

# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## MAY 2021 - NEWSLETTER



### ***Special dates***

*National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2021*

*Mother's Day, May 9, 2021*

*Ascension Day, May 13, 2021*

*Confirmation, May 22, 2021*

*Pentecost, May 23, 2021*

*Victoria Day (Canada), May 24, 2021*

*Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021*

*Memorial Day, May 31, 2021*

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*"Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?  
I'm making a way in the desert, paths[a] in the wilderness."  
Joel 2:28 CEB*

This past year it was a pleasure and an honor to instruct the youth who are preparing to affirm their baptism. This month, I give my space to them so you can hear excerpts, in their own words, their hopes and dreams for the future of this church.

"My hopes and dreams for the church are that people regardless of age, sexuality, race, or gender can come to the church for worship."  
-Matthew B.

"My hopes for this church is that it can be a place where you can speak and listen without judgement. A place where everyone's voices can be heard and everyone has a say in what is going on."  
-Ava K.

"I feel that we attract more people to our church if we make it more interactive and modern. I do like our confirmation class and church but I would like the church to consider some changes in the future."  
-Lauren W.

"I hope this church will understand to listen to other voices, opinions, and ideas in the church; the church tends to listen to the same opinions over and over again. Then they push away new ideas because they don't want to listen or change what they are already doing."  
-Allanah K.

"One of my hopes for the church is for the members to unify."  
-Aurora K.

"In the future, the church can get back to normal and have social events like the craft fair, a game night for the Confirmation class, bowling or something for the class to do for fun, so we can get to know each other."  
-Devin S.

"In my opinion these should be included in the future of our church: more youth activities like going to soup kitchens and camps."  
-Makenzie W.

"My wish for the future of the Church is for us to become more active in efforts to better the environment. I believe we can use our platform as a church as well as our time to make a change."  
-Sarah S.

"I would like to see more diversity in the congregation. A more diverse congregation will bring in opportunities for different ideas to better the church and everything the church does for the community and people... Faith is our name but kindness to all should be our motto."  
-Valencia R.

Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Tom



Greeting Sisters and Brothers of Faith

We have started up indoor church services, it was really nice to see many faces we have missed since last year. I hope everyone had a fantastic Easter holiday. Thank you to everyone that came out to Fun Saturday. The highlight of the day was Pastor Tom playing the boomba along with Linda Eberhart and Matthew Hontz. Council met with the Confirmation class. We were really impressed with the young ladies and gentlemen, they expressed their thoughts on how we can make our church more open and friendly. They had plenty of thoughts on ways to bring more youths into the church through games, movie nights, dinners and also community services. They really opened up to Council on their feelings and thoughts. We need to start listening to our youth now, not in the future. We need to get them involved in Sunday Services and Committees. Thank you for meeting with us, you really opened some eyes.

We will be having some groups meeting outside on the lower parking lot. Zumba has already started up on Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings, if you can still move some parts of your body get out and join the fun. See Tara Miller for information. Pioneer band will be starting up practicing outside on lower parking lot on Monday nights. Hilari Miller will be starting up "You and Me" Early Childhood Music Classes outside. Hilari and the Safety Committee are working out a schedule on where and when the class will meet.

Committees can start meeting in the church, masks and social distancing is required. This also means Committee Chairpersons will need to submit reports to Council whenever you meet. Thank you in advance! A Constant Contact was send out for Ushers and Altar Guild help! We need to know who is still on usher teams or who would want to help (Confirmands). Contact Cathy Haller for Altar Guild, and Barbara Kotsch and myself for Usher teams.

#### Honoring Each Other

The love in your heart should not allow you to treat anyone like they are less. 1Samuel 20: 11-17

God Bless,  
Dan Herzog, Council President



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2021 via Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	Pastor Tom Busted, Judy Ehret, Cathy Haller, Gail Herzog, Matt Hontz, Zack Keenan, Gracie Kemmerer, Patrick Ladd, Tim Lucas, Margy Muthard, Tom Smykowski and Deb Whittaker
<b>Absent:</b>	Fran Brigidi, Dan Herzog
<b>Guests:</b>	Matthew Brandle, Joanne Gantz Jalowiecki, Ernie Haller, Ava Keenan, Alanah Kemmerer, Sarah Schweyer and Pastor Manny Stivers
<b>Opening:</b>	The meeting of Church Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Tim Lucas. Opening prayer was led by Pastor Tom Busted.
<b>Pastor Busted</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was our honor to welcome 4 members of the Confirmation Class (Alanah, Ava, Matthew and Sarah, listed above) to our meeting. Students were introduced to the Congregational Council members and were asked to answer questions and share ideas with our members.</li> <li>• Among other questions, the class was asked, "Do you feel that your voices are heard?" The answer was no, members don't listen to new ideas. Another question, what would you like to see changed? One answer was, have more fun things like the upcoming "Activity Day, March 27<sup>th</sup>."</li> <li>• The Confirmation class was asked if they had any further comments or had any questions for us. No one spoke, so we thanked the students and excused them. The meeting continued.</li> </ul>
<b>President: Dan Herzog</b> <b>VP: Tim Lucas</b> <b>Secretary: Judy Ehret</b>	
<b>Minutes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A motion to accept February minutes was made by Tom Smykowski/Cathy Haller, motion carried.</li> </ul>
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>Outreach/Missions</b>	

<b>Scouts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No meetings are taking place.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Ministry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The question was asked if the over 80's birthday party could be held (generally in August.) as well as the church picnic. The reply is, wait to see what the Covid-19 numbers are.</li> <li>• A list of yearly events will be updated to see what we can safely plan for.</li> </ul>
<b>Stewardship/Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>
<b>Fund Raising Outreach</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>
<b>Ministry</b>	
<b>Pastor's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report was provided by Pastor Tom.</li> <li>• Pastor has investigated the Synod's policies on discipline of members. When issues come up, it is suggested to deal quickly.</li> <li>• The Synod has a Consultation Committee and should we need to consult with them, they will provide support.</li> <li>• It was decided that we will focus on reinforcing positive behavior unless further action is needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Christian Education Committee – Joanne Gantz Jalowiecki</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report provided by Joanne.</li> <li>• At this time, there are 11 children receiving Easter Baskets</li> <li>• A Photobook was created to give to shut – ins and home bound members.</li> <li>• A “Fun Day” on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> will bring many people together as we distribute Palms, Easter Baskets, flowers, cupcake decorating, Zumba, dog agility, cross making, and BOOMBA lessons.</li> </ul>
<b>Fellowship – Tom Colburn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report – No meetings until Covid clears.</li> </ul>
<b>Extended Ministries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul>
<b>Worship</b>	
<b>Worship &amp; Music – Shel Ehret</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Lenten season was discussed. Note that all services will be live streamed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maundy Thurs – 7 p.m.</li> <li>○ Good Fri – 7 p.m.</li> <li>○ Wednesday evening Zoom “dinner’s at 6 p.m. have been going well. About 10 people are regular attendees and some people join occasionally. It has been nice to “see” friends again, and although the service runs about 30 minutes, Pastor keeps the meeting open for visiting at the end.</li> <li>○ Palm Sunday – 9 a.m.</li> <li>○ Easter Sunday – 8 and 10:30 a.m. (live stream and in person. Described in Safety and Security.)</li> <li>○ Jennifer has pre-recorded vocal music and handbells will record the Easter music March 25.</li> <li>○ Media – Ernie Haller stressed the amount of time and work involved in holding the services outside. The live streaming</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>is now more complex and complicated that it was last summer and moving the equipment on a weekly basis may create damage to the fragile electronics and musical equipment. It will be recommended that we do NOT hold the services outside unless we need to close the church again.</p>
<p><b>Operations/Governance</b></p>	
<p><b>Finance – Dan Herzog</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A contribution to Saint Peter’s in NYC was sent.</li> <li>• Budget dates were questioned. It was suggested that we have individual budgets ready by September, submitted to the finance committee in October and for approval at the November CC meeting. It will then be proposed at the Congregational meeting in December.</li> <li>• A Safety Budget will be added for next year.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Property – Mike Miller</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>
<p><b>Safety and Security – Zack Keenan and Matt Hontz</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The safety committee reviewed their minutes from the March 8 meeting.</li> <li>• Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The numbers have been trending down.</li> <li>○ Church will re-open on Easter for 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.</li> <li>○ Going forward through summer, service will be 9 a.m.</li> <li>○ At the end of summer, congregation will be poled to decide service time in the fall.</li> <li>○ MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.</li> <li>○ Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.</li> <li>○ Optional additional viewing within the building will be available</li> <li>○ No singing in church will be allowed</li> <li>○ Handbells will be allowed</li> <li>○ Communion will be pre-packaged</li> <li>○ Offering collection box will continue in the Narthex</li> <li>○ Ushers will guide guests to their seat to maintain safe distance as well as excuse them at the end of the service through two different doors.</li> <li>○ Acolyte and crucifer will be confirmation class students who will sit with their parents and only go on the altar to light/extinguish candles and carry the cross.</li> <li>○ Church will be sanitized between services using “wipe down” method.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dan stated that Tara Miller would like to hold outdoor Zumba classes.</li> <li>• A motion was made by Tom Smykowski/Patrick Ladd, to open the church as recommended above (Phase 2), and to allow Tara Miller to hold the Zumba classes outside. Motion passed.</li> <li>• The sanitation method will be investigated. To use wipes on wood, we must get a product that will not damage the wood.</li> </ul>

<b>Media and Communication – Ernie Haller</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite opening the church, Ernie will continue to live stream the services.</li> <li>• Ernie is asked to re-activate the security codes of committee chairs.</li> </ul>
<b>Human Resources – Judy Ehret</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The HR Committee will be meeting Monday, March 22.</li> <li>• Pastor Tom and Tim Lucas met with Joanne to review her job description.</li> </ul>
<b>Committee for the Future – Tim Lucas</b> <b>Constitution and By-laws - Deb Whittaker</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee of the Future will be sending out the Jinx Survey to CC, all staff and Committee Chairs. Please complete and return to Tim. Results will be shared at the May CC meeting.</li> <li>• Updated by-laws were presented, and Deb Whittaker asked for review and input from CC. These will be reviewed further in the next meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Office Manager – Sue Bellucci</b>	No report.
<b>Motion for Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to accept the reports by Zack Keenan/Patrick Ladd. Motion carried.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>New Business:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is going off CC? Judy and Dan thought they were going off at the end of 2021, but apparently not until 2022. No-one is scheduled to go off this year. In order to keep a rotation of members, this should be addressed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to adjourn by Debbie Whittaker/Tom Smykowski, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Closing Prayers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor Tom asked for prayers for Mel and Rosemarie Haffner and Fred and Pat Walschburger. The meeting was closed with prayer.</li> </ul>

*The Next Meeting will be April 19, 2021*

*7 p.m. - place to be announced.*



9:00 am Worship Service  
Also, Livestream for those who choose to worship from home.

*Sunday, May 9th*

Sunday School via zoom at scheduled times  
Confirmation Class via Zoom

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**A Mother's Day Prayer**

*Happy Mother's Day*

In the name of **JESUS CHRIST**, we lift up all **MOTHERS** today.

We thank them for their sacrifices so that we can have a life of contentment. Grant them favour, Lord and may they have a wonderful place in existence in Your heart of **GRACE**.

***In Loving Memory***



- Marvin P. Geiger*
- Ellen D. Bloom*
- The Rev. George E. Hein, Jr.*

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***Baptisms***

- Darious L. Mayo*
- Kayla V. Smith Suriel*

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***Pentecost - May 23rd***

What comes to mind when you hear the word *Pentecost*? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church. The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?

# CHURCH CHATTER

Church Council May 17, 2021 - 7:00 pm

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, May 17th**

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Please come out and provide  
the gift of life.

Call or email Judy Ehret  
for an appointment.

(610) 767- 5061  
[judyae@ptd.net](mailto:judyae@ptd.net)

Dear Faith:

Thank you for supporting Lehigh  
County 4-H Livestock Club. Your  
donation was very thoughtful and  
greatly appreciated. We look  
forward to your support in the  
future.

*Lehigh County 4-H  
Livestock Club*

*The Lehigh County 4-H helped with  
our Christmas Journey.*



**Update your  
contact info!**

Have you changed your address, email address or do you have a new cell phone number? The Church regularly sends communication via email, are you receiving them? If not, please contact the church office with updated information so we can keep you informed. (610) 435-0451 or email [faithlutheranwhitehall@rcn.com](mailto:faithlutheranwhitehall@rcn.com).

Dear Faith:

Thank you for the Easter Box and the Palm Branch. Such a great blessing as we haven't gone into church. We thank you also for the delicious ham, milk, eggs, veggies, and fixings.

Your great mercy and compassion to us is truly appreciated. May God bless you and thank you again for making our Easter blessings.

*Grateful family*



Pancake syrup, jelly, cereal,  
soup and  
rice/pasta/hamburger  
helper meal packets.

Many thanks for your continued  
support of this important ministry.

# SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

March 12, 2021

The Rev. Thomas Busted  
3355 MacArthur Road  
Whitehall, PA 18052

Dear Pastor Busted and the faithful people of Faith Lutheran,



We were still soaring with the hope inherent in a New Year when a City water main pipe running beneath Lexington Avenue broke the morning of January 4. While this singular event dramatically changed so much, it did not wash away our hope. Quite the contrary, hope only strengthened as you and others responded: coming together — friends, members, admirers near and far — to sustain Saint Peter's at this crucial time.

There was no stopping the hundreds of thousands of gallons of water and mud that poured first into our outdoor plaza and then into our building. Our sanctuary filled for a period of time until water flowed into the mechanical room below and ultimately to the lowest level. The church archive, music rooms, meeting rooms, storage, sacristy and theatre endured both water gushing across floors and water raining from above. I remember thinking "this feels like Niagara Falls." Indeed, the sheer force of water knocked down lights, pushed out ceiling tiles and clawed at insulation.

While we are still enumerating the loss, mold has been mitigated, important archival materials are with conservators, the Klais organ is now safely offsite, rooms have been emptied and we are both drying out and cleaning up. In the weeks ahead, further mitigation of the sanctuary will take place. After this, we will take the next step on the road to recovery.

Thank you for your gift of 10,000 in support of the recovery. While we do not yet know the totality of the loss or have a full picture of how we will rebuild, we are reserving these funds for that rebuilding effort.

In addition to you and others coming to the aid of this iconic building, Saint Peter's has been named to the 2021 sacred spaces cohort of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This builds on Saint Peter's 2017 NYC Landmark status, allowing us this spring to begin urgent repairs to the sanctuary's skylights (more water!) and exterior. We have already begun coordinating with the cohort to dovetail this conservation effort with the rebuilding process.

While 2021 surely will not be the year we initially anticipated, thanks to your hope-inspiring gift it remains a year filled with hope. Please continue to keep us in your heart. We will continue to share updates with you, particularly at [www.saintpeters.org/flood](http://www.saintpeters.org/flood).

Sincerely,

Jared R. Stahler  
Pastor

A Reconciling in Christ congregation of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

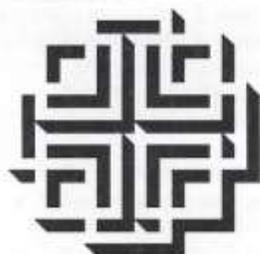
*This gift means so much to the people of Saint Peter's but even more to me. Thank you for your ongoing support + prayers. You will hold a special place in my heart! All blessings, Tom,*  
an *[initials]*  
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# SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

12 de marzo de 2021

The Rev. Thomas Busteed  
3355 MacArthur Road  
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Queridos Padre Busteed y fieles de Faith:



Todavía estábamos volando con la esperanza inherente a un Año Nuevo cuando la tubería principal de agua de la ciudad que pasa por debajo de la Avenida Lexington se rompió la mañana del 4 de enero. Si bien este evento singular cambió tanto dramáticamente, no borró nuestra esperanza. Muy por el contrario, la esperanza solo se fortaleció cuando ustedes y otros respondieron: vamos juntos- amigos, miembros, admiradores cercanos y lejanos, para sostener a Saint Peter's en este momento crucial.

No hubo forma de detener los cientos de miles de galones de agua y lodo que se derramaron primero en nuestra plaza al aire libre y luego en nuestro edificio. Nuestro santuario se llenó por un período de tiempo hasta que el agua fluyó hacia la sala de máquinas de abajo y finalmente a la plata baja. El archivo de la iglesia, las salas de música, las salas de reuniones, la bodega de almacenamiento, la sacristía y el teatro soportaron tanto el agua que brotaba del suelo como el agua que caía desde arriba. Recuerdo haber pensado "esto se siente como las cataratas del Niágara". De hecho, la fuerza del agua derribó las luces, empujó las tejas del techo y arañó el aislamiento.

Si bien todavía estamos enumerando la pérdida, el moho se ha mitigado, los conservadores tienen importantes materiales del archivo, el órgano Klais ahora está seguro fuera del sitio, las habitaciones se han vaciado y estamos secando y limpiando. En las próximas semanas, se llevará a cabo una mayor mitigación del santuario. Después de esto, daremos el siguiente paso en el camino hacia la recuperación.

Gracias por su regalo de 10,000 en apoyo de la recuperación. Si bien aún no conocemos la totalidad de la pérdida ni tenemos una imagen completa de cómo reconstruiremos, estamos reservando estos fondos para ese esfuerzo de reconstrucción.

Además de que ustedes y otras personas acudieran en ayuda de este emblemático edificio, Saint Peter's ha sido incluido en la cohorte de espacios sagrados de 2021 del National Trust for Historic Preservation. Esto aprovecharse de a Saint Peter's como un New York City Landmark, lo que nos permite esta primavera comenzar reparaciones urgentes en los tragaluces del santuario (¡más agua!) y en el exterior. Ya hemos comenzado a coordinarnos con la cohorte para encajar este esfuerzo de conservación con el proceso de reconstrucción.

Si bien 2021 seguramente no será el año que anticipamos inicialmente, gracias a su regalo inspirador de esperanza, sigue siendo un año lleno de esperanza. Continúe manteniéndose en su corazón. Continuaremos compartiendo actualizaciones con usted, particularmente en [www.saintpeters.org/flood](http://www.saintpeters.org/flood).

Atentamente,

Jared R. Stahler  
Pastor

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# Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday and God's blessings to all celebrating birthdays this month.

EBERHART, LINDA	05/02	LEVAS, GAYLE	05/02
MC DONALD, JOAN	05/02	TAGLIAVIA, STEPHEN	05/02
GEREN, BRIAN	05/03	MILLER, CLARICE	05/03
NOLL, BETTY	05/04	HOLOBUSKY, CINDY	05/05
RIVERA, OMAR	05/05	SODL, TIFFANY	05/05
SPAIRANA, CAROLYN	05/06	ENDY, CHERYL	05/07
ANFUSO, GIANNA	05/08	BROSHIOUS, GALE	05/08
SCHAFFER, HOWARD	05/08	SCHWEYER, JENNIFER	05/09
YOO, CHRISTOPHER	05/09	MODENA, KAREN	05/10
ROHRBACH, RUTH	05/10	EUCULANO, JORDAN	05/11
GIOIELLI, MARK	05/11	KEMMERER JR, RICHARD	05/11
NELSON, WILLIAM	05/11	DAVIS, JENNIFER	05/13
SCHOLTIS, DENNIS	05/13	FARRELL, BARBARA	05/14
MARINE, ETSUKO	05/15	SCHEIRER, FREDERICK	05/15
TAYLOR, CASEY	05/15	JAMES, SANDRA	05/16
BRAGG, LAWRENCE	05/18	HAUSMAN, GARY	05/18
RUMMEL, TAYLOR	05/18	HELLER, DENNIS	05/19
PETERS III, LAWRENCE	05/19	SCHOPF, LAUREN	05/19
SOKALSKY, JULIE	05/21	SZOKE, BRANDON	05/21
GOGEL, RAY	05/22	ALBRIGHT, DONALD	05/23
DAVENPORT, GENELLE	05/23	EICHELBERGER, TAMARA	05/23
KNELLER, TAMI	05/24	MORGAN, JILLIAN	05/24
OSWALD, FREDERICK	05/24	KLEPPINGER, LEONARD	05/25
ROBBINS, JASON	05/25	WEAVER, SCOTT	05/25
HESSLER, KEVIN	05/26	BROADBENT, JUSTIN	05/27
GARTNER, MARK	05/27	NEAMAND, CHRISTOPHER	05/28
BRAGG, LISA	05/29	HIMMELWRIGHT, KYLE	05/30
KISHBAUGH, MATTHEW	05/30	BLOOM, ELLEN	05/31
ROBBINS, MARISSA	05/31	TROTTER JR, BRUCE	05/31

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# Covid 19 Reopening Plan

	Restricted	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Fully Open	Outdoor Worship
<b>Data Source</b>	CDC Data for Lehigh County, PA related to number of cases, positivity rate, testing volume					
<b>Criteria</b>	unfavorable trends for 3 consecutive weeks	favorable trends for preceding 3 weeks	Previously in Phase 1 AND favorable trends for preceding 3 weeks OR 2/3 majority Council vote	Previously in Phase 2 AND favorable trends for preceding 3 weeks OR 2/3 majority Council vote	Vote by 2/3 Council	Vote by Council majority Weather Permitting
<b>Decision</b>	Safety Committee co-chairs recommend Phase to Congregational Council; Council Votes to Update Phase; majority carries					
<b>Enforcement</b>	Observed non-compliance should be referred to Congregational Council, which will determine the course of action					
<b>Church Access</b>	Essential personnel*	Essential personnel* Congregational Council	Essential personnel* Congregational Council Committee Leaders	Essential personnel* Congregational Council Committee Leaders Committee Members	Unrestricted	Essential personnel*
<b>Safety Protocol for Building Entry and While Inside (applies to anyone entering for any purpose)</b>	Temperature Check Masks Required 6' Distancing	Temperature Check Masks Required 6' Distancing	Temperature Check Masks Required 6' Distancing	Temperature Check Masks Required 6' Distancing	Per Local/State/Federal Guidance and approved by Council	Masks Required Outdoors 6' Distancing Outdoors
<b>Indoor Movement</b>	Essential Spaces Only	Essential Spaces Only	Essential Spaces Only	Essential Spaces Only	Unrestricted	Worship Participants** in Essential Spaces Only
<b>Rehearsals</b>	Staff Worship Participants**	Staff Worship Participants**	Staff Worship Participants**	Staff Worship Participants**	Unrestricted	Staff Worship Participants**
<b>Worship Capacity</b>	Essential Personnel*	Essential Personnel*	120	120	Unrestricted	Unlimited
<b>Worship Format</b>	YouTube Zoom Call Audio	YouTube Zoom Call Audio	In Person YouTube be Zoom Call Audio	In Person YouTube be Zoom Call Audio	In Person Gauge Interest in YouTube and Zoom Audio	Outdo or YouTube Zoom Audio Call
<b>Liturgy</b>	Pastor / Assistant Spoken	Pastor / Assistant Spoken	Pastor / Assistant Spoken	Pastor / Assistant Cantor / Sung	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
<b>Singing</b>	None	Pre-recorded soloist	Pre-recorded soloist	Isolated Soloist	Unrestricted	Unrestricted
<b>Communion</b>	Not Celebrated	Not Celebrated	Wine/Wafer Packet	Continuous	Unrestricted	Continuous
<b>Office Access</b>	Essential Personnel*	Essential Personnel*	Essential Personnel*	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Essential Personnel*
<b>Committee Meetings</b>	Virtual	Virtual	In-person, social distancing applies	In-person, social distancing applies	Unrestricted	Virtual
<b>Sunday School</b>	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	In-person, socially distanced, less 50% room capacity	Unrestricted	Virtual
<b>Outside Groups</b>	Daycare Only	Daycare Only	As approved by Council	As approved by Council	Unrestricted	Daycare Only
<b>External Vendor Entry</b>	As required Protocols apply	As required Protocols apply	As required Protocols apply	As required Protocols apply	Unrestricted	None

\*Essential personnel

Pastor  
Staff  
Lector  
Altar Guild  
Counters

\*Worship Participants

Bell Choir  
Instrumentalists  
Soloists



# PAGE FOR ALL AGES

COLORING PAGE

Christ is risen!  
Alleluia!



Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

#### What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



#### What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.

## GERANIUM(S) FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

Orders are being taken for Geraniums, donations may also be made to the Food Bank. **The Day of Pentecost, May 23, 2021.** The price of a Geranium is \$4.00. Checks should be made payable to "Faith Lutheran Church". If you order Geranium(s) you must take them with you after worship.

**The last day orders can be taken is May 7th.**

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ Geranium(s) at \$4.00 each for use during the services on May 23rd. The total amount due is \_\_\_\_\_.

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: Will pick up \_\_\_\_\_ Food Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

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We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count. - Neal A. Maxwell



1. *I have a roof over my head.* Many people in the world do not.
2. *I ate today.* Tens of thousands miss meals every day.
3. *I have a good heart.* This comes from God.
4. *I wish good for others.* Many people are self-centered and think only about themselves.
5. *I have clean water to drink.* Not everyone is so fortunate.
6. *Someone cares for me.* I need to pray for those who feel alone.
7. *I forgive others.* I need to pray for those who are bitter and hold a grudge.
8. *I have clothes to wear.* I need to pray for all the good people in the world who are trying to cloth the needy.
9. *I am living to the best of my ability in a faithful relationship with God.*
10. *I'm breathing!* Every day that I wake up is a good day. It's an opportunity to do something good.

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Don't forget your graduate! Please remember to send all graduate information by email to [suefelc@rcn.com](mailto:suefelc@rcn.com) or drop off in the church office on or before **May 15th.**

# The Rev. Robert L. George Scholarship Fund

All forms will be located in the Narthex, the church office and **online at [www.faithlutheranwhitehall.org](http://www.faithlutheranwhitehall.org)** (forms). Hours for the church office are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Application form should be returned to the church office by **June 30, 2021**.

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## Special Music this SUMMER at Faith!

Now is your chance to glorify God in song. Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists who would like to share their talents in church during a **Sunday** summer worship service. This is your personal invitation--anyone interested, please contact Jennifer Kishbaugh, Director of Music at 610-451-8660

or [jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com) to reserve your date. *(Please note: special music will only occur if the church is in a phase where soloists are allowed to perform in church).*

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Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!



May 31st

## FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

Obviously, the last year has been quite a challenge to everyone. Faith Lutheran is experiencing financial challenges which need to be addressed if we want to continue as a thriving congregation for years to come. Concerns about closure of the church and resultant possible reduction in Giving/Income were taken into account in the development of the 2021 budget.

Additionally, actions were implemented to reduce expenses beginning mid-year 2020 and further actions were initiated in January, 2021. All of these actions have been detailed in previous Newsletters and Constant Contacts.

Listed below are some of the actions that have been taken since April 2020:

- Applied for and received PPP (Payroll Protection Program) loan, which will be forgiven
- Council issued an edict to reduce all expenses to minimal levels
- No capital spending, only required maintenance
- Reduction of office hours and reduction of salaries of three employees, whose workload was reduced by closing the church and reduction of time and responsibilities

Unfortunately, we do not control the weather and snow removal was much higher than budgeted this winter.

We feel that we have been prudent in the managing of Faith finances during the pandemic, but we do not control income from giving. Here are the results of Giving for the first quarter of 2021-

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>SHORTFALL</u>
January to March Giving	\$35,853	\$52,037	(\$16,184)

There are fixed expenses that cannot be reduced or avoided- utilities, insurance, salaries, and benevolence, office and maintenance contracts. Council and all committee chairs are aware of expense containment until the church is fully open for worship and the organizations who use the church and pay rent have returned.

We fully understand that the pandemic has caused many to review their personal financial situations and react accordingly. We ask that as a member of Faith Whitehall that you, to the best of your ability, share some of your blessings with your church.

Mike Miller  
Finance Chair

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# SYNOD NEWS

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## NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD, ELCA

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**Our Synod is trying something new – and we need you!** As many of you will know, our 2021 Synod Assembly (SA21) was scheduled to be at the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos. COVID canceled that plan. Our Synod Assembly for this year is to be virtual once again and is scheduled for June 4 & 5.



Our theme for SA21 is “Growing Young and Vital.

It will showcase our commitment to the nation-wide church renewal program called “Growing Young”. It will also introduce our three-pronged Synod-wide emphasis on the “Vital Signs,” signs of life and thriving among us. These Vital Signs are: **Loving the Land, Healing the Hurt, and Engaging the Stranger**. Our goal was to invite many churches and ministries in the Synod to participate by bringing your ministries in the three areas to display at the Kalahari Resort. **So, what to do, now that SA21 is virtual?**

**Introducing NEPA Ministry Lab 2021!** (MinLab for short.) MinLab is your opportunity to spotlight how your churches or organization’s ministries are already showing evidence of these Vital Signs. Where is your congregation shining as a “Jesus-Centered Community” (Growing Young)? Think of this day exactly as the name implies: *a ministry laboratory*. 1.) we give you a display area. You showcase your ministry in that space exactly how you choose. It is up to your creativity. 2.) this is your opportunity to mingle with others doing ministries like yours. And, 3.) perhaps most importantly, be inspired by others doing ministry around one of the other vital signs.

We will hold the event mainly outdoors at the Lutheran Center in Allentown – our Synod headquarters – on August 14, 2021 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. More details about exactly when and how to participate will be coming soon. **This is where you come in!** How can your churches or organization’s ministries help all of us in our synod to see the signs of life among us?

This is your opportunity to proclaim to all the signs of life that are active in your local community. To inspire others to partner with you, or to start a ministry of their own. To show the rest of us how it works, right where you are planted. There will be lots of fun and excitement on full display. We will use as much of the Lutheran Center’s parking lot and property as we can to accommodate all who

## TROUBLE THE WATER RACIAL JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION

Registration is now open for the Trouble the Water: **Racial Justice & Reconciliation** event on Saturday, May 22. This is a completely virtual conference with our keynote speaker, the Rev. Cecee Mills, and featured speakers the Rev. Marsha Williams, Dr. Helen Davis, the Rev. Melissa Pohlman, and as both a workshop leader and preacher for the event we have the Rev. James Thomas. This is a day of **worship and workshops** to better grow in our understanding of racial justice and reconciliation that is open to all people: Pastors, Deacons, staff, lay member, non-church people, etc. Some of the topics of the workshops are a biblical view against racism, white privilege, how congregations can support communities during social unrest, & what is implicit bias is all about. [Register](#) from the synod's website. Please register and join us for this important and timely event. A suggested donation for the event is \$25 per person.

want to participate. There will be music – with an emphasis on Growing Young and Vital. Does your church have a ministry in music that reached out to others? Please bring that gift to share with us. There will be food – with an emphasis on food insecurity – an excellent example of all three of our vital signs. Loving the Land by using locally sourced ingredients; Healing the Hurt by sharing generously with those in need; Engaging the Stranger by showing love and compassion to “the least of these”. Join us!!

*-Dan Raudenbush, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown*

## *Meet the Staff:* Rev. Lauren Wolfe Blatt

I joined the synod staff in January as the **Director of Communication and Events**. I also serve full-time at St. John's, Mahoning, which is a small rural congregation nestled in the Mahoning Valley farmlands. I received my undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Alvernia University, my Mdiv from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and I am currently working on my DMin from United Lutheran Seminary. I was ordained in 2017 as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, and I love pastoring God's people.



I enjoy spending time at home with my wife, Hannah, our dogs (Riley & Sirius), and our cats (Finnegan & Tank). In my leisure time, I enjoy anything related to Pokemon, reading, video games, and completing projects around the house!

