

AUGUST 2026

FAITH CHRONICLE

The monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church



Faith Lutheran Church
6142 State Route 31
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Pastor's Page



SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF FAITH CHURCH,

Sometimes an old tradition falls through a simple lack of attention. It happened here last month. The old tradition was the summer newsletter. For almost as long as I can remember churches published one newsletter for the summer. It made sense. Schools were out for vacation. Pastors and their families took time away. The one big news item for the summer was Vacation Bible School—and that needed to be planned by the end of May. There might be another event, an ice cream social or a church picnic, but people come whenever food is involved. Why waste paper and postage for so little news?

I noticed our July newsletter contained only one birthday list, for July. That told me I needed to prepare another newsletter message for August. I had forgotten to tell Rebecca Neider, the church secretary, and her supervisor (and son), Jackson, that we do not publish an August edition. It was a lack of attention on my part.

On the other hand, maybe God had a hand in letting the “summer newsletter” fall aside. The world and churches have changed since the July/August newsletter was a fact of life. Most of our newsletters go out by email. We use paper and postage for only a few recipients who are more than worth the effort. We do not have a Vacation Bible school, but plenty of things are going on and calling on our creative juices this summer. For example, the first Sunday in September. September 6, is not just Labor Day weekend or the last weekend of the state fair. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is inviting churches to set the day apart as a “Feast of Creation.” A recent ELCA blog post stated:

Following several years of study, prayer, and collaboration, a new ecumenical observance is encouraged in the church throughout the world. Grounded in the ancient liturgical tradition of the Orthodox Church, “Creation in Christ” (or “Feast of Creation”) celebrates God as Creator and ponders the great mystery that everything was created through Christ. And, as a result, it also inspires us to care for the gift of the created world. Although the rich theme of Christ’s activity in creation abounds throughout the liturgical year, setting aside this day brings an important focus to this mystery.

The Mutual Ministry Committee (alias the M&M’s) thought through the idea and realized we have members here with special gifts that recognize God’s creation and creating power. The congregation council has been working on a special project for September 13, the annual “God’s Work, Our Hands” mission program that honors the 1987 September merger vote that created the ELCA in January 1988. You will hear more about that in this newsletter and during announcements this summer.

Finally, we will share in a congregational blessing of one of our synod’s newest Synod Authorized Ministers, Bill Stevenson. The date for that blessing will be set once I receive the official word from the synod office.

Sometimes a little lack of attention allows much good to happen. I had to write another newsletter message, but think of all that is happening in and through Faith Church! Setting time aside to communicate what is being planned is good use of my time in writing and your time in reading.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always!

Pastor Allan

CHURCH PICNIC

Grab your sunscreen and bring your picnic spirit! Join us after worship on Sunday, August 9, for our annual Church Picnic at William's Beach. It's a wonderful opportunity to relax, enjoy delicious food, soak up some sunshine, and spend time with your church family. Be sure to sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. We can't wait to share a fun filled afternoon with you!



NARTHEX REFRESH

As we prepare for new carpet to be installed in the Narthex, we'd love to freshen up the space with a new coat of paint! We're looking for volunteers to help move furniture, remove wall hangings, prepare the walls, and paint.

If you're willing to lend a hand, please let John Snyder from the Property Committee know. The date is still to be determined but will be scheduled sometime before September 1. Your help for a couple of hours will make a big difference!

Thank you for helping us care for and beautify our church home!



HAWAIIAN APPAREL SUNDAY

On Sunday August 2nd, everyone is invited to wear Hawaiian attire to church. Bright colors, floral prints, and cheerful summer outfits are all welcome as we celebrate the season together in fellowship and joy!





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. More details will be coming soon, but for now, please save the date and plan to join us for this meaningful afternoon of connection and service!



We're excited to continue raising funds for Faith Lutheran Church's General Project Fund & Community Outreach! Your support helps provide for important ministries like our Food Pantry and outreach to local non-profit organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Canteen, and others. We are putting the fun into fundraising by cheering on the 2026 Syracuse Orange Football Team! Join the fun, pick your square, and see if your numbers bring home a quarter-by-quarter win!

Donation: \$20 per square

How It Works:

- Choose one of the 100 General Project & Outreach Squares available.
- Your name will be placed on your chosen square.
- For each Syracuse Football game from Thursday, September 17 through Saturday, November 28, you will receive a different set of square numbers (emailed to you once the board is filled).
- If your square numbers match the score at the end of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd quarter, or final score, you will receive \$25!

Ready to join the fun? Contact Lauri Hoover at (315) 430-8157 or llhoover23@aol.com to reserve your square. If Lauri does not already have your email address, please include it when signing up.

Payment of \$20 per square can be made by:

Cash or check payable to Lauri Hoover by **Wednesday, September 2**

Venmo: @Faith-Lutheran-1 (please make sure your email address is included)

Thank you for helping support Faith Lutheran's outreach ministries and good luck to everyone! 🏈



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, Don Richmond (Ralph Richmond's brother) Danny Whitney (Friend of Lynn Werner), Joe Krywalski, Bernadette and Scott McGuire.



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 of October 10th at 9:00 for our next meeting!

The Quilters

The quilters will be taking a summer break during August and will resume meeting at the end of September. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!



FOOD PANTRY

DISTRIBUTION

Sunday August 16: 11:30am - 1:00 pm
Monday August 17: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

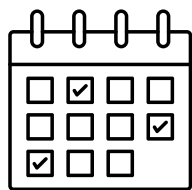


New federal SNAP (food stamp) rules, effective March 1, affect about 6,000 people in Onondaga County. Adults ages 18–64 without children under 14 must work, volunteer, or participate in job training for 80 hours per month to keep benefits.

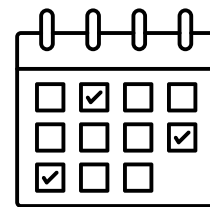
Some exceptions apply, including pregnancy and participation in treatment programs. Those affected should have received information from the county with next steps.

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



- 8/2 Hawaiian Apparel Sunday
- 8/3 Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8/9 Church Picnic at Williams Beach
- 8/10 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8/16 Food Pantry Distribution 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- 8/17 Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- 8/23 Sundae Sunday after Service
- To Be Scheduled - Narthex Refresh
- September 13 Community Lunch 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Join Lutheran Campus Ministry for a Summer Fete!

Lutheran Campus Ministry in Syracuse invites you to a special evening celebrating this ministry and its continued work with students at Syracuse University and SUNY ESF. Enjoy tapas, wine, mocktails, live jazz, raffle baskets, art, and more!

Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased through the "Donate" button at www.lcmsyracuse.org by selecting "Summer Fete." Valet parking will also be available for an additional fee, with proceeds supporting the ministry.

Come visit historic Koinonia House ("K House"), a welcoming home and gathering space for students involved in Lutheran Campus Ministry. All are invited to celebrate this ongoing ministry and learn more about opportunities to support and serve.

For more information or to volunteer, contact contact@lcmsyracuse.org.

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

	June 2026	2026 YTD
Income	\$ 12,244.42	\$ 77,490.41
Expense	\$ 10,106.07	\$ 67,562.00
Totals	\$ 2,138.35	\$ 9,928.41

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

8/2 Service

Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Betty Winther
Cantor	Cassie & Ralph Richmond
Greeter	Diane Monthie

8/9 Service

Worship Assistant	Bill Stevenson
Reader	Barb Snyder
Cantor	Lauri Hoover
Greeter	John and Barb Snyder

8/16 Service

Worship Assistant	Arnold Hansen
Reader	Rose McCarthy
Cantor	Betty Gay
Greeter	Kathy Newcomb

8/23 Service

Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Cassie Richmond
Cantor	Rose McCarthy
Greeter	Linda Keller

8/30 Service

Worship Assistant	Bill Stevenson
Reader	Sharon Mirizio
Cantor	Cassie Richmond
Greeter	Bill Azzoto



Charlie Bullock	08/06
Doris Heath	08/19
Maureen Anderson	08/22
Linda Keller	08/23

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 August 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Faith Lutheran CHURCH</i>				Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm		1 Saturday Groups 11-3 7 - 8
2 Sunday Service 10 am 	3 M&M meeting 7pm	4 Choir 6:30-7:30	5	6 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	7	8 Saturday Groups 11-3 7 - 8
9 Sunday Service 10 am Church Picnic at William's Beach	10 Council Mtg 7pm	11	12	13 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	14	15 Saturday Groups 11-3 7 - 8
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