

Faith Lutheran Church & School

Forward in Faith

Fall/Winter 2024

“Where faith meets life”

Galatians 2:20

Our Mission:

Sharing the word of Jesus Christ through a loving and caring ministry responding to the needs of all people.

STAY CONNECTED

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary @ 8:15 AM
Traditional @ 10:30 AM
Livestream @ 10:30 AM
5th Sunday @ 9:30 AM

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www.faith-lutheran.church

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Every fall, I find myself in the same frame of mind – thinking about the changing seasons. I feel like I write the same newsletter article every year, because that’s what’s in my head space. Fall and Spring are so striking as colors change and the weather changes. I just love the changes of the season.

For me, these changes offer a time of reflection – to look back on the previous season and to look forward to the next. For us here at Faith, we are approaching our 70th Anniversary at the end of the month – just as the season changes from summer to fall. And our Anniversary Theme is: “Honoring the Past – Celebrating the Future.” We look back in honor of where we have been and look forward in anticipation of what comes next.

God’s Word helps us in our reflection of life through the lens of faith. Looking back serves a purpose – to reflect, to assess, and to repent. But then we are called to look forward in faith – seeing God’s provision for today and hope for tomorrow and eternity. God’s Word consistently reminds us that He is not looking at our past but is promising us His present and eternal gifts.

I think of these encouraging words:

Philippians 3:13b-14: “[F]orgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUES...

God always chooses to move forward. His grace never looks back. Through all the changes of the seasons of life, God comforts us with His unchanging promises:

Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Psalms 103:12: "[A]s far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us."

Now when we look back, we are drawn to look beyond our sin and brokenness to see Jesus' cross and empty tomb. This carries us to the new season of hope, life, and light in His victory for us. Sin is forgiven. Life is restored.

Enjoy this season of change. Let it encourage you to look forward in faith, to trust in Your faithful God who always keeps His promises and is always looking ahead for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."

The Lord bless and keep you in His Grace.

Your Fellow Servant In Christ,

Rev. Michael Thress



Let's Celebrate...
70 years together

Faith Lutheran Church

September 29th, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Program & Lunch to follow

2265 Red Lion Road, Bear, DE

Forward in Faith

Honoring the Past - Celebrating the Future

- To make a gift to Faith -



COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

What a summer! Hard to believe it has drawn to a close and the familiar rhythms of Fall are upon us – kids going back to school, pumpkin spice everything back in the stores, and Halloween decorations grabbing for attention. Hopefully, you safely endured the sweltering heat this summer and are ready for some cooler weather!

Our Faith family was blessed this summer by strong attendance, amazing giving, and a beehive of activity that is usually is absent during this time. What a blessing it was to revive our Vacation Bible School and see the kids enjoy celebrating Jesus!

Our Women of Faith also had an active summer, and a Men's group got off the ground. Our parking lot was renewed and Betty has beautified our outdoor space. We are seeing newness in our narthex and everything is getting ready to celebrate our 70th anniversary on September 29th!

It is important to use key milestones to remember God's faithfulness in the past and look forward to what He will do in the future. New members have joined, and more visitors come every month. God certainly has a plan to use all of us to grow His Kingdom and it is exciting to see.

To prepare us for His work, we must be in His Word, exercise the spiritual gifts He has given each of us, and look for any and all opportunities wherever we live and work to share His Good News of salvation in Christ alone. So much yet to do, but He gives us the power and the means and the victory! "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!" Bring on the fall, and soon a new Church Year, so we can see what God will do!

Pete Mueller – Faith Council Chairman

A New Giving Opportunity!

The leaders at Faith recognize that the financial uncertainty that spread from the time of the Pandemic is still lingering and could increase at any moment. In order to be prepared in case we have to help out one of our members, it was recommended to create a "giving fund" that those who are more financially blessed, could make a one-time gift into, and which would then be available to Pastor and the elders to distribute discreetly if a situation arises.

We will call this fund The Diaconal Fund, after the help given in the early church to members through a new position called deacons in Acts chapter 6.

If you would like to make a contribution to this Fund, please write "Diaconal Fund" on your check or envelope.

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." I Cor 9:8



ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Walktoberfest

Sept. 21 join the fun at Concordia Lutheran Church on Silverside Road, a 5K, music, food, raffles . Info at www.lcsde.org

70th Anniversary

Sept. 29 join us for a special service and party celebrating our 70th anniversary.

Trunk or Treat

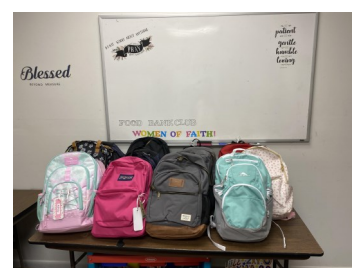
October 26th at 6 p.m.



Vacation Bible School

This year we started our popular VBS program for children and it was a success! Many thanks to our volunteers who helped run this event, a special thanks to Kim Caudill for leading the event.

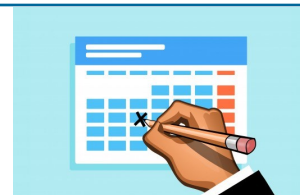
BACKPACK DRIVE Thanks to our generous members we were able to provide backpacks to our FOOD DRIVE families who are in need. You made our youth a little happier this school year by helping out.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS (RECURRING)

Women of FAITH meetings-October 5, November 2, December 7

Faith FOOD DRIVE-Sept. 14, October 12, November 9, December 14



Men's Ministry

We thank Pete & Adele Mueller for hosting a wonderful picnic at their home to kick off our new men's ministry. Keep an eye out for more upcoming activities soon.

Choir Meeting Dates

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Services/Events

Thanksgiving Eve-November 27, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve-December 24, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Advent Services on Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.

December 15 we are planning a Children's program at 10:30

December 29 at 9:30 a.m. (5th Sunday only one service)

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Bible study - Sunday @ 9:15 AM

Children's Sunday School (during 10:30 service)

Women's Bible Study-Thursdays at 10:00 (Begins Sept. 12, ends Spring 25')



WOMEN OF FAITH: (LWML) Upcoming Events



Faith Lutheran will be hosting a table at this event on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.. An email invitation was sent on Sunday, August 25 with a link to register for this event.

Chesapeake District Lutheran Women in Mission Convention

September 20-22

Hyatt Regency

Dulles Airport



And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

UPCOMING events

September 17-First "Praying for Prodigals" meeting at Amy Cannavo's house at 6:30 p.m.. Thereafter it will be held at Amy's on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.. We all know family members and friends that have either walked away from their faith or are non-believers. Join us as we gather to focus on prayer for our loved ones.

October 5- Quarterly business meeting 9:30 a.m. at FLC

October 6-Mites Sunday

November 2-Service project to benefit Kind to Kids

November 24-Annual PIE SALE

December 7—Annual Women of Faith Christmas celebration

December 22-Annual Cookie Sale; proceeds to benefit a local charity TBD

See our handout "Gifts from the Heart" on the next page.



Gifts from the Heart for the 2024 LWML District Convention

Wellspring Life Ministry

The mission statement of WellSpring Life is to serve those facing pregnancy-related and sexual health issues by offering physical, emotional, and spiritual support, and empowering them to make healthy and life-affirming decisions. The purpose of WellSpring of Global Life Global Outreach is to win souls for Christ, emphasizing the importance of a personal relationship with God and fulfilling the Great Commission. *Items of need include:* Diapers, baby wipes, receiving blankets, baby bath items, onesies, wash clothes, comb/brush sets, baby bottles, pacifiers, baby lotion, crib sheets, sleepers



Lutheran Mission Society Compassion Place

Items of need include:

Non-perishable proteins: (cans should have pop-tops – can openers not available)

Canned soups – with chicken, beef, beans

Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam

Canned baked beans, blackeyed peas, etc.

Canned ham, ham spread

Protein bars/drinks



Gift Cards for Seminarians

Gift cards in the amount of \$10 from Target or Walmart will be collected for our two Lutheran seminaries in St. Louis and Ft. Wayne. Purchase as many of the \$10 gift cards as you like. The gift cards with a personal note are very much appreciated by the students. Please take time to write a few note cards to go with the gift cards when given to the students.



Orphan Grain Train

Brand new flip-flops in all sizes are always needed.



Faith & Works Enterprises, Inc.

Travel-sized toiletries, body wash, soap, shampoo, conditioner, body lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, men's deodorant, washcloth or shower scrunchy.



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

Your generosity is appreciated!!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

October

1-Michelle Caudill
Chad Bradford
Jill McLaughlin
2-Sharon Faverio
7-Jesse Patrick
Morgan McCrea
20-Julianne Harp
23-Ed Barlow
26-Jamee McGaughan
27-Sandi Jobe
28-Maria Faverio
30-Karlene Jennings

November

1-Emily Jones
3-Carlene Whitsel
4-Kim Wanzer
5-Carlene Martin
8-Wanda Wilkening
9-Teri Cordrey
Tara Vansant
10-Pete Faverio
15-Christie Moore
22-Josiah Rufus
23-Dawn Loveless
27-Elyse Cormier
29-Amy Cannavo

December

1-Tom Roman
2-Breena Knapp
8-Krista McCrea
Jeff Monsell
Dennis Wanzer
12-Steve Cannavo
14-Raychel Thress
16-Chris Moore
18-Karen Barlow
19-Loren Caudill
20-Jim McGaughan
25-Jesus Christ
Chris Jones
27-Leah Thress
28-Jim Martin
Terrie Zelano
30-Larry Maclaren, Jr.



The new school year is here! Please help us fill our food pantry by donating any of the following items. Thank you in advance for your support. Donations can be left in the church office. We need Goldish, Cheez-Its, cookies, 100% fruit juice, crackers, pretzels & napkins.



A Hug from Matt

Donations Needed

Supplies Needed:

- Mylar Blankets
 - Small Fleece Blankets
 - Non-perishable Food
 - Women's Hygiene Products
 - Socks (Male/Female)
 - Hand/Feet Warmers
 - Gloves
 - Scarves
 - Lip Balms
 - Body Lotions
 - Hand Sanitizers
 - Water
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Drop off or mail to 232 Timber
Knoll Dr, Bear, DE 19701



(Pickup can be arranged)

