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For All the Saints

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands... – Revelation 7:9

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

As we enter November our focus is turned towards giving thanks. We as Christians are exhorted to "rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). In all things, at all times, we give thanks and glory to God.

This year All Saints' Day falls on a Sunday. [All Saints' Day is November 1st.] This first Sunday in November gives us the opportunity to think about and give thanks for the saints who have molded our faith. On this day we commemorate the faithful departed, those Christians brothers and sisters who died in the past year in our congregation. And the saints also provide us with examples of how to live out our Christian faith in humility and love.

The saints who have died are part of what's called the Church Triumphant. They have fought the good fight, they have run the race, and they have received from Christ their commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master." We who are still alive are part of what's called the Church Militant. We daily, with the Holy Spirit's help, engage in the battle against Satan and his minions. We take time to encourage one another, sharpen one another, and point one another to the hope we have in Christ.

The victory is ours for we are in Christ. He has purchased us with His blood, and He has destroyed death on Easter when He arose. In Revelation chapter 19, the final battle is laid out quite wonderfully: "There is a rider on a white horse who is called Faithful and True...and He is called the Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him." Jesus and His saints and angels have drawn up for battle against the powers and people of darkness. "The beast with his armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and his army." Satan, the demons, and the wicked people who have rejected Christ are lined up to fight against the Lord.

And the next verse is just beautiful: "And the beast was captured" (vv. 20). There's really no fight! Christ defeats His foe with ease. You who bear the seal of the Living God in Holy Baptism, are heirs of this life and salvation. You are more than conquerors through Him who loved you!

Therefore, friends in Christ, give thanks to God for the saints of old who have paved the way for us. And take up their example and wage the good warfare, knowing that your work in the Lord is never in vain.

Amen.

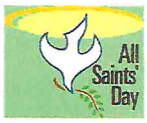
Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Batchelder

November/December Church News…

Not able to worship on Sunday morning – our services are also livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time on our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church). You can also ask Pastor for a copy of his sermon, so that you'll hear the same message as your brothers and sisters here at Faith. **Or if you're out of town and looking for another church to worship at,** the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a smartphone app which can help you locate one of our sister congregations.

Board of Lay Ministry will meet on Sunday, November 1 at 7:45am.



All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday November 1. During the service we will remember the faithful departed who have entered their eternal rest this past church year.

YouthLead (grades 7-12) will meet at church on Sunday, November 1 (6:30-7:45pm).

New Youth Director Needed: Faith is in need of a Youth Director to coordinate events and Bible studies for the 2026-2027 academic year. If interested, please talk to pastor for more details.

Youth Program Helpers: We are in need of Faith members to assist with the Youth program. Parents (or adults) are needed to help supervise/assist at the meetings. And snacks are also needed for the meetings. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Meetings will be cancelled if we don't get assistance.

College/Young Adult Bible Study meets every Sunday at 8:00pm.

There will be no 8th grade catechism class on November 4.

Pastor will be out of the office on Wednesday, November 4, attending Chaplain Training in Sioux City. His catechism class will meet at the regular time (6:30-7:45pm).

Church Cleaning Day: All members are invited to come on Saturday, November 7 for a thorough cleaning of our church (from 8:00am - ?). Come when you can and bring your own cleaning supplies.

The Church Council will meet on Sunday, November 8 at 7:45am.

Voters' Meeting: The Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8 (following the Divine Service). All confirmed members 18 years or older are invited to become voting members. The agenda includes approval of the 2027 annual budget and election of officers. (There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Class.) The current slate of candidates for the open positions and the proposed 2027 budget are included in this newsletter. If you are interested in running for a position on the Church Council, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members (Kerby Huss, Aaron Fink, or Pastor).

JLYF (grades 4-6) will meet at church on Sunday, November 8 (4:00-5:00pm).

Pastor's Circuit meeting is on Tuesday, November 10.

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW): Thank you to the people who have stepped up to volunteer with our LBW Large Print Bible Mission! Your help is greatly appreciated. For those who have signed up, please fill out the volunteer form in your mailbox and return it to Pam as soon as possible. Also, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall to attend a 1½ hour training session on Saturday, November 14, 2026 (either 10:30am-Noon or 1:00pm to 2:30pm). There will be a light lunch served at noon for volunteers as well as some snacks! Please be thinking about your schedules so we can determine a time or times to get together each week to print, assemble and send off His Word to those in need. Contact Pam at 712-441-4723 with questions.

LBW Dedication will take place during the Divine Service on Sunday, November 15.

Faith Women's Luncheon will meet at noon on Tuesday, November 17 at Los Tulipanes.

The Annual Harvest Meal will take place on Sunday, November 22 (11:00am to 1:00pm). See the enclosed Harvest Meal announcement.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: Divine Service with Holy Communion will be on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm. No catechism classes.

Looking ahead to Advent Services: Advent starts Sunday, November 29. There will be three midweek services on Wednesday, December 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00pm. Catechism classes will be from 6:00-6:50pm.

Poinsettia: If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary, the cost is $19. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School Christmas Program (December 13): It's hard to believe the Christmas Program is fast approaching. This year, 5th grade students are also asked to participate. If your Sunday School student(s) is in 5th grade or under, please find the practice and program schedule below:

November 1: Practice for 5th grade and under during Sunday School
November 8: Short practice in basement during Voter's Meeting (just practicing reading parts)
November 15: Practice during Sunday School
November 22: NO practice. Harvest meal.
November 29: NO practice over Thanksgiving weekend.
December 6: Practice during Sunday School
December 13: Program day! The program will be held directly following the worship service (approximately 10:15AM)

The program should last around 25 minutes following the worship service on December 13, and a fellowship time will follow the program. We will not be doing costumes this year. If your child will not be able to make it to the program, please let Pam or Jesa know so that we can adjust the program parts accordingly.

Christmas Services: There will be a Christmas Eve (evening) Service with Holy Communion at 6:00pm; as well as a Christmas Morning Service with Holy Communion at 9:00am.

2027 Pledge / Financial Commitment: Please fill out and return a Pledge Form by Sunday, **December 13.** The form is included in this newsletter and will be available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Bank Automatic Electronic Contributions: With this program, you can transfer money from your checking or savings account to Faith Lutheran. This tool can help keep you on track for your yearly financial commitments. If you are interested, please contact Paula, Church Secretary. She will help you fill out the Bank Automatic Authorization Form. If you already give electronically and want to make changes in your giving amounts, you must fill out a new Bank Automatic Authorization Form.

Bulletin Sponsorship: If you would like to recognize or celebrate a special person or event in the weekly bulletin, please notify the church office. The cost is $10 which will go toward printing and emailing the bulletin. *(Please make check payable to Faith Lutheran Church.)*

The Messenger 'Partners in the Gospel': To keep updated on what is happening in Iowa District West, please view this monthly publication at: https://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

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Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

October Youth Update

Jesus said: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." - Revelation 22:13

We often hear it said that children and youth are our future. And in some ways this is correct. Parents have the God-given responsibility to raise their children to fear and love God, and to love their neighbors as themselves. What we prioritize will be the priority for our youth, whether those are good priorities or bad priorities.

But when it comes to the church, are our children really the future? In the most important sense, no! Our children are not the future of our congregation. They are the present of the church, just as we are. Our hope and our future is in Christ Jesus Himself for He is the beginning and the end.

And yet, in a sense children are the future of the church. So, how do we raise them up to love God and their neighbor? Bring them to the Divine Service. Teach them how to read the Bible, and what God's Word is all about. Show them how to pray. Lead by example in serving in the church and the world. If children are not learning these things in the home, what are they being taught by the world?

October Activities:

In October YouthLead met on the 4th. We learned about the daily importance of Holy Baptism, and how by Baptism we walk in the newness of life (Romans 6). After study, we enjoyed cookies prepared by Carrina. For games we did Bible trivia and sardines.

On the 18th we had three families serve by filling bags for the Sack Pack program. It was a simple and fun way to serve school families in our community.

Looking ahead to November, Youth Lead will meet on the 1st. JLYF will meet on the 8th.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Batchelder

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes – October 11, 2026

In attendance: Kerby Huss, Chairman; Aaron Fink, Director of Lay Ministry; Kevin Rueter, Director of Stewardship; Jason Overmohle, Director of Church Properties, Pastor Batchelder; and Paula Koller, Council Secretary.
Absent: Jesa Pace and Patti Van Skike.

Meeting began with opening devotions by Pastor Batchelder Next meeting: Pastor Batchelder

Meeting of September 13, 2026: Motion made by Aaron, seconded by Jason to approve the minutes as emailed. Motion carried.

Board of Lay Ministry:

*Aaron reported that the Board met on October 4.
*Reviewed communion calendar. Kerby is the Lay minister for October.
*Prayed for members, including Patty Bracker who took a fall and broke her wrist.
*Continued every Sunday communion discussion. Decided to present this at the November Voter's meeting and then vote at the March 2027 meeting (providing approved by the Council). And between November and March maybe have a forum, giving people the opportunity for more discussion and to address questions before voting in March 2027.
*Worked on the Lay Ministry budget figures for 2027.
*Next Board meeting will be November 1 at 7:45am.

Board of Christian Education (Kerby reported from Jesa's email)
*Budget proposal was given to Paula, keeping it the same as last year.
*Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 13 (time yet to be determined). Ruth has volunteered to play piano for all practices and the program. Practices will start the week of November 15 for the youngest two Sunday School classes. This will include fifth graders.
*Fourth board meeting of the year will either be by email or else meet in-person in November.
*Sunday school positions have been filled: Howard Vlieger volunteered for the 6th-8th grade spot, and Chrissy Overmohle and Nicole Fink have volunteered to sub.
*There is one open position on the Board to handle working with the Youth Director, when hired (previously Ali Hagen's role).
*This board has established term limits for its members since some board members have served 10-15 years. Nicole Fink's term ends in December, but she has agreed to stay on the board for 1-2 more years.
*Jesa's first term as Director of Christan Education ends in December. She would like to remain on the board as a member, but not as Board Director. So far, no one has come forward to be nominated for the Director position.
*Jesa thanked those who moved rocking chairs from the basement into the nursery and those who have donated items for the nursery. It was mentioned that would still like to have the walls painted (repairing the rocker damage) and shampooing the carpet for our crawlers.

Board of Evangelism: Vacant

Board of Properties:
*Jason reported that he has asked someone to look at the drywall repairs in the nursery but will be a few weeks before he can get to this. (Kevin offered to paint.)
*Jason took apart the fan in the women's bathroom and cleaned it. Didn't find any other issues and didn't sound any louder than the fan in the men's bathroom. So, replacement isn't a priority at this time.
*He also cleaned the filter on the dehumidifier so should be able to plug it in.
*Jason talked to Dave and Ronda about a day/time to set for 'cleaning' the church. Council thought maybe pick a Saturday morning in November to do this (possibly - Nov 7).

*Kerby mentioned the side door (old kitchen door) is catching and not shutting, so he will take a look at it.

Board of Public Relations & Parish Fellowship: Vacant

Board of Stewardship:
*Kevin reported that the General Fund is down a little from last year.
*He said Rev. Keith Haney is coming next Sunday (October 18) to preach and to lead the Bible Study. He will be here the night before (10/17) for a meal and to talk with members about stewardship. The Pizza Ranch has been reserved but if more don't sign up, that may change. Question was asked about the hotel expense - whether paid by the District or by Faith. Kevin will check on this.

Treasurer: (the treasurer reports were distributed)

Committee Reports: None

Correspondence: None

State of the parish: Romans 6:4
*Stewardship Sunday with Rev. Keith Haney is next Sunday (10/18).
*Dedication for Lutheran Brialle Workshop will be held on November 15.
*The first youth meeting went OK. Will keep it going as long as can get adult volunteers to assist.
*Everyone is invited to take part in the Sack Pack Program next Sunday (3-4pm). This is to help pack snacks for MOC school children.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:
*Discussed each Board's proposed 2027 budget figures. Paula will put the proposal together and email it to the council members and prepare it for approval at the November 8 Voter's meeting. Motion made by Kevin, seconded by Aaron to approve the 'proposed' budget with an increase of 4.8% overall. Motion carried.
*Discussed open positions needed for the Slate of Candidates for election on November 8. The Nominating Committee is Kerby, Aaron, and Pastor. They have names for a couple of the positions and will be asking others.
*Discussed Harvest Meal donations. Motion made by Aaron, seconded by Jason to give half the donations received from the Harvest Meal to Faith's Congregational Assistance Fund and half to Orange City Food Pantry. Motion carried.

Next meeting: November 8 at 7:45am. Kerby mentioned maybe changing future council meetings to a different day and time if it's hard for people to make it Sunday mornings?

Adjournment: Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Koller, Council Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet	9/30/26		
	General Fund	Restricted fund	Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash in Bank	$ 29,193.18	$63,879.55	$ 93,072.73
Due from Gen. Fund	$ -		
Due from Res. Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
Investments/CD	$ -		$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 29,193.18	$63,879.55	$ 93,072.73
LIABILITIES			
Payroll Taxes	$ (368.08)	$ -	$ (368.08)
Due to Gen. Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
Due to Res. Fund		$ -	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ (368.08)	$ -	$ (368.08)
NET POSITION	$ 28,825.10	$ 63,879.55	**$ 92,704.65**

General Fund (Actual vs. Budget) - September			
INCOME	**Income**	**Budgeted**	**Difference**
General Fund	$ 16,863.30	$ 20,163.00	$ (3,299.70)
Building Fund Loan	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Income	$ 16,863.30	$ 20,163.00	$ (3,299.70)
EXPENSES	**Expenses**	**Budgeted**	**Difference**
Missions	$ 1,765.00	$ 2,425.00	$ (660.00)
Lay Ministry-Salaries	$ 13,855.23	$ 13,252.00	$ 603.23
Lay Ministry-Other	$ 262.65	$ 626.00	$ (363.35)
Stewardship	$ -	$ 25.00	$ (25.00)
Evangelism	$ 60.95	$ 67.00	$ (6.05)
Christian Educ	$ 267.56	$ 279.00	$ (11.44)
Properties	$ 2,419.10	$ 3,406.00	$ (986.90)
Public Relations	$ -	$ 83.00	$ (83.00)
Building Fund Loan	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Expenses	$ 18,630.49	$ 20,163.00	$ (1,532.51)
INCOME - EXPENSES	**$ (1,767.19)**	**$ -**	**$ (1,767.19)**

General Fund YTD (Actual vs. Budget) as of 9/30/26			
INCOME	**Income**	**Budgeted**	**Differencce**
General Fund	$ 173,251.54	$ 181,471.00	$ (8,219.46)
Building Fund Loan	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Income	$ 173,251.54	$ 181,471.00	$ (8,219.46)
EXPENSES	**Expenses**	**Budgeted**	**Difference**
Missions	$ 21,825.00	$ 21,825.00	$ -
Lay Ministry-Salaries	$ 118,132.94	$ 119,279.00	$ (1,146.06)
Lay Ministry-Other	$ 5,804.04	$ 5,622.00	$ 182.04
Stewardship	$ -	$ 225.00	$ (225.00)
Evangelism	$ 159.33	$ 599.00	$ (439.67)
Christian Educ	$ 1,263.81	$ 2,513.00	$ (1,249.19)
Properties	$ 22,926.24	$ 30,657.00	$ (7,730.76)
Public Relations	$ 320.34	$ 751.00	$ (430.66)
Building Fund Loan	$ -		$ -
Total Expenses	$ 170,431.70	$ 181,471.00	$ (11,039.30)
INCOME - EXPENSES	**$ 2,819.84**	**$ -**	**$ 2,819.84**

Restricted Fund - September				
Acounts	**Prior Mo**	**Income**	**Expenses**	**YTD Balance**
ATLAS / CFE	$ -			$ -
Bldge Imp Fund	$ 44,409.05	$ 1,195.00		$ 45,604.05
Camp Fund	$ 130.00			$ 130.00
Catechism	$ (227.44)			$ (227.44)
Cong Assist F	$ 2,414.85		$ 200.00	$ 2,214.85
Easter Lily	$ (558.36)			$ (558.36)
Family Cr Ctr	$ -			$ -
Food Pantry	$ -			$ -
Genesis House	$ -			$ -
Habitat 4 Hum	$ -			$ -
Interest	$ 2,720.93	$ 16.46		$ 2,737.39
Luth for Life	$ -			$ -
L World Relief	$ -			$ -
Memorials	$ 3,587.26			$ 3,587.26
Mid-Sioux	$ -			$ -
Misc	$ 11,450.71		$ 10,500.00	$ 950.71
Missions	$ 1,615.34			$ 1,615.34
POBLO	$ -			$ -
Seasonal Décor	$ (126.80)			$ (126.80)
SS Missions	$ -			$ -
SS Xmas Prog	$ -			$ -
Thrivent Fin	$ 2,037.23	$ 50.00		$ 2,087.23
VBS Missions	$ -			$ -
Youth Activities	$ 5,865.32			$ 5,865.32
TOTALS	**$ 73,318.09**	**$ 1,261.46**	**$ 10,700.00**	**$ 63,879.55**

Noted items:

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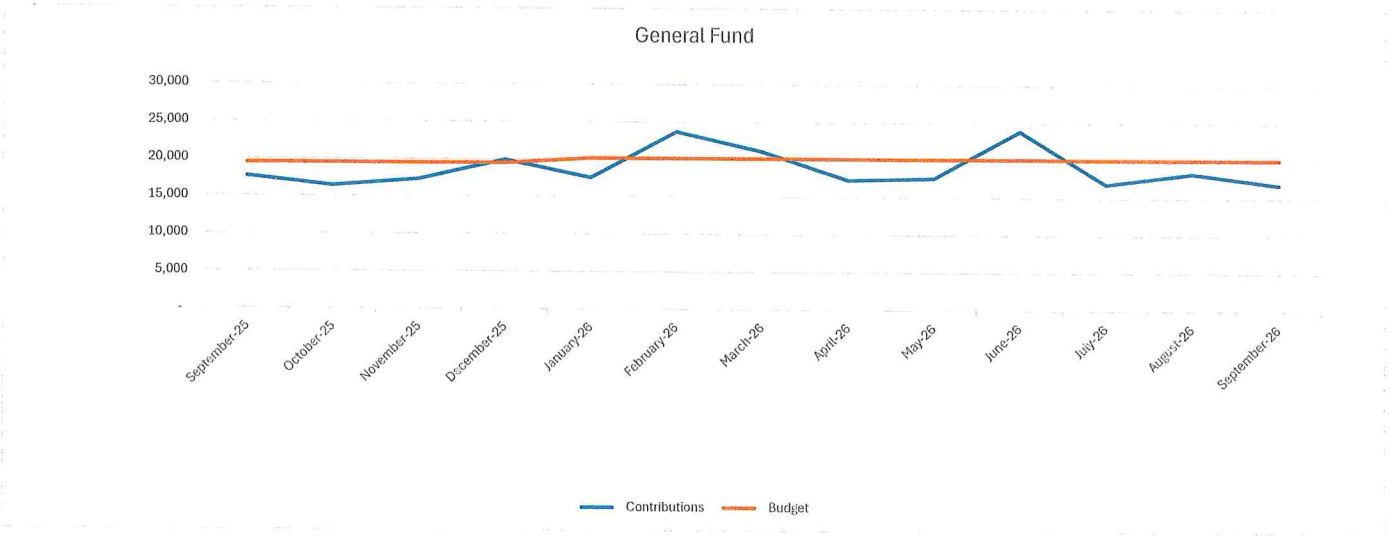
Stewardship Report - September 2026

General Fund

	September-25	October-25	November-25	December-25	January-26	February-26	March-26	April-26	May-26	June-26	July-26	August-26	September-26	12 Month Running Total
Contributions	17,624	16,402	17,265	19,917	17,542	23,673	21,095	17,327	17,619	23,917	16,877	18,338	16,863	226,835
Budget	19,467	19,467	19,467	19,467	20,167	20,163	20,163	20,163	20,163	20,163	20,163	20,163	20,163	239,872
Over/(Under) Budget	(1,843)	(3,065)	(2,202)	450	(2,625)	3,510	932	(2,836)	(2,544)	3,754	(3,286)	(1,825)	(3,300)	(13,037)

Building Fund

	September-25	October-25	November-25	December-25	January-26	February-26	March-26	April-26	May-26	June-26	July-26	August-26	September-26	
Contributions	2,510	2,540	4,099	2,845	1,755	1,365	1,730	1,440	1,296	1,905	1,720	1,205	1,195	23,095



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
SLATE OF CANDIDATES

Per the Constitution: The following positions are voted upon in even years (to take office in odd years)

November 8, 2026, Voter's Meeting - Takes office January 1, 2027

Director of Stewardship:
Carrina Huss

Director of Evangelism:
Need Candidates

Director of Christian Education:
Need Candidates

Director of Church Properties
Howard Vlieger

Position vacant since November 2025

Director of Public Relations & Parish Fellowship:
Jesa Pace

(A term of office is for two years, and a person can serve two successive terms in the same position.)

10/27/26

2027 Stewardship Commitment

Prayerfully consider your income for 2027 and make a joyful pledge of what you will strive to contribute to the Lord's work here at Faith Lutheran Church. Take time to pray about this, to reflect on how God has provided for you, and how you are able to support the ministry of the Gospel here at Faith.

Please take the time to fill out the pledge form (below) by December 13, 2026. These pledges are opportunities for us to reflect on how the Lord has provided, and to joyfully praise Him with giving of our first fruits. You may drop off your form in the Secretary's office.

If you would like to initiate automatic electronic withdrawals for your contributions, or to change the amount of your current automatic contributions, you will need to complete a 'Bank Automatic Authorization Form'. You can pick up a form from the table in the Fellowship Hall or see Paula Koller, Church Secretary. She will help you fill out the form. This is a way to help keep you on tract for your yearly financial commitments.

Blessings,
Pastor Batchelder

2027 Pledge

Please return this Form to the church office by Sunday, December 13, 2026.

Name _____ Date _____

With prayerful consideration, I/we pledge to support the 2027 operating budget and ministries of Faith Lutheran Church:

☐ **Please change my commitment for 2027 to the amount(s) listed below:**

- **General Fund** offering (yellow envelopes):
  Amount: _____
  (circle one) - Weekly, Monthly, or Twice a Month

- **Building Improvement Fund** offering (white envelope with red border):
  Amount: _____
  (circle one) - Weekly, Monthly, or Twice a Month

☐ **Please continue my 2027 commitment at the same amount(s) as 2026.**

Automatic Withdrawal:

____ I am currently contributing through recurring electronic fund transfers.
____ I want to change my recurring electronic fund transfers to the amount(s) listed above*
____ I am interested in starting recurring electronic fund transfers*

*Please complete a "Bank Automatic Authorization Form" to make changes or to start automatic giving.

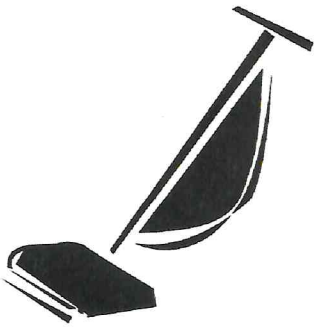
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH--2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

	2024	2025	2026	Proposed for 2027	Difference between 2026 & 2027
02 MISSIONS					
02:01 District and Synod	$22,000	$17,000	$17,400	$17,400	$0
02:01A District Hispanic Ministry (NE)	$1,600	$1,200	$1,200	$1,200	$0
02:02 Lutheran Family Services	$6,400	$4,800	$4,800	$4,800	$0
02:03 Lutheran Bible Translators	$250	$250	$300	$300	$0
02:04 Sioux City Gospel Mission	$250	$0	$0	$0	$0
02:11 Zestos	$1,300	$1,000	$1,020	$1,020	$0
02:12 Lutheran Hour Ministries	$1,200	$1,000	$1,020	$1,020	$0
02:13 Mission Central	$2,500	$2,000	$2,100	$2,100	$0
02:14 Main Street Living	$1,100	$1,200	$1,260	$1,260	$0
02:15 Lutheran Braille Workers				$1,200	$1,200
TOTAL	**$36,600**	**$28,450**	**$29,100**	**$30,300**	**$1,200**
03 LAY MINISTRY-Salaries					
03:01 Pastor's Salary	$60,260	$62,000	$65,000	$68,500	$3,500
03:02 Employee Mileage Expense	$3,600	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$0
03:03 Pastor's Housing Allowance	$22,800	$22,800	$22,800	$22,800	$0
03:04 Concordia Plans					
03:04:01 Health Plan (CHP)	$29,996	$30,587	$30,853	$31,872	$1,019
03:04:02 Retirement Plan (CRP)	$7,226	$8,226	$9,395	$10,682	$1,287
03:04:03 Disability & Survivor Plan (CDSP)	$1,869	$1,908	$1,537	$1,598	$61
03:05 Organist/Pianist Salary	$5,440	$5,440	$6,400	$6,750	$350
03:06 Secretary's Salary	$17,500	$17,500	$17,750	$18,500	$750
03:07 Payroll Taxes/hourly employees	$1,800	$1,800	$1,800	$1,800	$0
03:12 Youth Director's Salary	$2,100	$2,100	$1,000	$1,000	$0
TOTAL	**$152,591**	**$154,861**	**$159,035**	**$166,002**	**$6,967**
04 LAY MINISTRY-Other					
04:01 Conference and Convention	$850	$850	$850	$850	$0
04:02 Guest Speaker	$800	$800	$800	$1,000	$200
04:03 Worship Supplies	$1,600	$1,600	$2,000	$2,000	$0
04:04 Music Supplies	$300	$300	$300	$300	$0
04:05 Office Supplies	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$0
04:07 Continuing Educ	$500	$500	$500	$500	$0
04:10 Miscellaneous	$50	$50	$50	$50	$0
TOTAL	**$7,100**	**$7,100**	**$7,500**	**$7,700**	**$200**
05:10 STEWARDSHIP	**$300**	**$1,000**	**$300**	**$300**	**$0**
06 EVANGELISM					
06:10 Miscellaneous	$800	$800	$800	$800	$0
TOTAL	**$800**	**$800**	**$800**	**$800**	**$0**
07 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
07:01 Adult Education	$300	$150	$150	$150	$0
07:02 Catechism	$450	$100	$100	$100	$0
07:03 Sunday School	$1,200	$800	$400	$400	$0
07:04 VBS	$400	$100	$500	$500	$0
07:06 Library	$100	$0	$0	$0	$0
07:07 Publications	$600	$600	$600	$600	$0
07:08 District/National Youth Gathering	$2,500	$1,100	$1,200	$1,200	$0
07:10 Miscellaneous	$500	$400	$400	$400	$0
TOTAL	**$6,050**	**$3,250**	**$3,350**	**$3,350**	**$0**
08 CHURCH PROPERTIES					
08:01 Equipment	$400	$400	$400	$400	$0
08:02 Improvement & Repairs	$1,000	$1,000	$2,500	$2,500	$0
08:03 Insurance	$6,800	$10,000	$13,500	$17,000	$3,500
08:04 Janitor's Salary	$8,500	$8,500	$8,500	$8,500	$0
08:05 Janitor Supplies	$500	$500	$200	$200	$0
08:06 Utilities	$9,650	$9,650	$9,650	$9,650	$0
08:07 Telephone & Internet	$1,120	$1,140	$1,150	$1,150	$0
08:08 Garbage Removal	$550	$550	$575	$575	$0
08:09 Church Grounds	$5,000	$5,000	$4,000	$4,000	$0
08:10 Miscellaneous	$400	$400	$400	$400	$0
TOTAL	**$33,920**	**$37,140**	**$40,875**	**$44,375**	**$3,500**
09:10 PUBLIC RELATIONS	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$1,000**	**$0**
12:01 DEBT RETIREMENT	**$22,800**	**$22,800**	**$0**	**$0**	$0
GRAND TOTAL	**$261,161**	**$256,401**	**$241,960**	**$253,827**	**$11,867**
BUILDING FUND / WEEK	**$438**	**$438**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
GENERAL FUND / WEEK	**$4,584**	**$4,492**	**$4,653**	**$4,881**	**$228**
TOTAL NEEDED / WEEK	**$5,022**	**$4,931**	**$4,653**	**$4,881**	**$228**

Special Offerings

Ash Wednesday:	1/2 Lutherans for Life and 1/2 Genesis House
Lent:	1/2 ATLAS/CFE and 1/2 Family Crisis Centers of Northwest Iowa
Maundy Thursday:	1/2 Camp Okoboji and 1/2 POBLO
Good Friday:	Orange City Food Pantry
Ascension Service:	Congregational Assistance Fund
Thanksgiving:	1/2 LCMS World Relief and 1/2 Habitat for Humanity
Advent & Christmas:	2/3 Congregational Assistance Fund and 1/3 Mid Sioux

10/29/2026 proposed budget for Voters' Meeting



Church Cleaning Day



"Many hands make light the work!"

On Saturday, November 7, we are inviting all members to come for a **thorough cleaning of our church** from 8 am - ?

Please bring your own cleaning supplies.

THANK YOU!





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Faith Lutheran Church
710 8th Street SE in Orange City

ANNUAL HARVEST MEAL

on Sunday, November 22, 2026,
from 11:00am – 1:00pm

The meal will include:
A turkey dinner with stuffing, gravy, cheesy potatoes,
green bean casserole, macaroni salad, and desserts,
along with rolls and beverages.

A free will offering will be received
to be evenly divided between
Faith's Congregational Assistance Fund
and the Orange City Food Pantry.

This is a Thrivent Action Team sponsored event.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries	
12	Troy & Patti Van Skike
14	Don & Cindy DeJong
Baptisms	
1	Sophie Lewis
3	George Ryba
21	Paylyn Hagen
22	Elise Overmohle
Birthdays	
3	Colton Ott
3	Hunter Vlieger
4	Patti Van Skike
7	Tierney Huss
8	Mitch Bengard
12	Paylyn Hagen
13	Howard Gayer
22	Austin Fink
23	Abigail Batchelder
28	Paxton Hagen
30	Alison Vlieger
30	David Vlieger

Contact the office if your name is missing from the Celebrations List

SERVING IN NOVEMBER 2026

Altar Guild	Julie Bahrke and Renae Bahrke				
Counters	Neil Bracker, Mike Fiddelke, and Aaron Fink				
Lay Minister	Mike Blankenfeld				
Ushers	Aaron Fink, Ethan Fink, Micah Hagen, and Preston Hagen				
	Nov 1	**Nov 8**	**Nov15**	**Nov 22**	**Nov 29**
Acolyte / Cross Bearer	Paysley Hagen	Harper Kramer	Madison Vlieger	Norah Huizenga	Hunter Vlieger
Greeters / Coffee Hosts	Austin & Lacey Reitz	Mike & Ashley Blankenfeld	Al & Janell Stelling	Harvest Meal	Volunteers Requested
Projectionist	Carrina Huss	Aaron Rees	Jordon Pace	Mike Blankenfeld	Sam Clausen
Altar Colors	White	Green	Green	Green	Blue

2026 Church Council		
Chairman	Kerby Huss	712-395-0304
Vice-Chairman	Kevin Rueter	712-541-7320
Treasurer	Patti Van Skike	712-539-1386
Boards:		
Christian Educ	Jesa Pace	712-539-2855
Evangelism	Vacant	
Lay Ministry	Aaron Fink	712-294-4344
Properties	Jason Overmohle	712-541-3315
Public Relations/ Parish Fellowship	Vacant	
Stewardship	Kevin Rueter	712-541-7320



Greeters / Coffee Hosts

Please be in place at least 15 minutes before the Service begins. When done serving, please cleanup the kitchen, wipe serving counter and tables in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Thomas Batchelder
Cell 952-381-4093
Email pastorbatchelder@gmail.com

Pastor's Office Hours:
7:30am –12:00pm Monday - Thursday
(afternoons or evenings by appointment)
Secretary in on Tuesday & Thursday

November 2026

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Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1. Remember to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 *All Saints' Day* 7:45am Bd of Lay Ministry Mtg 9:00am Worship w Communion 10:15am Education Classes & Christmas Program Practice 6:30-7:45pm YouthLead Mtg 8:00pm College Bible Study	**2**	**3**	**4** 6:30-7:45pm Catechism for 6th & 7th grades only Pastor at Chaplain Trng in Sioux City during the day	**5**	**6**	**7** 8:00am - ? Church Cleaning Day
8 7:45 Council Mtg 9:00am Worship w Children's Msge No Education Classes 10:15am Voters' Meeting 10:15am Christmas Program Practice 4:00-5:00pm JLYF Mtg 8:00pm College Bible Study	**9**	**10** Pastor's Circuit Mtg	**11** 6:30-7:45pm Catechism	**12**	**13**	**14** 10:30am-Noon Noon-1:00pm Lunch 1:00pm-2:30pm LBW Training
15 9:00am Worship w Communion LBW Dedication during the Service 10:15am Education Classes & Christmas Program Practice 8:00pm College Bible Study		**17** Noon – Faith Women's Luncheon at Los Tulipanes	**18** 6:30-7:45pm Catechism	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 *Harvest Meal* 9:00am Worship w Children's Msge No Education Classes 11:00am-1:00pm Harvest Meal 8:00pm College Bible Study	**23**	**24**	**25** 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service (no Catechism)	**26** Thanksgiving Day	**27**	**28**
29 *First Sunday in Advent* 9:00am Worship w Communion 10:15am Education Classes 8:00pm College Bible Study	**30**					