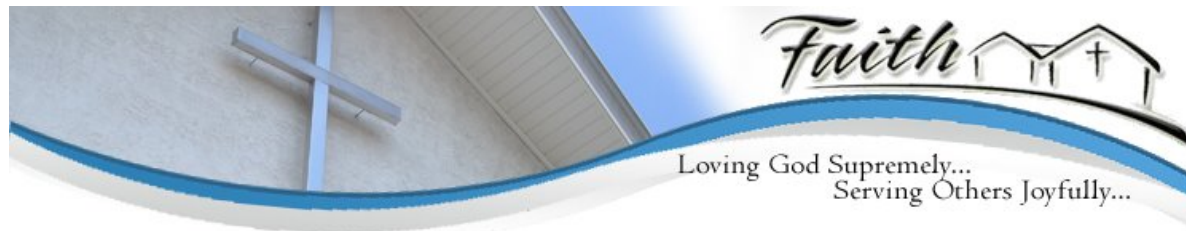


Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church's weekly update!
If you have a news item to include, send it by Tuesday
to office@faith-andover.org



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Worship this Sunday

9:15 AM Bulletin

11:00 AM Bulletin

9:15 AM Livestream

11:00 AM Livestream

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 30
1st Sunday of Advent

Thursday, December 4
5:30 PM

9:15 AM
Traditional Worship with
Choir and Sunday School

11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship
with Praise Band

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM
Confirmation

Tuesday, December 2

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Bible Study
(On-line and In-Person)

7:00 PM
Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 AM - 12 Noon
Pastor Jen Drop in hours
at Caffe Nero

6:30 PM
Executive Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Church Council

Andover Faith Communities
Stand Out for Justice - School Street &
Central Street

6:30 PM -7:30 PM
Advent Supper and Worship

7:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 7
2nd Sunday of Advent**

9:15 AM
Traditional Worship with
Choir and Sunday School

11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship
with Praise Band

**Poinsettias/Gifts in Honor or Memory of Loved Ones at Christmas**

Traditionally at this time of year, we invite members to place orders for poinsettias for Christmas Eve. These gifts are dedicated to the memory of or in honor of loved ones or given to the glory of God. Poinsettias are \$20 each. If you prefer to honor/memorialize your loved one with a donation this Christmas, we are making a special collection for ELCA World Hunger.

Whether you choose to donate toward poinsettias or ELCA World Hunger, your gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please mail/email your information to Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St, Andover, MA 01810-4824 or to Magaly Nelson office@faith-andover.org by December 14, 2025. How to give: Write a check to Faith Lutheran Church (write "Christmas poinsettias" or "ELCA World Hunger" in the memo line) and mail to Faith or give online here <https://secure.myvanco.com> along with the form below. (If you don't see the online donation, please check again in a couple of days.

Please see LINK below for order form:

<https://forms.gle/D2xCoBv1kiPV5k3x5>

New & Noteworthy



Christmas Giving

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

1. **Village Food Hub:** Non perishable food (through December)
2. **Blessing Bags for the Homeless:** Toiletries, Handwarmers, Hats, Mittens, Socks (deadline: Dec 14)
3. **Gifts for Children in Foster Care:** Angel Tree Items (deadline: early December)



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HAVE FOOD TO GIVE?
OR MAYBE YOU NEED FOOD?

HELP US HELP YOU & OTHERS

EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

Have Food to Give or Need Food?

With the government shutdown, many are struggling. Some of us have food to give. Others of us need food. Drop off your donations at church. For those of you in need, feel free to take some home. Call the church office if you'd like to stop by during the week.





What are Blessing Bags?

"Blessing Bags" are prepared bags of supplies that we can keep in our cars to hand out to people who may need them. We are collecting things to keep people warm and comfortable in the cold winter months.... socks, toiletries, mittens, hats, lip balm, and pocket/ hand warmers. Our Confirmands will compile the bags and then the people of Faith can keep them in their cars to hand out. **Please bring any donations in by December 14th.**

Christmas Worship Times



Ongoing Service Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Tom Baird is our contact for Habitat for Humanity. People from Faith volunteer on the second Saturday of each month, though you're welcome to volunteer anytime. Contact **Tom** to get onto the email distribution list to have an idea of the planned activities and where and when to show up.

Bread and Roses

Faith Lutheran serves at Bread and Roses on the 2nd Monday of every month. Volunteers arrive at 3:45 PM and help put together meatball sub sandwiches which we then hand out to folks from 4:00 PM -6:00 PM at Bread and Roses at 58 Newbury St. in Lawrence.

We'd like to have 3-4 Faith members and friends each time - staff members from Bread and Roses are always on hand as well. Contact **Edward Knapp** if you'd like to help.

Musicians

Faith has several musical groups (choir, bell choir, chime choir, praise band) as well as opportunities for people to provide special music. You are encouraged to share your musical gifts! Contacts are **Ingrid Marstaller** or **DJ Cleavinger**.

Ongoing Learning Opportunities

The **Tuesday morning Bible Study** will resume on September 16! We will begin a new study, looking at the Acts of the Apostles, often referred to simply as "Acts." You are welcome to take part, and as we meet both in-person at Faith Lutheran and via Zoom, you can participate from home or while on vacation. For more information about the Tuesday morning Bible Study, including its Zoom link, contact the church [office](#).

Sunday School

Children are invited to be part of our Sunday School on Sunday mornings at the 10:00am summer service. All children begin worship with their families in the worship space and then go to their class after the children's message. Contact is [Olivia Janvrin](#).

The **Meditation Group's series "Pathways to Peace"** will resume monthly meetings on Saturday mornings this fall at church. We will meet from 9:15am-10:30am on September 20, October 18, and November 15. This fall, each month we will look at a chapter of Mariann Edgar Budde's book, "How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith," which talks about the decisions we make and how our faith influences them. Each discussion time will end with a guided meditation. Contact is [Pastor Jen](#).

Quarterly Devotionals

Daily devotionals are available in the church narthex. If you are unable to pick up a copy at church and would like us to mail you one. Contact the church office [here](#) by email. Please specify if you prefer want to receive the large print edition.

Ongoing Connection Opportunities

Friday Night Socials

We have a Friday Night Social on the first Friday of every month, from 6:00-8:00pm. If you have an idea for another event let us know! Contact is [Laura Schulte](#).

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Welcome back - we will start meeting again on October 18th; look forward to seeing you all. Please come join us. Once/month, typically on the 3rd Saturday at 8:00 AM, men of the church and community gather at church for a time of fellowship and conversation. Contact [Kevin Maschhoff](#) or [Mark Morgan](#) for further information.

Pub Spirituality

Typically held on the the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM from September-May. Pub Spirituality is an opportunity to talk about topics related to spirituality on an informal basis as we enjoy dinner or beverage. We meet at Lee Chen Chinese Cuisine in Lawrence. Past topics have included prayer, heaven/hell, evil, wisdom, and more. Contact [Pastor Jen](#) for more information.

Connection Time

Every Sunday morning at 10:15am - there is a time for coffee, snacks, and conversation. We often have a scheduled activity during this time - it could be a game, a learning opportunity, or a service opportunity. Most are intergenerational. Sometimes there is a separate activity for children.

Chick Lits

Looking for a fun, engaging way to explore new books and connect with others? Join ChickLits, the Women of Faith book club! We read a wide range of books—mostly fiction with a dash of non-fiction—which spark great discussions. Whether you're into Zoom meetings or inperson gatherings, you'll find a welcoming space to share your thoughts and discover fresh perspectives. If you would like to get on the email distribution list, please email [Dawn DiPersio](#).

Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday - Friday

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Working from home on Mondays

OFFICE is closed on - Wednesdays

Any scheduled changes for the coming week are posted in the calendar at the top of this email.

Call the church (978) 475-4059 in advance to be sure the office is open the scheduled time.

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