

July/August 2026



Sola Fide

"Only by Faith"- A publication of Faith Lutheran Church

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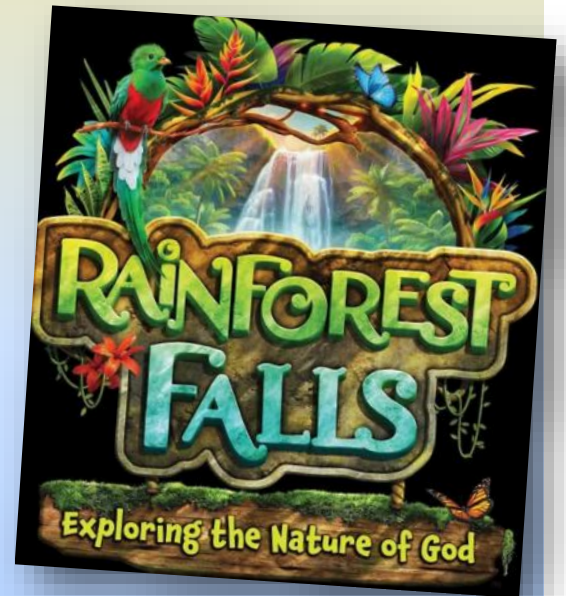
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Vacation Bible School July 27–30

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Join us for:

- Bible Stories
- Crafts
- Games
- Music
- Snacks
- New Friends
- Learning about God's Amazing Creation!!



Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends! For more information contact the office or Olivia Janurin (Christian Ed liaison) at christianed@faith-andover.org.

A Letter from Council

Kevin Maschhoff, Council President



Sabbatical Update

Pastor Jen continues her sabbatical through August, and we will welcome her return on Sunday, 30 August as part of Faith's Fall Kickoff, our end-of-summer church cook-out and potluck following worship. She described her vision and plans for the sabbatical in the previous Sola Fide issue. We look forward to hearing stories of her travels that include visits to sites significant in the long struggles for civil rights for women and African-Americans in this country. While she is away, worship is being led by a series of guest preachers. Faith's own Denny Hacker, a retired ELCA pastor led the first service of the sabbatical period (see below for his reflection). We also heard from Rafaela Radcke, a NE Synod Lay Minister whose sermon centered on her ministries among those facing economic challenges in Providence and East Boston, and from retired Pastor David Rinas, whose sermon centered on his experiences providing support to the Lutheran Church in Honduras, and more recent activity in support of immigrants recently arriving in Honduras following deportation from the US. As a reminder, arrangements have been made for pastoral care by other ELCA pastors in our area during the sabbatical, should the need arise. Please contact Laura Shulte (office@Faith-Andover.org) or by calling the office at 978 475-4059, or Kevin Maschhoff (president@faith-andover.org)



Redeemer Fund Activity

The new cross for the South Sanctuary outside wall, the first project funded through a Redeemer Memorial grant has been fabricated, and should be installed by the time this issue is published. Thanks again to Kate Robinson, who championed this at every step. Second project, adding power-assisted door for our handy-cap access bathroom (off of the Fellowship Hall) has been procured and installed. This was proposed as a cost-share, with approximately \$2000 funded through the grant process, and approximately \$2000 funded through donations. While much of this has been donated, there is still an opportunity to support this! Thanks to John Breiland who proposed this grant request, researched the options, and worked with procurement and the installer.

Magaly Nelson Farewell

Faith's Office Administrator, Magaly Nelson, has submitted her resignation, citing personal reasons. In her resignation letter, she added the following: *"I would love to thank you Pastor Jen for everything you have done for me. I am very grateful to the Executive Committee and the Church Members and blessed to have met everyone that crossed my path. It was a pleasure working with you for these last 3 years and the awesome staff members. I wish you and the Church all the Best! God Bless you."*

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A Letter From Council (cont'd)

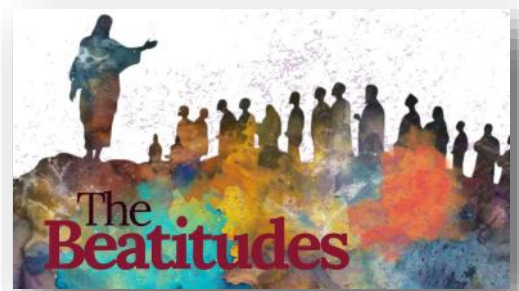
The Executive Committee is following a deliberate process of reviewing/updating the job description and will be posting the position. Faith is very blessed to have Laura Schulte filling this role on as an interim basis. Thank you Laura!

We will find a time to celebrate Magaly at the end of the summer, but in the meantime, if you'd like to send a note of thanks, her address is: Magaly Nelson, 38 Amherst St., Lawrence, MA 01843

A Reflection from Pastor Hacker

During my children's sermon on June 6, I centered on the Beatitudes. I asked children and adults to raise their hand if each Beatitude had applied to them. Not one of the children raised their hand when asked if they are getting tired of being told to be still in church. It was a version of laying down rules for Christians. I think that is a major plus for Faith. We are doing something right in welcoming children. Several adults did raise their hands. I think that is built from memories of our own childhood when it felt like the rule was to be quiet in worship. It seems like we are trying to eliminate that rule by real welcoming ways.

(note: Faith's own Pastor Denny Hacker is serving as presiding minister several weeks this summer during Pastor Jen's sabbatical)



Finance

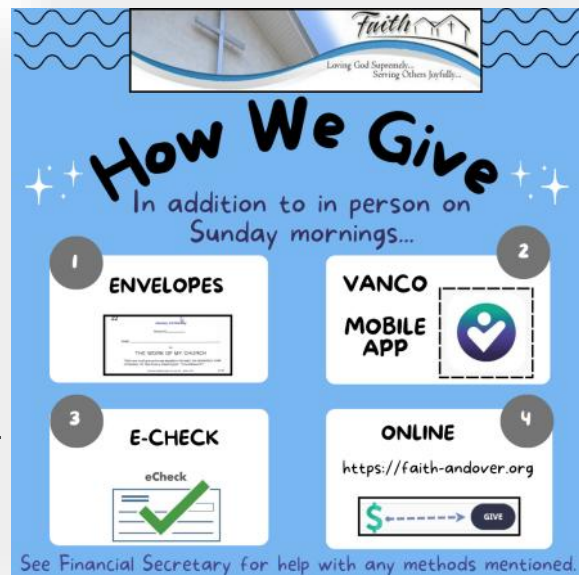
David Cressman, Council Liaison

Budget

At the end of May, the Treasurer and I agree that the church is showing an \$8000 surplus. This is attributable to most non-payroll accounts, except for Maintenance, running under budget. While this is good news, the summer months are historically a period when giving slows. Therefore, your contributions during summer are very important to the church's operation.

Rentals

For 2026, we are looking forward to seeing more rentals than in 2025. To date, we have had one rental and several inquiries. Currently, we are working on one of those inquiries who wants to use part of the church once a week. If you or a friend is interested in renting part of the facility, please contact office@faith-andover.org to start.



Archives Team

Chris Banta, Chair

A couple of years ago, following COVID, the retirements of Pastors Jon and Marsha Heydenreich, and the calling of Pastor Jen, the Church Council realized that Faith's digital and physical archives had become out of date. Thus, the Faith Lutheran Archives Team (myself, John Breiland, Wilma Breiland, Christine Hayward and Madison Skwierczynski) was founded with the mission:



- *To make the Faith Lutheran Church digital and physical archives as complete and current as possible to the end of **FY2025** and make recommendations for the future*

Using archive guidelines provided by the ELCA, the team set the following objectives:

- To understand where/how Faith's various archive records are kept
- To understand current personnel responsible for creating, storing and accessing archive records
- To determine Faith Lutheran Church records that **MUST BE/SHOULD BE** (henceforth called "REQUIRED") retained on an ongoing basis
- To specify retention periods and privacy requirements for each REQUIRED record

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Archives Team (cont'd)

- To locate and add **REQUIRED** records to the existing (digital and/or physical) archives such that they are complete through **FY2025**
- To create an annual archives update process
- To make recommendations for better archive storage for future budget planning purposes

After almost two years the process is complete, and here are the results:



- **220+ digital (and some paper) files** were added to the archives (ex: annual reports, Church Council meeting minutes, audit reports, Sola Fide newsletters, ad hoc committee reports [transition, call, RIC], job descriptions, job offers, church and staff policies, statistical reports etc)



- **175+ church records** were added/updated to both the membership database and physical parish archives (ex: baptisms, confirmations, deaths, new members received, members transferred out, etc)



- **A flash drive of confidential documents** (ex: Executive Committee meeting minutes) was given to the Council President



- **Ongoing process documents** were presented to Church Council covering Archive Status and Recommendations; Required Records, Update Schedule, Retention & Privacy; and Annual Update Process.

The team would also like to thank the following people at Faith who assisted in this project, in ways both large and small, and regret if we have overlooked anyone:

Pastor Jen, Kevin Maschoff, Tammy Skwierczynski, Sue Eliason, Mary Johnson, Magaly Nelson, Tanya Hayward, Dave Kress, David Cressman, Dave Menninger, Cindy Schatz, Bill Frank, Jeanne Hladky, Jay Kelly, Kathy Faulk, Bill Mark Langdell (former team member), Rev. Susan Gaeta (New England Synod), Lyn Wasilewski (New England Synod)



Social Ministry

Ed Knapp, Council Liaison



Baby Care Kits Packed for Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to the generous support of many donors, Faith Lutheran Church recently assembled **47 Baby Care Kits** for Lutheran World Relief! These kits will be used to help a baby get off to a good start in life with basic baby care supplies.

The assembly effort unfolded over two sessions. On Sunday, June 7, Lynda Diamondis, Satu Donahoe, Tanya Hayward, Jeanne Hladky, and Ed Knapp gathered after worship to put together 27 kits.



A second team — Wilma Breiland, Christine Hayward, and Tanya Hayward — returned on Wednesday, June 18 to complete the remaining 20 kits, after obtaining a fresh supply of soap and jammies! They also weighed kits, then packed and labeled all four boxes for shipment. Finally, Kate Robinson graciously transported the boxes to the Natick drop-off location on June 19, ensuring they were delivered right on time. Excess items not used in kits will be donated locally.



From donors to packers to driver, this was truly a community effort. What a wonderful example of Faith Lutheran at its best — working together to make a difference in the lives of families around the world!

By the Numbers:

- The 47 kits each contained: (1) Hand towel, (1) Hoodie, (2) T-shirts, (2) Jammies, (2) Receiving Blankets, (2) Pairs of Socks, (2) sets of diaper pins, (1-2) bars of soap, (4) diapers.
- **The 4 boxes of kits weighed 122.7 lbs!!**



Stewardship

John Breiland, Council Liaison

Making the Church Our Second Home

For many of us, the church is much more than a building where we gather for worship on Sunday mornings. It is a place where we celebrate life's joys, support one another through challenges, and grow together in faith. In many ways, our church becomes a second home.

Think about how we care for our own homes. When we notice something out of place, we take care of it. If a light bulb burns out, we replace it. If a guest needs help, we offer assistance. We don't wait for someone to ask—we simply do what needs to be done because we care about the place and the people who share it with us.

That same spirit was seen in improving the Family Bathroom next to the Fellowship Hall. Members and Visitors with mobility needs were having trouble accessing this bathroom. Our church members provided funds and support to install an automatic door, an emergency pull cord and an access key. These improvements make the church a more welcoming place for everyone. Just last month I saw members cleanup outside, pull weeds in the gardens, straighten up the kitchen and complete the assembly of care packages for the community.



Every week there are small opportunities to help that often go unnoticed. Perhaps it's picking up a piece of litter in the parking lot, straightening hymnals in the pews, wiping down a table after an event, welcoming a visitor, or helping someone carry a heavy item. These simple acts may seem small, but together they make a significant difference.

Not every act of service requires a committee assignment or a formal request. Sometimes the most meaningful contributions are the ones that happen quietly, behind the scenes, motivated by love and gratitude.

As you spend time at church in the coming weeks, consider looking around with fresh eyes. Ask yourself, "What needs to be done?" or "Who could use a helping hand?" You may discover opportunities to serve that no one else has noticed.

By treating our church as a second home, we strengthen our community, support our ministries, and reflect God's love through our actions. Together, we can make our church an even more welcoming and caring place for all.

After all, stewardship is not only about what we give financially—it is also about how we share our time, talents, and willingness to serve. A church that feels like home is built by people who care enough to help without being asked.



Worship & Music



Summer Worship Preachers



During Pastor Jen's sabbatical this summer, we have arranged for a wide variety of guest preachers to broaden our worship experience. If the preacher is ordained, he/she will also preside over the service. If the preacher is from the lay ministry class, Faith's own Pastor Denny Hacker will preside at Communion.

- 7/05 Ramson Gambiza, lay minister
- 7/12 Rev. Cassandra Chavez, Director of Evangelical Mission, New England Synod
- 7/19 Nicholas Thomson, lay minister
- 7/26 Ed Knapp, lay minister
- 8/02 Bishop Nathan Piphon, New England Synod
- 8/09 Dawn Stellmon, lay minister
- 8/16 Ingrid Marstaller, lay minister
- 8/23 Rev. Lawrence Jay, Executive Director at Rolling Ridge Retreat & Conference Center

Various members of the Executive Committee and Church Council will be responsible for opening and closing the church and introducing the preachers/presiders each week.

Photos of Faith



Photos (cont'd)



Merrimack Valley Ringers at Faith



Juneteenth



Earning their Faith badges



**Ice Cream Truck to the rescue-
summer is coming!**

News & Notes



Habitat for Humanity Build Days

Saturdays, July 11 & August 8; 8:15AM-4:30PM

Faith Member Tom Baird organizes Faith's build team (ages 16+) the second Saturday of each month. You do not have to be a building expert or have specialized skills to contribute to the projects. For more information contact Tom at tombaird739@gmail.com. Please note that build days may or may not be closed when licensed subcontractors are on-site.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

At Faith: July 18 and August 15

Did you know that Faith hosts a blood drive every month for the American Red Cross? Sign up for an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org under "Donate Blood". Thanks to Gary Payson for being our host!



Bread & Roses

Mondays, July 13 & August 10; 3:45-7PM
58 Newbury St, Lawrence, MA

Faith Lutheran serves at Bread & Roses on the 2nd Monday of every month. Volunteers arrive at 3:45 PM and help put together meals which we then hand out to folks from 4:00-6:00 PM. If you'd like to help, a sign up is here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4eafa823a02-serve>



Andover Stands Out for Justice

**** on hiatus for July/August ****

In front of South Church, 41 Central St, Andover MA

For additional ways to stand up for democracy and humanity this summer, check the South Church Social Justice Coalition website at southchurch.com/sjc.

News and Notes (cont'd)

Taking a Break for the Summer!

- Wednesday **Drop-In Hours with Pastor Jen** is on hiatus for the summer and will resume following Pastor Jen's return from sabbatical.
- **Bible Study** will be taking its usual hiatus during the summer, and continue its study of Acts in September. Join us this Fall!
- **Pub Spirituality, Men's Fellowship Breakfast** and **Pathways to Peace** are taking a break over the summer, and will meet again in September.
- **Faith Lutheran Choir** is on break for summer, but stay tuned for first meeting and rehearsal in late August. All voice types are welcome— chat with DJ Cleavinger about joining for the upcoming fall season!



ChickLits

Tuesday, August 4; 7pm

"The Celebrants" by Steven Rowley

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 in-person 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 at ddipersio@verizon.net

Synopsis: A "Big Chill" for our times, celebrating decades-long friendships and promises—especially to ourselves. "The Celebrants" is a moving tale about the false invincibility of youth and the beautiful ways in which friendship helps us celebrate our lives, even amid the deepest challenges of living.



News and Notes (cont'd)

Bible Study

**** on hiatus for July/August ****

Study the Book of Acts with the Tuesday morning Bible study! The Tuesday morning Bible Study is on summer vacation, leaving Saint Paul behind in Athens. We will pick up back up in September, and welcome you to join us then!

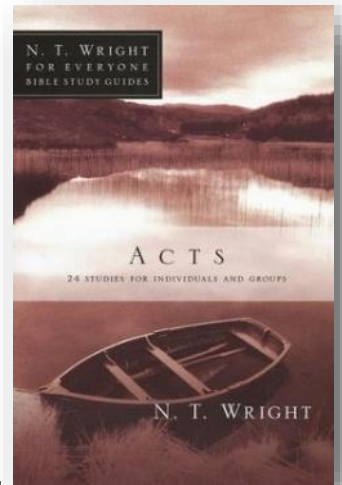
We began our study of The Book of Acts last September, knowing that it would take nearly two years to complete, since it's long and we are an in-depth study group. It is thought that Acts was written by Luke (yes, the same one who wrote the Gospel of Luke), and this 28-chapter book gives us modern-day Christians a view into the early church as it was formed following the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. From September through mid-June, we read how the Holy Spirit came to the apostles, how they organized the community and how they dealt with questions and problems. We met Saul in chapter 9, who after his conversion from a persecutor of Christians, became Paul, one of the greatest spreaders of the Christian faith.

There are 3 confirmed missionary journeys undertaken by Paul, during which he, accompanied by other apostles, traveled more than 10,000 miles over land and sea during a period of 12 or so years, spreading the story of the risen Lord Jesus and helping to lay the foundation of the Christian church. We've studied through Acts chapter 17, which is partway through the 2nd Missionary Journey.

What's the Bible study like? Our approach has remained the same for many years: to study in an in-depth manner, reading every verse in every chapter, and welcoming comments and thoughts from all participants. Our lay leaders consult a number of commentaries, Bible translations and other scholarly resources in preparing the weekly lessons, which helps the group to find new insights and personal meaning in these ancient words. All are welcome, regardless of level of Bible knowledge – everyone's contribution is valued, because we are all God's children.

Although the Tuesday morning Bible study has been running for decades at Faith Lutheran, it feels fresh because the subject matter changes and new folks choose to join the group each year. We are now a hybrid study, with some participants present at church and others taking part from home via Zoom. No one is able to attend every week; appointments, vacations, illness and other things intrude, and that's okay.

Each week we begin with a brief social time around 10 am and close with prayer requests around 11:30 am. Weather and schedules permitting, some go out for lunch afterwards to a local restaurant. For more information about the Tuesday morning Bible Study, including its Zoom link, reach out to Louise Kress, Wilma Breiland, Roberta Ede, Chris Hayward or Cindy Schatz.



News and Notes (cont'd)



**ANNUAL
RED, WHITE & BLUE
FESTIVAL CONCERT**

**SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
3:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 2:30 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

Celebrate Independence Day and Edward F. Searles' birthday

Featuring popular American composers on The Great Organ
and Steinway "D" Grand Piano



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Organ
New York City, NY



JESSICA McCORMACK
Soprano
Haverhill, MA



D.J. CLEAVINGER
Piano
Boston, MA

Join us in a Patriotic Sing-along as we honor U.S. Military Personnel

Sponsored by Jonas Stundzia and David Meehan

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SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH US!

Participate in our summer worship services by sharing an offering of song, music, story, or reading!



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

We want your voice in the choir this year!
Rehearsals begin Aug 27, every Thursday at 7:30pm
Sing in the Traditional Service on Sundays at 9:15am

All voice types welcome!
Choir will return to worship on Sunday, Aug 30 - RALLY DAY

Reach out to D.J. Cleavinger for more info!
traditionalmusic@faith-andover.org

**** Summer Events ****

Mark your calendars for fun events with FLC! And bring your friends! Contact Laura Schulte at evangelism@faith-andover.org or with your suggestions or for more information.



BOB ROSS PAINTING

Sunday, July 12th @ 11:15



There is a suggested donation of \$15 to cover supplies.

All are welcome!
Email Laura in the office to sign up!



AUGUST 30



Fall Kickoff Potluck

Calumet Corner



All activities are subject to change. To learn more, go to Calumet's website at www.calumet.org or contact Alice at alice@calumet.org.

Camping at Calumet

Think camp is just for kids? No way! Sure, Calumet Lutheran Camp Ministries in W. Ossipee, NH is known for its great residential camp program for kids. But did you know there's also family camp? Family camp is for adults, singles, couples, or families and takes place "across the road" from the residential camp during the summer. People stay in the conference center or the village cabins. Or of course, people can tent or RV camp. Stay for a couple of days or a week or more. There are endless opportunities to explore and enjoy the natural beauty of Camp Calumet!

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| ♦ Resident Camp for Kids | June 28-August 15 |
| ♦ Calumet Day Camp | June 29-July 24 |
| ♦ Family Camp Plus | August 16-21 |



Summer Music: Fourth of July!!

Saturday, July 4; 6:30pm

The Blue Hill Brass will return to the Big Top Tent in the Campground at 6:30pm for our annual holiday concert (an Independence Day tradition)! Join us for the Concert, which will be followed by a traditional Ice Cream Social to celebrate the 4th of July!!!!



Calumet Obstacle & Trail Challenge

Saturday, August 29

Register at: myevent.com/calumetchallenge

Get ready for the 2nd Annual Calumet Obstacle & Trail Challenge — now with something for everyone! From Jackman Ridge to the Outdoor Chapel to beautiful Ossipee Lake, you'll experience the full Calumet property along our scenic 5K trail. Along the way, enjoy a series of fun and creative obstacles designed to challenge you just enough while keeping it exciting and accessible. We're offering both a timed race for those who want to push the pace and a walking challenge for anyone who prefers to take it all in at a more relaxed speed. However you choose to participate, you'll be supporting the year-round programs that make Calumet such a special place.



ELCA News



New England Synod Assembly Notes

By William Hartzell

The theme of the 2026 New England Synod Assembly was “The Word Became Flesh.” After opening worship on Thursday, the opening remarks set the tone that this was about facilitating the actions of the church outside the four walls of the sanctuary. I was struck that the root of the word Synod in Greek means “walking together.”

The treasurer’s report noted that in the fiscal 2025 audited budget, actual donations were above the budget estimate, so thank you! That generosity enables the church to serve our communities. The audited 2025 budget and the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget are deficit budgets that are balanced with investment income. The Synod does make grants from investment income as well, so there are adequate resources there, but my opinion is that is a risky way to balance the annual budget.

A major order of business was discussion of a proposed Resolution on climate change. As discussion carried on it became a question of whether this was a Resolution (for action of the Synod) or a Memorial (recommending action to another body such as the ELCA as a whole). I did not know the distinction until this debate. I picked up from the proponents that this Resolution/Memorial seems to be tied to similar actions in other Synods, hoping to have several Synods in position to make a unified proposal for a Resolution at the next National ELCA Assembly in 2028. Ultimately the question of Resolution vs. Memorial was not resolved and the proposal was set aside.

On Friday morning the first order of business was votes on changes to the Synod constitution. I felt these were mostly to clean up to certain archaic language in the constitution, and each proposed change was approved with near unanimous support.

The main speaker on Friday morning was the Rev. Christy Lohr-Sapp of the ELCA Synod of Jordan and the Holy Land. The reverend and her family had begun serving earlier this year, but are currently evacuated given the situation in the Middle East. The mission of the Synod of Jordan and the Holy Land is to recognize the presence of Palestinian Christians, an often overlooked population given the frequent strife between Jewish and Muslim factions in the region. A further mission is that the churches in the Holy Land are living, active places and not museums.

A Resolution was presented to boycott those certain companies that are seen to be complicit with Israel’s genocide in Gaza and the ongoing occupation of the West Bank. After some discussion and a few amendments to the language, the measure passed with overwhelming support.

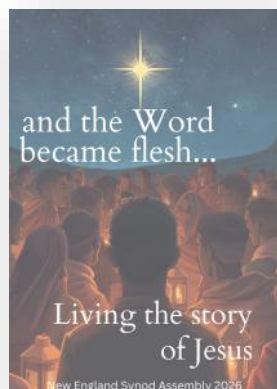
Next was presentation of the planning for the 2027 New England Synod Assembly. The 2027 Assembly will be June 11-12, 2027, beginning with Friday worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester and Saturday Assembly at the DCU Center. The new shortened schedule is intended to make



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ELCA News (cont'd)

Assembly more accessible to a wider range of working people who may not be able to arrange for three days off from everyday life. I did note that with the exception of many pastors representing their congregations, the delegates skewed into my (getting older) demographic or older.



In accordance with a Resolution made at the 2025 Assembly, the New England Synod joined as a plaintiff along with the ELCA and several other Synods, demanding relief from the Department of Homeland Security's change of policy that rescinded special protection from deportation raids at "sensitive locations" including places of worship. In February 2026, the plaintiffs obtained an Order from the U.S. District Court for Massachusetts prohibiting non-warranted immigration enforcement in any church or place of worship and its surrounding property. Administrative and Judicial warrants can still be applied for, but non-warrant searches by immigration enforcement acting at their own discretion are barred.

Friday afternoon featured a breakout discussion for the Synod Conferences. Conferences are smaller governed regions within the New England Synod. Pastor Jen is actually the Dean for the Northeast MA Conference, which includes congregations in Woburn, Malden, Gloucester, Lynn, and Chelmsford. The Malden and Woburn congregations are on schedule to merge before the end of this year. We discussed ways in which the Conference congregations could collaborate on activities to bring our communities closer, such as joint volunteer initiatives addressing regional situations.

Friday concluded with evening worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester, a very traditional stone church with a beautiful array of stained glass behind the altar, and an organ and choir loft at the rear of the sanctuary. The Gospel reading was presented in both English and Spanish.

Saturday featured a presentation by the Massachusetts Council of Churches on interfaith initiatives. That was followed by presentation of this year's graduates from the School of Lay Ministry, and a closing worship service.

Throughout the three days there were breakout sessions in the afternoon and morning hours before or after the main assembly convened. These sessions of about an hour each focused on things like a more detailed look at the Synod of Syria and the Holy Land, The Seafarer's Friend and their ministry and chaplaincy in maritime support, learning about Diaconal Service through Deacons and Lay Ministry, and understanding places of humor in the Bible, among other topics.

Detailed information is available at NELutherans.org/assembly including the budgets and financial reports, the Resolutions and supporting materials, and all of the topics that I've addressed, plus others I have not mentioned here. Additional information can also be found at ELCA.org



ELCA News (cont'd)



ELCA Press Release: All Together in One Place

“America at 250: Holding gratitude and humility”

Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry issued his second in a series of monthly messages that continue through the end of this year. Each message shares a pastoral word, rooted in Scripture, that witnesses to God’s presence today, our rich theological tradition and the social teaching that connects us. Here is an excerpt from his June 23 message (see at elca.org/news/all-together-in-one-place-2):

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that God calls us to:

- *Remember our connection to each other through baptism, as Scripture teaches us: “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5).*
- *Name sin for what it really is and to repent of it, as the Augsburg Confession and the catechisms remind us.*
- *Serve the common good in society as “earthly measures toward God’s intention”.*

As we celebrate 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, we can hold gratitude and humility, possibilities and shortcomings. We continue to live in the already and the not-yet.

And we hold fast to the most important promise of all: the presence of God with us, the power of the resurrection of Christ, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit and the ever-unfolding grace of God.

We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church but as a people held in God’s grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves.

Programs at Rolling Ridge

(register at www.rollingridge.org/events)

660 Great Pond Road, North Andover

“Pray and Paddle” - July 11 & 22; August 1 & 22

Join us in our fifth season for our Pray and Paddle. On Lake Cochichewick, we will share in Lectio Divina, an ancient practice of listening to a piece of sacred wisdom three times. Each reading includes a question to ponder, followed by an extended time of paddling in silence.

All levels of kayaking and canoeing experience are welcome.

“Eco Adventure: God in Nature” - August 11-13

We are grateful that Kay Milligan is relaunching EcoAdventure at Rolling Ridge and is allowing kids (ages 3-10) to discover God in nature. If you are a parent or grandparent, an uncle or aunt, or if you have a relationship with kids in your community, please consider bringing them to Rolling Ridge for EcoAdventure from August 11-13.



Communications– Quick Reference



Telephone

- Church office (Laura Schulte): (978) 475-4059. [Leave a message]
- Pastor Jen: (978) 806-8255

Church Office Hours

**** During the summer, days and times subject to change... call or email if you're wondering!**

Email

Church Staff

- Pastor: Pr. Jeanette Leisk at jleisk@gmail.com (or jen@faith-andover.org)
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- Director of Trad. Music: David Jesse Cleavinger at traditionalmusic@faith-andover.org
- Praise Band Director: Ingrid Marstaller at ingrid@faith-andover.org
- Church Administrator: Laura Schulte (interim) at office@faith-andover.org
- Co-Worship Livestream Operators: Sara Bidwell and Bill Mark Langdell at worshiptech@faith-andover.org



Church Council Executive Committee

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- Treasurers: treasurer@faith-andover.org – Dave Menninger & TBD
- To contact the entire Council: council@faith-andover.org

General

- Submitting announcements: announcements@faith-andover.org

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- Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/Faith.Andover)
- Instagram (www.instagram.com/faithandover)

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Wishing Pastor Jen and Penny continued safe travels during their sabbatical road trips. Can't wait to hear about your experiences when you return in the Fall!!





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- This summer we'll have a blended worship service. See page 8 for the summer preaching schedule!
- All are welcome to join us for Sunday worship!
- The links to view the service and worship booklet are published each week on our website. We livestream on our [YouTube](#) channel.
- Recordings of our services are available to view at your convenience at a later time

**May each person feel invited
to this community, feel
equipped to use their gifts to
the Glory of God, and feel
sent to serve...**



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