



# VOICE OF FAITH

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

*August 2025*



*And they said,  
"Believe in the Lord Jesus,  
and you will be saved, you  
and your household."*

ACTS 16:31

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# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERS

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## CHURCH OFFICE

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## ELECTED COUNCIL

President	John Murdoch
Vice President/Ministry Chair	<b>**Position Open**</b>
Secretary	Jackie Morrow
Treasurer	<b>**Position Open**</b>
Finance Board	Deb Paolini
Elders Board	Greg Pioppi
Property Mgmt Board	<b>**Position Open**</b>
Preschool Board	Janet Murray
At-Large Cong. Member	Bob Harrison
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	<b>**Position Open**</b>
Evangelism	<b>**Position Open**</b>

## 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  
11:00 am Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

## ALTAR GUILD

See Judy Dilts  
Teams Change Monthly

## ACOLYTES

Confirmants - Talk to Pastor Kerns

## CHOIR

7:30 pm Tuesdays in the Sanctuary

## LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

Pastor Kerns  
12:00 noon Mondays in Fellowship Hall

## LWML - Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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

See Pastor Kerns

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mary Ruth Murdoch  
12:00 noon Thursdays in Fellowship Hall



## ELDERS

HEAD ELDER  
Greg Pioppi

Ted Cheung  
Gary Sandt  
Frank VandeVeegaete

Erik Wendt  
Tom Zaro

## What Do You Breeze Over?

**And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Acts 16:31**

Does that sound familiar? Often times, you probably breeze over the cover of our Voice of Faith newsletter to "get to the good stuff". Yet this is the good stuff. It talks about salvation, which should be a concern for all! Likewise, the temptation is there to breeze over baptism or at least think of it as something that happen in the past that has no bearing on our Christian Life right now.

We often think of baptism as some water and it is done in the context of the church service yet this plain or simple water is far from it, for it is included in God's Command and combined with God's Word as the small catechism explains. By baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, it is His name which is joined to the water with all His power and all His blessings, especially forgiveness, life and salvation. In Matthew, Mark and the Book of Acts, we have God's Command to baptize, even whole households.

Along with this command we also have a distinct need for baptism. Whether that be for infants or adults, all are sinful and fall short of the Glory of God, see Romans 3:23, or hear in Psalm 51, "I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." In realizing our need, the sweet words and promises of God as to the benefits that baptism gives can all the more ring in our ears, in that it actually works the forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all that believe this. Truly in baptism, we are snatched from the power of Satan; as God cleanses us from all our sins and gives to us everlasting life. Did you notice what is missing from that last statement? What we do or our work or our public confession of faith are all missing. It is God who does these things. God plainly declares this in His Word as He says in Acts 2:39, "The promise is for you and your children."

So it is, that the question remains, whether baptized as a little baby or many years ago, what does baptism have to due with our daily life? Martin Luther has much to say about this, yet, particularly important is this quote, "Every Christian has enough to study and to practice all his life. He always has enough to do to believe firmly what Baptism promises and brings - victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sins, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts." And: "If you live in repentance, therefore, you are walking in Baptism, which not only announces this new life, but also produces, begins and promotes it. In Baptism we are given the grace, Spirit and power to suppress the old man, so that the new man may come forth and grow strong. Therefore, Baptism remains forever. ...Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to Baptism."

Hopefully, the first of Martin Luther's 95 Theses should ring clearly in our ears that when "Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, in saying, "Repent ye, etc.," intended that the whole life of his believers on earth should be a constant repentance." A repentance at each day leads us to return back to our baptisms, our salvation, and our Lord Jesus Christ; so as never to breeze over them!

**- Pastor Kerns**

## BLESSINGS TO THE BORGER/FREY FAMILY!

On the Baptism of Their Child, **Justin June**  
on Sunday, July 6, 2025  
officiated by Pastor Kerns



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 14, 2025

Council President 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, Janet Murray, Donna Lugg, and Lorraine Varela.

There were no resolutions passed this month.

There are a number of "new" things to take note of in our congregation.

- Those who give online now have the option (by checking a box on the online giving form) to help cover the processing costs for donating online.
- A funeral policy is being developed which, once approved by Council, will be presented at the next Voters Meeting.

- There is a new refrigerator in the kitchen. Please be sure to label items and dispose of them at the expiration date.
- Lutheran Women Missionary League (LWML) is planning community events for the fall - keep an eye on the calendar for the dates!

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Morrow  
Council Secretary





## REVIEW OF THE **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** FROM MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM



### **FIRST**

#### **What is Baptism?**

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

#### **Which is that word of God?**

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

### **SECOND**

#### **What benefits does Baptism give?**

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

#### **Which are these words and promises of God?**

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

### **THIRD**

#### **How can water do such great things?**

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

### **FOURTH**

#### **What does such baptizing with water indicate?**

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

#### **Where is this written?**

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

# Christmas IN AUGUST!

As **Faith Lutheran Preschool** continues to grow and thrive as we meet the needs of our community, so does our need to purchase new supplies as we continue to educate America's future. You may remember last summer when Preschool held Christmas in August and provided a wish list of supplies. We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from the congregation! We know that this year's Preschool Christmas in July Wish Tree will be just as successful. We are forever grateful and count our blessings for the continued generous support. **Please look for the Wish Tree in the Narthex.** Drop off donations at Sunday Worship or to the church office.





# 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!

Mark your calendars! The **first day of Sunday School will be September 7, 2025**. Please contact Sunday School Superintendent Carrie Midgley with questions or if you are interested in volunteering with Sunday School.

**Thank you to Adria Tafel, all our VBS volunteers, everyone who applied for Thrivent Action Teams, and all who donated supplies!** Together we have made it possible for 70 children and youth volunteers to experience a week of Jesus’ love revealed through God’s Word. We pray that seeds have been planted in these young hearts which the Holy Spirit will continue to nurture and grow!

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



**Vacation Bible School 2025**



## 2025/2026 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).

### TOTS

- **Must be 2 years old** by Sep 1, 2025
- 9:00 am to 11:30 am
- 2 Days: Tue and Thu - Tuition \$200 per month

### JUNIORS **\*\* ONE SPOT LEFT \*\***

- **Must be 3 years old** by Sep 1, 2025 and Potty Trained
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 3 Day Option: Mon, Wed and Fri - Tuition \$240 per month
- 4 Day Option: Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri - Tuition \$270 per month

### SENIORS **\*\* WAITLIST ONLY \*\***

- **Must be 4 years old** by Sep 1, 2025 and Potty Trained
- 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 3 Day Option: Mon, Wed and Fri - Tuition \$240 per month
- 4 Day Option: Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri - Tuition \$270 per month



## 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!



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## 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.



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## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Sign Up Poster in Narthex**

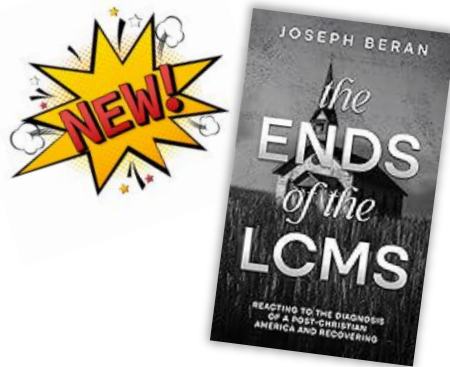
Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special family occasion such as birthdays, retirements, or anniversaries! Please make \$20 check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church, Memo - Altar Flowers



## 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!

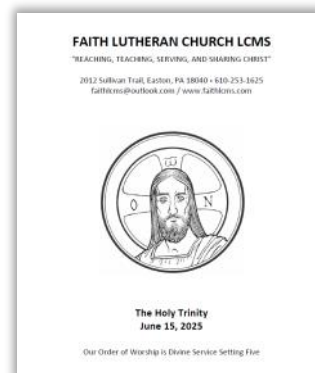


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## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, August 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

08/03	Sirma Bubernack
08/10	Cameron Family
08/17	Brenda Cavella
08/24	Ted and ShayInn Cheung
08/31	Colleen Conrad

Helene Budzinski and Michael Chiapuzzi
Carol Lee Carner
James Ceccarelli
Liz Chronister
Judy and Robert Dilts

### Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach
Spencer Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson



# August

[REDACTED]

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



[REDACTED]

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



Next Meeting is  
**Sunday, August 24**  
**at 12:00 pm**  
in Fellowship Hall

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) **Toiletries Collection** for Third Street Alliance and Safe Harbor continues! Items requested include shampoo, body wash, toothbrush and toothpaste, washcloths, small mouthwash, combs, small hairbrushes, razors and shaving cream.

For more info about LWML, visit [Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(LWML\)](http://Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)).

**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**  
with Prayers and Cards

**VISITATION TEAM**  
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



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### **Sun, August 3**

Officiant:  
Assistant/Reader:  
Greeters:  
Organist:

**9:45 am**

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
Gary Sandt, Frank VandeVeegaete  
Stephen and Christine Gold  
Sue Tucker

### **Sun, August 10**

Officiant:  
Assistants:  
Reader:  
Greeters:  
Organist:

**9:45 am**

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
Ted Cheung, Tom Zaro  
Juli VandeVeegaete  
John and Sonya Bronico  
Sue Tucker

### **Wed, August 13**

Officiant:  
Assistants/Reader:  
Organist:

**7:00 pm**

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
Erik Wendt  
Sue Tucker

### **Sun, August 17**

Officiant:  
Assistant/Reader:  
Greeters:  
Organist:

**9:45 am**

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
Gary Sandt, Greg Pioppi  
Darlene Garon  
Sue Tucker

### **Sun, August 24**

Officiant:  
Assistant:  
Reader:  
Greeters:  
Organist:

**9:45 am**

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
Erik Wendt, Ted Cheung  
Donna Lugg  
Jack and Sharon Smickle  
Sue Tucker

### **Sun, August 31**

Officiant:  
Assistant:  
Reader:  
Greeters:  
Organist:

**9:45 am**

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns  
Frank VandeVeegaete  
John Murdoch  
Kyla Garon, Sirma Bubernack  
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!



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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.