FOCUS ON FAITH

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from the new PASTOR

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.
"Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."
Ecclesiastes 1:1

A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever looked at the best and worse 10 lists? *Rolling Stone* magazine had a list of the ten worse songs from the 1970's. I lived through the 70's, and yes, there were some bad songs. But really, is Debbie Boone's song of "You Light up my Life" that bad? (If you are like me right now, that tune is repeating itself over and over again so yes, maybe it is that bad.) I will agree that "Disco Duck" qualifies, but how about the one hit wonder "Chirpy, Chirpy, Cheep, Cheep"? There are a lot of bad songs that were just over looked.

November is here already. It is the time when we begin the Holiday season, but one holiday seems to get overlooked. In the rush of Christmas movies, Christmas songs, Christmas decorating and the never-ending black Friday sale times, one holiday which is the heaviest travel weekend in the United States, a time of family gathering, is treated like an afterthought. The holiday is Thanksgiving. If we forget this holiday, it might be that we forget to be thankful.

Solomon, as he was writing Ecclesiastes, seems to have forgotten what to be thankful for in his life. Everything that he looks on is all meaningless and vanities. Solomon had had quite a list of things he could list as accomplishments. There was the wealth God had blessed him with. Solomon though lamented that he would simply leave it to one of his foolish kids who would lose it all. There were his life's accomplishments but these he dismissed as vain, worthless fleeting things. For one blessed, Solomon seems to have forgotten to be thankful.

What about us? The clue for us is to understand where Solomon ends his book, all things good in this world come from God. We have been blessed and for this we are to be thankful. The work we have, the life we live, the family and friends around us are gifts to be thankful over, not criticized roundly. The trials are to be seen in the light of Romans 5:1-5 where God works his good and gracious will in our lives which leads us to being thankful. Joy is found in having a Savior Who has revealed who He is to us that we may have life in His Name: a life with God that leads to thankfulness to God Who has given it to us.

In a world where many speak of the problems, let us remember the blessings God has given us, make up the list and realize these are not vanities but gifts from God Who works all things to the good of those He has called in His grace.

~ Pastor Bob



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday ♦ November 25 ♦ 6:30 PM

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 Nancy Brace
2 Dustin Schneider
4 Noah Trapp
5 Maxwell Bailey
5 Robin Vincent
7 Michael Way
8 Dan Faley
10 Kay Thorpe
11 Robert Starr
14 Melvin Hollenbeck
15 Aaron Trull
15 Alexis Vaught
16 Michael Doesken
16 Jay Holt
19 Brandon Bartlett
19 Kaitlin Biggs
19 Brad Bohm
19 Cheryl Judd
19 Ellie Morrow
20 Mark Doesken
21 Chris Jensen
21 Randy Mathes
22 Kristen Skelton
23 Jolinda Oster
27 Katherine Adams
30 Jeremy Bartlett



Anniversaries

10 Brad & Sheryl Bohm
12 Michael & Isabella Way
13 Nathan & Britton Voss
19 Larry & Mary Hare
25 Lee & Cynthia Darby
26 Brandon & Lauren Bartlett

Missions

Dan's Old Testament Hebrew class and his New Testament class continue to move forward. The seminarians are making a great effort. We thank God for the mission in Latin America as we build up existing congregations and provide Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members. Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America.



I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel, Kathy, and Ana

CIRCLE OF PEACE CHRISTMAS *CARE & SHARE* PROJECT COLLECTION: Monetary donations are needed so Care and Share can purchase turkeys for the Thanks-giving/Christmas season. Also, the pantry needs are laundry soap, dish soap, bath soap, toilet paper, canned chili, and canned pasta. Make checks payable to Faith, with "Care & Share" in the memo. **Deadline:** December 13.

CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDARS have 25 pop-open doors that reveal a Bible Scripture reference and a colorful picture that direct children to God's promises to send a Savior. Get yours from Circle of Peace in time to open the first window on December 1st!



BEAUTIFUL 2027 WALL CALENDARS with Scripture references will be available from Circle of Peace.

VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11
FAITH LUTHERAN MEMBERS
WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY:

Grace Adkins
Jeremy Bartlett *
Steven Bartlett
Fred Bohm
Donald Brace
Steve Davis
Michael DeLapp
JD Doesken
Michael Doesken
Albert Eberle
Gerald Faley
Lars Fischer
Kevin Forward
Norman Fry
Bob Garcia
Larry Hare
Dickie Helzer
Melvin Hollenbeck
Chris Jensen
Erik Johnson
Kerry Lehman
Marten Leimer
Randy Mathes
Jerry Newbury
Michelle Poss
Melvin Srader
Robert Starr
Gregory Stockebrand *
Kevin Trapp *
Tim Trapp *
Aaron Voss
Austin Voss
Fred Voss
Russ Wallace

** Active Military*

If you have served in the military and are not listed above, please contact the church office. Thank you!

LORD'S DINER: Please join us in volunteering at the Lord's Diner in Wichita. We meet at 5:00 p.m. at the Lord's Diner (2825 S Hillside, Wichita) on the 2nd Saturday of every month. You may contact Deb Doesken (788-4354) for more information.

CONCORDIA ACADEMY WICHITA, 909 S Market, is hosting High School Shadow Day on Friday, November 13. For more info. contact Mrs. Carter at a.carter@cawichita.org or 316-202-8989.

SUPPORT THE CONCORDIA ACADEMY-WICHITA PHOENIX TRAP TEAM!

Take your shot at supporting our student athletes through our annual **Phoenix Trap Team Rifle Raffle!** This year's prize package features a special-edition Ruger 10/22 America's 250th Anniversary Rifle, 500 rounds of ammunition, a soft rifle case, and a personalized Phoenix Trap Team hoodie.

Raffle proceeds help cover equipment, ammunition, range fees, and competition expenses, keeping trap shooting affordable for our students.

Tickets: $10 for 1 | $50 for 7 | $100 for 15
Ticket sales close Friday, November 13, at 8:00 AM.
Purchase tickets at:
https://cawichita.org/annual-caw-phoenix-trap-team-rifle-raffle/
Take Your Shot. Support Our Students. Go Phoenix!

WANTED: No stains, good, clean used clothing for any season for infants, children, & adults! Please place in Orphan Grain Train-Wichita box beside the shopping cart in the breezeway. If interested, OGT-Wichita, 911 W Maple, needs volunteers Wednesdays & Saturdays! Contact Branch Manager, John Evans (316-932-8703) ogtwichita@ogt.org for information.

THE NEXT SHIPMENT for Wichita Orphan Grain Train is confirmed for Wednesday, November 4th at 9:00. If you can lift 30 pounds to help load a shipping container, we can use your help. Please contact Rich Polwort at 580-370-0189 or rhpolwort@gmail.com for more information.



CHICKEN NOODLE THANK YOU: A huge thanks to everyone who helped with the Chicken Noodle Dinner, those who provided food items, to those who prepared food, to those who served the dinner and those who attended. You are appreciated! We raised over $2,000 for our altar guild and the Embrace pregnancy center in Derby.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

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NOVEMBER 22, 2026

"Honor the Lord with your wealth
and the first fruits of all your produce."
Proverbs 3:9





TREE TRIMMING! Bring the entire family on **Saturday, December 5 at (time to be determined)** to help decorate the Christmas trees and sanctuary for the Christmas season. Hope to see you then!

ADVENT DINNERS



Would your group like to host a dinner? Sign-up with the church office. Plan to eat with us and support various projects with a donation during the approaching Advent Season.

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall: ***5:30 – 6:30 pm***

December 2:	**Balcony Bunch**
December 9:	**Circle of Peace**
December 16:	**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**



LOOKING AHEAD…

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held at noon on Sunday, December 6, in the sanctuary. The 2027 budget will be discussed and voted upon.

Your Elders of Faith

2026-2027 Elders of Faith Lutheran Church

Duane Way *[A – Doesken]*	788-0147
Steve Bartlett *[Dopps – Haefner]*	788-7606
*Max Ayers *[Hamer – Judd]*	777-0615
Kevin Forward *[Kalous – Osgood-Franklin]*	882-4110
Steve Davis *[Oster – K Trapp]*	393-3359
Lyle Blue *[T Trapp – Zaragoza]*	993-9140

**Chair*

ENDOWMENT FUND



Are you attending one of the LCMS Concordia Universities? If so, you may be eligible to receive a scholarship from Faith Lutheran's endowment fund. Contact Tim Hamer (209-9072) for more information.

LCMS Campus Ministry ~ Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co.

Located at 3815 E 17th St N by WSU Campus

We thank everyone who supported this year's 8th Annual Gathering through gifts of time and treasure. God has truly blessed us. It was a huge success!

Young Adult Bible Group: Meets Tuesday nights at 6:45 pm. This semester we are journeying through the book of Acts.

Fairmount Coffee Co. Fall Flavors: Pumpkin Patch Latte, Apple Picking Chai, Leaf Peeping Latte, and Harvest Fest Matcha.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NOVEMBER 2026

ALTAR GUILD: Krista Drake, Debra Daniels, Pam Green, Karen Harland

1st Service – 8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Melvin Hollenbeck

November 1

Elder	Kevin Forward
Acolyte	Nikki Platz
Crucifer	Zack Forward

November 8

Elder	Max Ayers
Acolyte	TBD

November 15

Elder	Duane Way
Acolyte Schoonover	Xavier
Crucifer	TBD

November 22

Elder	Steve Bartlett
Acolyte	TBD

November 29

Elder	Duane Way
Acolyte	TBD
Crucifer	TBD

2nd Service – 10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Gerry Faley

November 1

Elder	Max Ayers
Acolyte	Owen Voss
Crucifer	Lora Davis

November 8

Elder	Steve Bartlett
Acolyte	TBD
Crucifer	TBD

November 15

Elder	Lyle Blue
Acolyte	Owen Voss

November 22

Elder	Duane Way
Acolyte	Nikki Platz
Crucifer	TBD

November 29

Elder	Steve Davis
Acolyte	Devyn Reed
Crucifer	Lora Davis

Evening Services

Wednesday, November 25 Thanksgiving Service 6:30 p.m.

Elder Steve Davis

Wednesday, December 2, Advent Service 7:15 p.m.

Elder Steve Davis

