

## **Faith News and Notes for September 14, 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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### **Highlights from our Friday Morning Coffee and Donuts held in September**



Mark Leininger greets a parent at the entrance to our Toddler program



Karen Hernandez "Nana" got to greet her grandson, Logan who is a student in our Pre-school.



New member, Justin Gaynor joined our greeting team at Faith's Preschool. Great to have you, Justin!

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. You could also be part of this fun event by volunteering on Friday, October 3rd, November 7th and/or December 5th. Sign-up in the Narthex today!

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Our third prayer vigil for the year is scheduled for Friday, September 19. Time slots are 8AM – 8PM. Sign up in the Narthex or on the church web-site.

*My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me."* Psalm 63:8

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### **Welcome New Members!**



We are so pleased to welcome our newest members, Lee Beckwith, Justin Gaynor, and Kris & Christine Pernsteiner, along with their children, Noah and Wyatt.

## **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** Ezekiel 34:11–24

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>17</sup>"As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? <sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

### **Epistle** 1 Timothy 1:12–17

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 15:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."



**A Life Quote for Sunday, September 14:** “If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may God bless your efforts!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life*

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for September 14 – Holy Cross (Proper 19C):** Jesus made His cross a decidedly public proclamation, lifted up and appealing to everyone (John 12:32). Christianity knows nothing of private convictions and personal choices. We get to speak openly, courageously, and compassionately that no other deliverance exists (Psalm 40:10), not even abortion or assisted suicide. Every human life belongs to Him alone who has drawn all unto Himself.

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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 Palm Beach Memory Care in North Palm Beach)

**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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### Welcome, Meshac St. Amour

We welcome this morning Meshac St. Amour, Director of Habitat for Children Ministries who works in Haiti. Meshac will be speaking briefly at both services today to highlight this great ministry that has the support of our district and circuit.

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### Michel Building Mortgage Reaches All-time Low Balance



Due to your faithfulness, the balance on our beautiful Michel Building has reached an all-time low of under \$200,000.  
Thank you everyone.

#### **As of September 2025**

Current mortgage: \$178,998  
Monthly mortgage payment: \$6,686  
Pay off date: 7/28/2028

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### Free money for Thrivent members to help the Church

As a Thrivent member you have the opportunity to participate in two Action Teams a year to help off-set church expenses. As an Action Team member, you can request funds for any event\* and receive a gift card up to \$250 to support the activity. There is also an opportunity to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to your favorite charity. If you are not yet a Thrivent member or wish to learn more, visit <https://www.thrivent.com/>

\*Areas in which Thrivent dollars could be used: The purchase of Bibles for our school students to be distributed at our Christmas event, Friday Morning Coffee & Donuts, School events (Fall and Spring fest), and more!

**How to participate in an Action Team:** Visit [www.Thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/](http://www.Thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/) to sign up or request Choice dollars. For assistance in the application process, reach out to Sue Russo 561-371-5135.

## Bible Study Fellowship Monday mornings and evenings



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:

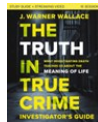
Martha Parker: 561-801-5786 (Women's morning and evening sessions)

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



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



The next meeting of the Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study series will be held on September 20th from 8:30 AM to 10:00 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 will supplies last. A sign-up list is in the Narthex.

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### Women of Faith's



Friday, October 3

10 AM — 1 PM

and

Saturday, October 4

9 AM — 1 PM

Donations accepted now through October 2.

## 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:  
September 28, October 26  
November 30

In Memory of Carol Colleran

by Amy Colleran

Fred Vandercook  
Manfred Mach  
Jon Schuemann



Matt & Beth Henshaw

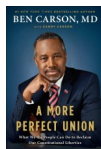
## Right Now Media

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, September 14—Rummage Sale set-up in Multipurpose Room**

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

### **Monday, September 15**

- 10:00 AM—11:15 AM Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Michel Building— classrooms)
- 6:30 PM—9:30 PM Via de Cristo meeting (New Day)
- 6:55 PM—8:45 PM Men's & Women's Bible Study Fellowship (campus-wide)
- 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

### **Tuesday, September 16**

### **Wednesday, September 17**

- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry

### **Thursday, September 18**

- 9:00 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B/Michel Building)
- 10:30 AM Canasta Club (The Upper Room)

### **Friday, September 19**

- 8:00 AM—8:00 PM Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary, Chapel or a place of your choosing)
- 9:30 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B/Michel Building)

### **Saturday, September 20**

- 8:00 AM Weight Watchers (Classrooms A & B/Michel Building)
- 8:00 AM—12:00 PM Kairos Meeting (Gym)
- 8:30 AM—10:00 AM Men's Bible Study/Breakfast ( Conference Room)
- 9:00 AM—11:30 AM CPR Training (Activity Room)

### **Sunday, September 21**

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 10:00 AM Sunday 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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**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>
Altar Guild	Lou Raffa	Barbara Cahill
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Dave Johnson	Karen Hernandez
<b>Greeter</b>	Jim Beermann	Daniel & Rosabelle Newton
<b>Lector</b>	Magdala Ray	Karen Hernandez
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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.