

Faith's Blessings

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“The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 1:14

It's that time of year when the abundance of our gardens begins to emerge and we share in that abundance, be it cucumbers, summer squash, zucchini, or tomatoes, together with the stories and humorous puns, as well as the plethora of recipes, that come along with them, especially when it comes to zucchini and squash!

Growing up, my dad's garden also reaped a plentiful harvest of squash. This meant squash for supper at least twice a week. He relished those suppers as my mother would place plate after plate of the egg-and-flour-dipped coins of gold on the table for the six of us...it seemed never ending and we were filled. I will always treasure those memories sitting around the table with fork in hand as we ate together.

This year I am trying some new seeds out – an upright summer squash from Burpee called “Rise & Shine” and a round zucchini that looks like something you would find on a billiard table – “one green zucchini to the left pocket!” One of each are gracing my plants so far, primed for picking. Not prolific as my dad's harvest but a start.

As I was thinking of the abundance we share from our gardens, I cannot help but think of the abundance we receive daily: family, neighbors, community, the glorious sunrises and sunsets, the beauty of the Laurel Highlands' rolling farmlands and mountain vistas – we are truly blessed. Our abundant blessings, however, extend beyond all of this...to the unexpected abundance of mercy and forgiveness – all of which lead us back to God.

Perfect, I'll pick this tomorrow



The next day

“In one of Paul’s disputed letters (that’s another story for another day), this same experience of reflecting on God’s abundance is shared, as his life is described before Jesus, when he was a “persecutor and a violent man” (1 Timothy 1:13); “the worst of sinners” (v. 16). Into Paul’s brokenness, God lavishly poured out grace, faith, and love (v. 14). After reflecting on all the abundance in his life, the apostle couldn’t help but express praise to God, declaring Him worthy of all “honor and glory for ever and ever” (v. 17). Like Paul, we all received an overwhelming abundance of grace when Jesus’ rescued us from sin (v. 15).”



As we pause to reflect on all the blessings, we join Paul in grateful praise to our generous God. A generosity of which we are called to share with everyone out of the abundance we have received from Him.

May the remaining days of summer find you enjoying, treasuring in, and sharing in His abounding, and abundant love with the whole neighborhood!

In grace, peace and with much love,
Pastor Kathy +



During the month of July we lifted the following in prayer: Misti Breegle, Michael Trent, Nancy Yapakovich, Chris Maust, Sherri Will, Diane Wensel, Connor Beachy, Amber Walker, Family and Friends of Satin Schrift and Faith's Homebound Members.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing 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. 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 the church office 814-443-3179 and 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. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

Second Offering

Our second offerings were as follows: We collected \$107 for the Military Families Support Group. In July, we collected \$105 which was designated for Somerset Food Pantry. The offering will be used to offset costs for the needy.

Thank You !!



As summer winds down and the kids return to school, plan to become involved in the upcoming Fall activities at church.

Watch for a list of upcoming events as well as the regular returning in September such as choir, Kid's Kingdom and Youth in Action.



It won't be long until the church holds its annual congregational meeting so think about serving on church council as we enter into a new year!!

JUNE 2, 2024-- A VERY SPECIAL DAY
at
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

On Sunday, June 2, we observed the 5th Ordination Anniversary of Pastor Kathy and celebrated with cupcakes after worship.

Later that afternoon, we were honored to be the host church for the ordination ceremony of Allen Stump. It was a lovely afternoon, filled with scripture, song and fellowship of those who delighted in the ordaining of Pastor Allen Stump. The service was followed by a dinner. He will serve Casebeer and Trinity.



We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of August

Aug 4

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Bob Duppstadt
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Evelyn Rhoads
Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhoads		
Council Person	Dave Pugh		

Aug 11

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Nolan Pyle
Greeters	Gene & Elaine Hillegas		

Aug 18

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Brock Bowers
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Acolyte	Dylan Pyle
Greeters	Kate Judy & Sandy Pyle		

Aug 25

Altar Guild	Elaine Hillegas	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Kolton George
Greeters	Steve & Dawn Will		

**Please remember, that if you have a "job" and can't be here, you must
find a replacement and notify the office!**

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bible Study 10:30 am	2	3
4 Worship 9 am; Donut Sunday	5	6 Caring Workers 10 am	7	8 Bible Study 10:30 am Council 7 pm	9	10
11 Worship 9 am 2nd Offering (SAM Van) It's Your Birthday (following worship in the fellowship hall)	12 WELCA 7 pm	13 Caring Workers 10 am	14	15 Bible Study 10:30 am	16	17
18 Worship 9 am	19	20 Caring Workers 10 am	21	22 Bible Study 10:30 am	23	24
25 Worship 9 am	26	27 Caring Workers 10 am	28	29	30	31
				August Second Offering will be collected for the SAM VAN		



B-I-B-L-E!

If your children or grandchildren will be entering the 3rd grade this coming school year, please make sure to let Pastor Kathy or Donna in the office know so we can be sure they receive their Bible. Bibles will be presented to the children on Sunday, September 8th, during worship.

Faith's Family Banquet

Our annual family banquet will be held Sunday, September 22nd, immediately after 10 a.m. worship. We will also be honoring our 80 and over "Golden Club" members. Make sure to watch for details in the worship bulletins for more info on entertainment and the meal (by Listie Catering). **SIGN UP IN LOB-**



Lift every voice and sing!

Faith's Choir needs your voice!

Practice begins September 15th
immediately following worship service.

It runs for 15 minutes.

15 minutes is all that's needed.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Take time to sing! Please...Come...join in!



KID'S KAMP 2024

Was held June 24-28, from 9-3 where the children & youth learned all the ways Jesus is their friend. We took a field trip to Kooser State Park to fish, build an altar, had communion, do crafts, band worship with communion. We also enjoyed a visit from the reigning dairy princess & her court, painted, played games, and even did a couple science experiments.

Thank you to all the children & youth who attended and were attentive to Pastor Kathy, and helpers. Thank you to all those who donated snacks & drinks, participated in the field trip, helped with crafts, led music, and manned the kitchen. You helped make it all happen!!!

It was an awesome week!!!





Brianna Lohr	Aug 1	Bailan Rugg	Aug 17
Steve Will	Aug 2	Nicole Schrock	Aug 17
Lee Shaffer	Aug 3	Kerri Golby	Aug 17
Andrew Walker	Aug 3	Marie Simmons	Aug 19
Abigail Miller	Aug 5	Kohen Breegle	Aug 20
Matthew Csencsics	Aug 6	David Pugh	Aug 21
Shirley Trent	Aug 6	Heather Speelman	Aug 21
Susan Friedline Shaffer	Aug 7	Sandra Pyle	Aug 23
Roberta Black	Aug 8	Brandon Friedline	Aug 24
Kristi Getty	Aug 8	Micheal Latuch	Aug 24
Mary Snyder	Aug 8	Brianna Weyant	Aug 25
Cole Smeak	Aug 9	Arica Domer	Aug 26
Brittany McClellan	Aug 10	Ryan Maust	Aug 27
Clarence Walker	Aug 10	Daniel Ream	Aug 27
Matthew Pyle	Aug 12	Quinn Walker	Aug 27
Kenneth Will	Aug 12	Dylan Everett	Aug 28
Clifford Spangler	Aug 15	Judith Glessner	Aug 29
Karianne Wiley	Aug 15	Kolton George	Aug 30
Stacey Graham	Aug 16	Randy Berkey	Aug 31
Karen Helmick	Aug 16	Alexandra Custer	Aug 31
Louise Spangler	Aug 16	Leah Simmons	Aug 31
Louise Spangler	Aug 16		



Douglas & Natalie Custer	Aug 8	42 yrs
Robert & Barbara Cober, Jr.	Aug 9	61 yrs
Duana & Shane Shaffer	Aug 11	23 yrs
Renee & David Johnson	Aug 15	15 yrs
Susan & Michael Latuch	Aug 20	30 yrs
Austin & Alexandra Custer	Aug 21	3 yrs
Michael & Tricia Trevarrow	Aug 24	28 yrs
Justin & Brandi Rhoads	Aug 31	11 yrs

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!!!

Join us following worship

on Sunday August 11th

Mark your calendar now & plan to come &

enjoy the fun, food, fellowship

as we celebrate everyone's

BIRTHDAY with

Pizza & Cupcakes!!!





Synod Day at the Curve

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$7 each

Please sign up so we can order your tickets!

Make checks payable to "Faith Lutheran"

and turn in to Donna or Pastor Kathy

Join us on Sunday, September 8th,
for Faith's



Back 2 School Sunday Funday!

We will have Blessing of the Backpacks

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

“I Am the Bread of Life” Family & Intergenerational Fun

Food and Fellowship!

Let's kick off our children, youth, family and adult activities as we serve Christ and community in community with one another!



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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Kid's Kingdom—1st Sunday of Each Month 10:30am

Youth in Action! Last Sunday of the Month