



VOICE OF FAITH

October 2026

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Psalm 86:5



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ELECTED COUNCIL

President John Murdoch
Vice President/Ministry Chair David Hanson
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 ****Position Open****
At-Large Cong. Member Lorraine Varela
At-Large Cong. Member Donna Lugg

MINISTRIES

Children Jackie Morrow
Youth Bambi Guptill
Adult, Fellowship & Social ****Position Open****
Assimilation & Stewardship ****Position Open****
Evangelism ****Position Open****

CHURCH CONTACTS

Faith Lutheran Preschool Jenny D'Angelo
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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
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 kernsds@gmail.com
11:00 am Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

ALTAR GUILD

See Judy Dilts

ACOLYTES

Confirmants - 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

Mary Ruth Murdoch
12:15 pm Thursdays in Fellowship Hall



ELDERS

HEAD ELDER Greg Pioppi

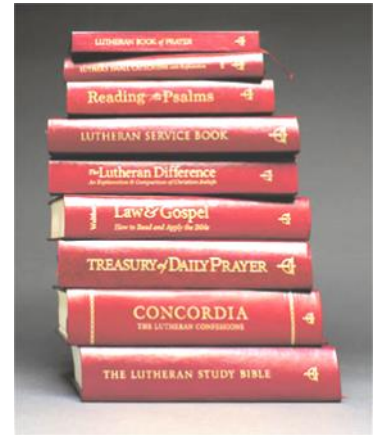
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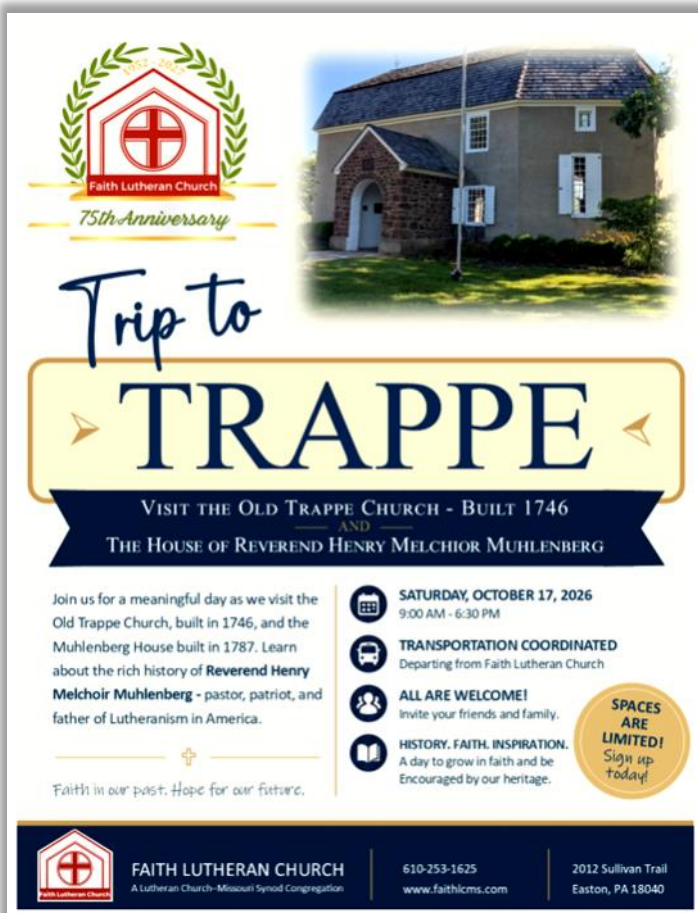
BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE NEW BOOKS!

“There never yet have been, nor are there now, too many good books.” - Luther

It is sad to say, but today we are confronted with the fact that reading and collecting books has by-in large gone out of style. Society today has directed us to believe that books are a waste of our time and when we are no longer in school, we don't need them. We as the Church also fall prey to this mindset. Ok, so maybe we have a few Bibles scattered around the house and our old catechism lying around, but that is pretty much it in the way of Christian books. This month I would like to take some time to go through a few Christian books that can be real treasures in your study of God's Word and the faith that we share. We as Lutherans cling to the Bible, the Small Catechism, and the Lutheran Service Book. That is great, but the book that we don't talk about enough is the *Book of Concord*. The *Book of Concord*, also called the *Lutheran Confessions*, is a collection of writings from Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, and other church fathers. Within this book there are the three Creeds that we use in church, The Augsburg Confession and its Apology, The Smalcald Articles, and The Power and Primacy of the Pope. There is also both Luther's Small and Large Catechisms along with The Formula of Concord, both Epitome and Solid Declaration. Note the Augsburg Confession, the Small Catechism, and the Epitome to the Formula of Concord are especially helpful for lay members to read. These documents were written in order to faithfully summarize or clarify what the Bible teaches especially on important and controversial topics. Reading these documents will certainly deepen your understanding of what it means to be Lutheran. Another book that I might recommend for you to look at is the *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. This book makes a great companion to reading from the Portals of Prayer and gives you readings for each day from somewhere in the Old Testament, an Epistle reading, and a reading from one of the Gospels. Not only that but it also features prayers for the day and a kind of sermon or meditation from either Luther or one of the other church fathers. Pastor and I both use this book for our daily devotions. I might also mention for you tech savvy people that for those of you who have with iphones, ipads, or other android devices, you can get *The Lutheran Study Bible*, *The Book of Concord* and the *Treasury of Daily Prayer* for your device. There are five more books that I will also mention. First is the book *Law and Gospel* which is written by C.F.W. Walther. Walther gave a series of Friday evening sermons, or lectures, at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., from Sept. 12, 1884, to Nov. 6, 1885 where he very precisely outlined how one might go about finding the proper distinction of law and gospel in the Bible. We as the Church treasure this work of Walther as one of his major contributions to the church. A summation of some of his major contributions are found in the new resource in our narthex titled, *What Makes for a Good Sermon*. The second and third books that are a really great resource to us as the church are called *The Lutheran Difference* and *The Christian Difference*. Both these book answers all of those questions that we have about the other churches. We often ask about what certain denominations believe about all the major topics of Christianity. Each book has a lot of great charts and explain the differences between Lutheranism and other Christian denominations. The fourth book I am going to mention is called *Lutheranism 101*, and is written by a variety of different people. This book gives some of the nuts and bolts of Lutheranism along with some fun facts. This book provides even the lifelong Lutheran with a deeper understanding of our church's teachings and doctrine. Speaking of doctrine, *A Summary of Christian Doctrine* by Edward W.A. Koehler is an excellent resource for laity and provides a solid foundation for maybe even advanced study. I believe these five books would make an excellent addition to any Christian home and make digging into the God's word and growing in our faith easier and more accessible. One final note, if you like to page through all of these resources or others, feel free to ask me. These books can be purchased from Concordia Publishing House, by going to www.amazon.com or other online used book sellers. I hope this article inspires you to read more and dig deeper into our faith.



- Pastor Kerns



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

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

The following motion was passed this month:

- To pursue a potential yearly membership with The Alliance Defending Freedom, which provides legal support on an as-needed basis.
- To form a Nominating Committee, chaired by At-Large Member Lorraine Varela, which will compile a list of nominees for open and re-elected Council positions at the November Voters Assembly Meeting.

Look for a list of Council positions that are up for re-election or are vacant coming soon. Please prayerfully consider stepping into one of these roles!

Other items of note this month included the September 25th LWML Spaghetti Dinner, new trash and recycling service providers, encouraging congregation members to use their Thrivent Action Teams for church projects, and streamlining our approach to funeral repasts at the church.

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 12, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow, Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER

EXODUS 27:20-21

A few weeks ago I was asked about the red light on the wall next to the pulpit. One question the person had, like most of us, was, "Isn't that Catholic?" I replied yes, and it is Lutheran, and it can be Methodist and Eastern Orthodox and even Jewish. Another question asked was, "What do we call it?" That one was easy. It is known as the **Sanctuary Lamp**.

Before we delve into my answer, we need to define a few words that may help us out:

The first is the **CHANCEL**. The chancel at Faith Lutheran Church is the area on the other side of the rail and it is generally defined as the area where the altar is located and the area used by the clergy and choir during worship.

Next, we have the **NAVE** which is the area where the rest of the congregation is during worship.

Then we have what some refer to as **RESERVED SACRAMENT** which is consecrated bread and wine left after communion.

In the chancel you may find a **TABERNACLE** which is a box-like or domed vessel where the reserved sacrament is kept. We do not have one here at Faith, but you will find them in almost every Roman Catholic church. Down the road both Concordia Lutheran Churches in Macungie and Northampton each have a tabernacle. You can also find Tabernacle in the Jersey Pines, just off of US Route 206.

We also need to look at Exodus 27:20-21 to see why we have the light:

²⁰***"You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. ²¹In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel.***

Now that we know the Why, Where, and What, let us look at the When.

A Sanctuary Lamp is found in the chancel to signify the presence of Christ in the sanctuary, as well as our belief in the real presence of Christ in the bread and the wine after the consecration of the elements. In Lutheran churches, with a tabernacle or aumbry, it further indicates that the Eucharist is reserved. In other words, it is placed in the area of the altar to signify and honor the presence of Christ in the elements of the bread and the wine.

The introduction of the candle or lamp started sometime during the twelve century, so it was not always a fixture in the church. You may also hear it referred to as the chancel lamp, altar lamp, eternal flame or everlasting light.

I hope this helps you to understand the reason for the red lamp, and if you ever get a chance to see it when the rest of the sanctuary is dark at night, please do so. Till next month...

DO YOU HEAR GOD CALLING?

Growing spiritually is more than attending worship services. Be more than a spectator. Faith Lutheran Church is more than a building in which to hear the Gospel and praise our Lord. We are a community of family and friends working together.

Help make Faith Lutheran Church a vital church that is not measured by how many people fill the pews, but rather by how much those people serve Jesus. Do more than come to church - BECOME the church. See below for a list of opportunities to serve on Council and Ministries.

Please prayerfully consider fulfilling any of these Council positions:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Chair of the Board of Property Management
- Chair of the Board of Finance
- Chair of the Preschool Board
- One Member at Large

Other Ministry positions to prayerfully consider:

- Director of Adult, Fellowship & Social
- Director of Assimilation & Stewardship
- Director of Evangelism

Please contact any council member or Elder with your interest in any of these positions, or with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Thank you,
The Nominating Committee

Psalm 91:14-16

"Because he holds fast to me in love,
I will deliver him; I will protect him,
because he knows my name.

When he calls to me, I will answer
him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and
show him my salvation."



Please prayerfully consider joining **Altar Guild**. Easy to do and you can work with a buddy!

Please see or call **Judy Dilts** or **Pastor Kerns** if you are interested in serving.

Altar Guild

MOVEMBER

Start Growing November 1



NO CHEATING!

BEST STACH AWARDS & CUTOFF CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 29
during Coffee & Catechism

On behalf of Men's Health Awareness including Prostate & Testicular Cancers as well as Suicide Prevention

Our Church is Donating Funds Raised to LCMS Health Ministry



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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Saturday, October 3 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 12:15 pm
Fellowship Hall**

Join Mary Ruth Murdoch for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall on Thursdays from 12:15 pm to 1:15 pm. Current study topic is the **Book of Jonah**. 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

10/04 Gary, DonnaLee & Lori Sandt
10/11 The Serrao Family
10/18 Nancy and Bernie Smith
10/25 Carolyn Stielau

Joyce Schumacher
Sharon and Jack Smickle
Robin Stewart
Janet Swim

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson

Faith Lutheran Preschool Newsletter October 2026



Field Trip to Juniperdale Farm

Parents attend with children

Tots, Seniors- Wednesday, October 14th

Meet at the farm - 9:30am

Juniors- Friday, October 16th

Meet at the farm - 9:30am



Picture Day

Tots, Juniors and Seniors – Monday, October 19th

Make-Up Day- TBD

Columbus Day- No School

Monday, October 12th

Father's Fall Fun Night

Thursday, October 15th 6:00-8:00pm

Forks Fire Department is coming!

Wednesday, October 7th

Bosco's Fundraiser

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

Fall Festival in School

Tots - Wednesday, October 28th

Junior and Seniors -Friday October 30th

Parades for the parents to watch

begin at

Tots- 11:10.

Juniors- 11:30

Seniors- 11:40

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!

The first day of Sunday School classes was **Sunday, September 20th**. Children received new Bibles and began a new lesson unit. **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN**, even if you are unable to attend every week. We look forward to another year of learning about the love of Jesus! Sunday School is held every Sunday at 8:30 am.

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

A **Bonfire and Bible Stories Night** for children and youth is being held on **Wednesday, October 7th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (note the date change)**. Come enjoy s’mores, Bible stories, and fun!



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.

➤➤ **OPEN REGISTRATION! SIGN UP ANYTIME** <<



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 *



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?
Update on Realm or email
faithlcms@outlook.com



Next Meeting is
Sunday, October 25
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



[REDACTED]



Sun, October 4

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Ushers:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Tom Gorman, Frank VandeVeegaete
Sonya and John Bronico
Sharon and Jack Smickle
Alex VandeVeegaete

Sun, October 11

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Usher:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Tom Zaro, Greg Pioppi
Alex VandeVeegaete
Darlene Garon, Judy Dilts
Sirma and Kyle Garon
Sue Tucker

Wed, October 14

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

7:00 pm

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sun, October 18

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Usher:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Frank VandeVeegaete, Greg Pioppi
Sirma and Kyle Garon
Colleen Conrad
Sue Tucker

Sun, October 25

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Usher:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Erik Wendt, Frank VandeVeegaete
Jackie Morrow
Deb and Ed Paolini
Deb and Ed Paolini
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.