

NOVEMBER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2026





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



Faith Opens Doors

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10



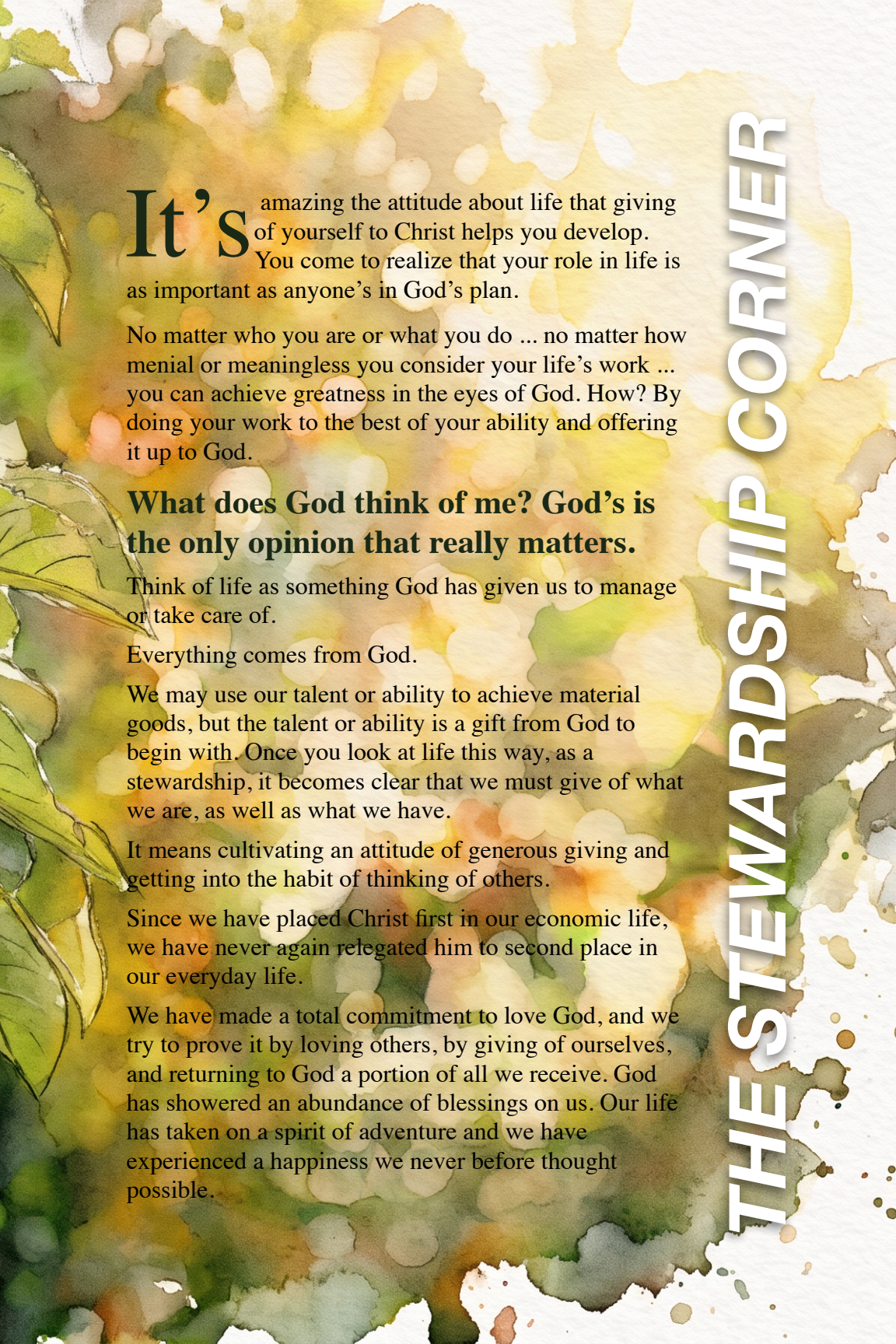
From the Pastor's Desk

A fancy word that sums up this time of year to me is “liminal.” It has a Latin root that means “threshold” and is a way of describing an in-between state or boundary between two things. For example, we have a 6th grader or “tween” in our household. She is definitely in a “liminal” state of being between childhood and adulthood otherwise known as adolescence! The days are getting colder; we are in-between fall and winter. Many of us have busy households in November. We are in a liminal work/activity bustling routine time before we get to the holidays where we hopefully will be able to rest a bit more and spend time with family.

Our scripture readings in worship in November are also liminal. We celebrate All Saints Sunday, where we look forward to one day being reunited with the saints who have gone before us at the feast that has no end. Jesus continues to teach us about what the kingdom of heaven is like. His parables have us thinking about where we see God’s kingdom at work in our lives, even as we look forward to Jesus’ coming again to bring about the fullness of God’s kingdom. Our final Sunday in November moves us toward Christmas with the First Sunday of Advent, prompting us to think about how we wait with hope, peace, joy and love in-between Christ’s first and second comings.

Sometimes thinking about “the end” can be scary or unsettling, but embracing this time as liminal gives me hope. We are at a threshold between what is and what will be. Paul assures us that whether we are awake or asleep, we live with Christ. Our salvation is secure, no matter what. Especially in uncertain or liminal times, this is really good news!





It's amazing the attitude about life that giving of yourself to Christ helps you develop. You come to realize that your role in life is as important as anyone's in God's plan.

No matter who you are or what you do ... no matter how menial or meaningless you consider your life's work ... you can achieve greatness in the eyes of God. How? By doing your work to the best of your ability and offering it up to God.

What does God think of me? God's is the only opinion that really matters.

Think of life as something God has given us to manage or take care of.

Everything comes from God.

We may use our talent or ability to achieve material goods, but the talent or ability is a gift from God to begin with. Once you look at life this way, as a stewardship, it becomes clear that we must give of what we are, as well as what we have.

It means cultivating an attitude of generous giving and getting into the habit of thinking of others.

Since we have placed Christ first in our economic life, we have never again relegated him to second place in our everyday life.

We have made a total commitment to love God, and we try to prove it by loving others, by giving of ourselves, and returning to God a portion of all we receive. God has showered an abundance of blessings on us. Our life has taken on a spirit of adventure and we have experienced a happiness we never before thought possible.



Vicar's Corner

I was taught that prayer is a form of communication with God. We speak to God and God speaks to us. A very bold statement! Why would the creator of the heavens and the earth speak to us? In Jeremiah 33:3 the Lord speaks and says, "Call to me, and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known." How does God speak to us? God speaks to us through scripture. John 1:1 reads, "In the beginning was the Word." God makes God self known through the law and the prophetic writings in scripture and also through the life and death of Jesus. God speaks through the words Jesus utters, the action he performs and the death that he dies.

Psalm 19:1 reminds us that God speaks through nature. Psalm 19:1

in the Passion Translation reads "God's splendor is a tale that is told; his testament is written in the stars. Space itself speaks his story every day through the marvel of the heavens." God speaks not only in the marvels of the heavens but also through the beauty of the earth. I love the Bronx Botanical Garden. My mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer and one thing I loved doing with her was to take her to the Botanical Garden. We would spend hours walking around looking, smelling, and listening to the sounds of the garden. I believe God was speaking to my mom in our walks through the garden.

God speaks in our prayers. Martin Luther in his writings about prayers says "if an abundance of good thoughts comes to us we ought to disregard the other petitions make room for such thoughts, listen in silence and under no circumstances obstruct them. The Holy Spirit himself preaches here and one word of his sermon is far better than as thousands of our prayers." God continues to speak today. There are many times after I prayed, I was inspired to reach out and call someone or to do something that would help me in my day. When God speaks, it calms my anxious thoughts and gives me the assurance that God is present with me. Listen! God is speaking.

Our Bible study group meets two Thursdays a month at 10:30am downstairs in the music room or on Zoom. This month, we will meet on November 5th and 19th studying the book of Isaiah.

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84401200460>

Our Monday night Bible study meets from 8-9pm the church library or on Zoom, also reading through the book of Isaiah. We will not meet on November 3 or 30.

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Sunday School

Our teachers and helpers have had a successful start with our K-5 and PK children attending Sunday School. We use the Sparkhouse Whirl For All curriculum and supplement with songs, crafts, picture books, videos and memory verses. We have learned bible stories that exemplify the following themes: Rejoice, Forgive, Helpful, Humility, Friendship and Faith. Both K-5 and PK children actively participate, and we often use a “buddy” system or have PK children learning the same stories/themes using age-appropriate materials. Please join us as we continue growing in faith and understanding of God’s love and nurturing their relationship with Jesus Christ. On November 22, we will start preparing for the Christmas Pageant on December 20 during our class time. Please mark your calendars and have your children practice parts if they are assigned any!



Nursery School

Happy November !

We had a wonderful October with our friends and feel so grateful for November. We’re looking forward to lots of fun projects and celebrations this month!

On Saturday, October 24, our School and Church came together to host our annual trunk or treat in the parking lot! Thanks to everyone who came out to help! Our youngest ones are collecting food for our food pantry in November and supporting our New Life Center’s Christmas project for families as well. We are already getting ready for our Christmas program, after hosting a successful Halloween parade for our families at the end of October!



JESUS please give me
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This month's
comic was
created by
Robbie Zeolla
and Grace
Sheridan.

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





Council Corner

Our Youth Ministry is up and running; they will meet twice a month (exact dates will be announced)

Our Annual Talent Show is on Friday, November 6th

The parsonage addition is well underway

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is taking place on Monday, November 23rd at 6pm at Faith

Vicar June has reached the half way point of her Internship at Faith and her project is building up our youth group

We reviewed and discussed implementation of comments submitted at our annual meeting - congregation retreat, beach worship, increased potluck fellowship times, and improving our sound system were some highlights

Council approved a biblical garden fall cleanup



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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/UCz51lc5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A>.

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

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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 have laminated cards to place in the offering plate during worship for those who give electronically!

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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 our church office or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.

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Christmas Decoration

On Saturday, November 28, we will be decorating the church inside and out for Advent & Christmas. Join us at 10am - all ages welcome!

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Worship for November:

November 1 is All Saints Sunday. Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time ends!

- November 8: Wise & Foolish Bridesmaids
- November 15: Parable of the Talents
- November 22: Christ the King Sunday
- November 29: First Sunday of Advent - Hope

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Monday Advent Worship:

In place of Bible study, we will be meeting for Pause & Pray each Monday night in Advent in the chapel or on Zoom at 7pm:

- First Monday of Advent, November 30 - Prayers of Intercession
- Second Monday of Advent, December 7 - Contemplative Prayer
- Third Monday of Advent, December 14 - Prayer with Movement
- Fourth Monday of Advent, December 21 - Blue Christmas/ Longest Night

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New Life Food Pantry

The New LIFE Food Pantry in Franklin Square is in particular need of the following items:

- Canned corn
- Cake & Brownie mix / Frosting
- Gravy/Stuffing Mix
- Instant potatoes / white rice-1lb or 2lb bags
- 1 lb bags of Red & Black dried beans/ Pan or Maseca Flour
- Coffee-Regular and Instant, With & Without Caffeine
- Tea Bags/ Hot chocolate
- Frozen Chicken /Canned Ham / Fresh Ham/Turkey/Pork Shoulder
- 1lb or 2lb bags of Sugar & All-purpose flour
- napkins
- 64oz juice
- cookies

Essential Care Products Needed:

- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent pods
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Unscented bar soap

- Small bottles of dish detergent
- Shaving cream & Razors
- VO5 3 in 1 for Men (Shampoo, conditioner & body wash)

Baby Items Needed:

- Baby wipes
- Diapers-size 4, 5 & 6

Miscellaneous:

- Dry Cat & Dog food

In lieu of food donations grocery, Gift Certificates for Lidl, Shop Rite or Stop & Shop or monetary donation made payable to **LUTHERAN FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES** would be greatly appreciated.

You may bring in donations on Sunday morning or during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm.



Men's Breakfast

Faith Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 7 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.



Long Island Harmonizers

The Long Island Harmonizers invite you to sing. Visit us Tuesdays at 7:30pm at the entrance around the back of Faith Lutheran Church. LongIslandHarmonizers.org or call **516-528-3793** for more information.

Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

On Monday, November 23, Faith is hosting our annual Syosset-Woodbury Interfaith Thanksgiving Service in the fellowship hall from 6-7pm. Please let Pastor Rebecca know if you can help with set-up, serving beverages and light snacks, or clean-up. This is always a meaningful service to gather with our neighbors to give thanks and pray for our community. An offering will go to the Interfaith Nutrition Network.

All Saints Sunday:

On Sunday, November 1, we remember all those who have died since our last All Saints Sunday. You are invited to light a candle in memory of all those who have died as a part of our worship service.

- Jane Baltz
- Eric Birkland
- Alma Erichsen
- Mona Gilbert (aunt of Rich Sheridan)
- Richard Hance
- Heath Koth (cousin of Pastor Rebecca Sheridan)
- Barbara Krampitz
- Eng Hua Ngeo
- Debbie Ostermeier
- Margaret Schuffenhauer
- James Sofia





Christmas Angels:

Our Annual Christmas Angels have arrived! We have 40 beautiful young and senior citizens who need a variety of items. You will find the angels hanging on the windows in the Narthex. We ask you to take one (or two if you are able) angels. You need not buy everything on their list. However, we suggest one to three items per person. Please wrap the gifts and attach the angel to your gift. We ask you to drop off the gifts to the church office by Sunday, November 22, 2026. The gifts must be delivered to the New Life Center by December 1st. Thank you for your generosity in helping people who are in need. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Boccafolo at 516-633-2705.





Musical Bingo

On October 9, we enjoyed a fun evening raising money for the parsonage project with Musical Bingo, raffles, and pizza!

















Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 25, we enjoyed a visit from Pastor Patty Ávila, our assistant to the bishop for the Metropolitan New York Synod. Ron Geraci and Tricia Shannon hosted a special fellowship hour with chili afterwards.









Trunk or treat

On Saturday, October 24, we enjoyed a trunk or treat in the church parking lot with Nursery School and Church families.



























Prayer Concerns

Beth Speiser;
Eliana Melody (granddaughter of Pam Morritt Freitag); Anthony & Lois Martillo;
Arthur Millin (brother-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);
Emerson Wondsel (friend of Pam Freitag);
Joseph Boccafola (son of Linda and Everett Boccafola); Wayne Gruber (son of Evelyn Gruber); Evelyn Gruber;
Julian Hyman (friend of the Kaboolian family);
Bob Male (dear friend of Lydia Kaboolian);
Beth Jones (sister of Lydia Kaboolian);
Elizabeth Ahlers (mother of Audrey Bullaro);
Joyce Schultz;
Stan Miller (dear friend of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci);
Heath Sangster (nephew-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian);
Rory Nicoletti (grandnephew of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci);
Lisa Hinsch and Kathy Hinsch (sisters-in-law of John Hinsch);
Bonny Davidson;
Linda Zaratini;
Jim Moore;
King Chan (relative of Michelle Chan);
Gary Flury (friend of John Hinsch);
Irene Carton (Sister of Karen

Lesser);
Robert O'Dell (friend of John Hinsch);
Bob Weinstein (husband of Karin Weinstein & father of Melanie Zeolla);
Nelson Natalie (friend of Evelyn Meyers);
Joe Hilker (friend of Evelyn Meyers);
Maria Milicenco and Zinaida Petrov (mother and aunt of Lulu Milicenco Domathoti);
Lisa Fox (friend of Lydia Kaboolian)
The Deng Family (friends of Michelle Chan);
Andrew Boccafola-Fritz (Linda & Everett's grand nephew)

NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Acolytes	Patrick Lin	Erin Sheridan	Amelia Lin	Michelle Chan	Abigail Ho
Lectors	Jeane Sofia	Michelle Chan	Lydia Kaboolian	Steven Baker	Linda Boccafola
Counters	Evelyn Meyers Norma Burns	Ruth Minkoff Jeanne Sofia	Ruth Minkoff Priscilla Ho	Betty Schmale Norma Burns	Evelyn Meyers Jeanne Sofia
Nursery	Gabby Ho Erin Sheridan	Priscilla Ho Abigail Ho	Lauren Ricketts Amelia Lin	Erin Sheridan Gabby Ho	Paula Shivcharan Patrick Lin
Sunday School Teachers	Darlene Gaffney	Jojo Chen	Melanie & Craig Zeolla	Darlene Gaffney	Lulu Millicenco-Domathoti
Fellowship Host	Lulu Millicenco-Domathoti	Cindy Hrubes	Jojo Chen	Joy Chen	Jeanne Sofia
Ushers	Norma Burns Carl Juul-Nielsen	Richard Lin Evelyn Meyers	Ronald Geraci Jeanne Sofia	Joy Chen Norma Burns	Carl Juul-Nielsen Richard Lin



Altar Guild for the Month of November:
Craig & Melanie Zeolla





Birthdays

Nov 01 — Natalie Donahue

Nov 14 — Lynn Janetschek

Nov 18 — Sophia Lescano

Nov 27 — Eliana Thomas,
Maya Fedorczak



Anniversaries:

November 17

Robert & Pamela Weiss

Ruth & Rick Minkoff

November 21

Ben & Joy Chen

*If you have a birthday or anniversary that we are
missing, please notify the church office at
516-921-3330 or faithsyosset@gmail.com.*

November 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 1

Sun Nov 1, 26

- **All Saints Sunday**
- **Daylight Saving End**
- 9:15am Children's Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11:30am Financial Peace U
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Nov 2, 26

- 9am Nursery School

Tue Nov 3, 26

- **Election Day**
- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Nov 4, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Nov 5, 26

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

Fri Nov 6, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- **7pm Talent Show**

Sat Nov 7, 26

- **8:00am Men's Breakfast**
On Parade Diner

WEEK 2

Sun Nov 8, 26

- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- **11:30am Youth group**
- 11:30am Financial Peace U
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Nov 9, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- **8pm Bible Study**

Tue Nov 10, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Nov 11, 26

- **Veteran's Day**
- No School

Thu Nov 12, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri Nov 13, 26

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Nov 14, 26

November 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 3 (Continued) WEEK 4

Sun Nov 15, 26	Sun Nov 22, 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:15am Adult Choir• 10am Worship & Sunday School• 11:30am Church Council• 1pm Trinity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christ the King Sunday• 9:15am Adult Choir• 10am Worship & Sunday School• 11:30am Financial Peace U• 11:30am Youth group• 1pm Trinity
Mon Nov 16, 26	Mon Nov 23, 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 8pm Bible Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 6-7pm Syosset-Woodbury Interfaith Thanksgiving Service• 8pm Bible Study
Tue Nov 17, 26	Tue Nov 24, 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 7pm LI Harmonizers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 7pm LI Harmonizers
Wed Nov 18, 26	Wed Nov 25, 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 7pm Boy Scouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School
Thu Nov 19, 26	Thu Nov 26, 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 10:30am Bible Study• 7pm Twin County Chorus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thanksgiving Day
Fri Nov 20, 26	Fri Nov 27, 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No School
Sat Nov 21, 26	Sat Nov 28, 26
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10am Christmas Decorating

November 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 5 (Continued)

Sun Nov 29, 26	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Sunday of Advent• 9:15am Adult Choir• 10am Worship & Sunday School• 11am Children’s Choir• 11:30am Financial Peace U• 1pm Trinity	
Mon Nov 30, 26	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9am Nursery School• 7pm Advent Pause & Pray	
Tue Dec 1, 26	
Wed Dec 2, 26	
Thu Dec 3, 26	
Fri Dec 4, 26	
Sat Dec 5, 26	

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