

# Faith's Blessings

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May 2023

The more we study and read and listen to our texts from the Bible, be it during worship, Adult Sunday School, Bible Study, WELCA's group study, personal reading and reflection and even our children's sermons, the more we come to realize that God's ways are not our ways. What I mean to say is that all the things that God has done isn't what we would have expected. For example, in our weekly Bible study of Genesis, we have read and talked about God's promises to Noah, to Abraham and to humanity. When Adam and Eve listen to the "truth" of a snake rather than God we expect God to wonder why in the world God would continue to want to be in relationship with humans. We expect God to throw in the towel when Abraham tells half-truths about his wife Sarah in order to save his life not once but three times.

Who would have expected a barren woman to become pregnant and have a child at age 90? Yet, Sarah did. Who would have expected a sea to part, water to come from a stone, blind and deaf to see and hear again...people to be healed of lifetime illnesses? Yet the Bible gives us eye witness accounts throughout. Who would have expected an "ordinary" son of a carpenter, a teacher and a preacher to give up his life on a cross for us? Yet, Jesus did. Who would have expected a man who died and was buried to walk and talk and eat with friends again just three days later? Yet Jesus did just that. The Bible contains story after story after story of God working his unexpected grace, mercy, and love for us. He does so even when we do not deserve it...that's how God works! We find this not only through His word, but in the forgiveness bestowed with our confessions and in the gifts we receive in the bread and wine (and grape juice) offered at His table.

As we move through this season and beyond, gazing at the beauty found in creation as the sun rises and sets, trees blossom, birds sing and bees start to buzz; as we watch children at play, cast our lines into nearby streams, dig into the dirt, ride through the mountains, or sit on the porch sipping something refreshing – may we continue to celebrate the unexpected from God in the "ordinary" moments of our daily lives...all borne from the love of God. Easter is not just one day...but every day.

May your springtime be filled with expected and unexpected joy,

Pastor Kathy +



**MAY 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Caring Workers 10 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Choir Practice Sundae Sunday	<b>8</b> WELCA 7 pm	<b>9</b> Caring Workers 10 am	<b>10</b> Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>11</b> Faith hosting the Rostered Leader's Meeting 10—1  Council Mtg. 7 pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Worship, 9:00 am 2nd Offering— (Humane Society) SCS 10:30 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> ELECTION DAY  Caring Workers 10 am	<b>17</b> Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>18</b> Pastor Vacation Day	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Worship 9am SCS 10:30am Choir Practice	<b>22</b> Social Committee 7 pm	<b>23</b> Caring Workers 10 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bible Study 10:30 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Worship 9am SCS 10:30am  NO Youth in Action	<b>29</b> OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Memorial Day	<b>30</b> NO Caring Workers	<b>31</b>			
			<b>Second Sunday Offering is for Somerset County Humane Society</b>			

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

**May 7**

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Katie Hill
Assisting Minister	Katie Hill	Acolyte	Jack Loeffert
Greeters	Dee Custer/Katie Hill		
Council Person	Brenda Maust		

**May 14**

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Kohen Breegle
Greeters	YOUTH IN ACTION		

**May 21**

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Randy Fieg
Assisting Minister	Randy Fieg	Acolyte	Ari Ohler
Greeters	Randy Fieg/Gene Hillegas		

**May 28**

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Joeleen Everett and Olivia George		

**Please remember, that if you have a “job” and can’t be here, you must find a replacement and notify the office!**



During the month of April we lifted the following in prayer: Steve Onstead, Nancy Walker, Brad Brant, Jeff Stutzman, Chuck Brant, Betty Simmons 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**

Our Second Offering for May, to be collected on May 14, is for the Humane Society of Somerset County.

During April, we collected \$101 for Kids Kamp. THANK YOU!

### **Names Needed**

The office is looking for names of our youth who will be graduating this year and name of youth who will be entering 3rd grade in the Fall.

Graduate names are needed NO LATER than May 21 and 3rd grade names are needed NO LATER than Aug. 20. Please give information to the office!

### **KIDS KINGDOM**

We meet the first Sunday of each month. Children are invited to join Pastor Kathy for a lesson and a snack. Our next gathering will be Sunday, June 4.



## Mark your calendars ...



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

**Monday, May 8th**-WELCA, 7 pm

**Thursday, May 11**-Council Meeting, 7 pm

**Monday, May 22**-Social Committee Meeting 7 pm

**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.

### **OK Fella's ... Your turn**

Mark your calendars for June 11 and plan on attending the covered dish dinner to honor the fellas of our congregation.

Worship will be at 10 am that morning and immediately after, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a covered dish meal. Meat and beverages will be provided, we invite the women to bring a covered dish.

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board and add your names **NO LATER THAN May 28**.

Hope to see you then!



Richard Sanchez	May 1	Ricky Saylor	May 16
Loretta Weyant	May 1	Rodney Schrock	May 18
Whitney Johnson	May 3	Cathy Smeak	May 19
Fred Will	May 3	Darren Walker	May 21
Stephen Matolyak	May 4	Donald Golby	May 22
Camden Leister	May 5	Dennis Rhoads	May 23
Michael Trevarrow	May 6	Logan Gilbert	May 24
Emily Bent	May 7	Alexus Miller	May 24
Karen Shaffer	May 7	Taylor Latuch	May 25
Zachary Friedline	May 8	Noah Leister	May 25
Gene Hillegas	May 8	Garen Black	May 26
Anthony Latuch	May 8	Clay Cramer, Jr	May 29
Jacob Sheeler	May 8	Linda Golby	May 29
Stephanie Walker	May 9	Landon Gilbert	May 30
Joan Walker	May 12	Brenda Maust	May 30
Desiree Everett	May 13	Jamie Crites	May 31



Heidi & Jason Diehl	May 4	<b>27 yrs.</b>
Karen & Gary Shaffer	May 7	<b>8 yrs.</b>
Debbie & William Nist	May 10	<b>48 yrs.</b>
Brenda & Ryan Maust	May 16	<b>42 yrs.</b>
Joeleen & Brian Everett	May 18	<b>38 yrs.</b>
Barbara & Fred Will	May 18	<b>55 yrs.</b>
Mary & Don Snyder	May 22	<b>52 yrs.</b>
Gennette & Joe Swank	May 24	<b>26 yrs.</b>
Sami & Joe Swank, Jr	May 26	<b>4 yrs.</b>

**We give THANKS to the following  
who continue to share their  
time and talents  
here at Faith Lutheran**

- ◆ Kohen Breegle for asking to be added to the Acolyte List
- ◆ Rick Walters for the great job waxing the floors
- ◆ Caring Workers for making the crosses and decorating the tables for Easter Breakfast
- ◆ Everyone who helped prep for Easter Breakfast and cook for us
- ◆ Everyone who ordered flowers for Easter
- ◆ Everyone who helped decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Worship
- ◆ Sandy Pyle for the Easter table decorations
- ◆ Property Committee for continuing their work maintaining the church building (spouting, window repair, pavilion roof and cleaning for summer use
- ◆ Everyone who helped with the "chicks" for Easter (cutting, filling, assembling and stuffing)
- ◆ Those who assist with office projects

**Thank  
YOU!**

# 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 for children ages 4-16, 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!



## NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

Choir will be taking the summer off beginning May 15 and will return September 10. If you would like to join us in the Fall, we practice on Sunday mornings following worship. We only practice for 20 minutes, so those who wish may attend Sunday School at 10:30. We are always looking for folks who enjoy singing and ... the only requirement is that you “make a joyful noise!” Hope to see some new faces in the Fall.

**Reminder** ... Michelle is no longer in the office, She accepted a full time job in Somerset. In the meantime, Brenda is back, covering the office until a new Parish Administrator is hired.





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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