

# Faith's Blessings

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The howling winds that have wrapped themselves around our homes, uprooted trees, and scattered all types of outside décor have taken their toll these past few weeks. At night, it has been whistling through the branches of the trees along the property line of the parsonage leaving behind a tell-tell trail of limbs here there and everywhere. No sooner are they picked up, the wind blows in again, and it looks like the yard hadn't just been cleared of the debris the day before. Unfortunately, these winds don't stop

there; a domino effect steps into play as uprooted trees means downed wires which then results in power and cable outages. If you don't have a generator, then this finds you sitting in the dark, or candlelight, with flashlight at the ready, bundled up in sweaters and blankets and maybe even a sleeping bag. As of late, the winds have been so strong that they literally roared and the proverbial saying "In like a lion, out like a lamb" reminds us of the true nature of the spring weather that we can expect here in Somerset County.

The winds of spring also usher in Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday, a day when another "lion" was expected as Jesus entered Jerusalem with crowds cheering and waving palms. Jesus was "the one" the prophets foretold of; "the one" who would be the Messiah that they, and generations before them, hoped for; "the one" who would shake things up and save them from their oppressors. A new "Lion King". That's what the crowds expected.

Jesus, however, was a different sort of "lion" for his mission on earth was to destroy the darkness of sin. Yes, others felt threatened by his "roar"; however, not because he was a warrior armed and ready to conquer but because he threatened their way of life. They had status, they had power, they had control. They knew comfort and security and they weren't about to give any of that up...for what? To love their neighbor? To turn the other cheek? Forgive someone who offended you? Are you kidding? To eat with "those people", make them feel welcome when everyone knows they are unclean.

They knew the law, intimately – they knew “the right way” of doing things – eating and dressing and working...even resting – “the how, the when, the where and the why”...and let’s not forget the “who”. Jesus was infringing on their territory...and just look what he did to the moneychangers, turning over tables in the temple...good hard earned money...money that could be lining their pockets...scattered to the four winds.

Jesus had shaken things up alright but in a good way. A way in which people were reminded that they were all sinners but were also loved...a way in which people could see with their eyes, hear with their ears, his teachings of forgiveness and compassion – those things that truly heal...the way of the gospel. Jesus would be the lion that went out like a lamb...on the cross. A colleague notes, “Because Christ died in weakness for sinners and won the victory for us, we can afford to be weak.” We can admit that we are sinners – out loud. We can forgive others their trespasses because we know and trust that God has and is always ready to forgive us ours.

As Easter approaches, let us pause to remember and give thanks for this life-saving gift and share it with others...all to the glory of God.

“Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace; grant us peace.”

Lenten Blessings,

Pastor Kathy +



### EASTER MORNING

Sunrise Service (Indoors)

6:30 A.M.

with Holy Communion

Easter Basket Blessing

Easter Breads Blessing

### EASTER BREAKFAST

7:30-8:30 A.M.

Christ is Risen!

9:00 A.M. Service with

Holy Communion

Children’s Bell Choir

Easter Basket Blessing

Easter Breads Blessing

## APRIL 2023

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue                                    | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|   |  |  |  |  |  | <b>1 Youth in Action—</b><br>Easter is EGG-cellent<br>10 am— 1 pm |
| <b>2 Palm Sunday</b><br><b>Worship</b> 9am<br><b>SCS 10:30am</b><br>Choir Practice<br><b>Kid's Kingdom</b><br>@10:30 am<br><b>Will's Cemetery Association Mtg</b><br>following worship<br><b>Donut Sunday</b> | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b>                               | <b>5 Council Reports due to front office</b> | <b>6 Maundy Thursday—</b><br><b>Service 7:00 pm</b>                    | <b>7 Good Friday—</b><br><b>Passion of Our Lord, Service 7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9 Easter *</b><br><b>Worship 6:30 am</b><br><b>Easter Breakfast</b><br><b>Worship, 9:00 am</b><br><b>2nd Offering— (Summer Kamp)</b><br>Bring Easter Baskets and breads for blessing                       | <b>10</b><br><br><b>WELCA</b><br>7:00 p.m.   | <b>11 Caring Workers</b><br>10:30 a.m. | <b>12</b>                                    | <b>13 Bible Study</b> 10:30am<br><br><b>Council Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>   |
| <b>16 1st Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>Worship</b> 9am<br><b>SCS</b> 10:30am<br><b>Choir Practice</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>18 Caring Workers</b><br>10:30 a.m. | <b>19</b>                                    | <b>20 Bible Study</b> 10:30am  | <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23 2nd Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>Bold Women</b><br><b>Worship</b> 9am<br><b>Special Congregational Meeting</b><br><b>SCS</b> 10:30am  | <b>24 Synod's Annual Spring Conference for our area</b><br>7:00 pm @ Friedens Lutheran | <b>25 Caring Workers</b><br>10:30 a.m. | <b>26</b>                                    | <b>27 Bible Study</b> 10:30am  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   |
| <b>30 3rd Sunday of Easter</b><br><b>Worship</b> 9am<br><b>SCS</b> 10:30am<br><b>Choir Practice</b><br><b>Youth in Action, 4-6 pm—Stompers &amp; Chompers!</b>  |  |  |  | <b>*Second Offering is for Faith's VBS Summer Kids Kamp!</b>           |  |   |

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

**April 2** (Palm Sunday)

|                    |                      |         |                |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust         | Reader  | Richard Walker |
| Assisting Minister | Randy Fieg           | Acolyte | Nolan Pyle     |
| Greeters           | Joe & Gennetta Swank |         |                |
| Council Person     | Bob Duppstadt Jr.    |         |                |

**April 6** (Maundy Thursday)

|                    |                          |         |               |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust             | Reader  | Katie Hill    |
| Assisting Minister | Katie Hill               | Acolyte | Darren Walker |
| Greeters           | Katie Hill & Patti Trent |         |               |

**April 7** (Good Friday)

|                    |              |         |  |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|--|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust | Reader  |  |
| Assisting Minister | Brenda Maust | Acolyte |  |
| Greeters           |              |         |  |

**April 9** (Easter-Sunrise)

|                    |               |         |              |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust  | Reader  | Brenda Maust |
| Assisting Minister | Darren Walker | Acolyte |              |
| Greeter            | Ryan Maust    |         |              |

**April 9** (Easter-9am)

|                    |                |         |           |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust   | Reader  | Jane Pugh |
| Assisting Minister | Jane Pugh      | Acolyte | Everyone  |
| Greeters           | Pughs & Ohlers |         |           |

**April 16**

|                    |                            |         |            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust               | Reader  | Dave Pyle  |
| Assisting Minister | Brock Bowers               | Acolyte | Dylan Pyle |
| Greeters           | Lori Dill & Shirley Weimer |         |            |

**April 23**

|                    |                       |         |               |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust          | Reader  | Jack Loeffert |
| Assisting Minister | Jack Loeffert         | Acolyte | Nolan Pyle    |
| Greeters           | Nancy & Darren Walker |         |               |

**April 30**

|                    |                             |         |              |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Altar Guild        | Brenda Maust                | Reader  | Cindy Miller |
| Assisting Minister | Dave Pugh                   | Acolyte | Kaden George |
| Greeters           | Laura Miller & Brenda Maust |         |              |

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



During the month of March we lift the following in prayer: Paul Simmons, Sandy Pyle, Nancy Walker, Ryan Maust, and Faith's Homebound Members.

## 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 will be collected for Faith's Summer Camp on April 9th. We collected \$67 in March for Relay for Life. THANK YOU!

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday; April 2<sup>nd</sup>**—Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion and Palm Procession at 9am.

**Thursday; April 6<sup>th</sup>**—Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at 7pm.

**Friday; April 7<sup>th</sup>**—Good Friday Service—Passion— at 7pm.

**Sunday; April 9<sup>th</sup>**—Resurrection of Our Lord Sunrise Service with Holy Communion at 6:30am. Easter Breakfast to Follow in the Fellowship Hall. Resurrection of Our Lord Service with Holy Communion at 9am.

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We will meet the first Sunday of each month. Children are invited to join Pastor Kathy for a lesson and snack.

Our next gathering will be Sunday, April 2nd .

## Mark your calendars ...



**Saturday, April 1st**—Easter is EGG-cellent - Children and Youth - 10 am to 1 pm

**Monday, April 10th**— WELCA, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, April 13th**, Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

**Sunday, April 23rd**— Bold Women Sunday, Special Congregational Meeting, Youth in Action Stompers & Chompers 4:00—6:00

**Sunday, May 7th**—Sundae Sunday - following worship - Honoring the

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### The Somerset County Military Families Support Group

They are planning their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Blue Star Event on June 10, 2023, and have reached out to the community. We will be taking donations to help continue to support the soldiers and their families here in Somerset County. You may express your support and gratitude for their service by placing a donation near the Army boots on the back table in the Sanctuary

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### **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A Special Congregational meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 23rd at 10:30 A.M. as was decided upon at its last annual meeting in December of 2022. The agenda for the meeting includes the approval of the Church Constitution which the council has diligently worked together over the past year to bring it up to date to align with the current churchwide guidelines and requirements, and decide on whether to remove pews at front of church as a matter of hospitality and to accommodate accessibility to the Holy Communion at Table discussed by members in December. All confirmed members of the church are asked to be present.





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|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| C. Keith Rhoads   | Apr 1  | Jacob Maust       | Apr 2  |
| Cynthia Miller    | Apr 3  | Shayne George     | Apr 4  |
| Gloria Weyant     | Apr 4  | Madison Trevarrow | Apr 7  |
| Zachary Carpenter | Apr 7  | Robby Schrock     | Apr 7  |
| Dawn Walker       | Apr 7  | Kathy Rhoads      | Apr 8  |
| Tomalee Will      | Apr 9  | Caden Harding     | Apr 11 |
| Jodi Miller       | Apr 11 | Ashley Cane Woy   | Apr 12 |
| Debbra Gudes      | Apr 12 | Nicole Keller     | Apr 12 |
| Jeffrey Weimer    | Apr 12 | Cadem James       | Apr 13 |
| Cole James        | Apr 13 | Alan Shockey      | Apr 13 |
| Carrie Evans      | Apr 14 | Michelle Lake     | Apr 14 |
| Angela Briskey    | Apr 16 | Justin Rhoads     | Apr 16 |
| Kimberly Clark    | Apr 19 | Kay Mostoller     | Apr 20 |
| Asher Custer      | Apr 22 | David Custer      | Apr 24 |
| Laura Miller      | Apr 24 | Melissa Boring    | Apr 25 |
| Ava Friedline     | Apr 26 | Marian Walker     | Apr 29 |
| Joshua Zerfoss    | Apr 29 |                   |        |

**83 years old**

**93 years old**



|                            |            |                 |
|----------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Dalton & Lori Dill         | April 4th  | <b>42 years</b> |
| Steve & Dawn Will          | April 11th | <b>31 years</b> |
| C. Keith & Kathy Rhoads    | April 15th | <b>45 years</b> |
| Dave & Sandy Pyle          | April 16th | <b>45 years</b> |
| Gerald & Michele Carpenter | April 24th | <b>30 years</b> |
| Garen & Roberta Black      | April 27th | <b>44 years</b> |



Faith's Heartstrings Ministry is the recipient of one the Vitality Grants awarded by the Allegheny Synod! This will assist us in expanding our ministry in caring for those transitioning from home to private and personal care homes. This ministry will include "Welcome to the Neighborhood" gift baskets to include personal care items, blankets, and other items which would be helpful or just plain fun. Helping hands will be needed as we extend compassionate care to our new "neighbors" .

# Youth in Action

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

## **“Stompers & Chompers: Dino-Sized Faith”**

**Sunday, April 30th**

**4:00 p.m. til 6:00 p.m.**



Come join in this prehistoric-themed afternoon filled with activities and lessons which bring us closer to God and to each other.

We will “dig in” with some dino-might learning

Supper will be included.

Bring a friend along for a “roaring” good time! All children and youth are invited.



# Kids Kamp! 2023 - Miracle of Miracles!!!



## SAVE—THE—DATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kids Kamp! is set for the week of **June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am to 3 pm and yes, before and after care for working parents and grandparents will again be available. Pastor Kathy and members of the congregation will lead the group with lessons, crafts, science, and games.

Special trips are being planned so be sure to sign up early. Watch for more details. Oh, and if your child has a fishing license for 2023 and /or a fishing rod, please let Pastor Kathy know asap!

## DID YOU HEAR THE “SCOOP”?!!

Sunday, May 7th, is  
Sundae Sunday here at Faith!



Come celebrate with us and honor all the women of the church — moms, grandmothers, great grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, friends and neighbors—for **SUNDAE SUNDAY** following worship. Every day is a good day for ice cream but Sundays are even better! Everyone is invited—there will be sundaes to make, coffee to drink and brownies. Don't worry gentlemen, your “day” is just around the corner and we will have something special in store for you too.



## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom—1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30am

Youth in Action! Last Sunday of the Month