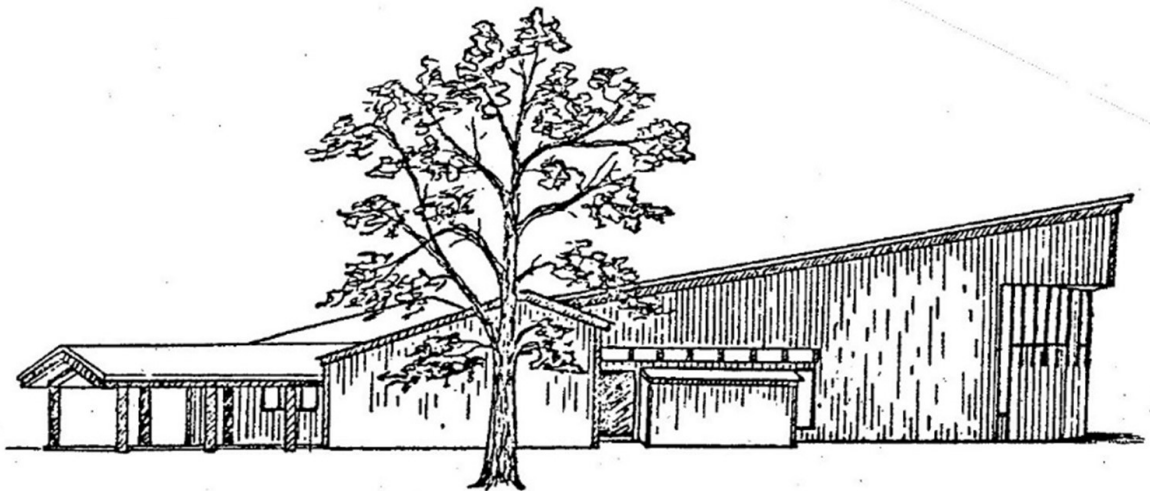




FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL



**"As we GROW in Christ's Love and the Word,
we will SHARE Christ's Love with the World."**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- Worship Service.....9:00am
- Fellowship Time.....10:15am
- Bible Study.....10:30am (September-May)
- Sunday School.....10:30am (September-May)

WEDNESDAY

- Discipleship Class6:00pm (September-May)

THURSDAY

- Choir Practice.....6:00pm (September-May)

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIM

“Valentine’s Day” is only a couple of weeks away. Rather than limiting the focus on the classroom traditions of handing out candy treats and cards, and buying large ‘heart-shaped’ boxes of chocolates, and giving extravagant gifts, why not focus on SHARING AND LIVING the overall theme of ‘love’ that is the heart and core of this day?

“Valentine’s Day” is an opportunity for us to remind ourselves and others about the ‘unconditional love’ that all people receive from God the Father. It is an opportunity to reflect on how we are SHARING AND LIVING ‘godly’ love with our spouse, our family, and our neighbors.

The apostle John wrote what is the most recognized and quoted passage in the Bible – John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” In this verse, St. John described our Father’s universal love and plan of salvation for all sinners.

In 1 John 4:9-11, the apostle John describes exactly how this love from God impacts our life on earth – “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

“... that we might LIVE through Him.” We are each knit together in our mother’s womb by Almighty God for a purpose – to live each day to His glory and live the ‘new birth’ we receive through baptism. This new life and ongoing work of the Holy Spirit guides our attitudes, our words, and our deeds. What examples in your life reveal the work of the Holy Spirit and how your life is motivated by His unconditional love for you and others?

God our Father’s desire for us is not to just exist in the world, but to live guided by His love for us. The apostle John recorded these words from Jesus in John 10:10b, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” Motivated by His love God the Father sent His one and only Son for you. Motivated by His love God the Father brought you to Himself and made you His own through a life of saving faith in Jesus. This love came at great cost and sacrifice.

Four days after Valentine’s Day is “Ash Wednesday” – the beginning of the church season called “Lent.” During Lent we remember the unconditional love of God for us and all sinners – a love so great that He willingly sent His one and only Son Jesus to bear the punishment of our sins, to suffer and die the death we deserve, and to overcome sin, death, and the grave for us so that we may LIVE a new and full life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). We have no greater friend in the world than Jesus. On this upcoming Valentine’s Day, renew your love for your spouse, your family, and your friends, but give and live the greater love for God your Father and your Savior Jesus with thanksgiving for the daily work of the Holy Spirit.

THE TIME OF EASTER – LENT

The “Time of Easter” invites us into the account of Jesus’ sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with our Father in heaven is secure.

The “Forty Day of Lent” are associated with Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness prior to His temptation by the devil (Matthew 4:1-11), and the forty years that the Israelites spent in the wilderness on their journey to the “Promised Land” (Numbers 14:34).

The Sundays during this season are NOT “of Lent” but “IN Lent,” nevertheless these Sundays follow the solemn nature of the season by omitting portions of the ‘divine’ services and hymns and songs containing celebratory words like “Alleluia” and “Hallelujah.”

The season of Lent provides clear and focused opportunities for us to prepare our hearts to receive our crucified and risen Savior. Take time to read the following passages: Psalm 51, Isaiah 58:6-12, Joel 2:12-13, Matthew 4:1-11, Matthew 6:1-18, and Romans 6:1-4.

There are several practices and traditions that are historically connected to the season of Lent:

- The church is decorated in violet, the color of royalty and repentance period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from temptation and sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.
- Ash Wednesday begins the observance of the season of Lent. Ashes on the forehead (“Imposition of Ashes”) is an outward sign of penitence and a reminder that we, too, will physically die and need the forgiveness that was accomplished for us through Jesus. Black is often used to decorate the Sanctuary on Ash Wednesday.
- “Alleluia” is the Hebrew word for “Praise the Lord.” It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forgo using this joyous response in order to focus on our need for repentance and saving faith in Jesus alone.
- As in Advent, so also in Lent, we do not sing the “Gloria in Excelsis” in the divine services. We omit this portion to retain the penitential focus on Lent.
- Fasting traditionally includes giving up eating a particular meal or time in order to devote that time to prayer and meditation on the Word of God.
- Many churches observe Lent with the inclusion of ‘midweek services.’ These additional opportunities for worship gather us more around the Word of God and often on specific themes to help us prepare for Holy Week and the celebration of the Day of Resurrection and the season of Easter.

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND THEME

The theme for our 'midweek' services during the season of Lent is "DYING His Death – LIVING His Life."

During the Lenten season, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His resurrection (Romans 6:1-4). The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Him.

Through word and song in these Lenten 'midweek' worship services, we focus our thoughts on all that was put to death on the cross so that we might daily receive the blessings of a new life made possible through faith in Jesus.

JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP
MEALS STARTING WITH "ASH WEDNESDAY" AT 5:30PM
(a sign-up sheet for 'hosts' is on the bulletin board)

JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES
BEGINNING AT 6:30PM (hymn-sings at 6:20pm)

February 18 – "Ash Wednesday" – "Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness"

February 25 – "Midweek 1" – "Dying to Pride, Living for Others"

March 4 – "Midweek 2" – "Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven"

March 11 – "Midweek 3" – "Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith"

March 18 – "Midweek 4" – "Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace"

March 25 – "Midweek 5" – "Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace"



BECOMING AN “ELDER”

Have you ever thought about becoming an “Elder” here at Faith? or what is required of an elder? how much time does it take up? Well let me help with some of the questions or “misconceptions”. First of all, you do NOT need to be asked to be a member of the Board of Elders – though every new member must be approved by the existing board members per our Constitution here at Faith. If becoming an elder is something you have thought about or want more information about, you can talk with any one of the existing members or simply check the box on your Time and Talents sheet later this year. Second, not everyone is made the same way so while some are better at certain aspects of the responsibilities, others may be better at other aspects – we all work together to ensure that the spiritual needs of the congregation are met.



THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH

Some individuals in the past have thought that they need to be able to conduct a service or deliver a sermon in those “emergency” situations that arise now and then – we are all good at something but not all good at the same things which, again, is why we work together as a team to accomplish what needs to be done! In the past months you’ve heard or read about the “Elder Assistant” that we have been promoting and this is another excellent path to learning what it is we do on Sunday’s. If you have an interest or just a question or two, please contact any one of us as we are always there to assist. There is currently one open position on the board and I know there are more than a few men in our congregation more than capable of “doing what we do”. Being an elder is a very rewarding experience allowing each member to work closely with the Pastor and members of the congregation to maintain a happy, healthy, and very spiritual church life here at Faith.

In HIS service,

The members of the Board of Elders

DECEMBER 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

> Offerings for December totaled \$18,295, bringing the year-to-date total to \$217,991 which was \$19,049 below budget

> Expenses for December totaled \$23,115, bringing the year-to-date total to \$215,035 which was \$22,005 below budget

> Interest income for December totaled \$113, bringing the year-to-date total to \$1,299

> Net loss from Operations for December totaled \$(4,708), resulting in a year-to-date net income of \$4,256

> December offerings received for missions and community outreach totaled \$6,693, bringing the year-to-date to \$49,635 (these funds are not included in the offering totals shown above)

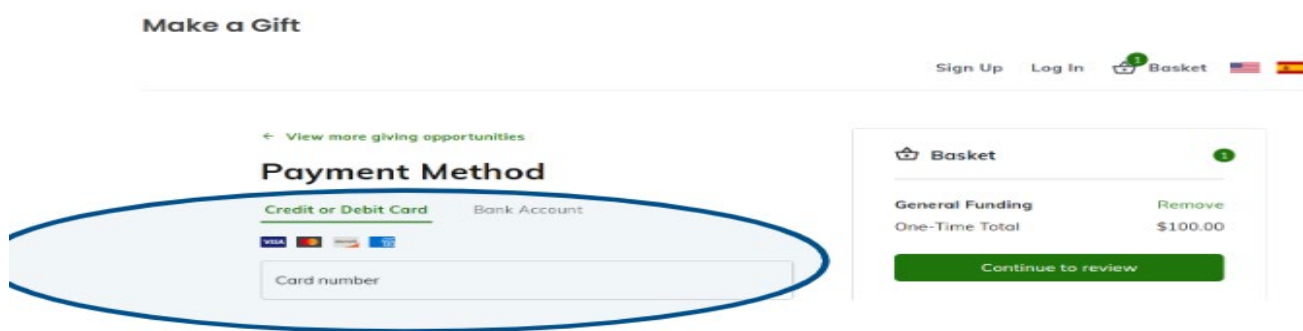
> Unrestricted cash on 1/1/25 was \$69,482; as of 12/31/25 \$78,715

> Restricted funds on 1/1/25 were \$220,816; as of 12/31/25 \$237,755

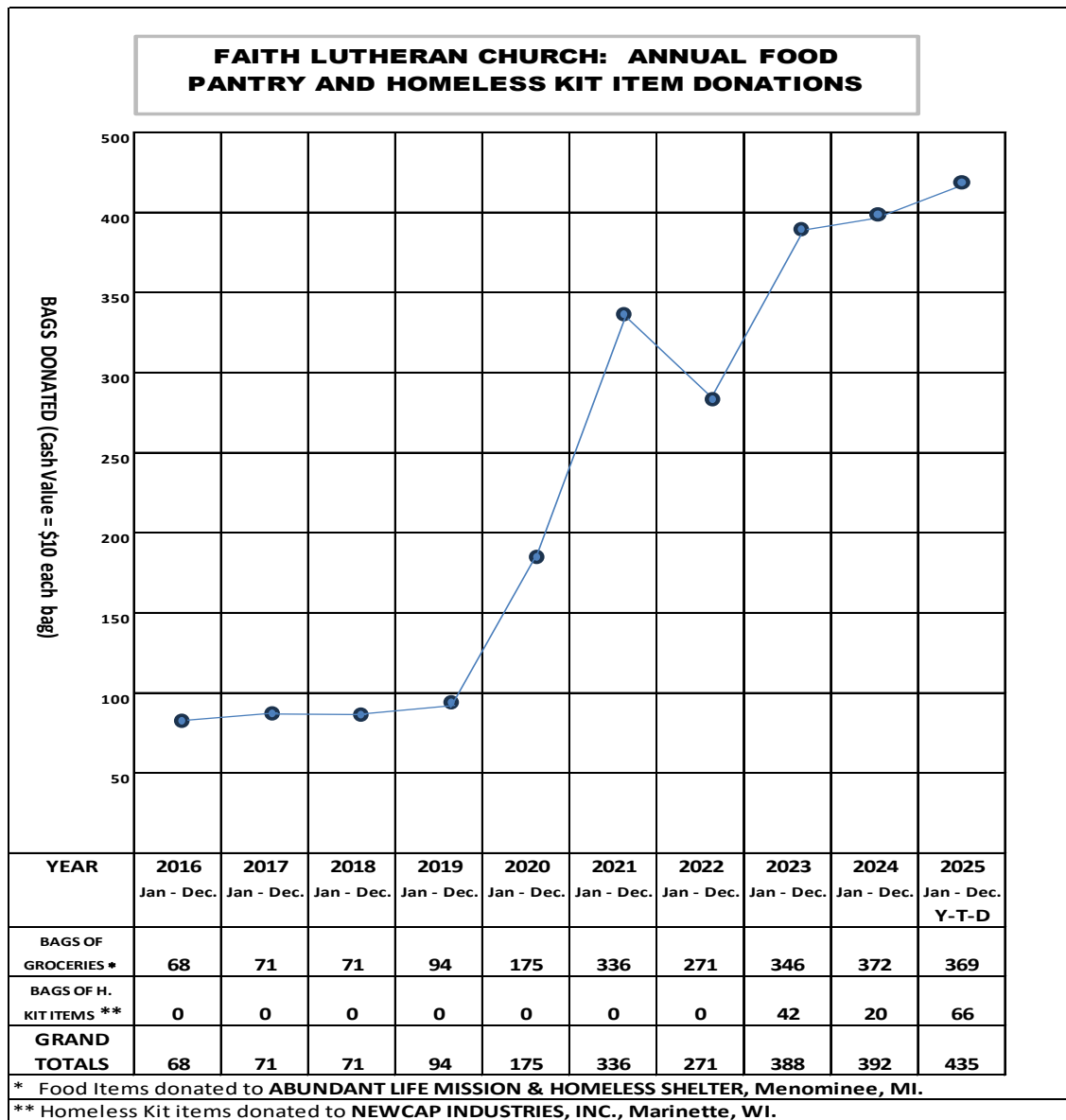
Respectfully submitted,
Roxanne Mueller
Treasurer

ONLINE GIVING

LCEF provides our church with the technology and security to receive online gifts through our website faithmarinette.org. LCEF makes this service available to us at no charge when the gift is made from a bank account. When the gift is made from a credit or debit card, the credit card company charges a 3.8% fee that is deducted from the gift. LCEF passes this expense on to us. The payment method can be easily overlooked because the online giving service leads with the credit card. All you need to do is click on the words 'Bank Account' to change the payment method as illustrated in the image below. We are grateful for all gifts, no matter how they are given! We just wanted online givers to know that they have an option. Please reach out to Roxanne Mueller if you have any questions.



2025 FOOD PANTRY AND HOMELESS KIT DONATIONS



The Faith Lutheran Church Annual Food Pantry and Homeless Kit Donation grand total for 2025 is 435 bags (valued at \$4,350). This surpasses last years total of 392 bags (valued at \$3,920)!

Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food, hygiene items and cash to support the home-less people and families served by the Abundant Life Mission & Homeless Shelter (ALM) in Menominee, MI and NEWCAP Industries, Inc. in Marinette, WI.

Please continue to place ALM food items in the wooden chest under the family pictures and NEWCAP items in the grocery cart. Thank you for supporting these community-serving organizations.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONAL LIFE

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January 2026

Steingraber Seminary CHRONICLES

Greetings in Christ,

Another month has flown by bringing a lot of travel with it! After Steve preached all four services the weekend after Christmas we all jumped in the car and drove halfway north, stopping in Iowa before a winter storm blew through. David got a lot of winter driving training the next day going north to MN on roads with blowing snow! We all spent a few days near family in Minnesota. The boys had some good cousin time and we all had great meals with Lori's parents and her brother and his family. We went to Wisconsin for New Year's Eve where Lori played the organ in our home church, Immanuel-Marshfield, and Steve helped with readings for the service. We closed out our time in Wisconsin with a visit to Steve's extended family for lunch and to his parents and sister for supper on New Year's day. We drove home on January 2nd and spent the weekend with Lori's sister in Springfield MO, celebrating Christmas with her husband and dogs! Our dog Marvel loved the time with her dog cousins!

After we all returned to school, we had a couple full weeks and got back into routine. Then Steve, David and our friend Matthew went on a trip to Alabama with a Boy Scout troop that our church supports. David and Matthew as Explorers are also part of the Boy Scouts of America, so they were able to travel in uniform on the trip. Steve and the boys were able to visit the US Space and Rocket Center ("Space Camp!") in Huntsville and also toured and slept on the USS Alabama in Mobile! Steve even was able to lead a brief sunset Vespers on the rear deck of the ship with our scout troop! This was a great way to spend MLK weekend!

Timmy is in full swing with B boys basketball at Immanuel! David and Lori are both assistant coaches for his team. It has been a fun experience together with learning new skills and getting to know each player even better. Lori has been busy leading REFIT workouts on Saturday mornings; and this month she got to spend some special time with the Seminary Women's Association leading a workout and devotion on campus.

Please keep the students and families of both seminaries in your prayers as they will be soon beginning new classes for their spring semesters. Thank you for the prayers and/or support you have given during this time of learning for the whole family. We appreciate you all!

Peace and Love in Christ,

The Steingraber
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First Page: Christmas at Immanuel-St. Charles. Yes we did celebrate and help with Christmas services at ILSC too! Steve lead the liturgy at the two later services. Lori was in handbells and Choir for the traditional services; and in praise band for the contemporary service. She also played organ at another church between the traditional and contemporary services!

Second Page:

Upper Left—Blowing snow in Iowa

Upper Right Steingraber Travel Selfie!

Middle Right— More fun with Chat GPT: We Love Kwik Trip! We were truly "up north" on break when we saw a snowmobile pull in next to us in the gas pump at the first Kwik Trip in MN!

Bottom— Lori and the Seminary Ladies (and some babies) doing REFIT!

Third Page:

Upper Left— David (top row left) at basketball pep band.

Upper Right— Timmy (red shirt) and his middle school band for Immanuel-Olivette's Christmas chapel.

Bottom Left— Coach David helping the B-team boys practice!

Fourth Page:

Top— Sunset vespers on the rear deck of the USS Alabama under the rear battery!

Lower Left— Steve having Vicar Q and A after reading a Christmas story to a lower grade classroom at ILSC.

Bottom Right— David, Steve and Matthew on the forward deck of the USS Alabama! The scouts played hide and seek, tag, capture the flag and explored all across the battleship!





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NAUMANN LETTER



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SERVING THE LORD IN

Latin America

News from Rev Dr Jonathan & Deaconess Cheryl Naumann



Ten Stickers Already!

Every year in the DR we need to purchase a "marbete" sticker for our car, which shows that we've paid the road tax for the year. This year we put our 10th sticker on the car, making it necessary to add a new column! God has blessed us with a good car that has lasted all of these years!



As Chaplain to all LCMS missionaries in the region, Pastor Jonathan leads worship in the LAC Regional Office.

"Regocijaos en el Señor siempre. Otra vez digo: ¡Regocijaos!" (Philippians 4:4).

For international missionaries, the call to serve can lead into—challenging terrain - language and cultural differences that may cause misunderstandings, and spiritual opposition that can weigh heavily. Yet Scripture does not tell us to rejoice only in times of ease, but as a discipline of faith at all times. - *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice."* — Phil. 4:4

Paul's exhortation to "rejoice always" was penned from a prison cell! His joy was not circumstantial. It was rooted in the unchanging presence and work of Christ in his life and in the life of others through his service in the church. As missionaries, we too rejoice; not because our work is easy, but because the One who called us is faithful.

In the Dominican Republic:

God's Presence Is Constant: In remote villages or bustling cities, the Lord goes before and behind. His Spirit comforts and empowers. We rejoice as His Word is spread further afield.

The Gospel Is Advancing: Every conversation, every act of service, every prayer sown in faith is part of a harvest that heaven celebrates. We rejoice to see more children and adults enter God's family through Holy Baptism.

Suffering Bears Fruit: Trials refine character, deepen dependence on God, and often open doors. Missionaries share in the sufferings of Christ, and in doing so, draw nearer to His heart. We rejoice that He loves us in our darkest hours (Romans 5:8), - whether that be illness or the loss of loved ones - and teaches us to use those afflictions in ministering to others.

God's Church is Growing: God's Word is powerful! The mission that YOU are supporting here in the Dominican Republic is blessed abundantly by God. We rejoice that YOU are in partnership with us in this work.

THANK YOU!

Pastor Jonathan

Dear friends in Christ,

2025 was a very busy year for us, with the result that we sent out less newsletters along the way! We hope to do better in 2026!

This year's annual LAC missionary conference was held in Saint Louis, where we celebrated the 125th anniversary of LCMS missions in Latin America, starting in Brazil. As always, Pastor Jonathan was in charge of the morning and evening worship services for the week. Being in Saint Louis meant that the group could visit places of historic importance for the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, which was important for all of our missionaries to see (especially our alliance missionaries who had never been in the United States before). Shortly thereafter in August, Pastor Jonathan's mother departed this life and the family came together for her funeral in Florida.

2025 saw Pastor Jonathan making chaplaincy visits to Belize, Jamaica, and the Cayman Islands, with other trips planned for Puerto Rico, Chile and Panama. He still enjoys teaching "Lutheran Confessions" at Concordia Seminary of the Reformer in Palmar Arriba, serving as the librarian there, and taking his turn preaching in chapel. One of his favorite weekly events is teaching catechism class to missionary children.

Deaconess Cheryl has been busy with several different VDMA Project endeavors. We have reached the milestone of translating and publishing the entire set of the nine Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics volumes into Spanish, and now the team is in the process of producing the volumes in Portuguese (with two of the nine finished) for our partner church in Brazil. The VDMA Project, which is directed by Deaconess Cheryl, distributes these volumes via eBooks, which are also available to the public on Amazon.

Another ongoing VDMA initiative is, *La Palabra del Señor Permanece para Siempre*. The Spanish daily devotions in this little book, produced quarterly, are written by Lutheran pastors in our LCMS missions or partner churches throughout the Latin American and Caribbean region. We also have GOOD NEWS magazine, which the VDMA Project team has helped to translate into Spanish over the last several years, and is often used for Bible study at church or in homes. We truly are blessed to have so many different ways to share God's Word!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We pray that God will grant you a very blessed 2026!
in Christ, Deaconess Cheryl



Children from the new Cien Fuegos mission sing and recite a Bible verse at Pueblo Nuevo on Dec. 21, 2025.



Pastor Jonathan presents at the Symposium on the history of the Lutheran Church in Cuba.



Deaconess Cheryl and Pastor Omar Kinas talking about the 70th anniversary of the Confessional Lutheran Church of Chile.

Please include in your prayers

+ Thanksgiving that God's Word is taking root in the hearts of many Latin American people who learn of His love and saving grace through the preaching, mercy work and witnessing of LCMS missionaries; + Thanksgiving that Victor Reyes, a member of our Pueblo Nuevo mission, has begun studies for the pastoral ministry; + That God will continue to raise up more men from the LAC region to serve as pastors in our Lutheran missions and partner church bodies; + That God would grant good transitions to our new missionaries in the field: Abigail Young (DR), Aaron Reith (DR), Vicar Joshua Wareham (DR), Vicar Gavin Johnson (DR), Rev. Jonathan Anderson (Panama), and Makia Adler (Belize). + For the Wildauer family (Belize) as Robin undergoes breast cancer treatment in the United States, that God would grant her complete healing; and that He would give good physical, mental and spiritual health to all who serve in LCMS missions across the globe.

Please consider giving a tax-deductible gift to support God's work through us in the Dominican Republic and Latin America!

+ Online at www.lcms.org/jonathan.naumann

+ By phoning the LCMS donor care line: 888-930-4438

+ By mailing checks to The LCMS, PO Box 66861, Saint Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Jonathan Naumann - Latin America" on the check memo line

HOLY LAND NOUR TOUR



Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, our New-Born King and Savior, you are invited to join me (on my 28th tour of the Holy Land Nour Tour.) A native of Israel, born in Nazareth on a Journey to the Holy Land for an experience of a lifetime to visit Israel for a spiritual NOUR-ishment. **We will depart from Chicago on September 29 and return on October 12, 2026**

During this 13-day NOUR TOUR You will experience the life of the land in new ways—sounds, smells, and sights of two civilizations the old and the new. You will stand at the crossroads of history—HIS STORY, why He came to earth; and know the vibrant influence of how this land shapes all other lands; but more importantly your heart will be

renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated with the love and truth of Holy Scripture.

Along the way you will....

- Walk where Jesus walked
- Cruise the Sea of Galilee
- Climb the Mount of Olives
- Walk the Triumphal road as Jesus enters Jerusalem
- See the Old City of Jerusalem
- Visit Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes
- Visit the Mount of Beatitudes
- Visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount and where Jesus chose the 12 disciples.
- Walk the Via Dolorosa (Road of suffering) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Stroll the Garden of Gethsemane
- Visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity—the birthplace of the God-Man Jesus Christ.
- And much, much more!

On this journey you will learn of the three “Cs”: 1. *Context* is **king**, 2. *Culture* is **queen** and, 3. *Christ* is the **CENTER!** We will do more than just visit sights. We will go off the beaten path and have personal and daily devotions and be spiritually NOUR-ished. The Bible will be our map, compass and guide. Experience the Holy Land—a place like no other. Please join me on this blessed adventure. The **price is \$5,290.00** p/p including: air fare from Chicago to Tel Aviv and back to Chicago, hotel accommodations (for double occupancy) tips, entry fees and all meals.

For further information contact:

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FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Faith Lutheran Preschool continues to be a place of growth, joy, and many blessings, and we are so thankful to share a few exciting updates with you.

First, we would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave to the Birthday/Anniversary Fund in 2025. Your generosity has been an incredible blessing to our preschool. Because of these gifts, we are able to keep tuition at a competitive rate for families in our community. In turn, this allows us to welcome more children and families to share the love and joy that God so graciously gives to all of us. As our program continues to grow, we do have a practical need to share. The preschool is in need of a new computer. Our current computer is still operating on Windows 10, and as of the beginning of 2026, Windows 11 is the supported platform for updated security. Ensuring a secure and reliable system is important for the daily operations of the preschool, and we appreciate your prayers and consideration as we work toward this update.

We are also excited to invite everyone to help us spread the word about Faith Lutheran Preschool Open House, which will be held on March 5 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. Please share this date with friends, neighbors, and anyone who may be looking for a loving, Christ-centered preschool environment.

God has truly been at work in our classroom. At this time, we have already welcomed 16 families into the preschool, with three additional families currently inquiring. With our capacity of 18 students, we may soon need to begin a waiting list. To put this into perspective, we began this past September with just six students, and now we are preparing for continued growth. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for this amazing blessing.

Please continue to keep Ms. Marianne and myself in your prayers, asking for calm, wisdom, and joy as we navigate the wonderful and busy storm of preschool life. We are grateful for your continued support and for the many ways you partner with us in nurturing faith, learning, and community.

With gratitude,
Ms. Kat Ehlers



Ephemeral Echoes

In fleeting moments, our lives unfold,
A whisper of time, so brief, so bold.
We gather treasures, build empires high,
Yet dust and shadows claim them, by and by.

What worth are riches, amassed with pride,

When we depart, we leave them glide
The houses of stone, the gold we glean,
Fade into whispers, a forgotten dream.

For in this world, our stay is brief,
A tale of joy, of pain, of grief.

We grasp at moments, clutch to hold,
Yet time slips by, relentless, cold.

We journey onward, beyond the veil,
Where earthly gains cannot prevail.
No wealth or power can cross that gate,

Only care and kindness we create.

So ponder not on what we own,
But on the seeds of care we've sown.
For in the end, what truly remains,
Are the hearts we've touched, the love that reigns.

Let go of burdens, the worldly chase,
Embrace the light, the higher grace.
For in the end, we all must see,
There's something more, 'yond you and me.

And as we leave, with nothing in hand,

We find our place in a promised land.
So live with purpose, love with might,
For what we leave is pure and bright.

PATRICK J. WOOD

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This year's Deadline is March 31, 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Faith Lutheran Church Members,

Generosity has the power to transform lives, and thanks to your continued financial support of the Faith Lutheran Preschool you have made a huge and lasting difference in the preschool children's Christian education and spiritual growth.

Our mission is to provide a high-quality, faith-based education to children in our community. Your gifts allow us to keep this mission affordable and thriving. For example, this year, through your support of the Birthday/Anniversary Fund, we have been able to reduce the cost of tuition to families by \$30 per month per child for the 2026-27 school year. What a blessing to these families!! Currently we have 16 children enrolled in our preschool, 16 little people learning about our Lord Jesus Christ and the love He has for them!

Recently it was brought to our attention that people thought they were supporting the preschool in a certain way and their money did not get to where they intended. There are 3 ways your offering can be applied to the preschool:

1. To support general operation – this covers salaries, educational materials, licenses, background checks, snacks, etc. To have your offering go to support general operations of the preschool, please fill out your offering envelope as shown here:



This is a standard offering envelope for Faith Lutheran Church. It includes a table for designating the offering to various church departments: General, Preschool, Missions, Building, and Other. The 'Preschool' line is filled with '\$25.00'. The church's name, address (4009 Irving Street - Marinette, Wisconsin 54143), and a quote from the Bible are printed on the envelope. There is a line for the donor's name at the bottom.

2. To support tuition assistance program- this is money is kept in a separate account and used only to cover the cost of tuition that qualified families cannot cover. The Board of Education has a criterion for granting tuition assistance and a process for evaluating a family's financial need and determining what portion of the tuition the family will be responsible for covering. (There will always be a portion of the tuition that the family will be expected to cover.) To have your offering go to support the tuition assistance program, please fill out your offering envelope as shown here:



This block contains two separate offering envelopes. The left envelope is for the 'TUITION FUND' and is filled with '\$25.00'. The right envelope is for the 'BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY FUND' and features checkboxes for 'Given in observation of a BIRTHDAY' (checked) and 'Given in observation of an ANNIVERSARY'. The name 'Kelly Coan' is written on the right envelope, and the envelope number '136' is also noted. Both envelopes include the church's name and address.

3. To support tuition reduction – this is money is kept in a separate fund and used only to lower the planned tuition for all student by an amount each year and is dependent on the amount of money given to this fund. This was the Fund started last year and called the Birthday/Anniversary Fund. Members were asked to consider making a “sacrificial offering” in honor of the blessing of life in years given you and/or in honor of the blessing of years in marriage given you. To have your offering go to this fund, please fill out the special offering envelope found on the carousel on the desk in the narthex as shown above.

Knowing the congregation stands behind this ministry inspires our board and preschool staff to continue our vital work with renewed energy. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

Blessings,
Kelly Coan, Board of Education Member

TIME AND TALLENT FEBRUARY

February 1st

Elder : Dan Everson
 Greeter : Marylin Theel | Connie Schroepfer
 Reader : Kayla Lokken
 Musician : Lois Zill
 Nursery: Dawn Mullins
 Altar : Kelly Coan
 Acolyte: Lizzie McCoy
 Screen Assistant : Keith Mueller
 Ushers : John Nygren | Kent Newby | Mike Evancheck
 Counters : Sandy Lesperance | Kelly Coan

BIRTHDAYS

Loretta Schacht 02/01
 Marshall Sebero 02/02
 Eloise Kuhlman 02/03
 Mark Stroming 02/04
 Emma Kaster 02/08

February 8th

Elder : Dennis Froehlich
 Greeter : Jim & Jean Olson
 Reader : Betsy Gill
 Musician : Marilyn Theel
 Nursery : Rosie Wolbrink
 Altar : Lori Okrasinski
 Acolyte: Matthew McCoy
 Screen Assistant : Kelly Coan
 Usher : Jeff Starks | Samuel Anuta | Dave Kielcheski
 Counters : Charlotte Kielcheski | Laura Isaacson

BIRTHDAYS

Kate McCoy 02/10
 Michael Anuta 02/14
 Cassie Nygren

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Betty Schuelke 02/11
 Darren & Lesley Detry 02/12
 Jeff & Sharon Starks 02/14

February 15th Transfiguration

Elder : Keith Mueller
 Greeter : Carrie Thorley | Rosie Wolbrink
 Reader : Karen Everson
 Musician : Lois Zill
 Nursery : Kayla Lokken
 Altar : Lisa Charlesworth
 Acolyte: Michael Evancheck
 Screen Assistant : Marianne Evancheck
 Ushers : Bob Charlesworth | Joel Cain | Jeff Durocher
 Counters : Danielle Moon | Kayla Lokken

BIRTHDAYS

Warren Johnson 02/17
 Bob Dennison 02/21

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Karen Everson 02/20

February 22nd First Sunday of Lent

Elder : Jeff Durocher
 Greeter : Maggie Meyers | Marilyn Theel
 Reader : John Nygren
 Musician : Danielle Moon
 Nursery : Jane Bucholtz
 Altar : Sandy Lesperance
 Acolyte: Logan Krumrei
 Screen Assistant : Kayla Lokken
 Ushers : Dennis Froehlich | Roy Gill | Keith Mueller
 Counters : Kelly Coan | Chris Froehlich

BIRTHDAYS

Katelyn Wilson 02/27
 John Nygren 02/27
 Colin Nygren 02/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Hugh & Nina Burt 02/27

FAITH

February Calendar 2026

LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School Loretta Schacht	2 Marshall Sebero	3 Eloise Kuhlman	4 6pm Discipleship Study Mark Stroming	5 6pm Adult Choir	6	7
8 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School Emma Kaster	9 9:30am Endowment Committee meeting	10 Kate McCoy	11 6pm Discipleship Study Steve & Betty Schuelke	12 6pm Adult Choir Darren & Lesley Detry	13	14 Michael Anuta Cassie Nygren Jeff & Sharon Starks
15 9:00 Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School	16	17 Warren Johnson "100 Years Young"	18 5:30 pm Lent Meal 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Adult Choir	19	20 Deadline for Mar. Newsletter articles Dan & Karen Everson	21 Bob Dennison
22 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship 10:30 Bible Study/ Sunday School Grocery Cart Sunday	23	24	25 5:30 pm Lent Meal 6:30 pm Lenten Midweek Service 7 pm Adult Choir	26	27 Hugh & Nina Burt Katelyn Wilson John Nygren Colin Nygren	28
		Happy Anniversary!	Happy Birthday			