

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2024



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

OCTOBER

1ST—6TH FAMILY PROMISE

3RD CHRISTIAN ED MTG

6TH WORLD WIDE HOLY COMMUNION

13TH HARVEST HOME

MUSIC AND WORSHIP MTG

AND

REV. JUNE E. WANN INSTALLATION 2 PM

15TH COPLAY HALLOWEEN PARADE

20TH—24TH PASTOR VACATION

20TH BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SERVICE OF THE WORD THAT DAY

26TH TRUNK OR TREAT 11:00 AM —1:00 PM

October Reflections: Pastor June

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalm 46

October begins; I am looking forward to the cooler weather, apple and pumpkin treats, walks through crispy leaves that will start turning color late in the month. And the start of commemorations and holidays, both secular and sacred. A strange mash up of those is on the 31st, which is both Halloween and Reformation Day. I enjoy both of those events, but I must say that the Reformation is something I reflect on often. Martin Luther and his comrades in that world-changing event have had deep impacts on theology, philosophy, education and literacy, the arts and music, the structure of society, the role of women—nearly every aspect of life was somehow influenced by the Protestant Reformation through the five centuries since Martin Luther hammered the 95 Theses to the Wittenburg church door.

There are so many things to consider about Martin Luther, both his strengths and his failures, but I'm considering his music just now. He wrote some 36 hymns, with the most well-known being A Mighty Fortress is Our God, which has been translated into more than 200 languages. The hymn was inspired by Psalm 46. I cannot read the lyrics without hearing the tune, Ein Feste Burg, also written by Luther; do you hear it as well?

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever! -

Blessings,
Pastor June

NEWS FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT BOB BILLIG



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

During the month of October, the Christian Church honors St. Francis of Assisi: The Patron Saint of Animals.

Francis believed that all creatures were equal under God. He is often depicted surrounded by animals, communicating with them, and treating them with utmost kindness and respect. There are countless stories of Francis saving animals or speaking to them, further solidifying his role as their patron saint.

On Sunday, October 20th, FELC will pay tribute to St. Francis by celebrating the Blessing of the Animals during our 10:00 AM service. The liturgy for this service will focus on our wise care for the world's diverse web of life, and reminds us to offer ourselves as advocates, donors, and active stewards toward all creation.

As part of this service, you will be invited to bring your pet forward to be blessed. If you do not feel comfortable bringing your pet to the service, then bring along a picture of them so they too can be part of this blessing.

During the Prayers of Intercession, there will be a laying of hands on each animal and a blessing bestowed upon them. Then, each animal will receive a certificate and a St. Francis Medallion.

Since Pastor Wann is away that day, I will be conducting the service. I instituted this animal blessing at my SALM church where I have not only blessed dogs, cats, or pictures of pets, but I have also blessed several cows. I have also conducted this service for Allentown's Woofstock celebrations. We hope to see a sanctuary filled with our pets.

Blessings to all of God's creatures.

Bob Billig, FELC Council President

CHRISTIAN ED CHIT CHAT
FROM THE DESK OF MS 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

LOOKING AHEAD

INTERESTED IN A PARADE?

Faith is entering the Coplay Halloween Parade on October 15th

DUCK, DUCK JESUS will provide great fun for all

All ages are invited.

Contact Joanne@215-880-1649.

For participation in the Coplay Halloween parade and/or trunk or treat

October 26th is Trunk and Treat.

Volunteer your trunk to treat the little goblins.

We need trunks

**Games, crafts, basket raffle, pumpkin and cup cake decorating, hot
dogs for everyone**



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 THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT

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

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





Kudos to all the volunteers who shared in the success of
our hosting of
Whitehall-Coplay Hunger Initiative Community Meal
Sunday of Labor Day weekend,
All who participated and attended were grateful.
Our hands, God's work!

**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"

**"Jesus is the Vine, and We are the branches
His banner over me is Love"**

Remember singing that? What a delightful time that Sunday with the children!

The love and comfort that comes from a strong Faith family defies words.

You feel the love here at Faith.

Be the Church — change continues—Embrace it!

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

**Thank you to our Piece Makers for the beautiful quilts they provide for our baptisms and
our craft fair! Thank you ladies for your beautiful hand made items.**

**A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH OUR HOST-
ING OF FAMILY PROMISE. ALL WHO RECEIVED WERE VERY GRATEFUL!**

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR PASTOR JUNE
WE CELEBRATE YOU





ELCA

**Church in Society
A Lutheran Perspective
PRAYER VENTURES October courtesy of ELCA**

Pray that the Spirit will work through the traditions, rites and practices of the church, which, evolving over time and from generation to generation, affirm God's saving grace and inspire us to share it.

Lament that we sin and fall short of the glory and expectations of God, then shout prayers of thanksgiving and joy that we are forgiven, freed and saved by the gift of God's grace. Throughout history God has acted with steadfast love, forgiveness and concern for human-kind. Alleluia, thanks be to God!

Reformation Day Give thanks for the legacy of Martin Luther and other reformers who demanded that the theology and practices of the church be faithful to God's word and the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will never stop reflecting on Scripture or the gospel message, and that our ministries and faith communities might best respond to their call to do God's work in the world. This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 International Day of Older Persons Remember in prayer older adults, who bring vitality and diverse gifts to communities and congregations; give thanks for their faith, wisdom, generosity and life experiences. Pray for those who live in nursing homes, facilities for memory care and assisted living, and continuing care retirement communities, that they will be valued and respected and will receive skilled care.

2 "Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and moisture, too. Sprouting blossoms, crops and buds, trees and plants: the season's signs that you make all things new" (With One Voice 727). Greet this new day with gratitude to God for the blessings of autumn — fall harvests, the beauty of changing seasons and other signs of God's ceaseless creativity.

3 Give thanks for the 13 new ELCA missionaries who have begun their work alongside global partners in eight countries, serving as teachers, pastors, pastoral interns, program coordinators and more.

4 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1181-1226) Give thanks and praise to God for saints who have gone before us and saints still in our midst, who teach and inspire us to be humble, generous, grateful and attentive children of God.

5 We are nourished and sustained by countless resources in creation — all gifts from God, entrusted to our care. Give thanks for the gift of water, without which life cannot exist or flourish. Pray that we will exercise discipline, responsibility and generosity in how we use water, and that we will work to assure the availability of clean water for all people, everywhere.

6 Pray for the children of your congregation and give thanks that God has entrusted to us the opportunity and responsibility to nurture their faith and gifts and to surround them with care and grace.

7 Remember in prayer girls, women and people of other gender identities and expressions who suffer domestic violence. Pray that they will find care and safe shelter that support their recovery from physical, emotional and spiritual trauma. Give thanks for the work and resources available to us through the ELCA Gender Justice and Women's Empowerment program

.8 Ask the Spirit for guidance, wisdom and creativity as we work to grow the church, not for the sake of numbers but to spread the message of God's love and mercy for humanity and to draw upon the gifts of the many to love and serve our neighbors, here and around the world.

9 Pray for national leaders, diplomats, mediators and organizations working to achieve cease-fires, peace and recovery in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan and other regions. Ask God to make us diligent bearers of hope, peace and justice in the world.

10 Remember in prayer refugees, immigrants and asylum-seekers who are displaced by economic and climate crises and by conflict and persecution. Ask God to protect them as they seek safe, welcoming places where they can settle and rebuild their lives.

11 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?" (Psalm 8:3-4). Give thanks and praise to God, who showers love and attention on us no matter how complicated our lives are or how insignificant we feel.

12 Pray that we might discern and avoid the false teaching of Christian nationalism, which divides us and uses Christ's name to place us above others, claiming privilege and God's favor. Ask the Spirit to stir in us a desire and commitment to love, uplift and serve our neighbors — without bias.

13 Ask God to help us keep our priorities straight, that we might share the good news of Jesus Christ and trust in the promise of eternal life.

14 Indigenous Peoples' Day "We join states, cities and towns across the country to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day in place of Columbus Day and honor the people whose lands we walk, whose Indigenous voices have always been spoken here and who share their gifts and contributions throughout our society" (Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Indigenous Peoples' Day statement). Pray that, in our relations with Indigenous neighbors and children of God, we will not waver in our commitment to repentance, reconciliation, healing and unity.

15 "Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart" (St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582). Pray for God to work through every aspect of our life that we might give witness to God's boundless love and mercy.

16 World Food Day The theme for World Food Day 2024 is “Right to Foods for a Better Life and a Better Future.” Pray that all people will have adequate access to food that is safe and healthy. Give thanks for the work and advocacy of ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and partner organizations to address the causes of hunger and improve food security.

17 “The Bible is a remarkable fountain: The more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates thirst” (Martin Luther, 1483-1546). Let us resolve to spend more time studying and discussing Scripture so that we might grow in our understanding of God and connect our faith and the gospel with daily life.

18 The message of the Old Testament prophet Micah is crucial for our world today: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). Pray that we will humble ourselves and serve our neighbors who suffer poverty, hunger and exclusion.

19 Lift up in prayer youth and family ministry leaders who nurture the faith of young people, reassure them of God’s presence and grace, and affirm their value as members of our faith communities. Give thanks for the work, resources and support of ELCA Youth Ministry, the ELCA Youth Gathering and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network.

20 Ask the Spirit to deepen our understanding of our identity and purpose as baptized children of God, called and equipped to live with gratitude and joy, to share the lifegiving news of Jesus Christ and to work for justice and peace.

21 Give thanks and praise to our Creator, who is the source of bountiful fall harvests and sustains us in body and spirit.

22 Pray for an end to gun-related deaths and injuries and to the trauma, grief, anxiety and anguish they spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to help us honor the gift of life and the well-being of all people through bold advocacy to reduce gun violence.

23 Pray for ministries and organizations that help us welcome, resettle and accompany immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees with dignity and hope, including Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, Global Refuge and Lutheran Services in America.

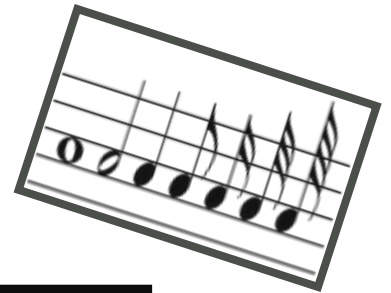
24 “When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them” (Psalm 91:15). God is our ever-present refuge and fortress. Let our prayers and songs proclaim unceasing thanks and praise to God!

25 Pray for the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association, which supports the 1,300 ELCA congregations and 17,000 staff offering weekday schools and early childhood education programs.

26 Reflect on the people around you who might hunger for a friendly word or some indication that they are loved and not forgotten. Include them in your prayers and reach out to them.

27 Reformation Sunday Praise God for being patient with us through the challenges and changes of being the church and discerning God’





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.

OCTOBER WORSHIP TEAMS

OCT 6

OCT 13

OCT 20

OCT 27

ALTAR GUILD	Gloria Senchak And Charlene Frack	Barb Yurasits And Pat Masonheimer	Diane Batza and Linda Johnston	Shel And Judy Ehret
ACOLYTE CRUCIFER				
GREETERS	April Spaits		April Spaits	
LECTORS	Kindall Wann	Karen Blayle	Pat Himmelwright	
FLOWER SPONSOR		Faith Family	Vickie Lynne Schadler	
BULLETIN SPONSOR		Faith Family	Vickie Lynne Schadler	
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Kindall Wann	Joanne Gantz- Jalowiecki	No assistant	Gail Herzog

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
		1 10:30 AM Prayer Group 6:00 PM Family Promise 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	2 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts 6:00 PM Family Promise	3 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:00 PM Family Promise <u>6:15 Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 Christian Ed</u> <u>7:30 Senior choir</u>	4 6:00 PM Family Promise	5 6:00 PM Family Promise
6 Family Promise ends at 6:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Altar Communion First Holy Communion AA 7:00 PM (PH)	7 1:00 PM Piece Workers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	8 10:30 AM Prayer Group 12:00 PM Light lunch 1:00 PM Communion <u>Executive Council Meeting</u> 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	9 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	10 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) <u>6:15 Bell Choir</u> <u>7:30 Senior choir</u>	11	12
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

UPCOMING EVENTS

LOTS TO BE PART OF IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS!

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NOVEMBER

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

9TH THE CRAFT FAIR

24TH CHRIST THE KING THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles Silvius	October 3
Wendy Knutsen- Hess	October 4
Annette Armstrong	October 5
Stephen Yoo	October 6
Shiryl Decker	October 7
Elaine Gensits	October 7
Janet Colburn	October 11
Judith Paine	October 11
Tammi Loch-Eberhart	October 20
Sara Laub	October 22
Jacquelyn Daniel	October 24
Linda Schadler	October 24
William Strobl	October 25
Deborah Whittaker	October 26
Jane Ramer	October 29

*Happy
Anniversary*

Rose and Willie Strobl October 2

Brian and Cindy Holobusky October 12

Ernie and Kathy Kotsch October 17

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 or 610-433-6421



ATTENTION MILITARY VETERANS

If you are a living veteran who has served at any time on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, regardless of location, you are eligible to receive a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin.

If you are a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran at the time of death of that veteran, who had served during that period of eligibility may also receive a pin.

The Northampton Joint Veterans in cooperation with the Department of Defense as authorized by Congress will be presenting these pins at their 2024 Veterans Day Ceremony which is being held at 14th and Washington Ave., Northampton, PA.

The ceremony is scheduled to be held on Saturday November 09 2024 at 1100AM. (rain date Sunday Nov 10 at 1100 AM).

If you are a veteran and wish to receive this memento at this ceremony please complete and return the attached form by October 31, 2024 or call 610440.0018 with this information.

VETERANS COMMORATION CEREMONY (Please PRINT)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

BRANCH AND TERM MILITARY SERVICE:

TELEPHONE:EMAIL:

Return to:

Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary, Post 454

P.O. Box 186, Northampton, PA 18067