

Faith's Blessings

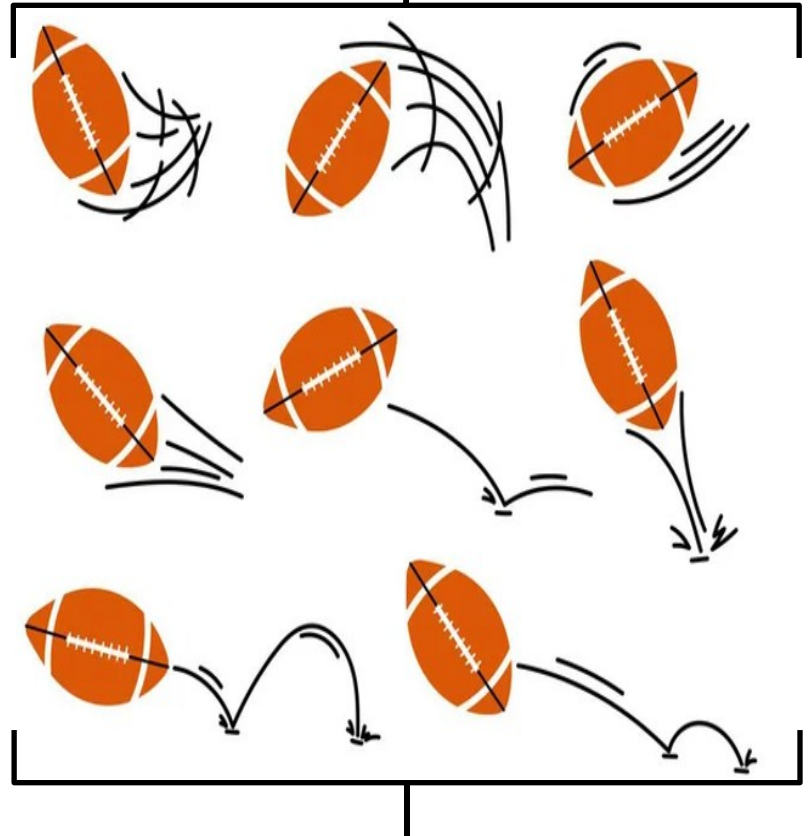
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October always seems to arrive with a full calendar. Around here, it's football season — homecoming games, senior nights, chilly bleachers, and the kind of community energy that gathers people together. Somewhere in the middle of all that, I found myself thinking about how impossible it is to dribble a football. You can try your best, but it wobbles, shoots off sideways, and leaves you chasing after it.

Life feels like that sometimes when we're trying to handle everything on our own. Most of us know that off balance feeling. We try to keep every commitment, solve every problem, and carry every worry. Before long, things start bouncing in directions we never intended. The good news is that God doesn't leave us to steady ourselves. The Spirit meets us right in the wobble and gives us the grounding we can't create on our own.

This month gives us some bright reminders of that. Our Youth in Action group will gather for "Glow with Jesus", doing pumpkin "work" together — scooping, carving, and talking about how God shapes us from the inside out. A pumpkin only shines because something bright is placed within it. That's the Spirit's work in us. God lights us from the center so that hope and kindness can shine through the ordinary cracks of our days.



The week before Reformation, we'll gather for an "Oktoberfest", a time of fellowship, good food and fun. Everyone will have the chance to complete a Luther's Seal "stained glass" project, a simple hands on way to remember the heart of our Lutheran identity.

Luther designed that seal himself, and it became the most enduring symbol of the Reformation. He wanted people to see his theology in everyday colors and shapes. At the center is a black cross inside a red heart — a reminder that faith in the Crucified One saves us. The cross may bring struggle, but it doesn't destroy us; it keeps us alive in Christ. That heart rests inside a white rose, because faith brings joy, comfort, and peace — not the kind the world gives, but the deep peace Jesus promises. The rose sits in a sky-blue field, showing that faith is the beginning of heavenly joy, something we taste now but will one day know fully. Around it all is a golden ring, symbolizing the eternal, unending blessedness God promises — more precious than anything we could ever own.

It is a beautiful reminder that Reformation is not just a date on the calendar. It is a living, ongoing shaping of who we are as God's people — hearts centered on Christ, lives steadied by the Spirit, hope held in the promise of God's kingdom.

As we step into October, my prayer is that we let the Spirit steady our steps and brighten our days from the inside out. In all our gatherings this month, may we notice the ways God is still moving among us, guiding us forward with a steadier rhythm than we could ever manage alone.

Blessings to you in this Spirit-filled season.

Pastor Kathy †





During the month of September we lifted the following in prayer: Family & friends of Gary Custer, Family & friends of Shirley Devore, Family & friends of Bill Eckman, Family & friends of the Rev. Clarence Caldwell, Darlene Zerfoss, Scott Bauermaster, Craig Walker, Hudson Hillegas, Mark Temple, Storm victims, 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 know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; **please call** Pastor Kathy directly at (814) 483-3097.

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Second Sunday Offering

The October 11th second offering is designated for the **Shanksville Volunteer Fire Co.** Thank you for supporting the organizations that help our communities.

Faith Formation

- ♦ **Thursday mornings in October** - Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday, October 4** - Donut Sunday, Kids Kingdom, Youth-Children's Choir, Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Sunday, October 18** - Confirmation Class 4 - 6 p.m.
- ♦ **Reformation Sunday, October 25** - **Wear red - Youth in Action, "Glow with Jesus!"** - 4 - 6 p.m. - Please sign up so we can organize food and pumpkins. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

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

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 4 - DONUT SUNDAY - DONUT SPONSOR NEEDED

ALTAR GUILD	Sandy Pyle
ASSIST. MINISTER	Bob Duppstadt
GREETERS	Bob Duppstadt & Randy Berkey
LECTOR/READER	Randy Fieg
ACOLYTE	Anders Barndt
COUNCIL PERSON(s)	Randy Berkey
COMMUNION BREAD	NEEDED

October 11 2nd Offering Sunday - Shanksville Vol. Fire Co.

ALTAR GUILD	Sandy Pyle
ASSIST. MINISTER	Randy Fieg
GREETERS	Deanna Bowers & Laura Miller
LECTOR/READER	Deanna Bowers
ACOLYTE	Nolan Pyle
COUNCIL PERSON(s)	Randy Berkey
COMMUNION BREAD	Deanna Bowers

October 18 OKTOBERFEST - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 A.M.

ALTAR GUILD	Sandy Pyle
ASSIST. MINISTER	Genevieve Spade
GREETERS	Steve & Dawn Will
LECTOR/READER	Bob Duppstadt
ACOLYTE	Kolton George
COUNCIL PERSON (s)	Randy Berkey
COMMUNION BREAD	NEEDED

October 25 REFORMATION SUNDAY - - WEAR RED

ALTAR GUILD	Sandy Pyle
ASSIST. MINISTER	Jane Pugh
GREETERS	Dan & Dawn Walker
LECTOR/READER	Dave Pugh
ACOLYTE	Evelyn Rhoads
COUNCIL PERSON(s)	Randy Berkey
COMMUNION BREAD	NEEDED

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE ASSISTING WITH
THE 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!**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
				1 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	2	3
4 Worship 9 a.m. Donut Sunday; Kids Kingdom; Youth Choir SCS 10:30 a.m.	5	6 Bishop's Presentation on his trip to Kenya & KELC - at Laurel Trinity Lutheran Church, Jennerstown, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	7	8 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Council Meeting 7 p.m.	9	10
11 Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. 2nd Offering Sunday - Shanksville Vol. Fire Co.	12	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Articles Due	16	17 Creative Crafters - Jesus Carrying Cross Silhouette Painting - Let Pastor know you are attending so supplies are available
18 WORSHIP AT 10 a.m. Stay for Oktoberfest Dinner Catechism Class 4 - 6 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Newsletter Assembly 9:30 a.m.	23	24
25 Reformation Sunday - Wear Red - Worship 9 a.m. SCS 10:30 a.m. YIA 4-6 p.m. "Glow w/Jesus"	26	27	28	29 Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	30 Fellowship Hall in use all day	31
					2nd Sunday Offering - Shanksville Vol. Fire Dept.	



Joeleen Everett	October 4
Michele Shaffer	October 5
Gary Shaffer	October 7
Lori Dill	October 16
Brian Shaffer	October 25
Mirabella Tweardy	October 29
Douglas Miller	October 30



Dan & Dawn Walker	October 4	48 years
Gene & Elaine Hillegas	October 18	57 years
Prs. Allen & Kathy Stump	October 18	46 years



Faith Formation at Faith

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

**Whether you're brand-new or 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

The First Sunday of the Month during Doughnut Sunday fellowship. Open to children of all ages; featuring Bible stories & themed-activities to make faith come alive.

NEW!!! Youth Choir – Meets First Sunday of the Month immediately following worship. Open to children, youth and young adults.

Youth in Action

First gathering of the season will be held on **Sunday, October 25th, 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, October 18th, 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.

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.

Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands In Fellowship and Fun



“GLOW WITH JESUS!”

**Sunday October 25th
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Pumpkins lined up in a row,
waiting for our hands to glow.
We'll shape a few things full of fright,
the kind that whisper boo at night.
But even when the dark feels near,
we hold a light that's bright and clear —
Jesus' light within us glows,
just like porch-lit pumpkins show.
So come for laughter, food, and fun,
a fall night shared by everyone.
Costumes welcome, easy to do.
Bring a friend or maybe two.
Now hurry up - sign up !



Oktoberfest page.

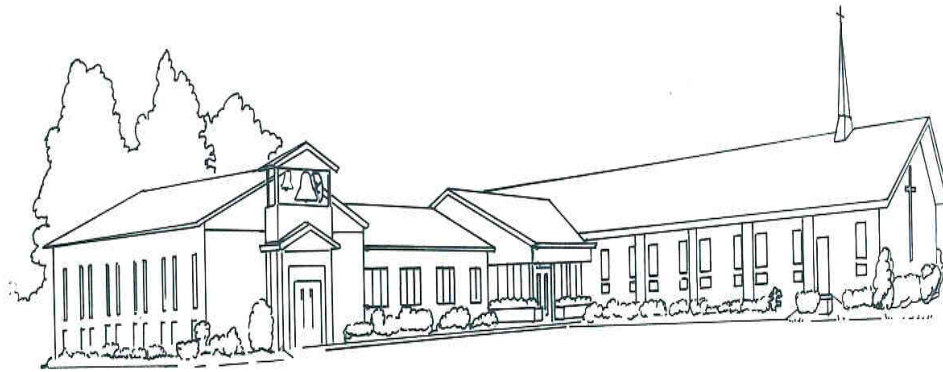
Mission Page

**Our Golden
Club
members
were honored
at the annual
family
banquet held
September
20th.**



**Third-Grade Bible
Presentation at Faith
on September 20th.
Parker Leininger is
surrounded by his
friends as Pastor
Kathy gave him his
Bible to guide him
through his walk with
the Lord.**





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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

