



VOICE OF FAITH

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

November 2025



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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 ****Position Open****
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 kernsds@gmail.com
11:00 am Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

ALTAR GUILD

See Judy Dilts

ACOLYTES

Confirmants - Talk to Pastor Kerns

CHOIR

7:30 pm Tuesdays in the Sanctuary

LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

Pastor Kerns kernsds@gmail.com
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
11:30 am Thursdays in Fellowship Hall



ELDERS

HEAD ELDER Greg Pioppi

Ted Cheung
Gary Sandt
Frank VandeVeegaete

Erik Wendt
Tom Zaro

From Reformation to Confession: The Early History of the Lutheran Church (1517–1580)

October 31, 1517, marks a turning point in the history of the Christian Church. On that day, Martin Luther, a German monk and theology professor, nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Intended as a call for academic debate on the sale of indulgences, this act sparked the Protestant Reformation - a movement that would reshape Christianity and give birth to the Lutheran Church.

At the heart of Luther's concern was the question of how sinners are made right with God. Through his study of Scripture, particularly Romans and Galatians, Luther came to believe that justification comes by grace through faith alone, apart from works. This was a dramatic departure from the dominant teachings of the Roman Catholic Church at the time.

The years that followed were filled with both theological progress and political tension. Luther's teachings spread quickly across Germany and beyond, aided by the recently invented printing press. He translated the Bible into German, wrote hymns, and published sermons and catechisms to teach the faith to both clergy and laity. In 1530, a pivotal moment came with the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, written primarily by Philipp Melancthon, Luther's close colleague. This document outlined the central beliefs of the Lutheran movement and was presented to Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. It remains one of the foundational confessions of the Lutheran Church today.

Luther died in 1546, but the movement he began continued to face challenges. Disagreements within the Lutheran camp, as well as external pressures from both Roman Catholic forces and other Protestant groups, created confusion and conflict. After Luther's death, debates intensified over topics such as the Lord's Supper, original sin, free will, and the role of good works.

To resolve these disputes and preserve unity in doctrine, a group of Lutheran theologians, including Jakob Andreae and Martin Chemnitz, undertook the task of clarifying Lutheran teaching. Their work culminated in the composition of the Formula of Concord in 1577, a comprehensive statement of Lutheran doctrine meant to bring peace and unity to the Church.

In 1580, on the 50th anniversary of the Augsburg Confession, several key Lutheran documents - including the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Small and Large Catechisms, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord - were compiled and published together as the Book of Concord. This collection became the definitive doctrinal standard of the Lutheran Church and still serves that purpose today for churches that confess its teachings. The period from 1517 to 1580 was one of great upheaval, but also of remarkable theological clarity and reform. In the face of controversy and division, the Lutheran Church took a stand - not just for tradition or protest, but for the Gospel. The Book of Concord remains a testimony to that commitment: a confession of faith rooted in Scripture, centered on Christ, and proclaimed in grace.

NOVEMBER VOTERS MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Immediately after Sunday worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for a Main Dish provided by Faith along with Potluck Side-Dishes and Desserts.

Potluck sign up in the church office hallway.

PLEASE RSVP IN REALM or feel free to call the church office at 610-253-1625 or email faithlcms@outlook.com.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Wednesday, November 26, 2025
7:00 pm**

Please join us for worship on Thanksgiving Eve as we celebrate all the many blessings God has given us!

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 13, 2025

Council President John Murdoch called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Council members present were John Murdoch, Pastor Kerns, Greg Pioppi, Jackie Morrow, Debra Paolini, Janet Murray, Donna Lugg, and Lorraine Varela.

The following resolutions(s) were passed this month:

- Following the success of the most recent Parents Night Out event, it was voted to hold another Parents Night Out on December 11 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Also of note: Bob Harrison has stepped down from his Member-At-Large position due to persistent schedule conflicts. The vacant Member-At-Large position will be voted on at the November 16th Voters Assembly Meeting.

At the end of September, 1,800 church mailers were addressed, stamped, and mailed out to our community. The Ad Hoc Committee is currently finalizing plans for a door hanger and rack cards which will be printed and ready for distribution soon. We are working hard to create evangelism materials and are thankful for all the ways our congregation is supporting this mission! Volunteers will be needed to hang door cards; look for more information coming soon!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow, Council Secretary

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HEAD ELDER

I have heard in the past from some members, something like “Oh, I didn’t know we had a downstairs” or “you mean there are classrooms in the back.” You would be surprised that we have more to the building than just the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. And what goes on in those spaces during the week is something most spectacular and wonderful.

I get really blessed almost weekly by being a small part of our Preschool. Pastor Kerns and I share doing weekly Chapel for our Tots, Juniors and Seniors. We take a story from the Bible and try to retell it on a level that the students will understand. Sometimes it is a different approach with the Tots than with the combined Juniors and Seniors; especially since I get some wonderful and sometimes funny, feedback from the older kids. And when they remember the prior week’s story and how it relates to what we are hearing about this week, it puts a big smile on my face (and heart). I also try to add something to each story that the teachers can take with them.... If I make a cultural reference, I have to remember that there is a generation between the teachers and myself AND over sixty years between the students and me. Luckily, none of them have asked yet, if I have met any of the people from the Bible that we talk about. When I close out each week, I have the kids pray a “Repeat After Me Prayer”, letting them know that they can talk and pray to our Lord in any way and at any time.

Speaking of our teachers, they are all fantastic. How they teach and encourage the kids is a sight to behold. I do not envy them one bit when it comes to keeping the class going while comforting a child that, to put it kindly, is having a bad day. Next time you run across any of our teachers, make sure to thank them and give them a word or two of encouragement. They are why our Preschool has such a wonderful reputation in the community and why it is truly Faith’s biggest outreach.

Okay, back to my opening. I want everyone of you to take some time to wander the hallways, not during worship though, both upstairs and down, and discover what our Preschool is doing. Check out the art work. Smile back at the photos of the young smiling faces. Learn what biblical messages the kids are learning and taking home. See how the program has grown from just two rooms to four and five. And most of all how it is touching the lives of so many families with the Good News of Jesus and God’s love for them.

IHS,
Greg Pioppi,
Chairman Board of Elders





NONPERISHABLES COLLECTION

Now Thru Sunday, November 23



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is collecting nonperishable foods to benefit Second Harvest. Second Harvest's mission is to obtain food and distribute it to people in need through area nonprofits and to provide resources for education and advocacy to end hunger. Prayerfully considering donating - drop off in Narthex. Learn more about Second Harvest by visiting their website at <https://shfbvl.org/>.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM 2025

**** ORDER BY NOVEMBER 30 ****

I wish to place a CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA FLOWER in the chancel of Faith during the Christmas Season. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

To the Glory of God _____

Given by _____

Total Number of RED Plants _____ (\$20 each) = \$ _____

Total Number of WHITE Plants _____ (\$20 each) = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED= \$ _____

Checks payable to "Faith Lutheran Church"

Completed order forms can be left in the collection bowl or
dropped off at the church office

thank you!

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!

Sunday School continues to meet at 8:30 am each week (it’s early, but so worth it!). Students in grades K-5th grade meet in the upstairs Preschool room and students in 6th-12th grade meet in the Annex. We hope to see your kiddos there!

Mark your calendars! **Gingerbread House Decorating** will be on Saturday, December 6, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Registration will be required; look for a form in next month’s Voice! Donations of candy are welcome.



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

**Saturday
Nov 15
3:00 pm**



**PAINT & PIZZA
NIGHT**

Food, Drinks, & FUN!

COST \$30 REGISTER HERE



Faith Lutheran
Preschool Newsletter
November 2025



November Calendar

Nov. 4 – No School – Election Day

Nov. 26 – Dec. 1 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

**Give Thanks Feast
in Preschool**



Juniors and Seniors
Monday, November 24

Juniors and Seniors
Tuesday, November 25

Food Drive

Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool are collecting food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. The baskets will be given to families in need. If you would like to donate, please bring in non-perishable food items and/or frozen turkeys.

Examples: Canned fruits and vegetables, soups, applesauce, stuffing mix, gravy, rice, cereals.

***if you know of a family in need, please inform a teacher. All requests are kept in confidence.

Looking Ahead

Christmas Program
Thursday, December 18 – 6:00PM



Gingerbread Mangers for Seniors
Monday, December 8
9:30am

We would like to thank all who helped make Father's Fall Fun Night a wonderful time for everyone. Thank you to Mr. Gary Sandt for providing the hayride and Mr. John Mills for donating the pumpkins. Thank you to all the volunteers helped who put the food on the tables.

Save the Date

Mom's Tea-

Wednesday May 6th- Juniors- 9:30 a.m.
Thursday May 7th- Seniors and Tots- 9:30 a.m.

***please note- some seniors don't normally attend class on Thursdays.

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

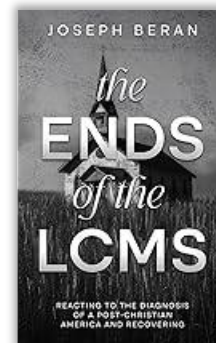
Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Dedicate flowers in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special family occasion such as birthdays, retirements, or anniversaries! Please make \$30 check payable to: Faith Lutheran Church, Memo - Altar Flowers



LCMS READ-ALONG BOOK CLUB

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

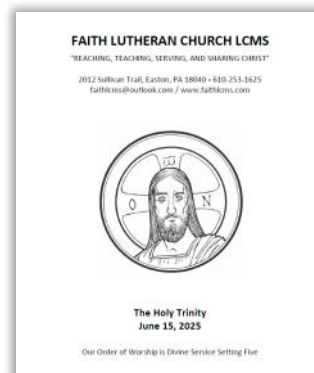
Read only during book club meetings. Join us every Monday at noon. Come as you are and enjoy the current story. There is always time to catch up on chapters. Join anytime!



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).



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 1 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

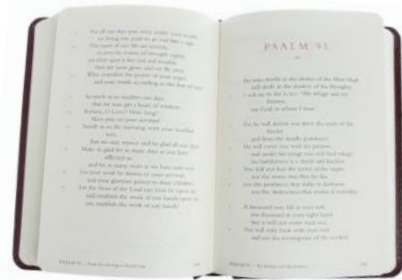


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

11/02	Roger Hudak
11/09	Kathleen Jiorle & Dylan Dilts
11/16	Ann and Bob Jordan
11/23	Jenn and Matt Kelson & Family
11/30	Lynn Klein

Jeanne and Paul Iacono & Family
The Johnson Family
The Kellow Family
Pastor Scot Kerns
Marge Kresge

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach
Spencer Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson

Birthday Blessings November

[REDACTED]

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

November



[REDACTED]

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



Next Meeting is
Sunday, November 23
at 12:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall

No December Meeting

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 \(LWML\)](#) for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



[REDACTED]



Sun, November 2

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Ted Cheung, Greg Pioppi
Colleen Conrad
Sue Tucker

Sun, November 9

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Gary Sandt, Tom Zaro
Juli VandeVeegaete
Deb and Ed Paolini
Sue Tucker

Wed, November 12

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

7:00 pm

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Eric Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sun, November 16

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Greg Pioppi, Frank VandeVeegaete
Sandt Family
Sue Tucker

Sun, November 23

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Ted Cheung, Greg Sandt
Donna Lugg
Christine and Stephen Gold
Sue Tucker

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wed, November 26

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

7:00 pm

Hon Rev Scot Kerns
Greg Pioppi
Sue Tucker



Sun, November 30

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Greeter:
Organist:

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Eric Wendt
John Murdoch
Sonya and John Bronico
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

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.