

July 2026



***FAITH EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**3355 MACARTHUR ROAD
WHITEHALL, PA 18052
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Office Hours M-Th 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

**The Rev. June E. Wann
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**Jennifer Kishbaugh
Director Of Music**

**Shawn Younis
Office Administrator**

IMPORTANT DATES

July 1 Patriotic Concert with the Pioneer Band,
Upper Parking Lot of church.
Food Trucks and Great Music!

June 29-July 6 Miller Keystone Adopt a Day
Donate any time this week
To support Faith Lutheran

July 22-24 VBS 6-7:30 p.m.

July 26 Youth Day Worship Service 10 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

August 4 6:00—8:00 p.m.
National Night Out at Schadt Ave Park

August 12 4:00 p.m. Over 80's Birthday Party

No council meeting in July.



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Dear Friends in Christ,

As July unfolds, we prepare to celebrate a significant moment in our nation's history, its 250th birthday. This milestone is not only a time for patriotic reflection but also an opportunity to consider the foundational role that faith has played in shaping our nation and our lives as Christians.

Throughout our history, faith has served as a guiding light for our people, from the early courage of our founders to the diverse tapestry of beliefs that define us today. The principles of freedom, justice, and equality that underpin our nation resonate deeply with our Christian calling to love and serve one another. As we gather with family and friends to celebrate, let us also remember to give thanks for the blessings of liberty and the communities of faith that have nourished our spirits.

In the spirit of this celebration, I invite you to reflect on the foundations of our faith. Just as our nation was built on the sturdy pillars of hope and perseverance, our Christian faith is anchored in the unwavering love and grace of God. Scripture reminds us in Hebrews 11:1 that *"faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* This assurance compels us to live boldly and serve generously, nurturing a faith that can withstand life's trials and make a positive impact on our world.

As we commemorate this milestone, let's take a moment to appreciate the rich heritage of Lutheran faith that has been woven into the fabric of our nation. The emphasis on grace, scripture, and community service is a legacy that we can proudly uphold today. As Lutherans, we are called to embody Christ's love in our actions—serving those in need, advocating for justice, and spreading the message of hope.

In the coming weeks, we will observe several special events and activities that celebrate our nation's independence and our faith heritage. I encourage you to participate in community gatherings, attend worship services, and engage in acts of service that honor both our country and our commitment to God. Together, we can shine as a testament to the love and unity that our faith calls us to embody.

As we reflect on our nation's journey over the past 250 years, let's remember that our faith serves as both our foundation and our compass. Let us pray for wisdom and strength as we strive to be instruments of peace and love in our communities.

May God's grace continue to guide us as we celebrate this remarkable milestone and commit ourselves anew to building a nation marked by the love and teachings of Christ.

In Christ's love,

Pastor June Wann

Welcome our new Office Administrator Shawn Younis



Shawn has lived in Whitehall for almost 10 years with her husband David. They have four children, all boys, and six grandchildren. She tries to spend as much time with them as possible.

In her spare time, she likes to read, take walks, garden and spend time with her dogs and cats.

They are also very involved with rescuing animals, working directly with the PA SPCA and they also support the Sanctuary at Haafsville.

Please stop by and introduce yourself and welcome her with open arms.

2026 GRADS



Valencia Rivera has graduated from Northampton Area High School. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Pre-pharmacy and has guaranteed a spot in their prestigious Doctor of Pharmacy program. She also obtained admission into Pitt's Kessler Scholars program which is given to only very select incoming First Generation college students.



Rachael Carr (daughter of Heidi Carr) graduated from East Stroudsburg University Suma Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in Sports Strength and Conditioning Training and holds a Certificate in Sports Performance Coaching. She is currently enrolled in the Master's Degree Program there and working at International Gymnastics Camp and doing an intern ship at Lafayette College over the summer.



Kylie Legath (granddaughter of Bob and Karla Billig) and is a 2026 Graduate from St. Lukes School of Nursing.

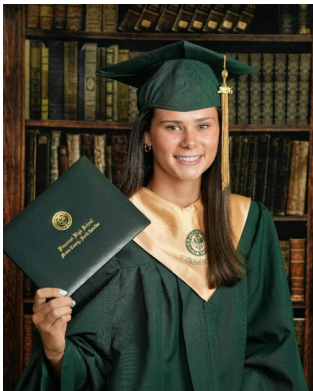
She is currently continuing nursing studies through St. Lukes and will be getting her BSN degree .



Hi! I'm **Avery King**, daughter of Brian and Bevin King, granddaughter of Nana (Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki). I am a 2026 graduate of Niagara University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and a minor in Management. While at Niagara, I was a member of the NCAA Division 1 swim team and developed a strong interest in leadership and business management.

I am currently working at Lehigh Country Club as a Rotational Management intern, gaining hands-on experience in club operations and hospitality management.

I am thankful for the support of family, friends, and the church community throughout this journey and look forward to the opportunities ahead.



With joy and gratitude, we celebrate the high school graduation of **Rachel P. Joyce**, Class of 2026. Rachel is the daughter of Denise and Joseph Joyce and the granddaughter of lifelong member Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki.

A talented and dedicated student-athlete, Rachel graduated from Pinecrest High School in Pinehurst, North Carolina, after spending her earlier years in the Quakertown Community School District. She earned an exceptional 4.10 GPA, receiving North Carolina Academic Scholar recognition while also excelling in competitive golf.

Rachel's accomplishments on the golf course have been equally impressive. A State Golf Champion and All-State athlete, she has been recruited and awarded a full athletic scholarship to play Women's Golf at High Point University in North Carolina this fall. She plans to study Exercise Science and Nutrition with a minor in Business.

We give thanks for Rachel's many accomplishments and for the gifts God has placed within her. We pray that He will continue to guide, bless, and inspire her as she begins this exciting new chapter in life.



Hi I am **Bryce King**, son of Brian and Bevin King and grandson of Nana (Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki) and I am proud to be a graduate of Emmaus High School. Over the past two years, I have had the privilege of competing on the varsity swim team. For the summer I will be working as a lifeguard at the Fountain Hill pool.

This fall, I will continue both my academic and athletic journey at Canisius University, where I will major in Integrative Marketing and Communications and swim for the Division 1 Griffins.

I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported me along the way and cannot wait to see what the next four years have in store. Go Griffis!



Stephanie J. Haller (daughter of Ernie and Cathy Haller) will be graduating from Pennsylvania Western University with a Masters degree in Library and Information December 2026.

She has already applied to several college and university libraries

Congratulations!
CLASS OF 2026



PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN GRADUATIONS:

Jackson "JB" Ottolini, grandson of Michelle Tabatabai. Jackson graduated from St. Stephen's kindergarten and will be heading to Moravian Academy in the fall to start first grade. JB loves school.

Ben Davis, grandson of Michelle graduated from Burke Presbyterian Pre-K. He received an award for his problem solving and will be starting kindergarten in the fall in Virginia.

Abigail (Abby) Henry, granddaughter of Judy and Shel Ehret, graduated from Magic Memories Pre-K and will begin kindergarten in Chester Springs, PA in the fall.

Amelia (Mia) Miller, daughter of Erika and Jeremy Miller and granddaughter of Margy Muthard. Graduated from Brandywine Heights Elementary Kindergarten.

**WE CAME,
WE COLORED,
WE GRADUATED!!!**

MID WEEK WORSHIP—"HOTDOGS AND HYMNS"

Join us each Wednesday for an informal worship experience

Hotdogs, chips and beverages at 6 p.m.

Informal service—6:30 p.m. followed by singing of your favorite hymns.

Bring friends and neighbors and enjoy fellowship while sharing God's word.

JULY 1 is concert in upper parking lot.

July 8th

July 15th

July 22nd

July 29th

August 5th

August 12—over 80's Birthday Party

August 19th

August 26th



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
3355 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL

JULY 22-JULY 24
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

JOIN US FOR STORIES, CRAFTS, GAMES,
AND FUN!!!

PLEASE RSVP TO
610-435-0451





YOUTH DAY

JOIN US FOR A YOUTH LED UPBEAT
WORSHIP SERVICE CELEBRATING OUR
YOUTH!!!
ICE CREAM SOCIAL TO FOLLOW!
ALL YOUTH WELCOME!!



JULY
26
AT 10 AM



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER AT FAITH!

Now is your chance to glorify God in song! Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists who would like to share their talents in church during a Sunday summer worship service. Summer worship (when Bell Choir and Senior Choir does not provide music) **occurs June 21-September 6.** This is your invitation to share your talents!! Anyone interested, please . contact **Jennifer Kishbaugh**, Director of Music at 610.451.8660 or jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com to reserve your date.



NEW BEGINNINGS-NEW BISHOP:

On June 6th 2026 the NEPA Synod elected **The Reverend Jennifer Dee** as the first female Bishop of our Synod! Bishop-elect Dee has served as Lead Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church (Robesonia) since 2023, after serving as Associate Pastor there for more than a decade. She was ordained in 2008 and previously served at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee, Indiana. She earned a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Arts from Keene State College

Throughout her ministry Pastor Dee has been actively involved in Senate and church wide leadership including service with the ELCA Youth Gathering, Bear Creek Camp, internship supervision and clergy leadership development. Her community involvement has included coaching Girls on the Run, participating in Lutheran day at the Capitol, supporting local schools and families, and coordinating community outreach initiatives.

To learn more, visit the informational page about Bishop Elect Dee via the Synod website. We will continue to pray for Bishop DeForest, the Synod staff and Bishop Elect Dee as they all prepare for transition at the end of August.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY NEWS

Aside from the Bishop's Election, there was business of the Synod executed during Synod Assembly. This includes:

- Review and approval of the 2027 Budget
- Review and accepting of the reports from the Bishop, Vice-President, Secretary, Synod council, Director for Evangelical Mission, LLM Coordinator, Committee of Deans, and the Treasurer.
- Hearing from the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and other ELCA agencies helping us do ministry via video greetings or in-person representatives.

FAITH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

(Adult forum and confirmation off for the summer)

Thank you to Nancy Buskirk for the beautiful handmade patriotic items that were sold in the Narthex. The items were her creations and we appreciate her talent.

Save the date—Over 80's birthday party is August 12. Invitations will be mailed out in July.

Give the Gift of Life: We are sponsoring adopt "a day" for a week with Miller Keystone Blood Center. **June 29-July 6.**

Call 800-223-6667 ext. 2 to schedule at Bethlehem, Allentown Cedar Crest or Allentown Hamilton St. sites. Give our FELC donor code of 0806. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thank you: On behalf of the board of the Whitehall Food Pantry, we express our sincere gratitude to the members who provide food and financial support to the mission we share. You are a blessing to all of us. Our need for the pantry this month continues to be jelly, however, juice (64 oz), instant potatoes, and pancake syrup are needed if you wish to help. *Judy & Shel Ehret*

Lost and Found: A pretty white gold (or silver) ring with small diamonds has been found and is in the main office awaiting it's owner.

Our Sympathy to the Resh family on the passing of their dear family member, Oliver Resh. Oliver's services were held at Faith Church on June 11th.

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 4th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Community outreach with backpacks and school supplies provided by Faith Members. Join us. 1975 Schadt Avenue Park.



**Sizzle this summer.
Save lives...
one pint at a time.**



**MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER**



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
has generously adopted
June 29th through July 6th,
to host a blood drive at
**MKBC's Bethlehem,
Allentown Cedar Crest and
Allentown Hamilton Donor Centers!**

Bethlehem
1465 Valley Center Parkway

Allentown Cedar Crest
1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Suite 1300

Allentown Hamilton
Five City Center, 740 Hamilton Street
Suite 120

USE GROUP CODE #0806 WHEN YOU SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT!

To Schedule an Appointment:

- 1 Scan the QR Code OR**
- 2 Call 800-223-6667 ext. 2**



**Adopt
a day**

1-800-B-A-DONOR



GIVEaPINT.org

TROOP 32 SCOUTING NEWS

Several members of our Pack qualified for the Council Pinewood Derby - participants met at the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, where they were able to watch the race in the lobby, accompanied by a life-size LEGO Batmobile. Our Cub Pack is currently taking a short break in holding meetings until they embark for summer camp later in June. The Pack is once again going to Camp Minsi for the opening week of cub camp, and met this past week to tie-dye their camp T-shirts and make final preparations for camp.



Members of our Pack and our Troop met to place flags at the grave sites of our veterans at both St. John's and Arlington Cemeteries on Thursday, May 21st. Members of both units assisted several volunteers from the American Legion to ensure that both cemeteries were appropriately honored prior to Memorial Day. With Memorial Day, our Pack has also started fundraising towards Wreaths Across America in December. Our flyer for the event is attached.

Our Troop members recently celebrated their achievements with a Court of Honor on May 26th. Four of our newest members were recognized for achieving the rank of Scout, and a number of patches and merit badges were handed out. One of our scouts is currently working towards an Eagle project along the IRT, and two other Life scouts are preparing the paperwork to get their projects approved to start. Our Troop is currently also preparing for summer camp in July, and we have several members also preparing for the National Jamboree at the end of July. Two members of our unit completed their induction into the Order of the Arrow - considered Scouting America's National Honor Society. Among our troop members, we now have 3 youth as leaders with the Witauchsoman Lodge, and one youth as Secretary for the local chapter.

I hope that this helps to fill you in on some of our current and ongoing activities

Yours in Scouting,

Pete Paone

Scoutmaster - Troop 32



Join Us in Our Mission
Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

★ **December 19, 2026** ★
National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Cub Pack 32 honor local heroes!
Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Cedar Hill Memorial Park

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0713P

1 Wreath=\$17
5 wreaths=\$85
12 wreaths=\$204
Custom=anything you can give

#RememberMe

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE CELEBRATING PAST-PRESENT-FUTURE

With

St. John's Mickley's UCC Church

GOD BLESS THE NEW CONGREGATION

XARIZ FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER



Past



Present



Future



Joint Choirs



KEENAN, ROBERT & DEBRA 07/03
FINLEY, LARRY & DIANE 07/09
KISHBAUGH, MATTHEW & JENNIFER 07/13
SCOTT, FREDERICK & DOROTHY 07/23
KEENAN, ZACHARY & TINAMARIE 07/31



BACHMAN, STACEY 07/01
BASHORE, KENDALL 07/03
STAHLER, ROBERT 07/03
KOTSCH, ERNIE 07/10
HIMMELWRIGHT, PATRICIA 07/13
MILLER, CYNTHIA 07/14
REICHARD, ROGER 07/14
WALSCHBURGER, PATRICIA 07/16
WEHR JR, DENNIS 07/17
CLEWELL, DONALD 07/18
GANTZ-JALOWIECKI, JOANNE 07/24
STEIDINGER, TAMMIE 07/24
MILLER, TARA 07/27

WORSHIP TEAMS FOR JULY 2026

JULY 5

JULY 12

JULY 19

JULY 26

ALTAR GUILD	Cathy Haller and Barb Yurasits	Judy and Shel Ehret	Gloria Senchak And Pat Masonheimer	Chalene Frack and Cathy Haller
ASSISTING MINISTER	Judy Ehret	Kindall Wann	Sue Stahler	Youth Led
LECTOR	Jennifer Reiner	Kindall Wann	Gail Herzog	Bob Billig
GREETER	Dan Herzog	April Spaitz	Dan Herzog	Dan Herzog
FLOWER SPONSOR	Deb and Harold Whittaker For Grand- daughters 3rd birthday	(Open)	(Open)	(Open)
BULLETIN SPONSOR	Deb and Harold Whittaker For Grand- daughters 3rd birthday	(Open)	(Open)	(Open)

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 5:00 p.m. 250 Celebration w Pioneer Band NO HOTDOGS AND HYMNS	2	3	4
5 Worship Service 10:00 AM RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES 7:00 PM AA	6 1:00 PM Piece makers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	7 10:00 AM Prayer Group (no luncheon or communion) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts	8 6:00 Hot Dogs & Hymns (GP) 7:00 p.m. Zumba w/Lex (BH) 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	9 7:00 p.m. Zumba w/Lex (BH) 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	10	11
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19 Worship Service 10:00 AM 7:00 PM AA	20 1:00 PM Piece makers 6:00 PM Brownies 6:30 Social Ministry 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	21 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	22 6:00 Hot Dogs & Hymns (GP) 7:00 p.m. Zumba w/Lex (BH) 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	23 7:00 p.m. Zumba w/Lex (BH) 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	24	25
26 Youth Led Worship Service 10:00 AM 7:00 PM AA	27 1:00 PM Piece makers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	28 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts	29 6:00 Hot Dogs & Hymns (GP) 7:00 p.m. Zumba w/Lex (BH) 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	30 7:00 p.m. Zumba w/Lex (BH) 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	31	

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please remember to respect personal and professional responsibilities of the members. If you call or reach out, they will return a call at their earliest convenience.

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