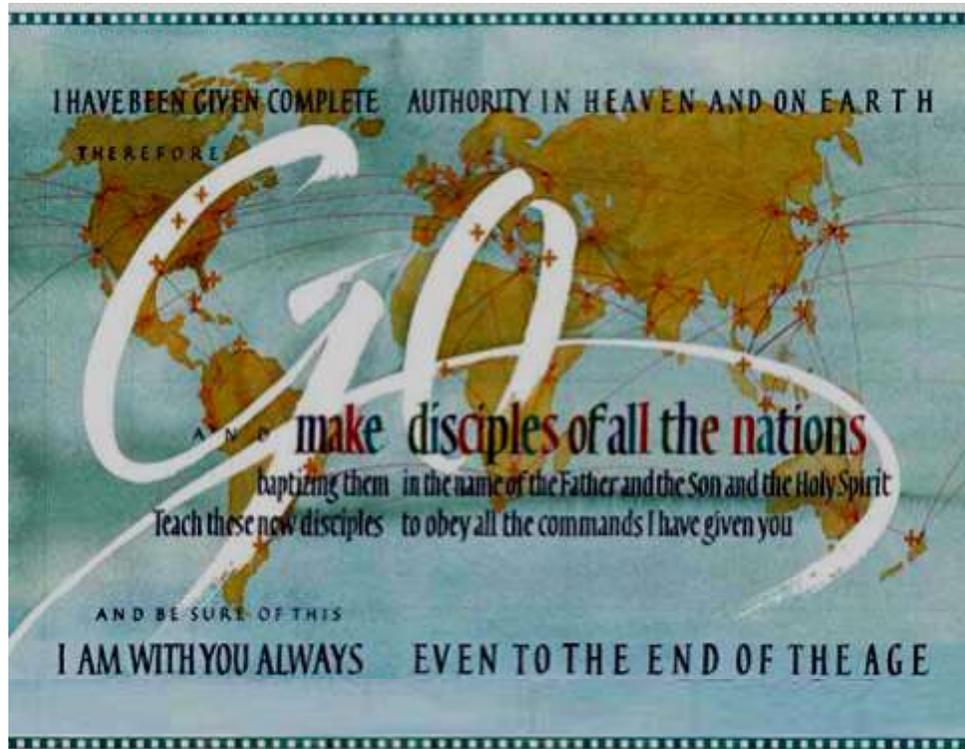




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*June 2020*  
**“Voice of Faith”**

**Our Mission: “Reaching, Teaching, Serving, and Sharing Christ”**

# FAITH CHURCH LEADERS

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**Rev. Christopher Crume**

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**Head Elder** Gary Sandt  
**Council President** Eric Himmelwright  
**Vice President** Steve Baas  
**Council Secretary** Nancy Smith  
**Financial Secretary** Kyle Garon  
**Treasurer** Steve Fogt  
**Worship Committee** Gary Sandt  
**At-Large Cong. Members** *Positions Open*

## Boards

**Preschool Co-Chair** Brooke Ippolito  
**Preschool Co-Chair** Megan Crume  
**Education** Elisabeth Brune  
**Finance** Steve Fogt  
**Facilities/ Property Mgmt** Craig VanPell

## Ministries

**Children** *Position Open*  
**Youth** Elizabeth Murray  
**Adult, Fellowship & Social** *Position Open*  
**Assimilation & Stewardship** *Position Open*  
**Evangelism** *Position Open*  
**Choir Director** Brenda Cavella  
**Handbells Director** Lori Brewer  
**Organist** Sue Tucker  
**Ushers** Sally Ueberroth  
**Custodian** Heather Brown  
**Custodian** Stephanie Altner  
**Preschool Coordinator** Mary Beth Buza  
**Security** Greg Pioppi  
**Scouting Program Coor.** Greg Pioppi  
**Voice of Faith** Gaye Lowe



**NOTE:** Meeting dates, times and location may change.  
Please call the contact below to confirm.

### YOUNG ADULT BREADBREAKERS

Eric & Becky Himmelwright

### PAUL MACHER'S BREADBREAKERS

3:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH in FELLOWSHIP HALL

### STEVE BAAS' BREADBREAKERS

Sally and Steve Baas

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (Rev. Crume)

11:00 AM WEDNESDAYS in FELLOWSHIP HALL

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY (Rev. Brand)

7:00 PM WEDNESDAYS in FELLOWSHIP HALL September-May

### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST (Ted Cheung)

8:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

### PAIRS AND SPARES (Kay Cowen)

Meets throughout the year in homes or different events.

### THRIVENT (Gloria Miller)

### CHOIR (Brenda Cavella)

7:00 PM TUESDAYS in CHANCEL

### BELL CHOIRS (Lori Brewer)

MONDAY in PRESCHOOL ROOM

Beginners 6:30 PM Advanced 7:15 PM

### ALTAR GUILD (Lynn Klein)

TEAMS CHANGE MONTHLY

### WOMENS BIBLE STUDY (Karen Smith)

2:30 PM 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAYS in FELLOWSHIP HALL

### QUEEN BEES (Judi Rabinsky)

BOARD GAMES, CRAFTS and FELLOWSHIP

10:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in FELLOWSHIP HALL

### LWML (Tracy Pioppi)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:15 in the Sanctuary

## Lutheranism 101

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran Church? Do you want to know what we as Lutherans believe?

Classes are forming periodically. Sally Baas or Pastor Crume to join the next **Lutheranism 101** class.



**Mark your calendars!**  
**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please submit articles, updates and notes to Gaye Lowe no later than June 15th for inclusion in the

**July 2020**

*Voice of Faith* NEWSLETTER

## ***Greetings from Pastor Crume***



Greetings in Christ!

St. Peter said that we are precious to God, and like living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-5). St. Paul also says that by Christ who is our head, the whole body is joined and held together so that as it works properly, it builds itself up in love (Ephesians 4:16).

With these verses in mind, I would like to begin by asking for your continued prayer as we move toward re-opening our church. I think that we are ready to get back to a more normal course of life in many respects. However, for us to return exactly to the way things were in the past might not be a reality, nor should it be. The apostles remind us that we are being built by God as a Spiritual house and a Spiritual people. We are certainly a Spiritual church, and as we grow, we are shaped, molded, equipped, and held together by the Holy Spirit according to God's will. Often that means that ministry looks different. Sometimes that means that we look different. Both of these scenarios can be especially good for us as we move forward; that we and the community around us will be able to see and experience God more fully. *Please pray for our transition as we work to re-open our church and engage our ministry moving forward.*

It is important to remember in all of this, that we aren't losing our identity as God's people in this place. Our strengths should and will remain our strengths. We are the people of God at Faith Lutheran Church, and that will never change. It is part of our heritage, and we are blessed to be able to build upon that heritage as we move forward!

We are blessed to be able to keep in touch in these days. Please check our YouTube page for new videos; subscribe if you haven't already done so. We have also been getting together online through GoToMeeting, I would love to see you join in the conversation. Keep an eye on your e-mail for invitations and announcements.

The wonderful Easter hymn reminds us: The strife is over, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won; now be the song of praise begun: Alleluia! (LSB 464) When all is said and done, the tomb remains empty. As St. Paul encourages us: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice!"* (Phil. 4:4)

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

In Christ,  
Pastor

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakCC7IzE9QIq85Itvvrn-Q>

In an ongoing effort to maintain connection in the midst of our social distancing we've begun to post some videos on the church YouTube channel. Some of those videos are worship services, and I've begun a study of the book 1Peter. Alex is posting videos for children, youth and confirmation classes. My goal is that each day we can upload a new video, and be fed by God's Word together. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you have, and I will do my best to answer them. Thank you so much for being part of our community. I pray that God will continue to bless you and reveal His grace in amazing ways. Above is the link to our YouTube channel if you don't have it.



**Alex Lillis, Director of Christian Education**

**June Youth Schedule:**  
 June 14th, 6pm-8pm: Online Youth Night  
 June 19th, 7pm-9pm: Online Youth Night  
 June 28th, 6pm-8pm: Online Youth Night

Greetings and Blessings!

How is your quarantine going? I miss seeing you all at church and I pray for you often. This is a difficult time for everyone. The Book of Lamentations depicts the great grief and sorrow of God's people after Jerusalem was invaded and destroyed by the Babylonians. God's people endured suffering and humiliation and felt rejected and abandoned by God. The truth is, prior to the destruction of Jerusalem, they had not been faithful to God. They had broken faith with God and strayed away, despite repeated appeals and warnings. I think that made this all the more humiliating for them. But in the midst of the laments, these verses catch my attention:

*But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."* -**Lamentations 3:21-24**

I think these words have great meaning for us today too. In the midst of our pain, God is our hope. His love is steadfast, unwavering, never failing. Even in difficult times, His grace and mercy are evident. He continues to pour out His blessings upon us, new each morning. As we walk through this tough time, I encourage you to keep an eye out for God's blessings, and to put your hope in Him alone.

I hope you have been able to join us for **Online Worship** on YouTube each Sunday. I am so glad we are still able to worship our Lord together even though we aren't together in person. You can also find many other videos on our YouTube channel. Pastor has been posting some great Bible devotions for adults and I have been posting a new **Kid's Message** every Tuesday and Thursday. We have recently finished up our **Confirmation** YouTube Lessons for the year. Our 7th grade Confirmation students are now preparing their faith statements, which will be read at a later date when we are able to come back together again.

We had three great **Online Bible Studies** during the month of May. If you have not already, I strongly encourage you to check out YouVersion Bible. This free resource has over 1,500 Bible translations, an audio feature that can read Scripture to you, and daily Bible reading plans and devotions on a wide range of topics. Best of all, YouVersion gives us the ability to go through Bible studies and devotions together as a church group. You can download the app at [bible.com/app](http://bible.com/app) or if you prefer to use a computer, just go to [bible.com](http://bible.com) and click on "sign up" in the top right corner. Keep an eye out for more online Bible studies coming soon!

Our **Online Youth Nights** have been a blast! We had three great Youth Events in the month of May. On May 4th, we played a Family Feud game together online. On May 8th, we had a Netflix Party Night where we watched the Bee Movie together. On May 17th, we played Wheel of Fortune- Bible Edition. We miss being able to meet in person, but we are still having a great time together online. More online youth nights will be happening in June. Youth, I hope you can join us!

As of May 21st, I have officially accepted the call to serve as the Director of Christian Education at Faith Lutheran Church. I am so excited to be continuing in ministry here! My commissioning and installation service will be on June 7th, and we are planning to live stream the service so that everyone can enjoy it. Details about how to view the service live will be coming soon. I hope you can join in this special celebration online. I can't wait to celebrate with all of you in person when we can get together again!

**Stewardship Note:**

The yellow "Special Mission Offering" envelopes in your 2020 offering envelope boxes will be dedicated for the Director of Christian Education program here at Faith. If you are giving on line through our e-giving program you may designate to do the same on line with your monthly special gift.



### Pastor Brand

By request, the Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin a study of spiritual gifts when it resumes after the quarantine is lifted. We will distinguish between spiritual fruits and spiritual gifts, looking at each of them. As Paul tells us in Romans 12:6 and I Corinthians 12:7, each Christian has been given at least

one spiritual gift to be used for the common good of all. Do you know what these spiritual gifts are? Do you know what your spiritual gift(s) is/are? Once we have studied the spiritual gifts that are listed in Romans 12, I Corinthians 12 and I Peter 4, participants will take a spiritual gifts inventory to determine what their spiritual gift(s) might be. Knowing what one's gift(s) might be can guide an individual to know what kind of service to others they have been gifted by the Holy Spirit to do. Come join Pastor Brand on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 as we learn about spiritual gifts and discover what ours might be.

### Drive thru, curbside pickup Or Dine-in

How do you see your experience at Faith? To truly be a part of the church family consider the three "T"s.

#### Time

Time spent in prayer, worship, Sunday School with our children and service activities. As we spend time in small groups and committees we grow closer to other members of the congregation and are able to support and encourage one another in the faith.

#### Talents

From the youngest child to senior citizens, all have skills that can be used to the glory of God. Prayerfully consider what your role should be at Faith - Elder, Council, Altar Guild, Usher, Acolyte, Greeter, Building and Grounds, Choir, Bells, Sunday School Teacher, Visitation Team, VBS, LWML, Prayer Warrior and so forth.

#### Tithes and Offerings

Scripture instructs us to support our pastor and other employees of the church. *Galatians 6:6, 1 Timothy 5:17.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### GIVING AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Support Faith Lutheran Church with a one-time gift or set up convenient recurring gifts. It's easy!

#### Make your gift online or via text:

- Visit Faith's website and click on "Give": <https://www.faithlcms.com>
- Members of Faith can sign into Realm and click "Give" to process a on-time gift or to set up recurring gifts. Visit Realm online at: <https://onrealm.org/FaithLutheranCh/>
- Text keyword "faithlcms" to 73256. Then follow instructions for giving via credit card or direct debit.

**Mail** your check to Faith Lutheran Church  
2012 Sullivan Trail Easton PA 18040

**Ask your employer** if they will match your charitable donations. Faith is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Info: Steve Fogt

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★ **! Thrivent Grants Needed !** ★

★ Seed money is needed to replace the **damaged side door** (rust & rotting frame) on the church garage. ★

★ A second grant is needed to **mulch and seed** the lawn area. ★

★ If you can help by directing your Action Team Grant(s) toward these and other projects, please let Craig VanPell (Facilities/Property Management) know. ★

★ Action Teams are ready and waiting to work as soon as church reopens. ★

★ Thanks! ★

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**Prayers are offered for ALL the families of Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool families.**

Please include the following families in your prayers this month.  
The families below will be remembered in a special way during our Sunday Worship.

**Faith Families**

6/7 The Krasenics Family  
Marge Kresge

6/14 Alex Lillis  
The Loeser/Peters Family

6/21 Mark & Gaye Lowe  
Albert & Donna Lugg

6/28 Paul & Frances Macher  
Nolan Mattson

**Our Military and their Families**

Tom Heller  
Spencer Muhlbach  
Brandon Read  
Sean Sargent  
Stephen Sargent  
Vincent Franchino  
Jef Spangler  
Brayan Cardozo  
John Pekol

Please email the church office with CURRENT information for the military families listed above:

- ◆ Names of their immediate family members
- ◆ Their connection with Faith Church
- ◆ Branch, Rank, and where they are currently serving (and an end date if known)
- ◆ Home and Deployed addresses
- ◆ Email, and Phone Numbers

Let us know if your military family would like to receive cards or letters



**You are Invited to Join Us Every 3rd Sunday 9:15 am  
in the Sanctuary when the church reopens**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

Mite Boxes and Stamp Deposit Box are available in the coat room.

