Faith Lutheran Church
Weekly Announcements
November 1, 2026





NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE
November 1, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

We will provide **in person worship** and **live stream** on

https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheranchurch7476/streams



"God's Word - Read It - Learn It - Live It"
Here is a suggested daily reading plan that coincides with the lectionary calendar. It is suggested that you do one reading morning, noon and night each day. There are lots of devotionals and reading plans on the internet you could also use.

Daily Readings

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29	FRIDAY OCTOBER 30	SATURDAY OCTOBER 31
Psalm 1 Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16	Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 9:25—10:5 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15	Psalm 1 Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2	**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3**	**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4**
Psalm 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 James 2:8-13	Psalm 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 10:10-22 James 2:14-26	Psalm 119:41-48 Proverbs 16:1-20 Matthew 19:16-22

Outreach Ministry

coffee hour

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. October donations will go to the Templeton Food Pantry





ZOOM DISCUSSION/BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2026
6:30 PM ON ZOOM
MEETING # 860-9215-2611
PASSCODE #741466



Men's Group
Potluck Breakfast
November 7
9:00 AM



Ellie Roder Eleanor Ares Nicholas Mc. Ernie Sundbloom Zach McQuilkin Carol Rich Amy M. Ashliegh Nick J. Randy Sarah B.

Please help Andi keep this list up-to-date. You can add names or remove them by either calling her @ **978-632-2271** or emailing **office@faithgardner.org**

Pastoral Sunday Supply	Usher Schedule	Computer Schedule
 **11/1 Jena Hill** **11/8 Keith Jorgensen**	 **11/1 Dave P.** **11/8 Julie S.**	 **11/1 Julie S.** **11/8 Nicholas M.**

PLEASE SWITCH WITH SOMEONE IF YOU CANNOT DO YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY.
THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE CHALLENGE!

DIRECTIONS FOR LIFE

"Sex & Religion"

Key Phrase: ", **but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!**"

Scripture: **John 8:3-11**

• The religious leaders brought the woman into the temple courts to trap Jesus, yet the man caught with her was nowhere to be found. What does his absence suggest about the motives of her accusers? How do you imagine the woman felt standing in front of that crowd? Why do you think Jesus bent down to write in the dust instead of answering them right away?

• The point is not what Jesus wrote but what he said when he stood up: "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Why do you think the older accusers were the first to walk away? What changes in a person when they honestly face their own sin before looking at someone else's? Why does throwing stones from behind a screen or keyboard feel so much easier than doing it face to face?

• We can find ourselves in this story, either holding a stone or covered in shame. Which of those two places feels more familiar to you in this season of life? Is there something in your past that still makes you wonder if God could love you as much as he loves others? What would it mean for you to truly believe that Jesus' mercy is wider than that sin?

• Jesus defended the woman in public, then spoke with her in private, offering grace before calling her to change, an order many religious people reverse. Why do you think the order of grace and truth matters so much? When someone's failure becomes public, what would it look like for you to protect their dignity the way Jesus did? How could your group become a place where people bring their struggles into the light rather than hiding them?

Read also: John 8:31-36; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Genisis 2:18-25

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

1. **Drop Your Stones:** Pay attention this week to where you tend to pick up stones: online comments, conversations about coworkers, or the stands at a game. For seven days, commit to posting, texting, or saying nothing critical about a public figure, player, official, or acquaintance. Each time you feel the urge, pray for that person by name instead, and before the week ends, send a word of genuine encouragement to someone you would normally be quick to criticize.

2. **Run and Abide:** Name one pull in your life that chases the next rush, whether that is endless scrolling, betting apps, rage bait, or pornography. Set one concrete boundary this week, such as charging your phone outside the bedroom, deleting an app, or installing accountability software. Then replace that time by starting each morning with five minutes in John 8:31-36, asking Jesus to help you make your home in him, and tell one trusted friend what you are doing so you are not running alone.

3. **Check the Mirror:** Write "Made in God's image. Bought at a price." on a sticky note and put it on the mirror you use every morning. Read it out loud each day this week before you check your phone or hear from anyone else. When shame from your past shows up, answer it the way Luther did: "So what? I know the one who suffered and made satisfaction for me." Then do one thing that day that honors God with your body, whether that is resting well, serving someone, or keeping a promise.