

Sept-Dec Schedule 2024

As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.

Join us
at Faith
where *all*
are welcome!

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Faith Lutheran Church

8208 18th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Faith Lutheran Church is an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life.

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

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We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, it is going on, this is not the end, it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

– Martin Luther

What's Coming Up This Fall...



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All Zoom Links can be found on the website or in the weekly email.

YOUTH: Early Childhood thru High School

Early Childhood & Elementary Youth

All children and youth (and adults!) are invited to share their skills and gifts during worship services. This includes reading, ushering, greeting, helping with communion, music, art, and more. The children's sermon is a wonderful time to connect and hear scripture preached in an age-appropriate format. That said, the children and youth learn and experience Christ through full participation in all parts of the service. There will also be some special services geared towards children and youth this Fall.



St. Francis of Assisi Day

October 6; Watch for more info

Middle School/High School Youth

Sailing, August 25

Join Ralph and Mary Minor for an afternoon of sailing and fellowship. Meet at church at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP to Ralph so they can plan accordingly for rides and snacks. Friends are welcome!

SKY Youth Group 1st Sunday of the Month, 6:30-8:00pm

This year we are going to join with other churches from around the area once a month. The group is called SKY (Sno-King Youth). This gives opportunities to connect with other middle and high school youth and engage in learning, conversation, and activities with a larger group. SKY will meet the first Sunday of each month, 6:30-8:00pm, rotating locations. Ralph Minor will be the point person and will be in touch regarding these Sundays on September (date TBD), October 6, November 3, and December 1. Friends are always welcome.

Confirmation

Youth are invited to begin confirmation in 6th grade BUT can choose when the time is right for them. Thus, confirmation includes all ages of youth. The confirmation youth from Faith and University Lutheran will be working on a self-led project along with a mentor September-December. Regular meeting times will resume in January. Pastor Andy from ULU will be in touch with a meeting time for all the confirmation youth in September.

ADULT EDUCATION



Monday Morning Devotions

A number of Faith members have committed to gather at the beginning of the day, Monday through Friday on zoom at 7am, for a brief devotion. We begin with a Bible text, then words that speak to the Bible verses, and lastly in prayer. This time together, as day is breaking, is sacred space. We invite you to begin your day with us!

Monday Night Book Study

Book Study on *The Prophetic Lament: A Call for Justice in Troubled Times* by Soong-Chan Rah. Rev. Dr. Amy Jacober will be guiding us through a six week discussion using this book to frame conversation, insights, learning, and our own laments. We will meet via Zoom on Monday nights, 7:00-8:00pm September 16 & 23, October 7 & 14, and November 4 & 11.

Faith Bible Study on Zoom

Join a lively discussion of the Bible texts for the upcoming Sunday every Wednesday at 10am on Zoom. Do your own research ahead and share your insights....or just join in and dwell in the Word with us! Led by Pastor Pam, Deacon Estelle Morley, or whomever the Holy Spirit calls!

LIVE PROJECT CATALYZING Offerings and Events | 2024-25 "Faith Out Loud"

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FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE

Various Guest-Faculty
Zoom Course | Wednesdays 7-8:30pm, Sept 18-Oct 30
What does it mean for us to be church in and with today's world? Through a variety of voices, disciplines, and topics we will explore what it means that God calls us in the Gospel to a public witness as people of faith today.



ELECTION PRAYER VIGIL

Daily Zoom | noon & 7pm, Oct 31- Nov 9
We are hearing God call us together for a shared time to gather online across the synod, leading up to and after the election, to pray for our country, our communities, the marginalized, and the life of the world.



FAITH AND FREEDOM:

Biblical Interpretation in an Age of Christian Nationalism
Dr. Angela Parker | One-day Retreat | Sat Oct 19
This year's "Bible in Culture & Community" series. How can we come together and address our assumptions about the Bible. Drawing on the book of Galatians, how do we make sense of God's Word in light of today's cultural challenges, especially Christian Nationalism?



FAITHFULLY INTO GOD'S FUTURE

Land, People, and Place One-Day Retreat | Nov 23
Many of us are seeking guidance as we faithfully move into God's preferred future as the church. Immersed in prayer and God's Word, we will explore practical ways to think about and steward our property, buildings and resources to better partner with our local communities.



YEAR-ROUND BIBLE STUDY

ABIDE: GOING DEEPER

Tuesdays via zoom, 7-8pm | Synod-wide and FREE
We invite you to abide curiously in God's Word together. LIVE retreats and courses are not meant to be stand alone offerings. Go deeper into the Biblical grounding of course/retreat themes in the weekly synod-wide Bible Study via zoom. (free offering)



Ruth Circle Bible Study and Fellowship

Ruth Circle meets on Zoom the 3rd Thursday of each month, starting at noon. We begin at noon with time to visit with one another. About 12:45 we move into the monthly Bible study published in Gather, the magazine of the Women of the ELCA.

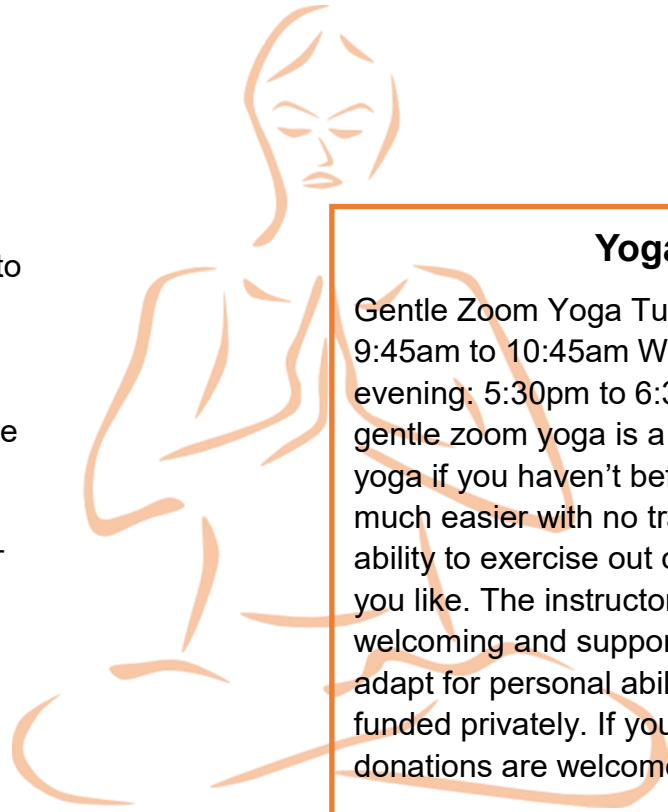
FAITH ENGAGEMENT

Raking Leaves

Depending on leaf fall, Faithful folk join together on most Saturday mornings in October and November to rake our many leaves. Contact Sheryl Schmeling at sheryllschmeling@gmail.com if you'd like to be included in the emails.

Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

We are always looking for people to assist with Sunday morning worship and fellowship. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry contact the office and you will be connected with someone who will train you in a specific area: Reader, Usher, Altar Guild, Zoom Host, AV Operator or Fellowship.



Yoga

Gentle Zoom Yoga Tuesday morning: 9:45am to 10:45am Wednesday evening: 5:30pm to 6:30pm Faith's gentle zoom yoga is a great way to try yoga if you haven't before. It couldn't be much easier with no travel and the ability to exercise out of camera range if you like. The instructor Christa is very welcoming and supportive. She will adapt for personal abilities. The class is funded privately. If you try it and like it, donations are welcome.

What's Next

What's Next is a group of individuals who continue to meet on Zoom after a LiVE "Interrogating Privilege" class in January, 2022. We want to continue to explore the intricate implications of what we learned about ourselves and our communities in the class. We strive to uncover the past and reconcile the present to create an equitable future for all. We have been making a big effort to be a welcoming congregation in every way possible.

We meet on Zoom on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm. This fall our continuing projects include: sharing what we have read each month; improving the audio system at church to be compatible for those with hearing challenges; getting the "Seeing Ourselves in Jesus" poster framed and hung (on display now in the library); planning a kid-friendly service for St. Francis Day (October 6) (caring for the earth and animals); and promoting the LiVE class offerings.

Please join us! Questions? Mary Jo Hershly and Barb Sharkey



Quilting

The Comforters group makes quilts from donated materials to donate to local shelters. We do all the work on site and welcome all participants, no previous experience required—we'll teach you what you need to know; laying out patterns for tops, sewing and tying etc. We supply machines and materials. Our twin size quilts are washable and are donated where needed to Mary's Place, Lake City Partners, Compass Housing Alliance and Global Refuge (formally Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services). Bring a sack lunch and join us for a few hours or the whole 10am - 2pm time slot in the Fellowship Hall.

Woman's Book Group

This lively group of women meets monthly, usually in individual's homes, for fellowship, encouragement, and discussion of a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books, chosen by the group a few months ahead. You do not have to read the book to attend, as often the book opens the door to deeper discussion. The group meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm. Contact Sheryl Schmeling for book details. All women are welcome to attend whenever they are able.

Friday Morning Fellowship

Every Friday at 11:00am. Zoom has the advantage of being able to include many who were unable to make it to church. We support each other through the highs and lows that life routinely distributes, and we especially enjoy telling stories. Laughter is the best medicine, and we try hard to embrace that remedy. We close our time together in prayer for those with specific needs in our congregation and beyond, and also for all those facing uncertainty in health, relationships, or financial matters. Hosting is shared by several members. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Faith's new Community Engagement Team has begun to take a broad look at long standing and new possibilities for service by Faith's members. Given our successful pre-COVID history supporting Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness, we have reached out to them regarding their current needs. Two opportunities were quickly suggested:

- 1) Sack Lunches at The Oaks (the enhanced shelter on Aurora near 165th).
- 2) Yard care support for The Oaks.

Here is a list of all of the community engagement opportunities that Faith members are invested in. Please thoughtfully consider all of Faith's volunteer opportunities as *We Learn to Love and Live to Serve!*

Packing Lunches for The Oaks - Sunday Sept. 8



Immediately after church, we will build 40 sack lunches for delivery to The Oaks. We need 6-8 people to help. All supplies will be provided. Our intention is to deliver the lunches before 1:00pm, so this is a fast-paced volunteer activity. If you would like to participate, please email Cyndi Musar at cmusar@comcast.net or contact the church office.

This activity will be repeated on Sun Nov 10 and Sun Dec 8. There are additional dates to support The Oaks with sack lunch builds on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, so other dates could be considered if there is abundant interest.

Yard Care Support for The Oaks



Recently, The Oaks paid for a professional service to perform a thorough initial clean up of their landscaping, but the costs involved are not sustainable for ongoing yard maintenance. They wrote: "It would be so great if a group of your church members would want to do something like that (yard work) once or twice a month."

As we all know, yard care is a sizeable undertaking in the green PNW, but done with others in the spirit of generosity, the effort can be joyful and incredibly rewarding.

With another 6-10 people and a schedule to be determined by the team, this would be a huge service for The Oaks, and a great boost to the residents there. Please email Cyndi Musar at cmusar@comcast.net or contact the church office if you are interested and we will see if a team can be formed. Many hands make light work!

LWR School Kits - Now thru Sept 30



The former Mary Martha circle is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief school kits. To donate items - Drop off in the barrel in the Narthex or write a check and we will do the shopping for you. Write checks out to Faith Lutheran Church and mail or drop at the church office.

University District Food Bank - October 26, 1:00pm - 3:00pm



University District Food Bank

All ages are invited to volunteer at the UDistrict Food Bank to help them prepare for the week ahead. Meet at church at 12:40pm to carpool. Please RSVP to Holly Johnson.

Blood Drive - August 21, 12:00pm to 6:00pm



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

As an added bonus, anyone who donates blood in August can ENTER Bloodworks Northwest's Sweepstake for a chance to win tickets to see Taylor Swift in Vancouver B.C. AND a chance to win a \$3000 Tango gift card! Next Blood Drive at Faith is December 17.

Hygiene Pantry



The Girl Scouts (including Faith member Sophia Snook) built and installed hygiene pantries that reside at the entrance of the church parking lot. You are invited to donate hygiene items to the pantry by placing them inside the pantries as you like.



MUSIC: Choir and Concerts

Sanctuary Keyboard Festival, Part II

Henry Lebedinsky, Harpsichordist
Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m.
At Faith Lutheran Church



Henry Lebedinsky, Harpsichordist

Hailed by The Miami Herald for his “superb continuo... brilliantly improvised and ornamented,” GRAMMY-nominated historical keyboardist, composer, and conductor **Henry Lebedinsky** has performed with the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Opera, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Charlotte Symphony, Seraphic Fire, Sonoma Bach, and the Cantata Collective, among others. Recent conducting engagements include the Seattle Baroque Orchestra and Sonoma Bach’s Live Oak Baroque Orchestra.

As part of a career built on collaboration, he serves as co-Artistic Director of Seattle’s Pacific MusicWorks and the San Francisco Bay Area’s AGAVE. With countertenor Reginald L. Mobley, he has spent the past dozen years introducing listeners near and far to music by Black composers from Baroque to modern, including recent appearances at the Musée d’Orsay in Paris and Festival Printemps Musical des Alizés in Morocco.

Henry holds degrees from Bowdoin College and the Longy School of Music, where he earned a Master of Music in historical organ performance as a student of Peter Sykes. Now in his third decade as a church musician, he serves as Missioner for Music at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church on Whidbey Island.

Join us in Choir!

Rehearsals are 7:30pm – 9:00pm on Wednesday evenings, and Sunday mornings at 9am. If you can only attend on Sunday mornings, that’s no problem. Come, join your fellow Lutheran

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

Giving Tree

Once again items for the Giving Tree will be collected to support families during the holidays.

Watch for details and contact Nancy Estill if you have questions.



Advent Devotionals

We will be putting together a daily Advent Devotional as we have in years past. Please consider being part of this special Advent offering.

You will be asked to choose a scripture from a specific list and write a short reflection & prayer (approx. 300 words)

The devotional will be available in hardcopy and as a pdf on the website on Sunday, Nov. 24 and if you get the weekly email, you will receive a daily reflection in your inbox starting on Sunday, Dec. 1.

Watch for sign up details in the bulletin and weekly email. Contact Misi in the office if you have any questions.

Advent Fair & Soup Lunch

Sunday, December 1

Prepare for Advent by making wreathes and crafts while enjoying fellowship time together. Join in after Worship in the Social Hall.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15th

The Annual Christmas Pageant will take place during regular worship.

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30pm
(Via Zoom and In Person)

Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25 at 9:45am
(In Person Only)



Congregational Meetings



Constitution Meeting
Sunday, October 6 after worship

Budget Forums
Sunday, Nov. 24 &
Sunday, Dec. 1 after worship

Annual Meeting
Sunday, December 8 after worship

Council Members

President: Mark Strom, Vice President: Kay Brossard, Secretary: Jill Richmond, Treasurer: Wally Powelson, Lisa Chille, Leslie Edgerton, Linda Mihalov, Jamie Estill, Greg John, Ralph Minor, Jim Musar

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Aug 4: Pastor Paul Hoffman

Aug 11: Pastor Jim Kruse

Aug 18: Pastor Jim Kruse

Aug 24: Pastor Jim Kruse

Sept 1: Pastor Jim Kruse

Sept 8: Pastor Pam Russell

Sept 15: Pastor Pam Russell

Sept 22: Pastor Pam Russell

Sept 29: Pastor Pam Russell

Oct 6: Pastor Mary Lindberg

Oct 13: Pastor Pam Russell

Oct 20: Pastor Pam Russell

Oct 27: Pastor Mary Lindberg

Nov 3: Pastor Mary Lindberg

Nov 10: Pastor Mary Lindberg

Nov 17: Pastor Jim Kruse

Nov 24: Pastor Jim Kruse



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