



VOICE OF FAITH

November 2026



**I will give thanks to the Lord with
my whole heart; I will recount all
of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1**

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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 Sue Tucker
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
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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

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

Tom Gorman
Gary Sandt

Tom Zaro
Erik Wendt
Frank VandeVeegaete

HENRY MELCHIOR MUHLENBERG

October 7th - The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has set aside this date for the commemoration of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. That day is remembered because it was the date of his death at 76 years old in 1787. A majority of those years (around 45 years) were spent in Pennsylvania serving parishes. The most famous of which, as it is now a national historic landmark, was the Old Augustus Lutheran Church built in 1743. The historic church along with Muhlenberg's house and his son's house (referred to as the Speaker's House), as well as the museum in a historic tavern, together form the basis for the historic sites in Trappe, Pennsylvania. Many of you may remember seeing or hearing about Faith Lutheran Church planning to take a "Trip to Trappe" in October. On Saturday, October 17, a number of members / guests did travel to Trappe where they had a lovely day exploring the sites in this historic town and had an exceptionally delicious lunch.



One of the things I got to thinking about was how we as a church are not good at explaining the significance of people like Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and why we should care about learning about him in the first place. He was not the first Lutheran pastor in America, that was Rev. Rasmus Jensen, nor was he the first pastor ordained in America, that was Rev. Justus Falckner. Instead, Muhlenberg's impact is a little bit more nuanced.

Muhlenberg came to America having been trained and ordained as a Lutheran pastor in Germany and sent to America by way of England having received backing from the British Royal Court to function as a missionary to the German Lutheran immigrants in Pennsylvania. Already by this time, Lutherans were scattered throughout Pennsylvania and needed to be formally served with trained Lutheran clergy in established churches. Some churches were even prayed upon by men falsely claiming the pastoral office.

We might say Muhlenberg was the founder of the first Lutheran Synod in America. We often use the word Synod in our day-to-day language without giving it a whole lot of thought, other than when people talk about our church body and/or mispronounce the word. Synod from the Greek can mean an assembly or meeting. Really Synod means to walk or journey together. Here we might think of Synod as an organization of congregations and clergy working together. As they walk together in a common confession, they are able to pool their resources to the benefit the church at-large.

The first of what we now know as "synods" in North America was the Pennsylvania Ministerium founded in 1748 in Philadelphia, principally by Muhlenberg. The Pennsylvania Ministerium united scattered German Lutheran congregations and provided for a pipeline of well-trained Lutheran clergy to serve them. It also provided the means to offer unified music among the Lutherans for use in worship as well as the first American Lutheran liturgy. Also, Muhlenberg was very involved in petitioning the fledgling new government in America, Benjamin Franklin in particular, after the American Revolution to ensure that ministers would be able to serve congregations with religious freedom without interference while at the same time being able to remain with confessional identity in a pluralistic society. Suffice to say, this was the same kind of issue that led to a sharp disagreement between Muhlenberg's Lutherans and Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf's Moravian Church in their face-to-face meeting on December 30, 1742. Muhlenberg was principally opposed to Zinzendorf's ecumenical unionist plan for all German speaking Christians. It is interesting that many of the churches that would thank Muhlenberg for their founding are now part of the ELCA and in full fellowship with the Moravian Church. Both of these denominations, which have gone down liberalism's path, no longer have a specific confessional identity as independent church bodies. Liberal Protestantism has made many of these historic churches virtually identical.

Muhlenberg, himself, was an extremely faithful pastor, both in Pennsylvania as well as traveling to many Lutheran congregations in the American colonies, even giving his sons to serve a few of these congregations, as well, before two of his sons moved into careers in the military / politics. Now we remember Muhlenberg as the Patriarch of the American Lutheran Church for his enduring work and the generations that followed as a result of that work. Truly, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's work is certainly worthy of commemoration within our church!

- Pastor Kerns

NOVEMBER VOTERS MEETING & POTLUCK

Sunday, November 15

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 so we know how much main dish to provide! You can also RSVP by calling the church office at 610-253-1625 or emailing faithlcms@outlook.com. Thank you!



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Wednesday, November 25
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 19, 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, Sue Tucker, Donna Lugg, and Lorraine Varela. Congregation member Frank VandeVeegaete, Jr. was also present.

The following motions were passed this month:

- Profits from the November Election Day Bake Sale will be donated to the Food and Clothing Co-Op at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Food and Clothing Co-Op, which provides food and clothing to seminary students and their children, have outgrown their space and are building a new facility to better support the needs of the seminary community.
- The newly compiled Faith Lutheran Preschool Songbook was approved.

Other items of note this month included preparations for the November 15th Voters Assembly Meeting, updates to the Narthex furniture, potential fundraisers, pavilion rental, and decreasing the number of vehicles cutting through the parking lot to avoid traffic at the corner.

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 9, at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Morrow
Council Secretary



**Sunday, November 22
Immediately After Worship**

Get in the Christmas Spirit by spending a fun afternoon with your Faith Lutheran Family!

Join our annual tradition of decorating the church for the Christmas Season. We will put up the Christmas tree, install pew candles, hang banners and more! Meet in the Sanctuary immediately after worship.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM 2026

**** ORDER BY NOVEMBER 29 ****

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!

Reminder your
poinsettia(s) go
home with you
after Christmas
Worship!



GOD IS CALLING

Our church needs your help. You know that Faith Lutheran Church is more than a building. Certainly, front and center to what we do is hearing God's Word and receiving His sacraments. In this, we are a community of family and friends working together for the mission of the church. Help make sure that Faith Lutheran Church's mission extends both to those within our pews as well as those outside. We need people to serve on council and ministry positions within our church! This is vital to fulfilling and extending the work of the church. As a member of Faith Lutheran Church, WE NEED YOU!

Please prayerfully consider fulfilling any of these Council positions (includes vacant positions [V] and positions up for reelection [R]):

- Secretary [R]
- Treasurer [V]
- Chair, Board of Property Management [V]
- Chair, Board of Finance [V]
- Chair, Preschool Board [R]
- One Member at Large [V]

Other Ministry positions to prayerfully consider (all vacant positions):

- Director of Adult, Fellowship & Social [V]
- Director of Assimilation & Stewardship [V]
- Director of Evangelism [V]

Please contact any council member or Elder with your interest in any if 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."

FALL BACK!

Day Light Savings Time
Ends at 2:00 am
November 1, 2026



"OH, CRUD!
I'M THE
FIRST
ONE
HERE!"



Turn back your
clock on Saturday
night and avoid
the horror of
arriving **EARLY**
to church.

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, November 7 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

Women's Bible Study continues with the Minor Prophets. Come and see how these small books prepare the way for the coming of Christ. The **Book of Amos** shows us that God will raise up the fallen booth of David.

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

11/01 Adria and Jared Tafel & Family
11/08 Ellen Toth
11/15 Alyssa Van Emburgh & Family
11/22 Lorraine Varela
11/29 Bertha and Ted Varga

Rev. Greg Tafel
Sue Tucker
The VandeVeegaete Family
Donna and Carl Varga
Kristine Villavicencio

Military Families

Kevin Jiorle
Justin Muhlbach

Stephen Sargent
Zachary Tolson



Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 5th, 2025

10:00am - 12:00pm

Fellowship Hall

The **Faith Lutheran Church Children's Ministry** invites you to get into the Christmas spirit by decorating gingerbread houses! These preassembled houses (which measure 6"x4"x5") are made of cardboard for less mess and longer lasting memories. One gingerbread house and trimmings are provided to congregation members free of charge. Additional houses can be purchased for \$5.00 each if you are interested in decorating more than one.

Pre-registration is required to attend. Please place the completed form and payment in the boxes located in the narthex or outside the church office by **Sunday, November 22nd.**

Please contact Jackie Morrow at 215-262-1895 or jmorrow1103@gmail.com with questions.

We hope to see you there!

Please return this form and payment to the narthex or church office by Sunday, November 22nd..

Your Name

Phone Number

1 Cardboard gingerbread house - FREE!

_____ X \$5.00 per house = _____

Number of extra houses

Total amount enclosed



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!

Parents and youth had a blast at the **Bonfire and Bible Stories Night** back on October 7th. Thank you to all who came and who donated items to make the night a success!

It will be here before we know it - our annual **Gingerbread House Decorating Event** will be held on **Saturday, December 5th from 10 am - 12 pm** (note this is an earlier time than previous years). Join us as we decorate cardboard gingerbread houses

and get into the Christmas spirit. There will even be a visit from St. Nicholas!

Pre-registration by November 22nd is required to attend this event! Please see the registration form included in this newsletter for more information.

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



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

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

\$20 PER FAMILY
Ages 3 to 10

POPCORN CINEMA

Faith Lutheran Church

Pizza Included!

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Faith Lutheran Preschool Newsletter November 2026



November Calendar

Nov. 3 – No School – Election Day

Nov. 26 – Nov. 30 – No School –
Thanksgiving Break

Looking Ahead

Christmas Program

Thursday, December 17 – 6:00PM



Gingerbread Mangers for Seniors

Monday, December 7
9:30am

We would like to thank all who helped make Father's Fall Fun Night a wonderful time for everyone. 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 5th- Tots, Seniors- 9:30 a.m.
Thursday May 6th- Juniors- 9:30 a.m.

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

Give Thanks Feast in Preschool



Tots, Juniors and Seniors
Wednesday, November 25

Family Chapel Celebration 11/18 at 11:30

Have you ever wondered how uplifting our Wednesday chapels can be? The children and teachers invite parents and families to be a part of one of our chapels! The children will sing songs and we will listen to a bible story from Pastor and Mr. P.

The preschool will also be hosting our annual food drive on 11/18. Please bring a can of fruit, vegetables, soups, applesauce, stuffing mix, gravy, rice, cereals for our family chapel celebration to be donated to a local family in need.

Birthday Blessings November

[REDACTED]

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



[REDACTED]

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



Next Meeting is
Sunday, November 22
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://Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)) for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Kerns & Gary Sandt



Carolyn Getz
2222 Sullivan Trail, Rm 326
Easton, PA 18040

Bernie Smith
Country Meadows Forks
175 Newlins Rd W, Apt 121
Easton, PA 18040

Carolyn Stielau
2222 Sullivan Trail, Rm 217
Easton, PA 18040

Rev. Greg Tafel
Asbury Chandler Estate
1569 Teels Road
Pen Argyl, PA 18072



Worship*

Sun, November 1

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

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Greg Pioppi, Frank VandeVeegaete
Sonya and John Bronico
Gary and DonnaLee & Lori Sandt
Alex VandeVeegaete

Sun, November 8

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

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Erik Wendt, Gary Sandt
Frank VandeVeegaete
Darlene Garon, Judy Dilts
Christine and Stephen Gold
Sue Tucker

Wed, November 11

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

7:00 pm

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Greg Pioppi
Sue Tucker

Sun, November 15

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

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Frank VandeVeegaete
Sirma and Kyle Garon
Sonya and John Bronico
Sue Tucker

Sun, November 22

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

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Erik Wendt, Tom Zaro
Donna Lugg
Deb and Ed Paolini
Darlene Garon, Robin Stewart
Sue Tucker

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wed, November 25

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

7:00 pm

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Frank VandeVeegaete
Sue Tucker



Sun, November 29

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

9:45 am

Hon. Rev. Scot Kerns
Gary Sandt, Tom Gorman
Juli VandeVeegaete
Gary and DonnaLee & Lori Sandt
Sharon and Jack Smickle
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.