



VOICE OF FAITH

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

September 2025



¹⁰ **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.**

1 Peter 4:10

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ELECTED COUNCIL

President John Murdoch
Vice President/Ministry Chair ****Position Open****
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 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 ****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
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

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

How often do we hear these words? Oh, that's right! Every Sunday, every time we collect an offering in church. These words are from Lutheran Service Book Hymn #781, *We Give Thee But Thine Own*. They point to an important truth that all that we have is a gift from God Alone and thereby given to us in trust.

Trust, not in the sense of trusting that something is true but instead, given in trust for us to be faithful stewards of the gifts from God. Most especially for one or more beneficiaries, as pointed to by the Oxford Dictionary. This is an important starting point for each of us to consider that all that we have, everything, is a gift from God as He gives us our daily bread.

Martin Luther in the Small Catechism explains what is meant by daily bread when he says, "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..." Truly when we consider the gifts God indeed gives to each of us, each and every day in our daily bread, these are indeed a trust that the Lord gives us, for which we are stewards.

To be stewards of these gifts, or to consider stewardship as a topic could include many things. Many times, we like to talk in broad terms sometimes including things like time, talent, and treasures, and how this affects all those around us. This can be helpful. Today, though, let's get specific and reflect especially on the support and needs of our church. Our church exists to faithfully preach the pure the Word of God and the right administration of the Sacraments. This happens in a real sense as a direct result of the monetary support of the gathered Body of Christ.

The Body of Christ has historically included the act of collecting the (physical/electronic) gifts and bringing them to the altar, which has been a part of Christian worship since the time of the apostles. Many will understand that this indeed sustains the church in its mission by paying the mortgage, various utility bills, biblical curriculum, staff salaries, facility repairs/upkeep, and a whole host of other things. The dollars and cents received in the plate and online go to vital resources that keep the lights on and the doors open. Regularly these monetary gifts that we receive are reported in our bulletins and in our financial reports and continue to show a definite real ongoing need.

Needs do not always come exactly in a neat form. Indeed there have been many other needs in the last six months or so that many are unaware of, that have been contributed. These gifts have made a phenomenal impact which has made sure our church continues while not putting additional strain on our church finances. Provided below is a list of some of these contributions. Truly there are so many needs that fall into this category. Needs that I would be glad to share with anyone who would like to know more in order to donate to a specific thing. Our church remains only as a result of those who have contributed as God has blessed His people; I pray that this continues into the future. Trusting in Christ's assurance that "[He] will build [His] church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

- Pastor Kerns

Items Contributed

• Parsonage Water Heater & Installation	\$2,250	• Three American Flags	\$117
• Parsonage Stove Replacement	\$617	• Candle Oil	\$444
• Communion Ware Disinfectant	\$40	• Fried Chicken for Voter's Meetings	\$99
• AED Supplies	\$200	• Sheet Cake for Baptism Celebration	\$35
• Zone Valve Repair in PS Classroom	\$700	• Six New Hallway Floor Mats	\$639
• Fellowship Hall Plumbing Repair	\$40	• Exterior Flowers	\$90
• HVAC Repair	\$464		TOTAL \$5,738

BLESSINGS TO DANIEL OSMUN!

On His Baptism
Sunday, July 17, 2025
officiated by Pastor Kerns



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 11, 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, and Lorraine Varela.

The following motions were passed this month:

- The new funeral policy was passed and will be presented for vote to the congregation at the next Voters Assembly Meeting.
- The new lease agreement for the parsonage, which was developed in conjunction with the IU20, was passed.

- The Preschool Budget for the 2025-2026 school year was passed. Jackie Morrow and Lorraine Varela, who both work for the Preschool and serve on Council, were excluded from discussion and voting to avoid a conflict of interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow, Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER

As Jean reminded me (AGAIN) that my submission for this month's Voice of Faith was due, and me without a topic to write about (AGAIN); I looked down the hallway and saw our Preschool teachers busy getting the upstairs classrooms back together for the start of what I know is going to be a fantastic new school year. There we go...another ah-ha idea hit me. A New Beginning.

Genesis 6 thru 9 teaches us about Noah, his family and the great flood. Chapter 9 especially tells us of a new beginning, a covenant, between God and his creation and generations to come.

God gives us new beginnings every day. **The author of the Book of Lamentations wrote, The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."** Lamentations 3: 22- 24 (ESV). Scholars believe that the prophet Jeremiah penned these shortly after the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC....I would call that a new beginning.

The apostle Paul wrote: ***We were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ.*** 2Corinthians 10:14 (ESV). Perhaps the church in Corinth had been taught something about faith in Christ, but it was still new to them a year later. It's not hard to imagine the Corinthians - who for generations had followed Jewish teachings and were daily immersed in Roman culture - still finding Christ's teachings new. Truly a new beginning for them.

Acts gives us another message of a new beginning. We all know the story of believers of the Word, that **"they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"** Act 2:1-12 (ESV). That new beginning was the beginning of the church.

The bible is filled with messages of new beginnings. Everyone of these new beginnings are a gift from our living God and as with any gift, we should not waste it and be thankful for it. Let us all thank God first thing every day for His mercy and grace and the blessings of those New Beginnings.

IHS,

Greg Pioppi, Chairman Board of Elders

Everyone is Welcome at Our

CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY

Picnic

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

There will be food, games, music, laughter, and plenty of fellowship. Friends and family welcome. Free and open to our community!



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Picnic Coordinated by Faith Lutheran's Lutheran Women in Mission

MOVIE NIGHT RAFFLE

55" TLC Roku TV & Goodie Basket

TICKETS NOW ON SALE




\$10 PER RAFFLE ENTRY
OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$40


Benefits: Evangelism Door Hangers

Drawing on September 30, 2025



Join Us For


LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE



A NIGHT OF DISCUSSION & POTLUCK DINNER

with Special Guest Clergy

September 24, 2025
at 6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025
5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

RSVP TODAY!
Call: 610-253-1625
Email: faithlcms@outlook.com

\$20 PER FAMILY
Ages 3 to 10




Pizza Included!

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!

Students of all ages returned to school at the end of August and our **Faith Lutheran Church Preschoolers** will be arriving after Labor Day. Please remember students, teachers, and school staff in your prayers as the new school year gets underway!

Our first day of **Sunday School** for grades K-12 is Sunday, September 7th! Join the fun starting at 8:30 am (it’s early, but so worth it!). Students in grades K-5 will meet in the upstairs Preschool room and students in 6-12 will meet in the Annex. We hope to see your kiddos there! If you are interested in teaching

or assisting with a Sunday School class, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Carrie Midgley.

Back by popular demand - **Parent’s Night Out** will be held on Thursday, September 18th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per family and includes pizza, a movie, and adult supervision for children ages 3-10. Contact the church office to sign your children up to attend. Background clearances are required for church members interested in helping with this event.

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

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.

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!



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

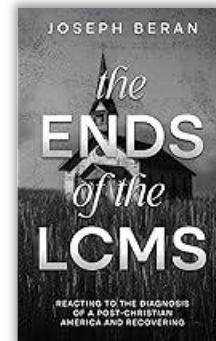
Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special family occasion such as birthdays, retirements, or anniversaries! Please make \$20 check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church, Memo - Altar Flowers



LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

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

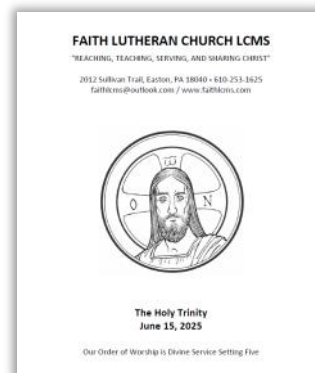
Read only during book club meetings. Join us every Monday at noon. Come as you are and enjoy the current story. There is always time to catch up on chapters. Join anytime!



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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, September 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

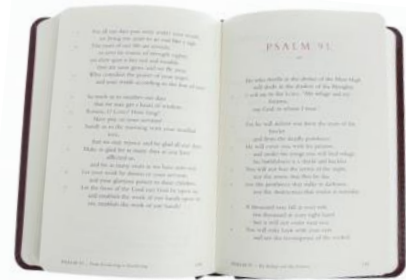


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

09/07 Steve & Teri Fogt
09/14 Melinda Ford
09/21 Darlene & Barry Garon
09/27 Carolyn Getz

Susan Fogt
Brenda Gadow and Family
Kyle Garon & Sirma Bubernack
Sam and Shaun Gilio and Family

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlback
Spencer Muhlback

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson



September

[REDACTED]

Faith Lutheran Members - Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Update on Realm or email faithlcms@outlook.com

September



[REDACTED]

Did We Miss Your Anniversary?

Update on Realm or email
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Next Meeting is
Sunday, September 28
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 \(LWML\)](http://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, September 7

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant/Reader: Tom Zaro, Frank VandeVeegaete
 Greeter: Colleen Conrad
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Wed, September 10

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

Sun, September 14

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistants: Erik Wendt, Greg Pioppi
 Reader: Alyssa VanEmburch
 Greeters: Deb & Ed Paolini
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, September 21

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant/Reader: Tom Zaro, Greg Pioppi
 Greeters: Sandt Family
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, September 28

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Ted Cheung, Frank VandeVeegaete
 Reader: Tom Gorman
 Greeters: Stephen & Christine Gold
 Organist: Sue Tucker

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.