

## Mission & Values

In grateful response to Christ's love, we, as a congregation and as individuals, are:

Called to **SHARE** Christ's love and our faith by our words and actions with all those whom we encounter.

Called to **SEEK** God in the world, inspired by worship, guided by scripture, engaged by prayer, and cleansed by forgiveness.

Called to **SERVE** all of God's creation as we give of our time, talents and resources.

We invite you to become part of this community of faith. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

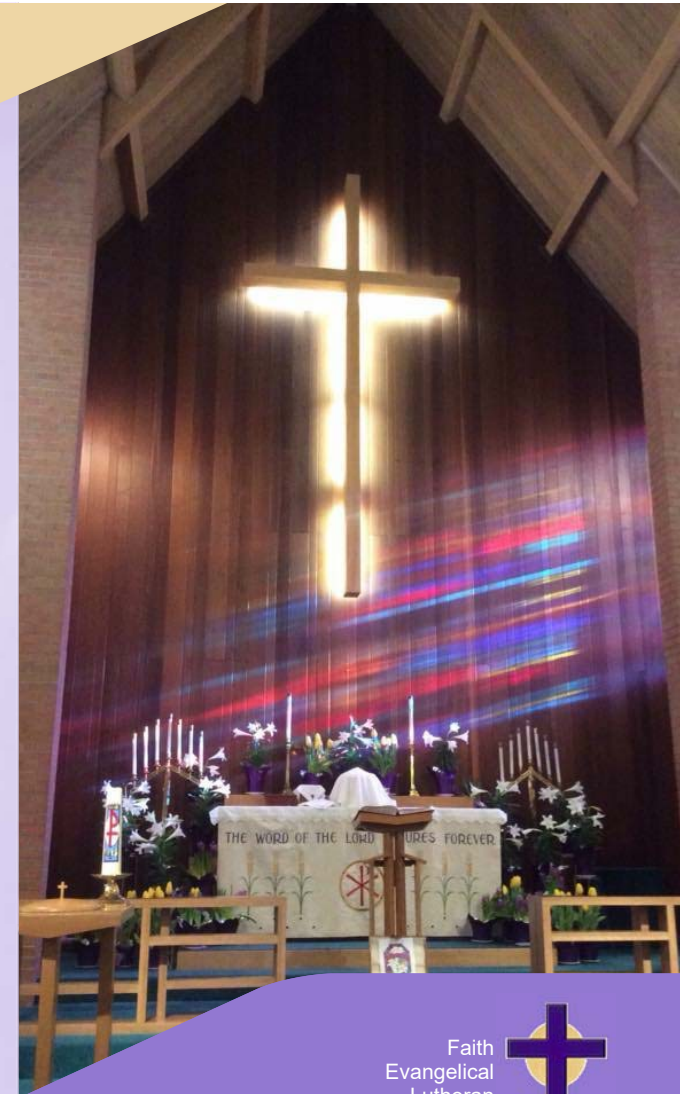
## What we believe

Lutherans hold to the following basic principles of theology and practice written by Martin Luther:

We are saved by the grace of God alone – not by anything we do.

Through faith alone, we receive this salvation by believing in Christ and that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake who died to redeem us.

The Bible is the only norm of doctrine and life – the only true standard by which teachings and doctrines are to be judged.



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# Worship & Music Team

## Faith Families

The membership of Faith Lutheran is divided into 8 different “families” that are responsible to provide worship assistance for one month. Each family has a “Family Head” whose responsibility is to find volunteers for the following duties: ushers, communion assistants, and scripture readers.

### Ushers

- **Distribute Bulletins:** Ushers stand at each of the doorways leading into worship and hand out the worship bulletin and other materials that may be given.
- **Collect the Offering:** The offering plates are located in the usher’s stand in the narthex. The ushers begin collecting the offering at the front of the church and pass the plates down each row. When the “Offering Song” is sung, two ushers bring the offering to the pastor at the front of the church.
- **Communion:** The worshipers come to the altar area to receive communion by the center aisle. An usher stands at the end of a pew to let the worshippers know when to come forward. When communion is at the rail, the usher whose side is not communing stands by the first step to assist those needing help. The ushers will let the pastor know to bring communion to those who are unable to come to the altar. At the end of the worship service the ushers tidy up the pews by collecting used bulletins and straightening hymnals.
- **Security:** The usher(s) will stay in the narthex during worship to observe if there is any threat to the congregation from the outside during the service. The usher will call 911 if there is a medical emergency.

**Communion Assistants:** The communion assistant aides the pastor(s) during the distribution of the sacraments. The assistant stands next to the pastor with the tray of wine and grape juice. When a worshipper takes a cup from the tray, the assistant says, “The blood of Christ shed for you.” When communion is at the rail the assistant follows the pastor with the tray of wine.

**Readers:** Lay readers are asked to read the psalm and the 1st and 2nd lessons of the worship service. Copies of the lessons are e-mailed out to the volunteers in advance in order to prepare for the reading.

### What is needed to fulfill these tasks?

- A joy-filled heart
- A warm smile
- A welcoming attitude
- A love for God’s people

### Training

Training sessions for these tasks are offered quarterly. Please watch for announcements.

## Nursery

Our nursery is located on the west end of our Fellowship Hall and is available to young children. The room is available to all parents during every worship service.

## Altar Guild

Faith’s Altar Guild is comprised of five committees that rotate monthly within the calendar year. Their responsibilities include:

- Prepare the altar for communion and clean up afterward.
- Fill the candle tubes.
- Change the pulpit and lectern paraments and wall banner as the church seasons change.
- Wash the “fair linen” on the altar when needed.
- Prepare the pews by sharpening the pencils and replenishing pew envelopes.
- Prepare for baptisms by placing the baptismal napkin and the pitcher with warm water on the baptismal font.
- Change hymn numbers on the hymn board.

(A complete list of instructions can be found in the sacristy – the small room next to the altar area.)

## Music Ministries

### People of Praise (POP)

POP is made up of people high school age and up. Rehearsals are weekly on Wednesday evenings. The choir sings a wide range of repertoire and their season runs from September through mid-May.

### Jubilation

Jubilation is a praise band that sings mostly contemporary worship songs with a blend of a few older songs arranged for contemporary worship. The band typically leads worship one weekend a month, September through April, and rehearses two Tuesday evenings each month.

### Resounding Joy!

This group is our adult chime choir which plays three octaves of Malmark hand chimes. The group rehearses every week on Wednesday evenings through the program year, and plays for worship about once a month. It is necessary to be able to read music to be in this group.



## How do I volunteer?

The easiest way is to simply fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Someone will contact you with additional information and arrange for you to join a team. Or you may also contact the church office by phone (563-285-4501) or email ([faitheldridge@netins.net](mailto:faitheldridge@netins.net)) and the Office Manager will pass on the information to the appropriate person.