



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



Faith Opens Doors

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ~ Luke 14:27

Do you think of yourself as a disciple of Jesus?

Disciples are not just the twelve men in the Bible whom Jesus first called to follow him. In fact, when we read through the gospels and the book of Acts, other people are called disciples. A disciple is anyone who wants to follow Jesus, and that includes you! This month, our gospel readings give us insight into different aspects of discipleship. Sometimes what Jesus asks of his followers (including us), is

challenging. Like, what does it mean to take up the cross?

To wrestle with these questions about discipleship, our Bible studies in addition to our Sunday worship focus will also be on discipleship as we explore how to follow Jesus faithfully today.

I am returning from sabbatical, by the way! My first day back coincides with the beginning of the new Sunday School year on September 7. Please be patient with me as I try to return emails and phone calls, check-in with our shut-ins, and get back into the swing of things. Thank you once again for the gift of time with my family this summer! I pray that you also had an opportunity for rest and renewal as we get back to busy fall routines. I hope you can join us at Sage Bistro on Sunday, September 14 for a meal and sharing of stories together! May we embrace our identity as Christ's disciples!

Mirrors and Windows

Mirrors and windows are both found in most homes and both made of glass, but differ in one very important way. Mirrors tell us about ourselves, while windows tell us about others.

Look into a mirror for even one minute, and you're almost guaranteed to see something you don't like. (I know I do!) It may be a crooked hair part (easily fixable with a comb) or a need to lose weight (not so easy, even with a gym membership), but our appearances are so important to us that we're likely to at least want to improve what we can.

Windows are different. Through a window, we see the world around us. If we look long enough, we may well see something or someone that needs help. It may be the lawn of a shut-in that needs mowing. It may be a new neighbor we could invite to church. Maybe it's only a can lying in the gutter, which we could drop in our recycling bin. The question is, do we actually do any of these things?

If we all spent more time looking through windows instead of at mirrors, we could make the world a much better place.







The end of the summer is upon us. We wait so long for it to come and then it seems to be over so quickly! School is starting up again and with that all the activities that come with it. Autumn is one of those times when the workaday world makes its influence felt in the rhythms of the church. Autumn is not, of course, an official season of the church year. Rather, we are continuing the long season after Pentecost, the time of the church. This time of the year, however, does feel like a new

season of beginnings. This is the time above all others when we gather our energies, restarting those programs that may have taken the summer off and breathe new life into everything else.

All this has particular significance now for Faith Lutheran Church. Pastor Sheridan has been on sabbatical, resting, learning, traveling, working, and being renewed. You also have been doing your part in attending the retreat and visiting other churches. Now she will return to continue her work with you as you journey together to be the church in this time and in this place.

It has been a pleasure to worship and share God's Word with you this summer. It has been rewarding to be with you during this time. I wish you all the best as you continue to be the church here in Syosset.

It is time to begin again. This is what the Christian life is all about. Each day is a new beginning. Luther wrote of how in baptism there is a "daily drowning" of our sins, our old way of life, so that we can start anew as people who are loved and forgiven by God.

In Christ,
Pastor Martin Nale

Sunday School

Faith's Sunday School teachers are preparing for a wonderful year of learning about God's grace and love for us. Plan to be in church for the Blessing of the Backpacks and our first day of Sunday School on September 7. This year's curriculum takes us through Old Testament Stories in the fall and the life of Jesus in the spring. If you know of any school age children not yet attending Faith Sunday School, please invite them to attend one Sunday this fall.

Faith Family Nights will be back beginning with a pizza and game night on Friday, September 19. Save the date, and look for more information in the weeks ahead.



Nursery School

What an incredible summer it's been! Our camp days were filled with laughter, creativity, and unforgettable memories. The kids had an absolute blast taking part in all of our exciting activities — from cooling off during water play days to enjoying sweet treats on ice cream day. One of the highlights was our movie days, where everyone got to relax, and watch fun films with their friends.

The energy, smiles, and joy we saw each day made this summer truly special. Thank you to all the families and staff who helped make it such a successful and fun-filled season!

Now, as we say goodbye to summer and welcome the fresh start of September, we're excited for what's ahead. With the school year beginning, we're ready to dive back into learning, growing, and exploring together.

And don't forget - Dance class is back every week! We can't wait to see our little movers and shakers express themselves and have fun through music and movement.

Here's to a fantastic start to the school year!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

This month, we will be meeting on September 11 & 18 studying the Five Gifts of Discipleship. This month - What Is Discipleship? And "Living Among God's Faithful People."

Pastor Rebecca is also starting an evening study group on the same topics this fall on Mondays from 8-9pm. Our first meeting will be on September 15. Please let her know if you would like to attend - we will meet in the church library, and a Zoom link will be made available.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 868 1288 4989

Passcode: 474102

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kHvUdGR4j





Council Corner

Faith Congregation's Annual Meeting is Sunday, September 21 after worship. All voting members who have communed and contributed since our last annual meeting are encouraged to attend. We will elect new council members and adopt our 2025-2026 budget at this important meeting.

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met on August 17, 2025:

- On behalf of all who worship at Faith Lutheran, the church council wishes to express profound gratitude to Pastor Nale for leading the congregation in worship while Pastor Rebecca was on sabbatical! We're excited to welcome Pastor Rebecca, Rich, Erin and Grace back!
- We discussed strategic goals including providing engaging youth programming, increasing active membership, providing a broad range of faith formation opportunities, and seeking opportunities to serve the wider community.
- The council decided to rent a room to Trinity Church Long Island for an 8-week round of Bible study classes starting Monday, September 15th.

- The council wishes to express its gratitude toward Ruth Minkoff for having acted as our Financial Secretary, and toward Evelyn Meyers for stepping up to fill the position.
- The nursery school is thriving summer camp went well and the school is nearly at capacity for the Fall.



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.



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.





Nursery Care

A nursery volunteer is available to take your child to our downstairs nursery during the Sunday School time if they are not yet ready for Sunday School. Please speak with one of our ushers or Pastor Rebecca if you would like more information about this option.

September 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.

September 7: Blessing of Backpacks

September 14: Hospitality September 21: Generosity

September 28: Service

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
- · Accessible restrooms

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of Backpacks and the start of Sunday School is Sunday, September 7! Please update your children's information with our church office or contact Jessica Raba for more information: jessica.hinsch@gmail.com.

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!

Men's Breakfast

The next Faith Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 6 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.

Adult Choir

Adult Choir Rehearsal resumes on Sunday, September 7 upstairs at 9:15am! All are welcome to join us!

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, Parmalot 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.

Eastern Nassau Conference WELCA

The next meeting will be at St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park on the third Wednesday of the month, September 17, 2025, from 10:00 until 11:30. The theme will be: How Do We Hear Ecclesiastes 3:1-8?



Koinonia Retreat

A three-day, two-night retreat to Camp Koinonia, at Highland Lake (Upstate New York) in the middle of blazing hot July, was more than a needed change of scenery. It was a reset for our church family. Surrounded by a quiet forest, a green lake and crisp air, we stepped out of routine and into a space where worship, learning, and fellowship could take center stage.

























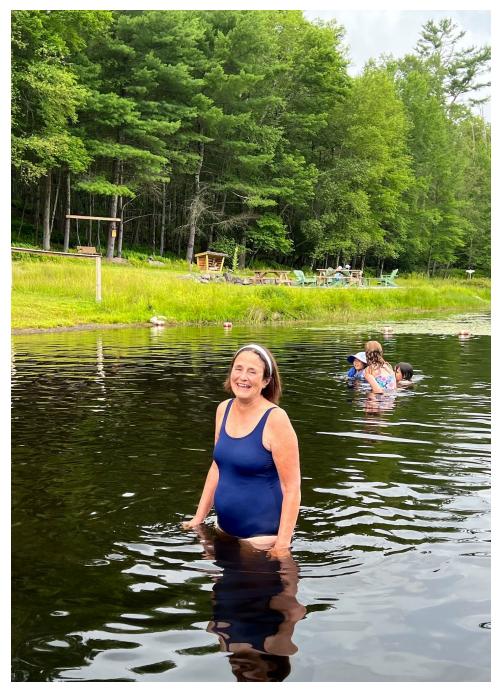




















































Worship at Teddy Roosevelt Beach

On Sunday, August 3, 2025, 26 members of our Faith family gathered to connect with God on the sandy beach of Teddy Roosevelt beach in Oyster Bay.

We were led in worship by Pastor Nale while Pastor Rebecca was away on her sabbatical.

It gave us a great sense of community and was a spiritual experience that transcended walls and embraced the beauty of nature.













Prayer Concerns

Beth Speiser,

Eliana Melody (granddaughter of

Pam Morritt Freitag),

Anthony & Lois Martillo,

Barbara Krampitz,

Arthur Millin (brother-in-law of

Lydia Kaboolian),

Lauren, Tommy & their daughter

Emerson Wondsel (friends of Pam

Freitag),

Bill Wolter,

Joseph Boccafola (son of Linda and Everett Boccafola).

Wayne Gruber (son of Evelyn

Gruber),

Dan Geraci & Alexis Allegra (son & daughter-in-law of Ron Geraci and

Tricia Shannon),

Evelyn Gruber,

Julian Hyman (friend of the

Kaboolian family),

Jennifer & Bob Male (dear friends

of Lydia Kaboolian),

Claire DeNardo (mother of Kim

DeNardo),

Lorraine Benson,

Marianna Berkowitz (friends of

Margaret Schuffenhauer),

Fran, Mary Alice and Beth (sisters

of Lydia Kaboolian),

Harold Nahigian (Lydia

Kaboolian's brother-in-law),

Richard Hance.

Elizabeth Ahlers (mother of Audrey

Bullaro),

Joyce Schultz,

Annabelle & Kara Martone (mother

& daughter friends of the Rabas),

Lauren Ebbin (granddaughter of

Debbie Ostermeier),

Susan MacDonald (friend of Patty

Cadavid),

Stan Miller (dear friend of Tricia

Shannon and Ron Geraci),

Heath Sangster (nephew-in-law of

Lydia Kaboolian),

Lisa Psareas (daughter of Debbie

Ostermeier),

Bette Gilmartin,

Karen Lesser,

Debbie Ostermeier,

Glenn Baumann.

Rory Nicoletti (four month old

grandnephew of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci).

Linda Zaratin,

The family and friends of Daniel

Voelker who entered into eternal

rest on August 21, 2025,

The family and friends of Bill Wolter who entered into eternal

rest on August 29, 2025

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Sep 7	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 28
Acolytes	Isabelle Raba	Patrick Lin	Gabrielle Ho	Michelle Chan
Lectors	Belle Douglas	Linda Boccafola	Doug Raba	Gabrielle Ho
Counters	Evelyn Meyers Jeanne Sofia	Norma Burns Betty Schmale	Ruth Minkoff Prscilla Ho	Jeanne Sofia Pam Freitag
Sunday School Teachers	Jess Raba	TBD	TBD	Craig and Melanie Zeolla
Nursery				
Fellowship Host	The Raba Family	Sage Bistro Luncheon	The Zeolla Family	Belle Douglas
Ushers	Deborah Ostermeier Norma Burns	Carl Juul-Nielsen Richard Lin	Evelyn Meyers Ron Geraci	Jeanne Sofia Joy Chen



Altar Guild for the Month of September:

Pam Freitag





September 2025 Agenda Happenings at Faith

WEEK 1 WEEK 2

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Sunday Aug 31, 2025	Sun Sep 7, 25	
	 Blessing of Backpacks 9:15am Adult Choir 10am Worship & Sunday School 1pm Trinity 	
Mon Sep 1, 25	Mon Sep 8, 25	
· Labor Day	 9am Nursery School 	
Tue Sep 2, 25	Tue Sep 9, 25	
9am Nursery School7pm LI Harmonizers	9am Nursery School7pm Ll Harmonizers	
Wed Sep 3, 25	Wed Sep 10, 25	
9am Nursery School7pm Boy Scouts	9am Nursery School7pm Boy Scouts	
Thu Sep 4, 25	Thu Sep 11, 25	
9am Nursery School7pm Twin County Chorus	9am Nursery School10:30am Bible Study7pm Twin County Chorus	
Fri Sep 5, 25	Fri Sep 12, 25	

 8am Men's Breakfast (On Parade Diner)

• 9am Nursery School

Sat Sep 6, 25

· 9am Nursery School

Sat Sep 13, 25

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Happenings at Faith

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WEEK 3 WEEK 4

Sun Sep 14, 25	Sun Sep 21, 25	
 9:15am Adult Choir 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Congregational Luncheon at Sage Bistro 1pm Trinity 	 9:15am Adult Choir 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Annual Congregational Meeting 1pm Trinity 	
Mon Sep 15, 25	Mon Sep 22, 25	
9am Nursery School	 No School 	
Tue Sep 16, 25	Tue Sep 23, 25	
9am Nursery School7pm LI Harmonizers	No School7pm LI Harmonizers	
Wed Sep 17, 25	Wed Sep 24, 25	
9am Nursery School7pm Boy Scouts	No School7pm Boy Scouts	
Thu Sep 18, 25	Thu Sep 25, 25	
9am Nursery School10:30am Bible Study7pm Twin County Chorus	9am Nursery School7pm Twin County Chorus	
Fri Sep 19, 25	Fri Sep 26, 25	
9am Nursery School	9am Nursery School	
Sat Sep 20, 25	Sat Sep 27, 25	

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Happenings at Faith

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WEEK 5

Sun Sep 28, 25

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

Mon Sep 29, 25

· 9am Nursery School

Tue Sep 30, 25

Wed Oct 1, 25

Thu Oct 2, 25

Fri Oct 3, 25

Sat Oct 4, 25

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Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti

Secretary: Doug Raba

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Ruth Minkoff

Other Members

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Betty Schmale

Jeanne Sofia

Craig Zeolla



COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Acolytes: Linda Boccafola

Altar Guild: Pam Freitag

Counters: Ruth Minkoff

Evangelism: Richard Lin

Fellowship: Jeanne Sofia

Finance:

Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti

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Lydia Kaboolian

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Thank you!

A big thanks to everyone who continues to submit articles to support this newsletter. We also appreciate our administrative team for keeping our lists updated.

We are grateful for the photographs contributed by our dedicated members and volunteers. A special thanks to Evelyn Meyers and Michelle Chan for their excellent photography.

Thanks to Pastor Nale for stepping in to provide leadership and support this summer.

Finally, we want to extend our gratitude to Pastor Rebecca, Evelyn Meyers, and Lydia Kaboolian for their continuous around-the-clock editorial support.

