

September 2026



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours M-Th 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 12 First Responders Appreciation
Breakfast

September 13 Rally Day w/Pioneer Band Concert

Upcoming Dates:

October 4 Hunger Initiative Community Meal 4 p.m.

October 17 Pink Pumpkins

October 24 Trunk or Treat

November 1 All Saints Sunday

November 14 Craft Fair and Quilt Sale

December 12 Breakfast with Santa



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT FORUM AT 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

COMMUNION AND LUNCH—The first Tuesday of each month,

Join us for a light lunch at noon followed by communion at 1:00.

We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that has been enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns.

All are welcome! Bring a friend.

ALTAR COMMUNION—The first Sunday of each month celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!

Dear “Faithful” members and friends,

The Pieceworkers of Faith invite you to join our sewing group. We meet most Monday’s from 1-3 p.m. in Parker Hall (during the school year) and in the Gathering Place during summer months due to Petit Scholars meeting downstairs. Our group works on projects for our baptized babies, quilts for shut ins, items to sell at the craft fair as well as small items for hospital distribution. No quilting knowledge is needed, but sewing skills are helpful. We enjoy the camaraderie and friendship that we have established and would love for you and your friends/neighbors to join us.

FAITH NEWS

WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

Mark your calendars: Craft Fair and Quilt Sale (see flyer)

November 14, 2026 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Indoor and Outdoor show, plan to join us. Beautiful crafts and delicious food.

Rally Day—September 13: Please come and enjoy the food, fellowship and concert by the Pioneer Band. **If anyone can bake for the annual cake walk, please contact Pat Walschburger at 610-504-9596**

Hunger Initiative Community Meal 4 p.m. October 4: An outreach program designed to provide a home cooked meal and social opportunities for those experiencing difficult times.

Pink Pumpkins—October 17: A bingo fund raiser to benefit breast Cancer patients to help pay for necessities not covered by insurance.

Trunk or Treat—October 24: Times and additional information will be coming.

Updated personal and family information: In order to bring our files up to date, please complete the following member information sheet. A new computer program is being installed and correct information is necessary. Thank you in advance!

Thank you: On behalf of the board of the Whitehall Food Pantry, we are extremely grateful to the members who provide food and financial support to the mission we share. You are a blessing to all of us. Our need for the pantry continues to be jelly, however, juice (64 oz), instant potatoes, and pancake syrup are needed if you wish to help.
Judy & Shel Ehret

Member Information	In order to properly update our records for the new member program, please complete ASAP.
Last Name:	Email Address:
First Name:	Cell Phone:
Middle Name	Land Line
Date of Birth	Date of Marriage
Spouse Last Name:	Email Address:
First Name:	Cell Phone:
Middle Name	Land Line
Date of Birth	
Address:	
City , State, Zip	
Children Living within Household	
Full Names	Date of Births
Please return to the church office ASAP to update our records	
For Internal Purposes only:	
Date this was entered in computer:	
Name of person who did entry:	

Congratulations to our Robert George Scholarship recipients for this year.



Valencia Rivera will be attending the University of Pittsburgh majoring in Pre-pharmacy and has guaranteed a spot in their prestigious Doctor of Pharmacy program.

You have a bright future and we are so proud of you.

Matthew Brandle will entering his second year at American University in Washington DC majoring in BioChem for Premed.

We are proud of you and wish you success.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF
THE FAITH FAMILY**

Please take a moment to introduce yourselves the next time you
see them in church.



Martha Smith
Shawn Younis

Missing from this group is a
picture of Richard and the
late Elaine Petkus.
Our deepest condolences to
the family.



Carol and Dennis Grube



Karen and Howard Nielson



Sandy and Ed Reichard

MEMORIES OF OUR OVER 80'S MAGICAL BIRTHDAY BASH

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this a memorable occasion and to our members and guests who participated.



NATIONAL NIGHT WAS A HUGH SUCCESS AT THE SCHADT AVENUE PARK ON AUGUST 4, 2026

MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE HANDED OUT 54 FILLED BACK-
PACKS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES, TO CHILDREN WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT
ATTENDED THE EVENT.

Thank you to all who contributed to this project to make it a success.



Back to school blessing

Dear Heavenly Father,

For all the children returning to school, send your
Holy Spirit as their guide and protector.

Keep them free from danger and unnecessary harm.
Put our sons and daughters in the right place, at the
right time, to receive your grace.
Let them learn and grow strong. May the presence of
your Spirit fill their hearts.
Help us to mature as parents and caregivers.

Bless every family, oh Lord.

We entrust our children to you, dear God.
Since from the beginning, they are yours to keep.

In the name of the greatest Son of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen.





Looking for ways to become involved?

Craft Fair preparations are calling:

Get involved in helping with this important fund raiser—lots of opportunities. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

Join the ***fundraising committee, the Craft Fair committee, the Social Ministry committee.*** Soothe the soul with food, fun, service to others, and fellowship with our Faith Family.

Grandma's Attic is always in need of gently used and loved holiday decorations. Please bring your Christmas items to the church office or if necessary, pick up can be arranged.



CALLING ALL UNITS ... SOUND THE ALARM!

Please join us for a **FIRST RESPONDERS BREAK-FAST!**

Enjoy a hearty breakfast prepared by the people of
Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall.

This is our way to say THANK YOU for all that you do to
keep our community safe! This invitation is for all First Re-
sponders and their families.

Saturday, September 12, 2026 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall/3355 MacArthur Road

RSVP by September 1, 2026 to

610-435-0451 or

Email June@faithon145.org

*If you are actively on duty, we can do take-out.

Music in Ministry

***"O come and let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!"
-Psalm 95: 1-2***

Worship and music are inseparable. The arts are a powerful medium for ministry, providing a vehicle for personal and corporate praise, prayer, and thanksgiving to God. Music speaks what cannot be expressed in words, thus soothing the mind, healing the heart, calming and uplifting the spirit. Music is a gift from God that flows from heaven to the soul. **However great or small your talents, there is a place for you in our music ministry.** I hope that this helps you to find a way to come out this fall to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Musical opportunities include:

Bell Choir: (7th grade and up)

I look forward to **NEW** members joining us this year. Having the ability to read music is an advantage but if you are unable to read music and have an interest in playing, please do not be discouraged; come to a rehearsal and see what it is all about. If you were part of the bell choir last year you need not contact me, as I will count on you continuing playing with us, but if you are a potential new member that would be interested in playing, please contact me **BEFORE** the first rehearsal for the purpose of assigning bells and ordering music.

Rehearsals-one night a week (Thursdays 6:15-7:15)

Location-Rhoads Room/Sanctuary

Ministry-rings once a month during the worship service and special events of the church season

Senior Choir: (9th grade and up)

Calling all who are interested in praising God in song! If you have not been in the choir before and are interested in joining us, please contact me **BEFORE** the first rehearsal, so that a folder is prepared for you.

Rehearsals-one night a week (Thursdays 7:30-8:30)

Location-Rhoads Room/Sanctuary

Ministry-weekly ministry for Sunday service and special events of the church season

Special Music:

Vocalists and instrumentalists for special musical offerings are welcomed. Solos, duets, trios, and small ensembles are valued anytime, but especially during the summer months. Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your special talent.

Instrumentalists:

There are Senior Choir anthems that sometimes have an accompaniment part that require various instrumentation (violin, trumpet, flute, drum, clarinet, etc.); if you would be interested in accompanying the Senior Choir on a particular instrument—please let me know what instrument it is that you play and what level you play at (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

*****Rehearsals for ensembles occur on Thursday evenings-the FIRST rehearsal will take**

place on Thursday, September 10th. If you took a break from music and are ready to come back, if you have never rung a bell or sung in a choir before, or if you have been part of the music ministry here for years; I look forward to glorifying God's name with you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com (subject heading: FELC Music) or at 610-451-8660 (cell/text).

Jennifer Kishbaugh, Director of Music

FAITH EVANGELICAL

32ND
YEAR

LUTHERAN CHURCH

CRAFT & FAIR QUILT SALE

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14

9AM to 3PM

3355 MacArthur Road
Whitehall, Pa 18052

Be sure
to reserve
your tables
today!



SCAN HERE
TO RSVP

FELC-CraftFair.rsvpify.com





Troop 32 Scout Troops are Busy and Active

The Cub Pack attended week 1 of Summer camp at Camp Minsi in Mt. Pocono in June. A fun time camping, hiking and swimming was had by all.

Sixteen boys from the Troop attended Week 4 of summer camp at Camp Minsi which included 4 of the youngest in the troop.

Two youth and one leader from the troop attended the National Jamboree in West Virginia July 22-31. This 10 day

adventure occurs only once every 4 years so it's a unique opportunity for our scouts to join the more than 10,000 scouts nationwide.

Following the National Jamboree, two of our youth and one leader from the troop flew to New Mexico August 1st for a 7 day trek at Philmont, one of Scouting's 4 high adventure facilities. The trek includes over 32 miles of back-country hiking around the Tooth of Time at elevations approaching 9000 feet above sea level.

Congratulations and God Bless all of our young Scouts who represent Faith Lutheran.



WORSHIP TEAMS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept 6

Sept 13

Sept 20

Sept 27

ALTAR GUILD	Diane Batza & Linda Johnston	Pat Masonheimer & Heidi Carr	Charlene Frack & Barb Yurasits	Cathy Haller & Gloria Senchak
ASSISTING MINISTER	Bob Billig	Shel Ehret	Bob Brandt	Karen Blayle
LECTOR	Jennifer Reiner	Judy Ehret	Jennifer Reiner	
GREETER	Shawn Younis	Charlene Frack	April Spaitz	Shawn Younis
FLOWER SPONSOR	Karen & Bill Blayle			
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SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Noon light lunch and pew communion	2	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 10:00 AM 7:00 PM AA	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED	8 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts	9	10 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. senior choir	11	12
13 Worship Service 10:00 AM RALLY DAY & CONCERT 7:00 PM AA	14 1:00 PM Piece makers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	15 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Council	16	17 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 PM senior choir	18	19
20 Worship Service 10:00 AM Craft Fair after church Worship and Music 7:00 PM AA	21 1:00 PM Piece makers 6:00 PM Brownies 6:30 Social Ministry 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	22 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM	23	24 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:15 Bell Choir 7:30 PM senior choir	25 Wedding Rehearsal	26 1 PM Grim Wedding
27 Worship Service 10:00 AM Meet and Greet following service 7:00 PM AA	28 1:00 PM Piece makers 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	29 10:00 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts	30			



Frack, Charlene and Marvin 09/05

Warner, Carol 09/07

Hower, Dennis 09/21

Mickey, Lynn and Carol 09/28



Wendy Bachman 09/05

Matthew Brandle 09/11

Shawn Brandle 09/11

Laura Blacker 09/14

Patricia Smith 09/14

Macie Trotter 09/15

Dorothy Gantz 09/16

Rhys Trotter 09/16

William Focht 09/17

Suzan Brandt 09/19

Bob Billig 09/20

Heidi Carr 09/20

Thomas Colburn 09/25

Richard Miller II 09/26

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please remember to respect personal and professional responsibilities of the members. If you call or reach out, they will return a call at their earliest convenience.

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