

The Follower

"Come, follow me." Matthew 4:19



A monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Ministries

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November 2025



Tuesday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving
Eve
Service

Wednesday, Nov. 26 @ 10:00 am & 6:30 pm



wiggle
CHURCH
worship + dinner + fun

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Worship Service Times

Sunday Worship Services

Traditional - 8:15 am

Contemporary - 10:45 am

Holy Communion is served on the
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.

Livestream available at:

<https://faithlutheranlacey.online.church>

You can also dial in using your phone

1 (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 326-609-037

Gather & Grow

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is open for children ages 3 – high school. We gather in the church at 9:30am. Join us weekly!

Parenting Study

Connie Dougherty is facilitating an 8-session class, Effective Parenting in a Defective World, on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the youth room off the fellowship hall. This class is for anyone with children 18 and under. Feel free to join in on any Sunday, even if you've missed some of the sessions.

The Acts of the Apostles—Luke's sequel to his gospel is all about foundations. Leader: Michael Kramer *beginning Sunday, Oct. 26* in the Cypress room.

3M's Fellowship

The 3Ms are a group of **More Mature Members** and friends, ages 55+.

The group normally meets in the Community Center weekly on Thursdays at 10 am to share in fellowship and study God's Word, however, they will meet in the church during the season of Lent.

For more information, contact Jim Nordness at 360-923-0289 or leave a note in his church mailbox. You may also call the church office at 360-491-3552.



Nov. 2

Set up: Monica Materiale, Rachel Wilson

Refresh: Rachel Wilson

Clear: Erin Holmquist

Nov. 16

Set up: Marie Koehler

Refresh: Robyn Hofstad

Clear: Leona Carufel

Nov. 30

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Clear: Robyn Hofstad

Altar Guild Needs You!

Altar Guild is looking for a few extra hands. We would love to have you join us!

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Robyn Hofstad at robynhofstad@yahoo.com or call, 360-561-8244.

Pinochle



Don't forget Pinochle, monthly on the third Thursday. We are always looking for more people to come. If you have friends who play but are not members, please invite them. The more the merrier. We bring a snack to share and eat around 11:30, then we play from 12 -2 or so. Plan to come join the fun!

Our next game is on November 20 in the Community Center Cypress room.

Threads of Faith



Threads of Faith typically meets the *second Saturday* monthly to work on quilts.

We'll see you Sat, Nov. 8, 9 – 11 am!

Contact Barbara Eriksen with questions at 360- 915-3333.

Office Reminder

As a reminder, please inform the church office anytime you have changes to your address, phone number, or email address. This way we can keep our records current and we can be sure you are getting the information we send out. Please call or email the office at 360-491-3552 or faithlutheranlacey360@gmail.com.

Care Warriors on a Mission

You, as a congregation, are important to us! We want to support you in prayer and help when needed.

Would you kindly notify your family to please contact us when emergencies or even scheduled surgeries, medical procedures, etc. come up so we can be of service as an extension of God's kingdom? Church office, 360-491-3552; Glenn Dunnam, 360-791-4175 or SuAnn Denning, 360-790-8982.

Budget Reminder

Connie Dougherty, President

We are about 3 months into Faith Lutheran's budget year, which runs August 1-July 31. Our budget is written to include regular expenses and planned projects (not extra projects that are funded with reserves, special donations, etc.). The 2025-2026 church budget (approved by the congregation) includes an increase in giving, to cover things like pay increases, new staff, and utility increases. Based on the average number of families who give each year, this calculates to around \$37.00 more per month, per family, over what was given last fiscal year. When the budget was approved, we acknowledged that it may not be financially possible for some families to increase their giving, while others may choose to contribute more. Regardless of what you are able to do, please keep our ministries in prayer as we work to be good stewards of what God provides through His people.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

I want to thank all the church members who faithfully set up, clean up and provide the coffee, tea, and refreshments for Sunday mornings. Your service is a blessing to all of us. We can always use more baked goods for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet on the refreshment table each week or you may call me at 360-493-2979 to let me know which week you will bring treats.

An extra helper is sometimes needed after the 2nd service to put everything away and clean up. Please let me know if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Ruth Schmedake

Faith Lutheran Youth

High school youth (9th – 12th grade) meet Wednesday Night, Nov. 12 @ 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the new Youth Room (off the Fellowship Hall)

Youth in grades 5 – 12 are welcome to join us for Open Gym night, Saturday, Nov. 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

We're also looking for someone to help with Middle School Youth Nights. If you have a passion for working with youth and would like to be part of something fun and meaningful, we'd love to have you join us! Whether it's helping lead discussions, organizing games, or bringing fresh activity ideas, there's a place for you. Let's make a difference together!

Interested? Reach out to Justin Bevers at jbevers02@gmail.com or call/text 360-292-0353.

SAFE Info Meetings

We encourage all members of the Faith Lutheran family to attend at least one of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Enhancement (SAFE) meetings so you can see the plans and 3D renderings of what it could look like, look at the samples of flooring and wall surfaces, and have the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

- Sat, Nov. 1, 9:00 am - Fellowship Hall
- Sun, Nov. 2, 9:30 & 12:00 – Art room
- Mon, Nov. 3, 6:00 pm – Cypress room
- Sun, Nov. 9, 9:30 & 12:00 – Art room



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays

Jim Holmquist	Nov. 1
Ed Meyers	Nov. 2
Lydia Klumb	Nov. 6
Linda Schuldt	Nov. 6
Beth Mantegna	Nov. 7
Jan Pigman	Nov. 7
Emma Kellnhofer	Nov. 11
Isaac Bevers	Nov. 12
Chuck Hresil	Nov. 12
Michelle Chappel	Nov. 14
Darlys Leicht	Nov. 14
Robert Buchanan	Nov. 17
David Carufel	Nov. 18
Mike Todd	Nov. 22
Larry Feldcamp	Nov. 24
Sarah Mantegna	Nov. 24
Anne Spurgeon	Nov. 24
Rodney Olson	Nov. 27
Rebekka Mantegna	Nov. 28



November Anniversaries

Chuck & Sandra Hresil	Nov. 24
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Don't see your name or birthday/anniversary up here? Contact the church office 360-491-3552.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent account holder, likely you are aware that you can have impact through Choice Dollars. Depending on the type and number of accounts you have, you can regularly direct Choice dollars to any of several thousand approved charitable organizations. Faith Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran School are two of those. While the amount may not be great, the impact of your giving always is. Visit Thrivent.com for additional information.

Also, Thrivent members are eligible to join Thrivent Action Teams which can get seed money towards fund-raising for any number of projects, including scholarships, silent auctions (like Faith's annual auction), or raising money for school supplies. If you are a Thrivent member and are interested, contact Michael Kramer (michael_kramer@sbcglobal.net).

Important Voters' Meeting

Connie Dougherty, Congregation President

Our fall voters' meeting will be Nov. 16 at 9:30 am and will replace the normal "Gather and Grow" activities. There will be no Sunday School or adult Bible study on this Sunday, so that teachers can attend the meeting. Childcare will be provided.

The meetings that are currently taking place about the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Enhancement (SAFE) project will be over by Nov. 16. Because those meetings are being offered on a regular and frequent basis, we expect that everyone will have their questions answered and feedback submitted so that we can together discuss it on Nov. 16.

The agenda for Nov. 16 will include:

- A treasurer's report
 - A decision on whether to move forward with the sanctuary project and how to fund it.
- Please plan to attend this Voters' meeting.

Winter Craft Fair

The Homemade, Handmade & Made with Love Winter Craft Fair is just around the corner. For the past seven years, the winter craft fair has been raising funds to support the students in our church and school. This year we are donating funds raised from booth rental, raffle & free will donations to the Faith Lutheran Christian School Scholarship program. Concessions will be hosted by and benefit our Youth Group.

Though our booths are sold out and there is an active wait list, we look forward to providing you with a fun shopping experience for a good cause!

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Childcare News

Hello Faith Lutheran Congregation,
I just wanted to take a moment to share how truly blessed we are by all the wonderful things happening around our campus. During this month of November, we are reminded to pause and celebrate thankfulness. For God's abundant blessings and for the growth and change He continues to bring to our ministry. It is such a joy to witness how our community is flourishing in so many ways.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and prayers. Your faithfulness and encouragement mean so much to our program and to the families we serve.

Recently, several of us attended the annual NW District Lutheran Teacher Conference, which was an uplifting and inspiring experience. We returned refreshed and eager to put new ideas and tools into practice in our classrooms. This past month also brought our Harvest Carnival, where our childcare center was once again delighted to host the always-popular Cake Walk. This is a true carnival favorite! Thank you for your donations.

At this time, our center is quite full, though we still have openings for a few more 4 and 5-year-olds. If you know anyone seeking quality childcare, please direct them to the information available on our school website.

Thank you again for your prayers, encouragement, and unwavering support. We look forward with joy and anticipation to a wonderful holiday season ahead.

In Christ's Service and Yours
Mrs. Julie, Director

Adventures in Advent

Please join us for the three Wednesdays in Advent as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. The dates are December 3, 10 and 17. We will start at 5:30 with a meal. There will also be time for music, devotions and crafts or games. All age groups are invited! If you have questions or would like to be a part of the planning team, please contact Erin Holmquist at erinhq@comcast.net.

Salvation Army Giving Tree

We have adopted several families through the Salvation Army for Christmas. Be on the lookout for a Christmas tree with tags on it the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The tags will have items you can purchase for families in need at Christmas. The needs range from clothes to toys to gift cards to food. You can take one tag or several. Gifts can be wrapped this year or you can include wrapping supplies with your presents. Everything needs to be back to the church by Friday, December 6. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Holmquist at erinhq@comcast.net. Thank you for your support!



Salvation Army Giving Tree

It has become a yearly tradition to support Thurston County Jail's Christmas Cookie and Sock Program.

As in past years, we have agreed to contribute 100 dozen homemade (or store bought) cookies and 100 pair *new plain white cotton socks*. Chaplain Art Brown will be picking up our donations Friday, Dec.12.

If you are unable to participate in the cookie and sock drive, please consider a donation to offset the costs of the Christmas Gospel tracts, packaging supplies, and fuel. Please make checks payable to:

Prisoner Outlook Development,
P.O. Box 14213
Tumwater, WA 98512





Thanksgiving Food Baskets

This holiday season, Faith Lutheran Christian School is proudly adopting 12 local families in need from Lydia Hawk Elementary. To help bring joy and nourishment to their tables, we will be putting together Thanksgiving food baskets filled with all the essentials for a complete holiday meal.

If you are able to contribute, please sign up for a donation item using the link below. Please drop off donations in the school office by November 20th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA4A728AAFFCE9-59424203-thanksgiving#/>

Substitute Teachers Needed

Faith Lutheran Christian School is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our substitute teacher list. If you, or someone you know, has experience with teaching, please reach out to the school office for more information. We'd love to have you on our team!

2025-26 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2025–2026 academic year continues. We look forward to welcoming new and appreciate your timely attention to the enrollment process.

flschool.org or 360-491-1733

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Did you know that if you shop at Fred Meyer, you can link your rewards to Faith Lutheran and earn money for the school just by doing your normal shopping? Talk to the FM service desk for more info!



Dates to Note

11/7: Popcorn Friday
11/10: Veteran's Day Assembly, 2:30 pm
11/11: Veteran's Day – NO School & Childcare
11/18 Passport Testing
11/19: PIE Meeting, 6:00 pm
11/24: Professional Development - No School
11/24-26: Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School
11/27-28: Thanksgiving Break–NO School & Childcare

Veteran's Day Assembly

Veterans and their families are welcome to join us Thurs. Nov. 10 for our annual Veterans Day assembly beginning at 2:30p in the church.

We will be putting together a photo slideshow that includes photos of veterans in the Faith Lutheran Ministries community. If you were previously in the military, please send a photo to office@flschool.org.

Along with the photo, please include the Name of military member and the Branch of service.

In addition, some of our students are going to be writing letters to past military members. If you are a veteran, please send an email with your name and address to office@flschool.org.



September 25

October 9 & 23

November 6 & 20

2025

January 8 & 22

February 5 & 19

March 5 & 19

April 16 & 30

May 14 & 28

2026

Giving is a *Breeze*

The Church uses a software program that deals with social needs of the Church. This software is called Breeze. It allows for an easier way of getting information out to the Church members as a whole as well as small groups.

One aspect of this software is it has a modular that we can track church contribution.

To establish your on-line giving using the Breeze on-line giving program, follow the link:

<https://faithlutheranlacey.breezechms.com/give/online>

Please be aware the Breeze on-line giving bank transfer feature does include a processing fee of 1%. The processing fee for credit cards is 2.9% plus a small transaction fee. Faith will absorb these fees but you have the option to give back both the transfer and credit card processing fees by simply checking the box. Upon doing so, the fees will be added to your donation.

If you have any questions, please contact either Veronika Dunnam, financial secretary at financialsecretary@faithcampus.org or Becky in the church office.

Texting is a *Breeze*

With this software, we have an extended opportunity to communicate with you through text messaging. We are able to generate messages through the app directly to your phone. These messages are legitimate and not spam or fraudulent. Please make sure your information is up to date with the church office so you don't miss important notifications.



Text to Give

To donate by text, a donor simply:

1. Text the amount they'd like to give to **(360) 732-8020** (e.g. \$50). Remember to include a space between your dollar amount and your keyword. If a user submits \$50Missions, they will receive a "Sorry, not sure what you meant" error message. The proper format must be \$50 Missions in order for the command to be received properly.
2. If a person has donated by text before, they'll receive a text in response confirming that their gift has been received successfully and they're done.
3. If it's the first time a person is donating by text, they'll be sent a message that says, "It looks like you are a new giver; to begin: (link provided). It will be a link to the church's online giving page. Clicking on the link they will be asked to supply their payment method (credit card, debit card, or bank account). This payment source will then be linked with their phone number so that, in the future, all they will need to do is text in the amount. (They will not need to re-enter their payment information.)"
4. If the donor didn't specify a fund by keyword, donations will automatically go to the default fund in Breeze. **Example giving by keyword: \$50 missions** Note: *Donors can only give to one fund at a time.*

We've made giving easier! Scan the QR code with your mobile device for instant access to Breeze Online Giving.





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Faith Lutheran Church & School

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2 8:15a Traditional w/HC 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:45a Contemp w/HC	3 6p SAFE Info Mtg	4 6:30p Praise Team	5 6p HS Youth Night	6 10a 3M's Bible Study 5:15p Wiggle Church 6p School Board	7 Popcorn Fri 	8 9a Threads of Faith
9 8:15a Traditional 9a SAFE Info Meeting 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:45a Contemporary 1:30p FLS Piano Recital	10 2:30p Veterans' Day Assembly	11  VETERANS DAY 6p Confirm Parent Mtg 6:30p Elders 6:30p Praise Team <i>No School or Childcare</i>	12 6p Council	13 10a 3M's Bible Study	14	15 6p FLY Open Gym
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23 8:15a Traditional 9:30a Gather & Grow 10:45a Contemporary	24	25 6:30p Praise Team	26 10a Thanksgiving Svc 6:30p Thanksgiving Svc	27  <i>FLS & Childcare Closed</i>	28 <i>FLS & Childcare Closed</i>	29
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Community Center

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