Faith's Blessings

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I've been reading about this new trend among young adults—"Grandma Hobbies." TikTok, of all places, is full of twenty-somethings knitting, crocheting, gardening, baking, canning, doing puzzles, watching birds, and reading actual physical books. In other words, they're doing what many of us have been doing for decades. Turns out our church community has been "trendy" long before TikTok caught on!

A generation raised on screens is discovering that their souls are hungry for something they can touch. Something slow. Something quiet. Something that doesn't demand their attention every five seconds. Researchers say these hobbies help people feel grounded, connected, and human again. They give folks a chance to forget themselves for a little while in a world that keeps shoving their own reflection back at them. Honestly, when I look around our congregation, I see that happening already. Our Creative Crafters meet once a month, making things for our homebound members, decorations for the fellowship hall, gifts for our youngsters, and yes—sometimes just for the joy of creating something beautiful. There's l laughter, stories, shared scissors and glue bottles, and that gentle hum of people who feel at home with one another. If you've been thinking about joining, this is your nudge. There's always room at the table.

Our Feeding the Flock ministry does the same thing in a different way—hands chopping vegetables, stirring soups, baking quick breads, providing meals to folks facing medical emergencies, long-term illness, new babies, or financial strain. It's love you can taste. It's care you can carry in a dish. It's the gospel with a side of stuffing balls! Our choir welcomes every voice, and we're starting a choir for younger voices too. Singing isn't just beautiful—it expands our lungs, strengthens our core, lifts our spirits, and gives glory and praise to God. Kids Kingdom, Youth in Action, He-Brews Bible Study, and Adult Sunday School all offer places where people gather around Scripture, conversation, and community. Then there are the quiet saints who fix things around the church, keeping us safe, warm, and able to gather. Their hands preach a sermon every time they tighten a bolt.

All of these ministries have something in common: they're embodied. They're hands-on. They're real. They offer the kind of grounded, human connection that so many young people are craving right now. As Paul reminds us, "Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it." We are meant to be connected, meant to move, meant to serve, meant to create, meant to be together.

Maybe this whole "Grandma Hobby" trend is simply reminding us of what the church has known all along: people need places where they can be human together. Places where hands are busy, hearts are open, and the noise of the world fades into the background.

It is good for us to do so—to be a community in Christ, together. It makes the days easier. It gets us moving, talking, laughing. It's a way for us to take care of our bodies, minds, and spirits…the very temples God created.

So if you're looking for that kind of place, we have plenty. Creative Crafters, Feeding the Flock, choirs, Kids Kingdom, Youth in Action, He-Brews, Adult Sunday School, and the fix-it crew. Mark your calendars and pull up a chair; there's a seat waiting for you and we'd love to have you join in.

We ARE trendsetters!

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy †

During the month of August we lifted the following in prayer: First Responders, medical personnel and their families, travel mercies, Jeff Eckman, John McClellan, Clifford & Louise Spangler, Maxine Temple, Symanthia Temple, Nancy Walker, Rhonda Henry, Family and friends of Marc Cober, 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** to 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. Call Pastor Kathy directly at (814) 483-3097.

Pastor Kathy †

Second Sunday Offering

The September 2026 offering is designated for the **Shop with a Cop program.** The offering will be collected September 13. Thank you for supporting the organizations that help our communities.

Faith Formation

- **Thursday, September 3 - No Bible Study**
- **Sunday, September 6 - Donut Sunday!** following 9 a.m. worship service. Join us for Kids Kingdom; Youth Choir and Adult Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, September 17 - No Bible Study**
- **Thursday, September 24** - Newsletter assembly at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, September 27** -Confirmation/ Catechism Class 4 - 6 p.m.
- **Sunday, October 4 -** Youth In Action 4 - 6 p.m.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 6 Revised 8-24-26

ALTAR GUILD	Karen Shaffer
ASSIST. MINISTER	Jane Pugh
GREETERS	Bob Thomas & Judy Thomas
LECTOR/READER	Jane Pugh
ACOLYTE	Darren Walker
COUNCIL PERSON(s)	Ryan Maust
COMMUNION BREAD	Karen Shaffer

September 13 2nd Offering Sunday - SHOP WITH A COP

ALTAR GUILD	Karen Shaffer
ASSIST. MINISTER	Randy Fieg
GREETERS	Randy Berkey & Keith Rhoads
LECTOR/READER	Gennette Swank
ACOLYTE	Kohan Breegle
COUNCIL PERSON(s)	Ryan Maust
COMMUNION BREAD	Karen Shaffer

September 20 Family Banquet - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

ALTAR GUILD	Karen Shaffer
ASSIST. MINISTER	Bob Duppstadt
GREETERS	Dave & Sandy Pyle
LECTOR/READER	Bob Duppstadt
ACOLYTE	Colleen Barndt
COUNCIL PERSON (s)	Bob Duppstadt
COMMUNION BREAD	??

September 27

ALTAR GUILD	Karen Shaffer
ASSIST. MINISTER	Dave Pugh
GREETERS	Dave & Jane Pugh
LECTOR/READER	Laura Miller
ACOLYTE	Lane Gilbert
COUNCIL PERSON(s)	Ryan Maust
COMMUNION BREAD	Karen Shaffer

THANK YOU TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MONTH.

**** Please remember if you are unable to serve on the day assigned, please find a replacement and notify the office of the change. Thank You!**

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PASTOR'S VACATION WEEK --------->	2	3 NO BIBLE STUDY	4	5
6 Worship 9 a.m. Donut Sunday; Kids Kingdom; Youth Choir SCS 10:30 a.m.	7 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 Pastor returns from vacation	9 Laurel Highlands Rostered Leaders Meeting 10 a.m.	10 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	11	12
13 Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. 2nd Offering Sunday - Shop w/a Cop	14 PASTOR AWAY BISHOP'S CONFERENCE	15 Newsletter Articles Due ---------->	16 PASTOR COMING BACK FROM CONFERENCE	17 NO BIBLE STUDY	18	19
20 Worship 10 a.m. FAMILY BANQUET	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22	23	24 Newsletter Assembly 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	25	26
27 Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m.	28	29	30			
					2nd Sunday Offering - SHOP w/a COP PROGRAM	

Rodney Will	**September 2**	
Dylan Pyle	**September 3**	
Jack Loeffert	**September 6**	
Judy Thomas	**September 11**	**81 years**
Oakleigh Breegle	**September 13**	
Lily Walker	**September 13**	
Charles Brant	**September 19**	**92 years**
Jane Pugh	**September 23**	

Zach & Brittany McClellan September 30 3 years

Faith Formation at Faith

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

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 **September 6th**, during Doughnut Sunday fellowship. Open to children of all ages; featuring Bible stories & themed-activities to make faith come alive.

NEW!!! Youth Choir – Begins, **September 6th**, immediately following worship. Open to children, youth and young adults.

Youth in Action

First gathering of the season will be held on **Sunday, October 4th, 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 27th, from 4–6 PM** here at Faith, with a light supper included. Designed for youth in **grades 6–12**. We'll meet monthly on the **third Sunday of each month**, Attendance is required in order to be confirmed. Letters/ registration forms will be sent via snail mail.

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.

If your children or grandchildren will be entering the 3rd grade this coming school year, please make sure to let Pastor Kathy or Ruth in the office know so we can be sure they receive their Bible. Bibles will be presented to the children on Sunday, September 20th, during worship.

YOUTH CHOIR

Our children and youth discovered something wonderful at Kids' Kamp: they love singing together. It brought out joy, confidence, and a sense of belonging. Soo…… We're starting something new this year. Beginning September 6th, Cindy Miller, together with Genevieve Spade and Pastor Kathy, will be leading a Youth Choir. We will practice immediately following worship before we begin Kids' Kingdom. Doughnut fellowship will be brought into the classroom for our young members to enjoy together.

Come join the choir!

All voices are welcome and needed to help lift up our thanks to the Lord our God! Come join the choir! Do you sing happy birthday? Come join the choir!! Do you sing in the car? Come join the choir!!! Do you sing in the shower? Come join the choir!!!! Church choir will start back up on September 13th following worship.

MEALS ON WHEELS

LET'S BAKE!

Faith will again be providing desserts for the **Meals on Wheels Program** as part of its community outreach ministry. Many of Faith's own members benefit from this program and we are happy to do our part during the Week of September 21st thru the 25th. Sign-up sheet will be passed around on Sundays – or call the office and let us know what you would like to bake.

No Icing is the only restriction; chocolate is now allowed. Let's bake for our friends and neighbors! Bring your bake goods to church on Sunday morning, September 20th, and we will deliver them; <u>you are responsible for delivering them on your own if not left at the church.</u>

FAITH'S ANNUAL FAMILY BANQUET

Sunday, September 20th, following 10:00 a.m. worship

Join us for a sweet celebration!

We'll gather as one big church family while also honoring our "Gold Club Members" — those whose faith and wisdom have kept our hive buzzing for generations.

Come share a meal, laughter, and gratitude for the saints who continue to shine brightly among us. You may even win a prize!

Meal: Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Stuffing Balls, Coleslaw, Beverages and Dessert

Cost $15 per person; Children 12 and under free;

Gold Members are guests of honor, meal compliments of the congregation.

Entertainment: Musical group "Friends"

Sign up by September 10th; checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

Let's "Bee Golden" together!

FALL WORD SEARCH

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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