



# *VOICE OF FAITH*

*May 2026*



## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS**

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# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERS

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## CHURCH OFFICE

Office Administrator Jean E Wehrle  
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## ELECTED COUNCIL

President John Murdoch  
Vice President/Ministry Chair David Hanson  
Secretary Jackie Morrow  
Treasurer **\*\*Position Open\*\***  
Finance Board Deb Paolini  
Elders Board Greg Pioppi  
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

## MINISTRIES

Children Jackie Morrow  
Youth Bambi Guptill  
Adult, Fellowship & Social Jeanne Iacono  
Assimilation & Stewardship **\*\*Position Open\*\***  
Evangelism **\*\*Position Open\*\***

## CHURCH CONTACTS

Faith Lutheran Preschool Jenny D'Angelo  
Financial Secretary Kyle Garon  
Organist Sue Tucker  
Security Greg Pioppi  
Sunday School Superintendent Carrie Midgley  
Ushers Gary Sandt  
Voice of Faith Editor Jean E Wehrle  
Worship Committee Greg Pioppi



### 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

## THAT'S TOO CATHOLIC!

"That's Too Catholic" is usually the tagline for those complaining about certain worship practices. People typically say this rather than learn the real reason why Lutherans do and don't do certain practices. The argument goes like this: I saw a Roman Catholic priest do this practice once, and I haven't seen any LCMS Pastor do that same practice in the couple of Lutheran churches I've attended, so obviously, the practice is too Catholic. Truth be told, as a LCMS Pastor, when I hear, "That's Too Catholic", it often times warms my heart! I think to myself, whatever the person is complaining about, they are exactly right, it is too Catholic. Too Catholic not to do!

They say, "Too Catholic", be it chanting, vestments, processions, bowing, crossing yourself, a sanctuary candle, the regularity of the Lord's Supper, celebration of feasts/festivals, crucifixes, or even incense. Really, the list could be longer than that, I just can't think of anything more right now. All those practices ARE Catholic.

Whether Lutherans should throw out anything that resembled how Roman Catholics conducted worship was considered historically. In the early stages of the Reformation, Lutherans emphatically responded in such a manner, "At the outset, we must again make this preliminary statement: we do not abolish the Mass, but religiously keep and defend it. Masses are celebrated among us every Lord's Day and on the other festivals. The Sacrament is offered to those who wish to use it, after they have been examined and absolved. And the usual public ceremonies are observed, the series of lessons, of prayers, vestments, and other such things." *Article XXIV (XII). The Mass in The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Book of Concord*. Clearly, Lutherans did not feel the need to throw the baby out with the bathwater. Rather we should ensure those practices are in line with what we teach, believe and confess according to scripture.

So then, what do we believe? When we ask the question if something is "too Catholic", we should instead take into account that thoughtfulness should be given and care taken not to give offense according to the Word of God. Things (i.e. practices) should be done in a good, orderly way. As we find near the end of the Book of Concord, "We believe, teach, and confess that the community of God in every place and every time has, according to its circumstances, the good right, power, and authority to change and decrease or increase ceremonies <that are truly adiaphora>. They should do this thoughtfully and without giving offense, in an orderly and appropriate way, whenever it is considered most profitable, most beneficial, and best for good order, Christian discipline, and the Church's edification." *Article X (9). Church Practices in The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Book of Concord*. Nothing in this statement asks the question if it is done by the Roman Catholics rather it brings us to question whether the practice itself is Catholic. If it is, you might even say, it's too Catholic NOT to do! For when we say this, it means that the church, for centuries, in some cases even thousands of years, has been doing these practices. While some may not have seen some differing practices in a particular Lutheran church, the church has been doing it, none the less. Whether you were aware of it or not. We in the Lutheran Church have been consistently reminded from time to time in our history that these things are not exclusively Roman Catholic. We believe the church in Rome does not have exclusive rights to churchly practices. Instead, truly, the practices are too Catholic. Catholic in the universal sense.

This "Too Catholic" was written about by C.F.W. Walther, the first president of the LCMS. He wrote eloquently when concluding a particular diatribe, "For more than 1700 years orthodox Christians have participated joyfully in the divine service. Should we, today, carry on by saying that such joyful participation is Roman Catholic? God forbid! Therefore, as we continue to hold and to restore our wonderful divine services in places where they have been forgotten, let us boldly confess that our worship forms do not unite us with the modern sects or with the Church of Rome; rather, they join us to the one, holy Christian church that is as old as the world and is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets." *Translated from Der Lutheraner, July 19, 1853*.

So then, in conclusion, let us indeed confess that we are "Too Catholic!" in the Catholic Church. Amen!

- Pastor Kerns

**CTSFW**

# ORGANIST WORKSHOP

**Register Your Spot Today!**

**Dr. Paul Grime**

**June 13, 2026**  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Easton, PA

**\$75 per Participant**  
Includes materials and lunch

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 13, 2025

Council President John Murdoch called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Council members present were John Murdoch, David Hanson, Pastor Kerns, Jackie Morrow, Debra Paolini, Donna Lugg, and Lorraine Varela. Elder Frank VandeVeegaete, Sr. was also present.

The Council passed a resolution to schedule the next Voters' Assembly Meeting for Sunday, June 28, after worship. A potluck lunch will be shared. Look for the potluck sign up sheet closer to the meeting date.

Items of note this month include creating committees to organize 75th anniversary events occurring next spring, assessing volunteers for Vacation

Bible School, organizing the Election Day Bake Sale, coordinating the upcoming Missions Dinner, and reviewing the updated Faith Lutheran Church constitution and bylaws as completed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

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, May 11, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Morrow  
Council Secretary



# MISSIONS DINNER

*Dinner  
and  
Talk  
with the  
Executive  
Director*

*Planting  
Churches  
in  
Philly*

*Wednesday, May 13 at 6 PM*



**POTLUCK!**



**Philadelphia  
Lutheran  
Ministries**

# Table Talk

Held April 22 at Faith Lutheran Church



## PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

A fun and active four day program! Choose one or both weeks. **SPACE IS LIMITED.** Must be potty trained. Enroll ASAP to reserve your child's place!

**9:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Week 1: Tue-Fri, May 26-29

Week 2: Mon-Thu, Jun 1-4

**\$120 Per Week**

Must be Potty Trained

**12:00 noon - 1:00 pm**

Option Lunch Bunch!

Add \$12 per day

**Payment due by May 15th**

Registration Forms in Church Office Hallway



# KIDS' CORNER



Welcome to the "Kids' Corner," where families and congregant members can stay up to date with Sunday School material and Children's Ministry offerings!

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to all who donated candy, stuffed eggs, and hid Easter Eggs for the Annual Easter Egg hunt. This event is a blast for the kids every year and it couldn't happen without your help!



Looking ahead, the **last day of Children's Sunday School will be June 7, 2026**. Adult Bible Study will continue to be held throughout the summer months.

➤ **LAST DAY June 7, 2026** ◀

*Keep a look out for Rally Day in September!*

For questions about Children's Ministry offering, please contact Jackie Morrow

## 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](http://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

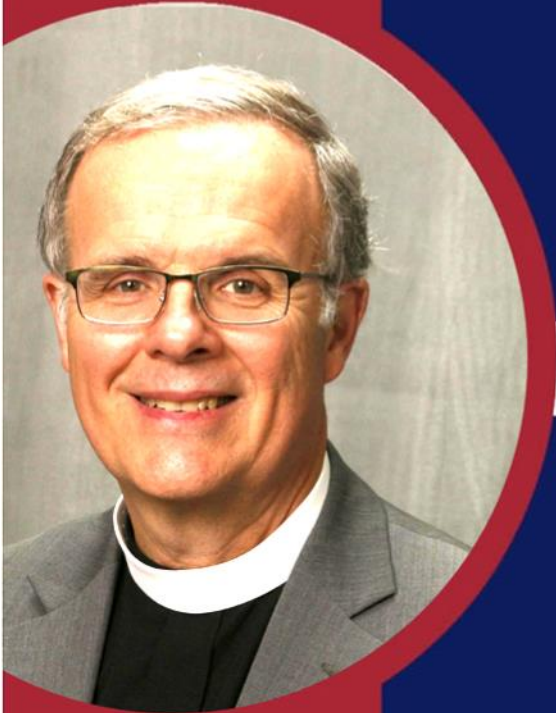
- Add Extended Learning Monday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

- 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 \*



# CONTINUING EDUCATION



**What? The "New" Hymnal is Almost 20 Years Old?**

**Dr. Paul Grime**

**June 10-12, 2026**

Faith Lutheran Church  
Easton, PA

\$125 per Layperson

## Description

After nearly two decades of use, it's easy to conclude that we know *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* pretty well. But human nature is such that we often learn to look past the things with which we aren't familiar. This class will encourage you to take a second look at the treasures in *LSB* and its companion resources in order to make fuller use of it in both the congregation and the home. There will also be time to address topics of specific interest to the participants.

## Schedule

### Wednesday, June 10

12:00 pm - Welcome/Registration  
1:00 pm - Presentation  
4:00 pm - Dismissal for Day

### Thursday, June 11

8:30 am - Coffee & Conversation  
9:00 am - Presentation  
12:00 pm - Lunch (Provided)  
1:00 pm - Presentation  
4:00 pm - Dismissal for Day

### Friday, June 12

8:30 am - Coffee & Conversation  
9:00 am - Presentation  
12:00 pm - Lunch (Provided)  
1:00 pm - Presentation  
3:30 pm - Depart

**Register Today!**



Faith Lutheran Church

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, May 2 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

05/03	Carol Lee Carner
05/10	James Ceccarelli
05/17	Liz Chronister
05/24	Judy and Robert Dilts & Family
05/31	Melinda Ford

Brenda Cavella Stewart
Ted and Shalynn Cheung
Colleen Conrad
Teri and Steve Fogt
Brenda and Karl Gadow & Family

### Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach
Spencer Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson

**BirthDay**  
**Blessings**

**May**

[REDACTED]

**Faith Lutheran Members - Did We Miss Your Birthday?**  
Update on Realm or email [faithlcms@outlook.com](mailto:faithlcms@outlook.com)

*May*



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**Did We Miss Your Anniversary?**  
Update on Realm or email  
[faithlcms@outlook.com](mailto:faithlcms@outlook.com)



Next Meeting is  
**Sunday, May 24**  
**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



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# Worship\*

## Sun, May 3

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
 Assistant/Reader: Ted Cheung, Frank VandeVeegaete  
 Ushers: Sonya and John Bronico  
 Greeters: Deb and Ed Paolini  
 Organist: Sue Tucker

## Sun, May 10

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
 Assistant: Gary Sandt, Tom Zaro  
 Reader: Juli VandeVeegaete  
 Usher: Darlene Garon and Judy Dilts  
 Greeter: Christine and Stephen Gold  
 Organist: Sue Tucker

## Sun, May 17

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
 Assistant/Reader: Frank VandeVeegaete  
 Usher: Sirma and Kyle Garon  
 Greeter: Gary, DonnaLee and Lori Sandt  
 Organist: Sue Tucker

## Sun, May 24

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
 Assistant: Greg Pioppi, Ted Chueng  
 Reader: Donna Lugg  
 Usher: Deb and Ed Paolini  
 Greeter: Sonya and John Bronico  
 Organist: Sue Tucker

## Wed, May 27

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
 Assistant/Reader: Erik Wendt  
 Organist: Sue Tucker

## Sun, May 31

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
 Assistant: Tom Zaro, Erik Wendt  
 Reader: John Murdoch  
 Usher: Gary, DonnaLee and Lori Sandt  
 Greeter: Darlene Garon  
 Organist: 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.