

# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## November 2024



**FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**3355 MacArthur Road**  
**Whitehall, PA 18052**  
**610 435 0451**  
**M—Th 9:00 AM—3:00 PM**

**The Rev. June E. Wann**  
**Pastor**

**Robert Billig**  
**President, Church Council**

**Zach Keenan**  
**Vice President, Church Council**

**Secretary**  
**Judy Ehret**

**Margy Muthard**  
**Treasurer**

**Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki**  
**Dir. Of Children, Youth,**  
**and Family Ministries**  
**And Financial Secretary**

**Jennifer Kishbaugh**  
**Dir. Of Music**

**Claudette Nia**  
**Office Administrator**

### NOVEMBER

**3RD ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: PLEASE BRING PICTURES**  
**OF LOVED ONES TO PLACE ON THE ALTAR**

**11/5 PIEROGIE PREP FOR CRAFT FAIR**

**11/7 HALUSHKI MAKING FOR CRAFT FAIR**

**11/8 PIE MAKING FOR CRAFT FAIR**

**9TH THE CRAFT FAIR**

**11/16 SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING 10:00 AM**

**11/24 DROP OFF DEADLINE FOR FOOD BOX ITEMS**

**11/26 DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD BOXES**

**24TH CHRIST THE KING THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION**

**11/26 HR MEETING 2:00 PM**

### DECEMBER

**1ST CHRISTMAS TEA**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**14TH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 8:00 AM TO 11:00 AM**

**24TH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 4:00 PM AND 7:00 PM**

**29TH LESSONS IN CAROLS**



## From the Pastor's Desk

Little red, yellow , and brown leaves from our trees and our neighbors are beginning to dance across our yard. In order to flourish in the new season, the tree must let go of its decayed leaves. They have performed well for the season, but it is time to move on.

Autumn is a wonderful time to observe and learn from nature. As I watch the wind swirling the leaves, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow. Just as the trees do not stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary baggage in our lives. It's helpful to remember we have God's promises,

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.*

*See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18 -19)*

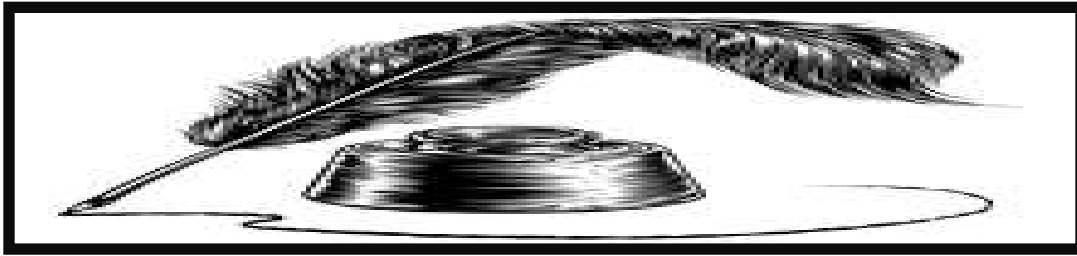
God longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! Are you holding on to things that could impede a new beginning in the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up in your heart? If so, consider asking God to shine a light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits, or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to.

As we watch the leaves fall this season, may we pray for the strength to let go of anything that stands in the way of us developing a new relationship with God. Here at Faith, we are in a constant cycle of renewal. We continue to look for ways to connect to the Creator of our faith. We are seeking fresh ideas on how to be the church in today's world. Together, we can embrace opportunities to make our individual and collective faith journeys reflect the new things that God desires to show us during this season. I look forward to this season and joining together to explore what it means to be the church.

Blessings,

Pastor June Wann

## **A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT, BOB BILLIG**



### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT**

I can remember a time when a family's social life often centered around the church. If there were any activities other than a church function on a Sunday, they were always scheduled for later in the afternoon so it would not interfere with church services. Sunday evenings were also left open so church groups, such as Youth Fellowship could meet. I even remember when local school districts would not schedule anything on an appointed weekday evenings so churches could hold confirmation classes and other activities.

But sadly, this is no longer the case. Our kids and their families are pulled away from church on Sundays because of a myriad of other activities. Families' lives are no longer centered around the church but around sports, cheering, band, and so many other activities.

At the Trunk or Treat, I had one person ask me why we were not doing the Christmas Journey. My reply was that there weren't enough people to do it. It takes quite a number of people, both youth and adult, to run an activity like that. And the Christmas Journey isn't the only casualty when people focused more on other activities instead of the church.

How many of you remember the Valentine's dances in Parker Hall? The costume parties at Halloween? The Advent Craft Workshops? Square Dancing? The Bingo nights?

I think it's time to bring the focus of the family back to the church. If you would like to see more of the social activities that I have mentioned, talk to the Pastor, our Children, Youth, and family Ministry Director, Joanne, or anyone on the council or member of the Fellowship Community.

Let's bring the focus of our families back to the church.

**Robert Billig,  
FELC Council President**

**CHRISTIAN ED CHIT CHAT**  
**FROM THE DESK OF MISS JOANNE**

**Classes for all ages.**

**Bible Babies — Adult Forum**

**Bible Babies is for infants and older. Rocking Chairs are available for Moms to hold their little ones.**

**Confirmation Class is a two– year program for our 7th and 8th graders**

**Beyond Confirmation Class is for those beyond confirmation  
and**

**Adult Forum explores various studies during the Sunday School time.**

**Join us on Sundays 9—9:45 am**

**Faith's Duck Duck Jesus was a big hit in the Coplay Halloween Parade. We distributed about 800 ducks with our Church information. It was great fun! Thank you to Heidi Carr and her team, Richard and Wendy Hess, and all who supported, helped, and participated.**

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA UPCOMING DECEMBER 14**

**Our Men's group will be preparing breakfast**

**Volunteers greatly encouraged**

**Photo Booth with Mr and Mrs Claus and at least one elf**

**Crafts to make by our Cathy Haller**

**8 AM to 10 AM**

**Adult Forum meets in the Gathering Place Sunday mornings at 9 AM**

**Please join us!**



**The Installation of The Rev. June E. Wann**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**we celebrate the formal installation of our new pastor!**

Welcome June. You are now officially official.





**WE OFFICIALLY WELCOME PASTOR JUNE E. WANN**

**Thank you to all who planned, organized, prepared for this glorious celebration!**



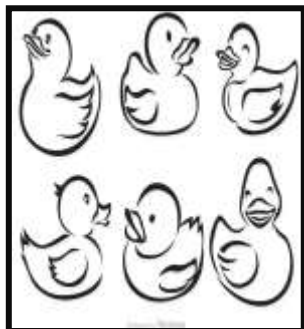
## DUCK DUCK JESUS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

We gave out 800 ducks with our Church information. Our Fearless Leader led us donned in Duckness on the fabulous float driven by Richard and Wendy Hess

Thank you Heidi Carr and the volunteers who made Duck Duck Jesus a fabulously fun event for all!



DuckDuck





## PINK PUMPKINS BASKET EVENT



# Praise!

**Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 am**

**Sunday School classes available from Bible Babies to**

**Adult Forum.**

**Confirmation Classes for our youth in Seventh & Eighth grades.**

**This is a two-year program**

**Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place**

**Worship Service at 10:00 AM**

Communion—The first Tuesday of each month,

join us for a light lunch at noon

followed by communion at 1:00.

We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that was enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns. All are welcome! Bring a friend.

Altar Communion-The first Sunday of each month celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!

**Purchase raffle tickets for the craft fair/quilt show following the congregation I meeting this Sunday, November 3**

**PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT**

Raffle tickets are available online at <https://faithquiltraffle.rsvpify.com>

Tickets can also be purchased at the Church office during office hours.  
Tickets will also be sold on the day of the Craft Fair/Quilt Show.

**Tickets sell for \$5.00 for a single chance**

**\$10.00 for three chances**

**\$20.00 for ten chances**

**Quilt Drawing Date is November 9, 2024**

**Location: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**



**FROM YOUR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE~**

**FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE:**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED AND/OR CONTRIBUTED  
TO FELC'S HOSTING OF FAMILY PROMISE FAMILIES  
SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>-OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**IT WAS A WONDERFUL WEEK OF HOSTING 3 DELIGHTFUL  
FAMILIES WHO WERE ALL VERY GRATEFUL FOR OUR WARM  
WELCOME & HOSPITALITY. ONE MOTHER & HER 10-YEAR OLD  
SON 'GRADUATED' FROM THE PROGRAM DURING OUR WEEK;  
THEY MOVED INTO THEIR OWN APARTMENT!!**

**WONDERFUL AND DELICIOUS MEALS & DESSERTS WERE PRO-  
VIDED BY OUR MEMBERS!! HEIDI CARR'S PUMPKIN ROLLS &  
CAROL MILLER'S CHOCOLATE CAKE RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE  
FROM ALL!!**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE &  
SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR HARD  
WORK & CONTRIBUTIONS.**







**Dear Faith Family,**

**I am so grateful for the warm welcome my husband and I have received since arriving at Faith. I was surprised and thankful for the delicious birthday cake presented on my birthday. I also would like to thank everyone who helped make the Installation service a success! Thank you to the many hands who helped decorate the sanctuary, those who shared their musical gifts, those who assisted with the service, and especially to those who hosted such a wonderful time of food and fellowship afterwards. I am so blessed, and I am thankful for each and every one of you!**

**With love,**

**Pastor June**

**Dear Friends at Faith,**

**Thanks so much for all the cards, prayers, phone calls, flowers, and especially the prepared meals—they were greatly appreciated.**

**My eye is healing slowly, but unfortunately,  
I will not regain my vision in my right eye..**

**Thanks again, and God Bless!**

**Rosemarie Haffner**

**A Giant Thank you to Heidi Carr and  
A & B Lock & Safe Co.  
1001 Union Blvd.  
Allentown, PA 18109-1923**

**For taking care of the costs for us to participate in the Coplay Halloween Parade**

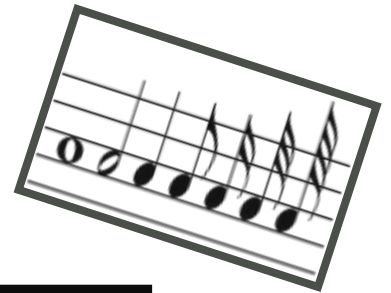
**Special thank you's to Michelle Tabatabai and all the volunteers  
who helped to make Pastor's Installation meal a delicious and glorious way for us  
to celebrate this long awaited blessing**

**Always a big shout out to our AMAZING property committee for their tireless work  
and dedication to keeping our facility looking beautiful and running smoothly.  
Thank you again for your hard work and dedication!**

**Thank you to our many dedicated volunteers who do so much to be the branches  
with Jesus as our vine.**

**"Our hands, God's work " Be the Church — change continues—Embrace it!**





## ORGAN FUND



### BE A KEY PLAYER

**FELC has initiated a fundraising campaign to cover the \$21,000 needed to cover the balance of our new Organ.**

**We call it “Be A Key Player”.**

**We are asking people to buy keys on the three manual organ**

**Keys on the Choir manual are \$25 each.**

**Keys on the Swell manual are \$50.**

**Keys on the Great manual are \$100**

**and**

**the pedals are \$250.**

TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO PURCHASE A KEY,  
THEIR NAMES WILL BE WRITTEN ON A KEY ON A COMMEMORATIVE POSTER  
THAT WILL BE HUNG IN THE CHURCH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A KEY, THERE ARE FORMS IN THE NAR-  
THEX OR CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP TEAMS

**NOV 3**

**NOV 10**

**NOV 17**

**NOV 24**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>Cathy Haller and Gloria Sen- chak</b>	<b>Pat Masonheimer and Barb Yurasits</b>	<b>Diane Batza and Linda Johnston</b>	<b>Shel and Judy Ehret</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>April Spaits</b>	<b>April Spaits</b>	<b>Charlene Frack</b>	<b>April Spaits</b>
<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>Kindall Wann</b>		<b>Heidi Carr</b>	
<b>FLOWER SPONSOR</b>	<b>Sara Laub</b>	<b>Pam and Laura Blacker</b>	<b>Paula Buchvalt</b>	
<b>BULLETIN SPONSOR</b>	<b>Sara Laub</b>	<b>Pam and Laura Blacker</b>	<b>Paula Buchvalt</b>	
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	<b>Zach Keenan</b>	<b>Karen Blayle</b>	<b>Howard Schaffer</b>	<b>Judy Ehret</b>

# NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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3 Worship Service 10:00 AM Altar Communion All Saints Sunday Special congregation mtg AA 7:00 PM (PH)	4 1:00 PM Piece Workers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	5 10:30 AM Prayer Group 12:00 PM Light lunch 1:00 PM Communion 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	6 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	7 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 PM Christian Ed mtg 7:30 Senior choir	8 Set up for Craft Fair	9 CRAFT FAIR
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24 Worship Service 10:00 AM CHRIST THE KING CELEBRATION AA 7:00 PM PH rented	25 1:00 PM Piece Workers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	26 10:30 AM Prayer Group (2:00 PM HR) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	27 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	28 THANKSGIVING Office closed	29	30

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**LOTS TO BE PART OF IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS!**

**Cub Pack 32 which meets here at Faith as do Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and Brownies. They are participating in a fundraiser , WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

**The link is <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org>**

**The Cub Pack is officially registered as the sponsor.**

**If any selects to “Sponsor a Wreath”, the group is listed as PA0713P—Cub Pack 32**

**After selecting the number of wreaths to sponsor, a second window should come up to list our Sponsorship group**

**We’d like both units to be “\$5 Back Groups”, where the units can take donations for wreaths for the Cedar Hill Memorial Park event that we’ve been participating in for years. We receive a portion of the proceed towards supporting scouting.**

**As the scouting units are chartered to the church, we belong to the church .**

**With best regards, Yours in Scouting,**

**Pete Paone**

**Asst. Scoutmaster—Troop 32**

**Treasurer—Pack 32**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Bretz	November 2
Janet Corello	November 4
Connor Cave	November 5
Barbara Yurasits	November 7
Irvin McFarland	November 11
Kathleen Morgan	November 11
Kaitlyn Smykowski	November 11
Pat Wotring	November 16
Linda Kurrasch	November 17
Melissa Wehr	November 18
Rhynier Minnich	November 21
Richard Daniel	November 22
Juliet Hower	November 22
Harold Whittaker	November 23
Rosemarie Haffner	November 25
Christopher Schmidt	November 29

*Happy  
Anniversary*

**Karla and Bob Billig    November 8**

**Tara and Richard Miller, II   November 25**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Lehigh Valley Conference of Churches offers resources to help individuals and families

# The Lehigh Valley Conference of Churches 610 433 6421

We serve thousands of families and individuals living in the Lehigh Valley offering a continuum of care designed to meet basic human needs: food, a roof overhead, dignity, a sense of belonging and hope for the future.

The Conference Kitchen ensures that the working poor, homeless, elderly, children, people between jobs, individuals on fixed incomes, and those who have nowhere else to turn can receive a free nutritious meal, three times a day, five days a week.

Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 9:00 am, lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and dinner from 4:00 to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

The Conference Housing program builds a path in which those who are homeless, threatened with homelessness, or re-entering society from jail or prison can find stability in their lives. We offer rental assistance, utility deposits, furniture, and support enabling families and individuals to stay housed.

If you are in need of housing we ask that you meet with us so we can access your needs. No appointment is necessary. Visit us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at 457 W. Allen Street, Allentown.

We offer a myriad of supportive services to help individuals and families overcome the obstacles they face. Uniquely equipped staff meet people where they are and guide them through the steps to be successful with money management, job readiness, benefit enrollment, securing an ID, and apartment hunting.

In need of help? Please contact us [info@lehighchurches.org](mailto:info@lehighchurches.org) or 610-433-6421





*Grow  
in Christ*



To  
**God**  
*be the*  
**GLORY**  
*Great Things He Hath Done!*

**JOY  
HOPE  
FAITH  
AND LOVE**



*Great  
are the  
works  
of the Lord.*

**BE THE CHURCH**  
*Protect the environment.  
Care for the poor.  
Forgive often.  
Reject racism.  
Fight for the powerless.  
Share earthly and spiritual resources.  
Embrace diversity.  
Love God.  
Enjoy this life.*

 UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

