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FAITH Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter... *in transition!*

November 2026

As if we haven't been experiencing enough change already... our newsletter software has been discontinued! Over the next few months, we will be learning a new program and updating our communications tools so that we can be a more connected and engaged community. Thank you for your patience... it will be worth it in the long run!

What's Been Happening at Faith?

Fall Fest

Faith Lutheran's 3rd annual Fall Fest was bursting with color, laughter, and connection this year! Families, friends, and neighbors gathered under sunny skies to celebrate the season with creativity, fellowship, and plenty of treats.

From the moment guests arrived, the church grounds came alive with costumes, games, and smiles. Children played carnival games, jumped in the bounce house, enjoyed a magic show by Louis, the King of Hearts, and showed off their imaginative costumes—from movie characters to classic Halloween favorites. The trunk-or-treat lineup was a highlight, with cars transformed into festive displays of faith and fun. One trunk reminded everyone that "God LOVES YOU to Infinity and Beyond!"—a perfect message for the day.

Adults joined in the fun too, decorating trunks, serving food, and sharing laughter over a meal and treats. The tables were filled with conversation and connection, reminding everyone that generosity isn't just about giving—it's about sharing time, joy, and love.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a huge success!











Illinois College Service Project



Faith Lutheran hosted a service project for the Eco-Action Club from Illinois College over the weekend. Six students worked diligently and joyfully to clear one of our gardens, making way for a larger project with a stone border and fresh new planting in the spring. After finishing the garden, they cleared invasive trees, shrubs, and weeds from the church yard and even had time for a project at Pastor Adam's house!



Eco-Action is dedicated to environmental advocacy, sustainability projects, and community service. Many thanks to these wonderful students for their hard work! It was such a joy to get to know them, and this may be an open door for new connections and ministry opportunities with IC. If you would like to help consider new possibilities for this ministry, contact Pastor Adam.





A Retirement Thank You from Kris Roth

My dear Faith Family,

How do I begin to thank you for all the wonderful retirement gifts?! Your generosity was absolutely overwhelming, and the retirement celebration was perfect. Thank you to Pastor Adam and the Retirement Committee, to all the speakers, and especially to my amazing family for the song during the service, the slideshow, the beautiful flowers on the tables, their speeches, and their beautiful song at the reception. Maria created a beautiful memory book and included the cards and notes you all provided. It has been my absolute pleasure to serve as your Parish Secretary all these years and to work in ministry with Pastor John and then Pastor Adam. I will truly miss the day-to-day contact at the office, but I am excited for what Mia will bring to the position -- God had a hand in bringing her to us. So, thank you again, and ... I'll see you Sunday!

Blessings,
Kris

New Office Administrator Mia Moreno



Greetings, Faith Family!

It has been such a joy meeting so many wonderful people here at Faith! I am grateful for such a warm welcome into this kind community.

If you'd like to get to know me better, here are a few things about me. I LOVE the outdoors. Whether it be hiking, swimming, or stargazing, I can never say no to some fresh air! I've had the pleasure of living in many places, but I'm a Coloradan at heart. I am blessed with a big family that loves to cook!

Thank you all for being wonderfully you!

Mia Moreno

Reformation Sunday



October ended with a blaze of red as we celebrated Reformation Sunday. Red is the color of the Holy Spirit, and Reformation Sunday is a day to celebrate the past, present, and future work of the Holy Spirit, continually reforming Christ's church.

At Faith, we heard about origin stories. Our origin story involves Martin Luther taking a stand for our salvation by grace alone through faith alone revealed in Jesus Christ. In Joshua 24, the Israelites heard their origin story of God's faithfulness, and were invited to choose whom they will serve... "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!" Our origin stories include the promises made on our behalf in baptism, and the promises we made when we affirmed our baptism at our Confirmation. Whether you grew up Lutheran or not, all our origin stories begin and end in Christ, because of God's love for the entire world through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Take time to reflect on your origin story. What experiences in your life have shaped who you are today? How will you serve God and your neighbors as you follow Joshua's call to serve the Lord?

Trick-or-Treating for the Food Center

On October 25, we went trick-or-treating... with a twist! Families spread throughout our neighborhood to collect canned goods for the Jacksonville Food Center. It was a great Reformation Day activity! While there was no nailing of 95 theses to the doors, we did lots of knocking in an effort to change the world, one can of food at a time. Many thanks to all who helped with our meal, knocked on doors, and carried those heavy bags!





Jacksonville Food Center

We had an extremely generous donation from Faith to the Jacksonville Food Center in September. $1,840.00. Amazing and much needed and appreciated by the Food Center.

In September, the Food Center provided food boxes to 686 families and 75 extra food boxes for families of 5 or more. We are also still providing sack lunches to the unhoused. Our local stores continue to be extremely generous and provide us with produce, milk, bread and bakery goods that they are no longer able to sell. The clients at the Food Center are very grateful. Please support your local stores as they support our community.

The Food Center can always use volunteers if you have some free time. It's also a great way to get service hours if any of our students need that.

Blessings,
Barb Davenport

Dont Forget!

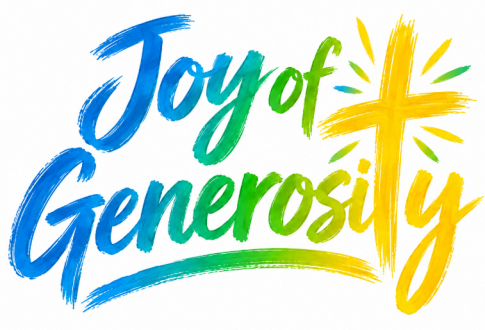
Men's Breakfast - Satuday, Nov 7
Join us for a delicious morning of food, fellowsip, discussion, and prayer. We cook at 8:00 and eat at 9:00. Bring a friend!

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock
We have two groups of children meeting during worship. Faith's Little Flock for ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock for grades 1-6.

Digging Deeper
Meet after worship in the Justice Room to discuss the readings and sermon.

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Fall Stewardship Appeal



In November, our Narrative Lectionary leads us into stories of generosity and joy... what a perfect connection to stewardship! On November 8, we will hand out our fall stewardship appeal packets, but with a different process this year. Please do NOT open them right away. You'll be given two Sundays to reflect on your experience of generosity, joy, and the the work of God's grace in your life. Then, on November 16, in response to all that God has done, you'll be invited to open your packet and prayerfully decide what you are able to give in support of our shared ministry. Then, bring your plan for giving to worship on Sunday, November 22.

Advent Allegro

Advent Allegro is just around the corner with some new musicians. We are excited to continue offering this wonderful ministry to the community and need your help. We are looking for helpers to set up, provide soups, serve, clean up, take money, and provide hospitality for our guests during the mealtime and concert. Please sign up at the coffee sales table. Concerts are on Wednesdays from 12:15-1:00pm and lunch is served at 11:30am and immediately following the concert. **The lineup includes the Jacksonville High School Madrigal Singers on December 2, TBD on December 9, and Two Fiddles (a Celtic/Jazz/American Folk duo) on December 16.**

Worship Assistants

If you would like to help with assisting for the 9:30am worship services, please **sign up in the gathering area** at the podium by the east doors or contact the church office (faithlutheran62650@frontier.com).

Chancel Committee
Nov. 1- Kim Heise
Nov. 8- **need volunteer**
Nov. 15- **need volunteer**
Nov. 22- **need volunteer**
Nov. 29- **need volunteer**

Communion Assistants
Nov. 1- Liddy Stark
Nov. 8- **need volunteer**
Nov. 15- Pam Devlin
Nov. 22- **need volunteer**
Nov. 29- **need volunteer**

Readers
Nov. 1- John Williams
Nov. 8- Sharon Woodworth
Nov. 15- Liddy Stark
Nov. 22- **need volunteer**
Nov. 29- **need volunteer**

Coffee Hosts
Nov. 1- Karen Sibert
Nov. 8- Kim Heise
Nov. 15- Judy Dillard & Vicki Robson
Nov. 22- Barb Davenport
Nov. 29- Kay Schnitker

Greeters
Nov. 1- Barb Fishback
Nov. 8- **need volunteer**
Nov. 15- Liddy Stark
Nov. 22- Lynnette Hamilton
Nov. 29- **need volunteer**

Ushers
Nov. 1- John Williams
Nov. 8- **need volunteer**
Nov. 15- **need volunteer**
Nov. 22- **need volunteer**
Nov. 29- **need volunteer**

Altar Plants ($15 donation appreciated)

If you would like to donate, please call or email the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or sign up in the gathering area at the podium by the east doors; please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church (1385 W. Walnut St.)

Nov. 1	By the Dichsen Family in loving memory of Pastor Adam's parents, Don and Judy.
Nov. 8	By Elenor Stevens in memery Dr. Tom
Nov. 15	Open for Donation
Nov. 22	Open for Donation
Nov. 29	By Lynnett Hamilton in celebration of Brenda and Kip Stevenson's anniversary. By Theresa Savoie in loving memory of Louise Savoie.

Financial Assistants

Nov. 1 - Patty Nelson & Kay Schnitker
Nov. 8 - Malinda Carlson & Monica Proefrock
Nov. 15 - Cory Street & John Williams
Nov. 22 - Greg Kimler & Kevin Krohe
Nov. 29 - Monica Proefrock & Kay Schnitker

Newsletter Deadline:
November 15