

FAITH at WORK

July 2026

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying our "Summer Sabbath" preaching series. I am grateful to James Howard and Sheldon Flom for sharing their gift of preaching with all of us. It has been refreshing to have the extra time to work on other areas of ministry and to have a bit of respite during the weeks I don't have to prepare a sermon. Our next series will begin on July 26, 2026, and the theme for the six-week series is "The Bible and Economic Justice". We will get readings from Deuteronomy, Leviticus and Micah along with a few readings from the gospels.

We have scheduled a few social events with the two churches over the next few months, so watch for information regarding those events. We look forward to a joint worship service on July 12th. It will be an outdoor service hosted here at Faith Lutheran "Mass in the Grass". This will be followed by a BBQ and potluck.

I know this is a very difficult time for many of you with the closing of the church. I continue to pray for you and hope you can find time to share some of your fondest memories with me or with others.

Blessings, Pastor Cindy

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Hello Brothers and Sisters of Faith,

July is upon us. Pastor Kim Crawford from the Synod office will be at the church on Wednesday July 8 in the morning to answer any questions you may have or just to talk with you about the closing of our church.

We will be having an outdoor service in the back yard on Sunday July 12 weather permitting. Good Shepard will be joining us, and we are going to have a barbeque after service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We will be having a congregational vote on July 26 for the congregation to decide what to do with our building after our closure.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great day.

**Blessings,
Gordy Gamet**



Financial Update

Financials Income and Expenses May 2026

Total income for May was \$8,606 generated from:

- Undesignated giving: \$4,851
- Rental income (parsonage + Explore Academy): \$3,500
- Miscellaneous income: \$255 (Room 17 Rental and other misc. income from Kroger and interest income)

Total expenses were \$10,239, with primary costs in:

- Payroll: \$4,504
- Facility expenses: \$2,458
- Office/admin: \$969
- Program expenses: \$1,000
- Benevolence: \$1,309 (Laundry Love Reimbs.)
- Expenses were elevated this month due to fellowship/social concerns and benevolence spending.

Net Operating Income: (\$1,633) deficit

Faith Lutheran Church 2026	
STAFF	
Pastor	Pr. Cindy Robles
Office Manager	Patty Johnston
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl Blum
Custodian	Hart's Janitorial
CHURCH COUNCIL	
President	Gordy Gamet
Vice President	Terry Vimig
Secretary	Janice Lee Vimig
Treasurer	Mary Sabatka Gamet
Financial Secretary	Jon Aaberg
Education/Youth	Vacant
Evangelism & Mission	Dick Olsen
Fellowship & Social	Peggy Preston
Property Management	Terry Vimig (Acting)
Stewardship & Resources	Vacant
Worship & Music	George Hunt
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson



We Honor the Past. We Celebrate the Present. We Trust God with the Future.

As we reflect on our journey, we give thanks for the foundation that has brought us to this moment. With gratitude, we celebrate the blessings, growth, and shared experiences that define our present.

The spirit of love, compassion, and service nurtured within this community will continue to live on through each of us. May we remain steadfast in our calling to serve with kindness, to love without measure, and to transform lives.

Together, let us carry our faith into our community and beyond shining light wherever we go. *Author unknown*

Church Announcements and Events

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Ladies Breakfast

Tuesdays@ 8:30am - Ongoing

July 7 at Elmers - July 14, 21, & 28 at Sweetwater's

Men's Breakfast

Tuesdays@ 8:30am - Ongoing

July 14 at Brick & Mortar — July 21 at Sweetwater's — July 7 & 28 at Pop's Branding Iron

Membership Transfer Notice

When you receive the official letter regarding the closure, please take a moment to carefully review page 4, which contains important information about the membership transfer process. To ensure a smooth transition, we kindly ask that you review the details and submit your response no later than July 26, 2026. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Annual School Supply Drive

Sales will begin soon in local stores, making this the perfect time to start collecting items for our Annual School Supply Drive. Education is essential for every community, especially in areas where poverty or disaster has limited opportunities for young people to reach their full potential. By donating school supplies, you can make a meaningful difference in a student's life.

The goal is for 75 kits to be donated through Lutheran World Relief.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 x 10 ½"**
- **One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**
- **One 2 ½ inch pink eraser**
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band**
- **Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band**
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**

We will be collecting school supplies through August 23, 2026. Join us on that day as we come together to pack the donated items!

Community Dinners at Good Shepherd

Drive Thru Meals—Served Wednesdays from 5-6:00pm outside of the church kitchen.

Please reserve your dinners by calling 541-926-4875 ext. 1 by Tuesday no later than noon!

7/01 - No Meal

7/08 - Santa Fe Chicken Rice Bowl, Fruit & Sweet Treat

7/15 - Ham Sliders, Carrots, Coleslaw, and Sweet Treat

7/22 - TBD

7/29 - Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl, Fruit, and Sweet Treat



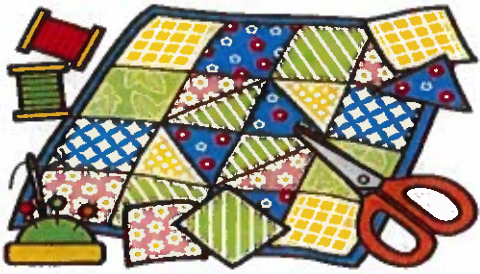
Outdoor Worship & Fellowship Gathering at Faith Lutheran Church

July 12, 2026, 11:00 AM

Faith Lutheran Church and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will come together for a joint outdoor worship service on the lawn.

Please join us for a joyful summer service, followed by a BBQ and fellowship time.

All are welcome!



Quilting Ministry Update

The Quilting Ministry will be taking the entire month of July off as they move into their new space at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

The ministry will resume on August 5, 2026, meeting in Room 7 at Good Shepherd.

Join Us Wednesdays at 9:00 AM (ongoing). Come help create comforting quilts that are donated to bring warmth, privacy, and shelter to those in need.

We hope you can join us in our new location!

Prayer List

Tim Berg	Nancy George	Noah Holman	Gigi Douglas
John Busher	Vanessa Munro	Olivia Hunter	Nicholas Glass
Frank Perry	Karen Glenn	Melba Wright	Margaret Rowland
Mitchell Mueller	Edythe - <i>Jeannette Thorpe's sister</i>		Jim Preston
Gail King	Bexsy Virnig	Carl Wogomon	Nathan Melhorn
Sangsau Tran	Neal Bjornson	Pat Bjornson	Bill Kashishian
	Virginia Kashishian		

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am TOPs	2 Janitorial Service 1:00pm Watercolor Painting Class Fellowship Hall	3 9:00am String Therapy	4 
5 11:00am - 12:00pm Worship Service & Livestreaming	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 8:30am Ladies Breakfast at Elmers 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Pop's Branding Iron	8 9:00am Pastor Kim Crawford at Faith 9:00am TOPs 12:00 Church Council Meeting	9 1:00pm Watercolor Painting Class Fellowship Hall	10 9:00am String Therapy	11
12 11:00am Outdoor Worship Service-weather permitting	13 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 8:30am Ladies Breakfast at Sweetwaters 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Brick & Mortar 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle	15 9:00am TOPs	16 Janitorial Service 1:00pm Watercolor Painting Class Fellowship Hall	17 9:00am String Therapy	18 9:00am Circle of Friends Fellowship Hall
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