




VOICE OF FAITH

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

January 2023



**⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is
steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful
redemption.**

Psalm 130:7

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ANOTHER CHARACTER FROM PASTOR BOB'S JOURNAL...

Sam. I met Sam in a hospital room. I had spent the weekend in the hospital being treated for asthma. While waiting for the discharge papers, a gentleman was wheeled into the other space in the room. He needed emergency heart surgery. One of the questions on the admittance form concerned church affiliation. Sam's reply to the question: "I am Jewish. The other day I accepted JESUS as my Savior. What does that make me"? Not being able to resist a response 😊 I replied, from the other side of the curtain: "Sir, that makes you a Messianic Jew". His response: "We need to talk". Before I went home, Sam and I introduced ourselves and had prayer time. I visited him a few times in the hospital and had opportunity to meet his wife and family. His wife was Pentecostal. I sensed early on that Sam would probably go to church with his wife. He did visit one time at Immanuel, Richton Park, IL, where I served at the time. He gave his testimony. In my short time of ministry to Sam, I asked him what led to his conversion. He replied that his Jewish Tradition was not giving him the answers he was looking for regarding life and faith. I also called Jews for Jesus and inquired as to reading material I could give Sam to help him on his faith journey. They suggested Luther's Small Catechism. I gave Sam a copy. Though our interaction was brief I thank JESUS that I was able to be a part of Sam's faith journey. May your journey include a few "Sam's"! Share JESUS!

RESOLUTIONS FOR DAILY LIFE

PUTZ...Another word from my dear Mother. In times of anxiety clean out a closet or re-arrange a space in the house. It's OK to trash stuff 😊 I call it non-offensive, no danger, obsessive/compulsive behavior 😊 It passes quickly 😊

KISS...Keep your life Simple. In any situation, there is the main issue. Singular, not plural. It is OK to have a messy desk when I leave church to return to my apartment 😊

SURF...When a big wave comes your way, instead of heading straight into it, ask JESUS for a surfboard. Climb onto the surfboard. Ride the wave. All waves eventually reach the shore and dissipate. Some days I ask JESUS for a big surfboard 😊

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INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY: Please be mindful that an IIM is temporary. While it remains my intention to serve Faith until the next Called Pastor arrives, I am also mindful that the Holy Spirit may give me a "nudge" to another IIM. Beginning this month there will be discussions between the Elders and I regarding the start of the Call Process and, an evaluation of Faith's strengths and weaknesses.

KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN: A full-time Pastor, while the traditional model, is not the only option for Faith. Explore other possibilities.

I AM AVAILABLE 24/7: I will continue Coffee and Conversation at McDonald's on Sullivan Trail, next to Giant, Monday through Friday, 7am - 8 am. Office Hours at Church will be Monday through Friday beginning at 8 am. SCHNUTTER TIME 😊 is any time my office door is open, and I am present. Please wake me if I am taking a nap 😊 While I am home in Michigan, please call me first on my home phone: 269-244-4166. My Cell Phone is 269-535-2828.

THE BULLETIN BOARD across from my Office posts the monthly Calendar, Daily Devotions, and my on-going Pastor's Report. Daily Devotions are also on this Website: lutheranchurchcharities.org

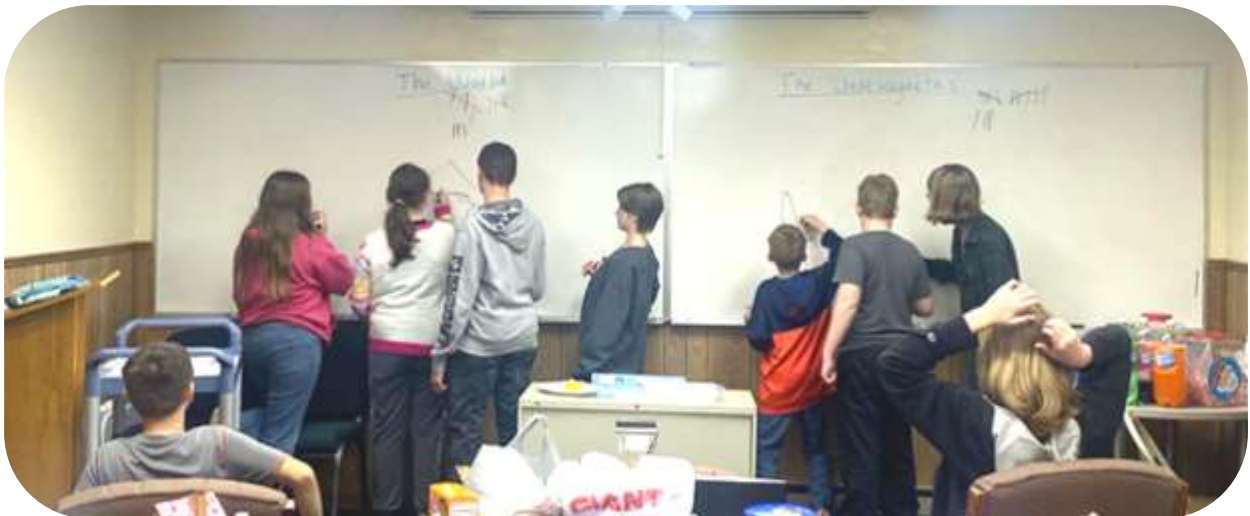
MY NEXT TIME OFF will be Friday January 6, 2023, through Friday January 20, 2023. Our Family Christmas will be Saturday, January 7, 2023-Epiphany. Our newest grandchild, Sarah Elizabeth Luster-Bartz (David and Melissa) will be baptized Sunday, January 8, 2023. Lindysue, my wife, will have hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Thank You for all your Prayers!

THOUGHTS FOR JANUARY 2023...Read God's Word! ... Focus On Jesus! ... Ask Jesus In!

Blessings Always...
Love You All...
Pastor Bob

Intentional
Interim
Ministry

YOUTH EVENTS & PRESCHOOL CHAPEL



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Life-Size Clue Youth Night..... January 8, 6 pm - 8 pm
Youth Lock-In..... January 27 - 28

“Oh, so you’re a Christian?” This question often comes up when I meet new people, especially if they ask me where I work. Sometimes, the person says this with excitement, because they also follow Jesus. But other times, this phrase is said in a disgruntled manner. It’s no secret that the world does not like Christians. We’re seen as judgmental, stuck-up, foolish, and gullible by many of those who do not believe. Still, even in these cases, my glad reply is “Yes, I am a Christian!”

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”

- **Romans 1:16a**

Regardless of how people view me, I never want to be ashamed of believing in Christ Jesus. He has saved me from the power of sin and death and made me His very own. I will gladly proclaim all that He has done without shame or fear. There is such power in the truth of the Gospel. Let’s start off the New Year by spreading the Good News! Who can you share the Gospel with this month?

With our minds on **Community Outreach**, how can we share the love of Jesus with those around us? Earlier in December, we had a wonderful Community Pancake Breakfast where we welcomed community members to Faith for free breakfast and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event! What other things can we do to share Christ’s love and kindness with our community?

Our **Youth Group** had a wonderful time this past month! Earlier in December, we had a Christmas Cookie Youth Night where we baked and frosted Christmas cookies. We also decorated gingerbread houses and played an intense game of Christmas Pictionary. To further embrace the Christmas season, our next Youth Night was a Youth Group Christmas Party. We played many Christmas-themed games including Cookie Thief, Jingle Bells Dance, Runaway Elves, and Santa’s Beard. We also enjoyed fellowship, snacks, and had a White Elephant gift exchange. Youth, come join us for more Youth Events in the New Year!

In **Confirmation Class**, we are learning all about the Apostles Creed. Each article of the Creed covers one person of the Trinity. As we learn about God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we see how amazing He is and how great His love for us! After taking a short break for Christmas, our Confirmation Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

At **Faith Lutheran Preschool**, we spent the whole month of December focusing on the story of Christmas during Bible Storytime and Chapel. We learned all about Mary and Joseph, their trip to Bethlehem, the Shepherds, and the Wise Men. Our Chapel Lessons were filled with fun props, demonstrations, and songs to celebrate the birth of Our Savior! Additionally, we had our Preschool Christmas Program on December 19th. Each student wore a costume and played a part in telling the story of the first Christmas. What a special time with our Preschool families!

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023
IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP



It is with great joy we announce a regular **QUARTERLY VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING** on Sunday, January 15, 2023, immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church.

PLEASE RSVP! RSVP in Realm (contact the church office if you need access to Realm) or feel free to call the church office at 610-253-1625 or email faithlcms@outlook.com.

POTLUCK! Bring your favorite main course, side dish and dessert to share!

**Please note there will be no streaming/ Zoom option for this meeting. **



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 12, 2022

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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!

Sunday School continues to dig deeper into God’s Word and His love for us! Is there a young person in your life who would benefit from learning about God with peers their own age and with lesson designed especially for their age group? If so, bring them to Sunday School! Children do not need to be members to attend and while they get the most out of regular attendance, we also welcome those who can only attend occasionally.

Families from the congregation and preschool enjoyed decorating **cardboard gingerbread houses** at the beginning of December. If you missed the fun this year, be sure to keep an eye out for this event next year! Looking ahead, families with children ages 1 to 8 years old and an active

membership status can be on the look out for their next **Faith@Home** packet arriving in the mail some time the end of January or beginning of February.

Have you peeked in at the newly-revitalized nursery yet? The room is almost entirely complete and we can’t wait to use it! In January, the room will be open but unstaffed - parents are welcome to bring their children back and stay with them. At this time there are not enough volunteers to staff the nursery every Sunday, and Children’s Ministry anticipates having childcare available twice a month. If you are considering volunteering in the nursery but are unsure of the commitment and expectations, please reach out to Jackie Morrow.

FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL



APPEAL FROM EVERGREEN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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FALL 2022

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"
(Matthew 5:14)

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ!

We wish to express our gratitude to our current supporters and encourage others to join us in our mission here at Evergreen Lutheran Church and School. Foremost, our greatest need is prayer! The Bible says, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:16) As a result of both prayer and financial support we have survived the covid-19 crises. Praise the LORD!

We remain a viable ministry as the last Lutheran School in the city of Detroit. Our church and school continues to service the poorest of the poor in our community. I am often asked, "Why do you stay here?" Because the LORD called me through the congregation to minister with the Gospel of our Lord to them and especially to reach as many at-risk-students as possible.

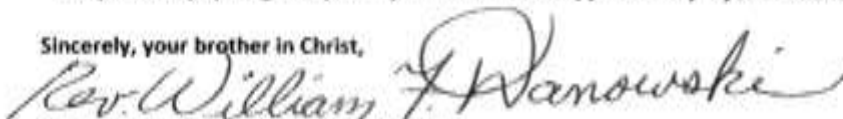
When I asked my students this fall about the pit-falls of living in the city they responded with many negative things such as, "A lot of murders and robberies, stealing and fighting, kids being kid-napped on their way home from school, and set-ups." I cordially asked, "What in the world do you mean by set-ups?" They responded, "If you have a friend who has a friend that doesn't like you, he will set you up to be robbed or killed or if you have any expensive clothes or jewelry, they will take it from you." Naturally I was taken back and responded, "Oh wow! Is there anything positive in living here?" They replied, "Yes Pastor, coming to school here at Evergreen." I was certainly touched! After watching some of my younger students picking at each other's chicken bones during the lunch period for the meat or eating some leftovers from the lunchroom trash, or who think that a package of Ramen noodles for lunch from home is a feast, I honestly believed them. We are indeed a sanctuary for Jesus little lambs and "A city on a hill that cannot be hidden."

We are proud to announce that we baptized seven of our elementary students on Easter Sunday and on graduation day! We also plant the seed of the Gospel in the hearts of the Day Care children during our chapel services and concerts. The Holy Spirit is truly at work in the hearts of our children!

We desperately need to keep our doors open so that we can keep these children well fed and educated.

May the Holy Spirit guide you in your decision to support us in prayer or financially.

Sincerely, your brother in Christ,


Rev. William F. Danowski, Pastor/Principal

You may also support us through the Thrivent Choice program by calling 1-800-847-4836.

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ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

A HUGE thank you to everyone that volunteered and worked at our free Community Pancake Breakfast last month. What a great team!

There will be a **free Community Spaghetti Dinner** held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 4 pm to 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be looking for our church chefs to help supply homemade sauce (gravy). If you know of one of those chefs, please contact Sue Tucker.

A **Chili Cookoff** will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Please mark your calendars and save the date. All welcome to participate.

We are always looking for committee members to join the **Action Committee**. If this is your calling then come to our **next meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023**, at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Finally on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 there will be a **Bloodmobile** here at Faith from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm. By appointment only - please see page 13 for more info.

Signups for all events will be on an easel in the narthex. Many hands make light work. Please lend us a hand.

MITE COLLECTION

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite. Mark 12:43-44.

Please plan to empty out your mite box into a bucket that will be at the back of the church. Then, either keep your mite box, or throw it away and take a new box. This will help our counters avoid touching individual mite boxes.

Thank you!



ALTAR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF

My Parents-Audrey & John Sullivan
Our Parents
Glenn Loomis, Shirley Loomis, Bill Loomis
Harold & Elsie Babp
Oliver Mackey, Lillian Midgley, Faith Condie, Klara Midgley
Shawn Carolyn Smith

IN HONOR OF

Mac Cowen

GIVEN BY

Jill Hegedus
Rich Hinkel & Irene Young
Barbara Loomis
Barbara Loomis
Carrie Midgley
Bernie & Nancy Smith

GIVEN BY

Kay Cowen

TO THE GLORY OF GOD - GIVEN BY

John & Sonya Bronico
Kay Cowen
John & Melanie Harper

Ed & Debbie Paolini
The VandeVeegaete Family



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



01/01	Dirk Helbig	Lynette Hill
01/08	Richard Hinkel	Roger Hudak
01/15	Iacono Family	Ippolito Family
01/22	Kathleen Jiorie	Kailee Johnson
01/29	Bob & Ann Jordan	Betty Kavanagh

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

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

with Pastor Bob

**Tuesdays at 12:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

Bring a Bible
Bring a Lunch
Bring a Friend!



Check Calendar for Cancellations

Given In Loving Memory of Fran Macher

Mac and Kay Cowen
Judy and Dylan Dilts
Joshua & Jeremy Kratzer
Michael & Nancy Macher
Nancy and Bernie Smith
Joyce Schumacher
Carl and Donna Varga



Thank you

We want to thank everyone who was involved in organizing and providing the luncheon for Fran Macher. Also, thank you to those involved with the beautiful service and for the compassion and kindness shown to us as we mourn her loss.

**Kim Macher, Erik Wendt
and Family**

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Faith group of members who volunteer for Meals on wheels delivery, could enjoy some new Faith persons added to our team. Our schedule is the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 10:00 am until complete by at least Noon.

Please be in touch with Gloria Miller to learn the specifics of the day.



Good news! AmazonSmile is available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. Download the latest Amazon Shopping App today!

Simply follow these instructions for AmazonSmile and start generating donations: z

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
3. Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process

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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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

2023 Sign Up Poster now in the church office hallway! 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 \$20 check payable to:
Faith Lutheran Church
Memo - Altar Flowers



MEAL TRAINS

Meal Trains are now being offered to church members recovering from surgery, during an illness, or in any time of need. Sign-ups will be posted in Realm (contact the church office if you need access to Realm).

Meal Trains coordinated by the **Adult, Fellowship and Social Ministry**. Any questions, or if you would like to request a Meal Train, please contact Jeanne Iacono, Director of Adult, Fellowship and Social Ministry, or contact the church office at 610-253-1625 or by email at faithlcms@outlook.com.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



2012 Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA 18040
Bloodmobile in Our Parking Lot

Conveniently schedule your appointment around Midweek Lent Worship!

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
12:30 pm to 6:30 pm

By Appointment Only

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Your Blood. Their Hope.

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BLOOD CENTER

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with my husband's, Terry Conrad's, funeral 12/4. You did an excellent job of parking, music, audio visual, food, serving, etc. Most of you had never met us even though we joined Faith last January. Because of Terry's suppressed immune system, we only worshipped Saturday evenings. But you went all out & treated us like family. What an example of the Body of Christ! I look forward to meeting all of you in the new year. May the Lord richly bless each of you.

Your sister in Christ,
Colleen Conrad



Given In Loving Memory of
Terry Conrad

Charles and Sue Baird
Stephen and Christine Gold
George and Carolyn Lewis
Rosemary Losco
Sarah Sinko
Ruth Tolson



January

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

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 Info such as a weekly Elder's Message from Gary Sandt, Faith Friday News with important announcements, volunteer opportunities, and more!

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 profile with birthdays**, contact info and preferences. Thank you!



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS with Prayers and Cards

VISITATION TEAM
Pastor Bob, Gary Sandt, Alex Lillis

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WORSHIP

Sun, Jan 1

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

**** 10:00 AM ** Service of Lessons & Carols**

Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)
Gary Sandt
Mr & Mrs John Harper
Sue Tucker



Sat, Jan 7

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

5:00 pm
To Be Determined
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker

Sun, Jan 8

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am
To Be Determined
Frank VandeVeegaete, Greg Pioppi
Jill Sassaman
Mr & Mrs Jack Smickle
Sue Tucker



Sun, Jan 15

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am
To Be Determined
Tom Zaro, Ted Cheung
Mr & Mrs John Bronico
Sue Tucker

Sat, Jan 21

Officiant:
Assistant/Reader:
Organist:

5:00 pm
Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)
Erik Wendt
Sue Tucker



Sun, Jan 22

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am
Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)
Frank VandeVeegaete, Greg Pioppi
Sally Ueberroth
Mr & Mrs Bob Jordan
Sue Tucker

Sun, Jan 29

Officiant:
Assistant:
Reader:
Greeters:
Organist:

9:45 am
Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)
Gary Sandt, Paul Guptill
Elisabeth Brune
Lynn Klein
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! 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.

SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

Faith Lutheran Church will remain open for services.

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



 **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/faithlcmseaston>

Be sure to visit Faith Lutheran Church's YouTube channel! Weekly worship is streamed LIVE every Sunday at 9:45 am (subject to change). Videos posted include past weekly and holiday worship, fun kid's messages, and various other videos. We can be fed by God's Word together. We pray that God will continue to bless you and reveal His grace in amazing ways.