



VOICE OF FAITH

June 2026

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:15

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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

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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 >ON SUMMER BREAK<

Mary Ruth Murdoch mrmurdoch@windgap.com
11:30 am Thursdays in Fellowship Hall



ELDERS

HEAD ELDER Greg Pioppi

Ted Cheung
Gary Sandt
Frank VandeVeegaete

Erik Wendt
Tom Zaro

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, May 17, we had a service with a sermon that was far different from the typical Sunday if for any other reason that it was forty-five minutes. One of the first points that was presented was that stewardship must be taught. We do not come out of the womb understanding proper biblical stewardship, nor for that matter is it usually even talked about. So, for the sake of teaching this month, we are going to highlight a few of the key points discussed and hopefully serve to further teach stewardship and what we believe about it as a church.

But before we can talk about the church, we first have to talk about ourselves. Our own greed and selfishness that constantly like to lay claim to what is mine. We might think of a little preschooler with their toys who doesn't want to share with the other students. In that case, as well as ours, we need to be taught to be generous. A teaching that first begins with calling out our selfishness as sin. Consider the 7th Commandment and our attempts to get what belongs to our neighbor or all the coveting/scheming we do in the 9th and 10th Commandments. Yet these are just dealing with our neighbor. The truth is that we also violate God's Law in having other gods rather than the one true God. We make our money, our possessions, all that we consider ours or "mine", a god. This becomes even more clear when we consider how God created us in the first place. He created us as stewards of His creation. He said, let them have dominion over it. God placed us in the midst's of the garden to cultivate and preserve His creation. Yet we lay claim to what was not ours, as stewards of God's creation we try to steal God's place as the owner/giver of all things.

To fully understand our identity as stewards, we have to also understand God's identity as the owner and giver of all things. God gave us an identity in our relationship to Him and gave us our relationship to our neighbors and the rest of creation, yet that identity is broken due to sin. We sin by seeking our identities not from Him. We need to repent! The chief starting point for biblical stewardship is repentance. For in repentance and through the forgiveness of sins, we can see in the law how God wants us live. How He desires our relationship with God to be and our relationship to the rest of the world. This shapes or forms our identity. God made us stewards and this task is not taken away by God from man. As much as we deserve to be fired due to sin, rather God makes way for payment to be made in His Son. In the perfect stewardship of His Son, reconciliation is made between us and God. What joy this brings!

Joy in Christ and the gifts of God are most often missing anytime we talk about stewardship. This joy and freedom in Christ is what allows us as the church to take up the mantle of using all our time, talents, and treasures with joy and thanksgiving for God's purposes, for He alone gives these to us freely. It should reframe all our talks of how much time, talents, or treasures which we give to the church because they are "mine". None of these things are mine or ours in the first place. And it is with freedom, joy, and thanksgiving that we are able to use what we have been given by God to benefit the work of the church and the help of our neighbor.

Key to this understanding is not saying if we don't increase our giving to the church, our church is going to die, close, or any other sort of gloom and doom. The world operates out of fear and the talking about consequences. The church instead is motivated by faith and entrusted by God to steward all that He freely gives to us. We operate considering stewardship as "the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes." It is on account of this that we give to the church in this way: 1. Voluntarily and Cheerfully, 2. Our Firstfruits, 3. Proportionally, 4. Faithfully. It is on account of this that we consider first who is the giver, what does the church do, and also examine ourselves, i.e. our need for repentance. From the starting point comes the great joy and freedom that the Gospel gives us in Christ. Yet stewardship is the sanctified life in the Lord. Here we continue to work and have our identity in our relationship to God and our relationship to neighbors/creation as the church. As we grow in faith and fervent love on account of Christ by way of the Holy Spirit. With hearts indeed changed by God to be faithful stewards of all that He gives to us. Our giving of time, talents, and treasures to benefit the church is now shaped into our identity (who we are) rather than a plea by the church for more.

- Pastor Kerns

JUNE VOTERS MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday, June 28

Immediately after Sunday worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for a Main Dish provided by Faith along with Potluck Side-Dishes and Desserts.

Potluck sign up in the church office hallway. Bring your favorite to share!

PLEASE RSVP IN REALM or feel free to call the church office at 610-253-1625 or email faithlcms@outlook.com.



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RSVP!



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 11, 2026

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

The Council passed two motions this month:

- A motion to update the visitor sign in log to include more information as well as provide a visitor card option for those visitors who want to keep their information private.
- A motion to file a loan application with The Lutheran Church Extension Fund for the purpose of refinancing the Annex.

Additionally, the minutes from a Special Council Meeting held on April 26, 2026, regarding Jackie Morrow's employment as church custodian were reviewed and approved.

Other items of note this month included a letter of thanks from an online worshipper from Arizona, review of the proposed Bylaws and Council structure revision, distributing door hangers, and organizing committees to plan for 75th Anniversary celebrations next spring.

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, June 8, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow, Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER

Father's Day

In the month of June, America celebrates one of those "Hallmark" holidays known as Father's Day.

The idea for establishing a day for honoring dads began over a century ago in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father who made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Her father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day in that month. Somewhere June 19th was picked. By 1924, the observance had become so popular that President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as a national Father's Day, and it has remained so to this day.

If you are like me, I think of my father almost every day. All of the things he taught me about auto and home maintenance, science (he was fascinated by all things having to do with Physics) and most of all, though he was tough and most times not too expressive of it (he did grow up during the Great Depression in the East Harlem section of Manhattan), he made sure that his family was taken care of, protected, and loved.

Recalling all that my dad did for me causes me to remember all that our other Father does for us daily. Let me take a few words from Martin Luther... you can guess where I'm going.

In his small Catechism, Dr. Luther imparts to us from the fourth petition of Lord's Prayer, what **Gives us our daily bread** means:

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

To know that God loves us so much that he gives us all of these blessings even when we fail to thank Him, or even just ask for them, is something that is beyond our human grasp. He loves us more than we could love our own family. Remember that **"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."**

This is a Father that needs to be thanked daily. So do not wait for Sunday, or any particular day, to give thanksgiving. If you haven't yet made a habit of it, give thanks to God first thing in the morning, just as He brings you into a new day.

And if you are blessed to still have your Dad and Mom around, take time to thank them, too.



In March 2027, we will be celebrating our 75th year as Faith Lutheran Church, a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Let's celebrate! We will be planning two celebration events and need your help! Two committees will tackle planning these two events.

Worship Service and Potluck

March 14, 2027

- Organize potluck dinner sign up sheets.
- Design an invitation and invite District leadership and local congregations to attend.
- Make announcements to our congregation via Sunday bulletins and announcements, and online.
- Set up and clean up on day of event.
- Recruit additional help as needed.
- Update Council on progress periodically.

Community Celebration Event

Date TBD, 2027

- Decide on type of community event to be held (a dinner, festival, craft fair, etc.).
- Select a date for the event.
- Develop and execute plans for the event.
- Make announcements to our congregation via Sunday bulletins and announcements, and online.
- Advertise in the community via flyers, social media, etc.
- Set up and clean up on day of event.
- Recruit help as needed.
- Update Council on progress periodically.

If you are interested in chairing or participating in either of these important committees, please let Pastor Kerns know.

Let's make 2027 a year of celebration and thanksgiving!

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!



The last day of **Children’s Sunday School will be Sunday, June 7, 2026**. Thank you to Carrie Mackey and Nicole Zelasko for their dedication to our Sunday School students! We hope to see many new and returning faces in the fall.

Children’s Ministry regrets to announce that VBS will be canceled for this summer due to low volunteer availability. We are confident that summer 2027 will see us hosting this great event again! In the meantime, if you’ve been saving your Thrivent Action Team Grants for VBS, please see Pastor Kerns to find out what else they can be used for around our church.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL GRADUATES!

Our Graduation Ceremony and Picnic was held Monday, May 18, 2026. We wish our Preschool Graduates the Best of Luck in Kindergarten and a World of Success in their Future!



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

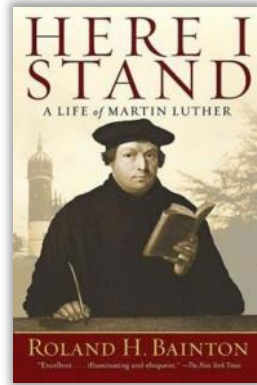
Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special family occasion such as birthdays, retirements, or anniversaries! Please make \$30 check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church, Memo - Altar Flowers



LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

**Mondays at 12:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

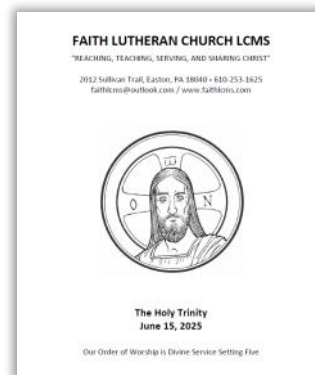
Read only during book club meetings! Join us every Monday at noon. Come as you are and enjoy the current story. There is always time to catch up on chapters. Join anytime!



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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, June 6 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

**ON SUMMER BREAK
JUNE & JULY**

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

06/07 Darlene and Barry Garon
06/14 Carolyn Getz
06/21 Christine and Stephen Gold
06/28 Bambi and Paul Guptill

Sirma and Kyle Garon
Sam and Shaun Gilio & Charlotte
Tom Gorman
Marj and David Hanson

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach
Spencer Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson

Birthday Blessings

June

[REDACTED]

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

June



[REDACTED]

Did We Miss Your Anniversary?
Update on Realm or email
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Next Meeting is
Sunday, July 26
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]



Sun, June 7

9:45 am

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

Wed, June 10

7:00 pm

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Assistant/Reader: Erik Wendt
Guest Organist: Rev. Dr. Paul Grime

Sun, June 14

9:45 am

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Assistant: Erik Wendt, Tom Zaro
Reader: Alyssa Van Emburgh
Usher: Darlene Garon, Judy Dilts
Greeter: Sharon and Jack Smickle
Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, June 21

9:45 am

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Assistant/Reader: Greg Pioppi
Usher/Greeter: Sirma and Kyle Garon
Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, June 28

9:45 am

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Assistant: Frank VandeVeegaete, Ted Cheung
Reader: Tom Gorman
Usher: Deb and Ed Paolini
Greeter: Colleen Conrad
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.