

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2023

For God

so loved the world,
that he gave his
only
begotten
Son,
that whosoever
believeth
in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.



John 3:16

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DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 12—SouperBowl

FEBRUARY 12—Council Meet and Greet

FEBRUARY 21—Congregational Council 7 p.m.

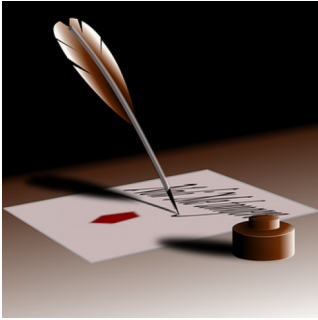
FEBRUARY 22—Ash Wednesday 7 p.m.

MARCH 4 & 5—Basket Social

MARCH 21—Congregational Council 7 p.m.

APRIL 1—Spring Fun Saturday w/Easter Bunny
for Photo Opportunities

Make a note.



From Pastor Peggy:

First, a BIG thank you to Judy Ehret for her patience with me, and her coaching to get my newsletter article in! As you read this I am in Egypt (the country) and it is the fulfillment of a dream since I was 11 years old! My best friend Karen and I were going to be archaeologists and go on digs in Peru and Egypt. In 2019 I did get to Peru and it was better even than I dreamed. So now it is time for the second part...Egypt.

Judy asked why I have so much trouble writing these articles when I manage to preach every week. I thought about that and decided that the difference is preaching always begins for me with scripture. So, I went to the Bible to find out the first mention of Egypt in the Hebrew writings (the old testament). It is in chapter 12 of Genesis and it is a dicey little story indeed. Its about Abraham and Sarah going to Egypt to escape a famine. I won't give it away, but I encourage you to read it for yourself. Of course later in Genesis Joseph becomes the advisor to Pharoah and when famine strikes again, his brothers flee to Egypt and Joseph saves them. Eventually, Moses will be tasked with leading the Hebrews out of Egypt to free them from Pharoah and to claim their promised land! And that's just the beginning...

On our trip in February we are scheduled to see Egypt's greatest hits: the Great Pyramid, the Sphinx, the temples at Abu Simbel, the museums and a four day cruise on the Nile! I am very excited about this trip. But back to my friend Karen...she has encouraged me to not go merely as a tourist, but to open myself spiritually to what I might experience there. So, I am going with expectations, but also an open heart and mind to understand more deeply about this ancient land as well as to learn about the challenges of today. I promise to tell you all about it when I get back!

Blessings!

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—February 12.

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?

Pew Communion—The first Tuesday of each month, join us for a light lunch at noon followed by pew 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.

Spring Fun Saturday—Join the fun on Saturday, April 1. Bring your friends, children and adults and enjoy an egg hunt, games, crafts and the Easter Bunny. Times and additional information to be announced.

Grandma's Attic—While packing your winter decorations, please share anything that you have decided to "retire". Grandma's Attic will be happy for your donation to be sold at the Fall Craft Fair in 2023. Bring items to church and place in the library. If you need someone to pickup your items, feel free to call Rose Strobl, at 570.498.9111. We thank you for your contribution.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Basket Social—Saturday March 4 and Sunday March 5, 2023.

This is a fun and very big weekend at our church with LOTS of help needed. Margy Muthard and her daughter, Erika Miller are co-chairs of this event.

Please email Margy if you will be able to help in any way, at margy@faithon145.org.

Although the weekend of the event is very busy, there are many ways to help and be involved ahead of time. Shopping, wrapping baskets, visiting and calling businesses for donations are just a few. If you have limited time and are not available the weekend of the event, any help prior to that weekend is appreciated as well.

Many hands are needed and you will make new friends at every turn. See the chart below for ideas. Thank you and God Bless you!

Communications	Speak at services
Advertising	Newspapers and Online
Online Applications	Filling out forms online
Volunteers for event weekend	Need people to work ticket tables whole weekend, different shifts
Basket Wrapping	One person to schedule & 3 to wrap. So 4 total to wrap including person that schedules.
Gift Certificates	Deliver letters, pickup certificates
Bake Sale table	Volunteers for the table that weekend, get baked goods
Ticket Spreadsheet	Excel spreadsheet for regular and WOW tickets
Kitchen: food, volunteers & supplies	Order food, volunteers and supplies
Numbering Baskets	Organize and number
Basket / Gift Certificate Spreadsheet	Excel spreadsheet / work with Basket Numbering volunteer
Drawing	4 people needed, 1 to call, 2 to shake tickets and 1 to give a break
Checking Winning Numbers	6 people – Cross check basket number and ticket
Calling Winners	This depends on the amount of baskets – 4 people with 100 baskets
Basket Pick-up	Pick-up is Monday 9-6 with different shifts

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When you wake up on a Sunday morning and the weather is uncertain; snow, ice, etc, check out our website at www.faithon145.org or Channel 69 WFMZ-TV. If a decision is made to cancel our Worship Service, the notice will be posted by 6:00 a.m. in the morning.

Miller/Keystone Blood Drives

Miller Keystone has had employee shortages just like many other industries. Blood donation is a lifesaving gift and your help is needed.



To secure a reservation with Miller Keystone, please call 610.820.0962.



Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

FOOD BASKETS FOR EASTER

Contributions deadline: March 31st

Box delivery: April 4th

Items needed:

Hams, vegetables: corn, beans, peas, gravy, boxed potatoes, cake mix and icing



The Whitehall Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

Juice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti pasta, canned vegetables

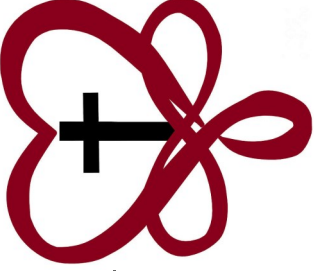


Thank you for your support,

Judy and Shel

FEBRUARY 2023	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 22 ASH WED	FEBRUARY 26
Altar Guild	Rosemarie Haffner	Pat Masonheimer	Diane Batza	Cathy Haller	Linda Johnston
Acolytes Crucifers	A—Kendall Bashore C—Luke Knechel	A—Kyle Brandt C—Corbin Miller	A—Owen Keenan C—Ben Brandt		A—Rhys Trotter C—Samantha Cave
Lectors	Pastor Stivers	Howard Schaffer	Sue Stahler	Shel Ehret	Laura Blacker
Narthex Greeters	Charlene Frack	Sara Laub	Sue & Bob Stahler		Pam & Laura Blacker
Assistant Ministers	Zack Keenan	Joanne Gantz Jalowiecki	Gail Herzog	Judy Ehret	Tom Colburn
Bulletin Sponsors	Boy Scout Sunday				Pam Blacker In Honor of Grandson Jack's 4th Birthday
Flower Sponsors		Pat Walschburger In loving memory of my dear husband, Fred			Pam Blacker In Honor of Grandson Jack's 4th Birthday

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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				6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 PM Bells 7:30 PM Sr. Choir 7:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 AM Sunday School & Conf 9:45 AM —Worship Service Boy Scout Sunday 8:00 PM —AA Meeting (PH)	6:30 PM Brownies (PH) 6:30 PM Girl Scouts (PH) 7:00 PM - Pioneer Band (BH)	10:30 AM - Prayer Group (TGP) 12:00 PM Lunch 1:00 PM Midweek Communion 6:45 PM - Boy Scouts (PH)		6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 PM Bells 7:30 PM Sr. Choir 7:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg		
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Billig, Karla	02/01	Hower, Dennis	02/11
Schaffer, Mary	02/02	Colburn, Evan	02/12
Brandle, Grace	02/03	Taylor, Aiden	02/12
Frack, Charlene	02/04	Pryor, Kaleb	02/13
Holland, Jr. John	02/04	Thompson, Colby	02/14
Miller, Corbin	02/04	Lovelace, Mark	02/15
Minnich, Adriana	02/04	Wieder, Paul	02/15
Schrader Jr, Wilbert	02/04	Rivera, Kingston	02/16
Endy, Amanda	02/05	Bachman, Nancy	02/17
Endy, Christina	02/05	Backus, Lorraine	02/18
Stahler, Susan	02/05	Ruch, Karen	02/18
Trotter, Calista	02/05	Ely, Michelle	02/19
Berg, Olivia	02/06	Vanderslice, John	02/21
Gerlach, Michael	02/06	Keenan, Owen	02/22
John, Sara	02/06	Keenan, Robert	02/22
Reese, Marilyn	02/06	Markulics, Matthew	02/22
Smith, Ellen	02/06	Belles, Kayla	02/24
Sturtevant, Rebecca	02/07	Sheckler, Roberta	09/24
Pryor, Kurt	02/09	Ward, Rebecca	02/24
Brandt, Benjamin	02/10	Brandle, Roxanna	02/25
Brandt, Kyle	02/10	Meckes, Brayden	02/27
Kishbaugh, Aurora	02/10	Haller, Catherine	02/28
Roth, Seth	02/10	Schaeffer, Nelson	02/28
Zellner Jr, Wayne	02/10		