportunity!**

Have you ever wanted to serve and grow as a Christian leader in FLY? Are you interested in leading Bible studies or planning FLY events? If so, pray about applying to be a new FLY Intern for 6 months starting March 3, 2025. Mackenzie Hoad currently serves as our FLY Intern and her term ends on Mar. 2 (at the Sr. FLY Winter Retreat). There are two spots available for people to serve as interns! The internship applications will be available in the FLY Room and the FLY bulletin board next month. The application deadline is January 31. Talk to Pastor Peter if you have any questions.

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## Children's & Family Ministry Announcements

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### 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 29th.**

**Our Kidz Konnect Group for 4th - 6th graders will resume in February - Date TBD.** Throughout the month of January, we will be collecting new and gently used winter hats/gloves, hand warmers, and small hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soaps, etc...) to fill Blessing Bags for those less fortunate in our community. Please place donated items in the labeled bins located in the Concourse.

The next **Parents of Young Children's group** will be held Saturday, January 18th from 11:30-1:00. Lunch and childcare are provided. Please contact Mark Harstad to RSVP: [mnh1alfred@gmail.com](mailto:mnh1alfred@gmail.com)

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### 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 37% favorable variance in envelope giving for the month of November resulting in a year-to-date favorable budget variance of \$10,076 which represents a favorable budget variance of just under 2%.

***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".***

*God reminds us in 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

## FAITH'S STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE FOR PRIOR MONTH:

### ENVELOPE GIVING

November 2024	Voter Approved Budget	Actual	Variance from Budget	% Variance	Prior Year Actual
Monthly Total	\$47,500	\$65,084	\$17,584	37%	\$40,989
Year-to-Date Total	\$590,000	\$600,076	\$10,076	2%	\$580,981

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### Celebrating Birthdays This Week

12/29 Josh Doty, Peter Johnson  
12/30 Timothy Burke, Valerie Ruoff  
12/31 Brianna Tindall  
1/1 Linda Hanss  
1/3 Janice Schrack

#### Celebrating Anniversaries This Week

12/31 Fred & Carol Keeler  
1/1 Gaylord & Lynne Leinenbach  
1/4 Dan & Katharine Zager

### Ongoing Prayers

#### Faith Members and Friends

Tim Albert, Cory Alberti, Cris Alello, Jeff Aspenleiter, Sandi Banning, Dan Behnfeldt, Ruth Behnfeldt, Diann Berndt, Sue & Guy Brown, Darlene Byrns, Torrence Couture, Sam Falzone, John Glenn, Jackie Johnson, Hailey Keller, June Leibring, Hayden Lincoln, Aram Mangerian, Donna Pellnat, Daryl Pichan, Lois Ronnenberg, Wayne Samuels, Catharine Schmidt, Mary Schutte, Ellen Smurthwaite, Ida Stiner, 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**

Cathy's Husband, David, Diane, Dianne, George, Jeff, Jessica, Mirym, Nan, Ryan, Scott, Steve, Steve & Pat, Sharon Armbruster, Bill Baker, Vanmany Banks, Kay Bonggren, Ron Bonggren, Celia Butterhold, Rich Causey, Bill Cerveny, Bob Comstock, Bruce Conrow, Rebecca Cronk, Bertha Dill, Natasha Doebler & daughter, Kate Dolan, Sarah Flint, Kevin Fries, Elynn Haden, Karen Keiter, Don Kot, Jeremy LaFond, Sammy Marciano, 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, Tedd Pullano, Mike Radigan, Heikki Rantakari, Pat Robert, Tom Scott, Marge Sharick, Beverly Soanes, Susan Spano, Mike & Nancy Stirling, Cathy Storm, Phil Tallenger, Jim & Jacquie Van Auken, Sue Weatherall, John Woods