



# VOICE OF FAITH

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

*February 2023*



**<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.**

Psalm 51:1

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS**

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# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LEADERS**

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**Intentional Interim Ministry** Robert O. Bartz  
(Pastor Bob)  
**Head Elder** Greg Pioppi

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## **CHURCH OFFICE**

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**Office Administrator** Jean E Wehrle  
**Hours - Mon to Fri** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
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## **COUNCIL**

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**President** Gary Sandt  
**Vice President/Ministry Chair** Brenda (Cavella) Stewart  
**Secretary** Jackie Morrow  
**Finance Board/Treasurer** Steve Fogt  
**Elders Board** Greg Pioppi  
**Property Mgmt Board** Ben Farmer  
**Preschool Board** Elisabeth Brune  
**At-Large Cong. Member** Lori Brewer  
**At-Large Cong. Member** Bob Harrison  
**At-Large Cong. Member** Lorraine Varela

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## **MINISTRIES**

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

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## **CHURCH CONTACTS**

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**Preschool** Jenny D'Angelo  
**Lay Deacon/Elder** Gary Sandt  
**Financial Secretary** Kyle Garon  
**Worship Committee** Greg Pioppi  
**Action Committee** Sue Tucker  
**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

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## **NOTE:**

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

## **ALTAR GUILD**

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Lynn Klein  
Teams change monthly

## **ACOLYTES**

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Elisabeth Brune

## **CRAFTY CREATORS**

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Tammy Brewer  
10 am Thursdays in Fellowship Hall

## **CHOIR**

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Brenda (Cavella) Stewart  
7:15 pm Tuesdays in the Sanctuary

## **HANDBELL CHOIR**

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Lori Brewer  
6:30 pm Tuesdays in Fellowship Hall

## **LWML**

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Tracy Pioppi  
9:15 am Third Sunday in the Sanctuary

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

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Ted Cheung  
8:00 am First Saturday via Go-To-Meeting

## **THRIVENT**

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Gloria Miller

## **ELDERS**

### **HEAD ELDER**

Greg Pioppi

Ted Cheung  
Paul Guptill  
Gary Sandt

Frank VandeVeegaete  
Erik Wendt  
Tom Zaro

## **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.



## FROM PASTOR BOB'S JOURNAL

### Another Character...TOP FIVE (TF)...Part One

One morning at the McDonalds in Richton Park, IL, TF came on the scene. TF seated at one of the booths, happily greeted each person. He rapidly made his presence felt. TF claimed to have just driven all night from Las Vegas, NV, with the promise of a job at a local factory. According to TF, the job was his once he arrived. TF then related that once he got to the factory the job had been given to someone else. This became a familiar pattern. TF would announce he had a job offer and take off for the location. He would return a few days later and announce that through an extraordinary set of circumstances the job had been offered to somebody else. "Almost" being then operative word. TF lived out of his car. Of course, I was taken in by his stories and personality. He was good with numbers and a sports fan, being able to rattle off statistics of his favorite players from Chicago sports teams. He grew up in Chicago. As time went on TF began a routine of asking folk for money. Not big amounts, just enough to meet basic living expenses, since TF claimed he had applied for over 200 jobs online. I helped him out by having him over for dinner, allowing him to stay overnight in the church, and paying for an oil change. One day I asked TF the location of the factory that had promised him the job, after driving all night from Las Vegas, NV. We drove to the general location. He was unable to remember the name and location of the factory. It did not make sense to me that a person could drive all that way on a moment's notice and not remember the name or location of the factory. TF also began attending church and carrying on with church members just as he did at McDonald's. I became suspicious. The Rest of the Story in March. ☺ If anyone can tell me what TOP FIVE (TF) might refer to I will buy you lunch. Your choice of restaurant.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALEX LILLIS** as you continue your Ministry and Service to JESUS at Prince of Peace in Springfield, Virginia.

**LENT** begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. During Sunday Worship in Lent 2023 I will share messages on Healing, through the Suffering, Death, and Resurrection of JESUS!

**INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTRY:** Please be reminded that it is my intention to remain as Intentional Interim Pastor until the next Called Pastor is on site. I remain open to the guidance and "nudges" from the Holy Spirit.

**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE LEFT FAITH:** I appreciate all the comments and concerns that have been expressed about people who have left Faith and efforts to bring them back to Faith. This has been prayerfully discussed by me and the Board of Elders.

It has been my experience through 40+ years in pastoral ministry, and numerous discussions with fellow clergy, that such efforts, regardless of the good intent, do not result in people returning to church.

People leave churches for various reasons. Some are "bunny rabbit" Christians, hopping from church to church, in search of "the perfect church", which does not exist. Many people have come and gone from Faith in its 70 year history. The split that happened in 2021 was a continuation of a process that has occurred through the history of Faith and indeed throughout the history of the church. Please read John 6:59-71.

The doors of a church have a dual purpose. They let people in. They let people out. The Elders and I will pray about and contact any person whom the Holy Spirit leads us to contact. Beyond that there will be no more formal effort to go after the people who have left. Should some be led to return, we welcome them back with open arms.

**I AM AVAILABLE 24/7.** Please join me for Coffee and Conversation at MacDonald's on Sullivan, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 8 am. My Church Days are Monday through Friday beginning at 8 am. Any time my Office door is open please come in. If I am taking a nap, please awake me ☺ Thank You for all your prayers and support, especially for my wife Lindysue and successful surgery. All is Well. Blessings Always...Love You All...

Pastor Bob

## ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS

Our community outreach mission is in full motion. We have had two events and are moving on to our **Chili Cook-Off**. Our Chili Chefs are heating up for the big competition. Come out on **Saturday, February 11, from 4 pm to 7 pm** to sample the Chili and vote for your favorite one.

Please sign up in the narthex to help in some way with this community event. Our congregational response with helping has been outstanding. Thank you soooooo much!

**March 25, (Saturday) will be our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Day, from 10 am to 1 pm.** Activities are hands on! All ages are welcome. There are projects for all! Looking for teens and adults to man our activity tables. No experience necessary. Also looking for our professional

scientists, engineers and mathematicians that have "SPECIAL" presentations-ex. Scientist- Van de Graaf machine to make hair stand up, (Static electricity), Engineers to help make a "Community" building during the event time. Mathematician that has "magical" tricks using numbers. Please see Sue Tucker.

All STEM activities will be prepared in advance and explained to table presenters (helpers).

**On March 29, the Miller Keystone Blood Mobile** will be here at Faith for blood donations from **12:30 pm to 6:30 pm**. This will be by appointment. More info coming soon!

Thanks to everyone in the congregation for your help in volunteering and donating for our events. The events are possible because of you!

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS January 9, 2023

[REDACTED]

# 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.

The **newly revitalized nursery** is finished and ready for use! Thank you to all who have helped bring this project to fruition! **The nursery will be staffed with volunteers every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month** and will be open for parents to accompany their children on the remaining Sundays. If you plan

on using the nursery on volunteer-staffed days, the room will be open for drop off at 8:30 and children are to be picked up promptly after the service is finished. **The 1st Sunday the nursery will be staffed is February 5th.** If you are considering volunteering in the nursery but are unsure of the commitment and expectations, please reach out to Jackie Morrow.



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## 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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**MILLER-KEYSTONE**  
**BLOOD CENTER**

## 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. Contact Gloria at [grandparentsof5@rcn.com](mailto:grandparentsof5@rcn.com).



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## 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](mailto: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.



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## 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**





# FAITH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

**Educating and Nurturing Our Children  
In Spirit, Mind and Body**

Faith Lutheran Preschool provides a Christian atmosphere with a creative hands on approach to educate the whole-child. We give children the opportunity not only to develop math and literacy skills but also socio-emotional, physical, cognitive and spiritual skills these skills will prepare our children for life well beyond their classroom time.

Registration forms available for download from our website; paper copies available in the Narthex and office hallway. Please visit our website for more information at [faithlcms.com/preschool](http://faithlcms.com/preschool).

## 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

**NEW THIS YEAR**

**Class Hours - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### TOTS

- **Must be 2 years old** by Sep 1, 2023
- 2 Days: Tue and Thu - Tuition \$190 per month

### JUNIORS

- **Must be 3 years old** by Sep 1, 2023 and Potty Trained
- 3 Day Option: Mon, Wed and Fri - Tuition \$225 per month
- 4 Day Option: Mon, Tue, Wed, and Fri - Tuition \$255 per month

### SENIORS

- **Must be 4 years old** by Sep 1, 2023 and Potty Trained
- 3 Day Option: Mon, Wed and Fri - Tuition \$225 per month
- 4 Day Option: Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri - Tuition \$255 per month



## FAITH AND FITNESS CLASS

Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church,

As part of a community outreach program, I would like to offer a **"Faith and Fitness Class"** - a **6-week program that will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays and will be approximately 60 90 minutes in duration.** This 6-week program will take place between the months of February and March.

These classes are intended for those individuals that may answer yes to any of these 3 questions:

- **Do you use a cane or a walker?**
- **Do you feel unsteady on your feet?**
- **Have you fallen in the past year?**

Of course, others can join us, but this will not be a high impact exercise class. It will be offered to get people moving and offer some strengthening exercises to help prevent falls. Emphasis will be placed on flexibility, balance and core strength. Each routine will offer a modification to meet the ability of the participant. The first class will include an overview of terminology, such as the importance of warm up, cool down, sets, reps, etc. I am also willing to offer a blood pressure check and will educate participants on how to monitor their own pulse. Physical activity will most likely be 30-45 minutes.

The program will also offer informal devotional time. This devotional time can include a time of thanks, prayer requests, perhaps a reading from Portals of Prayers or a short inspirational story from Guidepost. Participants could also reflect on their favorite Bible passage and why it means so much to them. Simply, a time of thanks and sharing what makes us faithful.

Should there be an interest in this community outreach program, there will be a **signup sheet in the Narthex.** This program will start on **February 3 - March 10, 2023 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.**

About Me: I have a teaching degree in Health and Physical Education and a master's degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology. I spent 40 years in the field of cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation and retired in January of 2022 from Lehigh Valley Health Network. I look forward to sharing my skill set to members of Faith Lutheran Church and perhaps friends from the community. If there are any questions or concerns that would like to be addressed privately, please do not hesitate to contact me.

- **Darlene Garon**





## 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

02/05	Michael & William Kellow	Kelson Family
02/12	Lynn Klein	Marge Kresge
02/19	Alex Lillis	Barbara Loomis
02/26	Donna & Albert Lugg	Nolan Mattson



### 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*

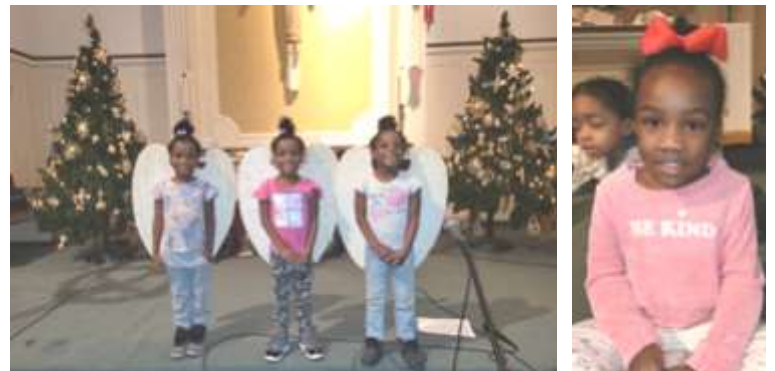
## SPECIAL MISSION UPDATE - EVERGREEN LUTHERAN

Thank you for both the gift and encouraging e-mail letter. It was indeed a timely surprise and helps us as a congregation to stay motivated in this rather challenging yet joyful ministry in knowing that our fellow Christians are standing with us in the Gospel needs of our children. I am attaching pictures from our annual Christmas program. I was so proud of them. The devil worked hard in making some of them overly shy, nevertheless, the good LORD intervened and shut the devil's lying tongue and as a result the kids sang angelically with their hearts and voices as well as performing beautifully on the piano, drums, recital of Bible verses and readings.

May the good LORD bless you and your ministry as well.

In Christ's service,

Pastor William Danowski  
Evergreen Lutheran Church & School LCMS  
Detroit, MI





# FEBRUARY

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**Faith Lutheran Members - Did We Miss Your Birthday?**  
Update on Realm or email [faithlcms@outlook.com](mailto: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, Feb 5

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant/Reader: Greg Pioppi, Frank VandeVeegaete  
Greeters: Lorraine Varela  
Organist: Sue Tucker



## Sat, Feb 11

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant/Reader: Erik Wendt  
Organist: Sue Tucker



## Sun, Feb 12

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant: Ted Cheung, Gary Sandt  
Reader: Donna Lugg  
Greeters: Nancy Smith, Marge Kresge  
Organist: Sue Tucker



## Sun, Feb 19

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant/Reader: Tom Zaro, Erik Wendt  
Greeters: Sandt Family  
Organist: Sue Tucker

## Wed, Feb 22

### Ash Wednesday

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant/Reader: Gary Sandt, Ted Cheung  
Organist: Sue Tucker

### 7:00 pm

Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Frank V, Erik Wendt

## Sat, Feb 25

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant/Reader: Erik Wendt  
Organist: Sue Tucker

## Sun, Feb 26

Officiant: Robert O Bartz (Pastor Bob)  
Assistant: Greg Pioppi, Ted Cheung  
Reader: Joan Vanover  
Greeters: Lynn Klein  
Organist: 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*

### Faith Nursery

*See page 7, Kids Corner, for more information on the revitalized nursery.*

## SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

Faith Lutheran Church will remain open for services.

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



<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.