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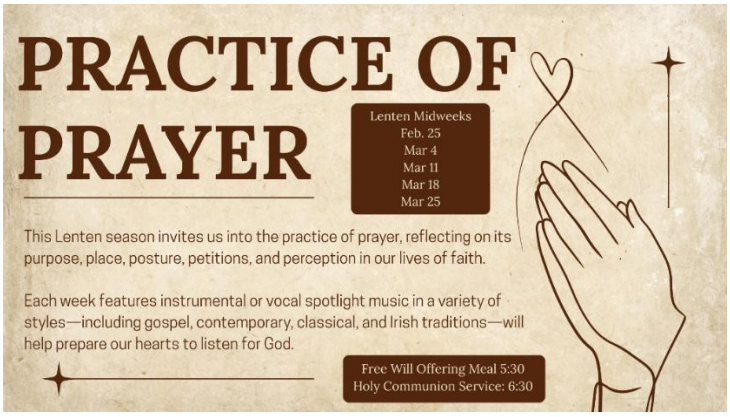
Monthly e-newsletter

March 2026



Pastor Candice

Grace & Peace to you!

Forty.

- Forty weeks is the length of full-term human pregnancy
- Forty degrees is the unique temperature point where the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales are exactly equal
- Forty is the linguistic origin of “quarantine,” which is the required time to ensure a community is safe from disease
- Forty days is the approximate cycle of skin cell regeneration in human adults

Forty is a number coded into human existence, it signifies life cycles, growth, regeneration, balance, and health. So, when the Holy Spirit sent Jesus into the wilderness for 40 days, God was up to something!

And God is up to something now, with you, these forty days of Lent. That is, of course, if you are open to what that something is. Forty days isn’t magical in and of itself. It requires work on our end. In the wilderness, Jesus had to do battle with the devil, facing the temptations humanity faces every day. And in order for God to do a new thing in your life these forty days of Lent, perhaps there are battles for you to face too.

The journey of Lent invites us to reflect on the role we have to play in a humanity at war with God and each other. Our roles might be minor, but we are not innocent participants in a broken world. The reflecting we do is not meant to simply generate feelings of guilt. Rather, it’s an opportunity to grow beyond what we see in the mirror. To look honestly at ourselves and loosen our grip on the unhelpful sins we’ve been clinging to, while reaching toward something new.
I will be holding your Lenten journey, and the disciplines you choose to take on these forty days, in prayer. May you have the strength to let go of what gets in the way of peace and the courage to grab onto God’s renewed purpose for your life!

Peace & Joy to you, this Lententide –
Pastor Candice Wassell

Holy Week at Faith
March 29 Palm Sunday Worship
at 9 & 10:30am
Family Easter Event
at 9:15am
April 2 Living Last Supper
at 6:30pm
April 3 Good Friday
at 6:30pm

Living Last Supper
A shared table, a searching question: "Lord, is it I?"
Step into Upper Room for a meaningful evening of worship and reflection as we journey to the table with Jesus and the disciples.
Through scripture, music and dramatic monologues, experience the story of the Last Supper in a powerful & personal way.
Maundy Thursday April 2
Faith Shepherd's Feast at 5:45*
Reenactment begins at 6:00 PM
*If you have dietary restrictions, please contact Kristin Runyan or Fellowship Board so we can best accommodate.
This event is most appropriate for 5th grade and up. We will have a light meal and childcare with activities for those under 5th grade in the Education Hall

GOOD
Friday
-APRIL 3RD-
6:30 PM

President's Pen

I have to admit that the past few months have been a bit overwhelming for me, personally. We bought a second, older home in St. Louis for our daughter to rent. We did lots of rejuvenation inside, closed in December, then she moved into it in January, and then she had several things that needed repairing right after the move. Since then, Tim's father recently entered into hospice in Rockford. Plus, we have so many friends hurting or ill, which my being an empathetic person lies heavy on my heart every day. My newsletter words are a little dried up because my mind has been so preoccupied. We've all been there at one point or another in our lives, and I so appreciate the grace that my friends and co-leaders give to me in my church duties.

I found my inspirational bit on Valentine's Day on Facebook. A bishop quoted Pope Leo XIV and I share Pope Leo XIV's words for our Lenten season.

"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace."

Pope Leo's words speak to my heart, and I hope they speak to you, in turn. Giving up chocolate or anything else seems trivial compared to measuring our words into kindness and striving to be non-judgmental and loving toward others. May God grant you peace during our Lenten journey.

In Christ,
Eunice Peterson
Congregational President

Easter Sunday Worship
at Faith Lutheran Church
8:00am • 9:30am • 11:00am

Easter Breakfast
April 5th from 8:30-10:45am
Join us for Food & Fellowship
If you would like to
bring a dish to share
Or just bring yourself

Resurrection Egg
Parade!
Join us for crafts & parade through
the Faith Center!
All children will receive an Easter basket,
carton of resurrection eggs & candy
Following the 11am
Easter Sunday Worship
April 5th

Admin's Turn

Spring is coming March 20th! We are getting a little taste of spring as I write this article and I couldn't be happier! The sun warming my body and my soul!

You know what else warms my body and soul? Mid-week Lenten soup and worship! I hope you will take some time during your week to come out on Wednesday nights – Feb 25, Mar 4, 11,18, & 25 for our mid-week meal at 5:30pm and worship at 6:30pm. The soup is always hot and the worship is always a breath of calming air.

Are you a "giver-upper of something" during Lent or are you a "growing a faith practice" during Lent? Either way, may I suggest either giving up not attending adult education or growing your faith practice with attending adult education? Jim's 9am classes are fantastic! On March 15th he will begin a 7-Week study on how Christianity became what it is today.

I know Holy Week doesn't happen until April, but please make sure you have these dates on your calendar:

March 29 is Palm Sunday! Come wave your palm in celebration and then take the turn into Holy Week. There will also be the Welcome Jesus family event in the Faith Center at 10am

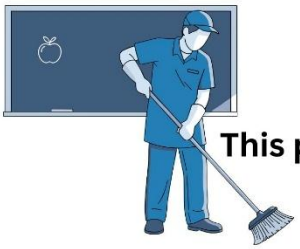
April 2 is Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30pm. This year we are doing something old yet new again! Come for the Living Last Supper. Look for the graphic in this newsletter for additional details!

April 3 is Good Friday worship at 6:30pm.

April 5 is Easter! He is Risen…come on Easter morning to finish the joyous exclamation. Times for Easter worship have changed, so make sure you put it on your calendar. **Worship times will be 8, 9:30, 11am.** Easter breakfast will be from 8:30-10:45. Something new this year – A Resurrection Egg Parade for the children following the 11am worship. Look for the graphic in this newsletter as well!

You will see so many opportunities to nourish your mind, body, and soul throughout this newsletter. I hope you will take advantage of all that you can. If you need help with getting yourself connected in any way, please reach out to me. I would love to introduce you to others and help pave your way into a group that feeds your mind, body, and soul!

Janet Hernandez, AdminCoordinator



Seeking a custodian

This position works about 3 hours per evening 5 days a week (Sun-Thurs)

For more information and job description, please email Janet at admincoordinator@faithofallon.org

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Youth & Children

Youth Ministry Update: March 2026
Hey church family! Can you believe it's already **March 2026**? We've had a busy start to the year, and we are looking forward to an even busier spring.

First Holy Communion Celebrations! A massive congratulations to **Vance Davis**, **Robert Kennedy**, and **Tucker Williams**! These three young men received their **First Holy Communion** on February 15th. It was a beautiful milestone, and we are so proud to walk alongside them in their faith journey.

Extravaganza Inspiration. From January 30th to February 2nd, **Lene Shepherd** and I attended **Extravaganza**. It was an incredible time of networking and learning new ways to strengthen our ministry. We've come back with fresh ideas that I can't wait to start implementing!

Be Like Jesus. Clear your schedules for **March 6–7**! Our **Be Like Jesus** event is right around the corner. It’s going to be an impactful weekend of service, worship, and growth.

Easter in a Box. We passed out our **Children’s Lenten Devotionals** on February 22nd, but if you missed out, don't worry! There are still **extra boxes** waiting for you at the **Welcome Center**. They are a great way to keep your family centered during this season.

Lenten Midweek Meals & Services. I am so looking forward to seeing all our families at our **Midweek Lenten meals**. There’s nothing like breaking bread together before heading into service.

Grace & Peace
Kathy Turner
Youth Director

Music Notes

March brings to us many musical opportunities to worship Jesus!

- We have buried the Alleluias and are now in our Lenten journey. Consider taking on morning or evening devotions with music use the QR codes to listen to our Lenten Playlists on YouTube or on Spotify (see above). These lists give you a preview to some of the music we have coming up in worship, songs that focus on prayer, and songs that are classic Lenten songs.
- We are looking for more volunteers to add to our multimedia rotation, Altar Guild, and Ushers. If you are interested in learning to serve both in our livestream and sound booth areas or preparing and cleaning up our communion, or passing out bulletins during services, please let me know and I can get you set up with some training!
- Midweek services have begun. I encourage all, young and old alike, to attend our additional Lenten services to really grapple with the complexities of God's sacrifice.
    - March 4 – Holden Evening Prayer
    - March 11 – Holden Evening Prayer with meal before
    - March 18 – Holden Evening Prayer with meal before
    - March 25 – Holden Evening Prayer with meal before
    - April 2 – Maundy Thursday's Living Last Supper – light dinner provided
    - April 3 – Good Friday (traditional liturgy, no meal before)
- Easter Services will have special times this year! Each service will feature a variety of ensembles but all celebrate with our fun Living Cross. Make sure to bring your flowers to whichever service your family attends!
    - 8:00 AM
    - 9:30 AM
    - 11:00 AM

Tune your heart to sing His praise,
Kristin Runyan

Financial Secretary Report

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT
JANUARY 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	**2026 *YTD* ACTUAL**	***2026 YTD BUDGETED***	***Difference* of ACTUAL to *BUDGET***	**2026 Full Year BUDGET**
Pledged Giving*	42,404.51	*57,524.67*	(15,120.16)	690,296.00
Non-Pledged Giving	9,432.43	*6,166.67*	3,265.76	74,000.00
Plate Offering	632.00	*666.67*	(34.67)	8,000.00
Total General Fund Offerings	**52,468.94**	***64,358.00***	**11,889.06**	**772,296.00**

Other Income**	125.00	*308.33*	(183.33)	3,700.00
TOTAL General Fund Receipts*	**52,593.94**	***64,666.33***	**(12,072.39)**	**775,996.00**
% of Full Year Budget Received versus Budgeted	**6.78%**	***8.33%***		

NOTES: *Actual Figures are year-to-date through JANUARY 31 2026.*

*The $42,404.51 of **Pledged Giving** is **$15,120.16 LESS** than the Budgeted (Expected) amount of $*57,524.67* through JANUARY 31. *This amount includes $10,475.97 in Prepaid Pledges which have been transferred from Prepaid Pledges Allocated to General Fund this year through JANUARY 31. Faith has received an additional $31,42.91 in prepaid pledges which will be transferred into the General Fund on a quarterly basis during 2026.*

***Total General Fund Receipts** of $52,593.94 were **$12,072.39 LESS** than the Budgeted (Expected) amount of $64,666.33 and were 6.78% of the yearly expected amount. The Budgeted expected percentage (1/12 of yearly budget) would be 8.33%.

****Other Income** includes Thrivent Choice Dollars, Credit card rewards, and checking account interest which go into the General Fund.

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

As a result of our Capital Campaign "Preparing Space for Grace", Faith Lutheran has received pledges from 105 Households totaling **$1,654,288** over three years from 6/1/2024 through 5/31/2027.

From 1/1/2024 through 1/31/2026, Faith has received a total of **$1,311,781.41 in** contributions from Faith givers for Phase 2, which is **79.3%** of the total pledges received.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Mikkelson, Financial Secretary

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT – January 31, 2026

	Actual Jan 2026	Actual YTD 2026	Budget Projected (8.3%)	Actual YTD Received/ Expensed (%)
Budget Giving – Online Pledged/Unpledged	29,026.00	29,026.00		
Budget Giving – Not Online Pledged/Unpledged	22,810.94	22,810.94		
Total Budget Giving – Pledged/Unpledged	51,836.94	51,836.94	63,691.33	6.8%
Budget Giving - Plate	632.00	632.00	666.67	7.9%
Total Budget Giving	**52,468.94**	**52,468.94**	**64,358.00**	**6.8%**
Total Other Additions	188.66	188.66	308.33	
Total Budget + Other Additions	**52,657.60**	**52,657.60**	**64,666.33**	**6.8%**
Board Expenses (Discretionary)	5,221.52	5,221.52	7,116.67	6.1%
Building/Equipment Expenses (Fixed)	10,641.57	10,641.57	11,290.00	7.9%
Staff Salary Expenses (Fixed)	36,603.59	36,603.59	40,125.42	7.6%
Staff Support Expenses (Fixed)	2,440.82	2,440.82	1,452.08	14.0%
Mission Support (Benevolence)	5,246.99	5,246.99	6,435.80	6.8%
Total General Fund Expensed	**60,154.49**	**60,154.49**	**66,419.97**	**7.5%**
Variance * **	**(7,496.89)**	**(7,496.89)**	**(1,753.63)**	
Special Offerings Received ** **	**2,948.40**	**2,948.40**		
Phase 2 Capital Campaign Received	**5,464.77**	**5,464.77**		
Total Rcvd (General+Special+Capital Campaign)	**60,882.11**	**60,882.11**		

***General fund Received:** *Plate, Envelope, Prepaid Pledge, Investment Gift*
****Other Additions Received:** *Thrivent, Interest, Building Use, Allocated fund transfers, Budget add-ons, etc.*
***** **Variance:** *(General Fund + Other Additions) – Total General Fund Expensed*
******Special Offerings:** *Community Meals, Love fund, Food Pantry, Memorials, etc.*

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE – January 31, 2026

Carrollton Bank Checking	5,178.75
Carrollton Bank Money Market	8,117.47
Fidelity Investment	444,585.11
Fidelity Endowment Investment	78,601.92
Fidelity Legacy Gift Investment	473,428.12
TOTAL	**$1,009,911.37**

FUND ACCOUNTS BALANCE – January 31, 2026

Allocated Funds (Restricted/Designated)	$267,834.13
Carryover Fund	137,758.68
Endowment Fund	78,000.00
Fidelity Endowment Investment Gain	601.92
Fidelity Legacy Gift Investment	473,428.11
Fidelity Investment Gain	54,394.13
General/Budget Fund	2,023.27
Mission Support (Benevolence)	13,845.12
Phase 2 Capital Campaign Fund	26.01
TOTAL	**$1,009,911.37**

PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION LOAN – January 31, 2026 (7.0% Carrollton Bank)

January 1 BAL	Principal Paid	January 31 BAL	January Int paid	Total Int Paid
$182,000.00	$8,000.00	$174,000.00	$970.21	$48,794.77

FAITH CENTER MORTGAGE – January 31, 2026 (4% Carrollton Bank renegotiates January 2025)
NOTE: December 16, 2025 new 3 year mortgage period began; 6.25% interest,

January 1 BAL	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Additional Principal	January 31 BAL
$275,000	$1,479.43	$763.74	$596.53	$273,639.73

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND STATUS – January 31, 2026 – (9/01/2023 thru 01/31/2026)

Pledged amount	Received	Total Expensed	Received in Jan	January 31 BAL
$1,654,288.00	$1,319,530.79	$1,319,504.78	$5,469.77	$26.01

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH PROPERTY ASSET VALUE: $12,499,805 *(includes Sanctuary, Faith Center, Ed Center, offices)*

Respectfully submitted.
Susan Carlson, Treasurer

Programs for Young Children Happenings

It's Dance-a-thon time!! On March 18 & 19, we will be hosting our fifth annual **Dance-a-Thon** fundraiser for our students. The kids will dance the day away, and **we would love for you to consider sponsoring them!** It's quite simple: donations of any size are welcome and can be made by cash, check to Faith Lutheran PYC, or through the Giving Tab at www.faithofallon.org. If you donate online, please be sure to select Programs for Young Children. **This event will be our BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the year!** All sponsors will receive an exclusive video link sent by email showcasing the Dance-a-Thon in action. Prepare your devices - it's sure to be cuteness overload!

In the past, Dance-a-thon donations have covered expenses such as an indoor magnetic wall for experiencing the laws of motion, a light table to encourage investigation of the elements of light and color, and sensory bins to allow for exploration and discovery. It's also supplemented our playground funds, providing tools and toys for the children to use in our beautiful outdoor spaces. **Each year, we are so grateful for the support we receive from the people of Faith's generous offers of prayers and financial gifts that benefit our school.** You make such a difference to our little school and the students we serve!

While we're asking for help, **do you know of any young families looking for a great preschool?** Please be sure to direct them to our website at www.faithpyc.com for information about registering for the 2026-2027 school year. **Enrollment is now open, and while our Preschool and PreK programs have a waitlist, we do have a couple of Toddler Time and Playgroup slots available.** Thank you for helping our ministry to young families continue to thrive.

Sending love and light to the people of Faith!

Sincerely,
PYC Oversight Committee
Kristin Flor, PYC Director

Labor Day Float Trip

September 4-7, 2026
Ozark Great Outdoors, Leasburg, MO

RSVP's for RV/Tent Camping with full hookups due by 3/25/26.
RSVP's for Kayak/canoe/raft float only on September 6 due by 7/15/26.

RSVP to DeAnn Totzke 618-409-9382

Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center in the Narthex for more information!

Adult Learning Program

In January I met with Pastor Candice and Janet to discuss enhancing the adult learning program. During the meeting, Pastor Candice asked me to consider taking on the role of *Adult Learning Coordinator*. I accepted. Moving forward, we are developing a three-year master plan for the adult education program. Its goals are three-fold: First, provide adults the opportunity to grow their knowledge of God, Jesus, the Bible, and our Christian beliefs. Second, the sharing of fellowship, witnessing, and the love of Christ with our fellow parishioners. And third, to provide learning opportunities that challenge, invigorate, and bring joy to participants.

To achieve these goals, we initiate new opportunities and provide consistency in quality and schedule. Starting in January, we set a schedule that aligns the Adult Learning Hour with the children's Sunday School schedule. We are committed to providing adult learning opportunities every Sunday when the children's Sunday School is in session. By offering a synchronized schedule, we can support parents/grandparents who wish to attend adult education sessions while their children are also learning and then attend church as a family. Next, we will explore the possibility of offering an additional Adult Learning Hour to compliment the current 9 O'clock offering. Since there is a significant segment of members who are committed to attending services at 9 O'clock, it may be worthwhile adding a second Adult Learning Hour session. We will likely conduct a survey to determine interest in this option later this year.

Another goal of the program is to provide special evening learning opportunities for topics that require more in-depth discussions than can be achieved during the Sunday learning hour. Generally, the idea is that these special programs will be offered one night per week for 4-5 weeks. The goal is to offer one in the Autumn and one in Spring.

Next, an important core goal is to provide valued, interesting, quality learning experiences using proven teaching methods. We want to provide quality learning experiences using videos, guest speakers, and professional pedagogy methods. To achieve this goal, we will be seeking volunteers who have both the skills and desire to teach to become part of the teaching team. We are especially interested in members with experience as teachers, instructors, or professors, but even if you do not have a formal teaching background, if you have the passion to teach, we will assist in preparing you for the classroom.
Finally, we are developing a 3-year adult learning master plan. The goal is to prepare a teaching plan rotation of courses that will be offered every fourth year, along with adding in new curriculum along the way. Some of the curriculum topics under consideration include:

- Angels: Finding Hope in God (Note: this course began on January 4th)
- Heroes of the Old Testament
- Amazing and Strange Events of the Bible

- The Bible:With and Without Jesus (How Jews and Christians view the same events)
- Women Leaders of the Bible
- The Journeys of St. Paul: The Places and Lives of those he Touched
- The Torah Books: Why Every Christian Should Read Them
- Hopeful Words of the New Testament
- Understanding Misunderstood Scriptures and Adages
- Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones, Behind the Texts
- David: A King after God's Own Heart
- Discipleship: How Jesus Christ Influences the Lives of People who Seek and Find Him
- Finding God's Nation: Reading Exodus

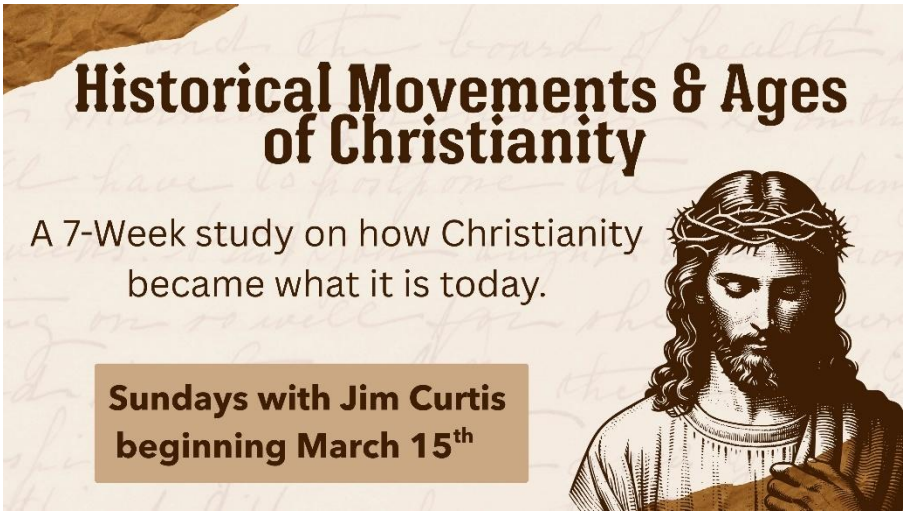
So, what can you do?

- First, pray for the adult learning program to reach those who can benefit from attending;
- second, attend when you can (I am looking at you 9 O'clock!);
- third, if you have an idea for a course topic, speak to me about it;
- and finally, if you are interested in joining our teaching team, contact me.

Our next Adult Learning Hour course starts on March 15th, and it is going to be a good one. We will be learning about the major *Historic Movements & Ages of Christianity*. This is not just ancient history because many of us of a certain age actually participated in some of these movements! As an example, did you know that more people were brought to Christ during the late 60s to late 70s **Jesus Movement** than any other time in American history! That's right, "Peace, love, and Jesus" changed America like no other movement. This seven-week course traces major historical developments in Christianity; describes how key movements shaped theology and practice; reflects on how these historical shifts influence Christianity today; and engages in respectful dialogue about diverse Christian expressions. Key movements and eras such as the Council of Nicaea, the

Reformation, Crusades, the Jesus Movement, the Great Awakening, Social Gospel, and Evangelicalism will be studied.

- Jim Curtis



Fellowship

Coffee & Donut Team! Are you an early riser? Do you like to get to church early? Fellowship is looking for volunteers to pick up donuts from Wood's Bakery and get the coffee brewing before church starts. Our vision is to find enough volunteers for this task so that each person(s) only needs to volunteer once a month. Training will be provided. Please reach out to Dave Hoffmann or Lin Haskett or any staff member if you feel this is a ministry you would like to be a part of. We appreciate your consideration.

Get Involved! The Fellowship Board is looking for fresh ideas from our members. We would like to form a committee of a few people who would help us continue the goal of the board, which is to provide fellowship opportunities throughout the year. If you have ideas about events, consider joining the team. We would love to consider ways to offer new experiences and expand what fellowship has to offer. Contact Dave Hoffmann, Lin Haskett or any member of the church staff if you feel called to this ministry. Thank you for your support!

Planning & Development

P&D met on January 27, 2026 and discussed our Goals for 2026. They are as follows:

- Prepare the Strategic Plan for 2027
- Phase 3 progress
- Council Retreat in late April (focus on Council transition)
- Personnel changes (John retires in Fall)
- Position Description updates / Constitution changes as necessary
- Review the Mission Assessment (MA), time permitting

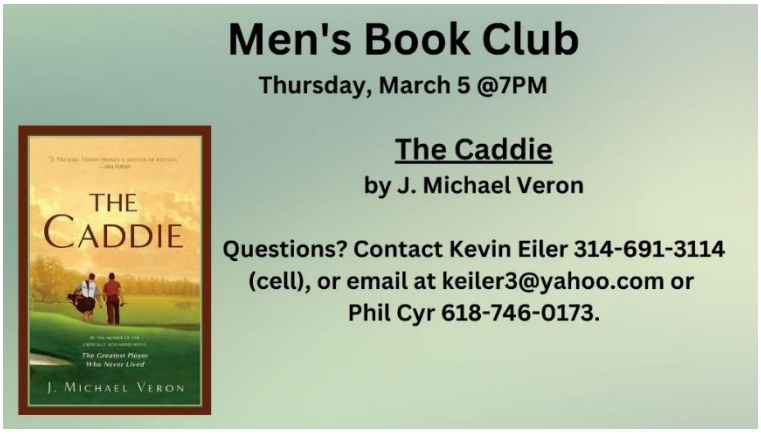
Additionally, the 2026 Strategic Plan has been published and can be located on both the P&D webpage, the leadership portal page, or click on the graphic here.

v/r John Masur
P&D Chair

Phase 3 Update

Through the month of February, we continue to assess who we want to work with as our architect. Following a Pre-proposal meeting with five of the architecture firms that received the Request for Quote, companies submitted questions. We responded to the questions on the 11th of February. On February 18th, we received the written responses for our consideration. The rest of the month, we spent reviewing the proposals and rating the companies.

In March, we determine a short list of firms, then schedule interviews with the successful companies. Following the interviews, we will bring a recommendation to the church Council, for their approval, to contract with the winning firm.



LWR QUILTERS

Next meeting is March 9 at 2PM in the Faith Center.
All are welcome; no sewing experience needed!

60's+ Group
Eckert's Restaurant
March 18, 11:30AM

Over 60? Join us for lunch! RSVP to Rick Simmons at randrsimmons@gmail.com by March 15 if you can make it!

JOURNEY ON
A GROUP FOR OLDER SINGLES

MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH

March 22

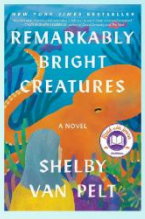
meet in the Faith Center Lobby after late worship to carpool for lunch

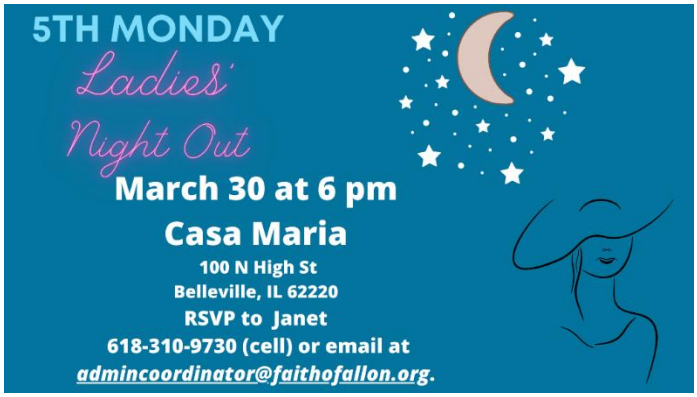
RSVP to Janet Alexander or the church office

Women's Book Club
Tues. March 24@ 7:00PM
FCC3&4

Read *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Questions? Contact Janet Hernandez 618-310-9730 (cell), or email at admincoordinator@faithofallon.org





Birthday's and Anniversaries

Mar 1 Steve Corrie, Steven Mack, Braden Eccher
Mar 2 Mark Sauer
Mar 3 Sharon Minton, Jim Campbell
Mar 4 Diane Runyan, Anna Taylor, Elizabeth Kennedy
Mar 6 Jean Alf
Mar 7 Henry Knapp, Dan Schultz, Chad Williams, Justin Benedick
Mar 9 Easton Bourland
Mar 11 Dara Voss, Melissa Grindstaff, Kristen Barnat, Allison Grindstaff
Mar 12 Larry Shirley
Mar 14 Brandon Micheletti, Austin Farmer
Mar 16 Nathan Partelow
Mar 17 Carrie Turpening
Mar 18 Nathan Cooper, Pat Johnson
Mar 19 Connor Lunning, Alex Clawson
Mar 20 Tom Benedick
Mar 21 Henry Micheletti, Alexis Farmer
Mar 24 Nicky Casberg, Ken Voss
Mar 25 Dillon Powers, Lucas Pritz

Mar 26 Grace Knapp, John Reyna, Drew Fisher
Mar 27 Sam Espique, Allie Holtkamp
Mar 28 Heidi Polett
Mar 29 Teddy Pipas, Jack Harty, Ed Glowatski, Patrick Flor
Mar 30 Leah Bossart

Mar 19 Kurt & Cindy Cooper, 22 years
Mar 20 Mark Visnovske and Julie Schrenk, 2 years
Mar 21 Russ & Megan Gillette, 11 years

Prayers
Please notify the church office if any of these names can be taken off the list

Health Concerns:
Jackie Mitchell, Joslyn Anderson, Janet Middendorf, Marie Blanchard, Jane Bergo, Diane Runyan, Kie Zelms, Jason Larson, Charlie Claxton, Bob Skogh, Jeremy Alf, Kendra Dhaene, Keith Hamann, Kathleen Reichert, Cindy Stepp, Barbie Hollis, Sheri Engel, Karen Miles, Marilyn Dichsen, Meg Corson, Bruce Moeller, Lou Ann Moeller, Taylor Torres, Lori Goessman, Onnie Wargo, Angie Brown, Rodney Brown

Grieving:
Family & friends of Pat Schultz
Bill Souser, loss of brother-in-law
Denise Burton, loss of father
Carol Bandre, loss of sister
Family & friends of Terri Ahlvin
John & Sheila Hellrung, loss of nephew
Rodney Brown, loss of brother
Bill Brunner, loss of niece
Family & friends of Wendy McDonnell
Family & friends of Elaine Entrikin
Family & friends of Jerry Bowen
Lisa Melzer, loss of mother

Family & friends of Galen Pool
Family & friends of Bob Austen
Family & friends of Sandy Fix
Family & friends of Doug Bush
Charlotte Kraus, loss of sister
Carson Kenneth, loss of great-uncle
Family & friends of Jim Kraus

With all the issues of spam emails and texts we thought these red flags might be helpful

Watch for red flags.

Scammers may change their stories, but these signs will stay the same.

Unsolicited contact

If you get an unexpected email, text, call or social media message asking for money or information, it could be a scam.

Posing as someone you trust

Scammers pretend to be figures like government officials, companies, or even friends and family. Don't trust caller ID to verify their identity.

Pressure to act fast

Scammers often use limited-time offers, threats or emergencies to rush you into making quick decisions.

Emotional manipulation

If you feel like someone is playing on emotions like fear, sympathy, or excitement to influence your decisions, it might be a scam.

Requests to pay in specific ways

Scammers often insist on payment through cryptocurrency, wire transfers, payment apps or gift cards.

Community Meals
Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
5-6:30 pm, Faith Center

Come and enjoy a hot meal prepared for you, your family, friends, and anyone else.
Take-outs are always available.

Please spread the word - all are welcome!

If you want to represent Faith as a volunteer server, cleaner, or cook's helper on a Monday night, please contact Betsy Layfield at betsylayfield@gmail.com or 618-791-5070.

FAITH'S SHOWER MINISTRY

Need a hot shower?

Need to do a couple loads of laundry?

Call 618-632-5562 to schedule an appointment

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Healing Prayer
Every Monday During Community Meals
5-6:30 pm, FCC1

Are you suffering pain, disease, depression, spiritual issues, or anything else for which you'd like prayer? God wants to minister to you! The Faith Healing Team is offering Healing Prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing. Questions? Contact John Hellrung at john.hellrung@gmail.com.

Child care is available Sundays from birth to five years old during all worship services!
Contact Kristin Howe with your questions at nurserymanager@faithofallon.org or 618-972-8622.

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We exist to Nourish Minds, Bodies, and Souls

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9 am - 3 pm
618-632-5562

Sunday Worship
9 and 10:30 am
Sunday School at 9 am

faith@faithofallon.org

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