



VOICE OF FAITH

September 2026



**I thank my God in all my
remembrance of you, always in
every prayer of mine for you all
making my prayer with **JOY!****

Philippians 1:3-4

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Property Mgmt Board ****Position Open****
Preschool Board Janet Murray
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At-Large Cong. Member Lorraine Varela
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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 ➤ RESUMES Sep 10! ◀

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

JOY IN CHRIST - PHILIPPIANS 1:1-20
KFUO RADIO SERMONETTE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

I rejoice in my prayer for all of you. Joy as I thank God in my prayers for all you who are saints in Christ Jesus. Oh, this joy. Joy that comes despite all the hardships, calamities, persecutions, tribulations, and even imprisonments. Even as the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh seek to rob us of real and everlasting Joy! Joy. Pure Joy. The Apostle Paul concludes this pericope with the statement, "Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death." Indeed, we rejoice in Christ. Joy in the resurrection of Christ. Joy in our lives each and every day. Joy as we wake up for a new day in Christ. Joy as we remember our baptisms with joy. Joy each morning and evening as we say, I thank you my heavenly Father for Jesus Christ your dear Son ...(and ending with)... For into Your hands I commend myself, my body, and soul, and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. Here we then go joyfully to our work or to sleep. Each time in joy!

Joy that comes by way of Christ. Yet, looking up at that stricken, smitten body hanging bloody from that horrible cross; joy would be the last emotion someone would have. The pain and sorrow of the women, along with the disciples is palpable. To be joyful that He died? Well joy that comes now for us who are in Christ. Joy that comes that "neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Here today we hear preached the joy that comes from Christ. Preaching the joy that comes from "Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." Rejoice that Christ is proclaimed! Here, joy is both Christ crucified and Christ risen for you! Joy that sin is forgiven on account of Christ. Joy that death no longer has any true power. Just as Christ is risen from the dead, so shall you! Joy in bodily resurrection - Christ's and yours! Joy that comes by joining around the table with the angles, archangels, and all the company of Heaven to celebrate with joy as Christ feeds us with His body and His blood. Joy in this eternal meal that He have given to us. What Joy we have! Indeed, all our prayers, all our lives, all that we are, is shaped and formed with the joy of Christ. Amen.

Now may this Joy of Christ which surpasses all human understanding, guard and keep you until your eternal joys of heaven. Amen

- Pastor Kerns

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION

Sunday, September 6, during Worship

We are pleased to invite Sunday School Teachers, their families, and all Faith members to join us on September 6 as Pastor Kerns installs Faith's Sunday School Teachers during worship services.

RALLY DAY - SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF & BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 am

Mark your calendars for Rally Day on September 13! Children and parents join us in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 am for a special kick-off celebration and then stay for a children's blessing during 9:45 am worship.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 10, 2026

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

The following motion was passed this month:

- There are some elements of celebrating our 75th anniversary next year that do not fall under the two event committees that are being formed. A motion was passed to create a 75th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee that will focus on developing and ordering commemorative keepsakes, assisting in compiling history and photos, etc. Congregant

members interested in joining this committee should contact Pastor Kerns.

Other items of note this month included Rally Day celebration and breakfast, the first day of Sunday School, reviewing details of the LCEF loan, and pursuing exemption from school and property taxes.

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 14, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow, Council Secretary

SPECIAL GUEST ARTICLE - HEAD ELDER ON VACATION 🧐

Hello!

I hope you won't mind my essay on today's hymn "Jesus Pilot Me"- I have heard this song many times over the years; it wasn't until I married a Harbor Pilot that I could fully understand the depths of meaning in the song. I apologize for sending information not requested but hearing the hymn I thought "Hey! I know what a Pilot is in this song."

For those unfamiliar, all harbors around the globe have a group of Harbor Pilots. These men and women are seasoned maritime professionals at the top of their careers. Many attended specialized maritime schools, all spent 10-20 years on various other maritime jobs aboard tugboats before beginning a several year apprenticeships to become a pilot.

A Harbor Pilot (or Harbor Master or Docking Pilot as they are also known) must pass an exam where they draw, by memory, the entire harbor, including buoys, channels and depths in a timed assessment. In some ways, they know the harbor better than the back of their own hand.

The reason they exist is that each individual harbor is completely different from the next; and change hourly due to weather, season and tide. A captain of a vessel that travels overseas will know the ocean they just crossed- but it is impossible for them to know each harbor and dock and be able to safely get their vessel to shore.

A Harbor Pilot catches a ride on a tugboat, which pulls alongside a moving ship, then climbs a ladder, walks up several stories to the bridge, and temporarily takes command of the vessel. The Captain of the ship oftentimes is from a different nation, and English may not be the first language of the crew. The Pilot and crew do not know each other, but there is a mutual respect, from Crew to the Pilot in that the Pilot will safely get their vessel and person to the dock; and from the Pilot to crew, understanding that they know their vessel well and will respond to whatever orders he will give them.

The Pilot then co-ordinates with 1-4 tugboats via radio, along with giving orders to the vessel's crew to steer, so as to safely navigate the narrow waterways, avoiding other cargo ships (these days, 1200+ feet in length), ferries, sail boats, and the occasional kayak.

The Captain, not familiar with the harbor, can be frightened and stressed watching his ship in the hands of a stranger. The Pilot must maintain a calm demeanor so that the crew and Captain have confidence that all will be well.

They sail ships in all seasons, all weather, and 24 hours a day. They can sometimes see from the bridge, oftentimes not- relying on the tugboat's Captain to be extra eyes. There is the danger of fog; there is the rain that blurs the view from the bridge; there are cold and slippery ladders to climb and descend once the job is done. Wind that may be a pleasant breeze on shore could be the same that prevents a cargo ship from entering a dock safely.

It is not a simple hymn imagining Jesus as 'just' a Captain on a boat. Jesus in this hymn, is the top professional in the maritime industry, respected by his peers and a Master at his job. He knows each rock, each channel, every shallow place that would run a ship aground. We don't know the waters we are sailing into, but we can trust that He is completely in control, and His intent is to get us safely to shore. Jesus is the Respected Guide, Harbor Master who knows the terrain and water ahead. We can put our faith in Him, despite all storms, winds, rocks, and changing tides we may encounter. The song reminds me that it's ok to give up command of the ship, because there is someone who can navigate these waters of life better than anyone else.

"Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea:
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me."

Thanks for the sea and ocean themed service today!

Sincerely,
Brenda Gadow

Faith Lutheran Preschool Newsletter September 2026



Welcome to Faith Lutheran Preschool!

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year. We feel blessed to have your child as part of our Preschool. Information on the preschool and what your child will be doing can be found in the monthly newsletters and monthly class calendars.



Classes Begin...

Tots, Juniors and Seniors
Wednesday, September 9

No Preschool- EASD Teacher In Service
Monday, September 28th

Columbus Day- No School
Monday, October 12th

Father's Fall Fun Night
Thursday, October 15th 6:00-8:00pm

Picture Day
October 19th

Fall Field Trip to Juniperdale Farm
Parent attends with child
Tots and Seniors: October 14th
Juniors: October 16th

Bosco's Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 21- Shopping passes are \$5.00 each.

No Preschool- EASD Teacher In Service
Monday, October 26th

Junior and Senior Classes:

We are excited to offer lunch bunch for the Juniors and Seniors on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Starting Monday September 14th
Lunch Bunch- 12:00-1:00- cost \$12.00

Extended Learning will start on Wednesday
September 23rd 12:00-2:00- cost \$25
Don't forget to pack your child a lunch!
We will invoice the end of the month for the lunch bunch and extended learning.

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 on Sunday, September 13th! We will be kicking off a new season of Sunday School with breakfast at 8:30 am (no classes are being held that morning). Afterward, stay for worship where the children will receive a special blessing from Pastor Kerns.

The first day of Sunday School classes will be Sunday, September 20th at 8:30 am. Children in grades K-6 are invited to join Ms. Carrie, Ms. Nicole, and all their friends in the upstairs classroom for a new year of adventures in faith and fellowship!

A **Bonfire and Bible Stories Night** for children and youth is being held on **Wednesday, October 21st, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** Look for more information coming soon!



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

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

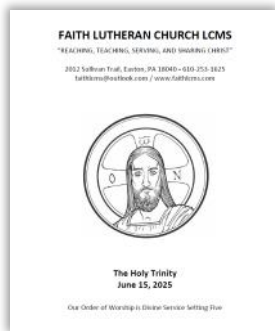
- Add Extended Learning Wednesday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.....Add \$25/day

** 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

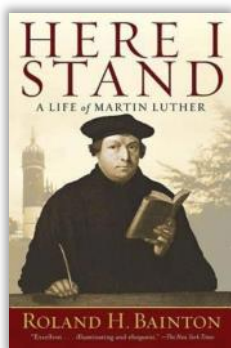
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LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

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 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, September 5 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

Thursdays at 11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

RESUMES
SEPTEMBER 10

Back from Summer Break! Women's Bible Study on the **Book of Jonah** begins Thursday, September 10, at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall. There's a lot more to Jonah than a big fish story. Come and see!

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

09/06 Jackie and Ryan Morrow, Ben & Sam
09/13 Janet and Bob Murray
09/20 Deb and Ed Paolini
09/27 Richard Pitner

John and Mary Ruth Murdoch & Annie
Daniel Osmun
Greg and Tracy Pioppi
Robert Pittman

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson



September

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

September



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Did We Miss Your Anniversary?
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Next Meeting is
Sunday, September 27
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://LutheranWomeninMission.org) for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS
with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



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Sun, September 6

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

Wed, September 9

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

Sun, September 13

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Gary Pioppi, Tom Zaro
 Reader: John Murdoch
 Usher: Darlene Garon, Judy Dilts
 Greeter: Gary, DonnaLee, & Lori Sandt
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, September 20

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant/Reader: Tom Gorman, Erik Wendt
 Usher: Sirma and Kyle Garon
 Greeter: Christine and Stephen Gold
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, September 27

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Greg Pioppi, Frank VandeVeegaete
 Reader: Alyssa VanEmburch
 Usher: Deb and Ed Paolini
 Greeter: Darlene Garon, Robin Stewart
 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.