

FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2026

Faith's mission is to openly share
the saving grace of Jesus' love

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Faith Opens Doors

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

~ Psalm 119:33



From the Pastor's Desk

It's back to school time! God invites us to go back to school in learning the Lord's ways and keeping God's teaching close to our hearts. We are resuming our Monday night Bible study and continuing our Thursday Bible study with a focus on the biggest book of the Bible, the prophet Isaiah. Vicar June and I are challenging each other to read through the whole book of Isaiah, and we invite you to join us; our study will focus on key passages for our group discussion. Our Sunday School starts on September 6 with our annual blessing of backpacks as well! We are continuing to offer a "pre-reader" class for 3–5-year-olds and another class for elementary school aged children, studying the same themes and curriculum with age-appropriate lessons. Vicar June is also offering gathering opportunities for our middle school and high school youth, so that all ages can join us in learning more about God and our faith.

Back to school time is a good reminder that all of us, regardless of age, are learning and growing in faith. God always has something new to teach us. As we get back into the fall/school year routines, what is something you might add to your daily or weekly schedule that will help you grow in faith? A daily Bible reading plan, worshipping on Sunday more regularly, or joining a Bible study group are all ways that God is asking us to go "back to school" to learn and grow in Christ. Check out this newsletter for additional learning opportunities this month!

Use Your Talent to God's Glory

Have you heard about the school for animals that was set up in this forest? All the animals decided it was time to set some criteria for who should be allowed to live in the forest, so a number of them came up with a curriculum that included tree climbing, swimming, flying, and running. They decided all animals must pass each of these classes in order to graduate.

Well, the first class was in tree climbing, which of course the squirrels passed with flying colors. The fleet-footed deer, however, flunked the course. When it came to running, the deer got straight A's, but the geese kept falling over frontwards. Now, in flying, the bald eagle flew circles around the squirrels, who kept falling off the branches onto the ground below.

The point, of course, is clear. God has given each part of his creation a talent according to their ability and that includes humans, as well. We are the ones who have decided that to be talented means that we excel in one of three or four areas and we are willing to pay enormous salaries to those who meet our criteria.

God's idea of talents, however, is based on their usefulness to others, not on the number of talents, nor how artistic they are. Not only will we be held accountable for using the talent we have been given, but as importantly, whether we have used it in God's kingdom.

THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Vicar's Corner

One of the privileges of being a Vicar at Faith Lutheran Church is going to chapel with the Faith Nursery School students. I get a chance to teach, sing and talk with the children at the nursery school. I am always learning something new when I attend chapel. The bible verses the children are learning is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take." The children are learning a shorter version "Trust in the Lord with all your heart" and are learning to sign each word.

I wanted the children to understand the word "trust." I told them "trust" means to rely on or rest on someone or something. I asked them to lean against their friend's shoulder. One of the three-year-olds showed me something new about the word "trust." Her friend leaned against her and instinctively the three-year-old reached out her hand and drew her friend close to her. What a revelation! Trust is not only relying or resting on God, but God also reaches out God's hands and draws us close.

Jesus says "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is such as these that the kingdom of God belongs (Luke 18:16). I look forward to the great lessons the children at Faith Nursery School will teach me as I attend chapel.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our morning Bible study group meets two Thursdays a month at 10:30am downstairs in the music room or on Zoom. This month, we will be meeting on September 3 & 17 working through the book of Isaiah.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812884989?pwd=ZC9PWHB1TjVIRkIramxGdVY4Y3BBQT09

Meeting ID: 868 1288 4989

Passcode: 474102

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kHvUdGR4j

Monday Evening Bible Study

Our Monday night Bible study meets from 8-9pm after Labor Day, September 14, 21 and 28 in the church library or on Zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84902024385?pwd=ejXtfnQbxO5wv6nkH0p4kmG1aepfGC.1

Meeting ID: 849 0202 4385
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Sunday School

We are blessed to have several parents who have volunteered to teach PreSchool to Grade 6 Sunday School from September 6 to the end of June 2027. We are working on a rotating basis so that volunteers can participate in the church service knowing their children are in good hands downstairs. We have an added bonus of older children assisting to maximize success with the Bible lessons the children will be joyfully learning.

Faith Lutheran uses an age-appropriate curriculum supplemented with crafts, songs and discussions to help children grow in their faith and knowledge of Scripture.

We look forward to a year of learning and engaging with activities that will foster the growth of their faith. Please contact Darlene Gaffney if you are interested in your child participating in Sunday School! And don't forget to bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 6!

Abigail Domathoti contributed our comic for this month!



Nursery School

Hello, September!

We're so thrilled you're here! We had such a wonderful summer, making new and old friends in our seven-week program. As we say goodbye to our friends heading to kindergarten and UPK, we're excited to welcome new friends at Faith for the fall.

This is going to be another great year, and we're so excited to have a wonderful year with new memories.

We also want to say not goodbye, but see you next summer to our Miss Alyssa, who is leaving to pursue her school district teaching career.

Leeann Hernandez,

Nursery School Director

Council Corner

At our 8/23/2026 Council Meeting we thanked Richard Lin and Jeanne Sofia for their six years of service, and to former Council member Doug Raba (the Raba family moved to California)

- A motion was passed for Jack Ruppel, an Eagle Scout with Scouting America's Troop 170B to paint the Fellowship Hall walls, replace the curtains with fire retardant curtains, and add a Little Free Library on Faith's property as part of an Eagle Scout Project
- Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on 9/13/2026 immediately following Worship
- Pr. Rebecca as Co-Dean has been asked to be a Coverage Pastor at Christ Wantagh for pastoral care and to attend their monthly Council Meetings until they call a new pastor or find an interim pastor



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Like our Facebook Page, Faith Lutheran Church at https://fb.com/faithlutheransyosset/. Also check us out on our **website** at www.faithsyosset.org.

Our YouTube channel is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51Ic5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A.

Our 10am worship services continue to be live-streamed to our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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Giving Electronically

You may register to give electronically on the front page of our website or mail in your offering. Please let us know if you need more offering envelopes. Find us on Zelle at faithsyossetbilling@gmail.com for a one-time electronic donation. Please follow up with an email stating the intent of your gift (memorial, flowers, general offering), and we will respond with a confirmation of receipt by the next business day. Thank you for your ongoing support of Faith and its ministries! We have laminated cards to place in the offering plate during worship for those who give electronically!

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Lutheran Counseling Center Services

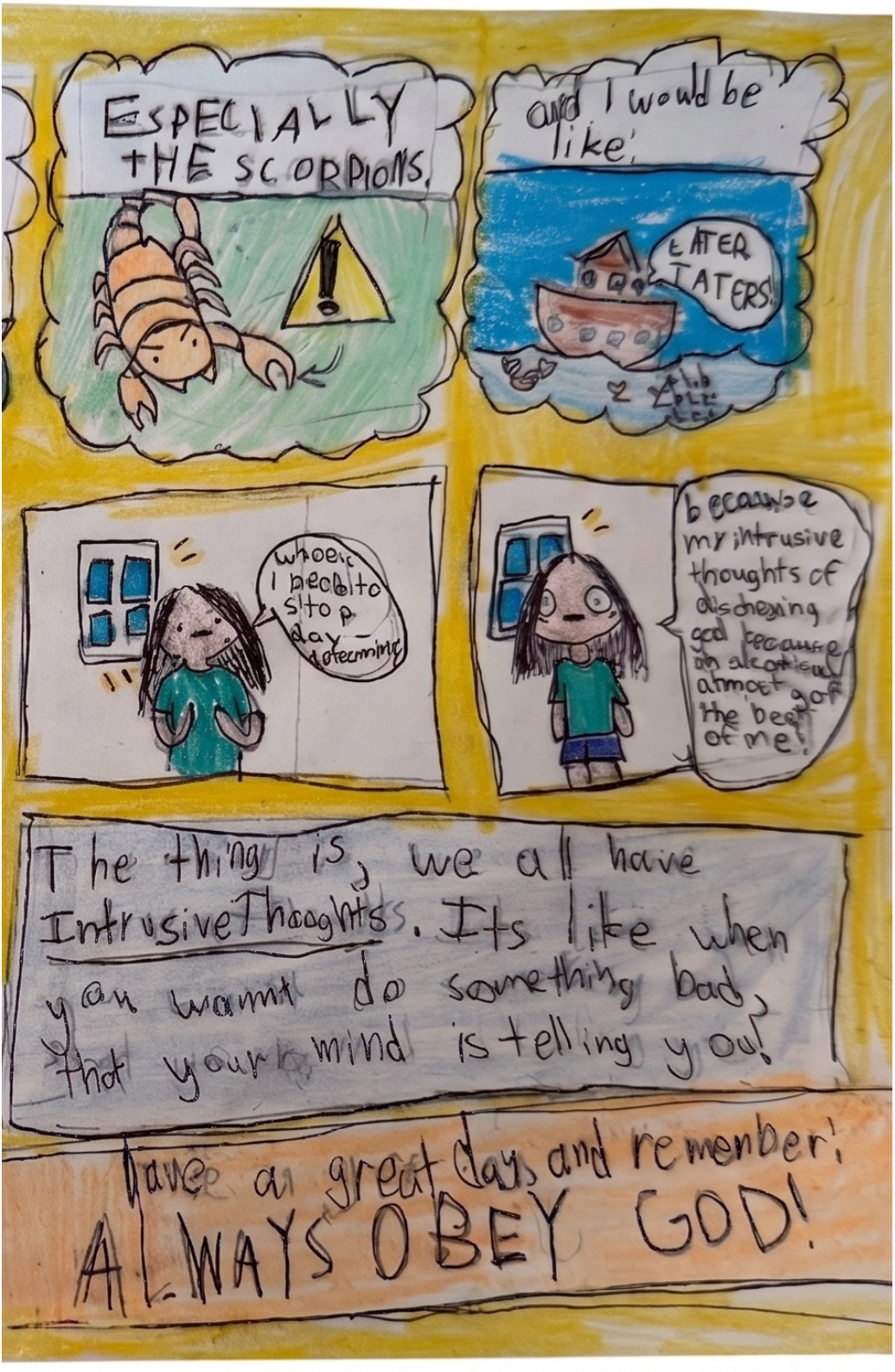
Faith is a member of Lutheran Counseling Center Services of Long Island. As a member of Faith, you may be eligible for sessions with a mental health therapist for $35 per session. You are welcome to speak confidentially with Pastor Rebecca for more information, and check out their website at www.lccny.org.

Lutheran Counseling Center
hope and healing



BY: Abigail Domathoti




ESPECIALLY THE SCORPIONS.
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because my intrusive thoughts of discharging god because an alcoholic almost got the best of me!
The thing is, we all have Intrusive Thoughts. Its like when you wanna do something bad, that your mind is telling you!
have a great day, and remember:
ALWAYS OBEY GOD!

Designated Gift Priorities

Faith's Council has established a running list of designated gift priorities for our church. If you would like to give a special gift in memory or in honor of someone, or simply to support our church's ministries outside of your regular offering, the current list is below:

- Nursery School upgrades
- Outdoor nativity
- New office laptops and software upgrades
- Fellowship Hall Lighting
- Faith Music Conservation and Ministry Fund
- Landscaping and Biblical Garden upkeep
- Fellowship Hall Floor

Please contact Linda Boccafola, secretary, or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.

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Worship & Sunday School at 10am:

- September 6: Blessing of Backpacks, Students and Teachers/Creation in Christ Sunday
- September 13: Annual Meeting; Joseph Forgives His Brothers
- September 20: Pastor Rebecca's 15th anniversary of ordination; God Forgives When Jonah Can't
- September 27: Saying and Doing are Two Different Things

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Financial Peace University

Our culture makes it so easy to feel stuck financially. Credit cards, car loans, money stress . . . that's not what God wants for us! That's why our church is hosting a Financial Peace University class starting on Sunday, September 27 from 11:30-12:30 in the church library. Together over nine weeks, we'll walk through God's ways of handling money so we can experience freedom with our finances! To sign up, there is a $25 deposit which you get back if you complete the nine sessions. For more information, and to sign up, please speak with Pastor Rebecca

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Men's Breakfast



The next Faith Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, September 12 at 8:00 AM at the On Parade Diner on Jericho Tpke in Woodbury. Please contact John Hinsch at j4bhinsch@hotmail.com for more information.

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New Life Food Pantry

The New LIFE Food Pantry in Franklin Square is in particular need of the following items:

- complete pancake mix & syrup
- jelly/jam
- dried beans: red & black
- canned salmon & sardines
- spam
- ramen
- juice boxes & 64oz bottles
- Coffee-instant & ground-regular & decaf
- Ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, hot sauce & salad dressings
- Canned corn
- 1 or 2 lb. packages of sugar & flour
- Masa Flour (corn flour)
- Spices/seasonings: onion powder; garlic powder; crushed red pepper; Goya Adobo all-purpose seasoning; cumin, curry powder
- Essential Care Products Needed:
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent pods
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Unscented bar soap
- Small bottles of dish detergent
- Shaving cream & Razors
- VO5 3 in 1 for Men (Shampoo, conditioner & body wash)
- Baby wipes
- Diapers-size 4, 5 & 6
- Dry Cat & Dog food

In lieu of food donations grocery, Gift Certificates

for Lidl, Shop Rite or Stop & Shop or monetary donation made payable to LUTHERAN FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

would be greatly appreciated.





Camp Koinonia Retreat July 17-19

22 participants from age 2 to 70+ enjoyed a weekend retreat at Camp Koinonia in the Catskills this July. Our theme was “God’s Story, Our Story.” In addition to some intergenerational and adults-only/children-only programming, we enjoyed swimming and kayaking on the lake, roasting s’mores at the campfire, worshipping together, and just being together.








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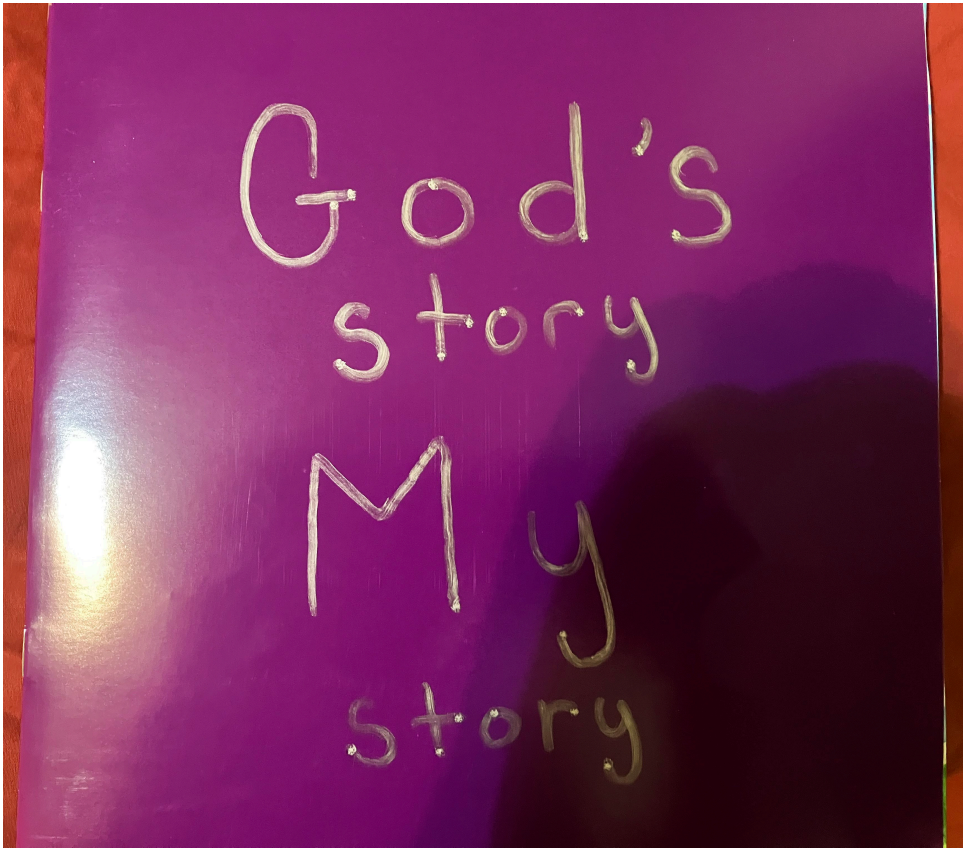
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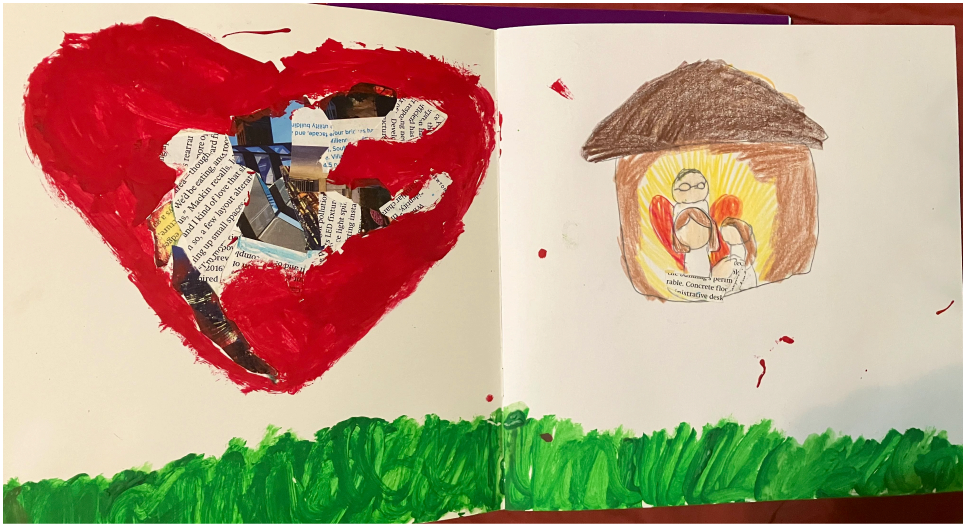



Travis & Friends Anniversary Concert August 21


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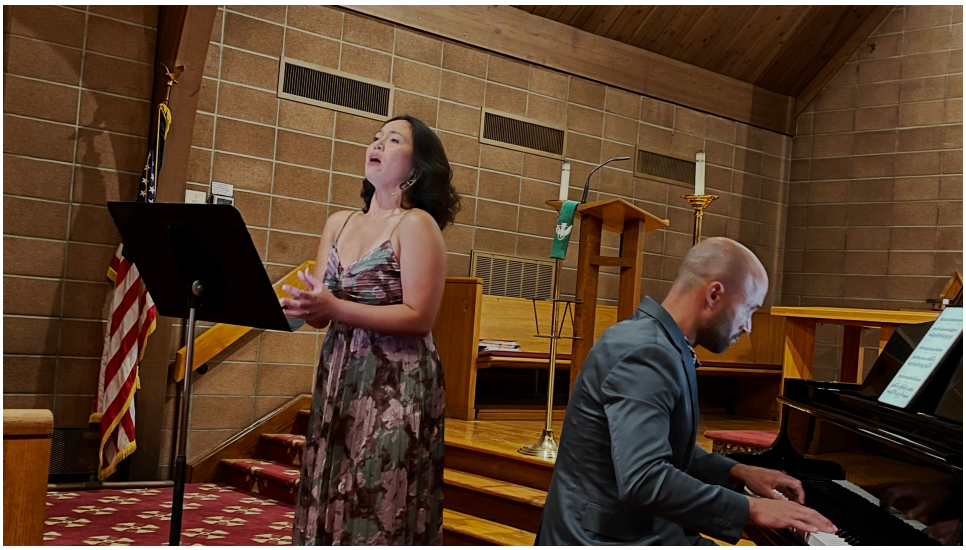




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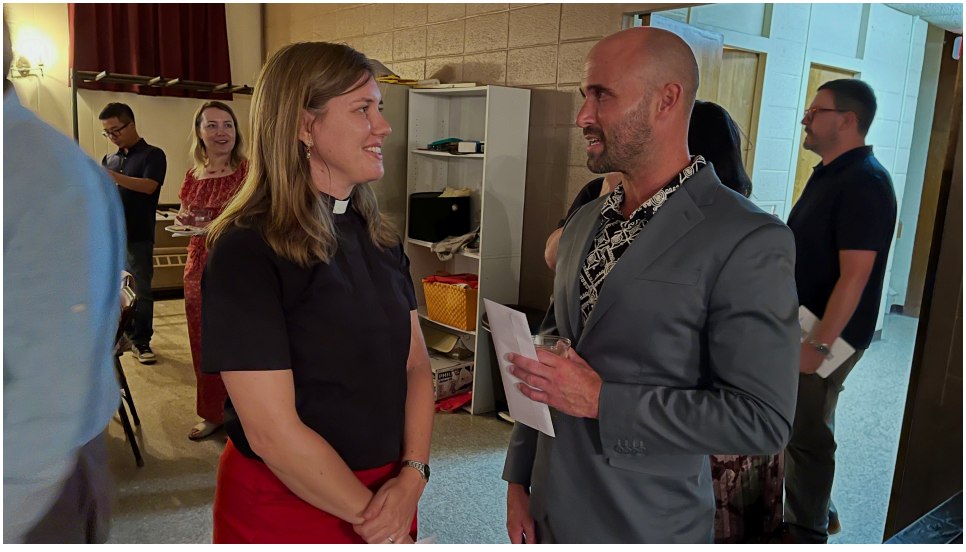


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Baptism of Morgan Adele Faber and Gianni Nicolas Castro August 23, 2026

In worship on Sunday, August 23, we welcomed Gianni Castro and Morgan Faber officially into God's family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Gianni was joined by his parents, Ray & Jeannette Castro, and big sister Valentina as well as godparents Nick Troy and Justine Benenati. Morgan was joined by parents Kevin & Grace Faber and her godparents, Troy Revello and Finley Frechette. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism!


















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Summer Fun at Faith Nursery School


It's ok to
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Prayer Concerns

Beth Speiser,
Eliana Melody (granddaughter of Pam Morritt Freitag), Anthony & Lois Martillo, Barbara Krampitz,
Arthur Millin (brother-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian),
Emerson Wondsel (friend of Pam Freitag),
Joseph Boccafola (son of Linda and Everett Boccafola), Wayne Gruber (son of Evelyn Gruber), Evelyn Gruber,
Julian Hyman (friend of the Kaboolian family),
Bob Male (dear friend of Lydia Kaboolian),
Beth Jones (sister of Lydia Kaboolian),
Elizabeth Ahlers (mother of Audrey Bullaro),
Joyce Schultz,
Stan Miller (dear friend of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci),
Heath Sangster (nephew-in-law of Lydia Kaboolian),
Rory Nicoletti (grandnephew of Tricia Shannon and Ron Geraci),
Lisa Hinsch and Kathy Hinsch (sisters-in-law of John Hinsch),
Monty Chaikin, (friend of Belle Douglas),
Bonny Davidson,
Linda Zaratin,
Jim Moore,
King Chan (relative of Michelle Chan),
Gary Flury (friend of John Hinsch),
Irene Carton (Sister of Karen Lesser),
Robert O'Dell (friend of John Hinsch),
Bob Weinstein (husband of Karin Weinstein & father of Melanie Zeolla),
Nelson Natalie (friend of Evelyn Meyers),
Joe Hilker (friend of Evelyn Meyers),
Norma Burns,
Maria Milicenco and Zinaida Petrov (mother and aunt of Lulu Milicenco Domathoti),
Dawn Weiss (friend of Belle Douglas),
Dorothy Reardon (godmother of Belle Douglas)
Lisa Fox (friend of Lydia Kaboolian)
The Deng Family (friends of Michelle Chan),
Friends and family of Margaret Schuffenhauer, who entered into eternal rest on July 15, 2026,
Friends and family of MaryAnn Iwinski, who entered into eternal rest on July 24, 2026 (friend of Michelle Chan)
Friends and family of James Sofia, who entered into eternal rest on August 8, 2026

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Acolytes	Patrick Lin	Erin Sheridan	Abigail Ho	Amelia Lin
Lectors	Lydia Kaboolian	Gabrielle Ho	Steven Baker	Belle Douglas
Counters	Evelyn Meyers Priscilla Ho	Ruth Minkoff Jeanne Sofia	Betty Schmale Norma Burns	Ruth Minkoff Priscilla Ho
Nursery	Priscilla Ho Gabby Ho	Lauren Ricketts Amelia Lin	Paula Shivcharran Patrick Lin	Abigail Ho Priscilla Ho
Sunday School Teachers	Darlene Gaffney	Craig & Melanie Zeolla	Jojo Chen	Lulu Milicenco-Domathoti
Fellowship Host	Tricia Shannon Ron Geraci	Darlene Gaffney	Potluck in the Fellowship Hall	Evelyn Meyers Chris Diekmann
Ushers	Norma Burns Richard Lin	Jeanne Sofia Evelyn Meyers	Carl Juul-Nielsen Ronald Geraci	Jeanne Sofia Joy Chen



Altar Guild for the Month of September:

Pam Freitag







Birthdays

Sep 03 — Diane Abbott

Sep 08 — Rebecca Sheridan

Sep 09 — Carl Juul-Neilsen

Sep 12 — Morgan Faber

Sep 13 — Gabrielle Ho
& Kee Chan

Sep 14 — Nancy Baumann
& Abigail Borra

Sep 15 — Lois Martillo
& Anthony Martillo

Sep 19 — Jackson Bullaro

Sep 20 — Jack Fedorczak

Sep 21 — Christopher Fedorczak
& Glenn Hoyvik

Sep 23 — Luke Abbott
& Olivia Ricketts

Sep 25 — Jeanne Sofia
& Jennifer Wu

Anniversaries:

September 2
Everett & Linda Boccafola

September 15
John & Kimberly Donahue

September 16
Kee Chan & Jojo Chen

September 30
Ron Geraci & Tricia Shannon

If you have a birthday or anniversary that we are missing, please notify the church office at 516-921-3330 or faithsyosset@gmail.com.

September 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
Sunday August 30, 2026	**Sun Sep 6, 26** • 9:15am Adult Choir • **10am Blessing of Backpacks** • 10am Worship & Sunday School • 1pm Trinity
Mon Aug 31, 26	**Mon Sep 7, 26** • **Labor Day** • No School 
Tue Sep 1, 26 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers	Tue Sep 8, 26 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers
Wed Sep 2, 26 • 9am Nursery School • 7:30pm Boy Scouts	Wed Sep 9, 26 • 9am Nursery School • 7:30pm Boy Scouts
Thu Sep 3, 26 • 9am Nursery School • 10:30am Bible Study • 7pm Twin County Chorus	Thu Sep 10, 26 • 9am Nursery School • 7pm Twin County Chorus
Fri Sep 4, 26 • 9am Nursery School	Fri Sep 11, 26 • 9am Nursery School • *7pm **9-11** 25th Anniversary Memorial Service at Good Shepherd/Plainview*
Sat Sep 5, 26	Sat Sep 12, 26 • **8:00am Men's Breakfast**

September 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 3 (Continued) WEEK 4

Sun Sep 13, 26	Sun Sep 20, 26
• 9:15am Adult Choir • 10am Worship & Sunday School • **11am Annual Meeting** • 1pm Trinity	• 9:15am Adult Choir • 10am Worship & Sunday School • 1pm Trinity • **Pastor Rebecca 15th Ordination Anniversary Potluck in Fellowship Hall**
Mon Sep 14, 26	Mon Sep 21, 26
• 9am Nursery School • 8pm Bible Study	• No School • 8pm Bible Study
Tue Sep 15, 26	Tue Sep 22, 26
• 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm LI Harmonizers
Wed Sep 16, 26	Wed Sep 23, 26
• 9am Nursery School • 7:30pm Boy Scouts	• 9am Nursery School • 7:30pm Boy Scouts
Thu Sep 17, 26	Thu Sep 24, 26
• 9am Nursery School • 10:30am Bible Study • 7pm Twin County Chorus	• 9am Nursery School • 7pm Twin County Chorus
Fri Sep 18, 26	Fri Sep 25, 26
• 9am Nursery School •	• 9am Nursery School •
Sat Sep 19, 26	Sat Sep 26, 26

September 2026 Agenda

Happenings at Faith

WEEK 5 (Continued)

Sun Sep 27, 26

- **10am-4pm Syosset Street Fair**
- 9:15am Adult Choir
- 10am Worship & Sunday School
- 11:30 **Financial Peace University**
- 1pm Trinity

Mon Sep 28, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 8pm Bible Study

Tue Sep 29, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7pm LI Harmonizers

Wed Sep 30, 26

- 9am Nursery School
- 7:30pm Boy Scouts

Thu Oct 1, 26

Fri Oct 2, 26

Sat Oct 3, 26

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IT IS IMPORTANT for you and your spiritual journey to give back to the Lord with a thankful heart. It's part of life to acknowledge God's generosity by giving back. Consider what it will be – a percentage of our income is the normal process – and then give faithfully each Sunday as the offering is received. You'll discover that God abundantly blesses the cheerful giver.

MUSICAL BINGO!

Presented by
Faith Lutheran Church of Syosset

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

6PM TO 9PM

ADULT ADMISSION: $25

A Fun Night for Adults!

BRING THE KIDS!

We have a dedicated **CHILDREN'S AREA** with Games, Crafts, & Activities!



DINNER PROVIDED!

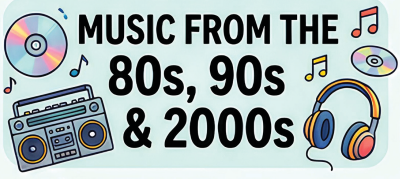
PIZZA, BEVERAGES & SNACKS!



RAFFLES & PRIZES!



MUSIC FROM THE 80s, 90s & 2000s



FEATURING A LIVE DJ!



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