

Following Faith Newsletter

Faith Lutheran Church

October 2026

Friends of Faith, what we tried in August we're going to try again this month! The Hawk Fire postponed our 70th Anniversary worship, but we're glad that our folks who evacuated were able to get back home and get things in order. Beyond our yearly celebrations we first care and love each other as God's church, so let's keep that up!

We packed away some of the festivities and left some decorations up. And now (God willing and the Truckee don't rise) we'll have this celebration on Sunday, October 25th, Reformation Sunday. That day will be anniversary worship and hors d'oeuvres and treats!

And though Hot August Nights was a somewhat fitting theme for a church anniversary (honoring the past), you know — so is Reformation! We celebrate our heritage about learning, growing, and following God faithfully and we look toward the future of God's Spirit continuing to lead us in that holy way.

What Reformation is about:

On October 31, 1517, a monk and Bible teacher named Martin Luther posted 95 Theses in Wittenberg. He was troubled by a church that sold forgiveness and kept people afraid— he'd lived with that fear himself, but he studied Scripture and found something else. Luther heard a God who justifies us by grace, through faith, not by our effort. God who gives the gospel for comfort and strength, not for fear.

And that Word has been changing the church ever since. We each have a vocation to live and proclaim that good news: Comfort to the afflicted, Hope for the down-and-out. We see our past and our future as marked by our constant existence as always saints and sinners. Faith Lutheran in 1956 and Faith Lutheran in 2026 share that in common! So we live, and minister, both humbly and gratefully, letting God's grace take all the credit. And the Reformation was never meant to be a museum piece. The church is always being reformed. A few years ago, around the 500th anniversary, the ELCA summed it up in three words: Always being made new.

After this summer, fire got closer than ever to some of us. We know fire that destroys. We watched it on the ridgelines. But Scripture also knows a fire that warms, gathers, and refines. On October 25th, we'll wear the red and remember both. We'll give thanks that the Spirit's fire is the kind that makes things new and is enlivening God's church here and now.

Come **Sunday, October 25th. Wear red.** Bring a story from your years here, or bring your hopes for the years ahead. Invite someone who walked with us once and hasn't been back in a while. We'll sing "The Church's One Foundation" and we'll give thanks for seventy years. And we'll look forward boldly, because the God who carried us this far is working in us yet.

See you there,
+Pr Shaun



In Worship This Month

Oct. 4th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

We'll bless pets, in honor of the feast of St. Francis, at 10:30am at this service's conclusion.



Oct. 11th - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. **Guest Preacher, ("pastor turned podcaster") Brian Hiortdahl, will preach and lead our Adult Forum class that follows worship.**

Brian makes a podcast called "[Sunday's Common](#)" – a reflection for pastors and lay people on the revised common lectionary readings.

Wednesday, October 14th, 6pm - Evening Prayer and Taize.

Join us for a contemplative service of sung meditation, readings, and prayer. This is a way to gather in a mood of humility and prayer for our needs, those of our congregation, and our wider community and world. Please join us!



Oct. 18th - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Today is a famous passage/question about Caesar's image on the coins in the first century. What is of this world, and what is God's?—this is a trick question meant to trip up Jesus. He keeps pushing that the loyalty of the heart is the Ultimate Matter. **Guest Chaplain Todd Mauldin will preach as we gather for a service of the Word.**

Oct. 25th - Reformation and our Church Anniversary! Our rescheduled anniversary celebration is today. Faith Lutheran is 70 years old! Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work, and that God has called each of us together, in community, in the here and now.

The choir sings this day! Treats and hors d'oeuvres follow worship!



Fellowship



Faith's Supper Club |
Thursday October 22nd
Location: Amici's 1141
Steamboat Parkway
Reno, Nv.

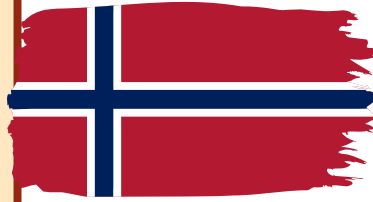
Time: 4:30 PM

Come join us for good
food and fellowship. -
Jean C



Daughters of Norway

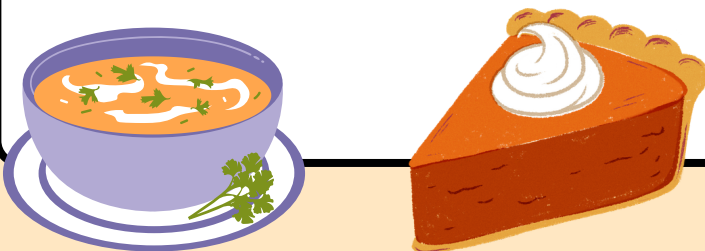
The local chapter of Daughters of
Norway are hosting a Painting event on
Saturday, October 10th from 8:30 am -
4:30 pm.



Lunch Bunch Returning!

Wednesday, October 7th, we will resume our lunch
bunch fellowship and lunch. We meet here at Faith
at 12 noon. It is a potluck so bring a dish to share.

For more information, contact
Eileen Way.



SAVE THE DATE:

**3rd Annual Christmas Concert — "Christmas
Memories"**

Saturday, December 12 | 2:00 pm

Love Christmas music? Come share it! Solos,
duos, families, choirs, and groups of all kinds
are welcome to perform. Submit your song or
poem title to Sharon Scagliotti at
sharonscag@gmail.com by November 15th.

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

*Young Adult Bible Study every 3rd Thursday at 7pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Next meeting will be **October 15**.

See Sophia or Pastor Shaun for questions or details.



Outreach and Serving Others

Shared Harvest | October 25th Our Savior in Sparks at 1pm

The needs are:

28 Cold Cereal

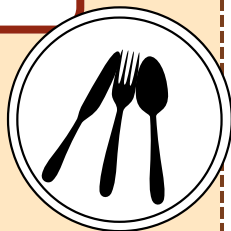
42 Canned Fruit

42 Chicken Noodle Soup

42 Canned Tuna

Unlimited Shampoo

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



Join us in October as we attend to hunger issues in Northern Nevada.

The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, Oct 18th, 2pm at the Sparks Marina. Judi Hein is raising money, and if you want to walk along and raise awareness, let her know! See the pledge sheet in the Narthex to join us and donate funds. This walk is just one of many ways to see World Food Day in action. See more info on the next page!

Our Synod supports hunger news and justice initiatives from **Leanforjustice.org**. There you can get information on what is happening in the State of Nevada regarding hunger and what the legislature will be voting on in 2027. As it is a year where the legislature convenes, it's a pivotal time to learn the issues and lend your voice! See Judi H, chair of the outreach team, or Pr. Shaun for more info.

Celebrate World Food Day with ELCA World Hunger on Oct. 16!

Join people around the world in raising awareness and taking collective action to end hunger for good. World Food Day is one of the most celebrated days on the United Nations calendar, with opportunities in more than 150 countries and more than 50 languages to raise awareness of hunger. This year's theme, "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow," highlights how we can combine traditional knowledge with forward-thinking solutions to ensure that everyone has access to nutritious food.

ELCA World Hunger has been at work for more than 50 years, addressing root causes of hunger around the world and here in the United States through innovative, sustainable projects. Your gifts connect people with training and resources so they can enjoy a fruitful harvest, access clean water, send their kids to school, get adequate healthcare and strengthen their income streams.

This World Food Day, our community is invited to join ELCA World Hunger in taking action. When we work together, we can build a just world where all are fed.



"You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity."

-ELW 484, "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



Prayer List

In Our Prayers

We pray: for healing to Cole Powell, continued wellness for Katie Weldon, Pat Porter, Sharon Scagliotti, Annette Warner, and Charley Watts.

with Cheri Daur, for healing and strength after a fall at home.

with Ray Olson for healing after knee surgeries.

with Sonja Dresbach for her health, for the health of her son-in-law, Chuck and his transplant potentials through the Mayo Clinic, for healing to her Goddaughter, Karen, after pancreatitis, and for healthy growth to Sonja's great grandson.

We pray with and for those who are home bound

For all victims of violence and their loved ones

For safety and support for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere

For all affected by natural disasters and climate change

For those serving in the military and leaders in our government

For those recovering from surgery

For the understanding of and care of our environment

For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Gaza, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Sudan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Ukraine, and Myanmar...

For an end to genocide across the world...

For flooding in southwestern Ohio and all those affected by natural disasters...

For Luther Seminary and all seminaries navigating reimagination or relocation...

For the United Nations General Assembly and for all agencies working for peace...

For victims of gun violence, especially in Ontario, Canada and Durban, South Africa...

For immigrants and all marginalized populations who live in fear of violence...

For all in need of access to affordable healthcare...

We pray to you, Lord. Have mercy, O God.

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

~ Martin Luther

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Herman 10/7

Judith Carlin 10/19

Devone Henderson 10/10

Bob Luebke 10/30

Wesley Gray 10/10

Amanda O'Reilly 10/10

Annette Warner 10/15





Worship Assistants

October Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	4th	11th	18th	25th
Greeter	Linda Z	Jean C	Richard S	Alissa S
Reader	Linda Z	Wes G	Sigrun C	Sam S
*Asst. Minister	Erica W	Louis L	Judi H	Sam S
*Cantor	Juliana C	Louis L	Wes G	Choir
Usher	Amanda O	Debbie H	Eileen W	Tom L
*Altar Guild	Eileen W Kathy W	Sharon S Diane Y	Annette W	O'Reillys
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Choir
*Counters	DavyAnn S Alissa S	DavyAnn S Linda Z	Sigrun C Linda Z	Sigrun C Theresa W
Coffee after Worship	Annette Warner	Judi Hein	Zimmermans	Fellowship Team



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Grief Support Group 10:30am Scouts 7pm Young Adults Pub Theology 7pm		
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9:30 am Worship 10:50 am Kid's Place 11:00 am Adult Forum	Pastor out 5th -7th ACA 5:30 - 7:30pm Scouts 7pm	Pastor out 5th -7th Bible Study 1:30pm	Pastor out 5th -7th Lunch Bunch 12pm	Finance Meeting 12pm	Bible Study 10:30-12pm	Worship Team Meeting 10am Daughters of Norway Painting Class 8:30-4:30pm
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