

Creating Connections  
Through Extending  
Christ's Love

# The Lighthouse

FAITH CHURCH OF ELMHURST  
A Global Methodist Community  
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## Let's Radiate God's Love: A Pastoral Encouragement for Faith Church

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (John 13:34-35)*

Dear beloved Faith Church of Elmhurst Family,  
With a heart brimming with joy and gratitude, I extend my warmest greetings to our cherished community of faith. In this pastoral letter, I aim to delve into a fundamental and profound truth: "Love is a verb, not a noun." This principle underpins the very core of the love that God beckons us to not only embrace but also actively live out.

The love that God commands us to embrace in the Bible extends far beyond mere words and thoughts; it is a dynamic force that empowers us to take action. As we delve into the intricate tapestry of God's love woven throughout history, we unmistakably discern that His love transcends mere verbal declarations. Instead, He consistently reveals His boundless love through tangible actions, actively living out His love for us. The most profound testament to God's love was unveiled when His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, demonstrated His love for the world by willingly offering Himself on the cross to reaffirm His unwavering love for us.



Jesus Christ, our Savior, also imparted to us a profound commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). This instruction serves as a gentle yet powerful reminder that Christian love is not constrained to mere words and fleeting thoughts.

Rather, we are beckoned to manifest this love through our daily actions, saturating every facet of our lives with the limitless love of Christ. As we earnestly practice this love, we gracefully become living testimonies of God's children, casting a radiant light of His divine love upon the world.

I take immense pride in the fact that Faith Church epitomizes the very essence of this active love. Our church serves as a radiant example of a thriving community that not only embraces but also lives out God's love in this contemporary era.



## Pastoral Letter Continued

The photos below stand as a testament to the unwavering devotion and service of our congregation, with their profound love for God and the church evident in every frame. Amidst the hustle and bustle of their daily lives, our church families ardently maintain and upgrade God's sanctuary. They ensure that our church continues to be a warm community of faith for our neighbors, with a diligent focus on landscaping and keeping the lawn immaculate. Whenever issues arise within our church building, they selflessly volunteer their time and energy to effect necessary repairs. This spirit of service extends to identifying and completing tasks that enhance our worship experience, resulting in a church that overflows with grace, gratitude, and the joy of sharing.



Beloved Faith Church Family,

As we approach the month of November, a joyful opportunity awaits us: the Harvest Home Dinner. This year, this delightful event is scheduled for Friday, November 10th. I wholeheartedly encourage each one of you to extend a warm invitation to your neighbors, graciously welcoming them with delectable, hearty food, and the abundant love of God. Beyond the power of a hundred sermons or explanations, acts of service and love constitute a potent form of evangelism. By personally serving our neighbors and showcasing God's love through our actions, we can create a profound and lasting impact on the spread of the gospel.



As your pastor, I earnestly invite you to take a moment for introspection, delving into the profound depths and significance of the love emphasized by God. Let us commit our precious time, talents, and fervor to diligently prepare for this event, eagerly awaiting the opportunity to exemplify God's love to our neighbors. In doing so, we can set in motion a ripple of love that will resonate within the hearts of many, drawing them nearer to the warm embrace of God's love.

In conclusion, I am delighted to serve as your pastor within this devoted faith community. May our love shine even more brightly, casting a radiant light upon God's love, which our local community so dearly needs. I firmly believe that is our core mission as Lighthouse of the Gospel. As we approach the Harvest Home Dinner, let us unite in harmony, guided by the beautiful command of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Love one another."

With heartfelt blessings and deep gratitude,

Yoon Ki Kim  
Lead Pastor  
Faith Church of Elmhurst



## Announcements

### Harvest Home Celebration Dinner and Worship Service Friday November 10 at 6:30 pm

The trustees are excited to announce that Faith Church will celebrate Harvest Home on Friday evening, November 10 with a Thanksgiving Dinner and worship service.

The trustees will provide the food for the feast as a gift to the congregation. At the special worship service following the meal, we will celebrate with music, message, thanksgiving and prayer.

A special thank offering will be collected in the tradition of King Joash (2 Kings 12) when money was collected for repair of the temple. The trustees will use these funds for projects and utilities to maintain and beautify our century-old building as a fitting place of worship to honor our faithful and generous Lord.

A sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall for volunteers to help with food preparation or to bring pies for dessert. Mark your calendars and join us for this wonderful Faith Church tradition



### Women's Bible Study Group Meeting on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

The Women's Bible Study Group will continue meeting on Wednesdays @ 9:30 a.m. through November 15, in the lower level of the church. We will be wrapping up our study of the "I Am" statements of Jesus.



### Wednesday Prayer Time 11 a.m. to noon

The Prayer Group will be meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays, in the lower level of the church, immediately following the Women's Bible Study group. All are welcome to join in prayer and praise for our own concerns and the concerns of our church.

### Prayer Hugs Group Meeting on the Second Wednesdays of the month, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The Prayer Hugs Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30p.m. at The Makery in the Elmhurst Public Library. The group gathers to make lap robes, prayer shawls and baby afghans for various ministries, nursing homes and individuals.

Organizations that have received the donations in the past month include Elmhurst Extended Care Center, and CareNet.

There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall of prayer shawls for anyone who wants one for themselves or to give to someone who needs one. There is a book to sign your name and indicate the name of the person who is receiving it.

New members are always welcome to join the group. Knitters, crocheters, and those who want to tie fleece blankets are all welcome. Or if you are interested in learning, you can come as well. We share ideas with one another and learn from each other as well. The goal is to create items that bring comfort, healing and hope to those who receive them. For more information, please contact Jane Ahrens.

We are beginning to make scarves and hats to donate. If you know of any organizations in need of those items, please contact Jane Ahrens or any member of the group. We are always looking for organizations in need of the items we make.





## Announcements

### Church Council Meeting on Monday, November 13, @ 7 p.m.

The Church Council will meet on Monday, November 13, at 7 p.m., in the lower level of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Ahrens.



### Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday November 26, After worship**



We prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus and launch the Advent season by decorating the entire church. Join in the festivities after Sunday worship as we beautify the church and then share lunch together. All hands are welcome, young and old. You are also invited to go over to Liberty Village at 2pm and share worship and special music.

(Our Faith Choir will do the special music)

### New Books in the Church Library

We have several new books in the church library. Check out the table in the Fellowship Hall to see what's new. The library operates on an honor system. To check out a book, sign your name on the card inside the book, and place it according to the author's last name in the file box on the table. Return your book in a month's time. Children's books are located downstairs in the Children's Library. There are a few children's books featured on the lower level of the book cart. Now that the weather is cooler, take the opportunity to curl up with a book from the Church Library. Happy reading!



### Pastor Kim's Advent Holy Challenge



As the Advent season is approaching, commencing on November 27th this year, I have selected the theme 'The Joy of Redemption through Jesus Christ' and would like to encourage our Church Family to meditate on Romans 1-8. A handbook will be printed and available for all in the Sanctuary. The daily bible verses will also be posted to our church Facebook page: FGMC Elmhurst, for your convenience and so that we may spark a discussion about what it means to each of us.

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## Missions & Outreach

**Our November Mission will be to collect snack packs for Dupage Pads the entire month of November**



School time is here, and kids staying with DuPagePads love the same after-school snacks that we all love! Help our children feel supported by providing them with snack packs to eat on the bus or while they are doing their homework.

We are looking for groups or individuals to put together 40-50 packs in clear Ziplock baggies so that parents are able to see the contents in case of allergies. Thank you for helping the over 100 children feel welcome and fed! Check out all the details on our volunteer portal, and please check out our Walmart shopping list.

**Volunteer page:** [https://volunteer.dupagepads.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=673875](https://volunteer.dupagepads.org/need/detail/?need_id=673875)

**Walmart Shopping list:** <https://www.walmart.com/lists/shared/WL/b477f225-f638-4d8f-9843-5a77b7ef6103>

**What to include in each snack pack:**

- A variety of snack items (5-10 total)
- Individually packaged and sealed food items
- Snack items can include:
  - Nonperishable protein sources (beef jerky, nuts, protein bars)
  - Popcorn, baked chips, granola bars, crackers
  - Trail mix, dried fruit, fruit snacks, mini muffins



Dupage Pads is in need of Volunteers for both the front desk and Interim Housing Center

# Volunteers Needed!



## The front desk of the Guests Services Office at the Interim Housing Center needs your help!

Are you interested in being a friendly and supportive face for our guests in need at the Interim Housing Center? The Front Desk of the IHC is the central hub for guest reception, hospitality and communication! Front Desk Support provides important assistance to clients and staff on day-to-day needs at the IHC. Shifts are available 24/7 to help fulfill our guests' needs.

## Do you enjoy the smell of clean sheets and towels? So do our guests at the Interim Housing Center!

Bring comfort and smiles to DuPagePads' families and individuals by helping to launder towels, blankets, and bedding for guests rooms. Volunteers are needed in the laundry room daily from 10 a.m.- 1 pm. Training is provided at the on-site laundry facility; no experience needed!

If you are interested in getting more hands on involvement in our mission to end homelessness and spread kindness, click link below to learn more

<https://volunteer.dupagepads.org/>

or email Heidi Meier, Volunteer Manager, at [hmeier@dupagepads.org](mailto:hmeier@dupagepads.org)!



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### Our Fifth Sunday tithe in December will go to Pacific Garden Mission

The 5th Sunday tithe to be combined with the Christmas tithe will go to Pacific Garden Mission. Keep an eye out for the board Nancy Hails will be creating for us about Pacific Garden Mission in Fellowship Hall.



### Daylight Savings Time is Ending Soon

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4, as Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### 2023 Giving Statistics

**Income is  
behind  
Cash  
Expenses  
by  
-\$6,933  
through  
September**

Date	Weekly Income	Income to Date	Budget to Date
10-Sept	1730.00	78981.16	109048.08
17-Sept	3833.00	82814.16	111995.32
24-Sept	615.36	83429.52	114942.57
1-Oct	890.00	84319.52	117889.81
8-Oct	2630.00	86949.52	120837.06

### End of September Financial Status

Cash Expenses	\$91,715
Income	\$84,782
Cash Flow Deficit	-\$6,933







Come join us as we worship  
online or in person on  
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

For our online service, please go to our  
Facebook page:  
Faith Evangelical  
United Methodist Church

For our in person service, please join  
us at the corner of North  
Avenue and York Road. Parking is  
available behind the church and the  
entrance is on the North  
Avenue side with the red double doors  
next to the driveway.

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**Worship Service**  
**10 a.m. on Sundays**

**November 2023**