

Faith's Blessings

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“Ask the Pastor!”

On any given day of the week, members of Faith call, text, email or ask me “in person” questions about what they are reading or hearing, understanding or being challenged by within the Gospel lessons and other scripture readings. Beyond text studies and Sunday school, I am also asked about the different items that adorn the altar and sanctuary, customs and traditions and, of course, “Why do we do this?”



I absolutely love the wonder and curious nature of Faith's members because I believe that asking questions informs our faith; yes, not just the person asking the question but mine too. Pastors are on a continuous journey of learning, discerning, and nurturing our faith. In fact, each year, we are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours of continuing education [if you ever wondered what else a pastor does beyond a Sunday morning, text study, book study, meetings, teaching, writing, pastoral visitations, and, well, the list does actually go on....].

With that, I am opening my door wider for questions. Now, that does not mean I will know all the answers as pastors do not know all the answers – we are human beings who put our socks on one foot at a time as well - but we do have the tools and additional resources from which to seek answers to our questions. I, for one, enjoy and love to dive into commentaries, theological writings, and other sources found outside this realm. So, I invite you to ask me!!!! I may be able to answer your questions immediately and other times I will offer to look into them further. I will also include some of these questions within the pages of the newsletter so that we all might nurture our faith together as a community of believers.

This month I would like to answer questions regarding the text read for Easter; it may have sounded “different”. Rest assured, the text came directly from the Gospel of Luke but, perhaps, you enjoy hearing John's Gospel – which is a favorite of many! Including me!

Our lectionary cycle, the guideline we use that assigns the scriptures to be read each Sunday, is currently in Year C, which includes texts from Luke intertwined with John. The “year” rotates between Years A, B and C, providing us a broader picture, so to speak, of the New Testament. It also provides us the opportunity to read more than just one Gospel all the time – even though we have our favorites (my favorite Gospel to read is Mark). Advent, 2022, will move us into Year A.

Why do we do this? Well, did you know it takes all four Gospels to tell the story of Jesus’ life and mission? Not one single Gospel tells of Jesus life from birth to death. We get different pieces from each of the authors. Each Gospel account written by a different author means there is going to be a difference in writing style as well as interpretation of the events that happened. No two people are going to interpret something the same exact way.

Think about it this way: If there are four people watching the same event, such as a referee’s call during a sporting event or a car accident, there are going to be four separate and slightly different accounts of these exact same events. The same thing happens when people watch other events unfold, such as, the Resurrection of Jesus. The chart included in this month’s newsletter places the four Gospel accounts side by side as they relate to the Resurrection stories.

You might be asking if these differences take something away from the Resurrection? The answer is an emphatic “No!”. In fact, it is because of the variations that we can fully believe in the events that took place during the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus. When the individual stories from each Gospel are outlined like this, we can see that the differences are simply different viewpoints of the same event rather than an actual difference in the event that happened.

We Lutherans believe that the Bible “is alive”. This means that there is always something new to learn and that Scripture moves with us – our understanding, our questioning, our culture, and the changes that occur from day to day – changes in us and changes in the world around us.

I pray that this provides new understanding or affirms your understanding in ways that keep you asking questions. Let’s stay curious!!!

In grace and peace borne of Easter,
+ Pastor Kathy

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Time of day	At dawn on the first day of the week	Very early on the first day of the week (just after sunrise)	Very early on the first day of the week	Early on the first day of the week (still dark)
Who went to the tomb	Mary Magdalene and the other Mary	Mary Magdalene, Mary (James' mother), and Salome	The women	Mary Magdalene
Events that occurred	Violent earthquake; Angel speaks to them; Women meet Jesus	Women bought spices; Angel speaks to them; Women fled tomb, but said nothing	Women take spices to tomb; Two (2) angels appear; Angel speaks to them; Told the disciples what they found	Mary Magdalene ran to get Simon Peter; Simon Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb; disciples left and Jesus appears to Mary
The angels	One Angel came down from heaven, whose appearance was like lightning; clothes were white as snow	Young man dressed in white robes sitting on the right side	Two (2) men appeared in clothes that gleamed like lightning; stood beside them	Two (2) angels in white seated where Jesus' body had been (one at the head other at the foot)
Jesus' words	"Greetings"; "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me"			"Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"; "Mary"; "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. I am returning to my Father, and your Father, to my God and your God."



During the month of April, we lift the following in prayer:

The Family and Friends of Skip Hay, James Ream and Harold Pile.

Jim Maust, Frank Steiner, Craig Walker, Clifford Spangler, Faith's Homebound Members and all those suffering from Covid-19.

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 814-443-3179 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. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

Second Offering

The second offering for April was collected for Faith's Summer Camp, \$143.00 dollars was collected.

The second offering for May will be collected for Relay for Life on May 8th.

Thank You

Thank you to Karen Shaffer for providing the communion bread for the month of May. Donations are still needed for May and going forward.

Heartstrings Collection

For the month of May we will be collecting Socks or Non-Skid footies. Your donations can be placed on the table in the back of the sanctuary.



Happy Birthday

CELEBRATING IN MAY

Richard Sanchez	May 1
Whitney Johnson	May 3
Steven Matolyak	May 4
Emily Bent	May 7
Joshua Weyant	May 7
Gene Hillegas	May 8
Jacob Sheeler	May 8
Joan Walker	May 12
Fred Rhoads	May 13
Ricky Saylor	May 16
Cathy Smeak	May 19
Donald Golby	May 22
Logan Gilbert	May 24
Taylor Latuch	May 25
Clay Cramer Jr.	May 29
Landon Gilbert	May 30
Jamie Crites	May 31
Tanya James	May 31

Loretta Weyant	May 1
Fred Will	May 3
Michael Trevarrow	May 6
Karen Shaffer	May 7
Zachary Friedline	May 8
Anthony Latuch	May 8
Stephanie Walker	May 9
Desiree Everett	May 13
Earl Lohr	May 16
Rodney Schrock	May 18
Darren Walker	May 21
Dennis Rhoads	May 23
Alexus Miller	May 24
Garen Black	May 26
Linda Golby	May 29
Brenda Maust	May 30
Dalton Dill	May 31

Happy Anniversary!

CELEBRATING IN MAY

Gary & Karen Shaffer	May 7	7 years
William & Debbie Nist	May 10	47 years
Ryan & Brenda Maust	May 16	41 years
Brian & Joeleen Everett	May 18	37 years
Fred & Barbara Will	May 18	54 years
Donald & Mary Snyder	May 22	51 years
Joseph & Gennette Swank	May 24	25 years
Joseph & Samantha Swank Jr.	May 26	3 years

Mark your calendars ...

April 30th— Glow Bowling at Terrace Lanes at 8:15pm.
Adults \$14, youth bowl for free.

May 8th— Mother's Day Worship; Children and youth will lead
worship, to honor the women we love.

May 22nd— Youth in Action; "Spring Break with Jesus" 4pm-6pm.

June 5th— Pentecost, bring a geranium and wear red; Honor 2022
Graduates.





SUNDAY, MAY 8th

We will celebrate the women
of Faith – all of whom we love
and greatly appreciate.

Faith's children and youth will
assist in leading worship

ELECTION DAY LUNCH – May 17th

Soup by the bowl to eat in...

Soup by the pint..

Soup by the quart...

AND

Gobs!



The women will be cooking up a storm so be sure to stop in!

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter 3 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Donut Sunday	2	3	4	5 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	6	7
8 Easter 4 Mother's Day Worship 9am SCS 10:30am 2nd off (Relay for Life)	9 Social Committee Mtg 6:30pm WELCA 7pm	10 Caring Workers 10am	11	12 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am Council 7pm	13	14
15 Easter 5 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am	16	17 Caring Workers 10am	18	19 HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	20	21
22 Easter 6 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Youth In Action- "Spring Break with Jesus"; 4pm-6pm	23	24 Caring Workers 10am	25	26 Ascension of Our Lord HeBrews Bible Study 10:30am	27	28
29 Easter 7 Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Custer-Pavillion	30	31 Caring Workers 10am	*Second Offering is for Relay for Life		Heartstrings Collection Item: Socks/Non-Skid Footies	

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

May 1

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Will Brant
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Jack Loeffert
Greeters	Dawn Will & Sandy Pyle		
Council Person	Jim Long		

May 8

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Annalina Brant	Acolyte	Kolton George
Greeters	Youth In Action		

May 15

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Sami Swank
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Dave Pyle & Steve Will		

May 22

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Jack Loeffert
Assisting Minister	Jack Loeffert	Acolyte	Arianna Ohler
Greeters	Jack Loeffert & Ari Ohler		

May 29

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Dave Pyle
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Will Brant
Greeters	Ryan Maust & Randy Fieg		

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



WE GIVE THANKS...

For the beautiful flowers that met us at God's table on Easter morning...

For the joyful sound of bells being rung by the children....

For the bread and wine...the hands that prepared it...for the feast we celebrated...

For the musicians and choir, the worship committee, our parish administrator, church council members and all those who assisted with the liturgy...

For the warm breakfast that fed us...the handmade crosses that delighted us...the table decorations that enchanted us....

For all those who helped make bunny bags for the children and area care homes filled with the goodies provided by this community of faith...

For the care of this campus – inside and out...

Again, I say, we give thanks to God for all YOU do!

Youth in Action

Doing God's Work
with Our Hands
In Fellowship and Fun



SPRING BREAK with JESUS

Sunday, May 22nd

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

April snow showers still bring May flowers,
and God's creation is beginning to bloom.
Come "break" into Spring with Jesus
as we learn about the gifts of nature God has given us.

So **put on your green** (yes, wear something **green!**),
a jacket and shoes that don't mind getting wet,
and join us for crafts, games, laughter and, of course, supper!

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby at church
or just give us a call at 443-3179 and let us know you'll be here!

SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

PENTECOST



Help celebrate the
birthday of the
church

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bring a red
geranium to decorate
the sanctuary and
wear red!

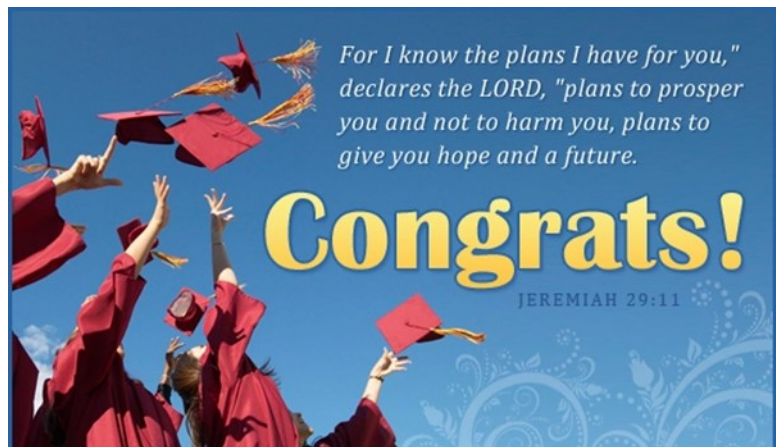
We invite children and adults to the Sacrament of Baptism.

If you or your children have not been baptized and would like to do so this Sunday,
please contact Pastor Kathy.

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

We will also be honoring our 2022 Graduates during our worship
service. A reception for them will immediately follow in the Fellowship
Hall. Everyone is invited to come and honor our 2022 graduates.

Please contact Pastor Kathy
or Michelle in the church
office to let us know your
graduate's name, date of
graduation, grade (college,
high school, preschool, etc.)
and school





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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am