

**FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL**



OCTOBER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2025



*Faith's mission is to openly share
the saving grace of Jesus' love*



Faith Opens Doors

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

~ Luke 18:1



From the Pastor's Desk

Our gospel readings from Luke this month continue to focus on ways to live out our faith by striving to follow Jesus. Our Bible study groups have also been focusing on different aspects of discipleship. At this point in the year, do you feel like your faith sometimes takes a backseat to all of the busy-ness of the season? Our family calendar is full of daily activities, homework, practicing various musical instruments, extracurricular activities, and trying to squeeze in healthy practices like exercise and prayer. Sometimes, it seems impossible to “do it all.” While we are focusing this fall on things we can DO as disciples of Jesus, remember that the primary concern of God is first how we are BEING disciples of Jesus.

We are claimed, loved, and saved by Christ through our faith. Faith, before any actions, starts with trust. No matter how busy we are, we can wake up with a quick prayer of thanks and put our trust in God’s hands for the day. When we end our full days exhausted, we place ourselves in God’s hands. We can ask not just “What do you want me to do, Lord?” but “God, how do you want me to be today?”

Part of what can make this time of year stressful is also everything going on in the world around us. War, rumors of war, violence, broken family relationships, and the divisions in our country can all be disheartening. Jesus encourages us in these chapters from Luke to pray always and not to lose heart. Being with God in prayer roots us in the trust and love of God so that we do not lose heart, no matter how anxious our circumstances. Our church community is here to support one another and encourage one another to not lose heart. So when you are wondering how you can “do it all” or if you are doing anything at all to make a difference in a hurting world, don’t lose heart! All our “doing” helps our “being” followers of Jesus. Jesus has already given us his all and will carry us through.

<https://www.givingwhatwecan.org>

This website is a resource to explore giving more generously. Did you know if your post-tax income is \$65,000 or higher, you are in the top 1% of earners globally? See what impact you can make and get inspired by stories of other people who are learning to live more generously.



What I Want My Church to Be

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

Sunday School

Sunday School
is up and
running now
that the school
year has
begun, and
we're thrilled



that our group continues to grow! Our young learners enjoyed the annual Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by September lessons focused on Adam and Eve, Baby Moses, The Burning Bush, and The Red Sea as we learn about God's love and faithfulness through key moments in the Old Testament. As we head into October, we'll continue to explore Exodus, then move on to stories in Joshua, Ruth, and Samuel.

Families gathered for a game and pizza night on Friday, September 19, and look forward to Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 25, from 1pm-3pm right in Faith's parking lot. Save the date for Faith's Talent Show, open to all acts, on Friday, November 7 at 7pm!

Nursery School

Dear Families,

We can hardly believe our first month of school has already flown

by! September was full of smiles, learning, and new friendships. We especially loved seeing you at our blessing of the backpacks. What a wonderful way to kick off the school year together.

Now, we're excited to jump into October and all the fun it brings! This month we will:

- 🍎 Welcome our local firefighters for a special visit, where the children will learn about fire safety and explore the fire truck.
 - 🍎 Have a special visit from a dentist who will teach about the importance of brushing our teeth!
 - 🍎 Pick pumpkins right from our own garden—a favorite fall tradition!
 - 🍎 Trick or treat from class to class, sharing treats and giggles with friends.
 - 🍎 Celebrate with our Halloween show at the end of the month, where our little stars will delight you with songs and costumes.
- Thank you for sharing your children with us each day and for helping to make our first month such a success. We can't wait to see all the fun and growth October will bring!

~ Olivia Weinert, Interim Director

Council Corner

Our congregation's annual meeting was on Sunday, September 21 at 11am. 28 voting members were in attendance. We elected Evelyn Meyers and Tricia Shannon to their first terms on the Faith Council, and Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti to a second term. We adopted a balanced budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Faith's Council met briefly after the worship service to elect Richard Lin as council president, Doug Raba as vice president, Lydia Kaboolian as secretary, Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti as treasurer, and Evelyn Meyers as financial secretary. We also approved the donation of Lynn Janetschek of new red paraments in memory of her husband, Robert (Bob). Our next Council meeting will be on Sunday, October 19 at 11:30am.



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Like our Facebook Page, Faith Lutheran Church at <https://fb.com/faithlutheransyosset/>. Also check us out on our **website** at www.faithsyosset.org.

Our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51Ic5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A>.

Our 10am worship services continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Nursery Sunday School

We now offer pre-reader Sunday School for nursery-age children in addition to our Sunday School during worship. Please speak with one of our ushers or Pastor Rebecca if you would like more information about these options.

October Worship:

Our gospel readings this month teach us about basic ways we can live out our faith in response to Christ's love for us.

October 5 - Faithfulness

October 12 - Gratitude

October 19 - Advocacy

October 26 - Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 26 we will celebrate the Holy Spirit's ongoing reformation of the church - wear red if you can! We will also celebrate the confirmation of Isabelle Raba.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our morning Bible study group meets two Thursdays a month at 10:30am downstairs in the music room or on Zoom. This month, we will be meeting on October 2 & 16 studying the Five Gifts of Discipleship. This month - "Living among God's Faithful People, and "Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord's Supper."

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812884989?pwd=ZC9PWHB1TjVIRklramxGdVY4Y3BBQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 1288 4989

Passcode: 474102

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kHvUdGR4j>



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Monday Evening Bible Study

Pastor Rebecca is also starting an evening study group on the same topics this fall on Mondays from 8-9pm in the church library or on Zoom. We will meet on October 6th and 27th this month:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84902024385?pwd=ejXtnQbxO5wv6nkH0p4kmG1aepfGC.1>

Meeting ID: 849 0202 4385

Passcode: 098078



First Communion Classes

Pastor Rebecca is offering a series of three communion classes for children and parents interested in having their children join us for Communion in worship. These classes are on October 4, and October 18 from 9-10am in the church library. Please let Pastor Rebecca know of your interest! We will celebrate First Communion on Sunday, October 26.

Designated Gift Priorities

Faith's Council has established a running list of designated gift priorities for our church. If you would like to give a special gift in memory or in honor of someone, or simply to support our church's ministries outside of your regular offering, the current list is below:

- Nursery School upgrades
- Outdoor nativity
- New office laptops and software upgrades
- Fellowship Hall Lighting
- Faith Music Conservation and Ministry Fund
- Landscaping and Biblical Garden upkeep
- Fellowship Hall Floor

Please contact Linda Boccafola, secretary, or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.

Giving Electronically

You may register to give electronically on the front page of our website or mail in your offering. Please let us know if you need more offering envelopes. Find us on Zelle at faithsyossetbilling@gmail.com for a one-time electronic donation. Please follow up with an email stating the intent of your gift (memorial, flowers, general offering), and we will respond with a confirmation of receipt by the next business day. Thank you for your ongoing support of Faith and its ministries! We now have laminated cards to place in the offering plate during worship for those who give electronically!

Eastern Nassau Conference Women's Bible Study

All women are welcome to attend the monthly Conference Bible study that meets on the third Thursday of the month from 10 to 11:30am. This month the meeting is at Grace Lutheran Church, 1294 Bellmore Ave., Bellmore led by Minister Marilyn Dalloway.

Lutheran Counseling Center Services

Faith is a member of Lutheran Counseling Center Services of Long Island. As a member of Faith, you may be eligible for sessions with a mental health therapist for \$35 per session. You are welcome to speak confidentially with Pastor Rebecca for more information, and check out their website at www.lccny.org.

Lutheran
Counseling
hope and healing
Center





New Life Food Pantry

Faith supports the New Life Food Pantry in Franklin Square (housed at Ascension Lutheran Church). Needed items include the following: Red or Black Dried Beans, Juice/ Assorted Drinks, Masa Flour, Sugar, Flour, Cookies, Candies, Snacks, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Jelly, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Spam, Canned Chicken, Canned Salmon, Pudding, Jello, Canned Fruit, Napkins, 1-2lb. bags or boxes of Rice, Regular/Decaf/Instant Coffee, Tea, Parmalat Milk gift cards to ShopRite, Lidl, or Stop & Shop. You are welcome to bring in donations on Sunday mornings or 9am to 3pm during the week.



Confirmation of Isabelle "Izzy" Virginia Raba

On October 26, 2025, we will celebrate Izzy Raba's confirmation! Izzy's sponsors are Daniel and Bethany Wilinski. She was baptized at Our Savior's Atonement in New York City on January 15, 2012. Her confirmation Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31, "But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Izzy shared that the most important thing she learned in confirmation was that God loves and forgives us no matter what. The most challenging thing in class was the concept that God is three: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, but also one at the same time. She says, "I think that being a part of a church is worshipping God as a community and family." She likes that church is a family. Izzy is an eighth grader at LuHi, and says she sees God leading her to use her talents to help others in the future.

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Adult Choir

Adult Choir Rehearsal is every Sunday upstairs at 9:15am! All are welcome to join us!

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Men's Breakfast

The Faith Men's Breakfast takes place every first Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM at the On Parade Diner on Jericho Tpke in Woodbury. Please contact John Hinsch at j4bhinsch@hotmail.com for more information.

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Prospective Member Meeting

If you have been attending Faith for awhile and are interested in learning more about becoming an official member, plan to meet in the church library with Pastor Rebecca after worship on Sunday, October 26, or let her know of your interest if you cannot attend that day! We are planning a New Member Sunday on November 30.



Church Library Makeover

Have you heard?! Our Church Library has a new look. Thanks to the generous donations of Norma Burns in memory of her husband, Neal Burns, as well as donations from Evelyn Meyers and Linda and James Moore, our Library had a complete make-over with walls painted, new carpet installed, and new cushions on our chairs.

Not only did the looks of the library change, but the books in the library have had a make-over as well. During the summer months, Chris Diekmann and Linda Boccafola took the opportunity to review and categorize our library books. We have books on the life of Jesus, Martin Luther, the Gospels, religions of the world, Christianity, reference books on religion and of course, Bibles! There are also two shelves of children's books. There is something for everyone!

Please feel free to take a tour of our Library and available reading material. There is a black and white composition book for your convenience to date, list the name of the book and your name when you take books home to read. Or, if you would like, sit awhile in our lounge area and enjoy reading a good book!



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Blessing of Backpacks & Teachers

We welcomed Pastor Rebecca and family back from sabbatical, blessed our teachers, backpacks, and students to kick off another Sunday School year on September 7!













Sage Bistro Luncheon

On September 14 after worship, we enjoyed a lunch together at Sage Bistro in Woodbury thanks to the Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Grant, as a celebration of the culmination of Pastor Rebecca's sabbatical.













Installation of Church Council Members

On Sunday, September 28, we installed our Faith Lutheran Church Council Members and Officers in worship: Richard Lin, Council President; Doug Raba, Vice President; Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti, Treasurer; Lydia Kaboolian, Secretary; Evelyn Meyers, Financial Secretary, Tricia Shannon, Betty Schmale, Jeanne Sofia, and Craig Zeolla.





Trunk or Treat

Please let Pastor Rebecca know if you can decorate your trunk and hand out candy or other treats, or help with our craft table! We will be in the fellowship hall if weather is inclement.

Prayer Concerns

Beth Speiser,
 Eliana Melody (granddaughter of
 Pam Morritt Freitag),
 Anthony and Lois Martillo,
 Barbara Krampitz,
 Arthur Millin (brother-in-law of
 Lydia Kaboolian),
 Lauren, Tommy, and their daughter
 Emerson Wondsel (friends of Pam
 Freitag),
 Joseph Boccafola (son of Everett
 & Linda Boccafola)
 Wayne Gruber (son of Evelyn
 Gruber)
 Evelyn Gruber
 Fran Pelella, Mary Alice, and Beth
 (sisters of Lydia Kaboolian)
 Jennifer & Bob Male (friends of
 Lydia Kaboolian)
 Harold Nahigian (brother-in-law of
 Lydia Kaboolian)
 Julian Hyman (friend of the
 Kaboolians)
 Lorraine Benson, Marianna
 Berkowitz (friends of Margaret
 Schuffenhauer)
 Richard Hance
 Elizabeth Ahlers (mother of Audrey
 Bullaro)
 Joyce Schultz
 Randy Maertz (family friend of
 John Hinsch)
 Annabelle and Kara Martone
 (family friends of the Rabas)

Adam Preiser (Grandson of
 Debbie Ostermeier)
 Susan MacDonald (friend of Patty
 Cadavid)
 Stan Miller (friend of Ron Geraci &
 Tricia Shannon)
 Heath Sangster (nephew of Lydia
 Kaboolian)
 Lisa Psareas (daughter of Debbie
 Ostermeier)
 Chad Ehler (grandnephew of
 Margaret Schuffenhauer)
 Glenn Baumann
 Debbie Ostermeier
 Rory Nicoletti (grandnephew of
 Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci)
 Linda Zaratina
 Doris Krahn (wife of Pastor John
 Krahn)
 Lisa & Kathy Hinsch (sisters-in-law
 of John Hinsch)
 The family and friends of Claire
 DeNardo, mother of Kim DeNardo,
 who entered into eternal rest on
 September 22, 2025.
 The family and friends of Bette
 Gilmartin, who entered into eternal
 rest on September 25, 2025.

OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Acolytes	Isabelle Raba	Patrick Lin	Gabrielle Ho	Michelle Chan
Lectors	Belle Douglas	Abigail Ho	Lydia Kaboolian	Jeanne Sofia
Counters	Evelyn Meyers Norma Burns	Norma Burns Betty Schmale	Pam Freitag Ruth Minkoff	Priscilla Ho Evelyn Meyers
Sunday School Teachers	Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti	Jess Raba	Rich Sheridan	Craig & Melanie Zeolla
Nursery	Darlene Gaffney Gabby Ho	Jojo Chen Izzy Raba	Priscilla Ho Abigail Ho	Darlene Gaffney Amelia Lin
Fellowship Host	Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti	Jojo Chen & Family	Ron Geraci Tricia Shannon	Evelyn Meyers Chris Diekmann
Ushers	Deborah Ostermeier Norma Burns	Carl Juul-Nielsen Richard Lin	Evelyn Meyers Ron Geraci	Jeanne Sofia Joy Chen



Altar Guild for the Month of October:
Pam Freitag



Anniversaries:

Oct 03 — Jay & Karen Lesser

Oct 08 — Richard & Pamela Freitag

Oct 20 — Horst & Ursula Mecke

Birthdays:

Oct 05 — Everett Boccafola & Betty Schmale

Oct 09 — Ashley Hu

Oct 11 — Amelia Lin

Oct 12 — Elizabeth Speiser & Joseph Sossi

Oct 15 — Linda Zaratin

Oct 18 — Christian Lescano, Jr.

Oct 19 — Erin Sheridan & Daniella Fedorczak

Oct 20 — Cindy Hrubes & Barbara Krampitz

Oct 21 — Virginia Pomerenk & Anthony Domathoti

Oct 24 — Abigail Ho

Oct 27 — Lydia Kaboolian

Oct 28 — Steven Baker

Oct 29 — Michelle Chan

October 2025 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Sunday September 28, 2025	Sun Oct 5, 25 • 9:15am Adult Choir • 10am Worship & Sunday School • 12:30pm Blessing of Animals — at St. Edward's • 1pm Trinity
Mon Sep 29, 25	Mon Oct 6, 25 • 9am Nursery School • 8pm Adult Bible Study
Tue Sep 30, 25	Tue Oct 7, 25 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers
Wed Oct 1, 25 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm Boy Scouts	Wed Oct 8, 25 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm Boy Scouts
Thu Oct 2, 25 • No School • 10:30am Bible Study • 7pm Twin County Chorus	Thu Oct 9, 25 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm Twin County Chorus
Fri Oct 3, 25 • 9am Nursery School	Fri Oct 10, 25 • 9am Nursery School
Sat Oct 4, 25 • 8am Men's Breakfast (On Parade Diner) • 9am First Communion Class	Sat Oct 11, 25

October 2025 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

(Continued)

WEEK 3

Sun Oct 12, 25

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Oct 13, 25

- 9am Nursery School

Tue Oct 14, 25

- No School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Oct 15, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Oct 16, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 10:30am Bible Study
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri Oct 17, 25

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Oct 18, 25

- 9am First Communion Class

WEEK 4

Sun Oct 19, 25

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- **11:30 Church Council Meeting**
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Oct 20, 25

- No School

Tue Oct 21, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Oct 22, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Oct 23, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri Oct 24, 25

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Oct 25, 25

- 1pm Trunk or Treat

October 2025 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

(Continued)

WEEK 5

Sun Oct 26, 25

- **Reformation Sunday**
- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Oct 27, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 8pm Adult Bible Study

Tue Oct 28, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Oct 29, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Oct 30, 25

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri Oct 31, 25

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Nov 1, 25

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