

Faith's Blessings

Faith Lutheran Church
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May 2024

Where I Find God:

In giggles, chuckles and smiles - the kind that you cannot contain,
puffy clouds and blue skies,
sunrise and sunset, thunder and lightning,
raindrops, rainbows and the whisper of the wind.



In the way my cats sit watching at the windows, curl their tails around my arm, snuggle at bedtime and purr.

In shared stories of years gone by filled with memories, hopes and prayers.

Long car rides, walks in the woods, phone calls with our children.

In the garden, in the kitchen, sitting on the porch swing.

In the vibrant colors of fall, the white of winter and the greens of spring.

In quiet evenings, a cup of tea, and a game of Yahtzee with friends.

In flowers and trees of every kind.

In my dad's paintings, mom's dog-eared cookbook, Nanny's handkerchief, and Pap's cheerful whistle,

Ice cream, popsicles and cherry pie,

Family 'round the table, "picnics" in the car,

Books, art, music, and campfires.

In a warm bed, a handmade afghan, breakfast for supper, and hugs.

In the moments we say "I love you", "I'm sorry", "I miss you" and in the words that echo "me too;"

and in the way love moves deep within me...

from my extended hands,

to my heart

to my eyes

to You.



"Finding God in all things is grounded in our growing awareness that God can be found in every one, in every place and in everything. When we learn to pay more attention to God, we become more thankful and reverent, and through this we become more devoted to God, more deeply in love with our Creator." If we're not expecting to find God everywhere, we might miss wonderful, holy opportunities for help, healing, delight and spiritual growth. God can peek into our lives at work and in nature; in our relationships – good and bad; at home and school and church; in our failings; in our joys; in our loneliness; in the ordinary things of this daily life; and in one another.

Where do you find God?

I look forward to hearing all the holy possibilities in whom and where you find God in this season of your life.

God's blessings borne of Easter,

Pastor Kathy †



During the month of April we lifted the following in prayer: Family and friends of Tomalee Will, David Hay, Mel Glessner, Bill Miller, Steve Will, Linda Eisentrout 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 May 12, has been designated for Somerset Humane Society. The offering will be used to offset operating costs.

For the month of April, we collected \$201 for Faith's Kid's Kamp.

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, we will observe Pentecost Sunday.

You are asked to wear your red and bring red geraniums to be planted around the church.

We will meet May 28 at 6:30 pm to plant them and anyone who would like to help is invited! Many hands make light work.



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

May 5

Altar Guild	Sandy Pyle	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Evelyn Rhoads
Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhoads		
Council Person	Sandy Pyle		

May 12

Altar Guild	Sandy	Reader	Jack Loeffert
Assisting Minister	Jack Loffert	Acolyte	Kolton George
Greeters	Jen & Ari Ohler		

May 19

Altar Guild	Sandy	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Sandy Pyle & Dawn Will		

May 26

Altar Guild	Sandy	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Darren Walker
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!**

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bible Study 10:30 am	3	4
5 Worship 9 am; Donut Sunday Kid's Kingdom Scouts SCS 10:30 am	6	7 Caring Workers 10 am	8	9 Bible Study 10:30 am Council 7 pm	10	11
12 Worship 9 am 2nd Offering (Humane Society) SCS 10:30 am Happy Mother's Day!	13 WELCA 7 pm	14 Caring Workers 10 am	15	16 Bible Study 10:30 am	17	18
19 PENTECOST Worship 10 am Spring Fling Covered dish Dinner following worship	20	21 Caring Workers 10 am	22	23 Bible Study 10:30 am	24	25
26 HOLY TRINITY Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	27 Memorial Day Office CLOSED	28 Caring Workers 10 am	29	30	31	
		Second Offering for May is designated for Somerset Humane Society				

Mark your calendars ...



Thursday, May 2 - Bible Study 10:30 am

Sunday, May 5 - Worship 9 am, Donut Sunday, Kid's Kingdom, Scouts

Tuesday, May 6 - Caring Workers 10 am

Thursday, May 9 - Bible Study 10:30 am, Council 7 pm

Sunday, May 12 - Worship 9 am, 2nd offering Sunday for the Humane Society, Happy Mother's Day!

Monday, May 13 - WELCA 7 pm

Tuesday, May 14 - Caring Workers 10 am

Thursday, May 16 - Bible Study 10:30 am

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Worship **10 am** wear your red and bring a red geranium to plant outside; "Spring Fling" Covered Dish Dinner to immediately follow worship

Tuesday, May 21 - Caring Workers 10 am

Thursday, May 23 - Bible Study 10:30 am

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Office **closed**

Tuesday, May 28 - Caring Workers 10 am

Thursday, May 30 - Bible Study 10:30 am

Upcoming...

Sunday, June 2 - Immediately following worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for an **Ice Cream Social ...** that's right, dessert first! Our ice cream sundaes will be prepared in a "unique manner." Hope to see you all 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	Don Golby	May 22
Camden Leister	May 5	Dennis Rhoads	May 23
Mike Trevarrow	May 6	Logan Gilbert	May 24
Emily Bent	May 7	Alexus Miller	May 24
Karen Shaffer	May 7	Taylor Latuch	May 25
Joshua Weyant	May 7	Noah Leister	May 25
Zac Friedline	May 8	Garen Black	May 26
Gene Hillegas	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
Fred Rhoads	May 13	Butch Dill	May 31
Earl Lohr	May 16	Tanya James	May 31



Heidi & Jason Diehl	May 4	28 yrs.
Karen & Gary Shaffer	May 7	9 yrs.
Debbie & Bill Nist	May 10	49 yrs.
Brenda & Ryan Maust	May 16	43 yrs.
Joeleen & Brian Everett	May 18	39 yrs.
Barbara & Fred Will	May 18	56 yrs.
Mary & Don Snyder	May 22	53 yrs.
Genette & Joe Swank	May 24	27 yrs.
Sammy & Joe Swank	May 26	5 yrs.



SPRING FLING SUNDAY, MAY 19

Join us for a covered dish dinner immediately following our **10 am worship**. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Hope to see you all then!

MOTHER'S DAY

The Worship Committee and Creative Crafters would like to wish all ladies a "Happy Mother's Day".

On the table in the narthex are refrigerator magnets compliments of the Worship Committee and Jar shaped Bookmarks compliments of Creative Crafters.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to take one of each.

KIDS KAMP! 2024

SPLISH! SPLASH!

June 24th through June 28th

from 9 am to 3 pm

for children and youth ages 4-16.

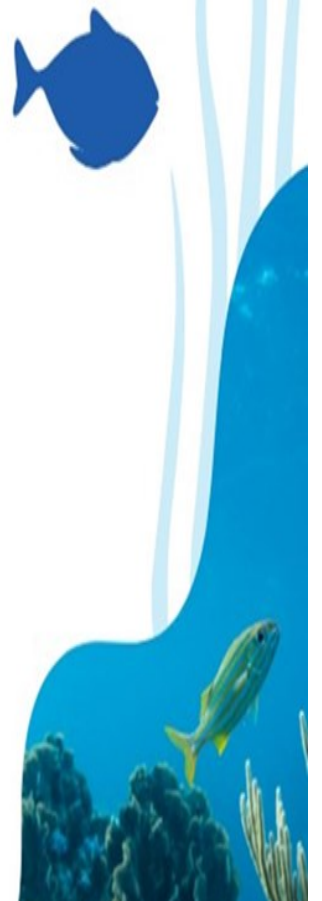
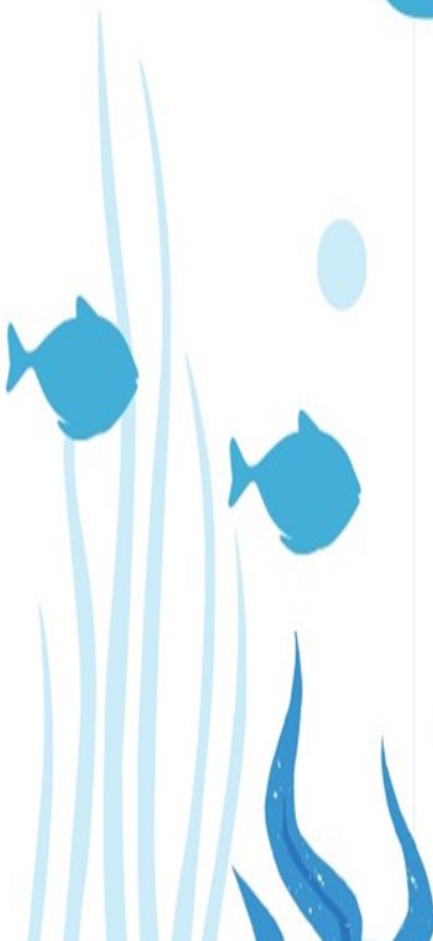
Before and after care will be available.

Pastor Kathy and members of the congregation will lead the group with lessons, crafts, science and games.

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

A special trip is being planned so be sure to sign up **EARLY!**

Watch for more details.



Property Committee "To Do List"

Listed below are items the Property Committee would like help with. If you are able and willing to work on any of these items, please let a member of the committee know.

If you have any questions, see Gene Hillegas or Carl Schrock.

THANK YOU

Front entrance to fellowship hall needs new siding and trim and doors need painted

Several walls/places in the church need painted

Blinds in classrooms need repaired/replaced

Picnic tables at pavilion need sanded/painted

Shrubs need trimmed

Light pole at rear of church (pavilion side) needs conduit

Weeds at play area at pavilion need pulled

Lines in parking need painted

Arch at gazebo needs repaired

LAUREL HIGHLANDS CHORALE

The Chorale will present "A Musical Montage" on Sunday, May 5 at 3:30 pm and Monday, May 6 at 7 pm at Somerset Church of the Brethren. Selections will include Patriotic, Blues, Pop and others.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.



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