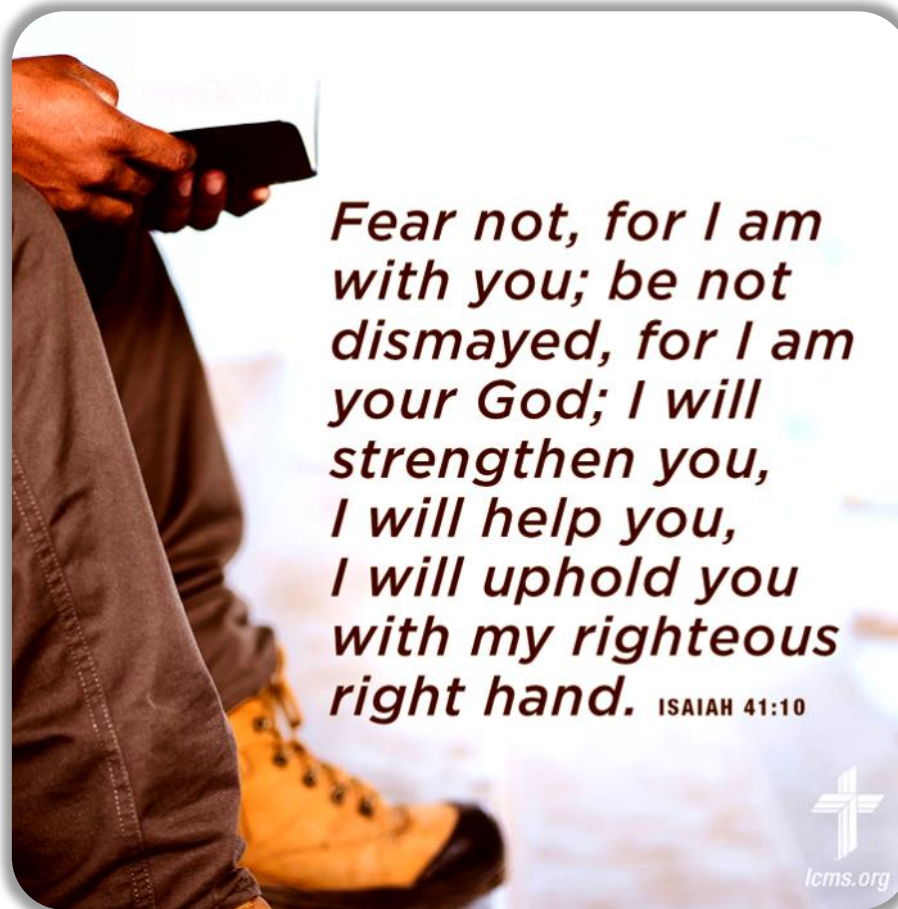




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Property Mgmt Board	**Position Open**
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At-Large Cong. Member	Lorraine Varela
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Sunday School Superintendent	Carrie Midgley
Ushers	Gary Sandt
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Worship 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

IT'S A COUNTDOWN

As we hit the month of October we notice the signs. Fall is in the air. The leaves are beginning to change and fall. We see pumpkins and especially pumpkin spice advertised and available everywhere, in everything. In the stores, Halloween preparations are in full swing as decorations and costumes are packing the shelves.

For Lutherans, the countdown is on as well. Counting down to one of the most important dates in church history. October 31, 1517, it is a date that everyone, yes everyone, should absolutely have memorized. It's that important! 508 years ago, the night before church goers would come from all around and pack the Wittenberg Castle church in Germany to celebrate All Saints' Day. An Augustinian Friar who was then Professor of Moral Theology at the University of Wittenberg nailed a list of 95 Theses (not to be confused with the Reese's Candy) in Latin for academic disputation. Historians would come to know Martin Luther and his pivotal action as the spark or catalyst of what would be known as the Protestant Reformation.



Martin Luther thus in 1517 ignited a firestorm in his nailing of thesis for contention on the practice of the Roman Catholic Church which was promoting the power and efficiency of indulgences. At the time, the Roman Catholic Church was especially using the sale of indulgences to finance large scale renovation and construction at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. These indulgences were being sold by the Roman Catholic Church in exchange for the remission of temporal punishment for sin. Martin Luther was appalled when confronted with members of his parish who were hearing of salvation and sin from the likes of Johann Tetzel in his sale of indulgences. Tetzel was attributed with the phrase, "As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs". For Luther, questions began to come to the forefront as to the manner and method of salvation and how the forgiveness of sins was granted.

Reading passages like Ephesians 2:8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God", Luther was confronted with not being able to square the church's teachings to that of scripture. Indeed, what developed were what was known as the Five Solas of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone), Solus Christus (Christ Alone), Sola Gratia (Grace Alone), Sola Fide (Faith Alone), and Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory). Indeed, here we and the world are saved by the Grace of God Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone, as revealed by Scripture Alone, to the Glory of God Alone. These Five Solas emerged as a major theme as they confronted abuses within the Roman Catholic Church and its rejection of the ultimate authority of scripture (holding up tradition as an authority), its claim to salvation with our works or the works of saints (praying to saints as well) and holding to Papal infallibility and supreme authority.

Truly, this did not develop in one day on the calendar. Rather it developed in the days, months, years, following posting the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517. Yet, each year we count down to Reformation as this was the start of finding the sweet comforting words of the Gospel that we cling to every fall, far more than a pumpkin spice latte or a plastic pumpkin full of Halloween candy. Indeed, we, like those church goers in 1517, look forward to the celebration of All Saints' Day, not just on the first of November, but into the church triumphant, with the angels the archangels and all the company of heaven. A countdown unto eternal life with Christ Jesus. Amen.

- Pastor Kerns

BLESSINGS & WELCOME TO DANIEL OSMUN

Profession of Faith held on Sunday, September 21, 2025 officiated by Pastor Kerns



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

The following motions were passed this month:

- To obtain a one-month license from Northampton County for the purpose of raffling off a TV and gift basket to raise money for door hangers.
- To accept a new Games of Chance/Gambling/Fundraising Policy as developed by Pastor and the Elders which, among other things, outlines what types of fundraising "games" are permissible at church. This will be brought to the Voters Assembly for final approval at the next Voters Meeting.
- There are Council positions to be voted on at the next Voters Meeting. The members of the Nominating Committee, as outlined in the Bylaws, will be Member at Large Donna Lugg, Council President John Murdoch, and Head Elder Greg Pioppi.
- Any member who is voted in at a November Voters Assembly and is filling a vacant position will start their position immediately, with their term being counted from January 1st of the new year.

Finally, a resolution was passed to hold the next Voters Assembly Meeting on Sunday, November 16, 2025, following worship. The Nominating Committee will be seeking individuals to fill the following positions, which will be voted on at the November meeting:

- † Council President (re-election)
- † Vice President (vacancy)
- † Treasurer (vacancy)
- † Chair, Board of Property Management (vacancy)
- † At-Large Member (vacancy)

Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of the leadership roles open in our church. There is so much joy into serving the Lord in this way. Yes, sometimes it's challenging, but the rewards far outweigh the work!

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, October 13, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow
Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER

If this was the 1960's you might have heard some say, **"The colors man. The colors"**.

Or if you were ever to find your self on the flight deck of one of our Navy's aircraft carriers, you would see crew members running all around in a most unusual ballet, wearing different color jerseys. Each color indicating what their job is there on the "roof" as we call it. Ask me sometime what color I wore when I had to go up and visit the most dangerously busy 300 yards known to a sailor.

And if you every worked in electronics, you had to know that Big Boys Race Our Young Girls Behind Victory Garden Walls which is a mnemonic used to help remember the color code used on resistors and sometimes capacitors and inductors, indicating their value of ohms, farads or henrys respectively.

Okay, why are we talking about colors? Well have you noticed that there are various colors used for the paraments that are upon the Altar, pulpit and lectern and that they change through out the year? The Pastor's stole and cincture and recently, the cinctures worn by the assisting Elders and the Acolytes match the paraments' colors.

How and why do we choose what color is used, you may ask yourself. Well sit a spell because I am going to impart some churchly wisdom to you (I learned a lot while researching for this article).

There are five traditional colors (white, red, green, purple or violet, and black) and in recent times, three others (blue, scarlet and gold) have been added to the rotation and they change depending on where we are in the Church Calendar. At Faith, we may or may not see all of the colors used throughout the year.

Blue is used to signify the beginning of a new church year. We see blue used during Advent; the time we spend in preparation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Blue reminds us of the sky and Heaven, from where Jesus came down to be with us and from where he will return on the judgement day.

Green is the most used color throughout the year. We see it during Epiphany and Pentecost and during the "Normal" times. Green may be used anywhere between six and eight months as we journey through the church year. Green reminds of the growing seasons and how we are to grow in our faith and to help grow God's kingdom here on earth.

Black is only called for twice in the cycle; Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Black representing the absence of light, dark times. On the first Good Friday, the skies were darkened upon Jesus giving up his last breath. Black also should cause us to think about death, Christ's death and our own.

Gold is an optional color for Easter Sunday and is also recommended for the last Sunday of the church year, also know as Christ the King Sunday. As one of my sources says, "Gold represents value and worth. The golden festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the event that gives our lives meaning and worth. He is worthy of our praise as we adorn his altar with the color of splendor." *

Scarlet may be used during Holy week, from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday. Why Scarlet? Well, it is supposed to help this week stand out from other Festival Sundays where Red is the color. It is to remind us of Christ's pending passion and it associated with the color of blood; His blood, that washes away our sins.

Purple, like Black, is a penitential color. It is used during Lent and may be an optional color for the Lenten season. In ancient times, purple was very rare and expensive due to the process in which it was derived. Only the rich could afford it and rich usually meant royalty. If you recall the Roman soldiers, as they mocked and beat Jesus, place a purple garment on Him as a way to deride and taunt Him for His statement that He was a king.

White as we all know represents pureness and perfectness. It is used during the season of Easter which lasts for 50 days. It represents the forgiveness of our sins through Christ's triumph over the tomb and death and that we are tied to his death as well as his resurrection. White is also used for Christmas and it's 12 days as well as Epiphany, also called Transfiguration Sunday, Holy Trinity Sunday as well as some other festivals of the church.

Red is a powerful color. It is said that a red necktie shows strength and authority. Red is used on Pentecost Sunday as well as Reformation Sunday and Holy Cross Sunday, and during celebrations for the martyrs of the church. It is also used during Ordinations and Installations, along with anniversary celebrations of congregations and some other festive days.

If you want a more in-depth explanation of the colors of the church calendar, you can go to <https://www.lcms.org/worship/church-year/colors-of-liturgical-seasons>

I hope this helps answer some of the questions that some of you have posed about, "The colors man. The colors."

IHS, Greg Pioppi, Chairman Board of Elders

**Rev. Douglas K. Escue - Originally published in Lutheran Worship Notes, Issue 29, 1994.*

Faith Lutheran Preschool Newsletter October 2025



Field Trip to Juniperdale Farm

Parents attend with children

Tots- Thursday, October 2nd

Meet at the farm - 9:30am

Juniors and Seniors- Friday, October 3rd

Meet at the farm - 9:30am



Picture Day

Juniors and Seniors – Monday, October 7

Tots – Tuesday, October 8

Columbus Day- No School

Monday, October 13th

Father's Fall Fun Night

Thursday, October 9th 6:00-8:00pm

Forks Fire Department is coming!

Friday, October 10th

Bosco's Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 22- Shopping passes are \$5.00 each.

All money raised goes directly to the Preschool.

Preschool teachers will have shopping passes.

Fall Festival in School

Junior and Seniors -Wednesday October 29

Tots - Thursday, October 30

*Parades for the parents
to watch begin at:*

Tots- 11:10

Juniors- 11:30

Seniors- 11:40

No Lunch Bunch: Friday 10/3 and Friday 10/31

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!

It’s been a joy to see new and returning faces at **Sunday School**! 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 while students in 6-12 will meet in the Annex. We hope to see your kiddos there!

Parents Night Out, which was held on September 18, was a fun evening of pizza, movie watching, and fun on the playground! 16 children attended the event. Thank you to all who helped make this event happen!

Parents Night Out, September 18, 2025



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



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BY OCT 22
Cash or Check to
Faith Lutheran Church
Stop by the Church Office



Pick Up
Oct 26
@ Church

\$15
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OPEN TO EVERYONE!



Can you help us raise some dough?



FREE

Spaghetti Dinner

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 25
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm



FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

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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

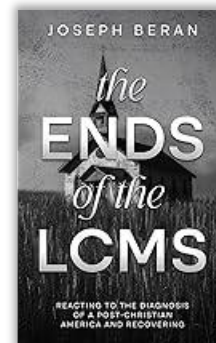
Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special family occasion such as birthdays, retirements, or anniversaries! Please make \$20 check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church, Memo - Altar Flowers



LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

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

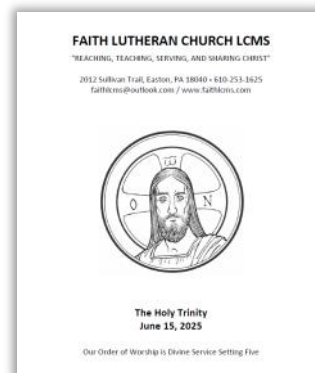
Read only during book club meetings. Join us every Monday at noon. Come as you are and enjoy the current story. There is always time to catch up on chapters. Join anytime!



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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

10/05 Christine and Stephen Gold
10/12 Bambi and Paul Guptil
10/19 Laura and Bob Harrison
10/26 Jill and James Hegedus

Tom Gorman
Marj and David Hanson
Linda and Mark Hasz
Irene Young and Richard Hinkel

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlback
Spencer Muhlback

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson



October

[REDACTED]

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

October



[REDACTED]

Did We Miss Your Anniversary?
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MITE BOX COLLECTION



Sunday, October 26

Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite. Mark 12:43-44.

Plan to empty out your mite box into a bucket that will be at the back of the church. Then, either keep your mite box, or throw it away and take a new box. This will help our counters avoid touching individual mite boxes.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



[REDACTED]



Sun, October 5

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant/Reader: Tom Zaro, Frank VandeVeegaete
 Greeter: John and Sonya Bronico
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Wed, October 8

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant/Reader: Greg Pioppi
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, October 12

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Gary Sandt, Ted Cheung
 Reader: Frank VandeVeegaete Jr
 Greeters: Darlene Garon
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, October 19

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant/Reader: Frank VandeVeegaete, Erik Wendt
 Greeters: Jack and Sharon Smickle
 Organist: Sue Tucker

Sun, October 26

Officiant: Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
 Assistant: Erik Wendt, Frank VandeVeegaete
 Reader: Jackie Morrow
 Greeters: Kyle Garon and Sirma Bubernack
 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

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.