OCTOBER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2026

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

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Faith Opens Doors

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
~ Jeremiah 31:31

From the Pastor's Desk

Thanks to your generosity, our house (the parsonage) has been under construction since mid-August! We have had to make some adjustments: the girls are sharing Grace's room while Rich and I moved what we could of our stuff to Erin's bedroom. We put a lot of stuff in boxes or bags in the basement and are using the coat closets for this season's clothing. Yet the end result will be so appreciated! It's worth going through a little discomfort and inconvenience for the end product of a second bathroom, additional closet space, and a larger bedroom than we had before.

October is a season of change! The leaves are turning, and the weather turns colder. We transform ourselves into different characters for Halloween. As Lutheran Christians, we celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 25 this year, which transformed not only the church but the entire globe in sparking the Protestant Movement. Scholars have argued that Martin Luther did not want to change the Church as much as he ended up doing. As a pastor himself, he probably understood that change can be difficult and uncomfortable for churches. However, he famously said, "Here I stand, I can do no other," when it came to defending the basic understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ as God saving us by grace through faith apart from works. As long as the Church was focused on this basic truth, the Church would be able to endure and even welcome change. Changes in the Church were difficult and sometimes painful, but Christianity is better today for Luther's witness to the gospel.

How is God helping you navigate changes in your own life today? What values help you make necessary but difficult changes? Are there any changes you are actually welcoming in your life right now, because you can see how the change will be for the better? The Holy Spirit will help you through these changes, and maybe even reveal how change can be good!

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Graceful Thoughts

If you have a warm handclasp, use it.

If you have a gift of speech, speak.

If you have energy, spend it for good.

If you have money, give it.

If you have time, share it.

We own nothing. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. A basic understanding of Christian stewardship is that we are set in this world as caretakers, as stewards, not as possessors. To be wise, is, in one sense, to be a good steward.

In order for you to be what you should as a church member, you must first define and confirm your stewardship obligations and commitments between yourself and Christ who gave his all for you.

Stewardship of time, talent and possessions is the very heart of Christian discipleship and our way of expressing our love in response to God's amazing grace.

Vicar's Corner

I still remember the prayer I was taught as a young child. "Gentle Jesus meek and mild look upon this little child, pity my simplicity, suffer me to come to thee, Amen." I confess, I did not know the meaning of the prayer until much later in my life. I learned that prayer provided the comfort and assurance I needed when I went through difficult times. As I read the bible, I saw that prayers could be as short as Peter's prayer in Matt. 14:30 " Lord save me!" or it could be long as Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17.

How do we pray? There are many ways to pray. Martin Luther's barber asked that question and Martin Luther wrote an instructional book titled "A Simple Way To Pray." Luther used the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Creed as the basis of his prayers similarly to the format in his small catechism. Fr. Leonhardt explains two ways to pray with scripture through the methods of Lectio Divina and Gospel Contemplation. Lectio Divina invites individuals to read scripture aloud and respond to the scripture with a prayer. Gospel Contemplation involves reading from one of the Gospel passages in which Jesus is interacting with others and imagine oneself within that Gospel passage. This method allows opportunity to pray and "speak person to person with Christ saying what comes from the heart."

St. Ignatus Loyola encouraged prayer-filled mindfulness by proposing what has been called Daily Examen. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us.

Jesus invites us to pray. Let's pray!

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 1 & 15 working through the book of Isaiah.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812884989?pwd=ZC9PWHB1TjVIRkIramxGdVY4Y3BBQT09

Meeting ID: 868 1288 4989

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

Monday Evening Bible Study

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 October 12 or 19.

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Meeting ID: 849 0202 4385
Passcode: 098078

Sunday School

The children eagerly attended our first day of Sunday School after the Blessing of the Backpacks. We held hands in a circle, prayed and sang Rejoice in the Lord Always. The PK children had the privilege of having a young member of our church read Let's Rejoice! written by Katie Bergeson and our K-5 children learned the bible story of Zephaniah-God Sings Over His People. We learned that no matter how far the people had wandered, God was always ready to welcome them home. We look forward to a year and treasure the good news: God delights in His children and joyfully sings over them still. We have Sunday School every Sunday until December 27th during the 10am worship service - contact Darlene Gaffney for more information!

We will have children's choir with Miloš after worship (11am) in the music room downstairs October 11, 18 and 24 to sing for our All Saints Sunday worship service on November 1.

Nursery School

Hello October!

We're so excited to welcome you! October is one of our favorite months because it's fall and Halloween time, which means lots of fun fall projects, a Halloween show, trick-or-treating, pumpkin picking, and our trunk-or-treat.

If you'd like to be part of the trunk-or-treat, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the office!

Council Corner

Our Annual Meeting was held on September 13th:

We elected the following members to the Church Council: Pam Freitag, Kee Chan, and Norma Burns for a first term, and Betty Schmale for a second term.

We elected Steven Baker and Darlene Gaffney as our representatives for the 2027 Synod General Assembly.

We passed our Faith Lutheran Church 2026-2027 Budget.

Our Special Council Meeting was held immediately following and the council approved and elected the following Executive Committee:

Lulu Domathoti as President, Tricia Shannon as Vice President, Pam Freitag as Treasurer, Evelyn Meyers as Financial Secretary, Lydia Kaboolian as Secretary

Our next Council Meeting is on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

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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.

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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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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 Center
hope and healing

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 Evelyn Meyers, financial secretary, or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.

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Pastoral Care

Pastor Rebecca is away for continuing education October 19 through the 26th. Vicar June is on-call for pastoral care emergencies during this time at (646) 326-9214.

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Worship & Sunday School at 10am:

Our October worship focuses on images that help us strengthen our relationship with God and others.

- October 4: The vineyard
- October 11: The wedding feast
- October 18: Money
- October 25: Reformation Sunday! Wear red to celebrate the Holy Spirit continuing to reform the church. We welcome Pastor Patty Ávila, assistant to the bishop, in worship this morning!

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Men's Breakfast

Faith Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 3 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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New Life Food Pantry

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

- complete pancake mix & syrup
- jelly/jam
- dried beans: red & black
- canned salmon & sardines
- spam

- ramen
- juice boxes & 64oz bottles
- Coffee-instant & ground-regular decaf
- Ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, hot sauce & salad dressings
- Canned corn
- 1 or 2 lb. packages of sugar & flour
- Masa Flour (corn flour)
- Spices/seasonings: onion powder; garlic powder; crushed red

Essential Care Products Needed:

- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent pods
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo & con ditioner
- 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.

Beach Worship on August 2, 2026

We held our annual Beach worship 10am at Teddy Roosevelt Beach.

MODELS
SPORTING GOODS

God

BUD LIGHT

BUD LIGHT

DIFFLES

Blessing of Backpacks, Students and Teachers

On Sunday, September 6, we resumed Sunday School for children ages 2-5th grades and blessed our Sunday School teachers, students, and backpacks!

LORD
SHEPHERD
WANT
GOD
PSALM 46:10

LORD
SHEPHERD
WANT
HOLY
BIBLE

20th Anniversary

Richard and Veronica Agrillo and their family joined us for worship on Sunday, September 27 to celebrate their 20th anniversary. They were married at Faith on September 9, 2006.

Pastor Rebecca's 15th Anniversary of Ordination Potluck

On September 20, we installed our Council Members for the 2026-2027 season and then enjoyed a potluck luncheon in celebration of Pastor Rebecca’s 15th anniversary of ordination.

THANK YOU! I am humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and appreciation you have shown me in celebration of my 15 years of ordained ministry. Thank you for the beautiful framed photo, cards, and delicious potluck meal where we could be in fellowship with one another! Every day I get to serve God and God’s people as a pastor is a privilege and blessing. I have been able to be with people in their most significant and sacred times of their lives from birth to death. Some days are not easy, but I pray that God continues to work through me and bless me through you. Gratefully, Pastor Rebecca

SHEPHERD
WANT
KNOW
GOD

Pastor
Rebecca
Congratulations
on 15 Years

FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL

EXIT

Pastor
Rebecca
Congratulations
on 15 Years of
faithful Ministry

LEMON

15 years of Faithful Ministry
Sept 24-2011
Sept 24-2026

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 Zaratin;
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);
Norma Burns;
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);
Friends and family of Mona Gilbert, who entered eternal rest on September 4, 2026 (Rich Sheridan's aunt);
The family and friends of Barbara Krampitz, who entered into eternal rest on September 13, 2026

OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Acolytes	Patrick Lin	Erin Sheridan	Michelle Chan	Gabby Ho
Lectors	Linda Boccafola	Darlene Gaffney	John Hinsch	Steven Baker
Counters	Evelyn Meyers Norma Burns	Evelyn Meyers Jeanne Sofia	Ruth Minkoff Priscilla Ho	Betty Schmale Norma Burns
Nursery	Gabby Ho Erin Sheridan	Paula Shivcharran Amelia Lin	Lauren Ricketts Abigail Ho	Priscilla Ho Patrick Lin
Sunday School Teachers	Darlene Gaffney	Craig & Melanie Zeolla	Jojo Chen	Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti
Fellowship Host	Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti	Zeolla Family	Evelyn Meyers Chris Diekmann Michelle Chan	Ron Geraci Tricia Shannon
Ushers	Norma Burns Carl Juul-Nielsen	Jeanne Sofia Ron Geraci	Richard Lin Evelyn Meyers	Jeanne Sofia Joy Chen

Altar Guild for the Month of October:

The Zeolla Family

Birthdays

Oct 09 — Ashley Hu

Oct 11 — Amelia Lin – youth

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, Gianni Castro

Oct 21 — Virginia Pomerenk, Anthony Domathoti

Oct 24 — Abigail Ho

Oct 27 — Lydia Kaboolian

Oct 28 — Steven Baker

Oct 29 — Michelle Chan

Anniversaries:

October 8
Richard & Pamela Freitag

October 20
Horst & Ursula Mecke

October 22
Kevin & Grace Faber

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

October 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Sunday September 27, 2026	**Sun Oct 4, 26**
	• 9:15am Adult Choir • 10am Worship & Sunday School • 11am Children's Choir • 11:30am Financial Peace University • **12:30pm Blessing of the Animals at St. Edward's** • 1pm Trinity
Mon Sep 28, 26	Mon Oct 5, 26
	• 9am Nursery School • **8pm Bible Study**
Tue Sep 29, 26	Tue Oct 6, 26
	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers
Wed Sep 30, 26	Wed Oct 7, 26
	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm Boy Scouts
Thu Oct 1, 26	Thu Oct 8, 26
• 9am Nursery School • **10:30am Bible Study** • 7pm Twin County Chorus	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm Twin County Chorus
Fri Oct 2, 26	Fri Oct 9, 26
• 9am Nursery School	• 9am Nursery School • **6-9pm Musical Bingo Fundraiser**
Sat Oct 3, 26	Sat Oct 10, 26
• **8:00am Men's Breakfast**	

October 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

(Continued)

WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Sun Oct 11, 26	**Sun Oct 18, 26**
• 9:15am Adult Choir • 10am Worship & Sunday School • 11am Children's Choir • 11:30am Financial Peace University • 1pm Trinity	• 9:15am Adult Choir • 10am Worship & Sunday School • 11am Children's Choir • **11:30am Church Council** • 1pm Trinity
Mon Oct 12, 26	Mon Oct 19, 26
• No School	• 9am Nursery School
Tue Oct 13, 26	Tue Oct 20, 26
• 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers
Wed Oct 14, 26	Wed Oct 21, 26
• 9am Nursery School • 7pm Boy Scouts	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm Boy Scouts
Thu Oct 15, 26	Thu Oct 22, 26
• 9am Nursery School • **10:30am Bible Study** • 7pm Twin County Chorus	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm Twin County Chorus
Fri Oct 16, 26	Fri Oct 23, 26
• 9am Nursery School	• 9am Nursery School
Sat Oct 17, 26	Sat Oct 24, 26
	• **1-3pm Trunk or Treat**

October 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 5 (Continued)

Sun Oct 25, 26

- **Reformation Sunday**
- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11am Children's Choir
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Oct 26, 26

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

Tue Oct 27, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Oct 28, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Boy Scouts

Thu Oct 29, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm Twin County Chorus

Fri Oct 30, 26

- 9am Nursery School

Sat Oct 31, 26

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Kee Chan
Norma Burns

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Altar Guild: Pam Freitag

Counters: Ruth Minkoff

Evangelism: Richard Lin

Fellowship: Jeanne Sofia

Finance:
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Lectors & Prayer Chain:
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Property: Carl Juul-Nielsen &
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ST. EDWARD'S PARKING LOT

Sunday, October 4

12:30PM

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

MUSICAL BINGO!

Presented by
Faith Lutheran Church of Syosset

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

6PM TO 9PM

ADULT ADMISSION: $25

A Fun Night for Adults!

BRING THE KIDS!

We have a dedicated CHILDREN'S AREA with Games, Crafts, & Activities!

DINNER PROVIDED!

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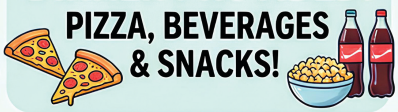

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MUSIC FROM THE 80s, 90s & 2000s

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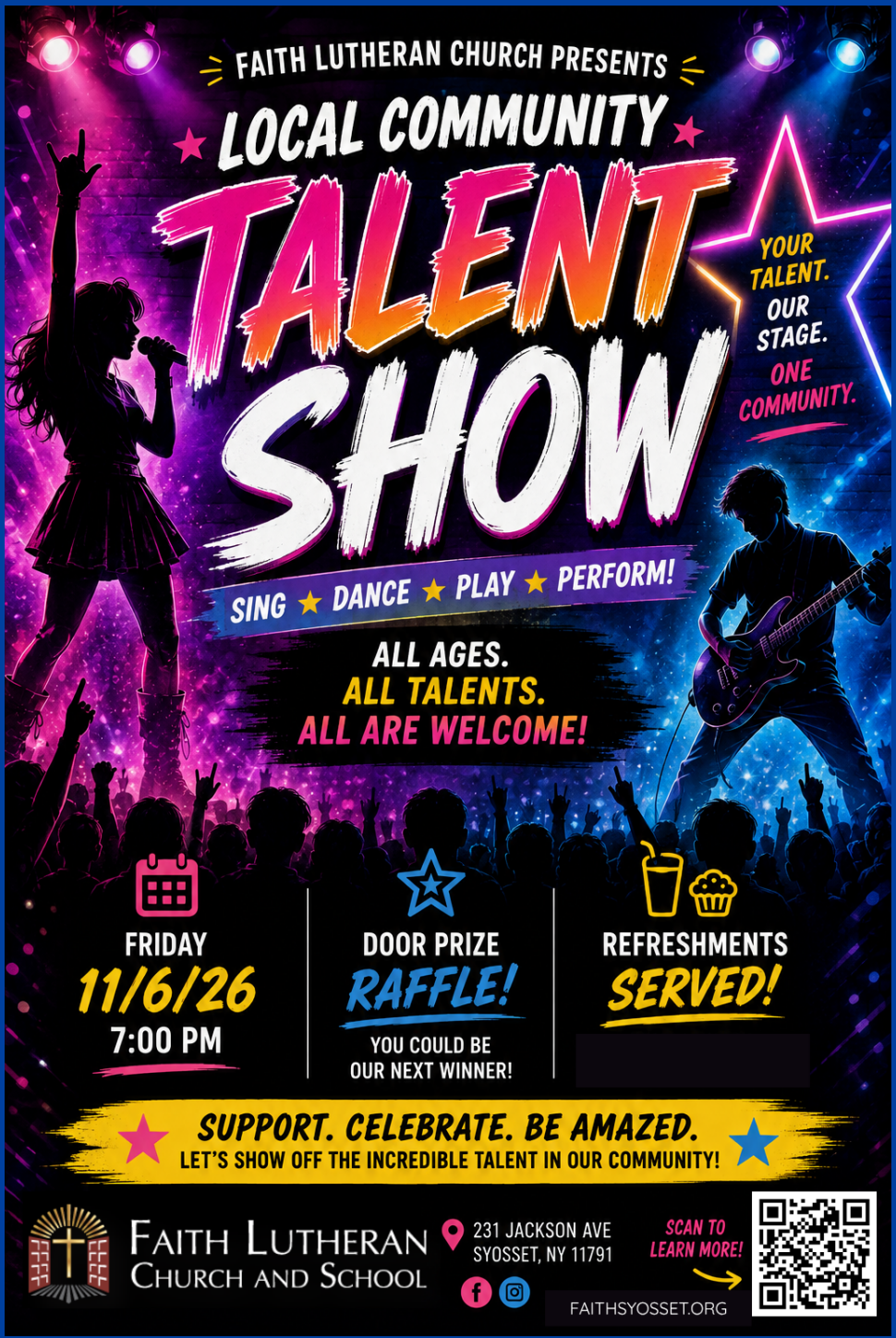
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