

Dear FCA Students,

Thank you for gathering each week before school begins, choosing—intentionally—to hear God’s Word and to pray together. In a world full of distractions and competing priorities, what you are doing matters. Your willingness to start your day with Christ is a quiet but powerful witness to everyone around you.

As for my own testimony, I cannot remember a moment in my life when I did not know Jesus as Lord, and for that I am deeply thankful. I grew up in a Christian home where Sunday worship wasn’t optional—it was expected. I never resented this; I gladly went to hear God’s Word. But looking back, I can’t say it was fully voluntary either. It was simply part of life.

FCA changed that for me. In high school, FCA became the first *intentional* worship gathering of my own choosing. It took sacrifice. It meant arriving early, being tired some mornings, and saying “yes” to God when it would have been easier to stay home. That intentional faith-step gave me a real boost. Friends would see me leaving the auditorium and ask what was going on inside, and suddenly the door was wide open for me to confess Christ. Those small moments—those intentional choices—became milestones in my walk with the Lord.

My prayer for you is that the Lord uses these early mornings to strengthen your faith. May He strengthen you to be intentional in following Him, intentional in serving others, and intentional in owning your identity as His disciples in your school, your teams, and your friendships.

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.” — **Hebrews 10:23**

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.” — **Colossians 3:17**

Keep seeking Christ. Keep showing up. Keep choosing Him with intention. God will use it—and you—more than you know.

In Christ,

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Thanksgiving Eve Service (November 26th) – 6PM Island Lutheran Church



You're invited to join us this Thanksgiving Eve at 6:00 PM at Island Lutheran Church for a special service of gratitude and praise. As we gather around God's Word, we pause to remember His countless blessings, to lift our hearts in thanksgiving, and to prepare for the holiday with Christ-centered joy. Whether you come with family, with friends, or on your own, you'll find a welcoming place to reflect, rejoice, and give thanks to the Giver of every good gift.

Psalm 95:2 – “Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

Psalm 106:1 – “Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Philippians 4:6 – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Hebrews 12:28 – “Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken...”