

Be Mine



God

Forward With Faith

Faith Lutheran Church, Cleveland, GA

Our Vision:

As disciples of Christ,
we are inspired and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we are witnesses of the Gospel of Grace,
and we act boldly to serve in our community and the world.



Invite!
Nurture!
Send!
Serve!

February 2026



**Worship
Every Sunday
at 10:30**

Our call in connection is
717-908-1943
Participant 9988583#

**February 1 10:30 Worship Service
Annual Congregation Meeting**

February 3 10:00 Bible Study

**February 8 10:30 Worship Service
Installation of Pastor Alfredo Oviedo
Celebration Potluck following service**

February 10 10:00 Ladies Crafts

February 14 Happy Valentines Day!

February 15 10:30 Worship Service

February 17 10:00 Bible Study

**February 18
5:00PM Ash Wednesday Service**

February 22 10:30 Worship Service

February 24 10:00 Ladies Crafts

**February 25
Noon Midweek Lent at Faith
Simple Lunch & reflections on Lent**

Happy Birthday



February

**4 Tim Morgan
25 Jean Arnesen*
28 Bill Inman**

*friend of Faith

From the PASTOR

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ! I write this reflection in the fourth week since we started sharing our faith journey. Our perception of time is that moves faster in proportion to our age. Saint Augustine defined time as “the passing of the soul from one stage to the next stage.” I like this definition of time because frees us from the tyranny of chronological time.

The Bible includes two concepts of time, the Chronos and the Kairos, the Chronos measured in hours, days, weeks, months, years, and so on, and the Kairos that means opportunity. In Kairos time we care less for the Chronos and focus more on the opportunities for our souls to move from one stage to the next stage in the eternity of our existence.

Congregations move through and live in these time’s concepts also, by Chronos time standards we are a very young congregation, less than 40 years old, but by Kairos standards, you have seized every opportunity to proclaim the Gospel, nurturing your souls and serving your neighbors in need!

I am grateful to God for we have merged our faith journeys and look forward to continue listening to your faith stories, dreams, and concerns; always be mindful that you are precious and you matter to God, and I hope my presence, words, and actions among you, points you and me to Jesus Christ, our source of faith, hope, and love.

Pastor Alfredo M. Oviedo



We begin Lent at Faith with Ash Wednesday
February 18th
Service at 5:00pm
Midweek Lent at Faith
starts
February 25th

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to
The friends and members of Faith

thank you



The Ladies of the Right Recovery and I would like to thank Faith Lutheran Church for your support and generosity this Christmas!

They love the tote bags and everything inside! One of the new ladies was hugging her tote and said "I love my tote and the things inside are all of the things I need!

This is so awesome!" They are also so grateful for the Christmas dinner that we provided as well. Thank you for making the ladies of the Right Recovery's Christmas so special.

- Suzi Anderson



Thank you to all of those who assisted with the Christmas season at Faith! Your time and dedication, whether its through donations, worship help, making bread, playing the piano, setting up and putting down the tree, cleaning, repairing banners, purchasing the poinsettias, decorating the tree and windowsills, setting up our new sound system, we give you a heartfelt **THANK YOU!**

Your hard work and creativity made our space so festive and welcoming. We had such a large crowd! **Hallelujah!** May God continue to bless you for your faithful service.



Dear Members of Faith,

Thank you

I'm overwhelmed! Such a big, generous gift! You honored me and trusted me as Interim. I'm grateful. You are small but mighty! Your commitment to the Lord and compassion toward others is also mighty! Dixie and I thank you.

Pastor Rob Banitt

Dear Faith Congregation,

I just wanted to formally thank all of you for my Christmas bonus for 2025. You are always very generous and it is very much appreciated. I love working for you and the church and hope to do it for many more years.

Kindest regards,
Penny Wacker

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone and the Council for the generous Christmas gift! Your generosity and support are so greatly appreciated. It's so wonderful to be a small part of the Faith family. Again thank you so very much!

Suzi

Thank you

News and Notes



The Installation of
Pastor Alfredo M. Oviedo
as
Pastor of Faith Lutheran church

is on Sunday
February 8, 2026
During our regular Service.

Pastor Justin Eller
from the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA
will be Officiating the service



Family Promise



On behalf of the families at Family Promise of White and Habersham County, thank you for your support. Your willingness to sign up to supply and deliver meals to the host house is a life line for those experiencing homelessness during these challenging times. Thank you for helping families in our area to get back on their feet. Even though there were no families during our week in January, you all are always ready and willing to sign up! Thank you again for your partnership with this local program.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Reverse Raffle will be held on 30 April. This fundraising event is a fun and engaging. ticket numbers are eliminated throughout the evening, and the last number remaining wins the grand prize (last year the grand prize was \$10,000)! Guests enjoy food, fellowship, and chances to win additional prizes — all while supporting Family Promise of White & Habersham.



What's happening at Faith

CRAFT AND OUTREACH MINISTRY



Our Crafty ladies meet on the Second & Fourth Tuesday February 10th and 24th at 10:00 am Looking for ideas for where we go in 2026 Come join us for conversation and crafts.



Let's do Lunch!
Join us at Noon
10 February
At Chicago Pizza

879 441 Historic Hwy N. Demorest



BREAD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

The total amount we have given to the Food Pantry Bread for 2025

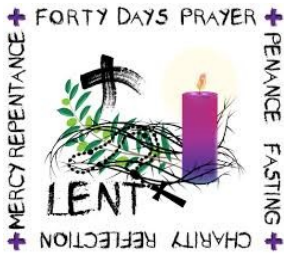
Was 3,254 loaves of bread at \$4,760.58
We appreciated those who give extra toward our weekly bread supply. We give up to 63 loaves each week and that does not cover the whole week as always, your gifts are appreciated.
We start 2026 with an increase in price to \$1.48
154 loaves of bread at \$233.03



Please join us for a celebration potluck for Pastor Oviedo's installation as our Pastoral leader here at Faith on February 8th following worship service. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish!



Women's Bible Study
We meet on the First & Third Tuesday February 3th and 17th at 10:00 am Interested in a discussion based on scripture or a morning devotion? Come join us!



We begin our Lenten season this year on Wednesday February 18 with our Ash Wednesday Service and will end during Holy Week with Good Friday April 3



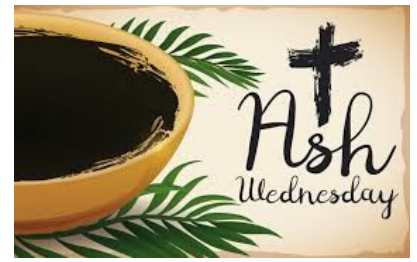
Ash Wednesday February 18 at 5:00pm
Mid week Lent at Faith
February 25th, March 4, 11, 18 and 25
Begins with a simple lunch at 12:00 followed by

Reflections on Lent lead by Pastor Alfredo Oviedo
More information on Holy Week in March newsletter



Bible Readings from the Lectionary for February 2026

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
February 1	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
February 8	Isaiah 58:1-9a[9b-12]	Psalm 112:1-9[10]	1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]	Matthew 5:13-20
February 15	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
February 18 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2,12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6,16-21
February 22	Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11



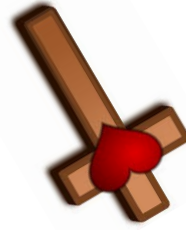
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Service 4 Epiphany	2	3 10:00 Bible Study	4	5	6	7
8 10:30 Service 5 Epiphany Installation of Pastor Oviedo Celebration potluck	9	10 10:00 Crafts Ministry Noon "Let's do Lunch" Chicago Pizza , 879 441 Hist. Hwy N. Demorest	11	12	13	14
15 10:30 Service Transfiguration of our Lord Congregation Council meets	16	17 10:00 Bible Study	18 Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20	21
22 10:30 Service 1 Lent	23	24 10:00 Crafts Ministry	25 Midweek Lent at Faith 12:0-00 Simple Lunch Followed by Lenten reflections	26	27	28

Worship Help February

Let me know if you need to change your date or check your list of those who serve to find a sub, and let me know. Marty

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Worship Asst.	Whitney Hutchinson	Bill Inman	Pam Romesser	Chris Smith
Reader	Bill Inman	Pam Romesser	Bob Schmebling	Arline McWhinney
Usher	Lynn Graham Bill Inman	Jeff Anderson Suzi Anderson	Don Waara Marty Schmebling	Pam Finke Suzi Anderson
Altar Guild	Marty Schmebling Arline McWhinney	Bill Inman Lynn Graham	Pam Finke Pam Romesser	Barb Moser Sue Falls
Communion Bread	Marty	Chris	Marty	Marty
Service Team	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4



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Mission of Faith:

To *invite* all people to celebrate God's blessings,
to *nurture* them with Christ's grace, love and fellowship,
and to *send* us all joyfully to *serve*.

Core Values:

Grace

Discipleship

Inclusivity

Grow in Prayer

Worship