

Creating Connections  
Through Extending  
Christ's Love

# The Lighthouse

FAITH CHURCH OF ELMHURST  
A Global Methodist Community  
Summer 2025

## **A Summer of Renewal: Ripening in Christ's Grace**

'Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up' (Galatians 6:9)

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

Summer is here. For many, it is a season of escape—a time for vacations, relaxation, and a break from the routines of life. And while rest is good and necessary, summer is not merely a time to disengage. It is a season that God has woven into the rhythm of creation, not for idleness, but for preparation, ripening, and spiritual renewal.

Think of the farmer. He does not simply watch and wait during the summer months. He knows that the heat—the intensity of the sun—is not an obstacle but an instrument. The crops must endure the warmth, because it is the very thing that brings them to maturity. In the same way, we must not drift through this season aimlessly. God intends for summer to be a time when He refines us, deepens our love for Christ, and prepares us for the bountiful fruits He desires to bear in our lives.

If bread is to become sustenance, it must endure the oven's heat. If gold is to be purified, it must pass through the fire. If our faith is to grow, it must not settle into complacency but lean into God's refining work—even in the seasons that seem slow, comfortable, or easy.

Let us then approach this summer with intentionality. This is not merely a break from routine, but a divine opportunity. May these months be a time of deep communion with God—a season to feast on His Word, to strengthen our prayer life, and to cultivate genuine fellowship with one another.

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## Pastoral Letter Continued

Psalm 1:3 speaks of the righteous as trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season. What if this summer were not a passive few months, but a season where our souls ripen in wisdom and joy? What if we pressed into Christ—not as an obligation, but as a delight?

So I ask you, beloved Faith Church Family, what will your summer be? Will it be merely a time of leisure, or will it be a time when your faith deepens, your soul matures, and your heart is shaped for His glory?

Wherever this season finds you—whether traveling, resting, or staying close to home—I urge you to seek Christ. Do not drift. Do not let these months pass without drawing nearer to the infinite worth of Jesus. For He is our true rest, our ultimate joy, and the One who sustains us in every season.

May this be a summer of holy longing, a time of renewed delight in the Lord. And when autumn comes, may we look back and say, “The Lord was near, His hand was upon me, and my heart was transformed for His glory.”

*Grace and peace to you,  
Pastor Kim.*



## Announcements

### Prayer Hugs

The Prayer Hugs Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.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. 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.



### Summer Prayer Group

The Prayer Group is meeting on the first Tuesdays of June, July and August from 2 to 3 p.m., in the lower level of the church. Anyone is welcome to join in this time of sharing joys and concerns, offering them to the Lord in prayer as well as a time of praise to the Lord.



### 4 on the 4th

The church has been asked once again to man a water station for the 4 on the 4th Race on July 4th here in Elmhurst. If you are interested in helping out on that day from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m., please contact Jane Ahrens for more information.



### Summer Break

Our regularly scheduled groups are taking a break for the summer. Except for: Prayer Hugs, The Summer Prayer Group and Chrysalis Create.

Be on the look out for the new start dates for:

The Women's Bible Study, Thursday Evening Bible Study, Children's Sunday School, and Prayer and Praise prayer group.

We are also taking a break from the monthly 1st Saturday Fun and Fellowship Nite game nights. All are to resume in the Fall. Happy Summer!



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### Chrysalis Create

Chrysalis Create is busy designing and painting more Hope Rocks on Saturdays at 10 AM, because Faith Church will again have a table at the "Summer Nights in Hillside" Tuesday concert series beginning July 22. We will offer encouragement to our neighbors with Hope Rocks, a prayer request box, an occasional Prayer Shawl from Prayer Hugs and of course the friendly faces of our Faith Church Family.



We are also preparing to set up "The Hope Box", a type of Free Little Library box next to the church along York Road. We will include encouragement tracts, books, bibles, scripture cards and Hope Rocks to give away from our little library box. Your creative hands and hearts are always welcome to join us on Saturdays and at the upcoming Hillside Tuesday Concerts.

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### Children's Sunday School Program

Many thanks to Laura Shafer and her leadership in leading and organizing the Children's Program during the worship service this past school year. Laura not only coordinated the teachers and helpers, but prepared the lessons given to the teachers to be shared with the children. Laura also organized the year end picnic on June 8 which was enjoyed by the children and their families, teachers and helpers.

Thanks to the teachers and helpers: Mae Kingzette, Nancy Hails, Bonnie Smith, In Sook Kim, Siha Kim, and Jane Ahrens. The program will resume in September.



### Daytime Bible Study Group Planned for Fall

Fred Sullivan will be leading a new Bible Study group beginning this fall, meeting on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Look for more information in August.



### Church Council

The Church Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, August 25, @ 7 p.m., in the lower level of the church. If you have any questions about the church council, please contact Jane Ahrens.





## Announcements

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### June Birthdays:

2 Mae Kingzette  
8 Latha Sangha  
18 Jessie Baxter  
19 William Galarza  
22 Arild Egeland  
26 Daniel Grabenhofer

#### July Birthdays:

1 Pastor Yoon Ki Kim  
10 Shauna Simmons  
Lucy Leonor  
18 Lily Artrip  
21 Cindy Wohler  
31 Melisa Guzman

#### June Anniversaries:

1 John & Jane Ahrens  
5 Jonathan & Joanna Leonor  
11 Wayne & Bonnie Smith

#### August Birthdays:

3 Jane Ahrens  
6 Rylee Arnold  
7 Wayne Smith  
9 Nancy Hails  
Richard Shafer  
19 Kyle Artrip



## FINANCIAL UPDATE



### 2025 Giving Statistics

	Weekly	Income	Budget
30-Mar	880.00	32955.71	42478.75
6-Apr	2090.00	35045.71	45746.35
13-Apr	7195.52	42241.23	49013.94
20-Apr	1920.00	44161.23	52281.54
27-Apr	1355.00	45516.23	55549.13
4-May	2402.00	47918.23	58816.73
11-May	6444.95	54363.18	62084.33
18-May	890.00	55253.18	65351.92
25-May	5624.00	60877.18	68619.52
1-Jun	760.00	61637.18	71887.12
8-Jun	2895.00	64532.18	75154.71

## MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



### The Easter Tithe helped to fill the Ark with Compassion International

Faith Church of Elmhurst Easter tithe sponsored 2 pigs and a Bible for the Compassion International Ark off to a family.



### Building Faith Church Bulletin Board

Everyone PLEASE take time to read the newsletters from our missionaries. They will be posted on the "Building Faith Church" bulletin board.



### Lions Recycle For Sight

I'm waiting for a collection box from "Lions" to collect eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, keys and more. KEEP an EYE out for it and search around those hidden drawers to be ready to donate to the "Lions".



### Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry

Every Sunday entering Fellowship Hall you may see a basket labeled "Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry" did you ever wonder how it gets to the pantry??? Generous people have been adding nonperishable items to the basket each week! The church mice are looking for help delivering the donations to Yorkfield Church on York & Butterfield Rds. Elmhurst. Talk to Nancy Hails, mouse chair of this Mission if you want to be part of this ongoing mission.



### Summer Outreach - Elmhurst CUSD 205

We are collecting new and gently used clothing for students in Kindergarten through High School. At this time, we have zero to low inventory on children's undergarments, boys and girls sizes 6 - 16.

**A Collection Box will be in Fellowship Hall until July 6, 2025**

### Clothing Drive



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### June's 5th Sunday Tithe

June's 5th Sunday Missionaries are Rollin & Rachel Mayes based at Texas A&M with Reliant. Read their latest newsletter on the bulletin board.



### Exodus World Service

"Exodus" helps refugee families in the area. I am going to be connecting with them to set up a delivery of supplies to a family in DuPage. Listen and read announcements for updates of this mission to befriend a refugee family. I attended a "Love Inc." celebration. They make connections for people in need with people/places that have. Faith Church can be a part of this year around ministry or host a specific drive. (toys, clothes, furniture, food) "Love Inc." will contact me when there is a specific need. TBA in the fall.



### Tuesday Hillside Concert Series

Outreach will again have a table at the Tuesday Hillside Concert series. Those who were part of this outreach last summer were blessed by the opportunity to tell others about Faith Church of Elmhurst and pray with people willing to bring their concerns before Our Lord and Savior. Hope Rocks, cards and more will be part of Faith Church Display. Saturday Chrysalis Create is open for ideas to supply this Outreach. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship hall for those who would like to help with greeting, setup and take down, as well.



### Fun and Fellowship Nite

Indoor Saturday Game Night will start in the Fall. Be thinking of who to invite to a fun night of fellowship and outreach.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**





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:  
FGMC ELMHURST

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**

**Summer 2025**