

Following Faith Newsletter

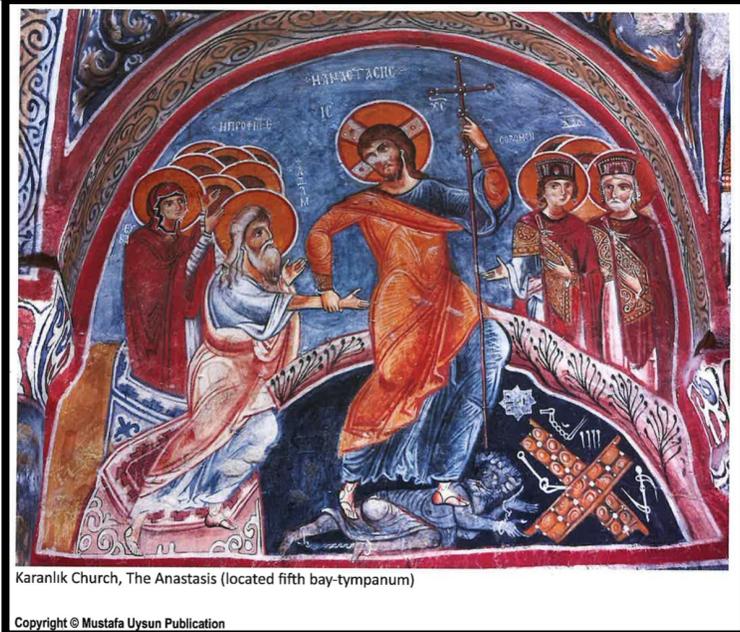
Faith Lutheran Church, Reno NV

November 2025

Friends in Faith,

Luther chose the eve of All Saints' Day, October 31, to post his Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg because he wanted the crowds gathering for the feast day to see his challenge to the church. These two commemorations fall within a day of each other, but we honor them on separate Sundays when our community gathers for worship. Join us as we observe All Saints Sunday on November 2nd, when we will remember our Faithful Departed through readings, prayers, and the lighting of candles in their memory.

In the spirit of that celebration, let me share a powerful witness to the communion of saints I encountered during my 2022 pilgrimage to Cappadocia, Turkey.



Among the remarkable rock-cut churches we toured at the Göreme Open Air Museum—a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985—ancient murals still glow with surprising freshness and vibrancy. Centuries ago, volcanic eruptions blanketed these valleys with soft tuff stone that early Christians carved into homes, chapels, and places of refuge. By the 4th century, believers fleeing persecution found sanctuary in these caves, and over the following centuries they created stunning examples of Middle Byzantine monumental art. The painted churches we see today date from the 10th to 13th centuries.

The most striking is called Karanlik Kilise—the "Dark Church"—where the dim atmosphere has exquisitely preserved the vivid colors painted directly onto stone. Among the many images adorning these walls, one scene particularly struck me: a Byzantine depiction of Christ's Harrowing of Hades. In this icon, our risen Lord storms the gates of death itself, seizing Adam and Eve by the wrists while David and Solomon look on in hope. Evil lies trampled beneath Jesus' feet. This is resurrection. This is hope for our loved ones who have died.

Standing in those ancient chapels, gazing up at these renderings of hope painted on walls and ceilings, I felt the living connection across centuries. The resurrection hope that sustained those early Christians—for hundreds and thousands of years—is the same faith in love's triumph that knits us together today.

Martin Luther nailed his theses to the church door in hope of reform and freedom. Byzantine artists depicted Christ liberating the saints from death's captivity as a defiant statement against evil and tyrannical powers that parade their pretend, temporal might.

Take heart, friends, and be full of Christian faith, for our God is a rescuing and reforming Savior. May we remain ever awake to the promise of the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Blessed All Saints, friends.

+Pr Shaun

In Worship This Month



November 2nd - The Feast of All Saints

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” lighting candles and remembering in prayer those we have lost. We thankfully move forward in faith inspired by all their testimonies!

November 9th - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

We are approaching the end of the church year and our New Year will launch in Advent. As part of the approach, we read how Luke’s gospel describes the last moments of Jesus’ ministry before his passion and death on the cross. Today he speaks of resurrection and hope, and we talk about the mission of the church—Faith Forward—as a call to let our gifts and talents ring out for the good into the future.



November 16th - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

In the readings, there is no doubt about the end. When it looks ominous, the baptized are strengthened for living in word and sacrament. As all followers throughout history, we do not weary in doing what is right! We are encouraged to be faithful stewards of our lives and resources, looking to God for the faith that gives and shares to make a difference.

November 23rd - Christ the King Sunday, Commitment Sunday

*Faith Choir Sings this Day!

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year we will together take

a “journey through the church year” and we will make our commitments of finances and serving as the church for the next year. We’ll trace Jesus’ story through the church seasons, in colors and music, and dedicate our gifts and giving to God’s ministry!



November 30th - First Sunday of Advent

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither

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Outreach News

We will be delivering pies again to the Reno Sparks Gospel Mission for Thanksgiving. Pies must be at the church by **Tuesday, November 25 at 1:30.**



Join Faith Food Friends!

We need volunteers and donations for weekly meal delivery to our un-housed neighbors!



Faith Food Friends are forming to join "The Reno Posse," which delivers healthy meals once a week to feed insecure friends throughout Reno. This complements our ongoing support of Shared Harvest — the Lutheran churches' initiative across Reno and Sparks. **How you can help:**

- **Volunteer roles:** shoppers, remote cooks and bakers, baggers, and meal delivery volunteers



- **Weekly donation needs:** 150 juice pouches, 150 snack bars, and individual-serving baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, muffins)

Ready to join? Contact Judi Hein to sign up or coordinate donations.

Trunk or Treat at Elmcrest School was so much fun!



Eileen Way, Debbie Hansen, and Judi Hein had fun at Elmcrest School on October 23 handing out candy and bookmarks to kids dressed in their Halloween costumes accompanied by their families. The theme of our trunk decor was a zoo and we are grateful to Wynter and Maeve for loaning us their stuffed animals. The gorilla costume was a bit scary to some but it was all fun!

Watch for announcements regarding our **Angel Tree program for Elmcrest during Advent.** This is such a special event and this will be our third year!

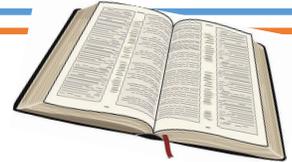


In The Word Together

Adult Forum

For this fall we are learning, in class after worship, what it means to be Lutheran -- then and now -- as "**The Lutheran People.**" Join us for conversations about history, theology, culture and what it means to be Lutheran today. Some upcoming topics include "Melancthon and Other Theologians," "Lutheran Orthodoxy," "The Thirty Years War," "Scandinavian Expansion," and "American Settlement." All are welcome, join us!

Tuesday Bible Readers meets Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm at Faith to read the lectionary scriptures for the following Sunday. We meet in the sanctuary or you can join on zoom. There is a schedule of the readings in the narthex with zoom meeting information. For questions contact Eileen W.



Fellowship



We celebrate with these five new members, and their families, at their Affirmation of Baptism with Faith Lutheran Church.
We celebrate the God that makes us one in water and satisfies all who thirst!

Finding hope, friendship, and comfort in the coming Holiday Season

The approaching holiday season can feel heavier when you're walking through grief or loneliness. While others gather around tables full of laughter, the empty chair or quiet home can magnify the ache of our hearts. If this is you, please know you're not alone in feeling alone. *God sees you in this tender place, and God's presence doesn't abandon us in sorrow. One of our best scriptures for consolation comes from Psalm 34:18: "God draws especially near to the brokenhearted."* It's okay to grieve during a season of celebration. Jesus himself wept and understood deep sorrow.

So we're writing to encourage each other to consider reaching out rather than isolating, even when it feels hard. Share a meal with a church friend, attend worship or fellowship with us, or simply let someone know you're struggling. Sometimes the best gift we can give ourselves is honest community, and we have people here at Faith that care to connect with you in your hard times.

One event you can keep in mind -- we did contemplative worship in October, and in November we are going to go worship with the people at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, down by the river. A quiet, contemplative Taize service. It's Friday, Nov. 21st, 7pm. We can bring our joys and sorrows to God, together, in spaces like that. Reach out if you want to meet us for that. pastor@faithlutheranreno.org

As always, if you need prayer, send your requests to us at Faith Lutheran Church .



Fellowship



Join us the first Wednesday of the month,
November 5th, 12pm for a Potluck at Faith.
Speaker Sandy Severance from the Alzheimer's Association will tell us about Alzheimer's Awareness.



Fellowship Lunch -

November 20th Asian Wok

2005 Sierra Highlands Dr. #143, Reno

Time: 11:30am to 2pm (weather permitting) We will continue this time until Spring when we turn the clocks forward. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. We've had wonderful turnouts for our recent dinners with delicious food and lively conversation. If you're new to these gatherings, we'd love to have you join us!

For more information please contact Jean C.



December 7th Christmas Cookie Palooza!

Bring a dozen or a batch of your favorite homemade or store-bought Christmas cookies to share. We'll gather for coffee and cookies during Coffee Fellowship after Worship. Plus, you can take home any leftover treats! Please bring festive, holiday-themed cookies to make the day extra merry!



2025 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 13th 2pm

Your Worship Team is in the process of organizing Faith Lutheran Church's 2nd Annual Christmas Concert. All you musicians, singers, inspirational speakers, kids, and family groups who would like to participate, please start looking for pieces you'd like to perform for this year's concert to share with our church family and community to celebrate this Christmas Season.

Contact Sharon Scagliotti for questions or details.

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Communications Committee Announcement

The Communication Committee will be updating the Church Directory.

We have been blessed with many new individuals worshipping at Faith in the past two years and so an update is needed. You don't have to be a member to get your picture in the directory.

Amy Zimmerman is requesting photos of new individuals and families. Previously published photos may be updated too. Please see Amy before or after church services during the month of November for your photo opportunity. You may provide your own picture to Amy by the end of the month. Please email your photo to amyzimmerman818@gmail.com.

Thank you, Amy Zimmerman

Upcoming Events at Faith

Daughters of Norway Events by Perralina Palm

Times added

The Scandinavian News Update

The Daughters of Norway Sonja Henie Lodge #29 is one of the groups that use the church. We use it two or three times a year.

Our cooking class, "Taste of Scandinavia" is Saturday, November 8th 9am - 4pm, it is put on by Truckee Meadows Community College. We have been teaching this class for 36 years. We started at the TMCC kitchen, then the kitchen at St. Stephens Episcopal Church across the street, and when they closed we came to Faith. We use the back of the Sanctuary, the kitchen and the Fireside Room. The Faith Cookbook has some of our recipes. The college sends out the schedule to everyone in Washoe County. This is great free advertisement for the church. If you are interested in more information please see me after church.

Our Bake Sale is Saturday, November 22nd 10am - 1pm. We have sheets for people to fill out and pay ahead of time so we know what to bake and how much. The people drive by and pick up their bags. We use the Entry way for that. Again if you are interested in more information please see me after church.

We are very thankful for Faith Lutheran working with us.

Mange Tusen Tukk (Many, many thanks),

Perralina Palm

Click the link for more information about [Daughters of Norway](#).

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Things to do in Reno in November

Winter Arts and Gifts Show

Friday, November 28th 11am - 8pm, Saturday, November 29th 11am - 6pm

Get ready for a delightful extravaganza of arts, crafts, and unique gifts at the Winter Arts & Gifts Show - a must-attend shopping event!

Location: Grand Sierra Resort and Casino at 2500 East 2nd Street

Welcome to one of the best craft shows in Nevada! [Tickets](#) are now on sale for the Winter Arts & Gifts Show. Don't miss our BOGO (Buy One, Get One) sale!

Experience a diverse collection of unique and handcrafted artworks, jewelry, home decor, and more, brought to you by talented artisans from around the region. Immerse yourself in a world of color, texture, and inspiration as you browse through a wide range of artistic creations.

Whether you're looking for the perfect gift, a one-of-a-kind piece, or want to support local artists, the Winter Arts & Gifts Show is the place to be. Discover hidden gems, meet the artists behind the creations, and take home something truly special, all while making a meaningful connection with the local art community.



Tanners Marketplace Antiques Retro and Crafts Show

Saturday, November 22 9am - November 23 3pm

Location: Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4590 South Virginia Street Reno, NV 89502

Welcome to **Tanners Marketplace March 2025 Antiques Retro and Crafts Show!** Join us at the **Reno-Sparks Convention Center** for a fantastic day filled with unique treasures and handmade crafts. Browse through a diverse selection of antiques, retro items, and one-of-a-kind crafts from talented artisans. Whether you're a collector, a vintage enthusiast, or just looking for something special, this event is the place to be. Don't miss out on this opportunity to discover hidden gems and support local artists. See you there! [Tickets](#).

Stewardship

Friends of faith, be looking in your mailbox for this year's announcement and invitation to prayerfully consider our commitments as a community in the year going forward. In fact, that's what we're calling the stewardship focus:

We live in thanks for the many good gifts God has provided, and we step in faith into the future for the good of our community and the neighbors we serve as Christ's body!

Commitment Sunday is Nov. 23rd.



Through the end of the third quarter of this year (9/30/2025), our activities are as follows:

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| Total Inflows | \$ 154,898.23 | Total Outflows | \$ 134,961.93 |
| General Offering | \$ 134,612.17 | | |
| One-time Giving | \$ 10,000.00 | | |
| Designated Giving | \$ 9,978.68 | | |
| Interest Income | \$ 307.38 | | |

This quarter we're continuing our trend: we are covering our expenditures, but not achieving our giving goals. Our budgeted giving goal for giving through 9/30/25 was ~\$147,500, which means we missed the mark by ~\$12,900. Our goal this year for General Giving is \$195,800. As you see in the rest of the newsletter, we have great teams doing as much good work as they can afford based on all our gifts! Hopefully we can get closer to our goal in the last few months of 2025.

On a positive note, we are starting to see the benefits of purchasing a Wells Fargo CD. The interest earned in just its first month is nearly 2.5x the quarterly interest earned on the prior savings strategy.

Below is our Financial position as of September 30, 2025:

| Assets | | Liabilities and Retained Capital | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| Bank Accounts | \$100,891.27 | Current Liabilities | \$84.57 |
| | | Retained Capital | |
| | | Unrestricted (Undesignated) | \$57,594.84 |
| | | Restricted Funds (Designated) | \$43,211.86 |
| Total Assets | \$100,891.27 | Total Liabilities and Retained Capital | \$100,891.27 |

In the last quarter, the council voted to pay off the remaining balance of the roof loan, which had a principal balance of \$16,386.92. This is a great accomplishment!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Erica Wilfrid. Thanks!

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Christ the King November 23, 2025

It is the last Sunday of the church year before the start of Advent, and the day is a celebration of the universal and eternal kingship of Jesus Christ.

“We honor and follow a king, not one in the ruthless style of Caesar or Pilate, nor a king grounded in values of coercion, imperialism, violence and oppression. The one we claim as our King models loving hospitality, embracing all, no exceptions. Our King rules with mercy, forgiveness and compassion.” -- [Rev. David C. Elliott](#)

“And after our praying, we are called to witness: to witness to the One who demonstrated power through weakness, who manifested strength through vulnerability, who established justice through mercy, and who built the kingdom of God by embracing a confused, chaotic, and violent world, taking its pain into his own body, dying the death it sought, and rising again to remind us that light is stronger than darkness, love is stronger than hate, and that with God, all good things are possible.” – [Rev Dr. David Lose](#)

Recipe of the Month From Faith Lutheran Heavenly Dishes

Irish Potato Soup by Amy Zimmerman Makes 6 servings

Ingredients:

- 6 medium potatoes
- 2 medium onions
- 2 tbsp butter *(or vegan butter alternative)*
- 5 cups of chicken stock or vegetable stock, *or (milk and water equal parts mixed)*
- 1 cup heavy cream *(or vegan alternative)*
- 2 tbsp fresh parsley or chives
- 1 tsp Salt *(to taste)*
- 1/4 tsp Pepper



Optional toppings: crispy bacon, shredded cheese, or extra cream

Peel and dice the potatoes.

Finely chop the onions.

Use a saucepan with a cover, melt the butter, and cook the potatoes and onions until soft, but not colored or browned.

Add the liquid stock and cream.

Stir continuously and bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to simmer, and cover for 30 minutes.

Add seasoning to taste.

Sprinkle fresh parsley or chives on top of each bowl as served.

Note: **Crusty bread** that pairs well with this soup is: Sourdough, Baguette, Rustic Artisan Bread, and Irish Soda Bread (there is a recipe for the Irish Soda bread on page 90 for those interested in making it to add to this yummy dish!) **Soft and savory bread:** Garlic bread, Cheesy and Chive Rolls, Cornbread and Focaccia.





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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| All Saints Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:50am Kid's Place 11:00am Adult Forum | ACA 5:30 - 7:45pm | Bible Study 1:30pm | Lunch Bunch 12pm | Scouts 7pm | | Worship Team Meeting 10am "Taste of Scandinavia" Daughters of Norway 9am - 4pm |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 9:30am Worship 10:50am Kid's Place 11am Adult Forum | ACA 5:30 - 7:45pm | Bible Study 1:30pm | Memory Care Support 1:30pm 4-H WhipStirs 6:30pm | Grief Support Group 10:30am Finance Meeting 12pm Scouts 7pm | | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 9:30am Worship 10:50am Kid's Place 11:00am Adult Forum | ACA 5:30 - 7:45pm Council Meeting 6pm | NARFE 11am Bible Study 1:30pm | | Lunch Fellowship Time? Scouts 7pm | | Daughters of Norway Bake Sale 10am - 1pm |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Christ the King 9:30am Worship 10:50am Kid's Place 11am Adult Forum | ACA 5:30 - 7:45pm | Bible Study 1:30pm | | Thanksgiving Day!  | | |
| 30 Advent Begins 9:30am Worship 10:50am Kid's Place 11am Adult Forum | | | | | |  |

Worship Schedule and Church Contact Information

| November Worship Schedule 2025 | | | | | |
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| Task | 2 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Greeter | Debbie H | Erica W | Linda Z | Richard S | Jean C |
| Reader | Jean C | Wes G | Pam S | Judi H | Sharon S |
| *Asst. Minister | Cole P | Sharon S | Todd M | Louis L | Matthew R |
| *Cantor | Dan P | Sharon S | Todd M | Louis L | Wes G |
| Usher | Matthew R | Zack W | Debbie H | Tommy K | Dan P |
| *Altar Guild | Eileen W Kathy w | Sharon S Sophia G | Annette W Betty T | Sharon S Sophia G | Betty T Annette W |
| Tech Support | Alex K | Eric W | Alex K | Eric W | Alex W |
| Musicians | Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K |
| *Counters | Linda Z Davyann S | Linda Z Tommy K | Davyann S Sigrun C | Theresa W Sigrun C | Linda Z Theresa W |
| Coffee after Worship | Judi Hein | OPEN | Sigrun C | Zimmermans | OPEN |

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