



VOICE OF FAITH

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

April 2022



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS

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Head Elder	Greg Pioppi

CHURCH OFFICE

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COUNCIL

President	**Position Open**
Vice President/Ministry Chair	Brenda (Cavella) Stewart
Secretary	**Position Open**
Finance Board/Treasurer	Steve Fogt
Elders Board	Greg Pioppi
Property Mgmt Board	Lynn Klein
Preschool Board	Elisabeth Brune
At-Large Cong. Member	Lori Brewer
At-Large Cong. Member	Bob Harrison
At-Large Cong. Member	Lorraine Varela

MINISTRIES

Children	Jacquelyn Morrow
Youth	**Position Open**
Adult, Fellowship & Social	Jeanne Iacono
Assimilation & Stewardship	Brenda Gadow
Evangelism	**Position Open**

CHURCH CONTACTS

Preschool	Jen D'Angelo/Deb McAtee
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Worship Committee	Greg Pioppi
Choir Director	Brenda (Cavella) Stewart
Handbells Director	Lori Brewer
Acolytes	Elisabeth Brune
Organist	Sue Tucker
Ushers	Bob Harrison
Security	Greg Pioppi
Scouting Program Coor.	Greg Pioppi
Voice of Faith Editor	Jean E Wehrle



NOTE:

Meeting dates, times and location may change. Please call ahead to confirm. See contact below.

ALTAR GUILD Lynn Klein

Teams change monthly

ACOLYTES Elisabeth Brune

CRAFTY CREATORS Judi Rabinsky

Tammy Brewer

10:00 am Weekly on Thursdays in Fellowship Hall

CHOIR Brenda (Cavella) Stewart

7:15 pm Tuesdays in the Sanctuary

HANDBELL CHOIR Lori Brewer

6:30 pm Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

LWML Tracy Pioppi

9:15 am the 3rd Sundays in the Sanctuary

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Ted Cheung

8:00 am the 1st Saturday via Go-To-Meeting

THRIVENT Gloria Miller

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Karen Smith

1:30 PM the 1st and 3rd Thursday Offsite

ELDERS



HEAD ELDER
Greg Pioppi

ELDERS
Ted Cheung
Gary Sandt
Erik Wendt
Tom Zaro

ASSISTANTS
John Bronico
Chris Decker
Kyle Garon

ELDER'S LIST

Located in the Narthex, please find a binder with a list of Faith members and their Elders. Members are welcome to review the list at their leisure and submit an update, if needed.

CALLING AN INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR

At the December council meeting we asked Pastor Wicher, our District president to meet with use to give us some help and direction on how to proceed with our vacancy. He suggested we call an Intentional Interim Pastor. None of us even knew what that meant.

Some churches just tread water during a vacancy, most slowly sink. We are slowly sinking. We did the same during our past vacancies. People are leaving. Giving is down. People tend to look at the vacancy period as "dead time" between the old pastor and the new pastor. The result is the congregation declines. When the new pastor comes in, he builds it back up, but after a while he leaves and the cycle repeats itself. This does not lead to long term growth of the Kingdom of God.

Pastors leaving is inevitable, congregations declining during a vacancy is not! The LCMS saw this see-saw pattern of growth and then decline during a vacancy is its congregations and decided to do something about it. They developed the Intentional Interim Pastor Program. An intentional interim pastor is specially trained to guide a congregation during the vacancy period so that it is not dead time, but a productive time of introspection, goal setting and preparing for the next pastor. Not only will he serve us as pastor, preaching the word and sacrament, but he is trained to help us determine our strengths and

weakness, he will also help us set concrete goals for the short and long term so we can hit the ground running when our next pastor arrives. He is also trained to help us through the call process. A vacancy can actually be a good thing! Congregations tend to get stagnant and complacent when a pastor has served a long time. A vacancy is an opportunity to regroup and look forward if we have the right leadership. That's what the Intentional Interim Pastor Program is designed to provide.

President Wicher provided us with three names for an intentional interim pastor. I spoke with all three men. One declined. One is thinking about it and will get back to me and the third, pastor Bob Bartz is enthusiastic about the possibility of serving Faith. So much so that he has scheduled a visit with us on March 30th through April 3rd. He will be preaching on Sunday April 3. Let's all make him feel welcome. If he feels called to Faith and we want to call him as an intentional interim pastor, he is available to come shortly after Easter.

I'm excited to call an intentional interim pastor and start planning for the future and stop looking back. I hope you all feel the same way.

May God Bless Our Search,
Steve Fogt, Council Treasurer

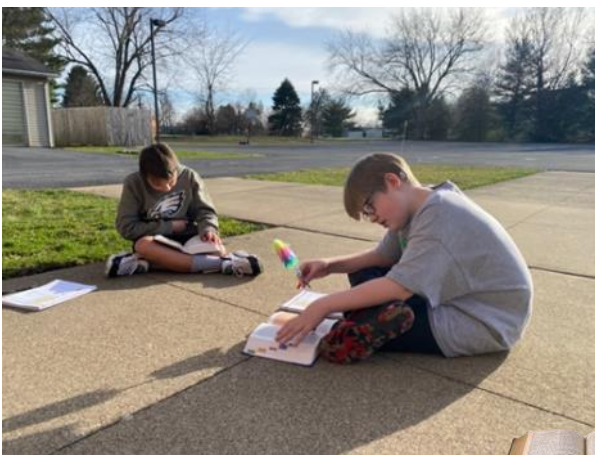


SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

JOIN US IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR
A SPECIAL POTLUCK LUNCHEON WITH
INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR BOB BARTZ

SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE HALLWAY

YOUTH NIGHTS, CONFIRMATION CLASS, AND PRESCHOOL CHAPEL



Visit Faith Lutheran Church's Facebook for more pictures!
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Upcoming Events

Youth Night Ice Skating at Steel Ice Ctr, Bethlehem	March 26	6 pm - 8 pm
Youth Night	April 10	6 pm - 8 pm
Children's Easter Egg Hunt	April 16	10 am - 11 am
Easter Breakfast Fundraiser for Youth Summer Trip	April 17	8 am - 9:30 am
Youth Night	April 24	6 pm - 8 pm

As we draw near to Holy Week, we reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." -1 Peter 2:24

The perfect, sinless Savior took the sins of the world upon Himself. Christ, bearing our sins, died on the cross in order to put our sin to death. Because of Jesus, we can die to our sin and live new lives clothed in His righteousness. Jesus' bitter suffering and death is precisely what brings us the healing we so desperately need: forgiveness and new life in His name. On the third day, Christ our Savior rose from the dead, defeating sin and death and securing our salvation. What an awesome Savior we have!

We had some exciting **Preschool Chapel Lessons** in the month of March. We learned about Jesus healing the man born blind, Daniel in the lion's den, Zacchaeus in the tree, and our future Heavenly home with Jesus! Each of these lessons included a fun activity or demonstration. We used various tools including a tall ladder, pillows and blankets, and real mud from the ground to make the lessons memorable and fun!

In **Confirmation Class**, we have been learning all about Jesus' ministry here on earth. Jesus did a lot of incredible things! In our classes together, we have covered many of Jesus' teachings, parables, healings, and miracles. As we approach the end of the season of Lent, we are moving into lessons

about Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Everything that Jesus endured demonstrates His incredible love for us. Thank You Jesus!

Youth Group is going well! In late February, we had an amazing Youth Night at Sky Zone Trampoline Park. We enjoyed all the trampolines, obstacles, and foam pits along with some pizza, soda, and cake. It was a blast! In the middle of March, we had a Wild Animal Youth Night here at church. We played many animal-themed games including Peep Wars, Happy Lion-Angry Lion, and Animal Trivia Kahoot. Our next Youth Event is an Ice-Skating Youth Night on Saturday, March 26th at the Steel Ice Center. Youth, I hope you will join us!

We are gearing up for our trip to the **LCMS Youth Gathering this Summer!** We will be traveling to Houston, Texas from July 7th through the 13th to attend the Gathering. The theme for the 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is "In All Things" based on Colossians 1:15-20. Please consider attending our Easter Breakfast fundraiser or donating to our Youth Summer Trip fund. Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare for our trip!

We are working on preparing some **new Adult Bible Classes** and we need volunteers! In these classes, we will use a variety of learning methods to make Adult Bible Class more engaging, impactful, and fun. If you are interested in leading a short-term, three to five week Adult Bible Class, let me know! And be on the look-out for new classes coming soon!

VOTER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

Immediately Following Worship

RSVP TODAY!

It is with great joy we announce a special Voter's Assembly Meeting on Sunday, April 10 immediately after Worship in the sanctuary of Faith Lutheran Church. This meeting is called to consider an Intentional Interim Pastor. The ballot will include the name of Rev. Bob Bartz, Intentional Interim Pastor with the voting options of "Yes" and "No".

Rev. Bob Bartz, a candidate for Intentional Interim Pastor, is enthusiastic about the possibility of serving Faith and has scheduled a visit with us on March 30th through April 3rd. He will be preaching on Sunday, April 3rd. A potluck luncheon with Pastor Bartz is scheduled for April 3rd immediately after worship.

The Voter's Assembly Meeting will begin promptly after worship and will be broadcast on Zoom (check your home mailbox for a letter with the passcode) for those unable to attend in-person. Zoom participants will be given voting instructions the day of the meeting. **Please RSVP for the Voter's Assembly Meeting by either calling/ emailing the church office or via Realm.**

*Note for Zoom: One vote per device!
Households with more than one voting member are encouraged to sign into the Zoom meeting on separate devices. For example: phones, tablets, and/or computers can be used.*

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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

In March, our PreK to 1st grade and 2nd to 5th grade Sunday School classes finished their current unit. They learned about Jesus’ trial and death on Good Friday and then His resurrection on Easter Sunday! One of the crafts they created was a story wheel with the events of Holy Week so they can use it to remember all that we’ve learned when Holy Week arrives! The kids have had a blast enjoying crafts, songs, and great lessons taught by our Sunday School teachers.

Our Youth class continues to study real-world applications of their faith. Questions from the month of March included: “How Can We Deal with Peer Pressure?”, “Is Life Better for Religious or Non-Religious People?”, and “Are Demons Real?”. These are important questions for our teens to grapple with and learn the tools to not only answer these questions for themselves, but also for their peers who may ask some of the same things!

At the beginning of April, “Resurrection Eggs” will be available to those who would like to have this resource to share the Easter story during family egg hunts. Never heard of Resurrection Eggs? They are a dozen plastic Easter eggs, each filled with an element from the Holy Week story and Bible verses to walk you and your little ones through the events of the week that changed the world! Two dozen sets of eggs will be available after worship on Sunday, April 3rd, on a first come, first served basis. One per family, please!

Also in April we will once again hold our annual **Easter Egg Hunt!** This event is open to the public and will be held on **Saturday, April 16 at 10:00 am on the church grounds.** If it rains, we will move the event inside. The Children’s Ministry Committee will be asking for donations of small, individually wrapped candy and volunteers to help with the event. We hope to see you and your family there!



FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

The Upper and Lower Classes are rolling along in spring. Mad Science came into the Upper Class and conducted experiments about the atmosphere, rocks and rockets. The children created lions to fit in with March weather.

To celebrate the coming of Spring both classes are creating flowers that float around the bees on the bulletin board. Both classes are also decorating their own Preschool Easter baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 13.

Registration for 2022/2023 is open for all classes. Registration forms can be downloaded from the Preschool page on our website at faithlcms.com/preschool or stop by the church to pick up a form located in the Narthex and outside the church office.



**REGISTER FOR
2022/2023
SCHOOL YEAR**

BE A GOOD STEWARD IN ALL THINGS

GET (AND KEEP) CONNECTED



Reminder to Faith members, new and existing, to register for their Realm Account. Realm is accessible via web or through the app. The NEWS section includes Member Communications such including holiday worship services, updates to face mask and related policies, and adult bible study info.

Contact the church office and request a Realm invitation be emailed to you and start connecting today.

Note for members with [Realm](#) - kindly take a moment to update your records with birthdays, contact info and preferences. Thank you!

TONER/INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Why do we ask you to recycle?

Each month Faith can recycle up to ten ink and toner cartridges of all makes and models. The savings to the church amounts to \$1,000 or more each year.

Recycle your cartridge by placing them in the brown box outside the church door or the box by the office door. Thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Cut flower bouquets beautify the altar while reminding us of the fragility of life. Flowers may be given "in honor of" or "in memory of" loved ones or for a special family occasion.

Sign up today on the 2022 large yellow poster in the Narthex.

Please make \$20 check payable to:

**Faith Lutheran Church
Memo - Altar Flowers**



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3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

**Faith's AmazonSmile Account Number
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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

04/03	Traci Taddeo	Jared & Adria Tafel
04/10	Justin Tafel	Pastor Greg & Mary Tafel
04/17	Ted & Ellen Toth	Kathy Troxell
04/24	Larry & Sue Tucker	Sally Ueberroth

Military Families

Courtney Conforth	Bryan Muhlbach
Vincent Franchino	John Pekol
Joanne Gabl	Brandon Read
Tom Heller	Stephen Sargent
Spencer Muhlbach	Jef Spangler
Justin Muhlbach	Zachary Tolson

THANK YOU

To Our Faith Family,

We want to thank you so much for the meals, thoughts, prayers, rides and love you showed to us during and after our little mishap at home. "But the greatest of these is love." I was not able to write individual thank you notes at the time because of a broken right wrist, but please know that everything you did was so appreciated. We are doing well now, and again, we thank you.

Mac and Kay Cowen

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, April 23

Christ Lutheran Church, 302 Main St., Freemansburg, is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 23, in support of Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers, with offices in Easton and Allentown. Serving will be from 4 pm to 7 pm, with take-out available. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under, with children under the age of 5 being free.

Tickets are available from Gary Sandt



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM

Gary Sandt, Alex Lillis



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

[REDACTED]

Did We Miss Your Birthday?

Update on Realm or email faithlcms@outlook.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED OF COMFORT?

Faith Lutheran Church is proud to offer Prayer Shawls to our community. Our prayer shawls come in many shapes and sizes, including traditional shawls, quilts, baby blankets and hats to name a few. Provide comfort to the sick, discouraged, preemies, and more. Each prayer shawl comes with a bible verse. Contact the church office with requests.

PRAYER SHAWLS ARE OFFERED AT NO CHARGE

Donations are gratefully accepted in the form of cash or wool. All cash donations will be used to purchase supplies.

EASTER FLOWERS

As we prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus' resurrection, we also prepare the church for worship. Help decorate by ordering flowers to be placed around the altar. After Easter worship, take your flower home as a reminder of the joy of Easter. Order forms available in the Narthex.

Completed order forms can be placed in the collection bowl, dropped off at the church office, or mailed to Faith Lutheran Church at 2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040.



NEW AED INSTALLED

An **automated external defibrillator (AED)** is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can potentially stop an irregular heart beat (arrhythmia) and allow a normal rhythm to resume following sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA occurs when the heart malfunctions and stops beating unexpectedly.

According to the American Heart Association, AEDs are intended for use by the general public and are safe to use by anyone. Some studies have shown that 90 percent of the time AEDs are able to detect a rhythm that should be defibrillated. This data suggests that AEDs are highly effective in detecting when (or when not) to deliver a shock.

Our newly installed AED is located on the wall between the kitchen and the maintenance closet.
Info sheets available on top of the white case.

WORSHIP

Sun, Apr 3

Visiting Pastor:
Assistant/Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am

Rev. Bob Bartz
Greg Pioppi, Ted Cheung
Mr. & Mrs. John Bronico
Sue Tucker

Wed, Apr 6

Lay Deacon:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

Midweek Lent

12:00 noon

Gary Sandt
Ted Cheung
Sue Tucker

7:00 pm

Gary Sandt
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sat, Apr 9

Guest Pastor:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

5:00 pm

Rev. Jon Hofmeister
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sun, April 10

Guest Pastor:
Assistant/Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

Palm Sunday - 9:45 am

Rev. Jon Hofmeister
Greg Pioppi, Tom Zaro
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jordan
Sue Tucker

Thu, Apr 14

Lay Deacon/Guest Pastor
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

Maundy Thursday

12:00 noon

Gary Sandt
Gary Sandt
Sue Tucker

7:00 pm

Rev. Carl Emberger
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Fri, Apr 15

Lay Deacon:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

Good Friday

12:00 noon

Gary Sandt
Ted Cheung
Sue Tucker

7:00 pm

Gary Sandt
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sun, April 17

Guest Pastor:
Assistants/Readers:
Greeters:
Organist:

Easter Sunday

7:00 am

Rev. Ron Smith
Gary Sandt, Greg Pioppi
-
Sue Tucker

9:45 am

Rev. Ron Smith
Erik Wendt, Tom Zaro
Susan Sinko / Traci Taddeo

Sat, Apr 23

Lay Deacon:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

5:00 pm

Gary Sandt
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sun, Apr 24

Lay Deacon:
Assistants:
Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am

Gary Sandt
Greg Pioppi, Ted Cheung
Frank VandeVeegaete Jr.
Nancy Smith / Marge Kresge
Sue Tucker



WORSHIP NOTES

Faith Lutheran Church follows CDC recommendations for fully vaccinated individuals (defined as two weeks after your final vaccination shot and received the booster) to have the option to wear a face mask at Faith Lutheran Church during worship services and social events. Face masks will continue to be required during Preschool hours and programs. Please visit the CDC at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for additional resources and information

Childcare Room is open for parents to accompany their child ages 5 and younger during Sunday worship services. Please note: toys have been locked away to prevent the spread of any germs; plan to bring your own toys.

Worship schedule subject to change. Please check the website and/or weekly bulletins for the most up-to-date information.

SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER



Faith Lutheran Church will remain open for services.

Please Use Caution!
Driving conditions may vary between your home and Forks Township.