

## **Faith News and Notes for August 24, 2025**

**PLEASE Note on The Pew Attendance Card which Service you attended**  
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**Welcome, welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord!** We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!

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### **Friday Morning Coffee and Donuts with Faith Pre-School and Toddler Program**



**Immediate Need for volunteers: September 5th**

The first Friday of each month we welcome our school parents during drop off time (7:00—9:15 AM) with a fresh cup of coffee, a donut, and/or fruit. Volunteers are asked to man the entrance to our 555 (Pre-school) and 301 (Toddler Program). The morning also includes picking up coffee and donuts at Dunkin Donuts (pre-ordered and paid for), and arriving at the school at 7:00 AM to set up and welcome our school families. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**Highlights from our last Coffee and Donuts**  
**(We held an extra event this month to welcome back our families the first week of school)**



Barb Cahill welcomes a parent at our Toddler program.



Our Pre-school teacher, Zule Cisneros Froylan arrives with her niece who attends our school. In September, Zule (Miss C.) will be celebrating her 8th year teaching at Faith.



Parent Jonathan Bichette arrives with his daughter, Julia.

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### **Sunday School Substitute Teacher needed in September and October**



A temporary substitute Sunday School teacher is needed in September and October for children ages 8 –12.

Lessons are provided. If interested, please contact Linda Seitz 561-602-2256

Sunday school is held from 10:00 AM—10:30 AM every Sunday, except the first Sunday of each month.

Children ages 3—7 meet across the playground in room 3, while ages 8-12 meet in the church conference room.

## **Holy Communion**

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

- \*Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?
- \*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?
- \*Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?
- \*Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?
- \*With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during of our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

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## **Old Testament *Isaiah 66:18–23***

<sup>18</sup>"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

## **Epistle *Hebrews 12:4–24***

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." <sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

## Holy Gospel Luke 13:22–30

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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**A Life Quote for Sunday, August 24:** “We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God’s precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself.” *Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for August 24 – St. Bartholomew (Proper 16C):** Proverbs 3:8 promises that fearing the Lord and turning from evil brings healing to “your navel.” Belly buttons testify to gestation. Scripture’s prescription for surprise pregnancy encourages rejecting death. If the Apostle Bartholomew gave his very skin trusting in the resurrection body (tradition suggests his martyrdom flayed him alive), the Gospel leaves no room for “my body, my choice.”

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### PLEASE INCLUDE OUR FAITH FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Our Homebound:** **Sandy** Aiken (now living at Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter), **Alma** Coates, **Carla** Sesola (now living in Missouri), **Donna** Van Bommel (now living at Gardens Court Nursing Home, PBG)

**Other Requests:** **Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families;** **Gail** Bolognese, **Barbara** Cahill, **Andrea** Emde, **Judith** Gonnerman, **Dave** Johnson, **Rick** Knudtson, **Istvan** Krisko, **Gordon** Lerner, **Kathy** McCoy, **Nancy** Meyer, **Ernie** Munter, **Carole** Satterthwaite, **Tricia** Shankin, **Sally** Schwartz, **Bob and Laura** Tegart, **Sharon** Wiley, and **Ron** Woita.

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### Faith’s Book Nook—Featured Book of the Week



This week’s featured read in Faith’s Book Nook is, *Prayer Can Change Your Life*, by St. J. Parker in the non-fiction section as 242 PAR The Book Nook is located on the 2nd floor of the Michel Building above the kitchen. Come visit!

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### New Day Alzheimer’s Association



#### Monthly Evening Educational / Support Group

**Thursday, August 28, 6 PM—7PM**

For Caregivers of Dependent Adults

*Educational topics vary each month, followed by discussion / Q & A about Alzheimer’s Disease and Care-giving*

This group provides a supportive and compassionate space for caregivers to talk openly about their struggles, to learn various coping strategies, share resources and explore ways to alleviate stress. The idea is to take care of yourself so you can effectively care for others. For more information call 561-844-0012.

## Bible Studies @ Faith

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### Bible Study Fellowship starts 9/8



Faith is excited to once again be hosting Bible Study Fellowship. This year's study, *Exile and Return*, invites you on a powerful journey through the Old Testament, where God's people were called to build His kingdom in a foreign land. Their story is our story—we, too, are strangers in a broken world, called to build for His glory. As we explore how God equips and positions His people, we're challenged to ask: Am I building my life for Christ? *Exile and Return* reminds us that our time to build is now. Books included in this year's study: Ezekiel, Daniel, Ezra, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, and Malachi.

September 8 — May 4

Monday morning sessions:

10:00 — 11:15 (Michel Building, 2nd floor)

Monday evening sessions:

6:55 — 8:45 (Campus-wide)

For more information call:

Martha Parker: 561-801-5786 (Women's morning and evening sessions)

Jeff Fisher: 561-371-0871 (Men's evening session)



We are excited to announce that our Women's Fall Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 9th. We will be meeting in The Upper Room from 10:00—11:30 AM.

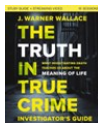
This title of our study is: Listening to God

All women are welcome. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

For more information, call Fran Hickman 561-234-7349

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### Men's Breakfast / Bible Study Meets Saturday, September 20th



The fourth meeting of the Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study series will be held on September 20th from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, and continue the third Saturday of every month through November. This video study, titled, *The Truth in True Crime*, by J. Warner Wallace is available through Right Now Media. There is a Guidebook for this study, appropriately titled, *The Truth in True Crime Investigator's Guide*. It is available on Amazon for \$14.99, or you may purchase a copy through the church while supplies last. A sign-up list is up in the Narthex.

The logo consists of a blue rectangular box with a gradient from light blue at the top to dark blue at the bottom. Inside the box, the words "EMPLOYMENT" and "OPPORTUNITY" are stacked vertically in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

Faith Lutheran is seeking a resourceful, organized, and friendly professional to serve God's people by providing **Bookkeeper/ Office Assistant** services to the Church office and staff.

Bookkeeping responsibilities include:

- Accounts payable
- Accounts receivable
- Make bank deposits and reconcile bank accounts
- Enter credit card receipts and reconcile credit card accounts
- Maintain Vendor accounts, including certificates of insurance and form W-9
- Maintain digital files of all records and physical files when necessary.
- Generate annual giving reports and acknowledgments for special gifts

General office administration duties include:

- Greet visitors, vendors and service personnel as needed.
- Assist with ordering and receiving office, maintenance, and food supplies as needed.

Proficiencies required:

- QuickBooks desktop
- All Microsoft Office Applications
- General office equipment
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Two plus years of experience is required.

**This is an onsite, part-time position, (25 – 30 hours/week) with a flexible work schedule.**

Faith Lutheran Church is a drug-free, smoke-free environment.

Interested parties should contact Bert Seitz: [rseitz5700@gmail.com](mailto:rseitz5700@gmail.com)

## 2025 Flower Chart



The 2025 Flower Chart calendar is in the Narthex, with open spaces to sign-up for your meaningful dates (*In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God.*) The Altar flowers are \$25 per Sunday. Please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and put "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.

Open Altar Flower dates:  
Sept. 21 & 28...October 26  
November 30...December 28

In Memory of My 4 Bills—  
Father, Husband, Brother & Nephew

by Barb Cahill



Richard Fulton  
Logan Hernandez  
Ernie Munter, Jr.

John Frerking  
Olivia Eggerman  
Janet Watson

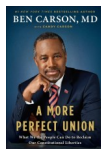
## Right Now Media

**RightNow Media's mission is to work with the global church to inspire people to love others before self and Christ above all.**



Here are three different ways to sign-up for "Right Now Media"

- (1) Custom Link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithlutheranchurchnp>
- (2) Text the code **FAITHNPB** to **49775** and you will receive a text back, welcoming you to "RightNow Media" and provides you with the invite link to register.
- (3) Use this QR code: Hover your phone's camera over the code and it will prompt you to open a mobile browser,



## Faith's Book Club — September selection

***A More Perfect Union***  
by Ben Carson, M.D.



**Date:** Wednesday, Sept., 24th / **Dinner:** 5:30 PM @ LaBamba / **Book Discussion:** 7:00 in Church Conference Room

Dear Reader, Many people have wondered why I've been speaking out on controversial issues for the last few years. They say I've never held political office. I'm not a constitutional scholar. I'm not even a lawyer. All I can say to that is "Guilty as charged." It's true that I've never voted for a budget America could not afford. I've never raised anyone's taxes. And I've never promised a lobbyist anything in exchange for a donation. Luckily, none of that really matters. Our founding fathers didn't want a permanent governing class of professional politicians. They wanted a republic, in Lincoln's words, "of the people, by the people, and for the people." A country where any farmer, small-business owner, manual laborer, or doctor could speak up and make a difference. I believe that making a difference starts with understanding our amazing founding document, the U.S. Constitution. And as someone who has performed brain surgery thousands of times, I can assure you that the Constitution isn't brain surgery. The founders wrote it for ordinary men and women, in clear, precise, simple language. They intentionally made it short enough to read in a single sitting and to carry in your pocket. I wrote this book to encourage every citizen to read and think about the Constitution, and to help defend it from those who misinterpret and undermine it. In our age of political correctness it's especially important to defend the Bill of Rights, which guarantees our freedom to speak, bear arms, practice our religion, and much more. The Constitution isn't history—it's about your life in America today. And defending it is about what kind of country our children and grandchildren will inherit. I hope you'll enjoy learning about the fascinating ways that the founders established the greatest democracy in history—and the ways that recent presidents, congresses, and courts have threatened that democracy. As the Preamble says, the purpose of the Constitution is to create a more perfect union. My goal is to empower you to help protect that union and secure the blessings of liberty. Sincerely, Ben Carson

# **THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

## **Sunday, August 24**

8:45 AM Traditional Service  
10:00 AM Sunday School School (Ages 3-7: Classroom 3. Ages 8-12: Conference Rm.)  
10:45 AM Contemporary Service  
12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice

## **Monday, August 25**

7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

## **Tuesday, August 25**

6:00 PM Elder's Meeting (Conference Room)

## **Wednesday, August 27**

10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry  
6:00 PM Village Gardens Condo Assn. (Michel Building)

## **Thursday, August 28**

9:00 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B/Michel Building)  
10:30 AM Canasta Club (The Upper Room)  
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM Kairos Meeting (Gym)  
6:00 PM — 7:00 PM New Day Support Group (New Day)

## **Friday, August 29**

9:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B/Michel Building)

## **Saturday, August 30**

7:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B/Michel Building)

## **Sunday, August 31**

8:45 AM Traditional Service  
10:00 AM Sunday School School (Ages 3-7: Classroom 3. Ages 8-12: Conference Rm.)  
10:45 AM Contemporary Service  
12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice

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| <b>Pastor</b>                     | Rev. Mark Stillman |
| <b>Pastor Emeritus</b>            | Rev. John Frerking |
| <b>Director of Music Ministry</b> | Dr. David McCalla  |
| <b>Praise Team Director</b>       | Janet Cunningham   |
| <b>Office</b>                     | Jen Iacobucci      |
| <b>Bookkeeper</b>                 | Janet Cunningham   |

**FAITH LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL — 561-842-2487**

Lisandria Slavin: Administrative Director

Pilar Tucker: Director — Evelyn Lawrence: Assistant/After School Director

**NEW DAY ADULT CARE CENTER — 561-844-0012**

Julie Tombari: Administrator

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|                            | <b>8:45 AM</b>    | <b>10:45 AM</b> |
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| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | Mary Jo Petterson | Laura Hess      |
| <b>Communion Assistant</b> | Lou Raffa         | Laura Hess      |
| <b>Greeter</b>             | Jim Beermann      | Walt Willey     |
| <b>Lector</b>              | Dave Johnson      | Linda Seitz     |
| <b>Usher</b>               | Frank Russo       | Bert Seitz      |

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**Your Church Elders**

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| Mark Leininger: 561-722-4994    | Susan Russo: 561-371-5135   |
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**OUR VISION**

**We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church,  
community and world with His unfailing love.**

We will **engage** all people in meaningful relationships with God's unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will **equip** all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.