Faithfully Yours

Monthly e-newsletter

October 2026

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THE AFTER PARTY
TOWARD BETTER CHRISTIAN POLITICS

Questions? email Jim Curtis at dr.billikin@charter.net

Bradley University Chorale and OTHS Choirs

Friday, October 16th at 7pm

Free Admission
Doors open at 6:30pm
Refreshments following concert

New Member Luncheon

October 18th
after the 2nd service
Faith Center

Click here to RSVP

Bring your mug and join us
for a Root Beer Float
between services on
Reformation Sunday
October 25th

Don't forget to wear red!

All Saints' Sunday

November 1st

Please fill out a card to have your Saint remembered on All Saints' Sunday. You may leave your card in the offering plate or in the basket at the Welcome Center.

Faith Lutheran Church

Fall Festival

Bounce House
Scavenger Hunt
Treats
and MORE!
Costumes Welcome

Saturday
November 7
2-4 pm
Faith Center

Gather the family and join us for a cozy afternoon of games, treats, and autumn fun at our Family Fall Festival.

Pastor Candice

Grace & Peace to you!

What an exciting month it's been at Faith! Welcoming Deacon Maddy Carroll has been a delight, I hope you were able to make it to her Installation Service. If not, you can view it on our YouTube channel.

As you get to know Deacon Maddy, perhaps you'll be wondering how she and I will fill our respective roles as your Deacon and Pastor. So, this month, I'd like to simply share with you our responsibility matrix that details our areas of responsibility. Of course, we are both working together to understand our best gifts as a pastoral team, so these may evolve over time. But this is where we are starting.

Please hold our entire staff in prayer as we learn and grow into a fine-tuned ministry machine!

Peace & Joy,
Pastor Candice Wassell

	Senior Pastor	**Deacon**
Preaching	Principle Preacher (38-42 Sundays, approx. 75-80%)	Supplemental Preacher (8-12 Sundays, approx. 15-20%)
Worship Leadership	Provides principle worship direction and vision	Provides supplemental worship insight. Serves as assisting minister in worship services. Leads worship during Senior Pastor absences.
Pastoral Care	Provides pastoral care to senior adults, general congregation, and major church-wide crisis management. Weddings, funerals, baptisms.	Provides pastoral care to children, youth, parents of youth, and emerging adults.
Principle Committees/Boards	Sits on Executive Committee, Church Council, AFF, Stewardship, Fellowship, W&M and Property	Sits on Church Council, Outward, YFF, and PYC
Secondary Committees/Boards	YFF, Outward, and PYC	W&M and AFF
Specific Program Oversight	Eucharistic Ministry, Confirmation Program, First Holy Communion, Adult Education	VBS, Be Like Jesus, Youth Mission Trip, Youth Groups, Summer Sunday School, regular Sunday School
Staff Oversight	All staff	Nursery Manager

Deacon Maddy

Sibling in Christ,

For those of you I haven't had the chance to meet yet, my name is Maddy Carroll, and I am so excited to be here at Faith!

A few weeks ago, I officially began my first call as an ELCA deacon here with you all, and it has been such a joy to begin getting to know this community. I am still learning names, figuring out where everything is, and getting used to a new rhythm, but I have already felt so welcomed.

A little bit about me, I grew up attending St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, Iowa. My experiences there helped shape my faith and eventually led me to studying religion at Wartburg College and then seminary and toward my call as a deacon. During seminary, I had the opportunity to complete my internship, where I spent a year preaching, teaching, working with children and youth, participating in worship, and most importantly, building relationships with people.

Through those experiences, I have learned that one of my favorite parts of ministry is simply being with people. I have always had a particular passion for children, youth, and family ministry, but my time in internship really expanded my understanding of my call. I love hearing people's stories, asking questions, learning together, and finding the places where God is already at work in our everyday lives.

As we begin this new chapter together, I am excited to get to know you and to discover what God has in store for us. So, if you see me around, please come say hello! Tell me your name, tell me a little about yourself, or just stop by for a conversation.

I am so grateful to be here, and I am looking forward to getting to know each of you!

Peace be with you as we enter this time together,
Deacon Maddy

President's Pen

The news seems so heavy these days, so I'm sharing a couple light thoughts with you this month. These are from Herb Brokering's, 2009 publication of **Dog Psalms**. Herb was a Lutheran pastor, writer, poet and pilgrimage guide, who wrote over 30 books. I hope these make you smile. Enjoy.

Reconcile

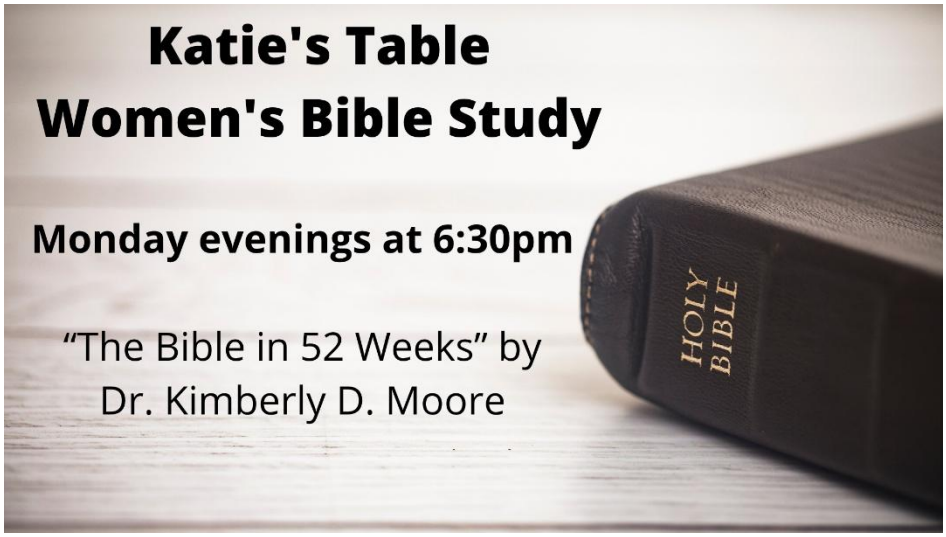
I am dog. I let go of my wrath. I do not nurture a grudge. I will wipe a slate clean. I do not plan warfare. See how close I stay by you. I expect you to not hold a fault against me. I am open to forgiveness. I look you in the eye and wag repentance. Stay with me eye-to-eye, heart-to-heart. Do not look away when I need to hear your voice. I nuzzle you and will not let the sun go down while anger is in me. If I have wounded you I will lick it and say I'm sorry. I will sneak back to you, crawl back, come close, and touch you to make sure you know my heart. See me return before it is too dark. Say my name; do not be quiet when I repent. I know your reconciling voice. Touch me so I know we are making peace. Make me sure you will not permit a grudge to separate us. I am dog. We are face-to face, heart-to-heart.

Laugh

I am dog. I laugh. I can tell when something's a joke; I am dog; look close. I have a sense of humor. I like things that don't seem to fit. If you eat from my bowl, see me notice. Curl up on my rug and I jump all around the room. Imitate my walk and I can go into ecstasy. Ride me on the handlebars of the bike and I hold my breath from laughter. I am dog. Pretend to bark and talk my language, and I tremble and wag with joy at your accent. You say one thing and I hear another; if you only knew what I am hearing you say. Our worlds overlap with the mystery of enjoyment. You go into detail with words and signs; I laugh. Your antics to me are full of oxymorons. You do not always know why or when I laugh. Listen, look and notice how much fun I think you are. You are my comedian in residence. My body is filled with joy.

Gracious Lord, please allow us the grace of Reconciliation and allow us the joy of Laughter in our lives – whether we are with our favorite pet or friend.

In Christ,
Eunice Peterson
Congregational President



Admin Coordinator

Ah, the cool breeze of October is finally here! Fall programming is in full swing and we are even starting to look toward the Advent Season, but let's not get ahead of ourselves and enjoy what Fall brings to Faith!

I am super excited (maybe unrealistically super excited) about a new feature of our **church app**! They have created a chat feature for groups! I know we all text our friends, but I think this chat feature is a great way for people that are new to a group to connect with the group. It is also an easy way to let a group know that their meeting, event, whatever has been canceled or altered because of weather or emergencies. I am looking for some testers of this chat feature to let me know if it is helpful.

Oh, are you wondering what I am talking about when I say church app? We have a church app that I like to think of as Faith's Hub. With the app, you have easy access to all things Faith – website, socials, calendar, Breeze, and now a chat within groups.

What is **Breeze**, you ask? That is Faith's database I highly recommend those who are actively participating in the life of Faith to request a log in to the church database. If you email me (admincoordinator@faithofallon.org), I will send you an invite link for you to create a log in. This will allow you to see and edit your personal information and

it will allow you to see contact information for your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Faith. Since we don't print directories anymore and only do a pictorial directory every five years or so, this is an easy way to have the directory at your fingertips.
I know, this is a lot of tech and you may be wondering where to start:

1. Email me to get the Breeze invite
    - Create a log in
    - You can have Breeze on any and all of your devices
2. Download the Tithely church app: https://tithely.app.link/faithofallon
    - Create a log in
        - If you have previously downloaded the app but did not create a log in, you will need to create a log in to use the group chat feature

If you have any questions, concerns, or unsure about Breeze and/or Church App, please reach out to me and I will walk you through it.

Love Fund has been very busy in 2026. As of 9/22/26 we have received 176 calls for assistance. We have helped 119 of our neighbors with over $30,000 in financial support. We will also begin helping our neighbors complete and submit their **LIHEAP** (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) applications starting in October. If you are interested in finding out if you are legible for LIHEAP this program year, again, reach out to me and I will help you figure it out. If you are eligible, it is important to apply. I think there are other low income credits that you could possibly receive above what LIHEAP gives you.

Early reminder that we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting on November 15th at 12:15pm**. We will have a light lunch after 2nd service and then head to the sanctuary for our meeting. All Active, Confirmed members are encouraged to attend. Generally speaking, adults who attend Faith fall into two categories – active participant and active member. Active participant means you have not formally joined as a member and you are a vital part in helping us fulfill our mission of nourishing minds, bodies, and souls. If you are an active member, you also are a vital part in helping us fulfill our mission of nourishing minds, bodies, and souls. And because you have formally joined as a member, you can chair a board and vote at any

congregational meeting. Any youth who have been confirmed here at Faith are also encouraged to attend the congregational meeting and have a voice and vote at such meetings. All generously give of their Time, Talent, and Treasure. If you are unsure about your voting status or how to move from one status to the other, please email me (admincoordinator@faithofallon.org) and I can help you. Oh and by the way, Faith will have a new member luncheon on 10/18 for those interested in joining Faith. We will receive new members on 10/25. Please let me know if you would like to attend the luncheon.

God's peace,
Janet Hernandez

Music Notes

Fall is in full swing at Faith, and so is our music and youth ministry! From a sanctuary full of young musicians to Reformation Sunday and the first preparations for Christmas, there is plenty to celebrate and look forward to this month.

Children's Music Is Booming!
Wow! What a start to our children's music year! We currently have **17 Jr. Bell ringers, 23 Children's Choir singers, and 9 Jr. Chime ringers**—with a few more kiddos on the way! It has been wonderful to see so many young people filling our sanctuary with music each Sunday afternoon. Thank you to our families and congregation for supporting this growing ministry!

Sunday Youth Nights
Our youth continue to gather on Sunday evenings for music, Youth Group, Confirmation, and a meal together. We are always looking for individuals, families, or groups willing to help provide dinner! If you are interested in feeding our youth one Sunday, please reach out to **Karl or Sheila Buch**.

Christmas Program — *Angels Aware*
Christmas Program registration is OPEN! All children **ages 3 (potty-trained) through 8th grade** are invited to participate in this year's program, ***Angels Aware***.

Register by October 25! -
https://faithofallon.breezechms.com/form/sschristmas194569

Reformation Sunday — WEAR RED!
October 25 is Reformation Sunday! Help us fill Faith with the color of the day by wearing **RED** to worship as we celebrate the Reformation and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Tune your heart to sing His praise,
Kristin Runyan
Worship and Music Director

Programs for Young Children Happenings

Our school year is now in full swing, and we have absolutely loved building relationships with our students and their families. It's a privilege to work with children during such formative years. We are planting seeds that we hope will bloom for years to come!

If you take a walk around the Education Wing, we hope you'll feel a sense of love and community. We've worked hard to create welcoming and warm educational spaces for our students to learn and grow socially, emotionally, and academically. We also provide opportunities for families to connect during special events throughout the year. Most recently, we held our PreK Hot Dogs with Dads event in the evening. Students and their dads had a picnic and playtime, allowing the grownups to connect while the students showed off their favorite outdoor play spaces.

The next few weeks will be full of more exciting events for our students. The PYC Jamboree family event will be held in our Nature Play Area at the beginning of October. All classes will head to Braeutigam's Orchard in October to pick out pumpkins and visit the farm animals. Later, the O'Fallon Fire Department will pay us a visit so that all the kids can learn about fire safety and get an up-close look at a fire truck! To wrap up the month, we'll host our annual PYC Dress Up Parade so that the children can show

off their costumes. It's one of PYC's favorite months of the year!

Please continue to pray for our students, families, and teachers. May they grow to understand and celebrate God's dream for the world, be transformed in Jesus' love, and use their gifts to make a difference for others.

With gratitude,
PYC Oversight Committee
Kristin Flor, PYC Director

PreK students LOVED having their dads and grandpas join them for a parking lot picnic at our Hot Dogs with Dads event. S'mores, games, and quality time made this event a hit for everyone! Special thanks to Ms. Caitlin and Ms. Kelly for organizing such a fun event for their classes.

Quarterly Giving Statements

Starting with 3rd Quarter 2026, Faith will be sending the Quarterly Giving Statements via email.

You will be able to download your statement and save it directly to your device.

If you need a paper copy, please email financialsecretary@faithofallon.org to opt out of email statements

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT
AUGUST 31, 2026

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	2026 YTD ACTUAL	2026 YTD BUDGETED	*Difference* of ACTUAL to *BUDGET*	% Received	2026 FULL YEAR BUDGET
Pledged Giving	531,590.05	460,197.33	+71,392.72	77.0%	690,296.00
Non-Pledged Giving	29,004.00	49,333.33	-20,329.33	39.2%	74,000.00
Plate Offering	7,758.20	5,333.33	+2,424.87	97.0%	8,000.00
General Fund Giving	**568,352.25**	**514,864.00**	**+53,488.25**	**73.6%**	**772,292.00**
Other Income ***	2,837.48	2,466.67	+370.81	76.7%	3,700.00
TOTAL General Fund Giving + Other Income ****	**571,189.73**	**517,330.67**	**+53,859.06**	**73.6%**	**775,996.00**
% of Full Year Budget Received versus Budgeted	**73.6%**	**66.7%**			

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

Pledged Giving is **$71,392.72 MORE** than Budgeted

Non-Pledged Giving is **$20,329.33 LESS** than Budgeted

Plate Giving is **$2,424.87 MORE** than Budgeted

General Fund Giving is **$53,488.25 MORE** than Budgeted

Other Income is **$370.81 MORE** than Budgeted (includes Thrivent Choice Dollars, Credit card rewards, and checking account interest which goes into the General Fund)

Total General Fund Giving + Other Income is **$53,859.06 MORE** than Budgeted

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

- Nine months are left to meet the Phase 2 Capital Campaign goal of **$1,654,288.**
- **$207,430.75** remain to be donated to meet the goal
- The remaining Phase 2 donations will go to the Faith Center mortgage, current balance of $247,921.81.

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN as of August 31, 2026 **Total Pledged – $1,654,288.00**

Pledged Giving	Unpledged Giving	Total Giving	% Received	Outstanding Pledges
$1,446,857.25	$42,446.18	$1,489,303.43	90.0%	$207,430.75

Respectfully Submitted,
Financial Secretary Team

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT – August 31, 2026

	Actual August 2026	Actual YTD 2026	Budget Projected (67.7.0%)	Actual YTD Received/ Expensed (%)
Budget Giving – Online 59.2%	31,741.00	249,802.00		
Budget Giving – Not Online 40.8%	21,900.07	310,792.05		
Total Budget Giving – Pledged/Unpledged	**53,641.07**	**560,594.05**	**509,530.67**	**73.3%**
Budget Giving - Plate	1,962.91	7,758.20	5,333.33	97.0%
Total Budget Giving	**55,603.98**	**568,352.25**	**514,864.00**	**73.6%**
Total Other Additions	1,903.58	5,685.62	2,466.67	
Total Budget + Other Additions	**57,507.56**	**574,037.87**	**517,330.67**	**74.0%**
Board Expenses (Discretionary)	9,686.89	59,019.25	56,933.33	67.9%
Building/Equipment Expenses (Fixed)	8,589.56	84,281.39	90,320.00	62.2%
Staff Salary Expenses (Fixed)	35,595.66	294,349.30	321,003.33	61.0%
Staff Support Expenses (Fixed)	1,001.87	10,673.18	11,616.67	61.0%
Mission Support (Benevolence)	5,560.17	56,835.72	51,486.00	73.6%
Total General Fund Expensed	**60,434.15**	**505,158.84**	**531,359.73**	**63.4%**
Variance ***	**-2,926.59**	**+68,879.03**	**(14,029.07)**	
Special Offerings Received	**7,807.54**	**95,582.69**		
Phase 2 Capital Campaign Received	**10,979.87**	**176,181.19**		
Total Rcvd (General+Special+Capital Campaign)	**74,391.39**	**840,116.13**		

**** **Variance:** (General Fund + Other Additions) – Total General Fund Expense*

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE – August 31, 2026

Carrollton Bank Checking	27,120.42
Carrollton Bank Money Market	3,191.92
Fidelity Investment	496,609.59
Fidelity Endowment Investment	78,613.52
Fidelity Legacy Gift Investment	457,849.06
TOTAL	**$1,063,384.51**

FUND ACCOUNTS BALANCE – August 31, 2026

Allocated Funds (Restricted/Designated)	$313,382.75
Carryover Fund	138,764.61
Fidelity Endowment Account Investment Gain	613.52
Fidelity Legacy Gift Account Investment	457,849.06
Fidelity Investment Account Gain	46,418.60
General/Budget Fund	106,355.97
TOTAL	**$1,063,384.51**

FAITH CENTER LOAN STATUS - *GOAL IS TO PAY OFF THIS LOAN BEFORE PHASE 3 STARTS JUNE 2027*

- **$2,000 per month utility savings is redirected to the Faith Center Loan**
- **Phase 2 Capital Campaign donations are redirected to the Faith Center Loan**

	August 1 Loan BAL	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	August 31 Loan BAL
Faith Ctr Mortgage	$259,100.90	$1,393.45	$11,179.09	$247,921.81

PHASE 2 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND as of 8/31/2026 – Pledge $1,654,288 6/1/2024 – 5/31/2027

Pledged Giving	Unpledged Giving	Total Giving	Pledges Remaining
$1,446,857.25	$42,446.18	$1,489,303.43	**$207,430.75**

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH PROPERTY ASSET VALUE: $16,262,150.00 *(includes Sanctuary, Faith Center, Ed Center, office*

Respectfully submitted.
Susan Carlson, Treasurer

Artful Prayer Class

An additional high school to adult Sunday Opportunity at 10:30am!
Faith Center Classroom 2

Gather your art supplies and come explore scripture through your art.

Questions? reach out to Mark Wood at markwood72@gmail.com

Sunday Adult Learning

Women Heroes & Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them.

9am
Faith Center

Questions? Jim Curtis @ dr.billikin@charter.net

Adult Learning Program

October Evening Adult Learning Program – Faith and Politics

By Jim Curtis

Do any of these statements sound familiar to you?

- "I'm exhausted by the political divisions in my life."
- "I want to engage in politics as a disciple of Jesus, not just a voter."
- "I don't know what the Bible actually says about politics."
- "I feel stuck between two extremes and need a better way forward."
- "I want my kids to experience a different kind of political engagement."

If so, you are in a club growing larger by the day. American politics has become increasingly confusing, confrontational, and difficult to navigate for Christians. Even within the Christian community, politics has become an online weapon against different denominations or traditions. I don't know about you, but I do almost anything to avoid speaking about politics with my friends and family because I just don't want the "do your own research" or "that is a conspiracy theory" rabbit hole discussions. I know some of you have even shared that you no longer feel comfortable with family at Thanksgiving or other gatherings…what can we do?

Well, there is a Christ-centered program that can help. A few years ago, I was exhausted with politics (*exhausted* is one of the traits evaluated in this program) and a friend recommended I take a new course called **The After Party (TAP): Toward Better Christian Politics**. I was amazed at how the course helped me to calm down, accept the realities of the world, and prepared me to discuss issues with other people without the stress and anxiety I used to feel. I soon became a certified instructor and last year taught the course in a large group setting. **The After Party** is a video and small group setting course designed to provide churches, groups, and individuals with an on-the-ground, biblically based approach to navigating today's challenging political environment.

Through interactive videos that encourage participants to inventory their own political identities, consider the "how vs. the "what" of politics, and explore what the Bible has to say about it all, you will be equipped to navigate these challenging topics in your

own life and within the community you live.

Here's what makes **The After Party** unique:

- It's built on discipleship, not partisanship. The goal isn't to push a political agenda, but to equip Christians to approach politics in the way of Jesus.
- It helps heal broken relationships. Many people in our churches have lost friendships, family connections, or even their sense of belonging in their church because of politics. This course creates space to repair those relationships.
- It replaces fear with hope. Many Christians feel exhausted, anxious, or angry about politics. TAP offers a hopeful, biblical framework that helps people engage without falling into despair or outrage.
- It strengthens the church's witness. The world is watching how Christians handle political differences. TAP teaches people how to model love, humility, and unity instead of division and hostility.

We are not interested in what party you support, what issues get you fired up, or even ask you to share any of your political viewpoints; instead, we share a four-week journey together that is judgement free and focused upon a Christ-based methodology to successfully find your way in today's political world.

Please join us each Wednesday evening in October from 6:30-8:30PM in the Faith Center. We will watch videos by **The After Party** faith leaders, share in small groups, and focus on becoming Christ's disciples in a political world.

If you have questions, drop me an email (dr.billikin@charter.net) or see me at church. And if you are interested but still not sure if this is for you, please click this link and watch this introductory video: The After Party Trailer

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Outward Ministry

Join us at our next Outward Ministry meeting on October 26th at 6:45pm!
Any questions, reach out to Erin O'Leary at Outward@faithofallon.org

The Outward Ministry Board carries out its mission under the theme "Nourishing Minds, Bodies, and Souls," serving as a vital bridge between our congregation and the surrounding community.

Planning & Development

The P&D Committee met on August 25, 2026. Steve Frederickson gave us a detailed update of the Phase 3 progress. We also discussed the need to plan a date and time to start the transition plan, probably in late September or early October. We will need to work with the staff, PYC, and the Boards to establish a plan for all of our Church activities.

Our next meeting is October 27, 2026 at 6:30pm.

v/r
John Masur
P&D Chair

Phase 3 Update

The end of September, we held townhall meetings to present the status of Phase 3 and answer questions from our members. Around 60 members attended the meetings, but for those that did not attend, we have prepared a summary of some of the questions asked.

Q: What is the anticipated schedule for Phase 3 planning?

ANS: We finished the Programmatic Phase, which determines the basic size of the project, at the end of July. We are currently in the Schematic Phase which determines the floor plan and exterior view of the building. Then comes Detailed Planning which is completed by the end of November. Construction documents are then produced, and we hope to be ready to send them out for bids by the end of February.

Q: How many classrooms will be added with Phase 3?

ANS: One preschool room, one toddler room, two pre-K rooms, two middle-school/adult classrooms.

Q: Will parking be reduced?

ANS: Yes, we will lose one row of parking spaces currently on the south side of the education building and several on the west side of the building. The parking lot will be restriped to gain as many slots as possible. Parking has been addressed with the city and on first review, we will meet their code.

Q: Will the new building be capable of adding a second floor for future expansion?

ANS: No, a single floor configuration is less costly and is better suited for our requirements. As part of the planning process, we will develop a plan for future expansion.

Q: One of the goals of the project was for the facility to be able to meet Illinois accreditation requirements for state certification. Is this still true?

ANS: The preschool / Sunday School rooms will have restrooms and storage in each room to meet the standard.

Q: What is planned budget for the Phase 3 project?

ANS: The planning team determined that the congregation could afford a project of $6M to $7M based on previous donations to Phase 3, an estimated Capital Campaign, and other sources such as Faith's investments and solar incentives.

Q: Will the rooms added to the Faith Center be permanently walled off and how will it affect the current space.

ANS: The added rooms will fill less than 20% of the Faith Center space. It will be designed to provide flexibility in classroom configuration and can accommodate supporting large fellowship functions, such as use as serving lines.

Q: Does the music space replace the current choir room?

ANS: Yes, the new music space will be used as the choir room, plus can accommodate bell tables and instrument ensembles. There will be added storage for music and instruments.

Q: What spaces will be shared in the new building and renovations?

ANS: Much of the new building will be dual use to be more efficient and reduce cost. All classrooms, toddler rooms, and Faith Center rooms will have multiple

purposes.

The end of September closes out the Schematic Phase of the planning process and we will be able to show the planned floorplan and exterior design of the building. It is starting to get more real!

Click on the above graphic to see the slides that were presented at the townhall meetings.

The Shrub Club

Property

Property board is looking to start a small group of people (**The Shrub Club**) to help maintain the exterior of our church grounds. This would include trimming bushes and shrubs, planting flowers and small trees and bushes, pulling weeds, pruning roses, spreading mulch, and any other types of items that will keep our exterior beautiful. This is a flexible group; members can show up when free to complete tasks or coordinate with others to meet at the church on a day and time that works for them. If interested or if you have any questions, please reach out to Mike Engel (618-978-6690) or Roy Carlson (618-593-8135).

October Linger Longer
Oct 04
10:15am
FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SNACK AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE FIRST SERVICE, PLEASE BRING A DRINK OR SNACK TO SHARE IF YOU CAN!
weather permitting, playground
(inclement weather: Faith Center)
contact Julia Skrabacz with any questions:juliaskrabacz@gmail.com
713-298-0207

LWR QUILTERS
Next meeting is October 12 at 2PM in the Faith Center.
All are welcome; no sewing experience needed!

60's+ Group
Eckert's Restaurant
October 21, 11:30AM

Over 60? Join us for lunch! RSVP to Rick Simmons at randrsimmons@gmail.com by October 18 if you can make it!

JOURNEY ON
A GROUP FOR OLDER SINGLES

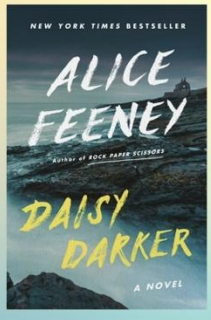
MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH

October 25

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. October 27 @ 7:00PM
FCC3&4



Read Daisy Darker
by Alice Feeney

Questions? Contact Janet Hernandez
618-310-9730 (cell), or email at
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Birthday's and Anniversaries

Oct 1 Max Pritz
Oct 2 Chris Cooper
Oct 3 Lucas Ahlvin, Ainsley Pipas
Oct 4 Ruby Micheletti, Peter Brinkmeier, Rosalind Stevens
Oct 6 Avery Casberg, Kimberly Slaton
Oct 7 Meredith Layfield
Oct 8 Tanya Miller, Kelsey Putz
Oct 9 Marjorie Ballard, Les Hostetler, Eric Taylor, Angela Magness
Oct 10 Charlie Claxton, Kent Beck
Oct 11 Carson Howe, Tyler Howe
Oct 12 Parker Dodson
Oct 13 Barney Miller, Terry Rensing, Antonio Skrabacz
Oct 14 Daniel Mack, Denise Burton, Brielle Gramm

Oct 15 Kelly Lairmore
Oct 16 Nolan Bossart, Rachel Reams
Oct 18 Keely Wunder, Adyn Ahlvin
Oct 21 Ingrid Heinrich, Katie Frederickson
Oct 22 Michelle Reyna, Joan Jinks, Heather Jones, Karen Miles
Oct 23 Patrick Joyce, Caleb Horton, Vanessa Sill
Oct 24 Amy Schuck
Oct 25 Lauren Meyer, Sharon Bowen, Barbie Hollis, Nathan Burton
Oct 26 David Layfield, Paul Swanson, Madeline Horejsi
Oct 27 Rachel Brinkmeier, Rodney Brown
Oct 28 Frank Bandre, Cale Frisse, Darrell Cook
Oct 29 Donna MacLaughlin, Jason Barnett
Oct 30 Kahlan Borcherding

Oct 4 James & Melissa Grindstaff, 23 years
Oct 5 Bill & Darlene Brunner, 41 years
Oct 10 Ryan & Elisabeth Greenwood, 6 years
Oct 11 Steve & Kathy Turner, 28 years
Oct 14 Paul & Joan Jinks, 54 years
Oct 14 Trevor & Becky Knapp, 26 years
Oct 15 Tim & Jean Alf, 60 years
Oct 17 Chris & Dawn Cooper, 28 years
Oct 17 Mike & Karin Cokenour, 34 years
Oct 20 Jason & Brooke Barnett, 25 years
Oct 23 Tim & Christy Spicer, 27 years
Oct 23 John & Susan Manfredi, 5 years
Oct 28 Chris & Stephanie Williams, 20 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, Dave Marcus, Jason Larson, Marie Blanchard, Jane Bergo, Carol Wells, Charlie Claxton, Bob Skogh, Jeremy Alf, Kendra Dhaene, Kathleen Reichert, Sheri Engel, Karen Miles, Marilyn Dichsen, Lori Goessman, Meg Corson, Taylor Torres, Kathleen Pritchett, Tracy Gray, Dennis Knolhoff

Grieving:

Dan Schultz, loss of father
Joe Wargo, loss of son
Deb Kionka, loss of son
Jim Campbell, loss of father
Family & friends of Ron Dormer
Family & friends of Onnie Wargo
LuAnn Henry, loss of sister
Tim Peterson, loss of father
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
Rodney Brown, loss of brother
Bill Brunner, loss of niece
Family & friends of Wendy McDonnell
Family & friends of Elaine Entrikin

Community Meals
Mondays, October 5, 19, 26
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

Faith Lutheran Church
520 E. Hwy 50 O'Fallon, IL

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a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church

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 Rodney Brown at rodneyb1955@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.

Faith
Lutheran Church
Nourishing people and community

PURPOSE STATEMENT
Why Faith exists in this community...
To nourish minds, bodies, and souls.

VISION STATEMENT
Faith's Scriptural grounding...
Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters – Isaiah 55:1

MISSION STATEMENT
The work each member of Faith is called to...
Faith Lutheran
is a Christ centered church
nourishing people and community through
worship and fellowship;
early childhood education and adult learning;
life transforming feeding programs and missional outreach

Faith Lutheran Church
We exist to Nourish Minds, Bodies, and Souls

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

Sign up for Mid-Week Update

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

Ministers: People of Faith
Rev. Candice Wassell
Rev. Deacon Maddy Carroll

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month prior.

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