

FOLLOWING FAITH NEWSLETTER

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



JUNE 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

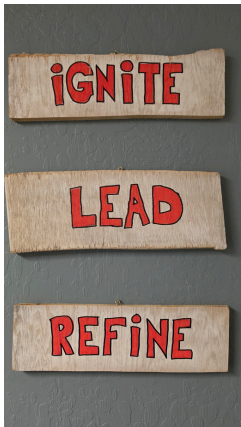
Friends of Faith,

Blessed Pentecost to you all. It's one of my favorite seasons of our life together — which probably tells you something about me. And whatever that says about me is true!

Pentecost is the feast of the Spirit who calls us together — who, as Luther's Small Catechism puts it, doesn't wait for us to find our way to God on our own, but instead “calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole church on earth.”

We don't conjure the Spirit. We don't make up the passion or mission. The Spirit conjures us. The Spirit connects us. The Spirit builds the church.

And this past Sunday the Spirit built us up by drawing on Sylvia Keesmaat's poem "Pentecost and Fire." I named three ways that Spirit moves among us:



The Spirit Ignites — like the bush that burned without consuming, calling Moses toward something he never would have chosen for himself. Passion that surprises us and issues freedom for the lost is a mark of the Spirit.

The Spirit Leads — like the pillar of fire that went ahead of wandering people through desert nights, making a way where there wasn't one. You don't have to see the whole path. Just the next lit step, and go there in trust.

The Spirit Refines — like the fire the prophets named, burning away what had grown hollow, calling the community back to itself and to God. That kind of fire is a gift, even when it stings.

I hope you felt some of that on Sunday. I hope you feel some of it now.

Here's where that fire meets the ground:

Back in January, the council opened a conversation about mission — about who we are and where God might be calling us next. That conversation is still going, and this summer I want to continue it with you, one on one.

I'm setting aside time to sit down with you and do some listening into what's next. Like: What do you love about this community? What are you hoping for? What needs do you see in Reno/Sparks? The Spirit moves through those kinds of honest conversations, and I don't want to miss what you're carrying.

There's a sign-up sheet in the narthex. I hope you'll add your name.

What is God's Spirit up to among us — and what are we gifted to do together, here and now? We're finding out, together. Blessed Pentecost life to you.

In fire and in faith, Pr. Shaun



IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH



Sunday, June 7th - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost



The weeks of summer coincide with the beginning of the Pentecost season. Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops, and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives, the church, and the world. In our scriptures, Hosea speaks of God's presence as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light. And we are welcomed to the great spiritual journey as we hear the merciful call to the tax collector, Matthew. We are all Welcome!

— > **We'll sing hymn #641 All Are Welcome**
"Let us build a house where love can dwell,
and all can safely live, a place where saints
and children tell how hearts learn to forgive"

Sunday, June 14th - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

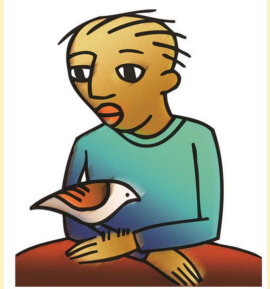


In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of the church's mission with images drawn from daily life. What are we to do? We are to do that to which our worship invites us: Let our conversation be shaped by the good news, extend Christ's peace wherever we find ourselves, and share our bread with the hungry.

Also — celebrate today that we hear a portion of scripture foundational to Lutheran theology: "Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).

Sunday, June 21st - 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.
Benjamin Pesis preaches this day!



Sunday, June 28th - 5th Sunday after Pentecost



Christ lives and preaches welcome. And we can sense scripture's climax in the unique revelation Jesus becomes. Take our first reading for the day, thinking also of Jesus' welcome: from Jeremiah 28

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. 7 But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."





FAITH FORMATION



Tuesday Bible Readers by Eileen W.

This group meets on **Tuesdays at 1:30** in the back of the sanctuary. We read and discuss the lectionary for the following Sunday. You can also join this group on zoom. This is a good way to read the Bible daily and prepare yourself for Sunday.

To find the Lectionary passages Augsburg Fortress puts them in a book *Bread for the Day 2026*. It is a daily Bible Reading and Prayer Book. You can purchase it from Augsburg Fortress or from Amazon.



ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! YOU'RE INVITED TO TWO BIBLE STUDIES THIS MONTH:

* YOUNG ADULTS PUB THEOLOGY EVERY 1ST THURSDAY AT 7PM AT 10 TORR ON MILL ST. NEXT EVENT **JUNE 4TH**

* YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY EVERY 3RD THURSDAY AT 7PM AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH. NEXT MEETING WILL BE **JUNE 18TH**.

SEE SOPHIA OR SHAUN FOR QUESTIONS OR DETAILS.

FELLOWSHIP



Faith's Supper Club | Thursday at Lakeside Grill
June 25th Location: 3466 Lakeside Dr.
Time: 4:30 PM

Come join us for good food and fellowship. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. See you in June!
Jean C



Lunch Bunch — June 3rd | BBQ Potluck! Don't miss our last Lunch Bunch before we break for summer! Join us on **Wednesday, June 3rd at 12pm**. Bring something yummy to share. We look forward to seeing you there!



Happy Father's Day
from
Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 21, 2026
After Church
Ice Cream Social
Celebrating Dads

All are welcome



A big shout out of thanks to Eric for giving the unclaimed Easter flowers a home near the front entrance — it looks beautiful!





IMPORTANT PLEASE READ: Summer Changes for Worship Duties

Hello FLC friends; In our effort to make volunteering easier and more efficient your worship team will be trying a different way of volunteering for Sunday worship duties for the summer. This is called "Same Day Assignment". The positions of Greeter - Usher - Acolyte - Reader - & Cantor will be written on a flip-chart located in the Narthex as you arrive for worship. If you are able to perform one of these weekly duties you will write your name under the category and carry out that duty for the day.

Also the entire month will be posted so if you know that you can definitely do one of these duties you can also sign up prior, but you must commit as a reminder will not be sent out.

The other duties including Assisting Minister, Altar Guild, Tech Support, Musicians & Counters will continue to be assigned as usual.

This will begin June 7th. Questions? Contact Sharon Scagliotti, your Worship Team Chair.

Shared Harvest June 28th at Lord of Mercy Sparks 1pm

The needs are: **28 Peanut Butter | 42 Canned fruit | 42 Chicken Noodle Soup
42 Pkts of Powdered milk | Unlimited Disposable Razors**

Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community!
Contact Tom L. for more details.



The parking lot is going to be resealed on Friday, June 19th and restriped on Saturday, June 20th. The church parking will be limited to the back parking area and at least on Friday only accessible by the back exit.



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Council Meeting minutes are available next to the church office door. Feel free to stop by and pick one up.

Faith Lutheran Church June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	ACA 5:30 - 7:45pm	Bible Study 1:30pm	Lunch Bunch BBQ 12pm 4-H WhipStirs 6:30pm	Scouts 7pm Young Adults Pub Theology 7pm		
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