November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

W E L C O M E

We are grateful you are with us this morning and
pray for God's blessing on you this day.

We are Christ's family, rooted in faith,
guided by God's Word,
and called to share Jesus' love.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Traditional 8:00am // Contemporary 10:30am

MONDAY
Titus 2 Women's Bible Study // 1st & 3rd week at 9:30am

TUESDAY
Quilters // 2nd & 4th week at 9:00am
Men of Faith // 1st & 3rd week at 6:00pm

THURSDAY
Thursday Bible Study // 10:00am

SATURDAY
LWML Women in Action // 1st week st 9:30am

SUNDAY
Adult Bible Study // 9:15am
Kids of Faith // Confirmation // High School Bible Study // 9:15am
Prayer Group // 2:00pm

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New or visiting today? Scan the QR code and let's connect!

This Week at Church

Today:
Adult Bible Study: 9:15am
Prayer Group: 2:00pm

Tuesday, December 1
Men of Faith: 6:00pm

Thursday, December 3
Thursday Bible Study: 10:00am
Midweek Advent Service: 12:00/7:00pm

Saturday, December 5
LMWL Women in Action: 9:30am
Advent Decorating: 11:00am

In Our Prayers

Health & Recovery: Gwen Hogrefe, Gayle Hosier, Kira Johnston, Joan G., Eddie Rueda, Doris, Diana Brunette, Castillo Family, Colleen, Amy Marlette, Lee Young, Patty Keblesh, Mark Rice, Anders & Bennett Hardin, Kraig Sternquist
Comfort & Special Intentions: Judy Jamison, Elliott Runge, Jim Keblesh.
Expectant Moms: Savannah Ertel
Homebound Members: Helen Farren, Billie Jean Malloy, Carol Petersen, Don Cooper
Serving in the Armed Forces: Michael Gill, Harrison Grady, George Hinton, Billy Pelger, Alex Smith, Caroline Pinto.
Confirmands: Bella Andrews, Sienna Bok, Maddie Jarrel, Harper Knautz, Eddie Sulzer, Jane Tober, Bennett Tucker, Noelani Williams, Scarlett Jones, Sophia Kasinecz, Vinny Petrella.

Poinsettia Plants for Christmas

Celebrate the joy of Christmas by purchasing a beautiful poinsettia to help decorate our altar for the Christmas season! All donations will be recognized in a special bulletin distributed during our Christmas Eve & Christmas Day worship services. Orders are being accepted now through Sunday, December 6. Cost of each plant is $8.75. Order forms are available in the Narthex.

Offering Envelopes

We are transitioning to new offering envelopes! Members will no longer be assigned envelope numbers. Instead, please PRINT your FIRST AND LAST NAME clearly on EVERY envelope to ensure your contributions are properly recorded. Thank you for your continued generosity. Offering envelopes are now available in the pews and near the offertory box.

Voter's Meeting

Our annual voter's meeting is Sunday, December 6 at 6:00pm. At this meeting, voting member will vote on the 2027 annual budget and on Governing Board candidates. Tom Sulzer has completed his term & has expressed interest in serving a second term. In addition, if you're a voting member and would like to recommend someone, please reach out to Pastor Woolsey or Board President, Kevin Kovach by November 29th.

Advent Church Decorating

Join us as we decorate the church for the Advent season Saturday @ 11:00am! We need many hands to help decorate trees, hang wreaths and set up nativity scenes. Lunch will be provided, please sign up in the narthex.

Welcome New Members

Welcome Chuck, JoAnn and Joe McCartney to Faith as members! Our church family looks forward to worshipping and serving alongside you!

Upcoming Events

Welcome Pastor Baker
Sunday, December 6, 9:00am

Youth Shopping
Sunday, December 6, 4:30pm

Voter's Meeting
Sunday, December 6, 6:00pm

Titus 2 Women's Bible Study
Monday, December 7, 9:30am

LWML Baby Shower for Jesus
Monday, December 7, 6:30pm

Quilters / with lunch
Tuesday, December 9:00am

Advent Midweek Services
Thursdays, December 10, 17 @ 12 & 7pm

Faith Birthday Blessings

Cord Patrick	November 29
Joan Link	November 30
Maisie Stein	November 30
Donald Cooper	December 2

Happy Anniversary

Antonio & Octavia Pagan **57th** November 29
David & Kendis Bender **35th** November 30

Attendance/Stewardship

Attendance: In-person: 194 Online: 24
Envelope: $3,990.00 Plate: $185.00
E-giving: $2,988.53 Build. Fund: $125.00
Gifts to the Principle: $400.00
Memorial: $200.00

Readings of the Week

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Gifts to the Principal Campaign

The month of December marks the 8th annual "Gifts to the Principal" campaign to reduce our mortgage balance. Currently our balance is just over $135,000. Any amounts collected will go directly to the principal balance to reduce the overall timeline to pay off the mortgage. For those that may have contributed to the over $500,000 collected in the original campaign, we thank you and ask you to please consider an additional gift. For those that did not have the opportunity to contribute to the original campaign, please consider a significant gift to allow us the financial flexibility in the future to meet the ministry needs of the local and extended community.

Advent ~The Lord Keeps His Word. Four Prophets. One Faithful God

Join us this advent season as we discover how God's promises through the Old Testament prophets are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Join our midweek advent worship services on Thursdays at noon and 7:00pm.

Welcome Pastor Baker

We invite you to join us as we welcome Pastor Baker and his wife to our church family! Following the 8am service on Sunday, December 6th, come enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and the opportunity to get acquainted as we begin this exciting new chapter together.

Baby Shower for Jesus

The LWML is hosting a Baby Shower for Jesus on Monday, December 7 beginning at 6:30pm. The theme is "The Joy of Christmas – God's Greatest Show and Tell". The recipient of our gifts will be Cornerstone Women's Health Center. Women of all ages are invited! Bring friends. Extra invitations and gift lists are in the narthex. Please sign up in the app., narthex or use the QR code. Contact Carla Russell with questions. 203-520-1573.

Advent Workshop

Join us for a meaningful afternoon of creating centered around the Christmas story and Miracles of Jesus. Create beautiful gifts that reflect the Christmas season. All supplies provided, lunch and activities for every age! Noon - 2 pm. Sign up and examples in Narthex See Bonnie Sears for details.

Calling All Bakers

Start baking your favorite cookies for the LWML/Youth Christmas Cookie Sale. The cookies will be beautifully packaged for sale on Sunday, December 13th. Remember, small cookies work best! Please let us know if you will be baking by signing up in the narthex and pick up a card with cookie delivery times. Text Carla Russell for needs or questions. 203-520-1573.

Traditional Service

Today:
Ushers: Bob & Mary Robertson
Lector: Martha Huebner

Next Week: 12/6
Ushers: Bea Marlette & Lou Nadasdi
Lector: Lou Nadasdi

Music Leader: Anthony Fuoco

Tech Team:
House Audio: Jeffrey Hancock
House Lyric Operator: Kathleen Alexander
Broadcast Sound Engineer: Dimaris Woolsey
Broadcast Operator: Joe Gummo

Altar Guild: Dimaris Woolsey, Jennifer Tucker

Counters: David Bowers & Anita Andrews
Kids' Corner: Elizabeth Shick

Contemporary Service

Today:
Ushers: Megan & Kevin Kovach
Lector: MaLinda Johnson
Acolyte/Offering Plate: Isaac/ Isy

Next Week: 12/6
Ushers: Elmer Kress & Vickie Freshwater
Lector: Deb Poruban
Acolyte/Offering Plate:

Praise Band: Brian Schuster, Leader
Brooklynn Tucker, MaLinda Johnson, Stephanie Byneveldt, Bella Andrews, Karel & Gabby Castillo

Tech Team:
House Audio: Tom Sulzer
House Lyric Operator: Elvin Rueda
Broadcast Sound Engineer: Dimaris Woolsey
Broadcast Operator: Jose Ocasio