

Faith's Blessings

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July rolls in with that holiday feeling — the kind that settles in before you even realize it. The mornings are warm before the coffee's done, the evenings smell like someone nearby has already fired up the grill, and the first ear of corn on the cob shows up on the table, hot and oozing with butter, daring you to keep your shirt clean. And then, just when the sun slips behind the trees, the fireflies start blinking in the yard like tiny lanterns scattered in the grass. July has a way of reminding us to slow down and pay attention.

Most nights, one of our neighbors has a little campfire going. The scent drifts through our windows, and every time it does, it takes me straight back to childhood camping trips with my family — the crackle of the fire, the smell of woodsmoke in my hair, the way the stars looked

when you were far from everything. It makes me look forward to the trip Allen and I take up to the Clarion River near Labor Day. There's something about a campfire that settles the spirit. It's simple, steady, familiar — the kind of thing God uses to remind us that we're held.

Somewhere in all that summer ease, I keep hearing Jesus' words from Matthew: "Come to me, all you who are weary." It's one of those lines where Jesus isn't giving instructions — He's giving Himself. He's not asking us to climb higher or try harder. He's offering rest that goes deeper than a nap or a quiet evening. It's the kind of rest that settles the heart. The kind that reminds us we don't carry life alone. When Jesus says "come," He's saying, "Let Me hold what you're holding. Let Me walk with you. Let Me be the steady place when everything else feels scattered." And that invitation fits July — the warm evenings, the fireflies drifting over the grass, the campfire scent through the window — all those small reminders that God meets us right where we are, not where we think we should be.

In the middle of vacations, cookouts, and long weekends, our life together as a church keeps going. Worship doesn't take the summer off. Community doesn't take the summer off. God certainly doesn't. So bring your summer self — relaxed, tired, sun-soaked, whatever you've got. Your presence matters. Your voice in the prayers and hymns matters. Your seat in the room matters. And when we gather — even in July — God meets us there.

The same goes for the events and meetings sprinkled through the summer months. They may be small, they may be simple, but they're part of how we stay connected. Part of how we keep growing. Part of how we care for one another. If something is on the calendar, it's because it matters — and because you matter to it.

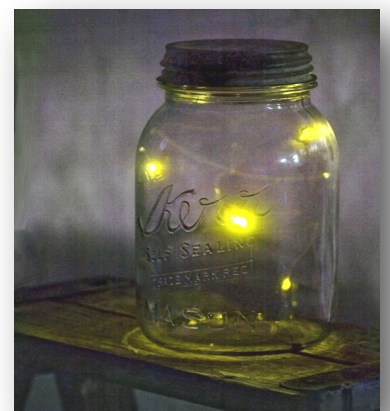
I'll be away for a full week this month at the Seminary in Gettysburg for continuing education focused on the words of Luther and Luther's *Large Catechism*. It's not a vacation — though I won't complain if the coffee is good and the evenings are quiet. It's a chance to learn with other pastors and lay leaders, to listen deeply, and to think about how faith works in real life.

Luther didn't write the catechism for scholars tucked away in libraries. He wrote it for households — for people juggling work, family, chores, and everything else life throws at us. It's practical faith. Honest faith. Faith that belongs at the kitchen table and in the car and in the yard while you're watering the tomatoes. I'm looking forward to bringing back whatever might help us grow together as a community of disciples.

So let July be July — warm, simple, a little slower. Let it give you a moment to rest, to laugh, to enjoy the people around you. Let the fireflies blink in the yard. Let the corn drip butter down your chin. Let the campfire scent drift through the window and stir up a memory or two. And when you're home on a Sunday morning, or when there's something happening at church, come. Show up. Be part of it. God meets us in all of it — quietly, steadily, faithfully — just as God always has.

In grace and peace,

Pastor Kathy +





During the month of June we lifted the following in prayer: Maxine Temple, Nancy Walker, Mark Temple & friends on mission trip to North Carolina, storm victims, Family & friends of Jeffrey Walker, and Faith's Homebound Members.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits bring 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. Hospital Chaplains do not always notify us. **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.

Pastor Kathy †

Special Offering

Second Offering

The July 2026 offering is designated for the Military Family Support Group. This offering will be collected July 12.

Thank you for your support of these agencies that help our community.

Faith Formation

- ♦ **Worship service** at 9:00 a.m.; **Adult Sunday School** at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Bible Study** on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Saturday, July 4** - The 250th Birthday of our country!
- ♦ **Sunday, July 5** - Donut Sunday! following worship service at 9 a.m. - Join us for Adult Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Thursday, July 16** - No Bible Study
- ♦ **July 13 - July 17** - Pastor Kathy in Gettysburg for continuing education — Pastor Allen Stump will be available for pastoral care.
- ♦ **Saturday, July 25** - Creative Crafters meet at 1 p.m.



WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE HELPING WITH THE WORSHIP SERVICE FOR JULY!

JULY 5 - Celebration of our country's 250th Birthday

ALTAR GUILD	Laura Miller
ASSIST. MINISTER	Darren Walker
GREETERS	Laura Miller & Linda Foster
LECTOR	Laura Miller
ACOLYTE	Colleen Barndt
COUNCIL PERSON(S)	Joe Swank

JULY 12— 2nd Sunday Offering / Military Support Group

ALTAR GUILD	Laura Miller
ASSIST. MINISTER	Brock Bowers
GREETERS	Brock & Deanna Bowers
LECTOR/READER	Deanna Bowers
ACOLYTE	Lane Gilbert
COUNCIL PERSON(S)	Joe Swank

July 19

ALTAR GUILD	Laura Miller
ASSIST. MINISTER	Jane Pugh
GREETERS	Cindy Miller & Jane Pugh
LECTOR/READER	Cindy Miller
ACOLYTE	Kaden George
COUNCIL PERSON (S)	Joe Swank

JULY 26

ALTAR GUILD	Laura Miller
ASSIST. MINISTER	Randy Fieg
GREETERS	Dave & Sandy Pyle
LECTOR/READER	Flor Hernandez
ACOLYTE	Nolan Pyle
COUNCIL PERSON(S)	Joe Swank



***PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR COMMUNION BREAD, ALTAR FLOWERS & DONUT SUNDAY!**

Please remember: if you have volunteered to help with the service and are unable to be here on your assigned date, please find a replacement and let the office know. Thank you!

JULY 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	3 Pastor's Vacation Day Church Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday	4 250th Birthday of The USA! GOD BLESS AMERICA!!
5 Worship 9 a.m. Donut Sunday; SCS 10:30 a.m.	6	7	8	9 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	10 Pastor's Vacation Day
12 Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. 2 nd Sunday Offering Military Family Support Group	13 PASTOR KATHY Will be in Gettysburg this week for Continuing Education	14 Pastor Allen will be available for pastoral care while Pastor Kathy is away	15	16 NO Bible Study NO Council Meeting	17 Pastor's Vacation Day
19 Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m.	20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24 Pastor's Vacation Day
26 Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Assembly 9:30 a.m.	31 Pastor's Vacation Day
					2nd Sunday Offering - the Military Family Support Group



Navy Everett	July 8	Alex Rosales	July 18
Richard Walker	July 9	Randy Fieg	July 19
Brian Everett	July 13	David Pyle	July 19
Evelyn Rhoads	July 13	Champ Slayton	July 26
Annalina Brant	July 16	Forrest Swank	July 27
Linda Foster	July 17	Deanna Bowers	July 31



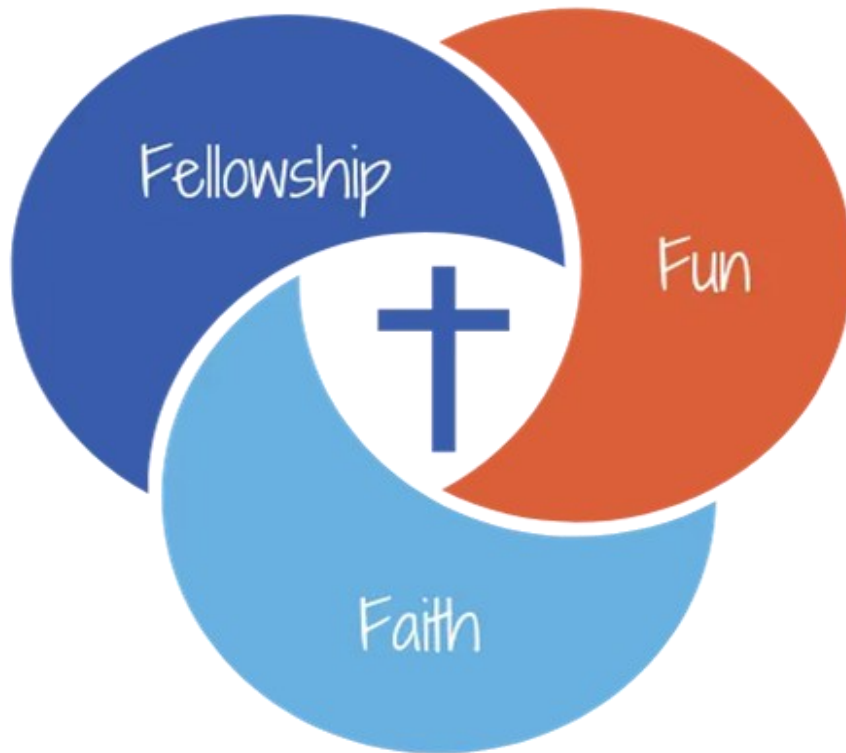
Bryon & Judith Glessner	July 2	66 years
Douglas & Laura Miller	July 2	45 years
Dylan & Desiree Everett	July 7	7 years
Thomas & Brenda Walker	July 9	55 years
David & Jane Pugh	July 12	11 years
Donald & Linda Golby	July 17	56 years
Clifford & Margaret Spangler	July 21	69 years
Donald & Gloria Weyant	July 21	53 years

“FAITH” in FELLOWSHIP”

Events being planned for Sundays in 2026

Mark Your... Calendars!

- August 23 Back to School BBQ*
- September 20 Family Banquet (tentative date)*
- October 18 Reformation Oktoberfest*
- November 15 Honoring Our Vets Spaghetti Dinner*
- December 6 Mingle & Jingle – Decorate for Christmas & Covered Dish Dinner
- December 13 “Donut Sunday” and Congregational Meeting



***Worship Service moved to 10:00 a.m. due to activities and meals planned
– pork & sauerkraut, spaghetti, BBQ – are not exactly breakfast foods!**



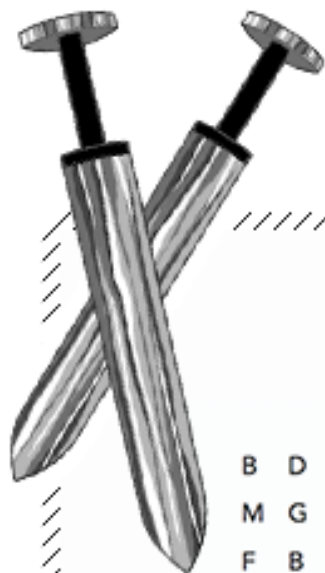
Sunday, August 23rd

We're gathering for one last summertime hooray — complete with lunch, laughter, and a table full of school supplies.

Our Back to School BBQ will be held on **Sunday, August 23rd**, and worship will begin at **10:00 AM** so we can head straight into lunch together. We'll also be giving away school supplies to help our kids start the year strong — donations welcome!

Because we're ordering the chicken ahead of time, everyone who plans to join us **must sign up**.

bring your favorite dessert to share!



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

ARMOR OF GOD

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FAITH

PAUL

SWORD

PRAYER

FEET

HELMET

BELT

SHIELD

ARROWS

WORD OF GOD

SALVATION

STRENGTH

TRUTH

ELOHIM

RIGHTEOUSNESS

BREASTPLATE

PEACE

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom—1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30 am

Youth in Action! Last Sunday of the Month

