

Faith's Blessings

Faith Lutheran Church

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Our grandson, Jeffrey, is in love. The kind of love that's steady and real—even if he wasn't always ready to say it out loud. For years, he circled the idea of proposing. He wanted the timing to be just right, the future lined up, the ducks in a row. But in the early days of summer, he surprised us all - love nudged him forward. He proposed to his girlfriend—in public, at an Orioles baseball game, no less! Afterwards, Jeffrey told us the

wedding would be a few years off. He still wanted to wait. I gently reminded him that his grandfather and I aren't getting any younger—and that sometimes, there's no such thing as a “perfect” time.

Then, while I was visiting on a break from my studies at the seminary in July, they invited me for dinner and told me they set a date: 2026. Another surprise took place during our visit over Labor Day, when they asked me to officiate the wedding. I smiled from ear to ear. I had tears in my eyes. Of course I did. Because that's what happens when you stop waiting for perfect and start trusting the gift. And Lily—his fiancée—is truly a blessing in our lives. She has been since the moment we met her.

I've been thinking about Jeffrey and Lily ever since. About how often we wait—not just for weddings, but for clarity, for confidence, for the “right” time to use the gifts God has already placed in our lives. And it's not just in our life's stories, but in the lessons and gospels we hear and learn about in Scripture—not the dramatic miracles, but the quiet moments of trust. The times when someone said yes without knowing how it would turn out. The times when God didn't wait for readiness, but simply invited presence.

Our adult Bible study has been watching *The Chosen* together, and one scene in particular has stayed with me. At the wedding in Cana, Mary turns to Jesus. She sees the need, senses the moment, and says gently, “If not now, when?” It's not pressure—it's recognition. The gift is already present. The time is already ripe.

That question has lingered in my heart. Because here in our congregation, we see those gifts every day:

- ♥ We have musicians who lift our spirits.
- ♥ Handymen and handywomen who quietly mend what's broken, set up what needs building, take down what's run its course, decorate with care—or gently return things to their simple state. Their work is often behind the scenes, but it holds the whole community together.
- ♥ Crafters who turn bottles, fabric, cardboard, paint, and even mod podge into beauty—reminding us that grace can be stitched, glued, and shaped from the most ordinary materials. What they create isn't just decoration—it's devotion.
- ♥ Cooks and coffee makers who prepare meals and pour comfort—at Kids Kamp, at funerals, for hospitality, and every social gathering in between. Their hands serve nourishment, but their presence serves love.
- ♥ Teachers who guide with patience and wisdom, planting seeds of faith and curiosity across generations.
- ♥ Worship leaders who help us pray, sing, and listen—making space for God to speak through silence and song.
- ♥ Council members who discern and decide with care, holding the weight of leadership with humility and hope.
- ♥ Greeters who welcome with warmth and kindness, making sure every person feels seen. Ushers who carry the offering and the elements with reverence, helping us move together through sacred moments. Altar guild members who prepare holy space with quiet devotion. Cup holders who serve communion with care, offering grace in every gesture. Acolytes who carry light into the sanctuary, reminding us of the presence of Christ.
- ♥ Voices that speak truth, sing grace, and offer comfort.
- ♥ People who show up, week after week, with open hands and steady hearts.
- ♥ And children and youth who inspire us with their questions, their energy, and their wonder.

These aren't small things. They are sacred. So this October, I invite you to join me in seeing, recognizing and acknowledging the gifts already among us: The ones you've shared. The ones you are still discovering. The ones that quietly shape this community with grace. You don't have to be ready. You don't have to be perfect. You are already part of what God is doing.

And I thank God...for you

Pastor Kathy +



During the month of September we lifted the following in prayer: Bill Hoffman, Jane Pugh, Fred Mull and Faith's Home-bound 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

We collected \$165 in September for "Shop with a Cop".

The October 2nd offering to be collected October 12 has been designated for the Somerset Fire Department.

Thank You for support of our outreach programs to these organizations!

Faith Formation

Adult Sunday School—weekly following worship service.

Oct. 5– Kids Kingdom during Fellowship.

Oct. 5– Youth in Action 4-6 pm; "Pop Tarts & Parables"

Oct. 19- Catechism 4-6 pm at St. Marks this month

Oct. 26 - Youth in Action 4-6 pm
"Boo-lieve in Jesus"

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

October 5

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Darren Walker
Greeters	Rod Will & Gene Hillegas		
Council Person	Sandy Pyle		

October 12

Altar Guild	Laura Miller	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Randy Fieg	Acolyte	Colleen Barndt
Greeters	Karen Shaffer & Dawn Will		

October 19

Altar Guild	Laura Miller	Reader	Bob Duppstadt
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Misti Breegle Family		

October 26

Altar Guild	Laura Miller	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Evelyn Rhoads
Greeters	Ryan & Brenda Maust		

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

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Advance orders for soup (ham & bean, potato or vegetable beef will be taken until Oct. 19; \$8/qt or \$4/pt ... Pick-up on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 10 am-noon or election day Nov. 4			1	2 Bible Study 10:30 am	3	4
5 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Kid's Kingdom Donut Sunday YIA 4-6 pm "Pop Tarts & Parables"	6	7	8	9 Bible Study 10:30 am Council Mtg. 7 pm	10	11
12 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am 2nd Sun. Offering is for Somerset VFD	13	14	15	16 Bible Study 10:30 am	17	18
19 <u>Worship 10 am</u> "You're Souper" covered dish/ soup after worship Catechism 4-6 pm @ St. Marks	20	21	22	23 Bible Study 10:30 am	24	25
26 Reformation Worship 9 am; wear your red! SCS 10:30 am YIA 4-6 pm "Boolieve in Jesus"	27 Soup Making 9 am	28	29	30 Bible Study 10:30 am	31 Synod Assembly thru Nov. 1	
			October's Second Offering is for Somerset Volunteer Fire Department			

Youth in Action



“Pop Tarts & Parables”

Sunday, October 5th from 4-6 p.m.

Roll up your sleeves—we’re heading to the kitchen,
With jam and dough and stories worth listenin’!
We’ll bake Pop-Tarts from scratch, and frost if you like—
Each one a treat that’s sure to delight.

Jesus told stories—simple, wise, and true,
Of seeds and sheep and treasures too.
We’ll craft and play, explore and share,
And find God’s love is everywhere.

You’ll choose your filling—your favorite delight:
Strawberry, Nutella, or blueberry bright,
Grape, cinnamon, or something new—
Pick the one that’s right for you!

A light supper will fuel our night,
For all school-age children & youth—come share the light!
Bring a friend and questions galore,
We’ll bake, pray, and play—
God’s love is the filling we’re looking for.



There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby at church or just give us a call at 443-3179 so we can prepare the supplies and let us know you’ll be here!



Joeleen Everett	October 4
Gary Shaffer	October 7
Zac Foster	October 13
Lori Dill	October 16
Mirabella Tweardy	October 29
Doug Miller	October 30



Dawn & Dan Walker	October 4	47 yrs.
Elaine & Gene Hillegas	October 18	56 yrs.
Kathy & Allen Stump	October 18	45 yrs.



Blessing of the Hunt and Hunters
Sunday, October 5th
 Come join us for a special blessing and
 prayer for a safe hunting season.
 You are invited to wear your hunter's
 orange and camouflage.



Bring Your Bibles to Church Sunday
A Blessing of the Bibles
Sunday, October 5th

We invite you to bring your Bibles with you to church—family heirlooms, well-worn study companions, children's story Bibles, or the one tucked beside your favorite chair—

for a special moment of blessing during worship.

Whether your Bible is held together with duct tape and love, or still smells like fresh pages, we'll honor the stories it carries and the hands that have turned its pages. Together, we'll give thanks for the Word that shapes us, comforts us, and calls us deeper into God's love.

All ages welcome. All Bibles welcome.

You're welcome to bring as many Bibles as you own—each one tells a story, and we'd love to bless them all.

A special table near the altar will be set up to receive your Bibles before worship begins.

If you don't have your own bible, we'll have one ready for you to take home—our gift to you.

Let's celebrate the living Word in our lives and homes.



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HOMEMADE SOUP SALE

From Our Freezer to Yours:

Ham & Bean
Beef Vegetable
Cream of Potato

ADVANCE ORDERS ONLY until October 19th

PICK UP on Sunday, November 2nd

from 10:30 a.m. to Noon

or Election Day, November 4th

SOUP - \$8.00 per QUART \$4.00 per PINT

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT FAITH'S
Operation Christmas Spirit: Angel Tree Blessings**

Place Your Order by Phone: 814-443-3179



**A Soup-er Duper Celebration:
A Covered Dish Birthday Bash for Everyone!**

Sunday, October 19th

After 10:00 A.M. worship, we're throwing a party—and you're already on the guest list!

We'll gather around tables with warm soup, birthday cake, and plenty of laughter.

No matter when you were born, whether you're turning 1 or 100,
this is your celebration.

Bring a pot of soup or a side to share and come on down, grab a spoon,
and join us for a time of fellowship that's full of flavor and fun!



REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26 th

Wear Red!

It began with a hammer and a door.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg—not to tear down the church, but to call it back to its center. He questioned the sale of indulgences, challenged abuses of power, and insisted that

grace could not be bought.

**We thank God for Luther's boldness,
For his translation of Scripture into the language of the people,
For his trust that faith is not earned, but received.
And we thank God for the gospel that still rings louder than any hammer strike:**

**Grace alone. Christ alone. Scripture alone.
Still reforming. Still redeeming. Still reaching us today.**

Operation Christmas Spirit:

Angel Tree Blessings



This year Faith will once begin to get into the “Christmas Spirit” as part of its Heart Strings Ministry by adopting the residents of Martins Personal Care Home in Rockwood and also the residents at Countryside Personal Care Home in Friedens for Christmas.

Pick an angel gift tag from the Christmas tree in back of the sanctuary and help make a difference:

November 2 through November 30

Each gift tag is a smile that you can make come true.

Take one. Shop. Return. That is all one must do.

Pick a tag and sign it out.

Return the gift with tag attached by November 30. Do not wrap the gifts; we will do so as a community of faith the first Sunday in December during our Doughnut Fellowship/Kids Kingdom.

Later in December, we will carpool to Martins and Countryside to hand-deliver the gifts along with some other goodies and sing a few favorite Christmas carols. Date to be announced.

Unable to shop? Monetary gifts are welcome to assist in providing the home with additional blessings for this wonderful group of folks – just place them in the collection giftbox near the tree.

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS



A Liturgy of Remembrance Sunday, November 2nd 9:00 A.M.

November is a season of remembering.

As the days grow shorter and the porch lights glow a little longer,
we gather to honor the saints—
those who have gone before us, those who walk beside us, and those whose stories are still unfolding.

Faith's Festival of All Saints offers sacred space to speak the names of loved ones, light candles in their memory, and pray for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us.

Together, we'll remember.
Together, we'll give thanks.

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVE



**Sunday,
November 9TH**

“WE SALUTE YOU!”

Join us in worship at 10:00 a.m. as we recognize, honor, and give heartfelt thanks to all who have served and continue to serve in our armed forces. This is a sacred time to lift up the courage, sacrifice, and steadfast spirit of our veterans.

Following worship, we’ll gather for a spaghetti dinner in celebration of Faith’s veterans and their families.

Let’s share a meal and say together:
“Thank you—we salute you!”

All are welcome. Come be part of this moment of gratitude and community.

(Volunteers are needed – contact office and/or let Pastor Kathy know you are able to lend a hand.)



Faith Formation at Faith

Learning. Living. Laughing.
Listening. All in God's love.

Faith Formation – Fall 2025

Whether you're brand-new or a familiar face, there's a place for you to grow, learn, and connect this fall:

Adult Sunday School

Join us each Sunday following worship for thoughtful conversation and spiritual growth. No homework required—just bring yourself.

Adult Bible Study

Thursdays from **10:30–11:30 AM** (or as long as the Spirit stirs the conversation). Come for the coffee, stay for the laughter, learning, and heartfelt reflections as we dig into God's Word with Pastor Kathy.

Kids' Kingdom Sunday School

Begins **October 5th**, during Doughnut Sunday fellowship. Open to children of all ages—featuring Bible stories and themed-activities to make faith come alive.

Youth in Action

First gathering of the season will be held on **Sunday, October 5th, 4–6 PM**. (Note: This is a shift from our usual last-Sunday rhythm for September due to scheduling and vacations.) Open to children and youth of all ages—a space to share a meal, explore our faith, and live it out through community service and fun. Bring a friend or two!

Catechism for Confirmation

First gathering is **Sunday, September 28th, from 4–6 PM** here at Faith, with a light supper included.

Faith Formation is more than a program—it's a shared journey. Come walk with us as we listen, learn, and live God's love together.



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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