

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
"The Lutheran Church of Westchester"



18th Sunday after Pentecost
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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

* 10/15 and 16 - Pastor at East Region Conference

* 10/20 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost - 9:00 a.m.

(Divine Service 4)

* 10/20 - Bible Study will most likely pause; really depends on the length of the Voter's Meeting which follows the Divine Service.

* 10/20 - Voter's Meeting

* 10/27 - Celebrating Reformation - 9:00 a.m.

(Divine Service setting - TBD)

* 10/27 - Bible Study - 10:30 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) -

- Jean Graves - battling a super bad cold.

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)

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)

Genesis 32:22-30, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

(Celebrating - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Theme for this Day – Witnesses in the presence of Christ are unequivocally blessed! Christians are heartened by Jesus' words to persevere in suffering and labor. Even in Jesus' own earthly ministry, chains could not bind Him; the tomb could not contain Him. So also His word is not bound, but commands all things in living, suffering, and dying. Even lepers plead for mercy, and Jesus' word heals. Yet only one leper dares to return, ardently believing and confessing Jesus' profound act of divine mercy.

Prayers for Healing - From now on, will always be on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Also, no asking, just come forward to the Christ candle, grab a prayer card, request a prayer if you like; and then let's ask God to hear our prayers and guide us with His help.

If you do not want to stay for it...OK, come when you want.

Favorite Hymns - Do you have one or two, please let Pastor know about it. The hymns are generally picked to match up with the readings and the tone of the service; but "fan favs" are always enjoyed.

Private Confession / Absolution - Yes, we Lutherans do it, just ask Pastor. Remember, you do not have to list your sins, just come and be sorry and repent, God knows.

Divine Service setting will change - For Reformation and All Saints, we may have a unique service to enjoy these special days...not sure what setting we will begin yet as we approach Advent. Any ideas?

Services for Advent Midweek - Any thoughts on when and what time? I know many do not like to drive at night; please let Pastor know your thoughts.

>> **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. _____

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.

The 11:11 on the Two's - contemplating starting in November once a month service for the people that cannot get up for 9 am in the community. Please stay tuned for details as we are exploring this idea. Do you like the catchy name? Get it, 11:11 am, the 2nd Sunday of the month...I need some time after Bible Study to get ready.

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

Church Heating - Spannuth Boiler is coming out this week to work on both the Church and Parish House Boilers.

The Organ is "making a sad sound" - As soon as the heat is all up and running, we will call out the Berghaus Organ Company for a Fall Tune up.

Bible Study is ongoing - We will continue to roll through 1st Corinthians. Please join us, even if you did not last semester. If you are still away, make sure to pick up the notes from previous class sessions.

Voter's Meeting - We are scheduling one for October 20. Sorry for some miscommunication earlier, this is the best date for now.

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)?? - Well, they have asked me if I could help give them some support and pastoral guidance. Not a dual parish, but my time...and your time as well on a few Sundays. Basically, two Sunday's a month if my plans work, I head over to preside at their Church. On the other Sunday's, I have a list of men that would help me with pastoral support.

A possible schedule is this:

1st Sunday of the month -

Faith at 9 am (me)

St. Paul at 10:30 am (me)

Note: Deacon Graves leads Bible Study.

2nd Sunday of the month -

Faith at 9 am (me)

St. Paul at 10:30 am (a guest preacher)

3rd Sunday of the month -

Faith at 9 am (me)

St. Paul at 10:30 am (me)

Note: Deacon Graves leads Bible Study.

4th Sunday of the month -

Faith at 9 am (me)

St. Paul at 10:30 am (guest preacher)

5th Sunday - still at Faith, not sure yet about travel.

Why 1st and 3rd Sunday? They celebrate Holy Communion on those days. Yes, if I give them pastoral oversight, I should preside at the Eucharist.

Also, they have a Deacon who leads their Sunday morning Bible Study at 9:30 am. I would share duties here with Deacon Graves. All other services are not affected (Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.)

Thanksgiving is at 9 am here, if we do this, 10:30 am there.

Please) I want you all to think about this and give honest feedback. Of course, I (and we) are helping out our brothers and sisters in Christ; yet can we also receive some benefit as well?