

2025 3rd Quarter Newsletter

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Greetings to you all and Happy Fall from you Church Council with an update on church business.

Call Committee: Our church MSP report has been updated and submitted to the Synod following the withdrawal of Shepherd of the Valley from a partnership proposal. Committee members have been in touch with the Synod.

Pastor's Report: Pastor O'Shea participated in the Community Days Church Service. He has made 30+ home visits and/or phone calls to members. Vouchers for gas and food were given to two families in need.

Preschool: The infant and toddler rooms remain full every day. Enrollment in the food service program which reimburses food costs has been achieved. The garden is doing well and children are enjoying eating the vegetables they helped to raise. Air conditioning has been installed in the Infant Room. The Preschool participated in the Community Days Parade. The August BBQ and enrollment kickoff was well attended. Universal Preschool Program (with the State of CO) began on August 18. The Chamber of Commerce recognized the Church membership with a Ribbon Cutting honoring the new Infant Room on August 28. Grandparents were celebrated with a "Tea" on September 5.

Christian Education: Adult Sunday School met once a month through the summer and will meet on the first and third Sundays at 9:00 through the remainder of the year. Children's Sunday School resumed meeting every Sunday on September 14.

Fellowship and Outreach: Plans for the 60th Anniversary of the church are underway. This will include a special service by the "Lutheran Men of Song" followed by a luncheon. The GIA Team continues to serve 2-3 times a month. Food has been delivered to the Ault Food Pantry. The Baby Bottle Drive raised \$259.09. Thank you to all who contributed. The Annual church BBQ was held September 5. Thank you to the Lefflers for the delicious corn on the cob.

Stewardship: A huge **thank you** to all who generously contributed to the capital fund to pay off the Preschool Loan. Praise the Lord!

Properties: New carpet was installed in the narthex and offices in July. "Big Shout-Out" to Jan Leffler for the painting in the offices and narthex. Many thanks to Jaxon and Elizabeth Letterly for mowing the church grass and to Dale Paton for trimming and for mowing at the preschool. A new (used) copier was purchased for the office in July.

Looking Forward: 60th Anniversary of the church celebration on October 26.

- Preschool participation in Community “Trunk or Treat” at the Rec Center, 10/25/2025 and Trick or Treat Street, downtown 10/31/2025.
- November 1st Annual Community Harvest Dinner at Galeton School.
- Preschool Thanksgiving Celebration in the Fellowship Hall 11/14/2025.