

Faith's Blessings

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How have you experienced earth as a reflection of God's love?

Resting against the strength of a giant maple tree?

Gazing at the stars that blanket a moonlit sky?

Walking along the waters of the ocean as the sun glitters on the caps of its waves?

Listening to the morning reverie of the birds as they announce the dawn of a new day?

Watching a doe and her white-spotted fawn graze in a grassy field?

For me, I experience earth in the stillness of being present in nature and with nature...to just "be" - be it digging in the garden, or walking in the woods - hearing, seeing and touching creation through the lens of God - who declared all creation "good". I am thankful to my parents for taking me camping, hiking, fishing and canoeing - they instilled an "awe" that I treasure still today as I work and play and rest in God's handiwork.

I experience earth as I travel the "cow path" roads up and down hills, along fields of corn and pastures. I experience earth in fleeting glimpses outside my office window as the golden field across the way gracefully dances in the wind and our resident wren "splashes" in the dirt of the flower bed at the church's front door. I experience earth's wonder as I experiment with plants and vegetables in my kitchen - with seeds, food scraps and propagation.

I also experience earth as a reflection of God's love through the eyes of our youngest grandson; spending time in the midst of his delighted giggles as he encounters the wonder of earthworms, mud puddles and lightening bugs - falling in love with creation as God did.



How are we called to care for God's creation? As Christians, our responsibility for the environment begins with seeing and appreciating the goodness of all God's creation – not just for ourselves, but for future generations. In the beginning, "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good" (Genesis 1:31) Like children, we must fall in love with creation over and over again. We must be active with nature – go outside, breathe in the fresh air, let the sun warm our skin, get our hands dirty, enjoy worship and learning outside our church buildings when weather permits, walk in the woods, splash in the water, eat a meal on our porches and decks and let the feel of the grass tickle our feet.

As a community of faith, we must use the gifts God has given us to re-imagine ways in which we can care for God's creation. Like sharing the bounty of plants around our yards and gardens with others; trying out new species of plants – dividing, sharing, discovering. Perhaps a new garden – plants provide nutrients not only for the earth but for animals and humans. Sharing the abundance of a garden with those who do not have access to fruits and vegetables. Using nature-friendly household products like grass clippings to keep weeds at bay. Shopping locally to help reduce our carbon footprint while supporting our neighbors' businesses. These are just a few ideas – I am certain we could brainstorm and come up with many, many more. In the coming months, our children and youth will be learning more about God's love for creation and different ways we can be "good stewards" – things we can do right here on our campus and at home.

God has provided us everything we need – everything we have is a gift from God. Caring for the earth – caring for all creation – is caring about and loving God. We can keep the reflection of God's love vibrant and beautiful by respecting and caring for the blessings God has bestowed upon us through God's creation.

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy

Please keep in mind that in-person worship and all activities are dependent on the status of CDC and ELCA guidelines during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you are unable to attend in-person worship, the service is available on our Facebook page or the church website.

Meet the Newest Members of The Family of Faith

Vivian and John Fuller



Carol and Bob Kemerer



August Birthdays

Mark Friedline	Aug. 1		Louise Spangler	Aug. 20	85 yrs.
Steve Will	Aug. 2		Wendell Heil	Aug. 21	80 yrs.
Lee Shaffer	Aug. 3		Calvin Walker	Aug. 17	83 yrs.
Shirley Trent	Aug. 6	84 yrs.	Kohen George	Aug. 20	
Susan Friedline	Aug. 7		Dave Pugh	Aug. 21	
Mary Snyder	Aug. 8		Sandy Pyle	Aug. 23	
Brittany Will	Aug. 10		Ryan Maust	Aug. 27	
Matt Pyle	Aug. 12		Dylan Everett	Aug. 28	
Ken Will	Aug. 12		Judy Glessner	Aug. 29	
Bill Revello	Aug. 13	92 yrs.	Lois Custer	Aug. 29	91 yrs.
Cliff Spangler	Aug. 15	89 yrs.	Kolton George	Aug. 30	
Helen Weaver	Aug. 15	92 yrs.			

August Anniversaries

John & Vivian Fuller	Aug. 2	6 yrs.
Bruce & Karen Schmidt	Aug. 26	32 yrs.
Justin & Brandi Rhoads	Aug. 31	7 yrs.

WELCA

A covered dish picnic is scheduled for Aug. 10 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars and join us for good food and good fellowship!



Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheets are posted if you can provide flowers, please sign-up.

Flowers can be purchased through the florist, or you can provide your own.





During the month of July we lifted the following in prayer:

Vivian Fuller, Dana Troup, Jerry Wensel,
Katey Swank, Calvin Walker and Jeff
Stutzman

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery.

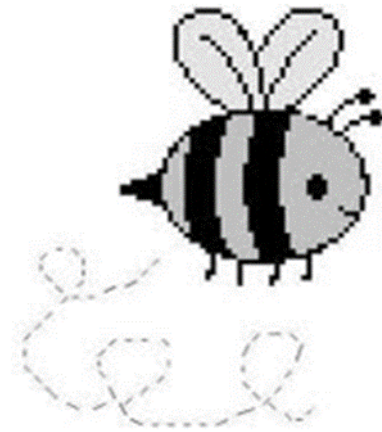
Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

August Second Offering

The second offering to be collected Aug. 9, has been designated by council for the Daily American Christmas Coats Program.

This outreach provides children and adults the ability to purchase winter coats, hats, boots and gloves who would not have the means to buy them on their own.

Your generosity in donating is very much appreciated!



"BEE" Sweet and Help "BEE" the "CHANGE!"

Busy bees didn't get their reputation as hard workers for nothing! Honeybees provide honey to eat and beeswax to transform into handcrafted soaps and candles, allowing a farmer to start a small business selling their products. And as an added bonus, these little bees boost crop growth on the farm by pollinating plants everywhere they go.

During the months of August and September, we invite you, as stewards of God's creation, to bring in your "change" and place it in our "honeycomb" stationed in the entranceway. These "buzz-worthy" gifts will go towards helping support farmers and healthy honeybee colonies as part of the ELCA Good Gifts Initiative.

Faith's "Women at the Well"

A Bible Study Group

begins August 6.

We will gather Thursday mornings during the month of August at 11:00 am

Our series will be Women of the Bible.

Youth in Ac†ion

Doing God's Work with Our Hands

In Fellowship and Fun

“TAKING OUR FAITH OUTSIDE”

SUNDAY FUN-DAY

Sunday, August 30th - 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.



There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby at church
or just give us a call at 443-3179.

“Sundays of Summer 2020”

“Sundays of Summer” totes were available beginning Sunday, July 19 ... lessons with crafts, games, a song to learn written by Pastor Kathy, and a “new” prayer for us to learn together! Pastor Kathy will “meet” with you via Facetime at a time that suits parents or grandparents schedules if you like, or you can follow the lessons on your own ... they are “tote-able” so you can take them wherever you go!

The totes can be picked up on any Sunday or at the church office during the week. If you prefer, we can drop yours off at your front door...just let us know.

Sometime in August, we will have an online version with new lessons and crafts and ... some new faces! Watch for details in our bulletins and our Facebook page in the very near future.

†Pastor Kathy

Thank-You, God,

For feet to run.

Thank-You

For my play and fun;

For eyes to see,

For hands to lift,

For food to eat,

and every gift

That makes me strong

and wish to sing,

“Thank-You, God, for everything.”

Do You Remember ...

(Thanks to Cindy Miller for the picture)

Looking back



This picture was taken in the 1950's of members of the Wills Lutheran Church at the Hershey Sports Arena by the Rev. Robert Carl while they attended a Lutheran Church pageant. Rev. Carl was the pastor of the Friedens Lutheran Charge consisting of Friedens, Wills and Mizpah Lutheran churches. The members are from left, front row: Donald Walker, Larry Hoover, Fred Will, Judy Stouffer Brant, Romaine Martin Lyons, Jill Friedline, Karen Cober, Judy Coughenour and Carol Walker Wright. Second row:

Susan Will, Wayne Schrock, Nancy Stouffer Walker, Paul Brant, Janet Walker Anderson, Mrs. Robert Carl, Tomalee Stouffer Will, Shirley Brant Weimer, Lois Walker, Nora Cover, Mrs. Harry Ringler, Mrs. William Stutzman and Mrs. Allen Walker. Back row: Calvin Walker, Wayne Coughenour, Carl Schrock, Harold Cober (bus driver) and Harold Lambert. Harold Lambert submitted photo and information.

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2nd offering is for Christmas Coats					1
2 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	3	4	5 Caring Workers 10 am	6	7	8
9 Worship 9 am; 2nd Offering (Christmas Coats) SCS 10:30 am	10 WELCA Picnic 6 pm	11	12 Caring Workers 10 am	13 Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	17	18	19 Caring Workers 10 am	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am 30 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am YIA "Sunday Fun Day" 4-6 pm	24 31	25	26 Caring Workers 10 am	27	28	29

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of August:

August 2

Altar Guild	Dawn & Cindy	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Council Person	Jim Long		

August 9

Altar Guild	Sandy & Carol	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		

August 16

Altar Guild	Dawn & Cindy	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Allen Stump		

August 23

Altar Guild	Sandy & Carol	Reader	Richard Walker
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		

August 30

Altar Guild	Dawn & Cindy	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers		

**Please remember that if you cannot be here and have
a “job”, find a replacement!**

WE GIVE THANKS TO

- Ken Will for preparing the church grounds for mulch and for the new arch at the gazebo
- Mark Friedline family for donating and delivering the mulch
- Vivian Fuller and Roger Saylor for their help with extra mailings to our homebound
- Tomalee Will for her help in folding worship material and help with the newsletter
- Caring Workers for sanitizing and organizing the nursery and “refreshing” the Busy Bags
- Cindy Miller for sending “Get Well” “Birthday” and “Sympathy” cards on behalf of the congregation
- Carl Schrock for the use of his sound system and for the Mausts’ for the use of their tents for our parking lot worship

We give Thanks to God – for all these gifts –
shared in serving Christ and community
in community with one another.

We ARE Church – TOGETHER!

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

