

# Faith Lutheran Church



## OUR VISION

We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church, community and world with His unfailing love.

## Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:45 AM—Traditional**  
**10:45 AM—Contemporary**



## STAFF AT FAITH

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Director - Julie Tombari



May 2025

I have not travelled the usual career path of the Lutheran pastor. Most Lutheran pastors pastor a church their whole career until they're sent out to the pasture with other Lutheran pastors. I did not do that. I left pastoring for a little over ten years, lived in Colorado Springs and did a number of different things for work. A lot of people might say that was a mistake, but I think not. It gave me the opportunity to learn some things and experience some things I never would have if I'd stayed as a pastor.

One of those things was attending and being on staff at a megachurch. Tracey and I never once considered ourselves to be the megachurch type of people (still don't to be honest). But the megachurch we ended up at in Colorado Springs worked hard at not being a megachurch. I learned a lot of things at that church, so I have a healthy respect for the megachurch. I know a lot of people, especially members of smaller churches, don't have a lot of good things to say about the typical megachurch, and some of their concerns and grievances have merit, to be sure. But I saw at this megachurch people whose hearts were completely sold out to Jesus, and they're sole purpose was to bring others to that same place.

One of the things I especially learned at this particular megachurch was the idea and concept of being life-giving in all we do. That's huger than anyone can possibly imagine. It means living at the Tree of Life, knowing that we're all sinners saved by grace, and so we're all winners through faith in Jesus Christ. That should affect how we talk with each other, how we react to different situations, what we do with the time we've been given.

Here at Faith, we want to be life-giving in all we do and say. It comes through in our vision statement. We want to engage, encourage, and equip all people with the love and grace of God in Christ Jesus. That just smacks of living at the Tree of Life.

We just celebrated Easter, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (Easter was really late this year). To be life-giving is to be full of the life of the resurrected Jesus. Jesus died and rose again to give us a new life. That life is centered in him. It's like every day we get up and look out of the tomb into a new day, filled with new possibilities and new adventures. The old is gone and the new has come.

With the freshness of Easter in our hearts, let's go out and engage, encourage and equip the people we know and the people we meet with the love of Jesus, and may we always live at the Tree of Life!

*Pastor Mark Stillman*

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### **Our Faith Family in need of prayer this month**

**Our Homebound:** **Sandy** Aiken (now living at Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter), **Alma** Coates, **Carla** Sesola (now living in Missouri), **Donna** Van Bommel (now living at Gardens Court Nursing Home, PBG)

**Other Requests:** **Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; The family of Jose Alfonso, Gail Bolognese, Barbara Cahill, The Van Bommel family** on the passing of Paul, **Andrea** Emde, **Judith** Gonnerman, **Dave** Johnson, **Gordon** Lerner, **Nancy** Meyer, **Kathy** McCoy, **Ernie** Munter, **Carole** Satterthwaite, **Tricia** Shankin, **Sally** Schwartz, **Bob and Laura** Tegart, **Sharon** Wiley, and **Ron** Woita.

### **No Congregational Breakfast on May 4**



Due to the start up of Sunday School on May 4, there will be no monthly Congregational Breakfast this month.

Join us for the next scheduled breakfast on June 1 be in prayer for our new Sunday School classes for children.

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### **New Day Alzheimer's Association**



### **Monthly Evening Educational / Support Group Thursday, May 29, 6 PM—7PM**

#### **For Caregivers of Dependent Adults**

Educational topics vary each month, followed by discussion/questions & answers about Alzheimer's Disease and Care-giving

This group provides a supportive and compassionate space for caregivers to talk openly about their struggles, to learn various coping strategies, share resources and explore ways to alleviate stress. The idea is to take care of yourself so you can effectively care for others. For more information call 561-844-0012.

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### **2025 Flower Chart**



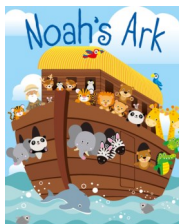
The 2025 Flower Chart calendar is in the Narthex, with open spaces to sign-up for your meaningful dates (*In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God.*) The Altar flowers are \$25 per Sunday. Please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and put "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.

#### **Upcoming Open Dates**

Aug. 10 & 24 ... Sept. 14, 21, 28 ... Oct. 12 & 26 ... Nov. 16, 23 & 30 ... Dec. 7 & 28

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### **Noah's Ark Show**



Faith's Preschool presentation of Noah's Ark will take place at 7PM on Thursday, May 15.

The last day of school is Friday, May 20

## May Birthdays

3 Tom Weber	24 Rosabelle Newton
9 Carroll Menke	25 Deb Schuemann
10 Jessica Dillahunt	26 Terry Luneke
10 Quinn Watson	27 Robert Cano
10 Lynne Wilkie	27 Susan Russo
11 Cathy Ann Vandercook	30 Gail Bolognese
13 Joe Melbourne	

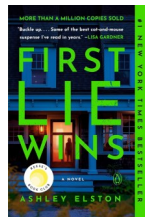
## May Anniversaries

2 Bert & Linda Seitz
12 Frank & Susan Russo
20 Richard & Laura Fulton
30 Daniel & Roxanne Finn
31 Dave & Karen Hernandez



### The Invitation is always open...Join us for Canasta Club

The Canasta Club continues to meet every Thursday from 10:30 until mid-afternoon in the Michel Building's Upper Room. There is no cost and we will teach you how to play. The group breaks around noon for a brown bag lunch brought by the attendees. It is a great time for fun and fellowship. For more information: Fran Hickman 561-234-7349 or June Johnson 561-329-7521.



### Faith's Book Club May Book of the Month: *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston



Faith's Book Club selection for the month of May is, *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston. The club meeting date and restaurant for dinner TBD.

The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location by her mysterious boss, Mr. Smith, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job.

Evie isn't privy to Mr. Smith's real identity, but she knows this job isn't like the others. Ryan has gotten under her skin, and she's starting to envision a different sort of life for herself. But Evie can't make any mistakes—especially after what happened last time.

Evie Porter must stay one step ahead of her past while making sure there's still a future in front of her. The stakes couldn't be higher—but then, Evie has always liked a challenge. . . .

### Request from Food Pantry — Items for Traveler Bags Needed



Because some of our Food Pantry clients are homeless, we like to provide them with specific food items that better meet their situation. Examples of needed items include, flip top cans of fruit, and small packages of applesauce, as well as crackers and cookies. Anything you can think of that does not require a can opener, or items that are packaged for easy opening would be appreciated. Our team then puts these specific items together in packages called, "Traveler bags." Our clients thank you for all you do.