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- * **Jan. 1, 2026**
New Year's Day
- * **Jan. 4, 2026**
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- * **Jan. 11, 2026**
Baptism of Our Lord
- * **Jan. 19, 2026**
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day

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January 2026

Word of the Day

(in place of Pastor Elise's letter)

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS By Howard Thurman

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.*

(Source: E-Notes, December 31st)



Join us Sundays at 10:30am*

You can watch live on Facebook

*We begin with organ music at 10:20am
<https://www.facebook.com/FaithLC1966>

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 21, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy at 10:34AM.

Members Present: Pastor Elise, Cathy Tibbett, Dennis Brindley, Sandy Lawson, Wayne Olsen, Ben Deatrick, Kathy Flickinger, Cynthia Wright and Ken Randall

Members Absent: None

Council Meeting: November 18, 2025 10:30AM

Devotions: Sandy Lawson November: Dennis Brindley

Minutes: Ken made a motion to accept the September 16, 2025, council minutes.

Ben seconded. Motion passed.

Dennis made a motion to accept the October 14, 2025, minutes of the council meeting with Bishop Finegan. Cynthia seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A: Kathy made a motion to buy one twenty five dollars gas card and one twenty five dollars restricted Walmart gift card for the Pastors' discretionary fund. Ken seconded. Motion passed.

B: October 7, 2025 QTC rented one room at two hundred dollars a room.

C: Three Lakes Conference was held at St. James Rudyard, Michigan September 28, 2025.

Pastor Rita, Cathy-Tibbett, Sandy Lawson, Nancy Gillotte, Jeannie Wellington, Patrick

Shea and Dave Bean attended. Synod Assembly 2026 on May 16 will be a Hybrid meeting.

Patrick Shea volunteered to fill the position of Vice President of Three Lakes Conference. If anyone wants to be on the E Notes list call the Synod office and sign up.

New Business:

A: Sandy made a motion to support Patrick Shea Seminary Candidacy Entrance cost by issuing a check of four hundred fifty dollars from the Endowment Fund. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

B: The Annual Congregational Budget meeting will be held on November 2, 2025 following Church service.

C: Wayne presented the 2026 budget to the council. Ken made a motion to accept the budget.

Ben seconded, motion passed.

D: Per Synod guidelines all churches should be Non-Profit Incorporations and file with the State of Michigan. The annual fee is twenty five dollars. Wayne will file the necessary form and pay the fee.

E: Dennis made a motion to effectively confirm the borrowing of seven thousand dollars from The Edwards Jones account to pay towards the drainage repair for the boiler room. This will be Paid back in the future.

F: Employee jobs descriptions were briefly discussed. No action taken.

Pastors Report: Pastor Rita report was presented for September 17 to October 25, 2025.

Christian Education: On Pause, no students

Campus Ministry: On Pause.

Come to the Table: On Pause.

Endowment: The Endowment disbursement for 2025 was four thousand one hundred dollars.

Two thousand dollars from this amount were used for drainage repair for the boiler room.

Fellowship: After church service on October 26, 2025 cider and donuts will be offered. A Thanksgiving Dinner on November 2, 2025 will be served to veterans and volunteers of Faith.

Finance: Wayne presented the financial report for September 2025.

Memorial: No Report.

Membership: No Report.

Outreach: No Report.

Property: Derrick and Ed Hallquist repaired areas on the flat roof of the church numerous times during the hot summer weather.

Stewardship: Several Temple talks have been presented. Pledge Card Sunday is November 2, 2025.

WELCA: 2025 Fall Bazaars was a great success with over eighty people attending. Thank You for the donations of salads, baked goods, crafts and attic treasures. Next meeting is November 5, 2025 at 10:30AM

Worship and Music: Next meeting is November 7, 2025.

Ben made a motion to accept the Committee Reports including the Pastors Report and Financial Report. Wayne seconded. Motion passed. Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded. Motion passed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary

Faith Lutheran Church
Annual Congregational Budget Meeting
November 2, 2025

Pastor Raappana gave the opening prayer.

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Tibbett at 11:45AM.

The quorum was met.

Wayne Olsen presented the proposed 2026 budget and thanked all who made donations for the repair of the weather-damaged cross last year and repair of the boiler room drainage this year. Wayne inquired if there were any questions, but no questions were asked.

Dave Bean made a motion to accept the 2026 budget. Ben Deatruck seconded. Motion passed.

Joy Lake made a motion to close the meeting. Deb Carr seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 11:55AM.

Pastor Raappana said the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary".

Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary

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Brindley, Kathy Flickinger, Sandy Lawson, Ken
Randall, Ben Deatricks, Cynthia Wright, and
Wayne Olsen



Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated that your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation and give back.

Faith Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Synod website: nglsynod.org
Denomination website: elca.org

Online giving is here!

You can now make an electronic contribution on our website. Just go to our website:

www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org

Scroll down to just above our videos. There, you will find a green button that says

“Online Giving”

Click that and enter in your information, and Faith will receive your contribution within 48 hours. The online giving company we went with (Tithe.ly) is one of the largest and most secure companies who specialize in online church giving, so your information is safe and secure. If you would like any help going over this process, please call the church office and we would be happy to help you.

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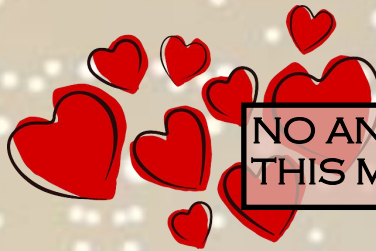
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4th Kathy Kagarise
19th Millie Barclay
25th Nancy Gillotte
26th Russell White
28th Jeanne Wellington
29th Nancy Bolio



NO ANNIVERSARIES
THIS MONTH

Jan. 7— WELCA

Meets on the
1st Wednesday of
every month at 10:30am
for their bible study,
meeting, and meal.

The Annual
Congregational
Meeting will be on
February 15th after
the service.

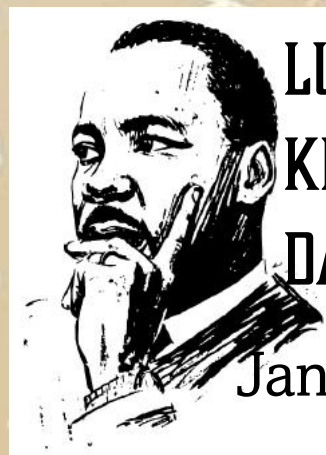


ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL REPORT

The chair person of committees are requested to
please submit their annual committee reports by
January 14th, 2026 to
faithlutheranchurchssm@gmail.com

We will be taking down the Christmas trees and other
decorations on **Sunday, January 11th after the worship
service.** We ask for all the help we can get with climbing
ladders, heavy lifting and extra hands in general. Please
come and help us, it is greatly appreciated.

**We encourage all members to
check our website regularly
for updates, announcements,
and important information.**



**MARTIN
LUTHER
KING JR.
DAY**

Jan. 19th

Financial Statement

			Net Activity	Last Year	Nov-25	Nov-25	Net Activity	Last Year
	Nov-25	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	Month of November 2024	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Over (Under) Budget	November 2024 Year-to-Date
General Fund Revenue	\$ 13,450.48	\$ 9,534.00	\$ 3,916.48	\$ 8,844.00	\$ 138,508.86	\$ 131,987.00	\$ 6,521.86	\$ 140,377.84
Expenses	\$ 7,853.16	\$ 12,019.00	\$ (4,659.84)	\$ 11,082.76	\$ 136,292.27	\$ 136,728.00	\$ (435.73)	\$ 136,434.56
Operating Revenue								
Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 6,097.32	\$ (2,479.00)	\$ 8,576.32	\$ (2,238.76)	\$ 2,216.59	\$ (4,741.00)	\$ 6,957.59	\$ 3,943.28
Total Other Non Operating								
Revenue	\$ 1,735.80	\$ -	\$ 1,735.80	\$ 3,209.18	\$ (3,389.88)	\$ -	\$ (3,389.88)	\$ 6,224.01
Other Non Operating								
Expenditures		\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2.27	\$ -	\$ 2.27	
Balance with Non operating	\$ 7,833.12	\$ (2,479.00)	\$ 10,312.12	\$ 970.42	\$ (1,175.56)	\$ (4,741.00)	\$ 3,565.44	\$ 10,167.29

Thank You Notes

12/10/25

What a nice surprise, we enjoyed the delicious cookies. And the visit was a special treat! I always miss the nice people at Faith. Stop by anytime! With or without cookies.

Janice Brill

Dear - women of WELCA -
I WAS AT INFUSION THERAPY GETTING MY MONTHLY IV. WHEN I CAME HOME THERE WAS A BAG OF WONDERFUL GOODIES, COOKIES, BREAD, CANDY, TEA, AN ORNAMENT AND A THOUGHTFUL CARD.
THANK YOU FOR NEVER FORGETTING ME YEAR AFTER YEAR.
GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
LINDA DORAN
P.S. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT EVERY YEAR!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Hebrews 2:10-18 New Years Day	2 Psalm 148	3 Luke 2:22-40
4 Second Sunday of Christmas Worship 10:30am	5 Epiphany of Our Lord Matthew 2:1-12 Quilting 1pm	6 Jeremiah 31:7-4 Yoga 9:30am	7 Wisdom 10:15-21 WELCA 10:30am	8 Ephesians 1:3-14	9 Psalm 147:12-20	10 John 1:10-18
11 Baptism of Our Lord Worship 10:30am Girl Scouts 1:45p	12 Isaiah 42:1-9 Quilting 1pm	13 Acts 10:34-43 No Yoga. Re-sumes next week. QTC 9:00am	14 Matthew 3:13-17	15 Genesis 1:1-5	16 Mark 1:4-11	17 Psalm 29
18 Second Sunday of Epiphany Worship 10:30am	19 John 1:29-42 Quilting 1pm MLK Jr. Day	20 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Yoga 9:30am	21 Isaiah 49:1-7	22 Psalm 36:5-10	23 John 2:1-11	24 1 Samuel 3:1-20
25 Third Sunday of Epiphany Worship 10:30am Girl Scouts 1:45pm	26 Matthew 4:12-23 Quilting 1pm	27 Jonah 3:1-5,10 Yoga 9:30am	28 Luke 4:14-21	29 1 Corinthians 7:29-31	30 Psalm 19	31 Isaiah 9:1-4

Roof Inspection and Maintenance Report

Derrick Benjamin, Edward Hallquist

Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park Street

10/27/2025

Introduction

This report documents the inspection and maintenance work performed on the building's roof. The purpose of this report is to assess the current roof condition, summarize observed defects, outline repair work performed, and provide recommendations for prolonging the service life of the existing roofing system.

The roof was installed in 1966 and covers approximately 5,400 square feet. The existing roofing system appears to be a modified bitumen torch-down membrane, installed over the original built-up asphalt roof structure. Prior to inspection, the roof exhibited signs of weathering and surface degradation.

Observation and Findings

During the visual and surface inspection, several forms of deterioration were identified:

- Multiple *blisters* across various sections of the roof, likely caused by trapped moisture beneath the membrane.
- Extensive *alligatoring* was observed along nearly every seam, indicating long-term UV and thermal fatigue.
- Cracking and partial separation were noted along the flashing on the west and east sides of the roof.
- General accumulation of dirt and debris that impeded initial surface assessment.
- Several wet and dry areas under the membrane were identified. While the dry areas maintained structural integrity, the wet areas revealed compromised and *deteriorating insulation*.

These findings indicated potential roof failure. Therefore, immediate action was taken to address these issues.

- **Flashing repair:** The damaged sections were opened, cleaned, and resealed using Karnak 19 roofing cement, reinforced with a fabric mesh. This repair was performed on both the west and east flashing lines. *Note: Karnak 108 asphalt primer was used on the east side of the roof to prepare the surface for a complete cement replacement.*
- **Surface cleaning:** The entire roof was power-washed to remove accumulated debris, dust, and surface oxidation for improved analysis accuracy.

Recommendation

Following the inspection, several roofing companies were consulted regarding the observed condition. Each of them recommended a complete roof reconstruction, with cost estimates averaging \$120,000. While a full replacement is necessary in the future, the implemented repairs and cleaning should have improved the roofs short-term stability and given us time to raise this funding. It is recommended to continue periodic inspections every 6-12 months, especially after winter, and begin financial planning for complete roof replacement within the next couple of years.

Visual References

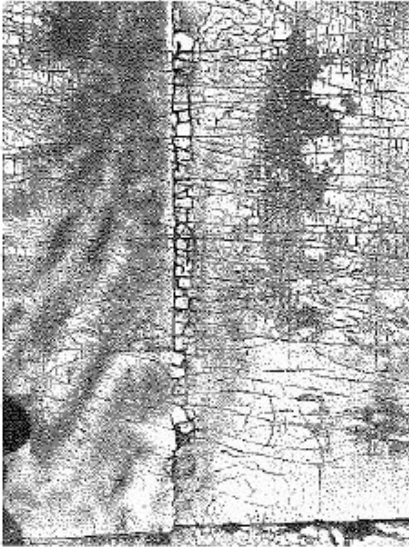


Image 1: Alligatoring Seam



Image 2: Cracked Flashing

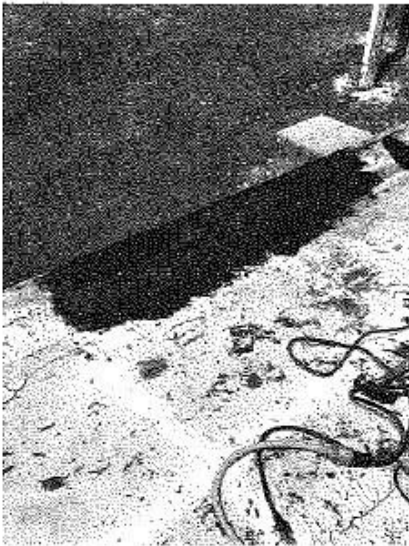


Image 3: Repaired Flashing

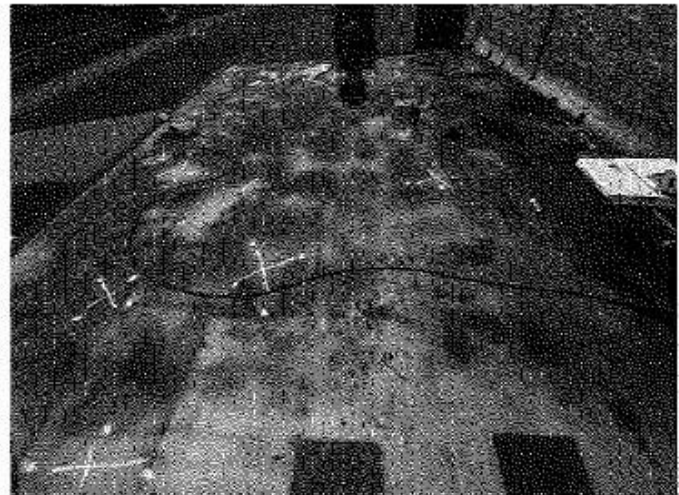


Image 4: Blisters marked with white X's

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