



Faith Abounds!

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October 2026– From the Pastor’s Desk

Looking ahead to Reformation Sunday I’ve been thinking about what it means to be reformed and the many ways the church and worship have been re-formed since Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door.

To reform is to make a change for the better. I think of the changes we have made to the way we do worship – especially since COVID. One of the biggest changes has been the ability to live-stream Sunday worship making it possible for those who are unable to come in person to participate with us and receive Holy Communion.

We also re-formed the way we welcome families with children by making a space in the sanctuary with some toys and a rocking horse because Jesus said “Let the little children come to me” – that’s how children learn about Jesus and the love of God.

When I think about reformation – change, I think about how God is re-forming us daily, our hearts, our perspective, and the way we live together.

Pastor Pam

Council Notes:

- The bats have been evicted from the Sanctuary.
- The fire extinguishers have been replaced and the alarm system is in compliance.
- The security cameras have been installed.
- We have met all of the criteria to receive an insurance quote from Church Mutual.
- Suzanne will have the budget ready by October 13th Finance Meeting. Committee chairpersons will need to have their budget \$ needs to her by October 9th.

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(Please note office hours may vary)*

Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30am- Worship Service (online and in person)

Faith Lutheran Church Council

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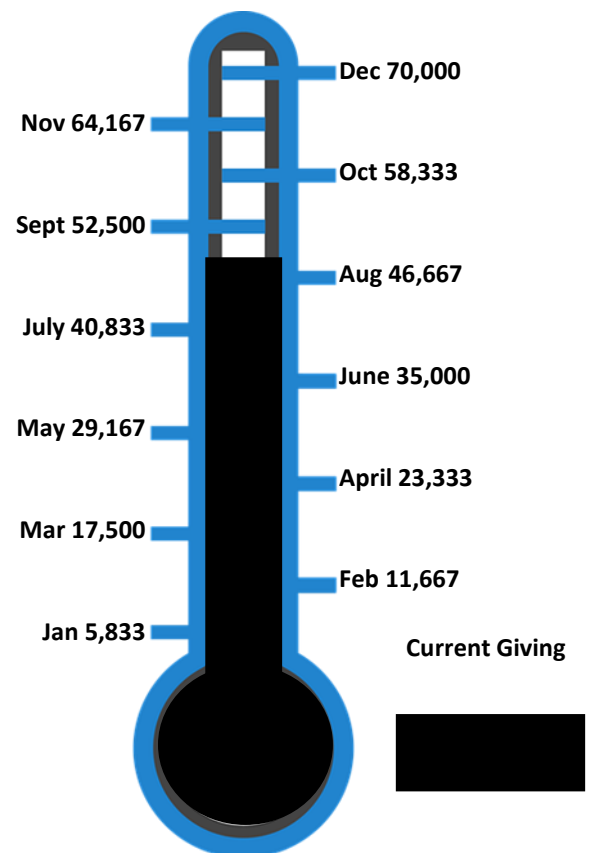
Diane Scott, Ben Kromholtz, Paul Rode,

Debbie Hanvey, Pastor Pam Karas

Council minutes are available in the office: if you would like them emailed to you, call or email the office.

Contributions To Date 2026

(Yearly Goal \$70,000)



Readings for October

Oct 4--Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Oct 11--Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 18--Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 25--Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36;

During the Bishop's Sabbatical we are lifting up guest writers from the synod staff.

Thank you to our Dir. for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Judy Brennan, our featured writer for Oct. 2026

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” Isaiah 43:19

God IS up to something – what is it?

How do we perceive, recognize, notice whatever “it” is – and then respond?

As both individuals and faith communities, isn't this part of our regular reflection all the time? We know God is active in the world. We know God is continually moving to bring love, grace, healing, and wholeness to a world that desperately needs it. And we believe that as members of God's body, however small we are, we get to be a part of that big “Good News” mission.

The congregations and ministries in our synod are mission centers – where God's beloved people are embraced, inspired, strengthened, and equipped to be participants in God's work in the world. I am humbled to listen as so many people share with me profound stories about how God is working through them – both individually and through their communities of faith. Of course, I don't have enough space here to share with you all these stories, but I will tell you one:

Pastor Wendy Cheung serves as the Mission Developer for two of our Synod Authorized Worshipping Communities (SAWCs). One of them, called Jesus Loves Me Lutheran Church, is a unique community serving special needs children, adults, and their families. Pastor Wendy told me:

“There have been many times when I have struggled with this ministry because I know how complex and demanding it is. The greatest challenge is not designing programs. The deeper challenge is how to walk faithfully with children with special needs and with their families.

Children with special needs may experience sudden emotional, behavioral, or sensory challenges, and their parents and caregivers often carry long-term stress, anxiety, exhaustion, and pain. I often ask myself: How can we truly care for these families? How can we accompany them without simply trying to solve their problems? How can we help bring them into the presence of God so that they themselves may receive strength, comfort, and hope from Him?

This ministry requires more than good programs. It requires patience, training, pastoral care, wisdom, and a community willing to learn how to walk together... My hope is that Jesus Loves Me will continue to be a community where these families experience love and belonging, and where they are also empowered to share that love with other families who live with similar realities. I hope it will become a place where every person has meaningful opportunities to participate, serve, and use the gifts God has given them.”

God is at work in and through this beautiful ministry – and I am so grateful that this community is part of who we are as people of faith in the Northwest Washington Synod.

I am honored to serve as a connector, supporter, and advocate for all the congregations and ministries throughout our Synod. I am grateful for you, and for all our many mission centers, active in both perceiving and participating in what God is up to in our amazing corner of the world. Let's stay connected!

Your partner in ministry, Rev. Judy Brennan, Director for Evangelical Mission | Northwest Washington Synod | dem@lutheransnw.org



Serving us in Worship for October



Assisting Minister (Reader)	Ushers	Offering Counters
Oct 4—Paul	Oct 4—Russell	Oct 4—Jennifer/Debbie
Oct 11—Holly	Oct 11—Ella	Oct 11—Nancy/Susan
Oct 18—David	Oct 18—Roger	Oct 18—Jennifer/Roger
Oct 25—Mary	Oct 25—Susan	Oct 25—Holly/Debbie

Streamers	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Deacons
Oct 4—Jennifer	Oct 4—Ginny W.	Oct 4—Ben & Paul	Oct 4—Stan
Oct 11—Roger	Oct 11—Susan	Oct 11—Ginny W.	Oct 11—Roger
Oct 18—Jennifer	Oct 18—Ginny W.	Oct 18—Debbie	Oct 18—David
Oct 25—Roger	Oct 25—Susan	Oct 25—Holly	Oct 25—Roger

September Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

4—Roxanne D.
 6—Denise
 7—Russell
 9—David
 14—Charlotte
 14—Roger
 25—Andrea
 31—Sharon



Please continue to hold the following friends in prayer....



We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

2 Thess 1:3

We pray for our friends and family who are sick, have loved ones who have passed, or those in need of comfort.

If you have prayer concerns please contact Pastor Pam at 425-870-5335 or the church office at 425-353-4758. For the confidential prayer chain: contact Ella at (425) 231-2072 or email: getuininga@gmail.com

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