

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Lutheran Church of Westchester"



*23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019*

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We welcome all sinners; offering a solution to that sin.

We are L.C.M.S - Confessional, Liturgical, and Sacramental.

Welcome to Faith - Glad You Came!

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The Coming Week(s) in Worship / Special Events at Faith

(Note: including the work being done at St. Paul)

11/24 - Christ the King Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

(Divine Service setting - DS 3)

11/24 - Bible Study

11/27 - Thanksgiving Eve at Faith - 7 p.m.
11/28 - Thanksgiving Day at Faith - 9 a.m.
11/28 - Thanksgiving Day at St. Paul's - 10:45 a.m.
(Note: still tentative on service at St. Paul's)
12/01 - 1st Sunday in Advent - 9:00 a.m.
(Divine Service setting - DS 3)
12/01 - Bible Study (Deacon Graves leads)
12/01 - 1st Sunday in Advent at St. Paul - 10:45 a.m.

Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship with us today and we pray that you have been blessed by God and His Word.

- Relax and enjoy your time with us. If you have small children; we know they wiggle and squawk some; so do not be embarrassed, they are welcome at Faith.
- Yes, we have a "cry room", but really, it is a place for you to sit and let them "get it out" (or take care of some little one's needs), and then let the little ones come back into His House.
- In the parts of the service that say "stand", if you cannot, then sit, no problem.
- If you want to know more about us, then sign the register and make it plain so we can contact you later. Ask the usher for a welcome packet too.
- The rest rooms are downstairs, just watch your step.
- If you need a little help, just ask; there are many people here that are willing to lend a hand.
- We like to sing at Faith, so if your voice is not so good "who cares?" But do look over the words at best, good hymns are good instruction. Yes, some hymns are harder, but Pastor will always "sing out more" and try to lead us on.

**** Prayer Ministry at Faith Lutheran ****

(Please note) - You may ask for a prayer before we begin worship at anytime.

**** NOTE **** I understand privacy is a concern for all, so prayers will only be listed here or announced with the OK from those in need. We want to pray as a family of Faith whenever possible, we really care.

For the world we live in, for His Church -

- For good and wise government, our leaders. (Always)
- First Responders (Police and Fire) & Armed Forces (Always)
- We pray for Faith and its role in sharing the Gospel (Always)

Comfort, health, recovery, grieving and hope (Faith family and friends) -

- Ruth - Recovery from eye surgery.
- Rick - Various health issues trying to be diagnosed.

As Age takes its toll / Long Term Needs (Faith family and friends) -

**** Note **** these prayers have been requested for our corporate worship.

- Belinda / Hugo Gonzalez (Pat's niece and husband) - multiple health issues. (L)
- Mr. VanTholen's brother - cancer

Anniversary of Marriage and Birthdays of our members - none

Please remember our Church members who cannot make it - do not hesitate to call or write them (pray for them):
Larry and Kuni Dvorak

**** Faith worship / service notes ****

Next week's Bible passages for your study preparation: (Sunday Service)

Malachi 3:13-18, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:13-20, Luke 23:27-43
(Celebrating - Last Sunday of the Church Year)

Theme for this Day – These final days are mingled with destruction and redemption. Intense fire will reduce the evil and arrogant to ash. Christ's righteousness will delight and heal those who fear God's name. As we live out these final days, we dare not be idle, but rather labor diligently, imitating the very nature of Christ. Wars will rage; calamities will increase; disease will plague mankind. In the midst of all this, we proclaim truth; the day of redemption draws near.

Services for the Christmas Season - Paper copies are in the back.

November "Life Together" - Paper copies are in the back.

Choir - We are still seeking some thoughts as Christmas approaches. A choir of 1 is a solo, 2 is a duet, 3 or more is "alleluia". Come on, "let's sing!"

Song and good hymnody is part and parcel of our Lutheran tradition.

How much song is too much? - Good question. At Faith, we try and use about 16 stanzas as the base for worship. Pastor loves to sing, I hope you all do as well. The key is having good hymns. Yes, some may be a bit harder to sing, but that does not mean we should forget them. Hint: A choir can assist with this aspect.

Do you play a musical instrument? - Do you want to play for worship? If you do, "let's make a plan". Spots are available!

>> **Everything else you need to know at Faith**

**** Faith is Mission Minded ****

Invitation - I get it, invitation is hard...tell them about our web site, and it will help. It is always up to date. _____

Hand them a Christmas Schedule. Advent may be a time where someone needs to step into God's house and hear the Gospel.

The Mission Table - There is always some new materials to read and share. Please do not forget those Portals of Prayer, share one with a friend or co-worker when able.

Publication Table in the Fellowship Hall (the basement) - Take a look, take something and read it, and pass it on!

Pastor just came back from the Good Shepherd Institute - And so? These few days away simply reminded Pastor that Lutheranism has a rich heritage of hymns and music that do enhance worship. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther placed music right up close to theology. A good hymn does tell a story, and we know for a fact, we humans sometimes remember better when something is set to a song.

**** Faith information (all else) ****

Church Heating - Spannuth Boiler, did come out to work on both the Church and Parish House Boilers

Update: We are going to replace the 3 pumps and piping for the parish house. The work will probably be done sometime next week by Spannuth Boiler.

Elevator / Lift - It was inspected and passed.

Bible Study is ongoing - We will continue to roll through 1st Corinthians. Perhaps during the Advent and Christmas time, we will also have some video studies on some uplifting Christmas related topics, as we transition into the next study.

The Web Site has a new EVENTS section - Please check it out and let Pastor know what you think. We will try and keep a month ahead.

OK, what is Pastor thinking about St. Paul's in Chicago (Austin area)?? - For now, I will preach the 1st and 3rd Sunday's, and Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Of course, after our service concludes.

We already have our Advent schedule, still in discussion if they desire and Advent worship opportunity.

Go slow is the motto!

Added updated: Rev. Steven Warren (a SMP pastor) may begin to help out with "boots on the ground" work at St. Paul. In December, the NID leaders and I will discuss the situation. Could I become an administrative lead for him? Time will tell.