

SEPTEMBER 2026

FAITH CHRONICLE

The monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church



Faith Lutheran Church
6142 State Route 31
Cicero, NY 13039

Pastor's Page

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF FAITH CHURCH,

Sometimes I wonder what the workers in my local post office glean about me from the magazines and journals they slide into my mailbox. Every month they deliver Christian Century (a blend of religion and theology articles and church news) is the easiest subscription to explain. Then there are QST (a ham radio publication) and Firehouse (bet you can figure out the subject matter!). Less frequent publications come from the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, and the United Methodist Order of St. Luke (where I published several book reviews and articles). A recent addition to the mailbox is Crackyl, a magazine focused on firefighter health, wellness, and leadership.

For the record, the books on my shelves lean mostly to theology, Christian worship and music, and religion—with a large dose of history and military history thrown in for color. Anyone who scans my iPad Kindle application will find a similar range of interest. Before I forget, I also subscribe to the computer versions of the New York Times, the Syracuse Post Standard, and the Cortland Standard (locally nicknamed the SubStandard).

I learn something valuable from the variety of reading material that arrives in books and magazines. What a fire chief has to do at a structure fire differs greatly from what a pastor does during worship or at council meetings. On the other hand, planning for emergencies and leader-awareness are much the same for pastor and fire chief. No one expects me to send or read Morse code radio messages on Sunday morning, but understanding how changes in technology is changing the ways people communicate? That information can be vital to helping a church adapt to today's needs. The stress management and team building firefighters need in order to survive the worst days of someone's life fit very well in a pastor's toolkit.

I could go on sharing all the lessons about being a better pastor and person I learned from unexpected sources like fire service and radio magazines. I believe the same holds true as I look at the people around me. The variety of ideas and experiences different from mine help me understand the world and myself better. I can analyze a poem or historical event better than I can the glitch that happens between the church's media room and the projected words on the screen. The engineers in our congregation have the opposite skills from mine—thanks be to God!

The variety of abilities and God-given strengths we share here make me and our church stronger and a more faithful example of how Jesus works in the world. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians:

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, 5 and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always!

Pastor Allan

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Summer Recap

What a wonderful summer we've had at Faith Lutheran! From our fun Hawaiian Sundays and relaxing Beach Picnic to coming together to paint and refresh the Narthex, it has been a season filled with faith, fellowship, laughter, and lots of helping hands. Thank you to everyone who joined in, volunteered, brought food, painted, cleaned, and helped make each event special. What a great summer together!



Our mission: As a Community of Faith in Christ, we Live in Grace and Share the Gospel of Salvation.

Adopted by the Congregation, September 28, 2008

In Our Prayers

OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Ayden (Diane Senzarino's grandson), Toni, Pat Green, Gary Schumacher, Arnold Hogan (Dawn Spink's father), Betty Craner, Ann Grim (Patty Carter's mother), Nick, Clara Long, Pamela Strohl (friend of Kathy Newcomb), Betty Winther, Jean Kelley, Joan and Lamont Hahn, Phyllis Harm, Phyllis and Francis Letizia, Ginny Gronozio, Doris Heath, Philomena and Garrett Bronner (Chuck Bronner's parents), Charlie Bullock, Alice, Lynda, Maria (Friends of Diane Monthie), Daniel Canastra and Quentin Canastra (Ri Ho's son and grandson), Danny Whitney (Friend of Lynn Werner), Joe Krywalski, Caleb Travers, Bernadette and Scott McGuire, Loretta and Ken Bowne.



MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

Leah Bratt (Sarah Bratt's sister), Sam (Leah's husband), Zachary & Daniel Rosney (Pat Green's great nephews), Jackie, Kenny and Isaac Bowne (Betty Gay's grandchildren), Eric Currier (Dan Currier's son), Sam Yonkers (friend of Barb & John Snyder)



FLOWER CHART: The Altar Guild has placed this year's Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We all love having live flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship. Please consider providing flowers for a memorial or special occasion. Sign up on the chart, then bring the flowers to church on Sunday morning or call Linda Keller or Diane Monthie for information or to make special arrangements. Also, you can request live flowers by placing a donation in an envelope with your name and information in the collection plate at least 2 weeks before your selected date. And, of course, we will be most grateful for any donation to the general flower fund.

Our Guiding Principles: Jesus is Lord; We are a Community of Faith; We Invite All People to Share in God's Grace; We pray First; We Act on the Holy Spirit's Guidance; We Give Generously of Ourselves as God has given to us.

Adopted by the Congregation, September 28, 2008



The Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group will be taking time out for the summer and will meet again in October. Save the date: October 10th at 9:00 is our next meeting!

The Quilters

The quilters are finishing up their summer break and will resume meeting at the end of September. It's almost time to quilt again!



FOOD PANTRY

DISTRIBUTION

Sunday September 20: 11:30am - 1:00 pm
Monday September 21: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

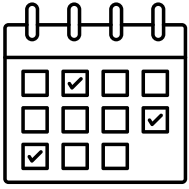


New federal SNAP (food stamp) rules, effective March 1, affect about 6,000 people in Onondaga County. Adults ages 18–64 without children under 14 must work, volunteer, or participate in job training for 80 hours per month to keep benefits.

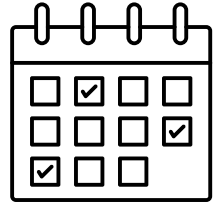
Some exceptions apply, including pregnancy and participation in treatment programs. Those affected should have received information from the county with next steps.

The food pantry always appreciates donations of nonperishable items.

If you can volunteer, please let Tracy know. If you might be interested in taking over this role of the Food Pantry coordinator, contact Tracy. She is willing to go over all that is involved with the Food Pantry.



Calendar at a Glance



- 9/7 Labor Day - Church Office Closed
- 9/2 Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9/9 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9/13 Community Lunch 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 9/20 Food Pantry Distribution 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- 9/21 Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- 9/27 Congregational Voters Meeting After Service



COMMUNITY LUNCH

God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026



On Sunday, September 13, from 1:00–4:00 PM, Faith Lutheran will be hosting a Community Lunch as part of God's Work Our Hands. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to gather together, enjoy fellowship, serve our neighbors, and share God's love with our community. RSVP by September 3rd to attend(call, e-mail). If you would like to help out, there are sign up sheets in the Narthex!

THOSE WHO SERVE

ALTAR GUILD
Diane Monthie

MUSICIANS
Lindsay Brown, Barb Schwartz

TELLERS:
Week 1

Linda Keller and Rose McCarthy

Week 2

Maria Scheuer and Barb Stevenson

Week 3

Ralph and Cassie Richmond

Week 4

Barb Stevenson and Maria Scheuer

Financial Report for 2026

	July 2026	2026 YTD
Income	\$9,957.70	\$87,448.11
Expense	\$15,521.18	\$83,083.18
Totals	-\$5,563.48	\$4,364.93

A copy of the monthly financial report to the Church Council is available in the Church office.

9/6 Service

Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Sharon Mirizio
Cantor	Lauri Hoover
Greeter	Diane Monthie

9/13 Service

Worship Assistant	Bill Stevenson
Reader	Barb Snyder
Cantor	Rose McCarthy
Greeter	John and Barb Snyder

9/20 Service

Worship Assistant	Arnold Hansen
Reader	Betty Winther
Cantor	Cassie and Ralph Richmond
Greeter	Kathy Newcomb

9/27 Service

Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Cassie Richmond
Cantor	Betty Gay
Greeter	Bill Azzoto



Alex Bronner	09/05
Kara Hoover	09/09
Perry Hoover	09/12
Kassidy Boyce	09/14
Barb Schwartz	09/16
Tim Carter	09/23
Tom Neider	09/26
Chuck Bronner	09/29

Faith Lutheran Church Council Directory

CHURCH PHONE: 315-699-5224 flchurch31@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Rebecca Neider

OFFICERS:

President Patty Carter

Vice President Bill Stevenson

Council Secretary Barb Snyder

Treasurer Kathy Newcomb

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS:

Pastor Allan Ferguson

Financial Secretary Barb Stevenson

Christian Education

Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair Cassie Richmond

Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair Chuck Bronner

Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair Bruce Hahn

Property Committee, Co-Chair John Snyder

Property Committee, Co-Chair Gary Winther

Property Committee, Co-Chair Bill Grace

Congregational Life Diane Monthie

Community Outreach/Evangelism Jeanne Bronner

STEWARDSHIP

COUNCIL NON-VOTING POSITIONS:

Superintendent of Sunday School

Co-Chair Diane Monthie

Co-Chair Lorrie Monthie

Bookkeeper Maria Scheuer

**If you need to reach any of the Council members, please contact
the church office for the person's contact information**

Please call or email the office when you or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital.

If you have given up your land line telephone and would like your cell phone indicated in the church records. Please notify the office.

Please call or email the office if your telephone # or email address has or is changed.

The Church number is 315-699-5224 – email address is flchurch31@gmail.com



If you are unable to make it to the Sunday morning service stream the service on the Church's Facebook account on your computer and phone.

Service starts at 10am.

Facebook: @FaithLutheranChurchCiceroNY

You can also follow Faith Lutheran Church on Instagram: @FLC.Cicero



Do you have any news, updates, photos, or special announcements you would like to share with the congregation in the next issue of the Faith Chronicle? We would love to hear from you! Please send your submissions to the church office by September 19.

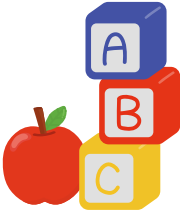


Is there something you would like to see included in the newsletter? Let us know! We're always happy to hear your ideas and will do our best to include them. Thank you!

If you would like to unsubscribe to Faith Lutheran's newsletter or bulletin distribution. Please notify the office at flchurch31@gmail.com and we can remove your name from the lists.

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Choir 6:30-7:30	2 M&M meeting 7pm	3 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	4	5 Saturday Groups 11-3 7 - 8
6 Sunday Service 10 am	7	8 Choir 6:30-7:30	9 Council Mtg 7pm	10 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	11	12 Saturday Groups 11-3 7 - 8
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