



Faith Family

News

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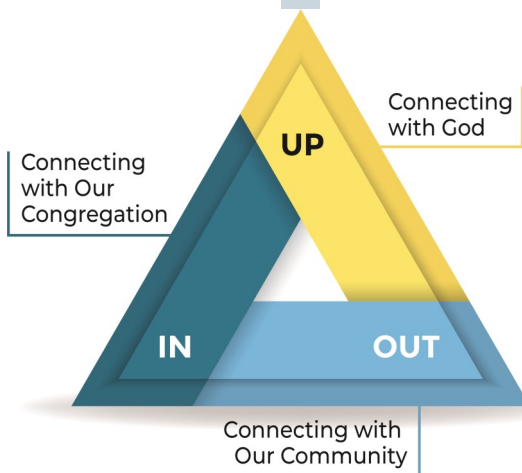
In response to God's grace flowing through Christ, we grow in faith and show Christ's love.

IT'S IN YOUR HANDS

By Pastor Adam

Last month we introduced Total Ministry, a new way of participating in ministry together (if you want to learn more, check out our Total Ministry Center... a.k.a. the old coat closet!). The structure is in place. We have three core teams that focus on keeping our ministry balanced by visioning ways we reach up as we connect with God through worship, reach in as we connect with one another through discipleship and fellowship, and reach out as we connect with our neighbors through service and evangelism. We have a whole host of ministry teams that are leading and doing ministry in these areas. And we have a support team ready to help grease the gears and keep it going. But here's the thing... **Total Ministry isn't about a structure... it's about a culture... so it's up to you!**

The culture of Total Ministry relies on each of you getting to know your spiritual gifts, interests, and passions (to take a spiritual gift inventory, scan the QR code over there to the right). Don't stop there... use them! Do you see a ministry team that you would like to join? Let them know! Do you have a ministry idea that you would like to start? Find someone to do it with you and fill out a ministry team proposal (there's a QR code for that too)! Are you a bit uncertain about how to get involved? That's okay. Every so often there will be a mission moment during our stewardship time



where a different ministry team tells us their story. Listen, pray, and be open to what God might be calling you to do.

With Total Ministry, our ministry is in your hands, and that's where it is meant to be. As we read last month in Mark 6, Jesus called his disciples, two by two, giving them authority and sending them out in ministry.

Every Sunday, we have nearly 200 hands in our sanctuary. Imagine the impact on our ministry if we put every hand to use! Like the parable of seeds that fall on good soil and bear fruit thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold, the power of God's love through us is incredible!

Ministry is a gift that God gives to us and we give to others. It is a joy as we experience the blessing through our service. Total Ministry is about creating a culture where all are welcomed and invited to participate in this blessing together. It's in your hands.

Pastor Adam



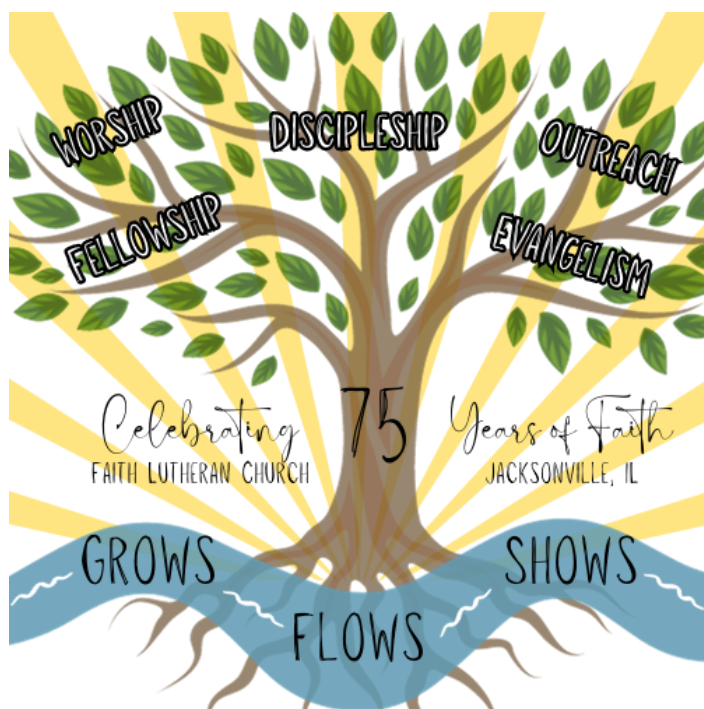
Spiritual Gifts



Team Proposal

The 75th Anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church

“Rooted in Faith... Growing for the Future!”



Anniversary Logo

The above logo is a digital representation of an original artwork by Lillian Korous (you can see the original on the wall by the entrance doors).

Serve/Fund-Raiser

Let's make a difference! Consider giving of your time and finances to thank God for the gift Faith Lutheran has been to you. Pledge to serve 75 minutes with our Faith Family or on your own. Make a donation (7.50? \$75? \$750?? \$7,500?). This special offering will be divided three ways according to our Total Ministry triangle and used to enhance worship (up), support our discipleship (in), and care for our community (out).

Commemorative Coloring Book

Pick up a piece of fun for all ages with our anniversary coloring book! All of the coloring pages are originals inspired by our Faith Family.

Making History

A team of volunteers is combing through our history to find some wonderful nuggets to share. Visit the display in the entryway to get a taste of what they have found. A more extensive history will be published and distributed in the future.

On November 12 we are celebrating a significant milestone here at Faith... 75 years of ministry! We will have a wonderful worship service, but there are so many ways to celebrate with us.

What does Faith Lutheran mean to you?

At our anniversary display, fill out a card and tell us what Faith Lutheran means to you. Responses will be summarized and shared at a later date. Children are welcome to share as well, filling out leaves that will decorate our tree.

75th Anniversary Choir

Music has played an important part in the life of this congregation through the years. In celebration of this event, we would like to invite you to sing with the Chancel Choir that day. This is an invitation to those who may be coming back to visit also. A **rehearsal** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 11th at 1:30 pm in the sanctuary**. Please contact Jean Welch at 217.652.7009 (text) or email jrwelch53@msn.com and she can set you up with the music and a recording prior to the rehearsal.

Updated Photo Directory

We are updating our Faith Family photo display and will be providing a new directory this Fall. Come have your picture taken by Marilyn Dichsen after worship.

Time Capsule

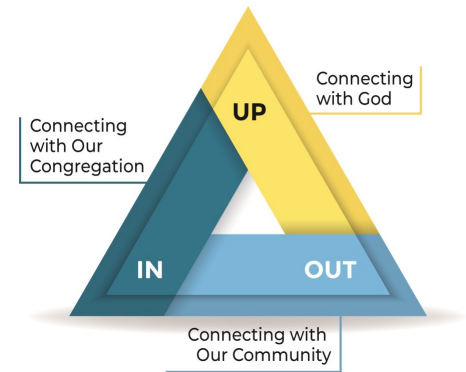
Let's leave some memories for the next generation. Bring a picture of your family and/or an event at church that you would like included. The capsule will be sealed and reopened in 25 years in 2048!

Celebration Dinner

And of course, it's not a celebration without food! Immediately following worship on November 12 there will be appetizers and fellowship in the gathering area. We will hold a meal in the Great Room at 11:30 a.m. Tickets for the meal are \$15 for adults; children 12 and under are free.

Reaching Up... Connecting with God through Worship

Total ministry is a balanced ministry as we reach up, in, and out... connecting with God, our congregation, and our community



Fall Sermon Series - “A Family Tree of Faith”

This Fall, the narrative lectionary takes us on a journey through the Old Testament that looks at significant characters of faith. Each one shows us the ups and downs of our family tree of faith. Watch as a tree takes shape in our sanctuary, learn more about these iconic people, and discover the faith that is passed on through the generations... to us and beyond.

October 1 - “Roots” - In Genesis we hear of God’s creative power as God creates our world and all that is in it. Our roots go all the way back to what it means to be created and given life by God.

October 8 - “A Trunk of Faithfulness: Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac” - God promises a son for Abraham and Sarah, but they are old, beyond childbearing years, and Sarah laughs with little faith. But God is faithful and follows through on God’s promise. How do we live in faith when it’s hard to trust, and how do we know God will be faithful?

October 15 - “A Twisted Trunk: Jacob and Esau” - The story of Jacob and Esau is one of competition from the womb. Their rivalry brings Jacob to a wrestling match with God, but also to him becoming Israel, the father of 12 tribes who passes a heritage of faith on to us. How do we wrestle with God, and how do we pass on faith to the next generation?

October 22 - “Branches of Freedom: Moses” - In time, the Jewish people become slaves in Egypt and cry out to God. God hears their cry and calls Moses to lead them to freedom. Moses believes himself to be incapable of such a call, but leans on the gifts of others and allows God to work through him. When do we doubt our gifts and how can we lean on God and others to answer God’s call?

October 29 - “Prone to Split: Elijah” (Reformation Sunday!) - King David stumbled and fell into temptation, showing just how deeply sin is engrained in us. In turn, the Israelites reveal this sin as they turn to other gods. Elijah, one of God’s prophets, has been sent to bring them back to a trust in God. How do we sin and turn to other Gods, and who are the prophets of today that bring us back?

Reformation Sunday

If you have any Lutheran background, this time of year brings a hankering to belt out “a mighty fortress is our God!” On October 29, you’ve got the opportunity. Celebrate Reformation Sunday with us and wear red, the color of the Holy Spirit, as we trust that God’s reforming work and refining fire continue to be at work in us and throughout Christ’s church.

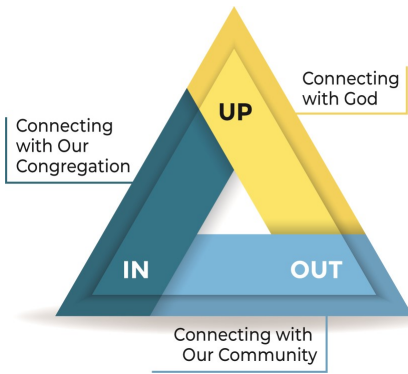
All Saints Sunday

On November 5, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. It is an opportunity to remember all the saints of God, specifically recalling members and loved ones of members of our congregation who have died or were baptized in the last year. If you would like the name of your loved one shared, please submit it to the church office by **Friday, November 3.**



Reaching In... Connecting with our Congregation through Discipleship and Fellowship

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Sunday School

Calling all kids! Come and join us for Sunday School. After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we gather for music and then head to our classes. We will have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105

Music is a great way to connect!

Chancel Choir rehearsal will be on Thursday October 19 at 5:30pm for 45 minutes in the sanctuary.

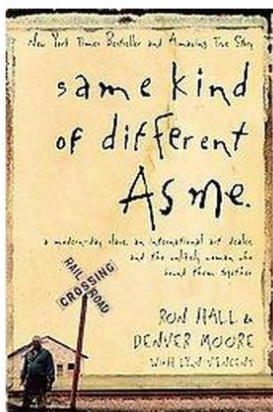
Exaltation Ringer rehearsals are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month after worship at 10:45am in the sanctuary (but not on October 8).

Contact Jean Welch for more information.

Men's Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on Saturday, October 7. Come help at 8:00 and eat at 9:00.

Book Group Returns



A modern-day slave and an international art dealer are bound together by a dying woman's faith. Will Ron, the art dealer, be able to embrace Denver, who's been homeless for almost 20 years? Will Denver learn to trust a white man? There's pain and laughter, doubt and tears, and in the end a triumphant story. Books are \$10 each. Join us for a

discussion on **Wednesday, October 25**, at either noon or 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this exciting new ministry team! Sharon Zuiderveld and her sister, Mary Ellen Peterson, are looking for crocheters and knitters (or those who want to learn) to help make prayer shawls. The shawls will then be given to friends as reminders that they are covered by our prayers and the love and grace of God. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl ministry may contact Sharon Zuiderveld. Beginners (and lefties) are welcome. Please let her know what day and time are best for you: sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com or 217-883-1258

Discipleship Group

Take Two! It's time to put the "attitude" in the Beatitudes! Join us at **10am on Wednesday, Oct. 16**, in the Faith Library to find out more about the way Jesus wants us to live our lives. Bring your favorite Bible with you or borrow one from the Faith library. Most importantly, bring yourself! For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Women of Faith Fellowship Night

In October we're doing a Gal's Game & Pizza Night! Join us in the Great Room at Faith on **Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00 pm** for some friendly competition and yummy pizza. Bring your favorite board or card game and we'll choose ones that evening to play. Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by Sunday, October 15th so we can provide enough food.

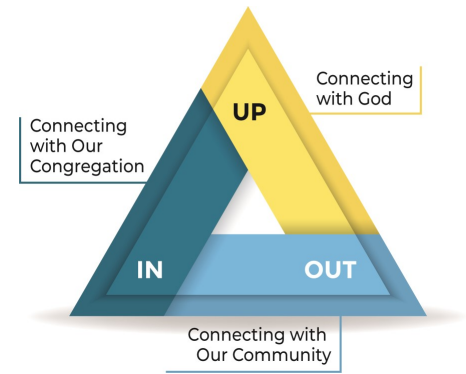
Potluck & Movie

Potluck and a Movie will be on Monday, October 16 at 11:30 am and will feature the recent film **The Hill**.

The Hill is an American biographical sports drama film about **baseball player Rickey Hill** overcoming a physical handicap in order to try out for a legendary major league scout. *Sharon Zuiderveld*

Reaching Out... Connecting with our Community through Outreach

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Soup Luncheon Carry-Out Style – Sunday, October 8

Our Carry-Out Soup Lunch returns! Soups (cold), Desserts, Cornbread, and Crackers will be available on **Sunday, October 8, from 10:30am - 1:00pm.**

Sign-up sheets are available (on the counter by the coffee sales) for making **Soups & Desserts** and working for the event. We ask that you bring your soups and desserts **by 10am on Saturday, October 7** for us to begin packaging them into serving containers (the building will be open at 8am).

A **“Worker”** sign-up is available for helping to package on Saturday and helping to serve on Sunday (2 Sunday shifts are available).

Tickets are available for you to buy for yourself or to take to sell to friends (\$7 in advance/\$8 at the door).

Posters are available for you to take around town to help us advertise.

Envelopes are available if you'd like to provide a **Monetary Donation** for purchasing supplies. Put your envelope in the box provided, and please put your name on the sign-up list.

Let's work together to serve our community and share some delicious Lutheran Love! (**Please bring in any cardboard trays or small boxes for us to use.**)

Jacksonville Food Center

The Jacksonville Food Center made its move across the street (311 E. Morgan Street) for more space and better service. They now have lots of parking and easy access off of East Morgan Street. The move was featured on the front page of the Journal Courier several weeks ago.

The number of bi-monthly food boxes served to those in need has once again increased from 397 in July to 458 families in August (1,136 people) at a cost of \$60,245. 229 families were served for bakery/produce at a cost of \$3,080. The churches donated \$3,829.54 in money and \$1,298 in food donations. Faith Church donated \$250 in August. There are many families in our area who need our help.

Lillian Korous

Faith Road Cleanup October 29

Faith has volunteered to pick up litter along Walnut Street and we need your help! Stick around after worship or come right back as we will head out for our community cleanup. Afterwards, we will have some soup and fellowship. “Litter gitters” and bags are provided.

The Giving Boutique Is Coming

This fall Kathy Trenter and Karen Dean are planning a new project in anticipation of the giving season. This Giving Boutique will take place following worship on **Sunday, October 29.** It will feature handmade/designed crafts for decoration or gift giving. We already plan wreaths, trees, book stacks, shelf sitters, nativity stones, and tier trays.

The Giving Boutique comes with a twist! The emphasis will be on the Giving! The "purchase" of any item will actually be a donation to the group of YOUR choice: HUGS, Faith Lutheran Youth Group, Jacksonville Food Center, "Share the Light" Ministry, or Lutheran World

Relief. You will receive a gift card to present to a special recipient that a gift has been made in their honor. You may then keep the item for yourself, share it with that recipient, or even give it to another. The Giving goes on!!

If you would like to participate, we would love to include your crafts in the event. Please sign up on the list on the Coffee Sales counter. Not all that crafty?? No worries. The most important participants will be all those who take advantage of this event to remember special friends and family members in this creative way. More information will follow, but start crafting now to be part of the Giving!

Worship Assistants

Chancel Committee

Oct. 1 Martha Krohe
Oct. 8 Kim Heise
Oct. 15 Pat Glyshaw
Oct. 22 Kris Roth
Oct. 29 Karen Sibert

Communion Assistants

Oct. 1 Liddy Stark
Oct. 8 Pam Devlin
Oct. 15 Hallie Mayner
Oct. 22 **need volunteer**
Oct. 29 Karen Sibert

Readers

Oct. 1 Barb Davenport
Oct. 8 Terri Kimler
Oct. 15 Carol VanderKloot
Oct. 22 Angela Spray
Oct. 29 Angela Spray

Coffee Hosts

Oct. 1 Hallie M. & Liddy S.
Oct. 8 *Soup Carry Out Event*
Oct. 15 **need volunteer**
Oct. 22 Martha Krohe
Oct. 29 Judy D. & Vicki R.

Greeters

Oct. 1 Pam Devlin
Oct. 8 Hallie Mayner
Oct. 15 Judy D. & Vicki R.
Oct. 22 **need volunteer**
Oct. 29 **need volunteer**

Ushers

Oct. 1 Hallie Mayner
Oct. 8 Larry Kuster
Oct. 15 Pat Glyshaw
Oct. 22 Doris Robinson
Oct. 29 **need volunteer**

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

Altar Plants

(\$15 donation appreciated)

Plants are placed in the chancel that remain for an extended period of time.

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.).

- Oct. 8 By Eleanor Stevens in celebration of her birthday & twin brother on October 16
& **Open for donation**
- Oct. 15 By the Roth family in celebration of Elliot's 4th birthday on October 18
& By Pat Glyshaw in celebration of Brian & Jess' 5th wedding anniv. 10/20
- Oct. 22 By the Roth family in celebration of Lily's 6th birthday on October 25
& **Open for donation**
- Oct. 29 By the Dichsen family in celebration of Karen's birthday on October 30
& By Susan Roegge in celebration of Kris & Jerry Roegge's 60th wedding anniversary on November 3

Financial Assistants

- Oct. 1 Mike Oldenettel & Monica Proefrock
Oct. 8 Kelly Hartz & Greg Kimler
Oct. 15 Kelly Hartz & Mike Oldenettel
Oct. 22 Ken Devlin & to be determined
Oct. 29 to be determined

Friends From Faith

A new ministry team led by Naomi Hahn: on the last Sunday of each month, everyone is welcome to send a greeting card. **On October 29**, visit the tall counter just outside the sanctuary where you can select a card, sign a card, or deposit a card in the mailbox to send. Cards and stamps are provided for your use. If you have extra cards or stamps to spare, please bring them and donate them in the provided jar.

Plastic Caps & Lids

Do you know about all those caps we've been collecting? **We found a source to make them into a bench for us... maybe two!** Keep bringing your caps and lids to the Mission & Ministry Center/coat closet at Faith. We also need helpers willing to sort (and possibly wash) them and weigh them before we take them for drop-off.

Newsletter Deadline

October 22