



OCTOBER 2026

FOCUS ON FAITH

Faith Lutheran Church

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth."

Psalms 96:1

This month's Sunday readings include this provocative image of the psalmist. The invitation to a new song speaks to the power of hope through challenging times. Amid stagnant and stultifying powers of our world imposed upon the work of faith, there is newness in your God-given gifts of creativity and love. Howard Thurman has expressed this in a poem that I encourage you to reflect on with me...

*The old song of my spirit has wearied itself out.
It has long ago been learned by my heart;
It repeats itself over and over,
bringing no added joy to my days or lift to my spirit.*

I will sing a new song.

*I must learn the new song for the new needs.
I must fashion new words born of all the new growth
of my life – of my mind – of my spirit.
I must prepare for new melodies that have never been mine before,
that all that is within me may lift my voice unto God.
Therefore, I shall rejoice with each new day
and delight my spirit in each fresh unfolding.
I will sing, this day, a new song unto the Lord.*

God's peace,
Pastor John

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

Sundays

11:00 a.m.

October 11:

Pastor Eli and students from the Corner House will give a presentation.

October 18: The Church Council will lead a Bible study.

STILL AND LISTENING

October 8

2nd Thursday of the Month

6:30 p.m.

Tom Schoofs is back leading this modern worship with music, word, and quiet reflection time. All ages are welcome to join!

COMMUNITY CAMPFIRES

October 14

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

Faith Community Pathways

This is a fun all age social event. Please bring a chair. Hosted by Faith's Church Council.

CONFIRMATION

October 25

Sunday

We will be confirming Bennett Borkenhagen, Aaron and Ben Lee, and Will Pezewski.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB

November 23

Monday

6:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

All are welcome to join us in the library at Faith Lutheran Church. We will be discussing *Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar. Contacts: Cory Schoofs and Pastor Erin Coutts

LWR SCHOOL BAGS THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made it possible for us to fill and donate 100 backpacks! Thank you for donating school supplies and shipping boxes. Thank you for your help with organizing and packing. Thank you for sewing backpacks. Your work will help many students in need!

-Laverne Gresch

CLEAN USED SHEETS NEEDED

The Sunrise Circle is in need of sheets for their quilting projects. If you have old sheets, please consider donating them. They can use both flat and fitted sheets. You can either give them directly to Ruth Gollnick or leave them in front of the church office with a note that they are for The Sunrise Circle.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND COFFEE HOUR

To sign up and view schedule:

[Worship and Coffee Hour Schedule](#)

Find the Faith calendar on the Faith website under the Events and Calendar page: [Calendar](#)

A 70TH ANNIVERSARY POEM

*A challenge has been put to us
To use our imagination
"Be creative" we were told
Make up a worship station.*

*Use legos, stones or even sticks
I heard Alisa say
Build us something quite unique
Where inside we can pray.*

*Our lovely church has served us well
for seven decades, true
We're celebrating with a meal
As Lutherans tend to do.*

*Spaghetti is the chosen food
It's history here well-known
It's how the needed funds were raised
To build God's lovely home.*

*So raise a glass - we're 70!
We're faithful, proud and strong
And here's to many more great years
Cuz here's where we belong!*

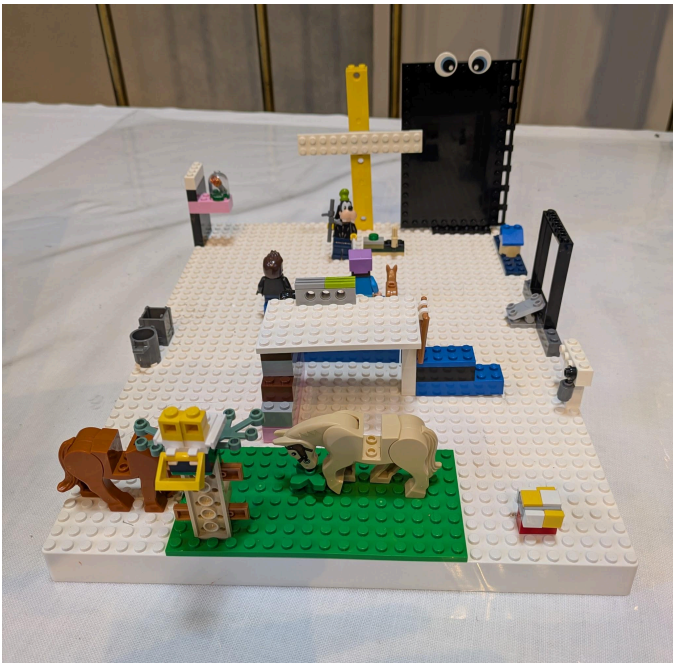
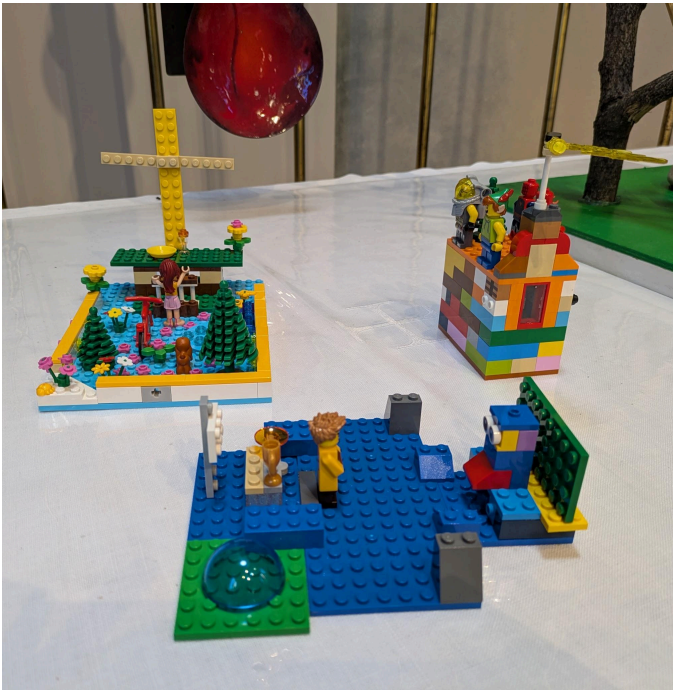
Happy 70th Birthday Faith Lutheran Church!
-Cindy Ehlers

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

70th Anniversary Dinner and Worship



70TH ANNIVERSARY LEGO CHALLENGE



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:

THE CORNER HOUSE, LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY IN GREATER MILWAUKEE

Lutheran Campus Ministry is a community for college students who want to grow closer to God and one another through worship, discipleship, connection and service. LCM is located at the Corner House across the street from the UW Milwaukee Student Union. Any student enrolled in post-high school education anywhere in Milwaukee is welcome to join the Corner House community. The Corner House is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and students of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, nationalities, ethnicities and dis/abilities are welcome.

Pastor Eli Henry was called to the Corner House in 2025 and is starting his second year of leadership. Pastor Eli grew up in Rochester, New York, and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary. He lives on the East Side of Milwaukee, with his husband, Micah, who is also a pastor and the Dean of All Saint's Cathedral in Milwaukee. As an openly queer pastor, Pastor Eli is committed to making sure the Corner House's doors are open to everyone.

The Corner House hosts several weekly events open to all students including Sunday evening worship and dinner, Monday morning breakfast and Wednesday evening Bible Study. In addition to the regular weekly activities, social events are scheduled throughout the year.

The Corner House also offers students the opportunity to take on leadership roles within the ministry. Known as peer ministers, these students plan, coordinate and lead the various events and take an active role in worship. Students can also live at the Corner House. The house has six bedrooms as well as kitchen and living space for the students. Julia Gergens of Faith is both a peer minister and resident of the Corner House.

Pastor Eli and the peer ministers will be at Faith on October 11 to participate in worship and lead the forum time after service. Please plan to join us to learn more about the Corner House and its many ministries.

As a non-traditional congregation, the Corner House relies heavily on donations to fund its many ministries. For example, a donation of \$25 helps keep the kitchen stocked with coffee, tea and snacks, \$50 helps serve free breakfast to hungry college students, \$100 supports retreats, conferences and speakers, and \$500 helps keep the Corner House living community affordable for students. Any amount, large or small, is very appreciated. Please consider a gift to the Corner House Mission of the Month this month to help this ministry to continue to grow and thrive!

-Pam Gergens