The Grapevine

November 2026

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

Grace and Peace to each of you.

Have you noticed that the month of November asks us to live within the change around us? The trees have let go of their leaves, daylight grows shorter, and the year begins to turn from season of autumn toward winter.

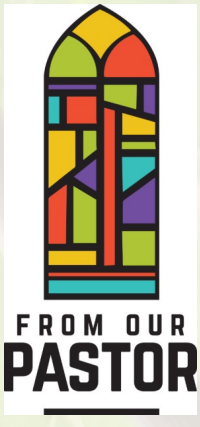
Some of us welcome the change, the quiet moments within the All-Saints Day and Remembrance Day services; others find the changing seasons uncomfortable and perhaps even difficult, some may feel the empty spaces more sharply.

We may be missing someone we love, carrying worries about health or family, or simply feeling tired. In this season, the hymn “You Are Mine” from our Evangelical Lutheran Worship offers a tender word of comfort, reminding us that God knows us, calls us, and stays with us.

The hymn speaks in God’s voice. Its promise is not that life will be free of fear or sorrow. Rather, God meets us right there within what we are experiencing. In silence, in the night, and in moments when we cannot find the words to pray, we are not abandoned. God’s presence may come quietly: through a familiar scripture, a friend who lovingly listens, a hand held in prayer, or the steady kindness of someone who shows up. These small signs do not make every difficulty disappear. They remind us that we do not have to face it alone.

That assurance reaches back to the words in the book of Isaiah 43:1 “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine”. The promise is spoken to a people who have known disruption and displacement. It is a promise of belonging, not a reward for having everything together. God calls each of us by name, with all the questions, grief, joy, and hope we bring. We belong to God because God’s grace holds us, not because we have earned our place.

Grace is especially good news when we feel we have fallen short. We may look back on the year and see unfinished plans, words we wish we could take back, or relationships that remain strained. We may wonder whether we have done enough or been enough. The gospel answers with mercy: God’s love is not a prize for the accomplished. In Christ, forgiveness is offered freely, and there is room to begin again. We can bring our regrets into prayer, make amends where we can, and trust that our failures do not have the final word about who we are.



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The hymn also points us toward peace. In John 14:27, we read that Jesus tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you”. This peace is not a promise that every conflict in the world or within our lives will quickly end or that every anxious thought will vanish. It is the deep assurance that Christ is with us, even in unsettled times. We can breathe, rest, and take the next faithful step. Sometimes peace comes to us as we slowly take steps forward each day. Sometimes it arrives in the help we accept from those around us. Sometimes it is the strength to journey beside someone within the ministry of presence. Sometimes it is simply a moment of quiet in which we remember we are a beloved child of God and that we are held.

Thanksgiving is behind us, and yet gratitude need not be confined to one day or season. We can give thanks for the meal shared last month, the neighbor who checked in, the warmth of a coat, or the people who have loved us well. We can also name what hurts. Faith makes room for both. God’s grace does not ask us to pretend that loss is easy; it accompanies us through it. When we gather at the table, in worship, at fellowship gatherings, or around a phone call, we give and receive that care together.

This belonging is larger than any one of us. The hymn’s “you” can be heard personally, as God’s word to each heart, and together, as a promise to the whole community. We are called by name, and we are called into a people who make room for one another. We can offer comfort by listening without rushing, peace by choosing gentleness, and grace by welcoming someone back after a hard season. These acts do not replace God’s love; they let our neighbors glimpse it.

As November settles in, may the words of “You Are Mine” accompany us—in our times of worship and in the quiet places of our lives. When fear rises, may we remember that God is near. When we are weary, may we find rest. When we have made mistakes, may grace open a way forward. And when someone beside us needs comfort, may we be present with patience and kindness.

The leaves fall, the daylight hours shorten and days grow dim, and still God calls us by name. We are held in a love that does not let us go.

Blessings to each of you within your November journey,

Pastor Pamela

FROM OUR PASTOR

Remembrance Day Service

Faith Lutheran Church and Faith Place Residents Council are working together to bring you a Remembrance Day Service.



Please join us November 11th at 10:40am in Augustana Hall as we are gathering for a Remembrance Day Service.

Please feel free to invite your family and friends.

If you have questions, please contact:

Pastor Pamela Kormano, Faith Lutheran Church

Nancy Bowness, President of Faith Place Residents Council

Pre-Confirmation

Calling youth grade 7 to 11.

Pre-Confirmation class meets every 2 weeks with us delving into the basics needed for Pastor Pamela's Confirmation classes starting next year.

Classes are held in Cana hall during regular Sunday School time frame.
We combine class work and service activities such as preparing and serving at Church and Residence activities (Christmas supper, Pancake Tuesday, Easter breakfast).

As a bonus, some of the time spent counts as High School Community Service hours.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.
John Molson 905-668-1810 (home) jlmolson@sympatico.ca



Sunday School



Sunday School will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month.

We will be on Sunday, November 1st and 15th

Students will go directly to Cana Hall to begin their lessons. We will offer three different classes this year. One for students up to grade 2, a class for grades 3-6, and a Pre-Confirmation class.

If you would like to help with these classes, please get in tough with either Vickie Goddard or Lisa Bachewich. The more volunteers, the more we can do to teach our students God's word and all the wonderful stories there are to tell.

Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."



Ladies Lunch Group



Join our Ladies Lunch Group, we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, at a different restaurant. The restaurant for the next month will be chosen each month at our lunch. ALL ladies are welcome!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up as we will need to know numbers so we can reserve a spot at the restaurant we have chosen. The last day for sign will be the Sunday prior to the lunch. Please indicate on the sheet if you NEED a ride and also one if you are able to GIVE a ride. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.

Our lunch will be on Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00pm at Jack Astor's in Whitby – 75 Consumers Drive. Please sign up no later than Sunday, November 15th.

Please contact Pastor Pamela if you have any questions at Pamela@faithlutheranministries.ca or 905-725-2755

Blessing of Your Home

Luke 10:5 " Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'

If you just moved or even if you have lived in your current dwelling for many months or years, have you ever thought about a "Blessing of Your Home", the people who live within your home, and those who visit within your home?

Proverbs 24:3-4
"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Please feel free to be in touch with me, Pastor Pamela, if you would like to have a conversation regarding having your home blessed.

Wishing you all the best,
Pastor Pamela



Bible Circle

Bible Circle will be on **Thursday, November 12th**

We will gather in November on the second Thursdays of the month **At our New Time from 1:00pm to 2:00pm in Augustana Hall.**

You are warmly invited to attend whenever you are able.



These are informal and welcoming times of gathering, conversation, and reflection on God's Word.
All are welcome
whether you have studied the Bible for many years
or are simply curious and would like to learn more.

No experience is necessary.
Please bring your Bible and an open, loving heart.
A few Bibles will also be available for anyone who needs one.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Pamela.
We hope you will join us as we listen, learn, share, and grow together in faith.

Pint Night

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of connection at our upcoming Pint Night on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm: **Wednesday, November 25th**! This is a great opportunity to step away from the usual routine and enjoy some good conversation, laughter, and fellowship in a welcoming setting.

We'll be gathering at Wendell Clark's on Simcoe St. N., where we can share some cheer, catch up with familiar faces, and get to know others in our church community a little better. Whether you come for the conversation, the food, or just a chance to unwind midweek, there's a place for you at the table.

There's nothing like a good get together with friends to make you appreciate life a little more.



Times and Talent Auction - RETURNS

This Weekend!

The Fall Auction & Raffle is back.

Sunday, November 8th

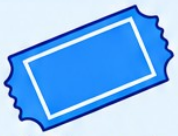
immediately after the service in Cana Hall

There will be lots of items to bid on, or simply buy a few raffle tickets for the raffle prizes.

Lunch will also be available for purchase. We will be offering pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs.

All are welcome!!
Bring the whole crew!!

PRICES



Raffle tickets are 10 for $5



Lunch

Pulled pork sandwiches are $5 each
Hot dogs are $2

All proceeds from the auction, raffle & lunch will go to support **Faith Lutheran Church.**

Faith Lutheran Church

Christmas Food Drive

We hope everyone had a great summer and fall season. We greatly appreciate the support that you have given over the past several years for our Church's Food Drive in support of Gate 3:16 and Simcoe Hall Settlement House. We plan on running our collection starting **October 25th through to December 6th** so that we can deliver your donations to these charities by Dec 11th.

Unfortunately the new normal seems to be everyone struggling with the cost of living and uncertainty. We ask that you only give if you can to help those that find it difficult to put food on the table and provide a clean home environment during the Christmas season.

Our plan for the Christmas Food Drive is the same as before, we will be accepting your food and monetary donations at our Sunday Church Services **until Dec 6th**. Please put Christmas Food Drive on your Offering envelope if you wish to support in this way.

If you would prefer, you can also give financially by e-transferring funds to:

envelopesecretary@faithlutheranministries.ca

Please make a note within your transaction that your donation is to be allocated to the food drive.

We will still be accepting calls to make an appointment to have your food donation picked up from your doorstep, simply call us at 905-242-2939 **before Dec 4th**. If we don't answer, please leave your name and phone number, and we will return your call.

The current grocery needs for Simcoe Hall foodbank are listed below: **please check all of the Best Before dates on each item, unfortunately EXPIRED PRODUCT WILL BE DISCARDED.** We ask that you place nonperishable canned and dry goods in a bag or a box.

Small Drinks (individual drink boxes)
Peanut Butter/Jam
Cereal/Oatmeal & Pancake Mix
Snack Cups (Apple Sauce, Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding, Etc.)
Granola Bars/Cookies/Crackers
Packaged Side Dishes (Sidekicks, Potatoes, Mac&Cheese, etc.)
Dry Pasta and Sauce

Canned Goods

- Meat
- Pasta (ravioli, Alphagetti, etc.)
- Baked Beans
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Soups Large and Small

Personal Care Items

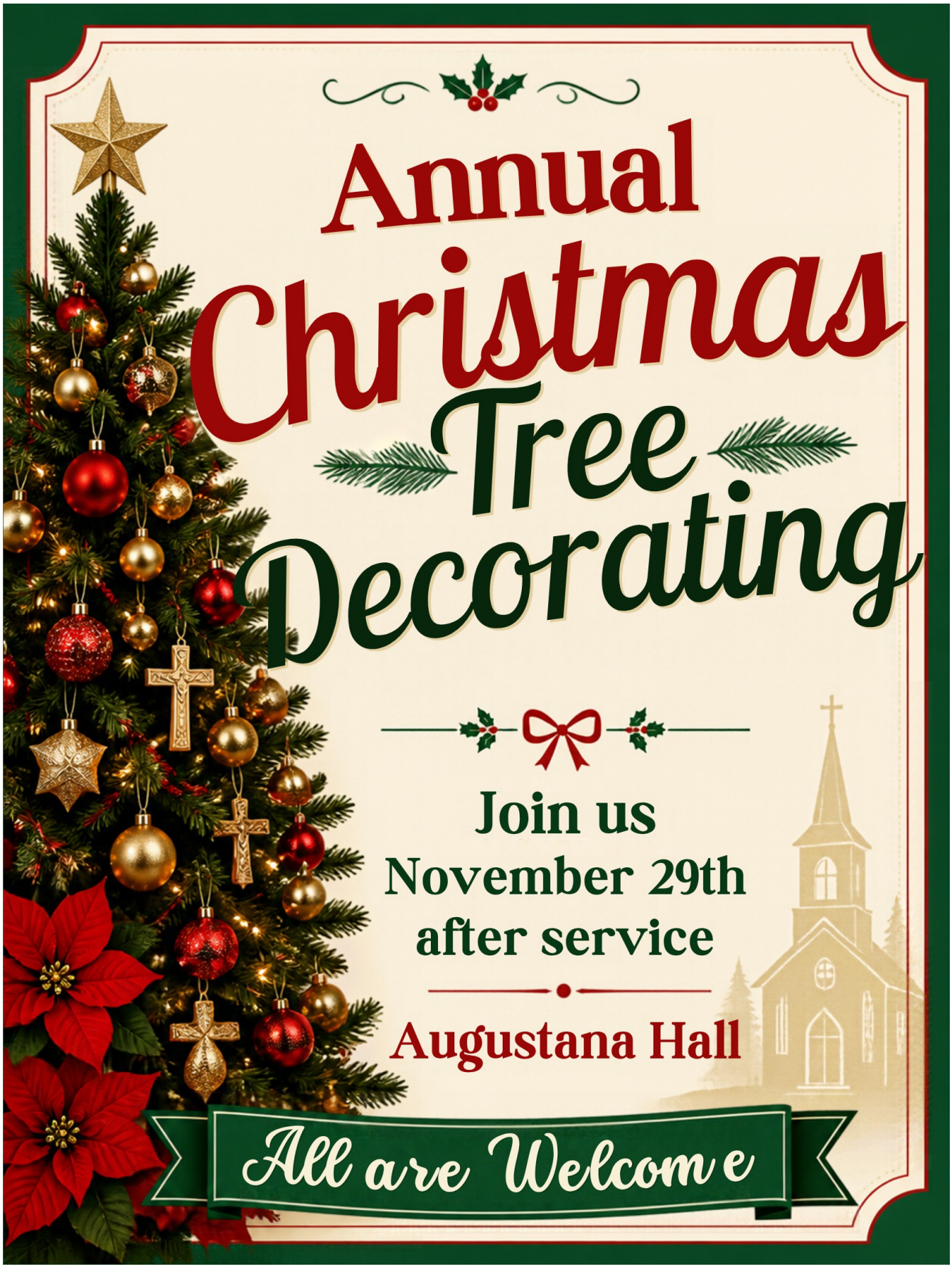
- Toothpaste and Adult Brushes
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper/Baby Wipes
- Laundry Detergent
- Bar Soap/ Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and God bless.
Paul and Charlotte Wolfenberg

GATE 3:16 OUTREACH CENTRE "A Place Where People Belong"

Simcoe Hall Community Programs & Food Bank


Annual
Christmas
Tree
Decorating
Join us
November 29th
after service
Augustana Hall
All are Welcome


Poinsettia
Sale
coming on
November 29th
and December 6th
3 different sizes
Watch for pricing in the bulletin

Faith Place Residents Dinner



Worship Leader Volunteer Opportunities



Using our Hands & Hearts in Ministry

1 Peter 4:10 says, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” Your skills, intelligence, creativity, and strengths are not accidents.

How true this statement from 1 Peter is! Many have stepped forward, once again, to sign up for the various Ministries required to maintain and ensure there are all things necessary for Sunday worship and Fellowship at Faith Lutheran Church and we thank you!

It takes many hands to working together to provide our Sunday Services.

Each Sunday we are greeted with warmth, smiles and welcoming words by our Greeters & Ushers who ensure we have the proper materials for the service and if there are any special needs required so that they are communicated and made sure they are taken care of.

Our lectors prayerfully read the lessons so that all may be fed by God's Holy Word; be encouraged by the inspiration of the Gospels and are able to reflect upon the meaning of living the life Christ has called us into.

Holy Communion, when served, is prepared and ready to be shared by all who come to the Lord's table.

Voices are raised in humble prayer and with our talented musicians, also raised in songs of peace, love, joy, thankfulness and praise.

We hear and learn from spirit inspired meditations on the Gospel and scripture lessons and Children's messages.

Our youngest members are taught, through fun activities, laughter, song, and craft building, by our dedicated and faithful teachers, the meaning of being members of Christ's family of believers.

We now have 5 teams for providing hosting of the Coffee/Fellowship hour after church. If we get one more team we can start having this each Sunday with exception of the Potluck Sunday at the end of each month.

There are many "little" tasks that are looked after each Sunday and others that need a bit more help. (Communion Server, Setup/Take Down, Offering Counter) Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help out in these particular areas. Talk to Laurie Ikeda or Pastor Pamela for more information.

The 2026 November/December Ministry/Volunteer list is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Yours in Service to Christ and His Church

Arden Baechler.



Looking for Donations of:
cookies, squares, loafs, Pies.



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Charlotte Wolfenberg …. .905-433-0265

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November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Sunday 10:30 Worship Sunday School	2	3 6:00pm Council Wartburg Room	4 6:30pm Choir Augustana	5	6	7
8 10:30 Worship Church Auction and Lunch	9	10	11 10:40am Remembrance Day Service Augustana Hall 6:30pm Choir Augustana	12 1:00pm Bible Circle, Chapel	13	14
15 10:30 Worship Sunday School	16 December Grapevine Due	17	18 1:00pm Ladies Lunch, Jack Astor's, Whitby 6:30pm Choir Augustana	19	20	21
22 10:30 Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 10:30 Worship & Fellowship Christmas Tree Decorating	30					

Date	Usher	Reader	Communion Setup/Take down	Communion Server	Offering Counter	Coffee
1	Linda & Arden	Arden	Donna & Maureen	Leslie & Carrie	Wendy & Irv	
8	Kathy & Ken	Linda			Laurie I. & Charlotte	Auction
15	Donna	Vivian	Julie & Laurie M	Vickie & Carol	Irv & Kathy	Arden & Vivian
22	John & Laurie	Lowell			Wendy & Laurie	Maureen & Donna
29	Irv & Helen	Chick	Donna & Maureen	Arden & Kathy	Laurie I. & Charlotte	Potluck