



VOICE OF FAITH

August 2026



**⁸The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the
Word of our God
will stand forever.**

Isaiah 40:8

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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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Youth Bambi Guptill
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Assimilation & Stewardship ****Position Open****
Evangelism ****Position Open****

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Organist Sue Tucker
Security Greg Pioppi
Sunday School Superintendent Carrie Midgley
Ushers Gary Sandt
Voice of Faith Editor Jean E Wehrle
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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

Tom Gorman
8:00 am First Saturday at Nazareth Diner

THRIVENT

Pastor Kerns kernsds@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY >ON SUMMER BREAK<

Mary Ruth Murdoch
11:30 am Thursdays in Fellowship Hall



ELDERS

HEAD ELDER Greg Pioppi

Tom Gorman
Gary Sandt
Frank VandeVeegaete

Erik Wendt
Tom Zaro

A PRODUCTIVE CONVENTION?

As soon as Donna Varga saw me, she asked, "Well, Pastor, was the Synod Convention productive?" That's the word she used - Productive. It is interesting, that word. Productive in its definition according to Merriam Webster has a connotation to mean yielding, results, benefits or profits (i.e. something new). Reflecting back on the Synod Convention held in Phoenix, Arizona, from July 17 to 23, productive may or may not be a word to describe the convention, depending on who you ask. Let me explain.

If you were thinking that significant changes were going to be brought about from the convention within the church from which new results would then come about, you would be disappointed. Significant questions were swirling around prior to the convention concerning the theme of pastoral formation. The questions mainly dealt with were related to the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) Program and new rogue online seminaries. There were some who would like to reduce the high bar that we require for pastors within the LCMS and the responsibility given to the seminaries of the LCMS in forming pastors to serve our congregations. The LCMS blogs and YouTube videos were abuzz prior to the convention talking about these matters. You may remember that I attended a collegial "Koinonia" gathering, focusing on discussion of LCMS pastoral formation perspectives with more than 120 other pastors, laypersons, district presidents and staff, and other interested parties representing 20 districts from around the LCMS last January at Faith Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV. This subject has been brewing for some time and many have differing opinions on how the church should go forward. The Synod Convention this year reaffirmed its current routes to ordination and firmly rejected other pathways for online pastoral formation.

While some may view these decisions as unproductive, others might view this as a very productive in reiterating our commitment to retaining a highly educated clergy for the sake of the church at-large. Disappointments come from those who would advocate for means that the church has rejected. You might even say that the Synod President was disappointed as his proposal to move election for subsequent synodical presidents back to the convention was rejected by the body. Yet disappointment would in no way characterize the tone or tenor of the Synod Convention! Instead, we had much to rejoice! We are now in alter and pulpit fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Christian Church of Bolivia. Soon, as in next month, we will also be in alter and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Mission–Australia as soon as they have their national convention. Very exciting and productive, indeed!

One of the things that definitely affects us most in the coming years is something that may seem innocuous at first blush. It was the reconstituting of the commission on worship. If you hear that, you probably wouldn't think twice about it. However, what this means is that in a couple years, this commission will most likely produce a hymnal supplement for Lutheran Service Book, and a number of years following that, the commission will most likely produce a new Hymnal. I believe that this decision, while talked about, came at a time in the convention that many did not fully understand the magnitude of the reconstituting the commission on worship. Hopefully, in the next number of years, decisions and input will be received to ensure that the new Hymnal supplement and Hymnal are well received by and productive for the whole church as Lutheran Service Book has been.

Taking the convention as a whole, among the something like 85 resolutions that were talked about, voted on, and passed, substantially everyone was by and large in full agreement with most of them. There was a significant number of resolutions that were actually passed using the consent calendar method as well as other resolutions that were passed with resounding voice votes. To think that we spent days and days disagreeing with each other is just not the facts. Lots of time was spent hearing about all the amazing work that is happening within our church body and around the world. Productive work, indeed, including missions of revitalization within congregations of the LCMS to missionary activities almost everywhere around the globe. It is an exciting time to be a confessional Lutheran!

If you want to see how productive the Synod Convention was, all floor proceedings and worship, about 37 hours of video, are available for viewing online at the official LCMS YouTube page - youtube.com/@TheLCMS, under the live tab.

- Pastor Kerns



PHOTOGRAPHY DAY IS HERE!

**Photo Day is
Wednesday, August 5**

Online Photography Scheduling Open
Monday Through Friday

To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up on the right side, enter **PA1291** in the Church Code field and enter **Faith** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. Appointments fill up quickly, so be sure to schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred time.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 13, 2026

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

In Jackie Morrow's absence, minutes for the meeting were taken by Dave Hanson.

There were no motions passed this month.

Items of note this month included planning for Rally Day and the 75th Anniversary, completing projects

around the church property, making arrangements for the annual financial review, and starting the long anticipated Dartball League in September.

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 10, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow,
Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER



With Summer winding down... Awww...I thought that we could take a somewhat fun look at the last full month of Summer, August.

Did you know that August did not exist on the Julian calendar? The period that we now call August was known as Sextilis which is Latin for sixth. The Roman Senate decided to honor Augustus Caesar when he became Rome's first emperor. They did not want to tick him off since they had previously honored Julius Caesar (Augustus' uncle) by changing the name of their contemporary fifth month to July. By the way, Augustus' was born Gaius Octavius or Octavin which has its root in the Latin word for eight. I guess it all makes sense.

Gastronomic connections to the month of August include National Mustard Day on the 2nd, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day on the 4th, and for some fun, National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day takes place on the 8th!

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, the belief that Cats Have Nine Lives is rooted in an old Irish legend that Cat Night, which takes place on August 17th, is when a witch could turn into a cat eight times but not turn back to a human on the ninth day.

Some weather related ideas, according to the OFA, "If a cold August follows a hot July, it foretells a winter hard and dry." Conversely, "If the first week in August is unusually warm, the coming winter will be snowy and long."

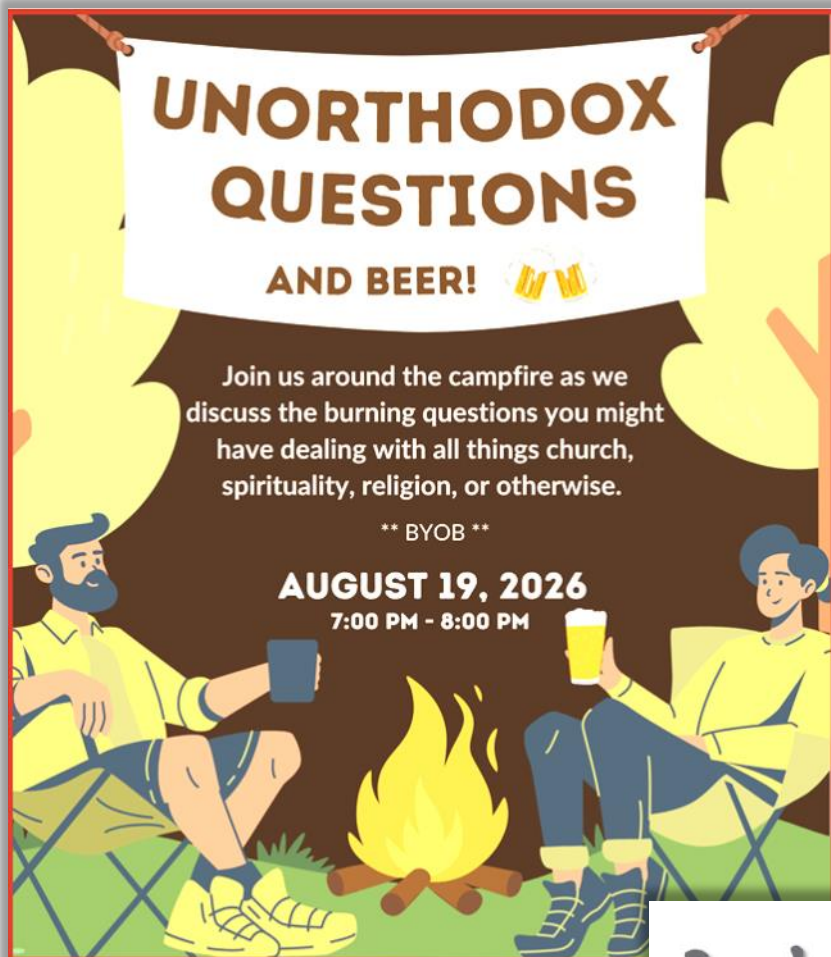
Mount Vesuvius "blew its top" on August 24th, losing half of its height while burying Herculaneum and Pompeii, as well as extending the shoreline by almost a kilometer, that is 6/10th of a mile. Maybe that's why all of southern Italy takes most of August off.

And on the 3rd of August, Chris Pigeon, better known as Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage to find a new route to the East Indies.

And how about this blessing in disguise: On the 25th of August in 1814, a tornado hit the Washington DC area causing massive flooding and many deaths. The silver lining was that the day before, the British had set a good portion of our capitol on fire and the rain helped to extinguish the flames, preventing DC from being a complete loss.

And Happy Birthday to Colorado, which became a state on August 1, 1876 and Hawaii on August 21, 1959. Both MTV and The Rush Limbaugh Show premiered on August 1, MTV in 1981 and the latter in 1984; boy what polar opposites! Speaking of birthdays, Virginia Dare was born on August 18th back in 1587. She is considered to be the first English child to be born in an American English colony. She was part of the Roanoke Colony that vanished as part of the "Lost Colony".

And to finish off our journey through August, VJ Day, the Japanese surrender, occurred on the 15th of August in 1945, ending World War II.



UNORTHODOX QUESTIONS AND BEER!

Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm

Join us around the campfire as we discuss the burning questions you might have dealing with all things church, spirituality, religion, or otherwise. BYOB!

DEARLY DEPARTING DETAILS DINNER

Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00 pm

We know everyone is departing at some point! Let's not say to our loved ones, "Now It's Your Problem". This dinner is to help with the questions and the planning for all of our departures.

Dearly Departing Details Dinner

NOW IT'S YOUR PROBLEM!



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 for Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School on September 13! Children in grades K-6 are invited to join Ms. Carrie, Ms. Nicole, and all your friends in the upstairs classroom at 8:30 am for a new year of adventures in faith and fellowship!

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



JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
RALLY DAY
September 13

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration forms available for download from our website and also available in the church 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 pmTuition: \$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

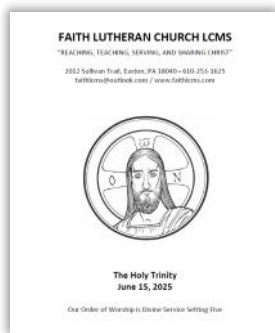
- Add Extended Learning Wednesday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

** 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 *

SPONSOR A BULLETIN

Sign Up on the Bulletin Board

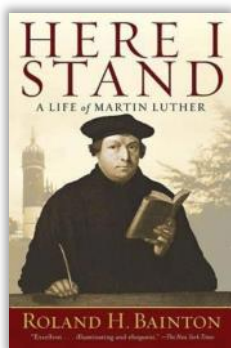
Help defray the cost of printing by sponsoring Faith's weekly bulletin! Dedications and anonymous Sponsors are welcome. Sign up on the Bulletin Board. One sponsor per week. \$20 per Sponsor. Cash, or Check written out to Faith Lutheran Church. Credit Cards accepted via your Realm Profile under the Giving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



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!



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



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.



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!



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 am
The Nazareth Diner**

Held the first Saturday of every month, join Tom Gorman 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
AUGUST**

**Mark Your Calendar:
Resumes September 10, 2026!**

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

08/02	Ann and Bob Jordan
08/09	William and Coralee Kellow
08/16	Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
08/23	Donna and Albert Lugg
08/30	Gloria and Karl Miller

Michael Kellow
The Kelson Family
John Loeser
Carrie Midgley, Keelan and Fionn
Chris More

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

August



[REDACTED]

Did We Miss Your Anniversary?
Update on Realm or email
faithlcms@outlook.com



Next Meeting is
Sunday, August 23
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 in Mission \(LWML\)](http://Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)) for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS
with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



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Sun, August 2

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

Sun, August 9

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Gary Sandt, Tom Zaro
 Reader: Frank VandeVeegaete, Jr
 Usher: Darlene Garon, Judy Dilts
 Greeter: Sirma and Kyle Garon
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Wed, August 12

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

Sun, August 16

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

Sun, August 23

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Erik Wendt, Frank VandeVeegaete
 Reader: Donna Lugg
 Usher: Deb and Ed Paolini
 Greeter: Sharon and Jack Smickle
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, August 30

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Frank VandeVeegaete
 Reader: Juli VandeVeegaete
 Usher: Gary, DonnaLee and Lori Sandt
 Greeter: Deb and Ed Paolini
 Organist: Sue Tucker

9:45 am

9:45 am

7:00 pm

9:45 am

9:45 am

9:45 am



*** 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.