

# DIVINE CONNECTIONS

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*Truth with Grace*



## Faith Lutheran Church

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**Bible Study:**

Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

**Worship Service:**

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Jami Possinger .....Interim Pastor  
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## Greetings from our new Pastor

What a pleasure it has been getting to know so many people in such a short period of time! After just a few weeks, I love to look out in the congregation on a Sunday morning and see the pews filled with my new family of faith. I also know the reality is that after Easter Sunday worship attendance slacks off and people begin to get into “summer” mode. I hope that is not the case at Faith!



Much like Thanksgiving dinner - or a wedding – or a funeral, brings our families together to **rejoice, recall, and reflect** on life in the family. Weekly worship is the “glue” that keeps our faith family together doing those very same things. When we gather on any given Sunday, we do that to **rejoice** in the life we have in Jesus Christ. We **recall** what God has done for us and give thanks to God through our hymns, prayers, and offerings. And in listening to the Word proclaimed and receiving the sacrament of holy communion, we **reflect** on who we are called to be as children of God and witnesses to Jesus’ mission in the world.

We all know the feeling of being buoyed up from spending a refreshing day with our extended families. It recharges us and gives us energy. Worship is designed to do that as well – feeding our bodies and spirits with what we need to not only get us through another week – but to get us through it in a life-giving way.

**So don’t be a stranger in worship! Come to rejoice, recall and reflect! Come to recharge and refuel! Come to remember who you are and whose you are!**

*Blessings, Pastor Jami*

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Eighteen children attended our Faith Community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 30. Many thanks to all our volunteers for their time. A fun time had by all.



## CHIMES REHEARSALS



Chime rehearsals began on Wednesday, April 3, and will continue through May 8th, from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## FAITH BOOK CLUB

The Faith Book Club is reading "The Stillwater Girls" by Minka Kent. We will be reading the book on our own and discussing it over brunch at the Chat 'N Chew Café. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Sara Cornell at 570-472-5560.



## FELLOWSHIP OUTINGS

We have two scheduled outings. On April 27, we will visit the Swetland Homestead in Wyoming, PA, followed by lunch at the Canning House. Cost of tour is \$5/person. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church for those interested in attending.



On May 25, we will be visiting the Signal Museum and Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society in Easton. Lunch will be at Lutzi's Courtyard Café following the museum. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church for those interested in attending.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the fellowship outings, please contact Sara Cornell at 570-472-5560.

## GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

*'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.'* Matthew 5:4

Working Through  
Grief  
and  
Forgiveness

The mission of our Christ-centered grief and bereavement ministry is to help people apply biblical principles and guidance as they deal with life stresses, difficult emotions, loneliness, and moving forward after the death of a loved one or other losses. Our ministry's goals are to offer spiritual support and comfort to individuals and families who are hurting and would benefit from having guidance in navigating their grief in an individual or group setting. There is no fee for members of Faith Lutheran and their families. Contact the church office at 570-646-0309 or Dr. Sara Cornell at 570-472-5560, or by email at [saracornell10@gmail.com](mailto:saracornell10@gmail.com).

## 2024 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Pocono Mountain Summer Concert Series begins Sunday, June 16 at 7 p.m. with Kyle Swartzwelder playing country and soft rock music.

On July 28 at 7 p.m., Nicole Rideout & Ruth Kochera join us for pop, jazz, show tunes, and piano.

Then on August 18 at 7 p.m., the Frost Duo concludes our summer concert series playing rock, country, and jazz. Hope to see you this summer!



## PRAYER LIST



Please let us know how your loved ones are doing so we may update our prayer list. If you would like to include someone on our prayer list, please complete a prayer request form or contact the church office: [faithoffice@faithlutheranblakeslee.org](mailto:faithoffice@faithlutheranblakeslee.org).

## WE ARE LIVE

Our Sunday morning services are broadcasted live from our website and are downloaded on Facebook each week. Please check in if you are unable to attend live with us.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

Has your address, phone number, or email changed? If so, please contact the church office so we can update our records.



## Letter From Our President

Dear All,

If you have any concerns or requests, please notify the church office. Our office hours are Tues, Wed., Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please continue to pray for God's work among us and for all who are ill and alone.



*Blessings - Tom Hutton*

