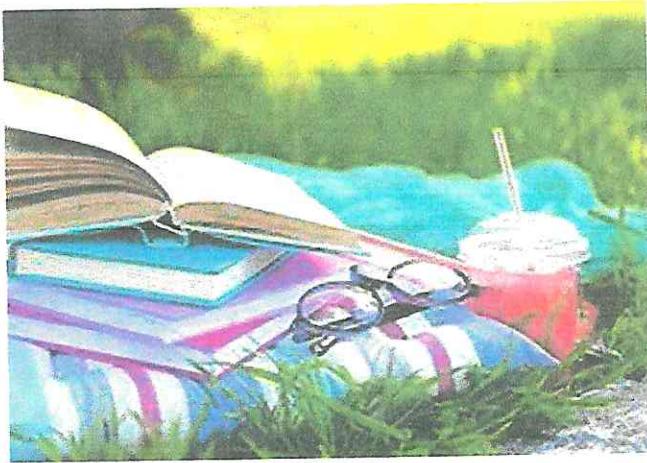


# Faith's Blessings

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## The Word of God Remains Forever

“The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God  
remains forever...”

*Isaiah 40:8*

I have always enjoyed reading. I can remember many a summer day spent tiptoeing between the rows of bookshelves at Adams Memorial Library in Latrobe, not wanting to break the spell of silence contained within its walls, while taking in the “aroma” that only a library full of old books can hold. My eyes went up and down and along row after row and book after book until I found just the right one (or two or three ). Some refer to the library as a “wardrobe of literature”, but I like to imagine it as Forrest Gump did life, “like a box of chocolates” because I would never know what I would find just beyond the next shelf, or as librarian, Julia Donaldson, so aptly writes:

Everyone is welcome to walk through the door.  
It really doesn't matter if you're rich or poor.  
There are books in boxes and books on shelves.  
They're free for you to borrow, so help yourselves.  
Come and meet your heroes, old and new,  
From William the Conqueror to Winnie the Pooh.  
You can look into the Mirror or read The Times,  
Or bring along a toddler to chant some rhymes.  
The librarian's a friend who loves to lend,  
So see if there's a book that she can recommend.  
Read that book, and if you're bitten  
You can borrow all the other ones the author's written.  
Are you into battles or biography?  
Are you keen on gerbils or geography?  
Gardening or ghosts? Sharks or science fiction?  
There's something here for everyone, whatever your “addiction”.

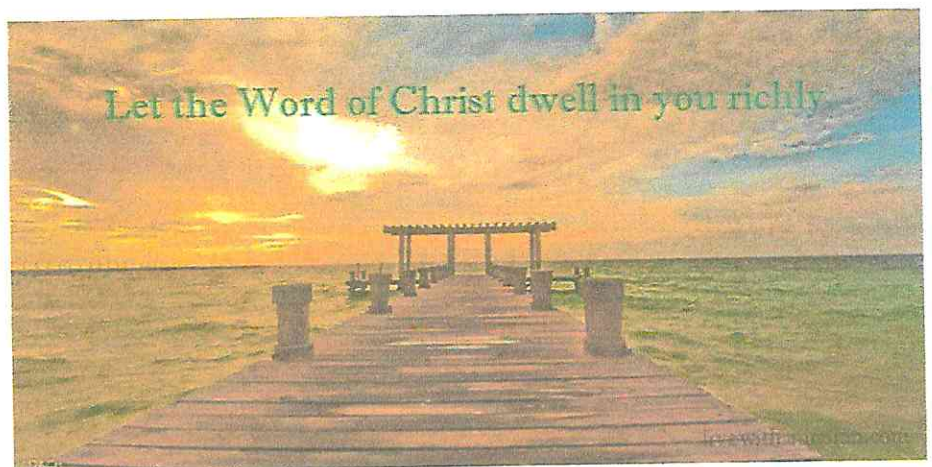
I was reminiscing about my afternoons in the library as I began my search for books to read on vacation. together with ones that would keep me captive on the front porch until then. There are so many choices, it really is like looking through a box of Whitman's Chocolate Sampler! Of course, there are lists of recommendations: Best Summer Books to Read in 2023; Beach Reads for 2023; 10 of the Best Beach Reads of All Time; 41 Can't Miss Beach Reads, and the list goes on.

While I enjoy mysteries, suspense and thrillers that have me at the edge of my seat, I also enjoy reading books that take me deeper into the "mysteries" of God, including the Bible. I know that carrying a Bible to the beach or to the lake may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it is just as portable as any other book or Kindle. The Bible is full of drama and action and mystery...and no matter how many times you might turn to a particular text, you will find something new. One of my favorite theologians, Henri Nouwen, writes: "The Word of God is powerful indeed. Not only the Jesus Prayer but many words from the Scriptures can reshape the inner self. When I take the words that strike me and slowly repeat them while reading or working, more or less chewing on them, they create new life..."

I invite you to add a Gospel, or letter, a Psalm or a book from the Bible to your summer reading list. I have shelves of books at the parsonage, if you let me know what your interest is, I would be happy to share. I also have the book by Max Lucado entitled "He Gets Us" – there are a number of copies available – I'll put them out in the narthex – just take one with you!

May God's Word  
stir up your hearts,  
and "dwell in you richly",

Pastor Kathy





During the month of May we lifted the following in prayer: Betty Simmons, Brad Brant, Judy Glessner, Jim Mowry, Jamye Coughenour-Matolyak, Sandy Miller, Jane Pugh, Jen Ohler, Dave Walker (Listie), family and friends of Jeff Stutzman, Linda Eisentrout, Jeanetta Shaffer, friends and family of Brian Richards 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 June, to be collected on June 11, is for the Somerset Flag Committee.

During May, we collected \$84 for the Humane Society. THANK YOU!

### Third Grade Bibles

The office needs the names of those children from the congregation who will be entering third grade this fall.

It is tradition to present each child with their own Bible. Please let us know NO LATER THAN Aug. 20!

### 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 in September



## Mark your calendars ...



**Sunday, June 4**-Honor Graduates during worship; Kid's Kingdom, Donut Sunday

**Tuesday, June 6**-Caring Workers 10 am

**Thursday, June 8**-Bible Study 10:30 am; Council Mtg 7 pm

**Sunday, June 11**-Worship at 10 am, Healing with Anointing Service; 2nd offering for Somerset Flag Committee; Covered Dish Dinner honoring the men of our congregation

**Monday, June 12**-WELCA 7 pm

**Tuesday, June 13**-Caring Workers 10 am

**Thursday, June 15**-Bible Study 10:30 am

**Tuesday, June 20**-Caring Workers 10 am

**Thursday, June 22**-Bible Study 10:30 am

**Monday-Friday, June 26-30**-Kids Kamp "Miracles of Jesus" 9 am-4 pm



**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.

Hope to see you then!

## JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am	2	3
4 <b>Worship 9am</b> Honor Graduates <b>SCS 10:30am</b> <b>Kids Kingdom</b>  <b>Donut Sunday</b>	5	6 <b>Caring Workers</b> 10 am	7	8 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am  <b>Council 7 pm</b>	9	10
11 <b>Worship 10:00 am</b> Healing with Anointing <b>2nd Offering—</b> <b>(Somerset Flag Committee)</b> <b>Men's Covered Dish Dinner</b>	12 <b>WELCA 7 pm</b>	13 <b>Caring Workers</b> 10 am	14	15 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am	16	17
18 <b>Worship 9am</b> <b>SCS 10:30am</b>	19	20 <b>Caring Workers</b> 10 am	21	22 <b>Bible Study</b> 10:30 am	23	24
25 <b>Worship 9am</b> <b>SCS 10:30am</b>	26  <b>KIDS ———</b>	27 <b>Caring Workers</b> 10 am  <b>KAMP —</b>	28  <b>ALL ———</b>	29  <b>WEEK ———</b>	30  <b>—————</b>	
			<b>Second Sunday Offering</b> is for <b>Somerset Flag Committee</b>			

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

**June 4**

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Brock Bowers
Assisting Minister	Jack Loeffert	Acolyte	Nolan Pyle
Greeters	Dave & Sandy Pyle		
Council Person	Karen Shaffer		

**June 11**

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Kohen Breegle
Greeters	Steve & Ken Will		

**June 18**

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Ari Ohler
Greeters	Joe & Genette Swank		

**June 25**

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Kolton George
Greeters	Dan & Dawn Walker		

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

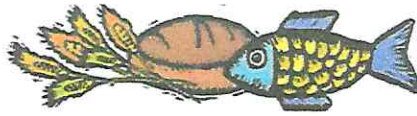


Kayla Miller	June 1	Mike Sulkowski	June 18
Janice Williams	June 2	Donald Raupach	June 19
Brian Rose	June 3	Cyrus Walker	June 20
Ron Schrock	June 4	Brian Will	June 20
Misti Breegle	June 6	Kathryn Hill	June 23
Olivia George	June 6	Gerald Brant	June 24
Bailey Trevarrow	June 6	Katelynn Swank	June 24
Mathias Clark	June 7	Danielle Gilbert	June 25
Kristin Brant	June 9	Jeffrey Ream	June 27
Melissa Maust	June 12	Cody Lenart	June 28
Kendra Nist	June 13	Randy Miller	June 28
Will Brant	June 17	Craig Walker	June 28
Debbie Nist	June 17	Karen Zerfoss	June 29
Kathy Rhoads (Fred)	June 17	Jeanetta Shaffer	June 30
Duane Sheeler	June 17		



Mollie & Bill Walker	June 7	<b>15 yrs.</b>
Jean & Lee Shaffer	June 9	<b>49 yrs.</b>
Cindy & Dave Miller	June 10	<b>44 yrs.</b>
Denise & David Custer	June 17	<b>53 yrs.</b>
Jodi & Dan Miller	June 18	<b>29 yrs.</b>
Karen & Randall Zerfoss	June 20	<b>38 yrs.</b>
Rebecca & Tigh Miller	June 22	<b>10 yrs.</b>
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Auman	June 20	<b>54 yrs.</b>

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



## IT'S ALMOST HERE ...

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.

We are sooo excited and can't wait to see you!!

## Eucharist Home Visitor Ministry

We would like to re-launch having members of the congregation take Holy Communion to our homebound members.

If you would be interested in being part of this outreach, please give Pastor Kathy or the office your name; you may be part of a team or an individual visitor.

Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information and details as we work to get this ministry back in full swing!





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

- Everyone who helped with decorations for "Sundae Sunday" and the Men's Dinner
- The children and youth who helped with worship on Mother's Day
- Property Committee for installing new toilet in men's room and work done on the field mower
- Ryan Maust for removing leaves from the pavilion and Ryan and Rick for power washing the pavilion
- Donna and Jackie Rhoads for checking the Sanctuary candles every week
- The ladies who prepared food and baked goods for the election and those who helped that day. We raised \$185 for the Somerset Flag Committee

**Thank  
YOU!**



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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