

# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2024



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## Dates to Remember

The month of June is **dedicated to the Sacred Heart.**

**Trinity Sunday:** A Sunday that centers on the doctrine in the Christian church that God is three in one — the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

June 1 marks the beginning of **Pride Month.**

June 5 is **World Environment Day.**

June 14 is **Flag Day**

June 16 is **Father's Day**

June 19 is **Juneteenth**

June 20 is the **summer solstice,**

June 21 is this month's **Full Moon**

June 24 brings **Midsummer Day,** also **St. John the Baptist's Feast Day.**

## Exploring Being Lutheran: ELCA Mission & Vision

### **Vision**

A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

### **Purpose**

The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.

### **Priority Areas**

**A Welcoming Church: Engaging new, young and diverse people**

*"Your young ... shall see visions, and your old ... shall dream dreams."*  
**Acts 2:17**

**A Thriving Church: Rooted in tradition and radically relevant**

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ... You are the light of the world."*  
**Matthew 5:13-14**

**A Connected, Sustainable Church: Raising the bar together**

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*  
**John 15:5**

### **Values**

Our values are grounded in faith, in our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor. They speak to the way this church lives and practices our faith, and they will guide how we journey forward in Christ as church together.

**Forgiveness and reconciliation** – We are reconciled to God by God's forgiving mercy. Forgiveness and reconciliation flow from what God has made us to be in Jesus Christ and what God is doing with us in the world. As a people of God, we embody forgiveness in speech, action and relationships, and our ministry in reconciliation is foundational.

**Dignity, compassion and justice** – Each person is created in God's image. We respect this God-given right to dignity and, inspired by the life of Jesus, show love and compassion for all people. Through proclamation of the gospel, through worship and as servants of God working for healing and justice in the world, we uphold and seek to protect the dignity and human rights of all people.

**Inclusion and diversity** – As Christ's church, we value the richness of God's creation and offer a radical welcome to all people, appreciating our common humanity and our differences. We are a church that does not view diversity as a barrier to unity. We recognize and will challenge dynamics of power and privilege that create barriers to participation and equity in this church and society – for women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, people who are marginalized or living in poverty, and the LGBTQ community.

**Courage and openness to change** – Because we trust in God's promise and understand faith to be a living, daring confidence in God's grace, we are emboldened to embrace learning and change in our spiritual and institutional journey as church. This means we are open to new ways and willing to take risks to discover God's plan for this church.

**Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts** – As church together, faithful stewardship is about holding to God's purpose and ensuring the responsibilities and resources that God has entrusted to us are used with great care and with accountability to God, to each other and those served by this church

**We are a church that is deeply rooted and always being made new. Our roots are in Scripture and a collection of writings called the Book of Concord, as well as in the rich histories of our congregations. We're a church that strives to be faithful to the gospel and work toward more justice and wholeness in the world**



## A Note from Pastor

Dear Faith Family,

I recently read an article about a photographer who went to Yellowstone National Park and recreated photos taken by William Henry Jackson in 1871. It's quite amazing to see the new photos side-by-side with those taken nearly 150 years ago. In our ever-changing, always-moving world nothing can possibly look the same after such a long period of time. Yet, what we find in the nation's oldest National Park is that those incredible sights haven't changed. That's not to say the park hasn't changed. It is filled with roads, bridges, hotels, and tourist shops ... and, of course, people.

Our world has changed over the years. With over 8 billion people walking, driving, and flying the world is quickly being covered by roads, buildings, cars, and airports. Technology continues to grow (and shrink) at a rapidly increasing pace. Our world is changing.

We are reminded, though, in Hebrews 13:8 that, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* In a world with more people, taller buildings, and smaller and faster technology Jesus Christ never changes. God's love, grace, and mercy never fade. This is especially wonderful news when we feel threatened by the world around us, - when we feel unheard by politicians, when we feel abandoned by the structures of society that we count on to protect us.

In all the change in the world, *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* That will NEVER change. Laws change. Leadership changes. Borders change. Even the Church changes. But in all that change, God never changes. Hear the hope in those words! God never changes! Our outlook on life may change. Our understanding of religion may change. Our very views of morality may change. But God Never Changes. God's love, grace, and mercy - given as a free gift through Jesus Christ - NEVER change. And rather than see that as a reason to not care about what happens in the world – it should challenge us to do more! Because we have God's immeasurable, unchanging grace we are freed to do more! We are freed to show Jesus' love to the "unwanted and outcast" of society. We are freed to forgive even those who are declared unforgivable by the world. We are freed to stand up for those who are abused by unfair laws, systems, and policies. We are freed and called. Whose lives can we touch today? Where can we make a real difference? No life is too insignificant to matter. How can we follow God's call to reach out to the unwanted, the unforgivable, the abused? Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. It's both wonderful news and a freeing statement of call for each and every one of us.

Prayerfully,

Pastor June

## FROM THE FELC COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I write this message as we prepare to celebrate Memorial Day. With Flag Day and Independence Day looming on the horizon, I start to be filled with that patriotic spirit. I was reminded of that recruiting poster that reads; **UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU!!!** So I'm borrowing that phrase to tell all of you, **FELC WANTS YOU!!!**

How many of you completed your Time and Talent form that was made available to all our active members? It's amazing how many committees are needed to keep our church moving effectively. From participating in one of our musical ensembles, to greeters, ushers, lector's, worship assistants, and committees, there is certainly something for everyone to help in the life of FELC.

Last month I asked for volunteers to represent us at the Northeast Penn Synod Assembly. No one volunteered. Pastor June will be attending the assembly without any delegates joining her. I've looked at our church council, our committees, and our other volunteer groups, and I was amazed at how many of the same people were active in these committees. For example, I saw several different members of Faith serving more than 10 different activities. Several others are active in nearly as many. How long will these folks last before they burn out?

We need more volunteers! Don't sit back and wait until someone asks you. Be proactive, step up and help support our growing ministry at FELC. Don't look at the next person to do it. Call the church office, Pastor June, or any member of the council and let them know what you are willing to do to help us. Like the Nike ad says, **JUST DO IT!!!**

Bob Billig, FELC Council President





**Our Family of the Month**  
**June 2024**  
**Please welcome**  
**Bill Focht and “mom” Janet Focht**



**Bill and Janet are happy to be part of the “Faith Family”. Bill is a graduate of Whitehall High School ‘81 and LCCC in the criminal Justice program followed by the Allentown Police Academy.**

**Bill retired after 32 years as Deputy Sherriff and currently is a part time security officer for Lehigh County. He and his wife, LeAnn, are married for 30 years and have a 22 year old daughter, Rachel. Bill enjoys spending time with his family going out to eat as well as fishing, hunting, and bowling. Bill also has a dog Charlie, an English Lab Retriever.**

**Janet just celebrated her 91st birthday! And resides at Whitehall Manor. She is blessed to have her son, Bill, as well as another son and 3 daughters. She enjoys bingo and attending musicals at Whitehall Manor.**

**We are very happy to WELCOME you into the “Faith Family”.**



Sunday School ended May 19, 2024. Will resume in September

Sunday School classes for all ages at 9 am

- ♦ 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

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♦ Worship Service at 10:00 AM

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!

## **FAITH FAMILY HONORS OUR YOUTH**



We are very proud of our grandson, Devin Silva. He passed the Penn State College IT Technology Advanced Manufacturing Pre–Apprentice Program test for engineering. Devin will be a senior at Northampton High School in September. He is the grandson of Mel and Rosemarie Haffner.

William J. Meyer IV, graduated from Kindergarten at Whitehall–Coplay Gockley School.

William is the grandson of Gloria Senchak. Congratulations to William and to the family!

Colton Miller is graduating from Northampton High School May 31st. He plans on attending Millersville University in the Fall, majoring in Computer Science and joining the bowling team.

Connor Cave will be graduating from LCTI with certifications in electromechanical engineering on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Connor will also be graduating from Southern Lehigh High School on Friday, May 31st. Connor will be continuing his education at LCCC as well as looking for a full time job in his field.



Lydia Miller is graduating from Asa Packer Elementary School and will be attending Nitschmann Middle School.

Hilari Stahler is graduating with a Masters in Expressive Arts Therapy from Leslie University

Sedona Miller is graduating from Kindergarten at Asa Packer Elementary.

Kassandra Makatura, daughter of Jennifer and Rich, granddaughter of Bob and Debra Keenan, graduated from Bangor Area High School. Kassie was active in their yearly productions and a member of their chorus. She will continue her education at Shippensburg University majoring in childhood education and business.

Reilly King, daughter of Brian and Benuin, granddaughter of Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki, graduated from Canisius University with a master's degree in Instruction Technology and Curriculum Design. Reilly will begin her career in June as a teacher at OLV Human Resources in Buffalo.

Nicholas Joyce, son of Denise and Joseph, grandson of Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki, graduated from the O'Neal School located in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Originally from Quakertown, Nick attended Quakertown Community High School while pursuing his interest in golf. Relocating to Pinehurst, North Carolina in 2022, he followed his dream. He was selected to the All-State Team through O'Neal and last week earned All-State Team award shooting even securing the win for his team at the State Championship. He will be entering the PGA Professional Golf Management Program at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC where he will be earning a bachelor's degree in business and become PGA certified.

Greyson Scott Miller, son of Erika and Jeremey, brother of Emilia, and grandson of Margy and Gary Muthard, graduated Pre-K from Long swamp Learning Center in Mertztown. His interests include Monster Jam and the Philadelphia Phillies. He is looking forward to camping in Potter County, the sand in Ocean City, MD, and all-time favorite, Knoebels. In the fall, he will be Attending Kindergarten at Brandywine Heights Middle School—Class of 2037



*Greyson Scott Miller*



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**A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make our turn at hosting the Lehigh County Hunger Initiative Community Meal a big success!**

**We served about 55 community members who were most grateful for the delicious meal and friendly fellowship**

**Kudos to our volunteers! You make a difference!!**

**Also a big shout out to our property committee people who do so much!**

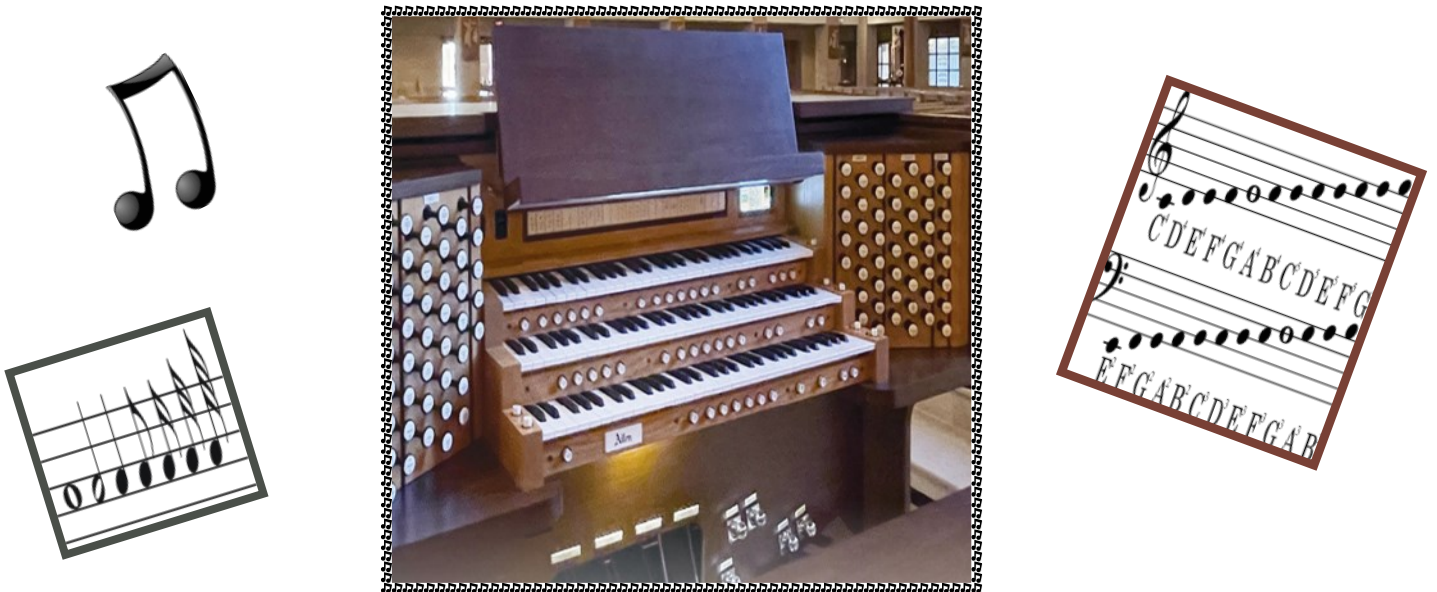
**They are always doing something to keep our facility looking and functioning well!**

**The behind the scenes people are important to make our Sunday's possible.**

**Thank you again.**



# Stewardship



## BE A KEY PLAYER

FELC has initiated a fundraising campaign to cover the \$21,000 needed to cover the balance of our new Organ. We call it 'Be A Key Player'. We are asking people to buy keys on the three manual organ, as well as the pedals and the bench.

- \* Keys on the Choir manual are \$25 each.
- \* Keys on the Swell manual are \$50.
- \* Keys on the Great manual are \$100 and
  - \* the pedals are \$250.

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To recognize those who purchase a key, their names will be written on a key on a commemorative poster that will be hung in the church.

If you would like to purchase a key, there are forms in the narthex or contact the church office.



## Boy Scout , Cub Scout, and Eagle Scout Update

Our Pack had it's annual Blue and Gold celebration to close out the scouting year for our cubs on April 13th. . While our weekly meetings for the younger scouts won't be held again until school starts up in the fall, there are still loads of fun activities taking place for them over the summer, including nature hikes, a bike ride, summer camp at the end of June at Camp Minsi in the Poconos, and an evening at the Iron pigs ending with a campout in the outfield. Our Pack was invited to attended the Gockley school Open House on May 9th, and we had members of our unit attend looking to recruit those entering grades K through 5 in the fall.

The Troop has also been very busy, as we continue to meet through the summer months. On April 18th, Braden Lilly completed his Eagle Board of Review and finished the last step in earning his Eagle rank. Braden completed a project in the Whitehall Parkway over the winter months to install trail markers and posts for locations along the Parkway, to assist those enjoying the trails in finding their way.

While Braden is completing his journey with the Troop, we've seen the influx of 4 members from our pack as well as the addition of older youth who have joined several of their friends in the unit. Our Troop hosted State Representative Jeannie McNeill on April 23rd. Rep. McNeill talked about the process by which bills became law, and allowed some of our youth to propose and vote on bills in a mock legislative session.

I hope that this helps provide an update.

I've also attached the link below for Wreaths Across America. See below

<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/GetInvolved/LeadASponsorshipGroup>

We'd like both units to be "\$5 Back Groups", where the units can take donations for wreaths for the Cedar Hill Memorial Park event that we've been participating for years, and receive a portion of the proceeds towards supporting scouting. We're trying to hold the line on dues, and we've been able to keep fees for our youth to \$120 per year (\$80 for registration to Minsi Trails, and \$40 to support patches, awards, etc).

As the scouting units are chartered to the church, we technically belong to the church and don't have our own EIN or W-9. Any help that you or your treasurer could provide would be greatly appreciated, as we would like to maintain this fundraiser from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. I would of course want to share the fundraiser information with your members as well. Please reach out to me if there are any questions or concerns, or if you need anything else from me.

With best regards, Yours in Scouting,

Pete Paone

Asst. Scoutmaster - Troop 32

Treasurer - Pack 32

## FAITH FAMILY FAVORITES

### Clay's Cake From the Kitchen of Heidi Carr

A delicious basic vanilla cake that goes well with fresh strawberries or with your favorite icing. We also sometimes add blueberries to the batter for a moist and delicious blueberry cake.

2 Cups Flour

1 3/4 Cups Sugar

1 1/2 Tsp Baking Powder

1/2 Cup Crisco

4 Eggs

1 Cup Milk

2 teaspoons vanilla

Add ingredients in the above order mixing well. You can make this in any type pan you prefer but not bigger than 9x11.

Bake at 350 degrees until toothpick comes out clean, about 45 minutes for cake, 30 min for cupcakes.

ENJOY!

### From the kitchen of Pat Walschburger

#### Dutch Apple Crisp

4 Tart Apples

1-1/2 cups flour

1/4 tsp. salt

1 tsp. sugar

1/2 cup canola oil

2 tbsp. milk (2%)

#### Streusel mixture

Mix 3/4 cup sugar, 2 tbsp flour,  
and 1/4 tsp salt in a bowl. Cut in  
2 tbsp. butter or margarine with  
pastry blender or fork until crumbly

Peel and core apples, cut in eighths

Sift flour, salt, and sugar into 8x8x2 cake pan. Combine oil and milk in a measuring cup. Whip with a fork. Pour all at once over flour mixture. Mix with fork until dampened. Pat the mixture to cover the bottom of the pan and push dough up along the sides of the pan to a depth of about 1". Arrange apples over pastry. Sprinkle streusel mixture over top, sprinkle with Cinnamon, and bake in a hot oven—425 degrees 40—45 minutes until pastry is browned

Enjoy!

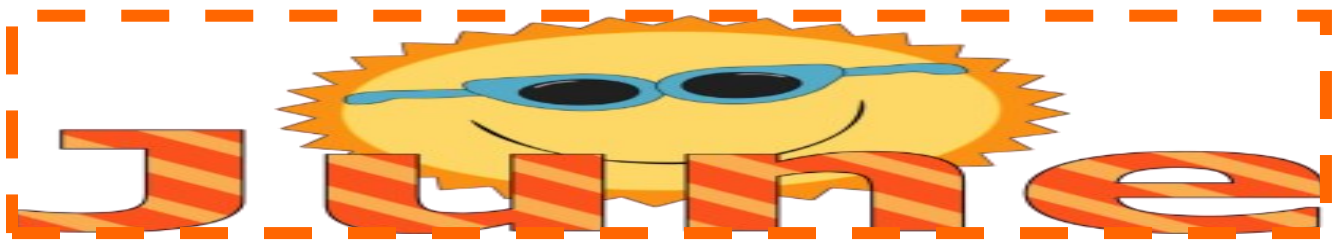
This is the original recipe given to me by Mary Litwhiler who was a member of faith, a very sweet lady that helped in various ways at Church. Her husband, , Ed, was on council and was very active in the life of the church, and their son, Lance, became an Eagle Scout at Faith many years ago.

Thank you, Mike Miller, for this moment of laughter to lighten our Summer Spirits!

## CHURCH HUMOR

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

1. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
2. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
3. The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.
4. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
6. Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
7. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
8. Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
9. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
10. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow..
11. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
12. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
13. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered
14. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
15. Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
16. This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
17. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
18. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.
19. The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM .. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
20. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



June is the month of the summer sun, flowers, and no school. The longest day of the year is in June. The Summer Solstice ushers in astrological summer on June 20th or 21st. June's full moon is called the strawberry moon. June's zodiac signs are Gemini and Cancer. Twins Castor and Pollux represent the Gemini sign. Cancer is a water sign represented by the crab. June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle. Both flowers represent love, devotion, and generosity. If you're born in June, your birthstones are pearl, alexandrite, and moonstone.

Notable people born in June include:

- Marilyn Monroe
- Morgan Freeman
- Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Paul McCartney
- Cyndi Lauper
- The Dalai Lama
- Nathan Hale
- Johnny Depp
- Vince Lombardi
- Ice Cube
- John Goodman
- June Carter Cash
- Helen Keller
- Pearl S. Buck
- Elon Musk
- Michael Phelps



The United States celebrates [Flag Day](#) on June 14th

June is an exciting month for sports fans. The NBA finals and the Stanley Cup finals both take place in June. The NBA also hosts its draft in June. Baseball is in full swing. The fair weather makes June is prime time for outdoor activities of all kinds. Hiking, swimming, skateboarding, boating, and [fishing](#) all take place or are celebrated in June!



# JUNE 2024

June 2

June 9

June 16

June 23

June 30

Altar Guild	Shel and Judy Ehret	Pat Masonheimer and Charlene Frack	Gloria SenchaK and Linda Johnston	Barb Yurasits and Cathy Haller	Shel and Judy Ehret
Acolytes and Crucifers					
Lectors	Howard Schaffer	Howard Schaffer			
Narthex Greeters	April Spaits	Nancy Buskirk	Diane Finlay	April Spaits	Pat Walschburger
Assistant Ministers	Bob Billig	Judy Ehret	Shel Ehret	Zach Keenan	Gail Hertzog
Bulletin Sponsors		Cathy and Ernie Haller		AnnMarie and Don Clewell	Pam Blacker
Flower Sponsors		Cathy and Ernie Haller	Tammie Steidinger	AnnMarie and Don Clewell	Pam Blacker

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Colleen Yoo	6/3
Mel Haffner	6/6
Thomas Smykowski	6/6
Stephanie Haller	6/7
Charlotte McFarland	6/10
Matthew McFarland	6/10
Nancy Eckhart	6/13
Eric Rohrbach	6/19
Caris Grim	6/23
Zachary Keenan	6/27
George Yanoshik Jr.	6/27
Judy Ehret	6/30



Charlotte and Irvin McFarland 6/9

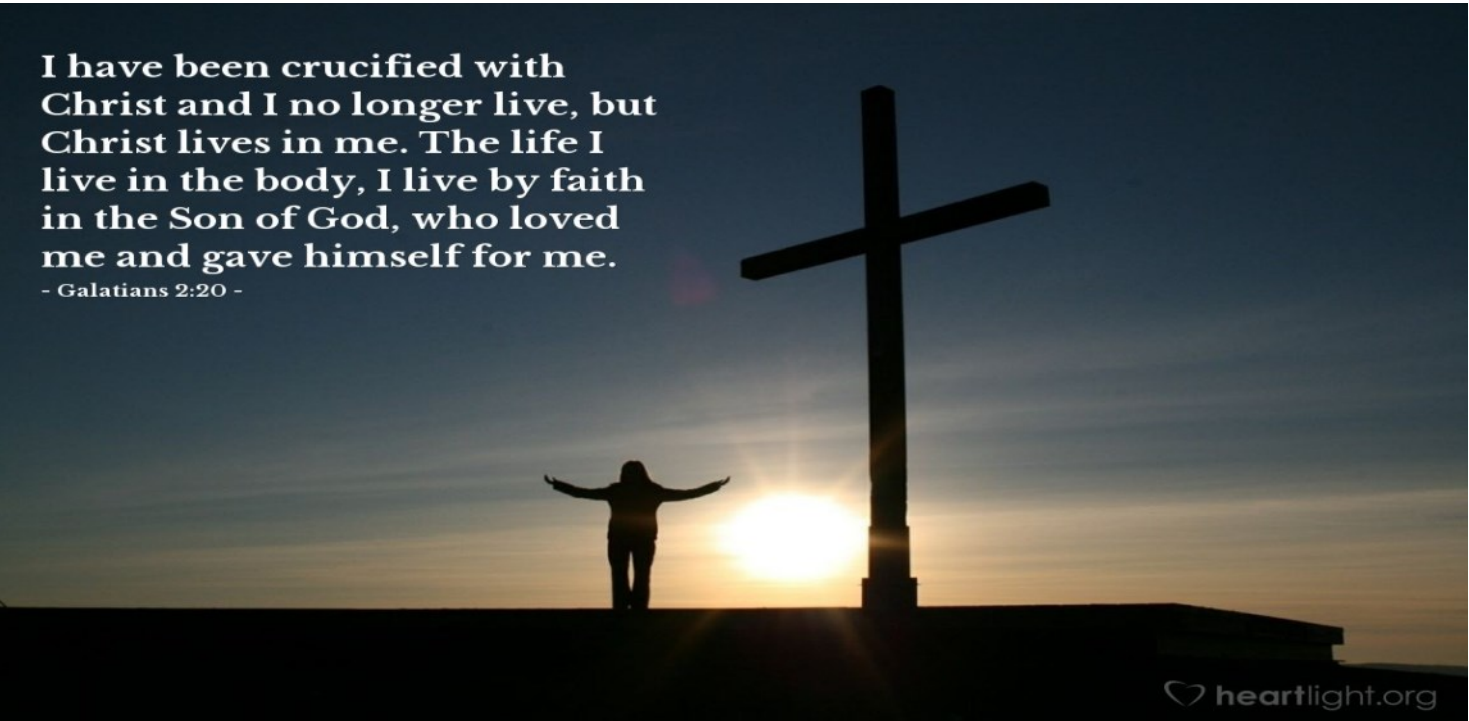


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DEEP LOVE FOR EACH  
OTHER, FOR LOVE COVERS  
A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is an open and caring community of Christ's disciples, ministering through worship, education, fellowship, stewardship, and evangelism.**



I have been crucified with  
Christ and I no longer live, but  
Christ lives in me. The life I  
live in the body, I live by faith  
in the Son of God, who loved  
me and gave himself for me.

- Galatians 2:20 -