



BUILDING YOUR BEST LIFE

The Simple Way...

Time After Pentecost
8:00 am worship service

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH | Inviting, Growing, Serving...

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

November 9, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Faith is a growing faith community in the Aurora area. We're people just like you, who are hungry to know God better. We're looking for the answers to life's tough questions. We're struggling to be better parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors. We don't have all the answers but we're growing as we go.

Faith is a great place to find healing for broken hearts and broken lives. In every Sunday message you'll learn new skills and attitudes to help you live life with the kind of joy that God intends for us. You'll also meet people who are also growing in their journey through the joys and challenges of life. You'll find lots of "walking partners" for your journey here. There are no closed doors at Faith, just lots of opportunities to grow in Christ, friendship, and love.

Faith is a church with a great vision; however, accomplishing a great vision requires the participation of many great people like you. There's a place in our vision for you to use your unique gifts and talents.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: BUILDING YOUR BEST LIFE

Change is something that most of us know we need, but few of us understand how to get it. We need more than willpower. We need God's power in our lives. In this series based on Galatians 5:22-23, we will explore the qualities that God's Spirit produces in us when we walk with Jesus – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – so that we can live our best lives!

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

please stand

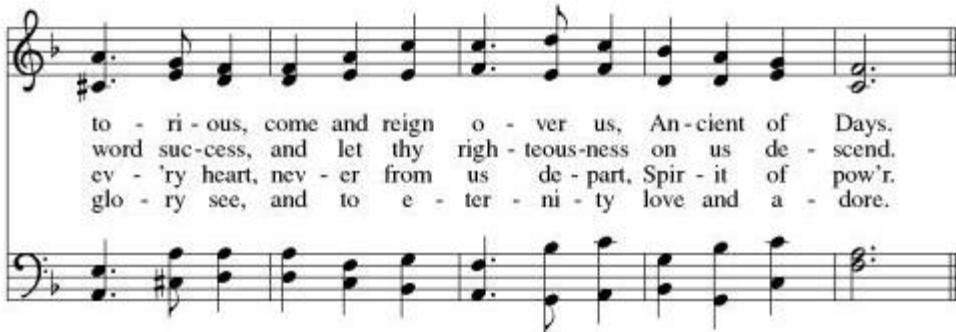
Come, thou Almighty King | ELW #408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous-ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

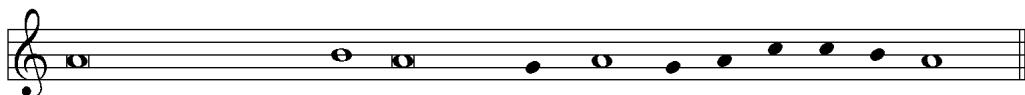
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



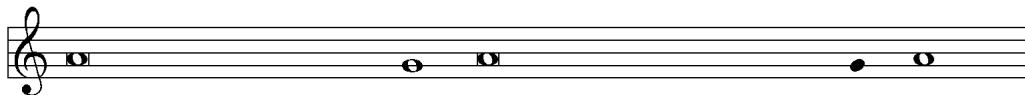
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



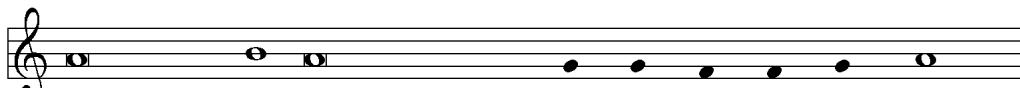
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



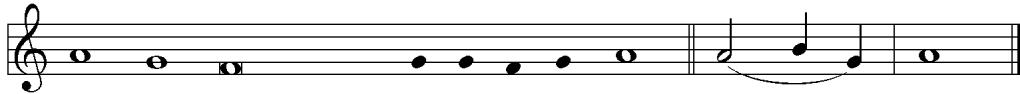
C Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Ⓑ Lord, have mer - ey.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. Ⓑ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

FIRST READING

Job 19: 23-27a

“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

SECOND READING

Galatians 5: 22-25

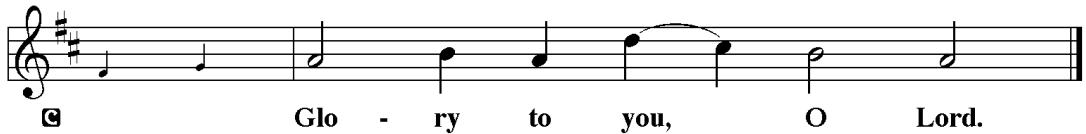
Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.



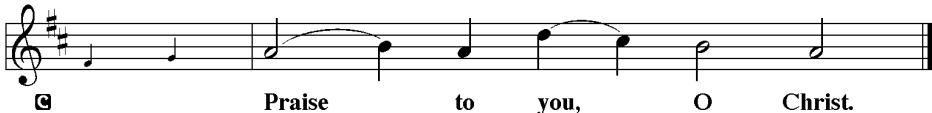
GOSPEL

Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

Self-Control | Pastor Rob

HYMN OF THE DAY

please stand

Lift High the Cross | ELW #660

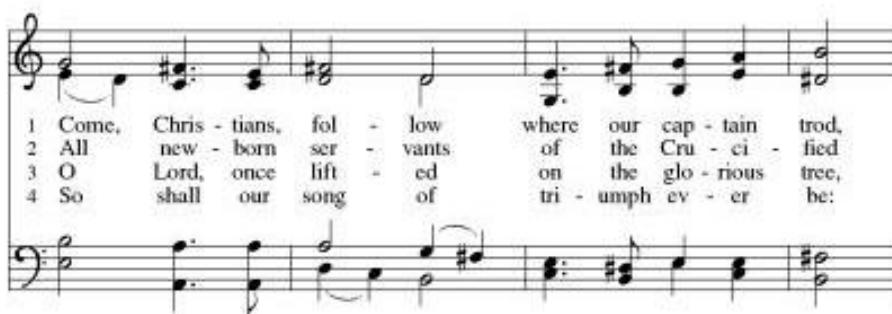
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Meal

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE *please stand*



The musical notation consists of six staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are as follows:

Let the vine - yards be fruit- ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath- er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres- ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time. The first staff contains the text: "P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you." The second staff contains: "P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains: "P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff contains: "C It is right to give him thanks and praise."

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

AN INVITATION

We invite you to share in Holy Communion this morning, regardless of your church background or lack thereof. We believe that God is present in the bread and wine as it becomes the body and blood of Jesus Christ and that this presence is a gift of grace in the lives of those who receive it. All are welcomed to the table to enjoy this gift of God's love and mercy. Apple/Grape juice is in the center of the communion tray. Gluten free wafers available at the usher stand, please ask an usher to assist you.

C: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proudly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

please stand

A: God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen

The Sending

BLESSING

P: The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you †
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

please stand

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! | ELW #619

1 I know that my Re-deem-er lives! What com-fort
2 He lives tri-um-phant from the grave; he lives e-
3 He lives to grant me rich sup-ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si-lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen-tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter-nal-ly to save; he lives ex-alt-ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com-fort
wipe a-way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev-er-liv-ing head!
throned a-bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com-plaint.
trou-bled heart; he lives all bless-ings to im-part.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Faith!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! Have questions about Faith? Wondering how to get connected or get more involved? We'd love to help. No matter where you are in life or how many times you've visited, we're here to guide you towards your next best step. Stop by the welcome center located near the main entrance. If this is your first time at Faith, let us know, we've got a special gift just for you!

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED TODAY

At the 9:30 service we will welcome the following individuals into membership at Faith. Be sure to introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome!

Delani Dillard, Dixie Drake, Taylor & Teri Drury, Ryan & Reilly Vegrzyn

HOLIDAY GREENERY SALE

Sun 11/2 & 11/9

During services on 11/2 and 11/9, be sure to stop by the café area to meet and support our Cub Scout Pack and Scouts BSA Troop! The Scouts will be selling fresh wreaths, greenery, and holiday décor to raise funds for their upcoming Scouting adventures.

Every purchase directly supports our local youth — all commissions go back to the Scouts — and you'll take home beautiful, live holiday decorations. It's a true win-win for your home and the community! Pickup Details:

Orders will be available for pickup at the church on Friday, November 21 at 6:00 PM, or after services on Sunday, November 23.

REVOLUTION

Sun 11/16, 12/7 | 5:00 PM

On Sunday Nights at Faith, we've created an event that attracts **middle & high school students just like you**. After all, we figure you want to be wherever your friends are. We make this time as fun and relevant as we possibly can. The goal is for you to leave feeling energized to go out there and tackle another week! Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays in the auditorium. Register online- discoveringfaith.com

WOMENS GROUP

Mon 11/17 & 12/1 | 7:15 PM

This Fall we will be studying "Encouraging One Another, Women of Faith Bible Study" by Nicole Johnson. We will study 2 chapters per session. You may order the book online at Christianbook.com

We meet bi-weekly at Faith's café & no need to sign up- We'd love to have you join us!

NEW MISSION CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX DRIVE

Share God's love this Christmas

During November, we are collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in Haiti who are a part of our mission partner New Missions. School supplies, hygiene items, toys and other small gifts make a big difference in the lives of Haitian children and their families. You can share God's love this Christmas by packing a shoebox. Stop by the shoebox drive display and pick up your box and gift list today.

ONE SCOUT, ONE PROJECT, UNLIMITED SPAGHETTI

Weds 11/19 | 5:00 PM

Join Ben Ginsberg's Eagle Project Fundraiser!

\$10 Per Person, \$30 Per Family 5PM-8:30PM here at church.

Eat pasta, support a great cause, and help build Faith a brand new playground! All proceeds go directly to the project! Tickets can be purchased at the door or discoveringfaith.com

FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE – Heavenly Treasures

Sundays: Nov 30 – Dec 21

Faith will once again be hosting a Fair Trade Marketplace on Sunday mornings in the café. Handcrafted products from artisans around the world will be on sale. When you purchase a product, you are helping to enable impoverished artisans to have an ongoing business, allowing them to provide for their families. Visit www.heavenlytreasures.org to learn more about the impact you can make. Every product represents a changed life!

NEXT

Sun 12/7 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

If you've ever wondered how to get involved at Faith or how to take the next step, don't worry. We've created a simple next step for you. It's a small gathering called NEXT. This informal gathering lasts approximately 20 minutes and will provide you with an overview of our mission, strategy, and environment to help you determine your best next step in continuing your faith journey. Pastor Rob and Jenn Richardson, Faith's volunteer coordinator, will be on hand for conversation and to welcome you to Faith. Meets fireside.

A MOMENT FOR MOM

Sat 12/13 | 10:00 AM

The speaker for December is Yolanda Chenoweth, Women's Health NP. Let's talk about the things nobody talks about! Please use the QR code on our website to ask anonymous questions, that will be answered by our December speaker.

A Moment for Mom is a group for moms of kiddos ages 0-10 that meets the 2nd Saturday each month through May 2026. Sessions provide a delicious breakfast and amazing speakers on topics relating to motherhood. We offer affordable childcare while you attend. Our website is ready for you to explore our speakers and costs for the 2025-2026 year. Come join us and other moms to laugh, learn, and connect. Register today and/or reach out to us for more information at www.discoveringfaith.com/amomentformom.

LIVE NATIVITY AT FAITH!**Sat 12/13 | 6:00 PM**

This year, the spirit of Christmas will be alive at Faith, as we host our annual outdoor Live Nativity on Saturday, December 14th at 6pm.

the Live Nativity. The journey will take you back in time to the birth of our Savior. Shepherds peacefully tend to their flocks, while Mary and Joseph look after the child in the manger. Wise men will come from the East bearing gifts as angels watch over the scene. Faith's Live Nativity features a large cast, choir, live animals and scenery to provide a memorable Christmas event for the entire family.

LIVE NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**Sat 12/13 | 6:00 PM**

Save the date for this year's Live Nativity here at Faith! However, many types of volunteers are needed to help make this event a huge success (actors, hospitality, set up, animal control, "Welcomers", photographers.) Sign up today at the welcome center or contact Pastor Rob if you are interested.

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA**Mon 12/15 | 7:00 PM**

Ladies of Faith are invited to attend or host a table for this elegant and festive holiday evening of tea and desserts. The evening includes music, readings, and a seasonal devotion. Invite your friends and sign up for this free event online or at the welcome center! If you have any questions please contact the church office at office@discoveringfaith.com.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY**Tuesdays | 9:00 AM**

All women of Faith are welcome and encouraged to attend. The group meets in the cafe from 9-10:30. This Fall the Bible Study will explore the book of Ruth through Timothy J. Mulders' book Ruth - a Story of God's Redeeming Love. The study covers such topics as God's loving-kindness (hesed), the foreshadowing of Christ, waiting on God's timing, the providence of God, and the redemption of Naomi. The workbook is \$10 and will be available at the meetings. For additional information contact Sue Bozell at sue.bozell@discoveringfaith.com.

KIDWERKS**Sundays | 9:30 AM**

Join us in the auditorium as we dive into learning about new virtues each month through stories from the bible so that we can grow in our understanding and relationship with God. To register go to discoveringfaith.com or for more information please contact jenn@discoveringfaith.com PreK – 5th grade

NIGHT OF FAITH, FORTUNE & FUN

Sat 2/21/26 | 6:00 PM

We have something truly special planned for us at Faith! Please join us for a night of fellowship, fortune and fun... there will be food & drinks and a "Golden Ticket" raffle. There will be a silent auction as well & this is where we need your help. We are looking for any donations you could provide, and have come up with a list of ideas:

Memberships to clubs: wine, food, coffee, sweets, health

Fun Activity Certificates: bowling, TopGolf, Main Event, miniature golf, zoo

Golf Outing: Stonebridge, White Eagle, Fox Bend, Orchard Valley

Restaurant Gift Certificates: fast food, casual food, fine dining

Sporting Events: White Sox, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs, Fire, AAA teams

Event tickets: movies, music concerts, symphony, museum, live theater

Memorabilia: sports, tv/movie, antiques, collectibles

Travel Vouchers: time shares, vacation rentals, cruises, car rental, hotel

Theme Park tickets: Great America, water parks

Lessons Certificates: golf, swimming, tennis, instruments, tutoring

Store Certificates: gift shops, clothing, jewelry, books, groceries/food

Services Certificates: house cleaning, landscape, handyman, babysitting

Email auction@discoveringfaith.com if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off to the church office.

Prayers

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list and have the prayer team pray for them, please contact the church office at [\(630\) 862-3500](tel:(630)862-3500) or send an e-mail prayerteam@discoveringfaith.com

Prayer concerns will be listed for four weeks unless otherwise noted.

Care

If you know of someone who is in need of emotional, physical, or spiritual support, please contact our care team at: careteam@discoveringfaith.com

Pastoral Emergency

In the case of an emergency that requires immediate Pastoral Care, please contact Pastor Rob directly on his cell phone at [\(630\) 248-5515](tel:(630)248-5515).

As Easy as Click & Give



As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace irrational generosity. We know it changes lives—ours and the people we're reaching. At Faith, taking action on your generosity is simple. Just scan the QR code with your camera and give. Simple, safe, and secure.



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