



wear red, white and blue wave the US flag with pride the part is ceremony watch a concert make a craft play baseball games lead an event enjoy the carnival gaze at the fireworks fair watch the parade go to a delicious food go on picnic talk to friends and relatives be with your family





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DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 1 is <u>Canada Day</u>, a Canadian federal holiday that celebrates the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.
- July 3 brings the start of the hot and sultry Dog Days of Summer!
- July 4 is Independence Day (U.S.). On the fourth of July, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
- July 14 is Bastille Day, which commemorates the storming of the Bastille and the start of the French Revolution.

"Just for Fun" Days

- July 17: National Hot Dog Day
- July 23: National Day of the Cowboy
- July 27: Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day
- July 30: National Cheesecake Day



Dear Beloved People of FELCA,

Every time I open the news or scroll through my social media feed, I feel the weight of the world settle a little heavier on my shoulders. Maybe you do, too. It seems like everywhere we turn, we're confronted by conflict, heartbreak, and uncertainty.

The growing tension between the United States and Iran has stirred up old fears and new worries. We wonder what this means for our future, for our young people, for our world. Closer to home, we see a nation fraying at the seams—division, anger, and distrust tearing at the fabric of our communities. We grieve how hard it is for people to talk to one another across differences, how quick we are to assign blame, how deep the pain seems to go.

It's a lot. And it's okay to admit that.

But here's the truth I keep returning to, even in the midst of all this unrest: we are not alone. God has not abandoned us to chaos. Even in our most anxious moments, we are held by a love that does not waver.

Even as we experience all of these big feelings, I reflect on the gospel text from John that we heard in worship just a few weeks ago; in it, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Christ, our Emmanuel—God with us—knows what it is to live in a world like ours. He walked among the brokenhearted. He stood in the middle of conflict. He wept over division. He also brought us healing, gives us peace, and sustains us in all things. And he promises that he will be with us always, even to the end of the age.

The Holy Spirit breathes life into our troubled spirits, giving us the courage to keep showing up—for our neighbors, for our church, for the world. In the Spirit, we find strength for ministry in action, for prayer, for love that refuses to give up.

And our God—our good, gracious, merciful God—continues to pour out love upon us each and every day. Even when the world feels shaky, that love is our solid ground.

So if you're feeling tired or scared or overwhelmed, take heart. You are not alone. We belong to a God of resurrection. A God who brings peace in the storm. A God who is not finished with us yet.

Let us be people of hope—not because the world is easy, but because our God is faithful.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor June

FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED JUNE'S NEWSLETTER

WE ARE NOT SAYING GOODBYE BUT RATHER A GREAT BIG, FROM THE HEART, THANK YOU, FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATION, LOYALTY, COMMITMENT TO OUR YOUTH, AND THE SHARING OF YOUR GIFTS WITH US ALL!

WE LOVE YOU MISS JOANNE!

My Walk in Faith

As my walk in Christian Education comes to an end, I think of all the memories I have collected from our youth. Actually, my journey with the youth started in the sixties when I started teaching Sunday School.

One of the reasons I enjoyed this journey so much was I was always learning something new. There is so much information, technology, challenges, and opportunities that are available to our youth; and the understand of how each one is able to achieve with the gifts they have been given.

As we recently reviewed the ten commandments, one that I shared with the class of major change was Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy. Remember the days when malls were not open, sports were not scheduled...the d ay was meant for family, Starting with worshipping together.

Thank you Faith Family for allowing me to take this Walk.

Joanne Gantz-Jalowiecki





Worship Service at 10:00 AM

Adult Forum classes are held in the Gathering Place AT 9:00 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!





What's Happening?

Funday/ Sundae Stuff a Bear Day Sunday July 27th after worship

Come and stuff a toy bear

Faith Lutheran Church was blessed to have several boxes of toy bears (unstuffed) donated to us from a member in our community.

As an outreach project, The Social Ministry Committee is asking for your help to stuff a bear!

(All the supplies will be provided.)

The stuffed bears will be donated to local organizations for children such as Pediatric Cancer at our hospitals and local Fire/Ambulance facilities.

As a thank you we will be serving Ice Cream Sundaes.

Come out!

Stuff a Bear!

Enjoy a Treat!



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church The Rev. June Wann, Pastor 3355 MacArthur Road | Whitehall, PA 18052 610-435-0451

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is pleased to provide a "shopping day" to the first 100 students of Whitehall Area School District who would benefit from assistance in obtaining school supplies.

Students in grades K-12
3355 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA
Saturday August 9, 2025, 10 a.m.—noon
Proof of residency for the Whitehall School District is required









FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OVER 80S BIRTHDAY CONCERT/ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Terry Harris will be performing his solo
Roy Orbison tribute show after our dinner
which mirrors the image, look, and sound of
the legendary Roy Orbison.

He'll bring back those glory days featuring live vocals and guitar, with professional backing tracks and equipment.

Featured on Fox 45 News for Roy's Birthday in 2013, Terry was also 2013 Inductee to the "Maryland Entertainment Hall of Fame

You won't want to miss it!

Women Connecting:

A gathering for Peer Spiritual Direction

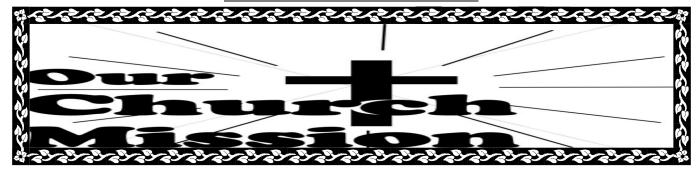
The intent of this program is to offer participants a safe and hospitable place to accompany each other on the inner path towards self-discovery, healing, and wholeness through storytelling and listening. Sharing our stories connects us to our common ground and frees us to become who we truly are and who we are called to be. Participants offer each other a listening presence at the same time cultivate an awareness of the spiritual journey.

COME WITH AN OPEN MIND AND AN OPEN HEART
Saturday, August 16, 2025, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Brown Bag Lunch

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church 3355 McArthur Road, Whitehall, PA

RSVP AND FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rev. Harriet Kollin at harrietkollin@msn.com, Judy Ehret at judyae@ptd.com, or Rev. June Wann June@faithon145.org

FAITH FACTS AND FYI TIDBITS



MISSION STATEMENT

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

We are called to be the Church. Let us Serve as we are able!

Now is your chance to glorify God in song! Calling all vocalists and instrumentalists who would like to share their talents in church during a Sunday summer worship service. Summer worship (when the Bell Choir and Senior Choir does not provide music) occurs June 15-August 31.

This is your invitation to share your talents!!

Anyone interested, please contact Jennifer Kishbaugh, Director of Music at 610-451-8660 or jenniferkishbaugh@gmail.com to reserve your date.

SOCIAL MINISTRY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 27 Fun Day Sundae: post service

<u>August 3rd</u> Hunger Initiative community Meal

August 9th Back to School Event for Whitehall-Coplay School District

September 6 Breakfast for first responders and their families

We are continuing to collect school supplies throughout June and July July 9, 2025 at 10:00 AM is the next social ministry committee meeting

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

We are continuing our Social Ministry outreach to Whitehall–Coplay School District
Collections of School Supplies is ongoing throughout the Summer preparing for
Our School Supply Event August 9th from 10:00 AM to Noon

August 8, 2025 set up

Dear friends of the Food Pantry,

It is becoming more difficult to find the food that we need for our patrons through Second Harvest, our food supplier. We would be grateful for help with the following foods or money to purchase the foods that we need:

Cereal

Juice (non-refrigerated if possible due to limited refrigeration)

Coffee

Pastas (penne, rigatoni, soup noodles, etc.)
Soups
Canned fruits
Canned vegetables

We are extremely grateful for your support to help those experiencing difficult times.

Judy and Shel Ehret

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

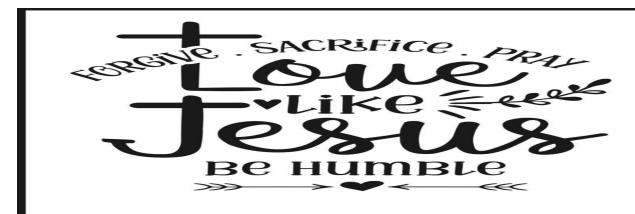
See anyone on Council, Pastor, or stop by Church office!

Dear "Faithful" members and friends,

The Pieceworkers of Faith would like to invite you to join our sewing group. We meet most Monday's from 1-3 p.m. in Parker Hall (during the school year) and in the Gathering Place during summer months due to Petit Scholars meeting downstairs. Our group works on projects for our baptized babies, quilts for shut ins, items to sell at the craft fair as well as small items for hospital distribution. No quilting knowledge is needed, but sewing skills are helpful.

We enjoy the camaraderie and friendship that we have established and would love for you and your friends/neighbors to join us.

For more information, contact Diane Finley at 610.264.1718 or 610.597.3933 (cell).



WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

c/o St. Stephen's Episcopal Church 3900 Mechanicsville Road Whitehall, PA 18052

June 18, 2025

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church 3355 MacArthur Road Whitehall, PA 18052

Dear Members and Friends from Faith,

Once again, the coalition of churches that makes up the Whitehall Food Pantry, gratefully acknowledges your generous contributions of food and money throughout the year. With the increased cost of food and the reduction of available food from Second Harvest, your contributions are more important than ever.

Your continued support of the mission we share is what allows us to continue the work of sharing God's love. Our patrons are grateful and we, the board and volunteers of the Whitehall Food Pantry, are extremely thankful.

God Bless You!

Judy Ehret for

Judy Ehret

The Whitehall Food Pantry



"Offering Help and Assistance in the Feeding of Those Less Fortunate."

WORSHIP TEAMS FOR JUNE

JULY 6 JULY 13 JULY 20 JULY 27

ALTAR GUILD	Cathy Haller And Barb Yurasits	Linda Johston And Gloria Senchak	Charlene Frack and Pat Masonheimer	Cathy Haller And Gloria Senchak
ASSISTING MINISTER	Judy Ehret	Sue Stahler	Gail Herzog	Zach Keenan
LECTOR	Karen Blayle	Kindall Wann		Kindall Wann
GREETER	Charlene Frack		Charlene Frack	Dan Herzog
FLOWER SPON- SOR				
BULLETIN SPON- SOR				

JULY 2025 CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUES	TUES WED THU		FRI	SAT
		1 Light lunch and pew commun- ion noon, 1:00 pm 10:30 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts	2 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts 6:00 PM Hot dogs and Hymns	3 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH)	4	5
6 Worship Service 10:00 AM AA 7:00 PM	7 6:00 PM Brownies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	8 10:30 AM Prayer Group 6:45 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Executive council	9 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts 6:00 PM Hot dogs and Hymns	10 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	11	12
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KEENAN, ROBERT & DEBRA 07/03

FINLEY, LARRY & DIANE 07/09

KISHBAUGH, MATTHEW & JENNIFER 07/13

CAVE, STACEY 07/17

SCOTT, FREDERICK & DOROTHY 07/23

KEENAN, ZACHARY & TINAMARIE 07/31



CAVE, STACEY 07/01

BASHORE, KENDALL 07/03

STAHLER, ROBERT 07/03

KOTSCH, ERNIE 07/10

HIMMELWRIGHT, PATRICIA 07/13

MILLER, CYNTHIA 07/14

REICHARD, ROGER 07/14

WALSCHBURGER, PATSY 07/16

WEHR JR, DENNIS 07/17

CLEWELL, Donald 07/18

GANTZ -JALOWIECKI, JOANNE 07/24

STEIDINGER, TAMMIE 07/24

MILLER, TARA 07/27

A social statement...

FOR PEACE IN GOD'S WORLD

Adopted by more than a two-thirds majority vote (803-30) as a social statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers. In the liturgy of Holy Communion, we pray "for the peace of the whole world," asking, "Lord, have mercy."

Our petition unites faith in the Triune God with our world's sufferings and hopes. At the end of a tumultuous and violent century, we share with people everywhere hope for a more peaceful and just world. With this statement on international peace, we strive to strengthen our global perspective as individual Christians and as a church body, in spite of strong currents that push us to turn in on ourselves.

As our world faces the new threats and opportunities of a changing time, we join with others in searching for what makes for peace. Most importantly, this statement recalls that the basis of the Church's peace-calling is in God's final peace, the peace of God's eternal reign. That calling is to proclaim the Gospel of God's final peace and to work for earthly peace. This statement understands earthly peace to mean relationships among and within nations that are just, harmonious, and free from war. It offers direction as we act to keep and to build earthly peace. We are grateful for the legacy of peacemaking given to our church by its predecessor communities.

We confess that too often we have fallen short in our responsibility for peace. We pray for forgivenessand for the faith that in love acts for earthly peace. We dedicate ourselves anew to pray and to work for peace in God's world.

THE GOD OF PEACE

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).



Make the Most of July 2025

July 2025 is a month that brings endless opportunities to celebrate, connect, and explore. From global festivals and sporting events to astrological influences and travel adventures, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Whether you're engaging in outdoor activities, reflecting under the stars, or diving into cultural traditions, July is a time to embrace life's vibrancy. Make it a month to remember by immersing yourself in the energy and excitement that July has to offer!

July is the heart of summer for the Northern Hemisphere, filled with outdoor adventures, cultural festivals, and vibrant energy. With its long days, exciting events, and global observances, July 2025 promises a mix of fun, reflection, and opportunities to connect with people and nature. Whether you're into sports, stargazing, or soaking in local traditions, this month offers something for everyone.

What Makes July Special?

July 2025 is a month of dynamism and inspiration. From the **Fourth of July celebrations in the United States** to international observances like **World Population Day**, July is packed with events that emphasize unity, awareness, and global collaboration. Sports fans can enjoy international tournaments and summer leagues, while adventurers can take advantage of the season to travel and explore the natural world. Pop culture influences also add a layer of excitement to this already eventful month.

July is smack-dab in the middle of the summer, often the hottest month of the year. And it's packed with an amazing amount of cute and wacky days to celebrate! July holidays and observances in 2025, of course, include the <u>United States of America's birthday</u>, as well as a whole host of silly days honoring various types of cookout meats and flavors of ice cream, and our favorite summertime fruits, watermelon and blueberries!

What big holidays are in July?

The major federal holiday celebrated in July is Independence Day, which is held annually on July 4. Independence Day is also commonly referred to as The 4th of July, the Fourth of July, and July 4th.

There's also the Islamic holiday of Ashura, which begins at sundown on Saturday, July 5, and lasts through the evening of Sunday, July 6, 2025. A day of <u>gratitude</u> and thankfulness, the holiday commemorates the day Allah saved Moses and his people from Pharaoh by parting the Red Sea. Ashura means "tenth" and is celebrated on the tenth day of Muharram, which is the first month in the Islamic lunar calendar.

July's birth flowers are the larkspur and water lily.

The Larkspur, especially white forms, generally indicates lightheartedness;

Pink: fickleness; purple: first love.

The water lily symbolizes purity of heart.

July Birthstone

The July birthstone is the ruby which is believed to protect its wearer from evil.

July Zodiac & Astrology

July's zodiac signs are **Cancer** (June 21 to July 22) and **Leo** (July 23 to August 22).

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 1	-2					
Monday: Isaial	า 25-27					
Tuesday: Isaial	า 28-30					
Wednesday: Is	aiah 31-33					
Thursday: Isai	ah 34-36					
Friday: Isaiah	37-39					
Saturday: Psal	ms 70-72					
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Six activities seniors can do to improve memory

- 1. Get better organized
- 2. Make a special effort to pay attention, concentrate.
- 3. Eat well. Make certain you have a balanced diet.
- 4. Exercise the body.
- 5. Exercise the memory.
- 6. Get plenty of sleep.

SPELLING ALERT: Vowels Missing from Bible Verse! Please look at the Scripture verses below and replace the missing vowels to reveal the verses.

C_I_ss__ns 3:12

There- fore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kind- ness, humility, gentle- ness and patience. — **Colossians 3:12**;

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. —**Ephesians 2:8-9**



WE WILL NEVER
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BY GOING TO CHURCH
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CHANGE THE WORLD
BY BEING THE CHURCH.

