

Faith Lutheran Church

Weekly Announcements

January 18, 2026



Daily
Readings

	<u>THURSDAY JANUARY 15</u>	<u>FRIDAY JANUARY 16</u>	<u>SATURDAY JANUARY 17</u>
	Psalm 40:1-11 Isaiah 22:15-25 Galatians 1:6-12	Psalm 40:1-11 Genesis 27:30-38 Acts 1:1-5	Psalm 40:1-11 1 Kings 19:19-21 Luke 5:1-11
	<u>MONDAY JANUARY 19</u>	<u>TUESDAY JANUARY 20</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21</u>
	Psalm 40:6-17 Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28 Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 40:6-17 Isaiah 53:1-12 Hebrews 10:1-4	Psalm 40:6-17 Isaiah 48:12-21 Matthew 9:14-17



Every Sunday, donations collected during Coffee Hour will be used for Community Outreach. At the end of the month, the donations collected will be sent to a local charity. January donations will go to the Templeton Food Pantry.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SANCTUARY MINISTRY CENTER INVITE YOU TO

TABLE TALKS

A GATHERED COMMUNITY

POTLUCK DINNER GATHERING
JANUARY 28, 2026
6:00 PM

DINNER, DESSERT AND DISCUSSION
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
627 GREEN STREET, GARDNER, MA



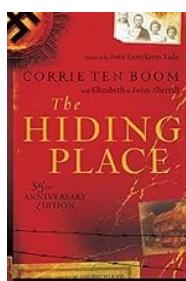
Women's Ministry

January 21, 2026 6:30 PM

Sanctuary Ministries Center,
627 Green St. Lower Level

Be a part of a unique group of women serving God, serving others and serving each other.

Enjoy fellowship, discipleship, community



Faith's Book Club

Our next book will be

"The Hiding Place"

by Corrie Ten Boom.

We will meet to discuss the book on **March 1, 2026 at 8:30am** for a potluck breakfast before church. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Amy LeBlanc****Ellie Roder****Eleanor Ares****Nicholas McClurken****Jen Chagnon****Ernie Sundblom****Zach Caroll****Amy M.**

Please let Andi know the names of people you would like to add to the list.
You can email her at office@faithgardner.org or call 978-632-2271.

PASTORAL SUNDAY SUPPLY

1/18 Keith Jorgensen
1/25 Pastor Andrew

USHER SCHEDULE

1/18 Jake B.
1/25 April L.

COMPUTER SCHEDULE

1/18 Julie S.
1/25 Nicholas M.

PLEASE SWITCH WITH SOMEONE IF YOU CANNOT DO YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY.

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

JESUS QUEST**The Joy of Getting (Re) Started with God**Key Phrase: **“This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”**Scripture: **Matthew 3:13-17**

- Jesus enters the waters of baptism even though he has no sin to repent of. Where do you see yourself assuming that God only meets people once they have their lives cleaned up? How does this passage challenge common assumptions about who baptism and grace are really for? Where do you sense God meeting you before you feel “ready”?
- John resists baptizing Jesus because it doesn’t make sense to him. When have you struggled to trust God’s work because it didn’t fit your expectations or logic? What makes it difficult for you to receive grace rather than earn it?
- Jesus says this baptism is necessary “to fulfill all righteousness.” Where are you tempted to treat faith as performance instead of promise? How does this passage reshape the way you think about obedience and trust?
- As Jesus comes out of the water, heaven opens and God declares his love and delight. Where do you most often look for approval, security, or worth outside of God’s Word? What would change if you lived this week grounded in the truth that God delights in you?

Read also: Isaiah 40:1-11; Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:38-39

Pick one or more of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Turn Toward the Gift:** Take a few quiet minutes this week to name where you’ve been looking for life, security, or breakthrough apart from God. Pray a simple prayer of repentance that is less about guilt and more about reorientation, asking God to turn your attention back toward where he is actually meeting you rather than where you’ve been searching.
- **Remember Your Baptism Daily:** Each morning for the next week, intentionally remember your baptism by making the sign of the cross or touching water while thanking God for forgiveness, new life, and the Holy Spirit. Let this practice ground your day not in what you need to accomplish, but in what God has already done for you.
- **Step Into Renewal Publicly:** If you have never been baptized, prayerfully consider taking that step as an act of trust in God’s promise rather than a statement about your readiness. If you have been baptized, intentionally share with someone you trust how God has been meeting you through repentance, grace, or renewal, allowing your faith to be witnessed rather than kept private.

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