

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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AUGUST DATES OF NOTE

19 August - World Humanitarian Day
26 August - Women's Equality Day



From Pastor Peggy

August 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

NOT MY JOB!

I'm beginning to sense a bit of burnout in the congregation. We continue to face challenges (the big one now is finding a pianist/organist) and those can wear us down. We think someone else or some other committee should take on the work because I don't know what to do. Dear brothers and sisters, we are facing "adaptive challenges"...things we haven't faced in anyone's memory. Ways of doing things that worked for seemingly forever, need to be changed.

We are working on how to update our on-line presence, to keep it up to date and eye catching. We are getting help from consultants on how to do it, but it will take a couple of dedicated people to make sure we keep it up!

Our long serving picnic organizer and our craft fair/quilt show organizers are both stepping down, BUT they will mentor their replacements this year to see that the events go on. Do you think you are able to take on one of these leadership roles?

I encourage you to pray about these opportunities and ask God if you are being called for such a time as this. (A reference to the book of Esther). I am grateful that a social ministry team has been launched and with the leadership of Cindy Rowan and Michelle Tabatabai we are reaching out to our community to offer service. You would be welcome to join that team as well.

We've come a long way and solved a number of challenges this year. Let's keep the faith and know that Jesus loves us and the Holy Spirit is with us to get things done!

Peace and Love,
Pastor Peggy



SUMMER WORSHIP WITH US
Sunday Church Services at 9:45 AM

BEGINNING RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 10, SERVICE WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 AM to accommodate Sunday School and Confirmation class

Communion—The first Tuesday of each month,
join us for a light lunch at noon
followed by communion at 1:00.

We hope to encourage our members who are uncomfortable driving at night, to use this time for fellowship that was enjoyed at our Wednesday night Hotdogs and Hymns. All are welcome! Bring a friend.

Altar Communion—The first Sunday of each month
celebrate Communion around the Altar. Please join us!

**All Sunday School and Confirmation classes will resume on
September 10th at 9:00 AM**

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 a.m.

- ♦ **Sunday School classes available from Bible Babies to Adult Forum.**
- ♦ **Confirmation Classes for our youth in Seventh & Eighth grades. This is a two-year program.**
- ♦ **Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place.**

Music in Ministry

***“O come and let us sing to the Lord;
rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to the
noise to Him with songs of praise!”***

-Psalm 95: 1-2

Worship and music are inseparable. The arts are a powerful medium for ministry, providing a vehicle for personal and corporate praise, prayer, and thanksgiving to God. Music speaks what cannot be expressed in words, thus soothing the mind, healing the heart, calming and uplifting the spirit. Music is a gift from God that flows from heaven to the soul. **However great or small your talents, there is a place for you in our music ministry.** I hope that this helps you to find a way to come out this fall to “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Musical opportunities include:

Bell Choir: (7th grade and up)

I look forward to **NEW** members joining us this year. Having the ability to read music is an advantage but if you are unable to read music and have an interest in playing, please do not be discouraged; come to a rehearsal and see what it is all about. If you were part of the bell choir last year you need not contact me, as I will count on you continuing playing with us, but if you are a potential new member that would be interested in playing please contact me **BEFORE** the first rehearsal for the purpose of assigning bells.

Rehearsals-one night a week (Thursdays 6:15-7:15)

Location-Rhoads Room/Sanctuary

Ministry-rings once a month during the worship service and special events of the church season

Senior Choir: (9th grade and up)

Calling all who are interested in praising God in song! If you have not been in the choir before and are interested in joining us, please contact me **BEFORE** the first rehearsal, so that a folder is prepared for you.

Rehearsals-one night a week (Thursdays 7:30-8:30)

Location-Rhoads Room/Sanctuary

Ministry-weekly ministry for Sunday service and special events of the church season

Special Music:

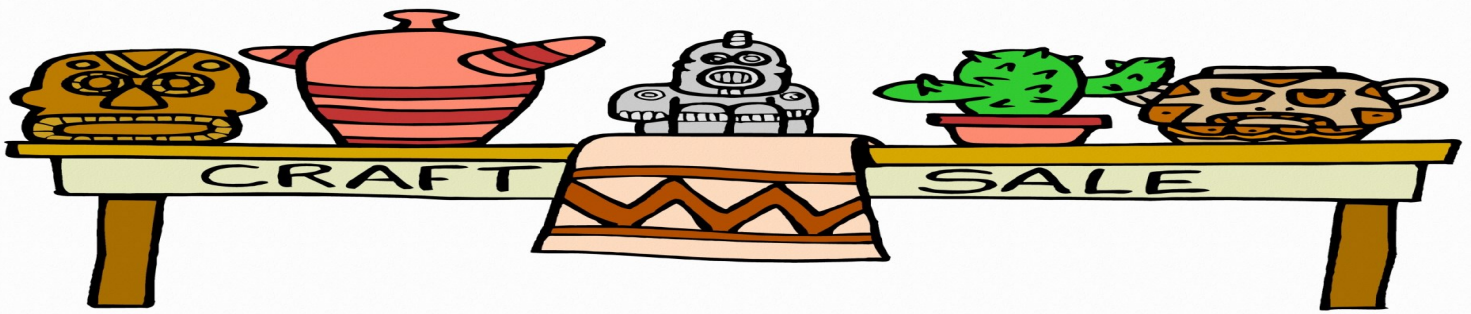
Vocalists and instrumentalists for special musical offerings are welcomed. Solos, duets, trios, and small ensembles are valued anytime, but especially during the summer months. Please let me know if you are interested in sharing your special talent.

Instrumentalists:

There are Senior Choir anthems that sometimes have an accompaniment part that require various instrumentation (violin, trumpet, flute, drum, clarinet, etc.); if you would be interested in accompanying the Senior Choir on a particular instrument—please let me know what instrument it is that you play and what level you play at (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

***Rehearsals for ensembles occur on Thursday evenings-however, the **FIRST** rehearsal will take place on **WEDNESDAY, September 6th**. If you took a break from music and are ready to come back, if you have never rung a bell or sung in a choir before, or if you have been part of the music ministry here for years; I look forward to glorifying God’s name with you. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at home: jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com (subject heading: FELC Music) or at 610-451-8660 (cell/text).

Jennifer Kishbaugh₄ Director of Music



Help Wanted: Volunteers for Annual Craft Fair!

Are you passionate about crafts, in love with quilting, and maybe just a little bit crazy? If so, we want **YOU** to join our incredible team of volunteers for our upcoming Annual Craft Fair!

Position: Craft Fair Enthusiast

Requirements:

Must Love Crafts: Whether it's knitting, painting, pottery, or any other crafty endeavor, we're seeking individuals who have a genuine love and appreciation for the world of crafts. Your creativity and enthusiasm will be a valuable asset in making this event a memorable one.

Should Love Quilts: Quilts are not just blankets; they are a work of art and a labor of love. If you have a soft spot for quilting, a keen eye for quilt designs, or simply enjoy the cozy comfort they bring, we would love to have you on board.

May be Crazy: Okay, not *literally* crazy, but a little bit of quirky fun and a willingness to think outside the box will surely make this experience even more enjoyable. We believe that a dash of craziness can lead to unique ideas and unforgettable moments!

Responsibilities:

Collaborate with fellow craft-loving volunteers to plan and organize the Craft Fair.

Assist in setting up booths, decorating the venue, and creating an inviting atmosphere.

Engage with visitors and showcase your crafting expertise.

Share your passion for quilts and crafts with attendees through interactive workshops or demonstrations.

Benefits:

An opportunity to be a part of a vibrant and welcoming community.

Showcase and sell your own crafts or quilts, if you wish to do so.

Gain valuable event planning and organizational skills.

Make new friends who share your interests and enthusiasm.

The satisfaction of contributing to a meaningful and enjoyable event for everyone.

Join Us Today! If you're excited to be a part of our Annual Craft Fair and are ready to bring your crafting, quilting, and creative energy to the table, we can't wait to meet you! Please reach out to Claudette@faithon145.org, office: 610 435 0451 M-Th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to sign up as a volunteer. Let's make this Craft Fair the best one yet!

Note: The Craft Fair 11/11/23 at Faith. Other details provided upon signing up as a volunteer.

Social Ministry Outreach Commitment

Whitehall-Coplay School District has 4200 students enrolled

57% of the students are below the poverty level.

In addition, there are 25 homeless families whose children attend Whitehall.

We at Faith, through our Social Ministry Committee, have partnered with the Whitehall-Coplay School District to provide requested resources for these students.

In the Narthex you will see a table for the requested Items.

You can bring in or drop off supplies on Sundays before service or during office hours: M-Th 9 am to 3 pm.. If you would rather donate towards the cause, you can place your donations in an envelope in the offering plate earmarked for Whitehall-Coplay School Supplies.

ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED

Back packs K-12	Refillable water bot- tles	Pencil box- es	Crayons	Colored pencils	Pencils	Glue sticks
Safety scis- sors		Body wash	Tooth paste	Tooth brush- es	Deodorant	Shampoo

BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS IN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023.



CHURCH CHATTER

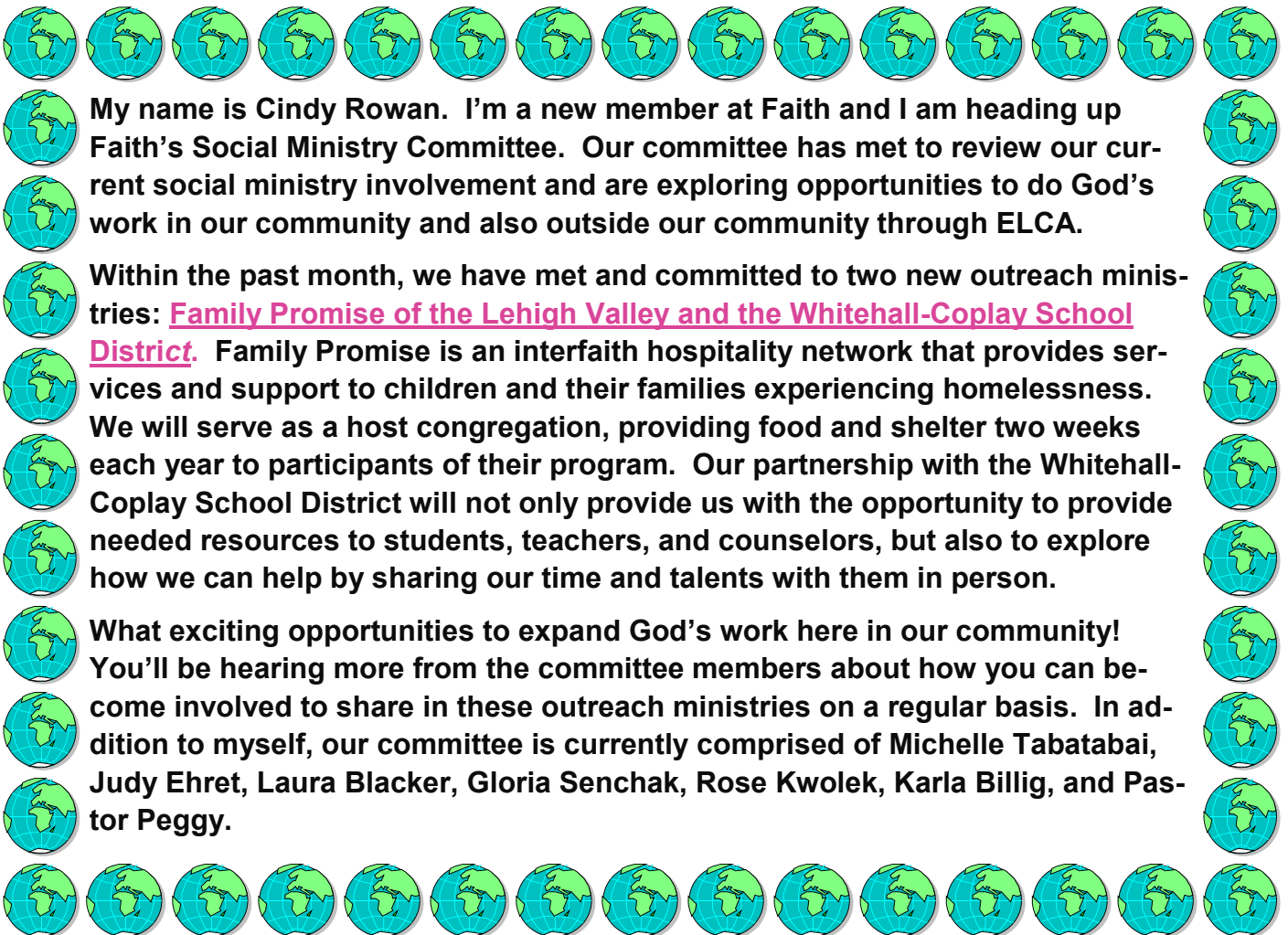


Congratulations to Rachel Joyce for winning the 16th Carolinas Junior Girls' 15 and Under Golf Championship played at the Country Club of Whispering Pines, Whispering Pines, N.C.

Rachel said her mindset during the playoff was "just keep it in the fairway, keep it safe." When asked what the win means to her, she said, "It's definitely a confidence boost for future tournaments." The Carolinas' Golf Association was founded in 1909 to promote and protect the game of golf in the Carolinas by providing competitions, education, support, and benefits to gold clubs and golfers. [Nana Jalowiecki is very proud of her granddaughter!](#)

Congratulations, Rachel!

HOORAY FOR OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE SERVING OTHERS



My name is Cindy Rowan. I'm a new member at Faith and I am heading up Faith's Social Ministry Committee. Our committee has met to review our current social ministry involvement and are exploring opportunities to do God's work in our community and also outside our community through ELCA.

Within the past month, we have met and committed to two new outreach ministries: [Family Promise of the Lehigh Valley and the Whitehall-Coplay School District](#). Family Promise is an interfaith hospitality network that provides services and support to children and their families experiencing homelessness. We will serve as a host congregation, providing food and shelter two weeks each year to participants of their program. Our partnership with the Whitehall-Coplay School District will not only provide us with the opportunity to provide needed resources to students, teachers, and counselors, but also to explore how we can help by sharing our time and talents with them in person.

What exciting opportunities to expand God's work here in our community! You'll be hearing more from the committee members about how you can become involved to share in these outreach ministries on a regular basis. In addition to myself, our committee is currently comprised of Michelle Tabatabai, Judy Ehret, Laura Blacker, Gloria Senchak, Rose Kwolek, Karla Billig, and Pastor Peggy.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE FABULOUS LADIES OF PIECEMAKERS
 THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WORK YOU DO!
 THE BAPTISMAL QUILTS ARE ALWAYS SO VERY SPECIAL AND BEAUTIFUL.**

Thank you too ladies for helping community member, Taylor Labenberg, earn her community outreach badge for Girl scouts by allowing her to present her project of making post surgery pockets for breast cancer patients . Both Taylor’s mother, Kim, and Taylor are very grateful for your helping Taylor earn her badge.

Thank you Diane Finley for taking Taylor’s idea and making many pockets for Taylor to donate to women in the community.

As always, the board of the Whitehall Food Pantry is extremely grateful to our members for the continued support and contributions that you share. As I stated in church, Second Harvest is finding it difficult to get some of the staples that we need for our patrons, and we have divided the list between our churches.

FELC has chosen 1 lb. bags of white rice and canned fruits for our “wish list”. In addition, the items that are in short supply are: rice, canned fruits, canned vegetables, soups, cereal, and fruit juice.

If anyone is shopping and finds these items on sale, we would appreciate any help you can provide. We purchase these items each week in addition to meats when needed.

Thank you and God Bless You!

**A very special thank you to all our volunteers
 Thank you for all you do to live God’s promises through your good works.**

(Ephesians 2:10)

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



ROCKIN RECIPES

Please send your recipes to claudette@faithon145.org, drop them off in the Church office, or mail them.

“And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.” Ecclesiastes 3:13

Frog Eye Salad *from Judy Ehret*

1 cup Acini di Pepe #27	Cooked and drained
1 sm. Can chunk pineapple	Drain juice and save
1 sm. Can crushed pineapple	Drain juice and save
2 cans Mandarin Oranges	Drain juice and save
3 eggs beaten	
3 Tbsp. flour	
1 cup sugar	
1 cup mini marshmallows	
1-9 oz. cool whip	
1 Qt. blueberries	

Mix juice with eggs, flour and sugar. Cook over low heat till thick. Cool in re-
frig. In large bowl, combine fruit, cooked Acini di Pepe and thickened juice.
Add Marshmallows and cool whip. Fold in blueberries. Refrigerate and en-
joy.

PEANUT BUTTER FRUIT DIP from Judy Ehret

2 CUPS MILK

1/2 CUP SOUR CREAM

1 (3.4 OZ) Jell-O-Vanillia instant pudding

1 cup creamy peanut butter

1/3 cup granulated sugar

Apple slices

Combine milk, sour cream and pudding mix in a medium bowl. Whip until smooth. Add peanut butter and sugar to the pudding mixture. Mix well until blended. Serve with apples.



A social statement... FOR PEACE IN GOD'S WORLD COURTESY OF ELCA

The biblical narrative reveals God's resolve for peace. God created all things and gives unity, order, and purpose to a world of different creatures. All humans are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), made for life in community—with God, with others, and with the rest of creation. All humans also are bound together in sin. Sin, the rupture in our relation with God, profoundly disrupts creation. Centeredness in self, rather than in God, destroys the bonds of human community. In bondage to sin, we fall captive to fear. Sin entangles our social structures. The Bible describes the power of sin: ingratitude, deceit, distrust, hatred, greed, envy, arrogance, sloth, corruption, debauchery, aggression, cruelty, oppression, and injustice.

These violate community and generate killing and war. God nonetheless preserves the world, limiting the effects of sin, bringing good even out of evil and making earthly peace possible. Through the Law, the sovereign God of the nations holds all responsible for their neighbor, protects community, and blesses creation ever anew. God works often in hidden and inscrutable ways. God's judgment comes upon a sinful humanity for failure to live together justly and peacefully, and calls all to repentance and faith in God. God's just wrath against all that causes chaos and destruction is in the service of the divine resolve for peace.

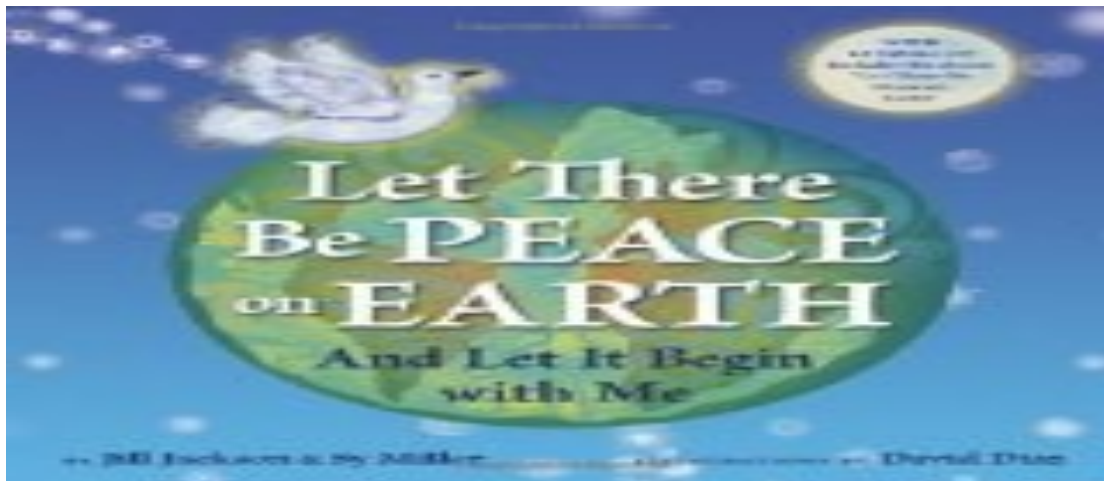
God's resolve for peace was manifested in a new way through one people, chosen to be a blessing to all. Through the people of Israel, God acted so as to reconcile creation, promising a reign in which peace and justice will kiss each other (Psalm 85). God's promise is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Rejected by humans, Jesus was confirmed by God who raised him from the dead in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that "on earth" there might be "peace" (Luke 2:14). In bringing this peace,

- Jesus taught love for one's enemies
- he reached out to the oppressed, downtrodden, and rejected of the earth
- he prayed for his enemies while himself being rejected on the cross
- above all, through Jesus' violent death, God redeemed the world

"for...while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son" (Romans 5:10). This reconciling love of enemy discloses how deeply peace is rooted in who God is. The cross of Christ enacts God's resolve for peace once-for all. "The God of peace" suffers with and for a suffering and sinful world so that all of creation will enjoy the loving community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of peace” (Ephesians 6:15) heals our broken relationship with God, removing the ultimate root of violence and injustice. The Gospel breaks down the dividing walls of hostility among people, creates a new humanity—making Christ Jesus “our peace” (Ephesians 2:13- 22)—and promises the reconciliation of all things in Christ.

The peace of the Gospel is the final peace God intends for all. The baptized community already takes part in this peace through the Word and faith as it hopes for creation’s fulfillment in “a new heaven and a new earth” where death and pain “will be no more” (Revelation 21:1, 4). God’s steadfast resolve for peace encompasses our time as it does all times. In creation and redemption, through Law and Gospel, God’s faithful love acts for peace.



**I have said these things
to you, that in me you
may have peace.**

**In the world you
will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have
overcome the world.**

- John 16:33

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AUGUST FUN FACTS

August is upon us, starting with an old harvest holiday, Llamas Day. Do you know who August is named after, what August babies are called, and the holidays this month? Are you a fan of this harvest month which brings the bounty of the season or do you dislike the hottest month of the year?

Who is August Named After?

August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14). He was the first Roman emperor and grandnephew of the previous ruler Julius Caesar (who named July after himself).

August 1, traditionally known as **Lammas Day**, was an old festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest.

August 11 marks the end of the [Dog Days of Summer](#), which began on July 3.

August 19 brings [National Aviation Day](#), chosen for the birthday of Orville Wright who piloted the first recorded flight of a powered heavier-than-air machine in 1903.

August 26 is [Women's Equality Day](#), which celebrates the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and, with it, women's right to vote in the United States.

August Astronomy

Full Sturgeon Moon

August's first full moon, the full **Sturgeon Moon**, reaches peak illumination on the night of Tuesday, August 1. **Blue Moon**

You'll be able to see another full moon this month as well—and it's going to be a doozy! On Wednesday, August 30, there will be a [Blue Moon](#)

Perseid Meteor Shower

August is often a wonderful month for stargazing! It's the month of the [Perseid meteor shower](#), which is one of the most prolific showers and reaches its maximum between August 11 and 13.

August Gardening

Summer declines and roses have grown rare,
But cottage crofts are gay with hollyhocks,
And in old garden walks you breathe an air
Fragrant of pinks and August-smelling stocks.

—John Todhunter (1839-1916)

The Anglo-Saxons called the month of August “Weod month” because it’s a month when weeds and other plants grow rapidly!

here’s what’s in season:

Cantaloupe, Watermelon, Corn, Eggplant, Peaches, Tomatoes , Bell Peppers, Jalapeño Peppers, Cucumbers , Summer squash, zucchini

August Birth Flowers

August’s birth flowers are the gladiolus and the poppy.



The [gladiolus](#) symbolizes strength of character, sincerity, and generosity.



The [poppy](#) symbolizes eternal sleep, oblivion, and also imagination

**August
2023**

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

Altar Guild	Pat Masonheimer and Cindy Rowan	Linda Johnston and Gloria Senchak	Shel and Judy Ehret	Rosemarie Haffner and Charlene Frack
Acolytes and Crucifers				
Lectors		Manny Stivers		
Narthex Greeters	Fran Brigidi	Gloria Senchak		
Assistant Ministers	Barb Kotsch	Shel Ehret	Judy Ehret	Tom Colburn
Bulletin Sponsors	Lucille and Roger Reichard			
Flower Sponsors	Lucille and Roger Reichard			

		<u>AUGUST</u>		<u>CALENDAR</u>		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10:30 am prayer group TGP Noon light lunch (1:00 PM Communion (TGP)) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	2 Over 80's Birthday Party	3 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)	4	5
6 AA 8:00 PM (PH)	7 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	8 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	9 Hot dogs and Hymns 6:00 PM TGP	10 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)	11	12
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<u>HAPPY</u>		<u>BIRTHDAY</u>		<u>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</u>	
Justin Meyer	8/1	James Ringenberger III	8/19 8/19		
Carol Mickey	8/1	Gizella Snyder	8/19	Marilyn Reese	8/1
Amber Peirce	8/1	Clair Neamand	8/21	Bruce and Alicia Trotter, Jr	8/1
Gregg Roberts	8/1	Margaret Muthard	8/22	Cynthia Miller	8/6
Keith Baily	8/2	Melissa Soldridge	8/22	Amanda Bashore	8/8
Doreen Miller	8/2	Daniel Herzog	8/23	Lucille and Roger Reichard	8/9
Shannon Ringenberger	8/3	Amanda Kutzura	8/23	Thomas and Megan Tock	8/9
Natalie Delp	8/4	Frances Morgan	8/23	Dorothy Gantz	8/10
Shirley Benninger	8/5	Heather Rivera	8/24	Shannon Henry	8/11
Edward Graberitz Jr	8/5	Kaitlyn Ward	8/24	Ronald and Alyssia Wechsler	8/11
Karen Schopf	8/5	Dean Wotring	8/24	Herman and Queen Sodl	8/14
Jerry sperlbaum	8/5	Beverly Falk	8/25	Kathleen Morgan	8/15
Hope Gruver	8/8	Krystal Gioielli	8/25	Carolyn Spairana	8/15
Patricia Krick	8/8	Linda Baily	8/28	Fredrick Oswald	8/19
Phillips Armstrong	8/10	Sandra Bodnyk	8/29	Carl and Linda Youngblood	8/24
Michele Riegel	8/10	Linda Wehr	8/29	Dale and Cheryl Mohr	8/25
Barry Brunst	8/12	William Blayle	8/30	Jeff Holobusky	8/26
Nicole Siems	8/14			Frances Morgan	8/28
William Eberhart Jr	8/15			Diane Batza	8/30
Linda Youngblood	8/15				
Carson Moyer Jr	8/16				
Linda Johnston	8/16				
Nancy Geiger	8/17				
Scott Weidner	8/17				
Florence Heydt	8/18				

