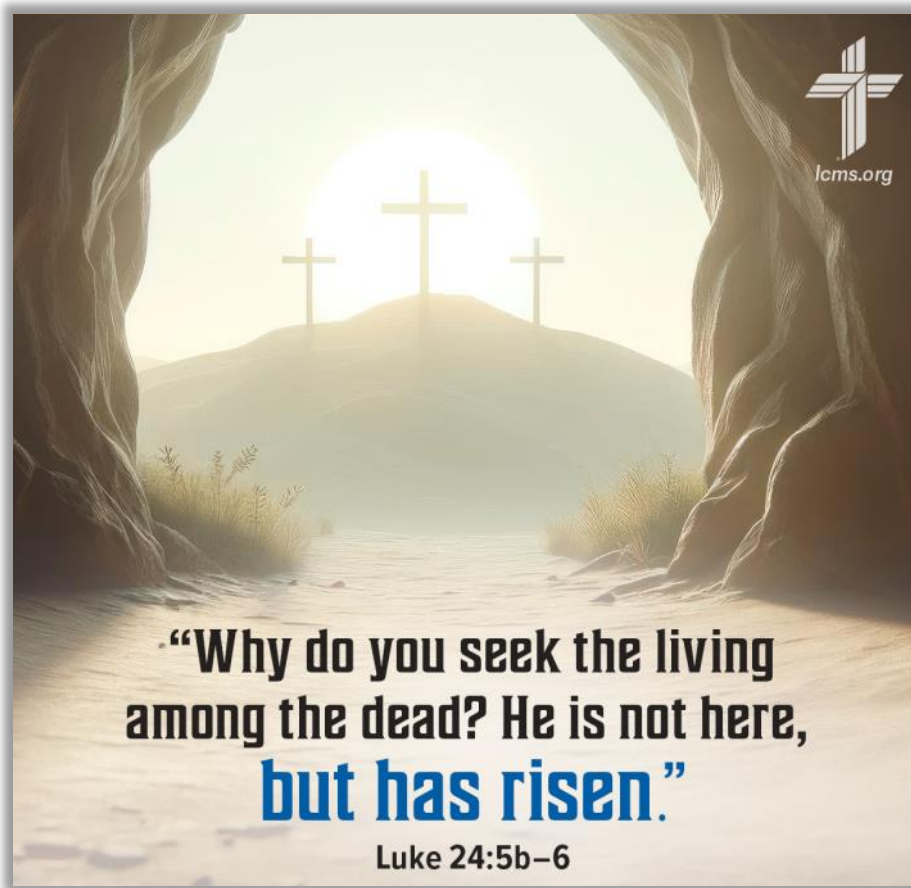




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Our Mission: "Reaching, Teaching, Serving, and Sharing Christ"

April 2026



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Property Mgmt Board ****Position Open****
Preschool Board Janet Murray
At-Large Cong. Member ****Position Open****
At-Large Cong. Member Lorraine Varela
At-Large Cong. Member Donna Lugg

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NOTE:

Meeting dates, times and location may change.
Please call ahead to confirm. See contact below.

55+ BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Kerns kernsds@gmail.com
11:00 am Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

ALTAR GUILD

See Judy Dilts

ACOLYTES

Confirmands - Talk to Pastor Kerns

LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

Pastor Kerns kernsds@gmail.com
12:00 noon Mondays in Fellowship Hall

LWML - Lutheran Women in Mission

See Janet Murray or Pastor Kerns
12:00 noon Fourth Sunday in Fellowship Hall

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Ted Cheung
8:00 am First Saturday at Nazareth Diner

THRIVENT

Pastor Kerns kernsds@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mary Ruth Murdoch
11:30 am Thursdays in Fellowship Hall



ELDERS

HEAD ELDER Greg Pioppi

Ted Cheung
Gary Sandt
Frank VandeVeegaete

Erik Wendt
Tom Zaro

FAMILY HOME DEVOTIONS

When you hear about Family Home Devotions, probably a picture develops in your mind that is similar to the picture included in this article. A picture with a stereotypical '50s husband, wife and two perfectly behaved children. In fact, I am not even sure if you go back to the '50s you would ever find this family. Really it is more like an AI created family. And yet, the idea of Family Home Devotions should not be a figment of our imagination. Rather, a real opportunity to continue to grow in our faith throughout the week.

When you consider that probably less than an hour and a half of your time is spent on Sunday worship and maybe another 45 minutes on Wednesdays during Advent and Lent, the sum total of time in worship is definitely less than three hours per week. Three hours compared to the vast number of hours that we spend doing things like scrolling on Facebook, watching Reels or binge watching a TV show. It is amazing the hours we can waste away when you add it all up in a given week.

This month I would like to propose something different, something intentional, something realistic. If you use Portals of Prayer, GREAT! Continue with that daily devotion. I have another devotion that takes less than 15 minutes that I would love for everyone to try. 15 minutes is the amount of time it would take for you and your family to do this special devotion each day. A family could include just husband and wife nearing retirement age and with kids out of the house, or it could also include just a mom with her two kids. Or in my case, me and my dog. We should consider the word "family" loosely in this situation as grandparents, parents, kids, people of all sorts of life situations. All could be included in this gathering together to study and hear God's Word for, yes, less than 15 minutes a day.

Before I explain how this works, let me explain the benefits of using this service plan for Family Home Devotions. In this plan, over the course of one year, you will have read the entire New Testament. You will have read little over one-third of the Old Testament as well. And, you will have read completely through all 150 Psalms twice. Incredibly, you will have also read through Martin Luther's Small Catechism almost seven times. Sundays are going to find new relevance as the readings for Sunday will be included in your Family Home Devotions as well as questions to ask yourself before going to communion so you are more prepared for what is going to take place at worship on Sunday.

Okay so, this is how it works. You are going to have an order of service that is specially written for families to do at home with one another and included in this service are blanks for a Psalm, an Old Testament Reading and a New Testament Reading as well as a recitation from Luther's Small Catechism. All of these items will be provided in a separate booklet each week so you know exactly what to insert in the short order of service. If you do the service as written including all of the readings for any given day and all of the prayers and parts of the service, the total time is less than 15 minutes a day. Don't worry if you miss a day! I will not send the police for not completing your 15 minutes in God's Word.

These 15 minutes are really for you and your family to grow in what we teach, believe and confess. 15 minutes to grow in specifically what God's Word says and spend time in prayer to God. 15 minutes is really not that long a time, but the benefits done each day for the Holy Spirit to continue to strengthen your faith cannot be overstated. Truth be told, we live in a world that is constantly trying to compete for our attention and our focus and yet God calls us to be not of the world and to instead look to Him alone. I say all this not as some kind of pipe dream nor idyllic throwback to a bygone era but rather for us who live in the world right now to make a concentrated effort for families to spend time together in God's Word and Prayer if only for 15 minutes a day. The benefits are worth it.

- Pastor Kerns

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER



Join Us!

Holy Week & Easter



Palm Sunday – March 29

9:45 am Worship & Communion

Maundy Thursday – April 2

7:00 pm Worship & Communion

Good Friday – April 3

7:00 pm Worship

Easter Vigil – April 4

7:00 pm Worship & Communion

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday – April 5

9:45 am Worship & Communion

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 9, 2025

Council President John Murdoch called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Council members present were John Murdoch, Pastor Kerns, Greg Pioppi, Jackie Morrow, Debra Paolini, Sue Tucker (temporary Preschool Chair), Donna Lugg, and Lorraine Varela. Congregation member and Elder Gary Sandt was also present.

The Council passed a motion this month to begin forming ideas and committees to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church taking place next spring.

Items of note this month included review of a proposed contract from Northampton County regarding the church as a polling

place on Election Day, providing support for new and prospective members regarding the flow of the Sunday worship service, raising awareness of different types of church stewardship, and spring clean up.

Complete meeting minutes are available by request in the church office after their approval at next month's Council meeting. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow
Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER

I was joking with the Pastor Kerns the other day about what appeared to me as him losing his place while he was reading the Gospel one Sunday. I teased him about visiting with an Optometrist. Then, I asked him about how old he was and he replied just about 40. I told him he was at that magic age where many people need to get reading glasses. I know I did at 40, and my eye doctor confirmed that most eyes start to get weak with their near vision after about four decades.

That got me thinking about the number 40. We know that Noah and his family, along with all of the animals that God instructed him to take into the arc, endured 40 days and nights of rain that God sent to cleanse the world from sin.

And that Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness before he hungered and began to be tempted by the devil.

I wondered where else in the bible is the number 40 is significant.

We find in the Old Testament that when God brought the Israelites out of Egypt to Mount Sinai that it was 40 days that Moses was on the mountain in prayer and fasting while waiting for the Lord to call him and God would carve the stone tablets that we know as the Ten Commandments, only to come down to find the people worshipping the golden calf and throw down the tablets, breaking them. Moses then returned to the mountain to spend another 40 days and nights where upon God gave him another

set of tablets. It was also 40 years that the Israelites would wander the dessert before they were finally delivered to the promised land.

We read that the prophet Elijah was on Mount Horeb for 40 days without water and food.

And how long is Lent, not counting the Sundays that fall within Lent? 40 days. As someone has reminded me, our Lord's Accession was 40 days after His Resurrection. Why 40?

Christians have held that 40 days signifies a period of reflection as Lent is a time for repentance and self-denial along with being a time of fasting and alms-giving as well as being a time for penitential self-examination. Lent is a time to look at ourselves and acknowledge that we all fall short of being worthy of the gifts that come to us but yet God still gives to us freely.

So, as we close in on the end of Lent for this year and the jubilant day of the resurrection of our Lord, take time daily to remind yourself of the number 40 and what it means.

May God bless you as you recall Christ revealed to all the earth at his birth to save us all from our sin and the same Christ crucified as the only sacrifice that could be made for the forgiveness for those sins.

IHS,
Greg Pioppi
Chairman Board of Elders

Faith Lutheran
Preschool Newsletter
April 2026



*Educating and
nurturing our
children in body,
mind, and spirit!*

**April 2nd-7th – No Preschool
Happy Easter!**

**Faith Lutheran Church Easter
Egg Hunt**

Saturday April 4th @ 10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunts in School

Tots- Tuesday, March 31st
Juniors and Seniors – Wednesday, April 1st

Last Day of Classes

Tots- Thursday, May 21
Junior Enrichment- Tuesday, May, 12
Juniors- Wednesday, May 20
Senior Enrichment- Thursday, May 14
Seniors- Wednesday, May 20
Preschool Closed- Tuesday May 19- due to
Election Day

Mom's Breakfast

Wednesday, May 6 at 9:30am
Juniors
Thursday, May 7 at 9:30 am
Seniors Tots
Seniors- please not the day of the week.

PLAN AHEAD FOR GRADUATION

Senior Graduation will be held
Monday, May 18 at 10:30am. A family
picnic will follow

Preschool Summer Program

Week #1- May 26th- May 29th
Week #2- June 1st- June 4th
More information to follow
Register now for 2026/2027 Preschool
year!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am

RAIN OR SHINE!



HELP NEEDED!

Easter Egg Stuffing
Thu, April 2 - 10:00 am

Easter Egg Hiding
Sat, April 4 - 9:15 am

Join Jackie in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 2 to help stuff plastic eggs, and then at 9:15 am on Saturday, April 4 to help hide eggs before the hunt.

We would greatly appreciate individually wrapped candy donations to fill the eggs. Please drop off at the church office or in the Narthex. Thank you!

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration forms available for download from our website; paper copies available in the office hallway. Please visit our website for more information at faithlcms.com/faith-lutheran-preschool.

➤➤ NEW CLASS OPTIONS FOR 2026/2027 ◀◀



TOTS CLASS

2 years old

Students must be 2 years old by September 1, 2026

2 Days: Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am..... Tuition: \$200/mo

JUNIORS CLASS

3 years old

Students must be 3 years old by September 1, 2026 & Potty Trained

3 Days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm..... Tuition: \$240/mo

5 Days: Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm..... Tuition: \$300/mo

- Add Extended Learning Monday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

- Add Extended Learning Wednesday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

SENIORS CLASS

4 years old

Students must be 4 years old by September 1, 2026 & Potty Trained

3 Days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm..... Tuition: \$240/mo

5 Days: Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm..... Tuition: \$300/mo

- Add Extended Learning Monday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

- Add Extended Learning Wednesday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

** Lunch Bunch available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for Juniors and Seniors Not in Extended Learning**
* \$12.00 per Lunch Bunch * You may sign up on a daily basis * Sign Up forms in the Preschool hallway *

COFFEE & CATECHISM

Every Sunday after Worship
Fellowship Hall

ALL MEMBERS are highly encouraged to join us weekly after Sunday worship in Fellowship Hall as we learn about our Faith - what we teach, believe and confess. Ends by noon!



55+ BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 11:00 am
Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to join Pastor Kerns weekly on Tuesdays for Bible Study specifically for adults age 55 and older.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Sign Up Poster in Narthex

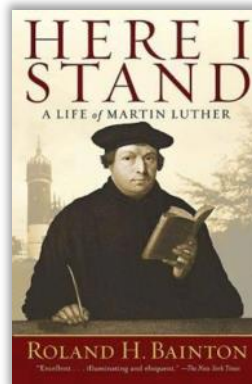
Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special family occasion such as birthdays, retirements, or anniversaries! Please make \$30 check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church, Memo - Altar Flowers



LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

Mondays at 12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

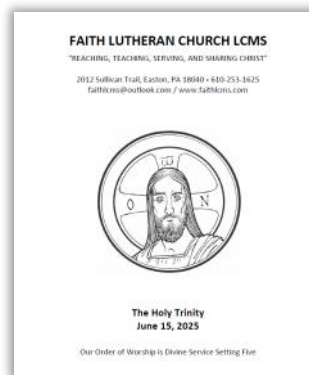
Read only during book club meetings! Join us every Monday at noon. Come as you are and enjoy the current story. There is always time to catch up on chapters. Join anytime!



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Sign Up on the Bulletin Board

Help defray the cost of printing by sponsoring Faith's weekly bulletin! Dedications and anonymous Sponsors are welcome. Sign up on the Bulletin Board. One sponsor per week. \$20 per Sponsor. Cash, or Check written out to Faith Lutheran Church. Credit Cards accepted via your Realm Profile under the Giving tab (be sure to select the Bulletin Sponsor Fund).



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 am
The Nazareth Diner**

Held the first Saturday of every month, join Ted Cheung and your fellow Faith Lutheran members for fellowship and prayer.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held at:

The Nazareth Diner
581 South Broad Street
Nazareth, PA 18064



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Thursdays at 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall**

Join Mary Ruth Murdoch for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Current study topic is the **Book of Psalms**.

See Mary Ruth for more details



FAITH LUTHERAN FAMILY PRAYERS

Please include the following families in your prayers this month. They will also be remembered in a special way during Sunday Worship.



Faith Families

04/05	Matthew Bailey	Stephanie & Robert Bastian & Family
04/12	April Betz	Rev. Donald and Mrs. Anita Brand
04/19	Tammy and Jeff Brewer	Sonya and John Bronico
04/26	Helene Budzinsky & Michael Chiapuzzi	The Cameron Family

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle	Stephen Sargent
Justin Muhlbach	Zachary Tolson
Spencer Muhlbach	

**Birthday
Blessings**

April

[REDACTED]

Faith Lutheran Members - Did We Miss Your Birthday?
Update on Realm or email faithlcms@outlook.com

April



[REDACTED]

Did We Miss Your Anniversary?
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Next Meeting is
Sunday, April 26, 2026
at 12:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

Do you desire to share the Gospel message, and have a heart to serve? Join us to *Serve the Lord with gladness! (Psalm 100:2)*. LWML meetings held the fourth Sunday of the month at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Visit [Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(LWML\)](#) for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS
with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



[REDACTED]



Thu, April 2
 Officiant:
 Assistant/Reader:
 Organist:

7:00 pm - MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Gary Sandt, Greg Pioppi
 Sue Tucker

Fri, April 3
 Officiant:
 Assistant/Reader:
 Organist:

7:00 pm - GOOD FRIDAY
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Frank VandeVeegaete
 Sue Tucker

Sat, April 4
 Officiant:
 Assistant/Reader:
 Organist:

7:00 pm - EASTER VIGIL
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Erik Wendt
 Sue Tucker

Sun, April 5
 Officiant:
 Assistant/Reader:
 Usher:
 Greeter:
 Organist:

9:45 am - RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Frank VandeVeegaete, Gary Sandt
 Sonya and John Bronico
 Robin Stewart
 Sue Tucker

Wed, April 8
 Officiant:
 Assistant:
 Organist:

7:00 pm
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Erik Wendt
 Sue Tucker

Sun, April 12
 Officiant:
 Assistant:
 Reader:
 Usher:
 Greeter:
 Organist:

9:45 am
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Ted Cheung, Tom Gorman
 Frank VandeVeegaete, Jr.
 Darlene Garon and Judy Dilts
 Sharon and Jack Smickle
 Sue Tucker

Sun, April 19
 Officiant:
 Assistant/Reader:
 Usher:
 Greeter:
 Organist:

9:45 am
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Frank VandeVeegaete, Gary Sandt
 Sirma and Kyle Garon
 Sirma and Kyle Garon
 Alex VandeVeegaete

Sun, April 26
 Officiant:
 Assistant:
 Reader:
 Usher:
 Greeter:
 Organist:

9:45 am
 Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Erik Wendt, Tom Gorman
 Jackie Morrow
 Deb and Ed Paolini
 Colleen Conrad
 Sue Tucker



*** WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Please check the website and/or weekly bulletins for the most up-to-date information.

WORSHIP NOTES

If you feel unwell, please stay home and worship with us on YouTube. Thank you for helping us keep our members and guests healthy!

FAITH NURSERY

When little ones worship with us, our heavenly Father is thrilled! If any parent feels the need, the childcare room will be open for parents to accompany their child ages 5 and younger during worship.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER
 REMINDER**

Decision to cancel or hold worship will be determined by officiant and head elder. Check WFMZ 69 for updates!



[youtube.com/faithlcmseaston](https://www.youtube.com/faithlcmseaston)

Be sure to visit our YouTube channel! Weekly worship streamed LIVE every Sunday (subject to change). Videos posted include past weekly and holiday worship, fun kid's messages, and various other videos.