

# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2023



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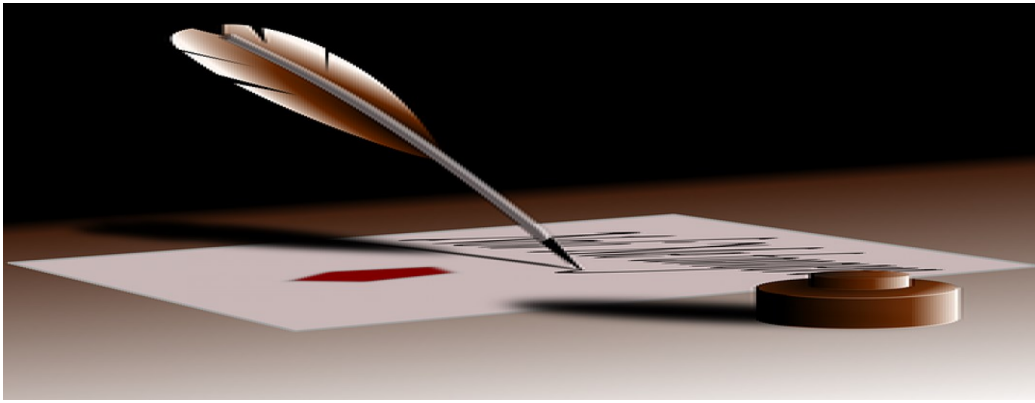
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| National Day of Prayer:        | May 4, 2023  |
| Mother's Day:                  | May 14, 2023 |
| Ascension Day:                 | May 18, 2023 |
| Armed Forces Day:              | May 20, 2023 |
| Meet and Greet<br>with Council | May 23, 2023 |
| Confirmation Day:              | May 28, 2023 |
| Pentecost Sunday:              | May 28, 2023 |
| Memorial Day:                  | May 29, 2023 |



## May Newsletter

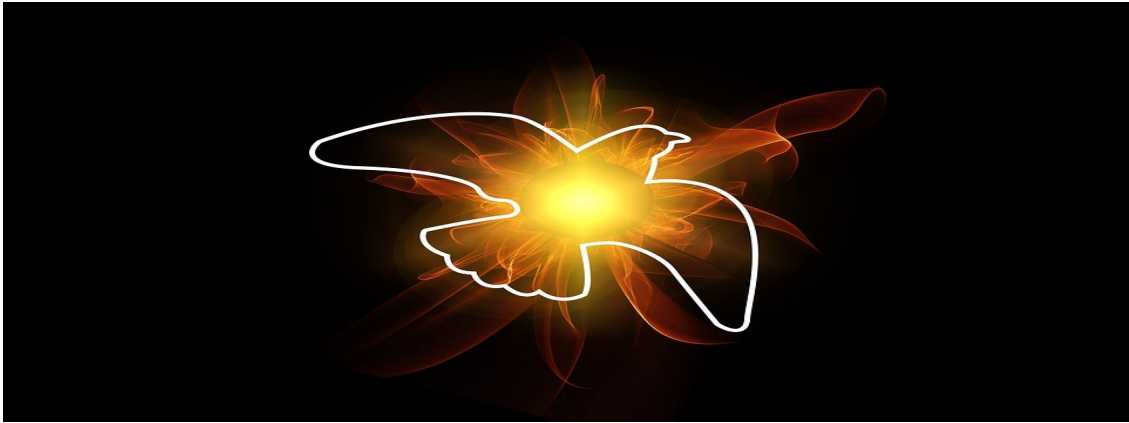
Spring has definitely sprung! As I write this I am looking out the window from my home office and seeing green leaves on the trees and lots of beautiful flowers. Spring is the season of newness and rebirth. As Christians we see that most clearly in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is God's affirmation of life.

Here, at Faith Lutheran we are experiencing new life, as our congregation is re-kindling our ministry after a period of crises of various kinds. We continue to experience change (and always will), but it is life affirming change. The council continues to work on developing policies and procedures to govern the congregation and keep everyone together. We are working to eradicate a culture of secrets that have led to divisions. We are considering our mission in the world. We are planning for ways to incorporate our young people into the ministry of the church in meaningful and effective ways. A small group of people have met to think about our social ministry...what it is (supporting the food bank at St. Stephens, the holiday food , the Giving Tree at Christmas), and what it isn't (the basket social and craft fair, for example. These are good things and get folks involved, but are essentially fund raisers rather than mission. We are looking for other ways to serve outside our congregation and to involve folks in mission and ministry. And in worship, we are experimenting with some changes to wake us up and make it interesting (and even...fun!) to worship our amazing God!

Not everyone will like every new thing...and that's OK. Remember that we're in the business of Holy Experiments, and if something doesn't work or isn't a good fit, that just gives us data and we can move on! I invite your conversation as we go about this work. My contact info. Is readily available on the bulletin, as is the contact information for the Council members. Think about how you can become involved in what's happening here. There is a place for everyone here and at God's table!

In Christ's Peace,  
Pastor Peggy

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

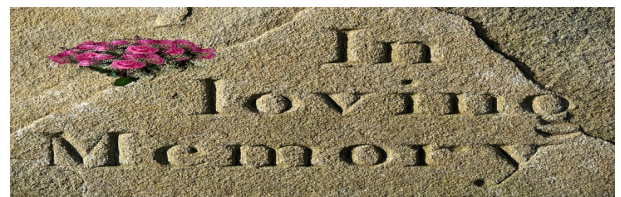


HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
**Sunday, May 14th**  
A Mother's Day hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!  
Earth prospers from the way  
God "mothers" each new child into  
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood  
A channel from above  
That longs to share with every  
child  
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,  
Who "mothers" us from birth!  
Providing what we truly need  
throughout our lives on earth.



In Loving Memory

Carl Rohrback

Judith Ann Hawkey

Art Stoneback

Hope Gruver

Etsuko Marine





## WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Church Services at 9:45 AM

Sunday School at 9 AM (see below)

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.
- ♦ A new course, "What Happens Beyond Confirmation Class".
- ♦ Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place.

**For questions on any of the above, please call Joanne at 215-880-1649.**

Coffee Time/Meet and Greet- May 21

Come out before and/or after church to enjoy coffee and conversation with Council Members. Learn what is happening at Faith and enjoy the opportunity to ask questions and get to know your representatives. Possibly you would like to be a part of Congregational Council?

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 Altar Communion. Please join us!





**Sow Session Northeastern PA Synod**

**GROWING YOUNG**

**SATURDAY May 13 9 AM to 12 PM**

Followed by lunch and conversation

Lutheran Center

2354 Grove Rd, Allentown, PA 18109

610 266 5101 ext 10

**Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod**

**33rd Annual Convention**

**June 24, 2023**

**St Paul's Lutheran Church, Breinigsville, PA**

**For more information, please take packet on table in the**

**Narthex**

**Looking for opportunities to give back? Volunteer!**

**Always welcoming committee participants, volunteering in the kitchen for special events, learning the process of preparation for Sundays and special events, choir, bell choir, Lectors, Greeters**

**See anyone on Council, Pastor, or stop by Church office!**

**Faith needs you!**



Flower orders for Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023  
Cut off date is May 15, 2023  
Geraniums: \$4.00 Gerber Daisies \$6.00  
Forms on back table of Narthex

The Church softball team will start practicing in a few weeks.  
Anyone interested in playing can contact Lynn Mickey (610 767 1873) or email (lynnmickey@msn.com).  
Anyone 14 years of age and up can join our team.  
We play two games Sunday nights starting at 6:00 PM.



The Whitehall Food Pantry is in need of the following items:  
Juice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti pasta,  
canned vegetables  
Thank you for your support,

**Upcoming—Mark your calendars**

**Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 in Blacker Hall at 7:00 PM**

**Mike and Carol Miller will be presenting**

**“Our Trip to Africa”**

**Followed by a fabulous strawberry festival**



**IMPORTANT NEWS FROM ERNIE HALLER, ONE OF OUR FABULOUS IT PERSONS**

Phishing is a form of email SPAM aimed at enticing potential victims to provide login credentials and other information that can be exploited for either financial gain or access to valuable data and resources.

**Spear phishing targets particular individuals or groups, such as members of a particular organization, to trick them into providing credentials.**

Spear phishing can appear to come from phone numbers or email addresses that may look similar to people that you may know but are slightly different.

**Sometimes spear phishing campaigns look to make some money. They usually ask for gift cards because gift cards are hard to track and easy to use.**

Pastor Peggy does not ask members for gift cards or other financial help – especially via text message or Email.

**UPCOMING PIONEER BAND CONCERTS IN OUR AREA**

**JUNE 11 7:30 PM West Park, Allentown**





# PAGE FOR ALL AGES



## A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

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“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the  
 Holy \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you; and you  
 will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem,  
 and in all Judea and Samaria,  
 and to the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.

### What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

### What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth



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**We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count. - Neal A. Maxwell**



1. I have a roof over my head. Many people in the world do not.
2. I ate today. Tens of thousands miss meals every day.
3. I have a good heart. This comes from God.
4. I wish good for others. Some are too self absorbed to consider Others.
5. I have clean water to drink. Not everyone is so fortunate.
6. Someone cares for me. I need to pray for those who feel alone.
7. I forgive others. I need to pray for those who are bitter and hold a Grudge.
8. I have clothes to wear. I need to pray for all the good people in the world who are trying to clothe themselves and others.
9. I am living to the best of my ability in a faithful relationship with God.
10. I'm breathing! Every day that I wake up is a good day. It's an opportunity to do something good!

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Don't forget your graduate! Please remember to send all graduate information by email to [claudette@faithon145.org](mailto:claudette@faithon145.org) or drop off in the church office on or before **May 15th**.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?**

**Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and  
free?**

**Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!**





## AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM

Affirmation of Baptism will be celebrated on May 28, 2023.

In this year's class:

Benjamin Douglas Brandt,

Kyle Robert Brandt

Lucas Cole Knechel

Corbin Chase Miller

Rhys Dunbar Trotter

Congratulations on confirmation! May you continue to grow spiritually, and may your faith always be strong. May God always be in your life. May the Holy Spirit be with you to renew and strengthen you in your commitment to follow Christ.



# RECIPES

## SAINT PETER'S CHURCH GLUTEN FREE BREAD RECIPE (Sue Stahler)

### INGREDIENTS

2 cups coarsely ground (purchased or use food processor) gluten free oats

2 cups gluten free baking mix

1 tablespoon double acting baking powder

2 teaspoons xanthan gum

1/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 cup non-eucalyptus honey

1/2 cup carbonated water

1/2 cup soy milk

1/4 cup vegetable oil

Optional: orange zest

(or 1 cup gluten free oats and 3 cups gluten free baking mix)

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit

Sift baking mix, baking powder, xanthan gum and salt together in a large bowl. Add oats and stir until you have a coarse mix.

In a second bowl whisk together (make a slurry) the honey, soy milk, and carbonated water. Then stir in a generous 1/4 cups of vegetable oil. All liquid to dry ingredients as need to make a large dough round.

(This will be a sticky, wet dough. It is easier to work with if covered and refrigerated for one hour.

But dough ball in half. Turn dough out on a surface generously dusted with gluten free baking mix and roll to about 1/4 inch thickness. It's better to liberally dust with baking mix right before rolling out dough. Cut into six-inch circles using a lid or an inverted bowl. Score into squares by pressing a serrated knife lightly (not dragging) into the bread to facilitate breaking during distribution. Place breads on parchment lined baking sheet. Re-form scraps and repeat. Bake at 400 degree F for approximately 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Cooking time will vary depending on moisture level— do not over bake. Cool on cooling rack

Yields about 6 loaves

## WITH MUCH GRATITUDE

We would like to thank everyone at Faith for all the lovely cards, for all the prayers, and for all the warm love and support we have received during this difficult time in the passing of our dear sister, Judy. Special thanks to Karla and Claudette for the bulletins, Pastor Peggy for her comforting and uplifting service, and for Linda for sharing her musical talents.

We are truly blessed to be part of this loving family at Faith Lutheran Church.

God Bless all of you.

Sue Stahler, Bonnie Youwakim, and Karen Ruch

Dearest Friends at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I pray that you all had a very blessed Easter with your precious families.

Thank you so very much again for your most generous box of food, eggs, milk, and a delicious ham. Also, I miss Jack so very, very, very much and am just numb. He loved Jesus with all of his heart, and I know He is in Heaven, but I still want him here with me. So, I take one second at a time.

Your gift of love and compassion I truly appreciate with all my heart. Truly a very great blessing to me.

May God above and our Savior Jesus continue to bless your blessed ministry and all of you who work so hard to help others in Jesus' name.

Love and great Gratefulness and Prayers,

Ember

Our wonderful, Stacey Bachman, has given us yarn and craft supplies that were her beloved mother's. She'll be dropping them off at the Church office. Please call or stop by to pick what you might use.

New office hours at Church office are 9 to 3 Monday through Thursday.

610 435 0451 or email [claudette@faithon145.org](mailto:claudette@faithon145.org)



| <b>MAY<br/>2023</b>            | <b>May 7</b>  | <b>May 14</b>  | <b>May 21</b>                            | <b>May 28</b>  |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Altar Guild</b>             | Diane Batza<br>and<br>Cindy Rowan                   | Cathy Haller<br>and<br>Gloria Senchak  | Pat Masonheimer<br>and<br>Charlene Frack | Rosemarie Haffner<br>and<br>Cathy Haller                           |
| <b>Acolytes/<br/>Crucifers</b> | Corbin Miller<br>and<br>Luke Knechel                | Kyle Brandt<br>and<br>Ben Brandt   | Rhys Trotter<br>and<br>Samantha Cave     | Confirmation Day<br><br>Owen Kennan<br>and<br>Kendall Bashore      |
| <b>Lectors</b>                 | Manny Stivers                                       | Karen Blayle   | Pat Himmelwright                         | Confirmation kids  |
| <b>Narthex<br/>Greeters</b>    |   | Karen Ruch<br>And<br>Bonnie Youwakim   | Barb Kotsch                              | Chris Gartner  |
| <b>Assistant<br/>Ministers</b> | Bob Billig  | Zach Keenan  | Tom Colburn                              | Manny Stivers  |
| <b>Bulletin<br/>Sponsors</b>   |   | Bob and Sue Stahler<br>in memory of our<br>loved ones and in<br>honor of our 45th<br>Anniversary |  |  |
| <b>Flower<br/>Sponsors</b>     | Rosemarie Haffner<br>In memory of Carol<br>Thompson | Bob and Sue Stahler<br>In memory of our<br>loved ones and in<br>honor of our 45th<br>Anniversary |  | Mike<br>and<br>Carol Miller<br>in honor of our 57th<br>Anniversary |

# MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|-----------|---|--------|----------|
| April 30  | 1  | 2   | 3         | 4   | 5      | 6        |
| 9:00 AM Sunday School & Conf<br>9:45 AM—Worship Service<br>8:00 PM—AA Meeting (PH)  | 1:00 PM Pieceworkers<br>6:30 PM Brownies (PH)<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts (PH)<br>7:00 PM - Pioneer Band (BH) | 10:30 AM - Prayer Group (TGP)<br>12:00 PM Lunch<br>1:00 PM Midweek Communion<br>6:45 PM - Boy Scouts (PH) |           | 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)<br>6:15 PM Bells<br>7:00 PM Christian Ed<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir |        |          |
| 7   | 8  | 9   | 10        | 11  | 12     | 13       |
| 9:00 AM Sunday School & Conf.<br>9:45 AM - Worship Service<br>8:00 PM - AA Meeting (PH)   | 1:00 PM Pieceworkers<br>6:30 PM Brownies (PH)<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts (PH)<br>7:00 PM - Pioneer Band (BH) | 10:30 AM - Prayer Group (TGP)<br>6:45 PM - Boy Scouts (PH)  |           | 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)<br>6:15 PM Bells<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir                         |        |          |
| 14  | 15   | 16  | 17        | 18  |        |          |
| 9:00 AM Sunday School & Conf.<br>9:45 AM - Worship Service<br>Music and Worship mtg<br>8:00 PM - AA Meeting (PH)  | 1:00 PM Pieceworkers<br>6:30 PM Brownies (PH)<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts (PH)<br>7:00 PM - Pioneer Band (BH) | 10:30 AM - Prayer Group (TGP)<br>6:45 PM - Boy Scouts (PH)<br>7:00 PM Church Council                      |           | 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)<br>6:15 PM Bells<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir                         |        |          |
| 21  | 22   | 23  | 24        | 25  | 26     | 27       |
| 9:00 AM Sunday School & Conf.<br>9:45 AM - Worship Service<br>Council meet and greet<br>8:00 PM - AA Meeting (PH)   | 1:00 PM Pieceworkers<br>6:30 PM Brownies (PH)<br>6:30 PM Girl Scouts (PH)<br>7:00 PM - Pioneer Band (BH) | 10:30 AM - Prayer Group (TGP)<br>6:45 PM - Boy Scouts (PH)<br>7:00 PM - HR/ Mutual Ministry meeting       |           | 6:00 PM cub scouts (PH)<br>6:15 PM Bell Choir<br>7:30 PM Sr. Choir                    |        |          |
| 28  | 29   | 30  | 31        |   |        |          |
| <b style="color: red;">PENTECOST</b><br>9:00 AM Sunday School & Conf.<br>9:45 AM - Worship Service<br><b style="color: red;">Confirmation Sunday</b><br>8:00 PM - AA Meeting (PH) | office closed  |   |           |   |        |          |



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

|                     |      |                    |      |
|---------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Linda Eberhart      | 5/2  | Gayle Levas        | 5/2  |
| Joan McDonald, Joan | 5/2  | Ryleigh Wechsler   | 5/2  |
| Brian Geren         | 5/3  | Cody Leighton      | 5/3  |
| Clarice Miller      | 5/3  | Olivia Mackaravitz | 5/4  |
| Tiffany Sodl        | 5/5  | Omar Rivera        | 5/5  |
| Cheryl Endy         | 5/7  | Gianna Anfuso      | 5/8  |
| Gale Broshious      | 5/8  | Samantha Cave      | 5/8  |
| Ava Keenan          | 5/8  | Howard Schaffer    | 5/8  |
| Jennifer Schweyer   | 5/9  | Christopher Yoo    | 5/9  |
| Karen Modena        | 5/10 | Ruth Rohrbach      | 5/10 |
| Barbara Farrell     | 5/14 | Casey Taylor       | 5/15 |
| Sandra James        | 5/16 | Lawrence Bragg     | 5/18 |
| Ashley Kleiner      | 5/18 | Zoey Morgan        | 5/21 |
| Julie Sokalsky      | 5/21 | Donald Albright    | 5/23 |
| Ray Gogel           | 5/22 | James Connor       | 5/23 |
| Michael Fisher      | 5/23 | Kaleb Yost         | 5/23 |
| Tami Kneller        | 5/24 | Frederick Oswald   | 5/24 |
| Jillian Ziegler     | 5/24 | Leonard Kleppinger | 5/25 |
| Jason Robbins       | 5/25 | Justin Broadbent   | 5/27 |
| Mark Gartner        | 5/27 | Lisa Bragg         | 5/29 |
| Makenzie Wechsler   | 5/29 | Brayden Bednar     | 5/30 |
| Matthew Kisbaugh    | 5/30 | Bruce Trotter Jr.  | 5/31 |
| Marissa Robbins     | 5/31 |                    |      |
|                     |      |                    |      |