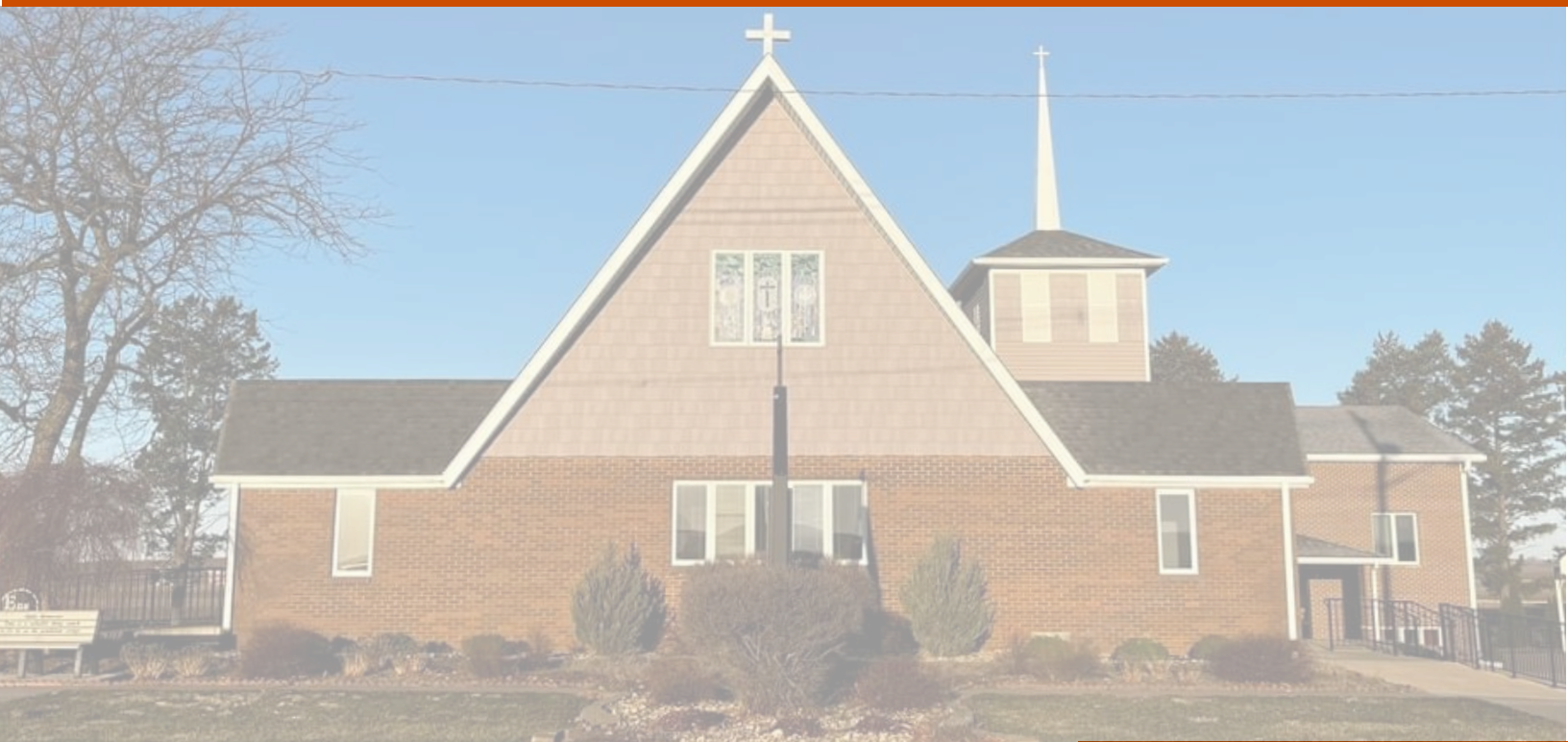


FAITH NOTES



From The Pastor...

One of the first things many people notice when they see our church is the wooden train next to our playground. Many in our community have memories of playing on it as a child. Others have fond memories of bringing their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, friends, and neighbors to enjoy and explore the train. When I look out my office window, there isn't a sunny day that goes by where I don't see kids climbing on it and playing make believe.

The history book that was created in celebration of 75 years of Faith says this about the train:

"For twenty years, one of the children's favorites has been the wooden train and train depot which sit next to the playground. The train was constructed by Bob Jargo in memory of his wife, Lucella, his son, Kenneth, and church member, Rae Ann Naeve. It took him 350 hours to complete, and the lumber was purchased using memorial funds from the church. The "Faith Depot" was constructed by Bob Jargo and Jack Smith in memory of Sherril Johnson's husband Dwight, who died in April 2005 from a farm accident. The train and depot are still lovingly used by the youth of Faith and the Andover community."

Over the summer, our beloved train set out on a journey away from our church to get some much-needed maintenance. And now, thanks to the work of James Perron and the crew that helped move and install it, the train is back! Refreshed and ready to help make memories for twenty more years to come!

To celebrate the train's return, we will have a special rededication and blessing during our annual outdoor Pumpkin Service on Sunday, October 11th, at 10 am. Additionally, our Noisy Bucket Offering this season will help offset the cost of materials used to restore the train and to maintain it in the future.

-Pastor Katie

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Sundays Sept.-April

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

This month during our Zoom workshop, we gathered with Dr. Kate Common who was with us in North Carolina in May. Dr. Common was the one who introduced us to the idea of Design Thinking – finding different ways to look at a problem or challenge to discover new and creative solutions. Now that we have been at work listening, learning, and identifying opportunities for growth, Dr. Common helped us to imagine how we can do “micro-experiments.”



Overall, one growth opportunity that we have identified is helping our children/youth program grow with our kids. Our first micro-experiment will take place in the 5th–7th grade Sunday School class. Our hope is that once a month, this class will focus on service and connection both inside and outside the walls of the church.

Through the CCC program, we have had the opportunity to learn more about child development. One of the most important things we noticed is that children this age naturally begin to crave a deeper sense of connection to the world around them. They want to know that they can make a difference. Our hope is that through these dedicated Sundays, the kids will be able to explore these ideas. We are still in the process of imagining what this will look like but are excited to bring service opportunities that the kids are interested in and passionate about.



Welcome to our newest baptized member of Faith Lutheran! Bella Sexton was baptized on September 20th. Bella is the daughter of Sam and Jordan Sexton and sister of Ellis. Grandparents are Jim and Deana Jacobs.



During October, Pastor Katie will be taking some time off. She will be unavailable October 2nd–4th and after worship on October 18th–26th. Contact the church for pastoral needs during that time.

Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. All are welcome!



Our sympathies to the families of Allan Naeve who passed away on August 29th and Erna Rickertsen who passed away on September 3rd.

Elvira Zion is in need of assistance stocking the non-food items in their pantry, specifically paper products and personal items. There will be a basket in the entryway for donated items. Please bring your items by October 11th.



Our annual pumpkin picking and outdoor worship is on Sunday, October 11th at 10 a.m. We will also hold a re-dedication of the train! The Garden Committee will provide hot dogs and s'mores following worship. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair!



The CROP Walk will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church in Preston on Wednesday, October 7th at 6 p.m. All are encouraged to join on the walk in an effort to help fight hunger.

Mission

Statement:

“We are a welcoming people of God, striving to reflect Jesus Christ's love and grace, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit.”

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Tricia Perron

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Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, October 18th. We will be confirming four of our youth and will have a cake reception following worship.



Faith will be participating in Andover's Trick-or-Treat night on Saturday, October 31st from 5-7 p.m. Be on the lookout for more details!



A Trivia Night for the Alzheimer's Association will take place at Faith on Friday, October 23rd. Teams up to 10 people are welcome, cost is \$15/person and includes 10 free mulligans. A taco bar will be held at 5 p.m. for free will donation followed by trivia at 6 p.m. Register by October 16th by contacting Jordan Sexton at 563-219-4757.

We have had a great start to our Sunday School year! We presented Living Lands and Waters their donation from our summer noisy bucket and VBS offerings, had a backpack blessing and our 3rd graders received their traditional Bibles. We are excited for a fun year ahead!



We collected over \$1,100! Thank you all for your support!

Fall Supper Planning Underway

Faith will host it's annual fall supper on Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 3-7pm. It will be parking lot pick up only. To provide this meal for our community, we need many helping hands!

Apple, pumpkin and chocolate desserts are needed along with volunteers to help serve throughout the night.

Please contact Julie Peters, 563-219-1957 or the church office, 563-682-7629, if you are willing to provide a dessert or lend a hand. Sign up in the church entryway.

Know of any students looking for volunteer hours? Send them our way too!



Backpack blessing during the Children's Sermon

A few of our 3rd graders receiving their Traditional Bibles



We will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 1st. This year, we will have a special opportunity during fellowship to remember our loved ones who have died and to share those memories with one another through the gift of food. All are invited to prepare a recipe that reminds you of one of the Saints in your life to share with the community. It could be that one cookie recipe that has been passed down for generations, your dad's famous pie, the meatballs that always seemed to appear in the crockpot when you showed up at your grandma's house, or as simple as the brand of juice that your mom would buy for special occasions. Whatever you choose, please also bring a picture of your loved one and a copy of the recipe to display alongside your dish.

Faith Lutheran Church is in need of a new pictorial directory! With technology constantly improving and many families getting photos taken from independent photographers, Faith is again going to create their own! If you are a member, frequent visitor, or friend of Faith, we want to include you!

Now is the time to also make sure we have the most current information for all members and their families. Please take the time to fill out the information below to ensure we have your accurate information. Information can be dropped off in the basket in the entryway, mailed to the church (PO Box 57, Andover, IA 52701) or emailed to flcandover@gmail.com Along with your information, if you have a recent photo of your own you would like to use for the directory, please email it to the church. Please include the release statement if they were taken by an independent photographer. If you are unable to send a photo, there will be opportunities to have your picture taken at the church on Sunday mornings following our 10 a.m. worship. Please watch your newsletter or worship announcements for more information!

Full Name(s): _____

Full Name(s) of child(ren): _____

Address (include P.O.Box): _____

Phone Number (please specify person and if home, cell, etc.): _____

Date of birth for all in your household (please specify person): _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Dates of Baptism (if known): _____

E-mail Address (please specify person):_____

Please check information you would like published in the directory:

_____Address _____Date of birth

_____Phone Number _____Anniversary date

_____E-mail address

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events October 2026

Oct 4: FLCW Fellowship

- Fall Trivia by Julie Peters and Sonya Wilson

Oct 6: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: Virginia Eggers @ church
Bible Study: Tricia Perron

Oct 11: Pumpkin Picking and Hot Dog roast after worship

Oct 15 & 16: Sewing (10:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

- Bring a sack lunch
- Drop in anytime.



Other homeless items include:

- Deodorant
- Trial Size Soap
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Chap Stick / Lip Balm
- Lotion
- Beef Jerky, Breakfast Bar, & Raisins
- Snack Cups & Cracker Kits
- Any gloves, socks, & hats
- Thermal Blanket
- Tissues- small size
- Wet Wipes – small size
- First Aid items
- \$10 gift cards to Subway & Mc Donalds

Bake-less Bake Sale Begins

Each year, FLCW shares our “*bakeless bake sale*” monies with area agencies. This year the emphasis will be again “Hunger and Homelessness.”

Please consider giving generously.

Return the self addressed envelope by November 15, either by mail or drop it in the offering plate. If you receive your newsletter electronically, there will be self addressed envelopes in the entry way.



November Homeless Mission

All Faith Lutheran Members have the opportunity to help homeless members.

Please donate any of the following items and put in shopping cart in entry way by November 16.

The YWCA Empower Center has let us know they can use:

Household Box

- Broom & Dustpan
- Dust Cloth
- Kleenex
- Laundry Detergent Liquid (50 fl oz or smaller) or Laundry Pods or Laundry Sheets
- Rags
- Toilet Paper
- Sponge
- Toilet Brush
- Toilet Cleaner (32 fl oz or smaller)
- Multi-purpose cleaner (32 fl oz or smaller)
- Pail (4 gallon or less)
- Paper towels



1. Cory Eggers
2. Brenda Banker, Anson Bowen
5. Dianne Levetzow, Dustin Johnson
8. Jeanne Rowson, Kim Hess, Sherri Ketelsen
9. Laura Aldis
11. Lester Greve, Kayla Corr
14. Marcy Wilcke
15. Jed Petersen, Richard Schroeder, Levi Luckritz, Eric Eggers
16. Carly Hasken
17. Arianna Dolph
18. Carla Wilson
20. Linda Mussmann
22. Madison Slater
23. Leslie Schroeder
24. Darwin Johnson
26. Lucas Gruhn
28. Scott Jepsen
29. Luann Harris
30. Hannah Gay, Brenda Gronwaldt
31. Shawna Lorenzen



Please notify the office for any new contact information. Information can be emailed to flcandover@gmail.com

Council minutes are available to help you stay in the know. Join our email list for approved minutes to be sent to you by contacting the office.



10. Brent & Sonja Wilson
16. Rod & Tracie Luckritz
18. James & Danika Perron
20. Sam & Jordan Sexton
26. Richard & Carol Schroeder
28. Scott & Lori Fuller
29. Dale & Kelly Gluesing
30. Sam & Jessica Howard



Faith Lutheran Church has a prayer chain that sends prayer requests to a list of people for those who invite prayers upon themselves or others. In respect of people's privacy, we ask that you get permission from them before adding their name to the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the list to pray, please contact the office.

Do you have a special event or announcement? Please contact the church office if you would like the announcement in the weekly announcements or newsletter. Due to policies set in place, you **must** contact the office.