

Faith News and Notes for August 9, 2026

PLEASE Note on The Pew Attendance Card which Service you attended

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!



Tomorrow marks the start of a new school year at Faith Lutheran.

Lord, we dedicate this school year to You. May every classroom and playground be filled with Your presence. Grant our students, teachers, and staff peace, focus, wisdom, and joy in learning. Guide and protect our entire school community throughout the year. Amen.

Faith School Welcomes New School Directors



Michelle Spellman and Evelyn Lawrence

For the start of our new school year, Faith Lutheran is pleased to announce the promotion of two valued staff members who will lead our school. Ms. Evelyn Lawrence has assumed the role of Administrative Director, and Ms. Michelle Spellman has been promoted to Assistant Director. We congratulate them both and look forward to their leadership.

Evelyn Lawrence is an early childhood education leader with over 26 years of experience in faith-based preschools and aftercare programs and has been at Faith Lutheran since 2016, most recently as director of our School's Aftercare Program. As Administrative Director of Faith Lutheran School in North Palm Beach, she oversees daily operations, mentors staff, and engages families while supporting children's spiritual, social, and academic growth. Evelyn integrates Christian values into curriculum and programming and ensures smooth operations. She is currently pursuing an Associate of Science and Associate of Arts in Human Services with a Youth Development emphasis as well as an Associates of Science in Early Education at Palm Beach State College. Evelyn also sits on the board of the Early Learning Coalition. She has been married for 30 years to her husband, Craig, and together they have two children, Cody (26) and Brandon (22). She is also the proud mother of a 2-year-old Catahoula Leopard Dog named Luna.

See page 4 to learn more about our Evelyn as well as our new assistant director, Michelle Spellman.

See the back cover to find out the winner of our new school mascot contest!

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 our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

Old Testament Reading *Job 38:4–18*

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? ¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

Epistle *Romans 10:5–17*

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 14:22–33*

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus

spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



August 9 – Trinity 10 – As in Jeremiah's day, it may seem to us that in this culture of death, "everyone turns to his own course" and that many around us "have rejected the Word of the Lord" (Jeremiah 8:6, 9). However, recognizing that every person is created, redeemed, and called by God, we do not see them as our enemies. Instead, we weep over them and pray, along with Jesus and St. Paul, that their eyes would be opened to "know the things that make for peace" (Luke 19:42) that "they may be saved" (Romans 10:1).

August 9 "Just as powerful, we can relate to stories because, whether we know it or not, we are part of the greatest story ever told. The one that's still unfolding. The one that will last forever. We're part of God's story—the one He's writing—the story of salvation. And because we're in God's story, our story begins even before we were born." *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer Requests

Our Homebound: **Sandy** Aiken (Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter); **Alma** Coates; **Carla** Sesola (now living in Missouri); **Donna** Van Bommel (Palm Beach Memory Care, NPB); **Gordon** Lerner (Luxe Rehabilitation in Jupiter).

Other Requests: **Faith Lutheran Teachers, students and their families;** **Jessica** Dillahunt; **The family of Alan Fiers,** **Dave** Johnson, **Rick** Knudtson, **Istvan** Krisko, **Kathy** McCoy, **Nancy Meyer and her family,** **Carole** Satterthwaite, **Tricia** Shankin, **Sally** Schwartz, **Bob and Laura** Tegart, **Walt & Sharon** Wiley, **Lynn** Wilke, and **Ron** Woita.

Faith Sunday School Resumes August 16



Faith's Sunday School for children will resume for the new school year on Sunday, August 16.

Ages 3–6: Classroom 3

Ages 7–12: Church Conference Room

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growing, and sharing God's love with all of our children!

A thank you note from Pilar Tucker

Thank you congregation for the generous retirement gift. You are my family!

Love, Pily Tucker

Getting to know our new school directors...

Evelyn Lawrence (continued from cover page)

What you like most about your new position?

What I enjoy most about my job is bringing all the pieces together to help our school thrive. Much like putting together a puzzle, every student, teacher, staff member, and family plays an important role, and I enjoy finding ways to ensure all the pieces fit together to create a strong, Christ-centered community. I especially love encouraging and supporting our staff as they grow in their own journeys, helping them recognize their gifts and reach their full potential. It is incredibly rewarding to work alongside a dedicated team to continually improve our school and create an environment where children can flourish academically, socially, and spiritually. Knowing that the work we do each day makes a lasting difference in the lives of our students and families is what inspires me most.

Tell us about your Faith walk:

My faith journey took a life-changing turn in 2005 when my eldest son and I accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior together during Vacation Bible School at Great Bridge Christian Church. That moment forever changed my life and deepened my desire to serve others through Christ. Since then, my faith has continued to grow and remains the foundation of both my personal life and my leadership. I strive to lead with grace, compassion, and integrity, remembering that every interaction is an opportunity to reflect Christ's love. I am grateful to serve in Christian education, where I have the privilege of partnering with families, encouraging our staff, and helping children experience God's love each day.

What is your vision for the school?

My vision for Faith Lutheran School is to continue building a Christ-centered community where every child is known, loved, and inspired to reach their God-given potential. I hope to strengthen our academic excellence while fostering a culture of kindness, service, and strong Christian values. As we embrace this new chapter with renewed leadership and our new Pelican mascot, I want our school to be recognized as a place where faith is lived daily, families feel welcomed and supported, teachers are empowered to thrive, and every child leaves with a strong educational foundation and a deeper understanding of God's love.

Michelle Spellman

My name is Michelle Spellman, and I have been blessed to be part of the Faith Lutheran School family for the past 28 years. In 1999, I had the privilege of helping open the 301 building, where my journey began in what is now our Infant Room. Throughout the years, I have served in every age group within our early childhood program, giving me a unique perspective on each stage of a child's growth and development. Most recently, I had the joy of serving as the VPK teacher in Room 3 through the end of the 2025–2026 school year. Outside of school, I have been happily married to my husband, Chris, for nearly 20 years, and together we are blessed with our wonderful 16-year-old daughter, Brooke. Family is one of God's greatest gifts, and they continually remind me of the importance of faith, love, and service. My Catholic and Christian faith is the foundation of my life and guides the way I lead, teach, and serve others. I strive to reflect Christ's love in every interaction with our children, families, and staff. One of my favorite verses is 2 Corinthians 5:7: *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* That promise reminds me to trust God's plan, even when I cannot see what lies ahead. There is never a dull moment in early childhood education, and that's one of the reasons I love what I do. Every day brings new opportunities to nurture, encourage, and inspire children as they grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Knowing that I can play a small part in shaping a child's future while sharing the love of Jesus is both a privilege and a calling. I am truly grateful to call Faith Lutheran School my home. As Assistant Director, my vision is to continue building upon the strong foundation that has made Faith such a special place for nearly three decades. I look forward to working alongside an amazing team to strengthen enrollment, encourage and support our staff, build meaningful relationships with our families, and continue sharing God's love through everything we do. My hope is that we continue to grow as a Christ-centered school where every child feels known, loved, and inspired to reach their God-given potential. One of my long-term goals is to expand our elementary program by adding a Kindergarten class, allowing us to continue partnering with families as their children grow in both faith and learning.



Faith's Food Pantry



Please continue supporting our Food Pantry with your generous food donations. We are grateful for your past generosity and truly appreciate your continued support.

Current needs: Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat & Tuna, Diced Tomatoes, Tomato Paste, Mac & Cheese, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Pop-Top Canned Foods, Canned Vegetables, Rice, Soup, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles

Keep those donations coming!

Our Food Pantry clients sincerely thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sharon Hess Book Nook



Our Book Nook includes many books about Jesus for children and adults.

The Sharon Hess Book Nook Library is located in the Michel Building on the second floor above the Kitchen (Elevator and Stairs available).

Have you read, *The Purpose Driven Church* by Rick Warren, located in section 253 WAR.

"The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest people of the past centuries." – Descartes

Free Little Library



Visit our Free Little Library in the parking lot.

Take a book, leave a book. Share the joy of reading!

Canasta Club



The Canasta Club continues to meet every Thursday from 10:30 until mid-afternoon in the Michel Building's Upper Room. There is no cost and we will teach you how to play. The group breaks around noon for a brown bag lunch brought by the attendees. It is a great time for fun and fellowship. If you would like more information, call June Johnson 561-329-7521 or Arline Reilly 561-281-3438.

Summer Book Study

Revolution: The Birth of the Greatest Nation in the History of the World



Carri and Mark Leininger are hosting a Summer Book Study. In honor of our country's 250th birthday, we are reading *Revolution: The Birth of the Greatest Nation in the History of the World*. The book is full of amazing stories surrounding the birth of our nation.

Below is a quote from the Baltimore Sun about the book.

“Once upon a time there was a REVOLUTION.”

There's never been a nation like the United States of America. It's impossible to imagine the world without it—but do you know the wild and true story of how it came into existence?

On our 250th anniversary, the hunger for America's story has never been greater.

Who better to tell it than historian Eric Metaxas, author of seven *New York Times* bestsellers, including the groundbreaking, million-selling biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer?

The study is held every Thursday through August 20, from 6-7:30 at the Leininger Home, 11923 Lake Shore Place, in North Palm Beach. They are located in the Hidden Key neighborhood, which is near the intersection of US-1 and PGA Boulevard. Please text Carri if you plan on attending: 561-722-4988. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Carri or Mark: 561-722-4994.

The book is back-ordered on Amazon. The audio version is available free on Amazon with a Prime membership. It is also available on Barnes & Noble.



Want to Grow in Sharing the Gospel?

Join us for a weekly study through the Book of Acts, where we explore one chapter at a time and learn how to confidently share the Gospel and our personal testimonies in everyday life.

Saturdays

Breakfast: 9:00–10:00 AM (provided by Justin Gaynor); **Study:** 10:00–11:00 AM

Location: School Activity Room (look for signage)

How to Join: Register in the Narthex OR Scan the QR code

If you're looking for supplemental reading to accompany Acts 2 and dive deeper into the themes of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, *Life in the Spirit* by A.W. Tozer is an excellent choice.

Questions?

Contact Justin Gaynor at 561-777-5016.





2026 Flower Chart



Open spaces are available on the Altar Flower Chart to sign up for your meaningful dates—*(In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God.)* The Altar flowers are \$35 per Sunday. Please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and put “Altar Flowers” in the memo line.

This week's altar flowers

*In honor of my 4 Bills (father, husband, nephew & brother)
by Barb Cahill*



Ron Woita
Lauree Cano
Sharon Hess



Tom & Sue Weber

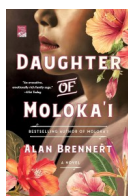
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Faith's Book Club August Book of the Month

Daughter of Moloka'i
by Alan Brennert



Date: Monday, Aug. 17th / **Dinner:** 5:30 PM @ Rice & Noodles (PBG) / **Book Discussion:** 7PM Church conference room

Moloka'i, tells the story of Ruth, the daughter that Rachel Kalama—quarantined for most of her life at the isolated leprosy settlement of Kalaupapa—was forced to give up at birth.

The book follows young Ruth from her arrival at the Kapi'olani Home for Girls in Honolulu, to her adoption by a Japanese couple who raise her on a strawberry and grape farm in California, her marriage and unjust internment at Manzanar Relocation Camp during World War II—and then, after the war, to the life-altering day when she receives a letter from a woman who says she is Ruth's birth mother, Rachel.

Daughter of Moloka'i expands upon Ruth and Rachel's 22-year relationship, only hinted at in *Moloka'i*. It's a richly emotional tale of two women—different in some ways, similar in others—who never expected to meet, much less come to love, one another. And for Ruth it is a story of discovery, the unfolding of a past she knew nothing about. Told in vivid, evocative prose that conjures up the beauty and history of both Hawaiian and Japanese cultures, it's the powerful and poignant tale that readers of *Moloka'i* have been awaiting for fifteen years.

This Week at Faith

Items in color indicate Bible Studies

Sunday, August 9

8:45 AM Traditional Service
8:45 AM—10:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (drop in anytime)
10:45 AM Contemporary Service
10:45 AM—12:05 PM Prayer Team in Chapel (drop in anytime)
12:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice

Monday, August 10

First day of school at Faith!

7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

Tuesday, August 11

6:30—9:00 PM Via de Cristo meeting (Michel Building Classrooms & Upper Room)

Wednesday, August 12

10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry

Thursday, August 13

9:00 AM—10:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
10:30 AM Canasta Club (Michel Building—The Upper Room)
6:00 PM—7:30 PM Summer Book Study (Leininger residence)
7:00—9:00 PM Via de Cristo Meeting (Michel Building)

Friday, August 14

7:15 AM—9:00 AM Coffee & Donuts (555/301 entrances)
9:30 AM—11:00 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)

Saturday, August 15

8:00 AM—9:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
9:00 AM—11:00 AM Acts Bible Study & Breakfast (School Activity Room)

Sunday, August 16

8:45 AM Traditional Service
8:45 AM—10:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (drop in anytime)
10:45 AM Contemporary Service
10:45 AM—12:05 PM Prayer Team in Chapel (drop in anytime)
12:00 PM Contemporary Music Practice

A sincere thank you goes out to Pastor Ken Kusskraut for leading our worship while Pastor Mark is away.

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Evelyn Lawrence: Administrative Director / Michelle Spellman: Assistant Director

NEW DAY ADULT CARE CENTER — 561-844-0012

Julie Tombari: Administrator

	8:45 AM	10:45 AM
Altar Guild	Mary Jo Petterson	Laura Hess
Communion Assistant	June Johnson	John Fortini
Greeter	Rosabelle & Daniel Newton	Jane Blevins
Lector	Justin Gaynor	Chuck Pedersen
Usher	Frank Russo	Mark Leininger

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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.

Winner of Faith's new School Mascot Contest

After receiving 162 entries through our Community Bash and an eBlast sent to our school staff, church, and New Day Adult Care Center staff, we are excited to announce that our new school mascot is the PELICAN!

The pelican is a powerful symbol of faith, history, and compassion. It also holds a special place in the history of Faith Lutheran Church and School. Featured in the beautiful stained-glass window in our sanctuary, the pelican has been part of our church's story for many years. As our new mascot, it reflects both our rich heritage and the Christ-centered values that continue to guide and inspire our school community.

We are grateful to everyone who cast their vote. Thank you for helping us choose a mascot that honors our past while representing the bright future of Faith Lutheran Church and School. We look forward to proudly cheering on the Pelicans for years to come!



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"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6