

# Faith's Blessings

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**June 2024**

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**AHHH.....Summer!**



Summer will soon be upon us! It's a time for dangling your feet in the water from a launch, walking barefoot along a water's edge, dipping your toes into a pool, and sitting in your favorite chair on the bench and letting it sink down into the sand as the waves caress the bottoms of your feet! Sinking into the mud or the sand, stretching out, and relaxing... Listening to the sounds of campfires crackling and birds chirping; feeling the breeze across your brow...being still. Ahhh, summer!

When we receive the grace of God, it's like taking a vacation for our soul. In a world where we are conditioned (and air conditioned), educated and trained on how to work for a living for shelter, for sustenance, for fun, and for our daily needs, it's easy to translate this work mindset to church and faith. We must work hard, if not harder, to be good enough for God...to get to partake in His gifts, His peace, His wisdom, His forgiveness, His mercy...His promise....right?

I pray you are wagging your heads and saying out loud, "No! That's not grace!" I hope you know I like to throw those things out at you to invite you to reflect on what grace is all about. It is so freeing...it can feel like a summer vacation that we worked all year to save up for: punching the clock, running here and there to get things done along with all the "honey do" and "need to do" sticky notes that seem to multiply like rabbits... This mindset, however, sets us up for disappointment and anger, even depression, because we don't think we are good enough...we aren't up to it...we didn't get that homerun.

Scripture tells us that no one can get that homerun all by themselves. We are justified, made right, brought up to heavenly standards as a gift freely given by Jesus. The goodness and righteousness we may think we have to work for has already been accomplished for we are "saved by grace" not through our own doing but by the grace of God, through faith. "Our souls can sit in beach chairs by the tide", lean back around a campfire, dangle our feet in the waters of creation and "soak up the warmth of God's radiant love". The waters that caress us are just like the waters of our baptisms.

May the summer months be for us a reflection of God's love for us...and may we share that love with others....out of the love we have received from God.  
Ahhhh....summer!

In grace and peace and with much love,  
Pastor Kathy+



During the month of May we lifted the following in prayer: Rich Kreger, James Rayman, Katie Smith, Della, Misti Breegle, Fred Smith, Doris Lehman, Family and Friends of Beverly Thompson 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 June 9, has been designated for Somerset Military Family Support Group. The offering will be used to offset costs for their annual banquet.

For the month of May, we collected \$146 for the Humane Society.

### **Ordination Worship**

On Sunday, June 2 at 4:30 pm, Allen Stump will be ordained during a worship service hosted by Faith.

Everyone is invited to attend the worship service and then the meal that will follow in the fellowship hall.

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On the same day, during our 9 am worship, we will observe the 5th Ordination Anniversary of Pastor Kathy.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
BOTH!**



## **HATS OFF TO THE GRADS !!!**

On Sunday, June 2, during worship we will honor the following graduates:

Pre -K

Milo Clark

Kindergarten

Mathias Clark

Parker Leininger

Josie Swank

High School

Will Brant

Kallista Lake

Jack Loeffert

Dylila Weyant



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

**June 2**

Altar Guild	Brenda Maust	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Evelyn Rhoads
Greeters	Justin & Brandi Rhoads		
Council Person	Brenda Maust		

**June 9**

Altar Guild	Brenda Maust	Reader	Jack Loffert
Assisting Minister	Jack Loffert	Acolyte	Ari Ohler
Greeters	Carl & Carol Schrock		

**June 16**

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	David Pugh
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Olivia George
Greeters	Kevin & Linda Foster		

**June 23**

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	David Pyle
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Acolyte	Nolan Pyle
Greeters	Dave Pyle, Nolan & Dylan		

**June 30**

Altar Guild	Brenda Maust	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Kaden George
Greeters	Cindy Miller & Kate Judy		

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

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9 am; Donut Sunday Honor Graduates Special Congregational Meeting Ice Cream Social Ordination of Alen Stump—4:30 pm	3	4 Caring Workers 10 am	5	6 Bible Study 10:30 am	7	8
9 Worship 9 am 2nd Offering (Somerset Military Family Support) SCS 10:30 am	10 WELCA 7 pm	11 Caring Workers 10 am	12	13 Bible Study 10:30 am Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Happy Father's Day !!	17	18 Caring Workers 10 am	19	20 Bible Study 10:30 am	21	22
23 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	24 VBS 9-3	25 VBS 9-3	26 VBS 9-3	27 VBS 9-3	28 VBS 9-3	29 Creative Crafters 10 am
30 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am 5th Sun. Offering			Second Offering for June is designated for Somerset Military Family Support			

Mark your calendars ...



**Sunday, June 2**– Worship 9 am; Honor Graduates; **Special Congregational Meeting** and Ice Cream Social following worship, **Ordination of Allen Stump—4:30 pm, all are welcome to the meal in the Fellowship Hall following the service**

**Tuesday, June 4** - Caring Workers 10 am

**Thursday, June 6** - Bible Study 10:30

**Sunday, June 9** - Worship 9 am; 2nd Sunday Offering-Military Family Support Group

**Monday, June 10** - WELCA 7 pm

**Tuesday, June 11** - Caring Workers 10 am

**Thursday, June 13** - Bible Study 10:30; Council Meeting 7 pm

**Sunday, June 16** - Worship 9 am Happy Father's Day

**Tuesday, June 18** - Caring Workers 10 am

**Thursday, June 20** - Bible Study 10:30 am

**Sunday, June 23** - Worship 9 am

**Monday, June 24—Friday, June 28** - "Splish Splash" Kids Kamp 9-3

**Saturday, June 29** - Creative Crafters 10 am

**Sunday, June 30** - Worship 9 am; 5th Sunday Offering

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## **Special Congregational Meeting**

(Immediately following worship on Sunday, June 2)







## **WELCOME**

### **Donna Stillwagon!**

Donna is our new Parish Administrator. Donna enjoys baking and flower gardening and attends Christ Lutheran in Madley. She has a son, Nicholas and a daughter, Sarah and a dog "Oreo." She began training on April 15 and will be in the office Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.





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|------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| Kayla Miller     | June 1  |                | Kathy Rhoads      | June 17 |                |
| Janice Williams  | June 2  | <b>92 yrs.</b> | Duane Sheeler     | June 17 | <b>81 yrs.</b> |
| Brian Rose       | June 3  |                | Michael Sulkowski | June 18 |                |
| Ronald Shrock    | June 4  |                | Donald Raupach    | June 19 |                |
| Misti Jo Beegle  | June 6  |                | Cyrus Walker      | June 20 |                |
| Oliviah George   | June 6  |                | Brian Will        | June 20 |                |
| Bailey Trevarrow | June 6  |                | Kathryn Smith     | June 23 |                |
| Mathias Clark    | June 7  |                | Gerald Brant      | June 24 |                |
| Kristin Brant    | June 9  |                | Katelynn Swank    | June 24 |                |
| Melissa Maust    | June 12 |                | Danielle Gilbert  | June 25 |                |
| Kendra Nist      | June 13 |                | Jeffrey Ream      | June 27 |                |
| Donna Rhoads     | June 13 |                | Cody Lenart       | June 28 |                |
| Jackie Rhoads    | June 13 |                | Randi Miller      | June 28 |                |
| William Brant    | June 17 |                | Craig Walker      | June 28 |                |
| Debbie Nist      | June 17 |                | Karen Zerfoss     | June 29 |                |
|                  |         |                | Jeanetta Shaffer  | June 30 |                |



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| William & Mollie Walker | June 7  | <b>16 yrs.</b> |
| Lee & Jean Shaffer      | June 9  | <b>50 yrs.</b> |
| David & Denise Custer   | June 17 | <b>54 yrs.</b> |
| Daniel & Jodi Miller    | June 18 | <b>30 yrs.</b> |
| Randall & Karen Zerfoss | June 20 | <b>39 yrs.</b> |
| Tigh & Rebecca Miller   | June 22 | <b>11 yrs.</b> |



# **KIDS KAMP!** **2024**

# **SPLISH!**

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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



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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