

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2024



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Dates to Remember

May 1 is **May Day**. Mark the return of spring

May 5 is **Cinco de Mayo**. This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.

May 12 is **Mother's Day**—don't forget!

May 20 is **Victoria Day** in Canada. This holiday celebrates the birthday of Queen Victoria, who was born on May 24, 1819.

May 22 is **National Maritime Day**. Created in commemoration of the first transoceanic voyage via steamboat (completed by the U.S.S. Savannah in 1819), this holiday recognizes the efforts of the U.S. merchant marine during both war and peace.

May 27 is **Memorial Day**—a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It's tradition to raise the flag on this day

May 28 is **Armed Forces Day**, which honors those who serve in all branches of the United States military.

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, PASTOR JUNE WANN.
WE ARE SO EXCITED TO HAVE OUR FORMER VICAR OF 20
SOME YEARS AGO, TRAINED BY OUR BELOVED, PASTOR
MICHAEL BODNYK, RETURNING TO FAITH.
WE ARE LOVING HER POSITIVE ENERGY AND DYNAMIC
INTERACTION.
WE ARE BLESSED!
CHECK HER INTRODUCTION TO LEARN MORE.
A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT WELCOME FROM YOUR FAITH
FAMILY.**





A Note from Pastor

Dear family of FAITH,

Peace and blessings to you in this Easter season! What a warm welcome I have received as I begin this new chapter in my life as your newly called pastor. It is such a joy to be back at Faith and I look forward to the wonderful ministry we will share together as God has called us to do.

I thought I would introduce myself a little bit to you all as we begin to get to know each other. I was ordained on December 2, 2006, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kutztown. I began my ministry as pastor at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lumberton, North Carolina. St. Marks is a tiny church in the southern part of the state. I enjoyed only being an hour away from Myrtle Beach where I spent a lot of my time off. I served there just under 4 years and decided that I wanted to return back to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. I accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church in Womelsdorf in January of 2011. Zion is a small church in a rural community. I served there for 13 years before I accepted my new call to Faith.

I met my husband, Kindall, in Womelsdorf through community events and we were married at Zion Lutheran Church on October 21, 2023. We bought a house in July and are slowly settling into married life and making our house a home. We share the house with our sweet girl, Olive, who is an almost 4-year-old husky/lab mix pup. She keeps us on our toes and always keeps us laughing. Our dream and prayer is to fill our house with love and laughter and we have begun the adoption process with hopes to adopt older siblings. We feel that adoption is another calling in our lives. In the meantime, I spend lots of time loving on my niece, Tessa, and my nephew, Jack.

In my free time, I am a HUGE Beach Boys fan and I attempt to see them in concert whenever they are local. I have been to 17 concerts so far, with the 18th one happening in June. I also enjoy reading, cross-stitching, and DIY projects. I am not the best gardener, but I am hoping I can expand my green thumb with some gardens this year. I also enjoy being able to play outside with our pup as she is a ball of energy. I also enjoy working alongside my husband and volunteering in different ways at the Womelsdorf Fire Company where he is a firefighter and chaplain.

So, that is a little about me. I look forward to the weeks and months that are ahead of us as we get to know each other better. One goal I have as we begin our ministry together is to work on and improve communication. Please feel free to call the church or come visit me in the office for conversation. I want to get to know you and hear your thoughts about Faith's ministry and your dreams for the future. We are called into faith together to be the hands and feet of God. The future of Faith looks bright, but it will take all of us working together to follow the call God has laid out for us. It is going to be an amazing journey!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor June

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SYNOD ASSEMBLY:

Each year the Northeastern Pa. Synod holds an assembly to handle the necessary business to keep the Synod running. There are elections that need to be held, budgets to pass, and resolutions that must be addressed that make important changes to the synods polices. Each congregation is required to send two delegates and their clergy to the assembly.

This year's assembly is to be held on Saturday, June 8th at Atonement Lutheran Church in Wyomissing, PA.; or delegates may choose to attend the assembly by Zoom. Prior to the assembly there are three Pre-Assembly Sessions that are 90 minutes. These sessions can be done live or watched via recordings.

Pastor June is already registered to attend, but we still need our two delegates. We are hoping to get new people interested in serving FELC as our delegates as there have only been two pairs of members who have served over the past 8 years or more.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me or Pastor June. The deadline for the registration is May 10th.

BE A KEY PLAYER:

As you are reading this, the folks at Allen Organ Company have begun the task of building our new three manual digital organ. When the time is right, Allen Organ will invite us to visit them so we might see our organ being assembled. In the meantime, we still need more donations to cover its cost. Our current campaign, BE A KEY PLAYER, is going well with about one third of the \$20,000 we need already raised. Please consider donating to this campaign. Yellow contribution slips are in the narthex and may be turned into either me or Shel Ehret (Do not place them in the offering plate). Checks should be made to FELC with organ fund written on the memo line.

SOMETHING NEW:

To help you become more familiar with those people who were elected by you to serve on council, their pictures are now posted in the narthex. We have also started a new initiative we call Family of the Month. You can read about May's family of the month in this publication as well as on the bulletin board in the narthex. Let the office know if you are interested in being featured in June.

Robert Billig,
FELC Council President

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDING US THROUGH OUR PROCESS OF CHANGE FOR THE PAST 2 PLUS YEARS PREPARING US FOR OUR NEW CALL PASTOR, PASTOR JUNE WANN.



Members joined Pastor Peggy and Husband, Fred, to celebrate the joy and changes brought to us by Pastor Peggy in her two plus years of service to us.

Sparkling Cider and luscious cake were enjoyed by members. Gifts were bestowed. All who attended expressed their appreciation.

The congregation wished Pastor Peggy well wishes on her retirement, upcoming move, and new ventures.

Thank you, Pastor Peggy. And as we grow through challenges and Holy experiments, we shall always remember your fondly saying, "Jesus loves us anyway!"



Our Family of the Month May 2024



Please welcome Mary Hentz and sons Zach and Ben. Mary was born and raised in Catasauqua and Whitehall and currently lives in Coplay. Mary is a graduate of Whitehall High School and Cedar Crest College. She is a nurse and enjoys gardening, hiking and reading-in addition to caring for her adorable sons.

Zach (4 years) and Ben (2 in June) both enjoy fishing and playing in the woods near their home.

They have a pet Guinea pig named Pinky.

A note of interest – Mary was a Girl Scout at Faith as a young girl. We are very happy to WELCOME you into the “Faith Family”.



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
 - ♦ 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!**





We will be lifting up how we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through this ministry.

Isaiah 25:6-9; John 6:1-21

In our world today, people are experiencing hunger of all kinds. Jesus Christ gives his own life and very self for heavenly food. And he equips and calls his church—that's us! —to “feed his lambs” (John 21:15). For 50 years, one of the most powerful ways God has worked through us is through ELCA World Hunger. At this Assembly we take the opportunity to celebrate and recommit to our hunger ministries across our congregations and synod. We also get to share ways we feed others and are fed, by being and acting as a Christ-centered community who is **GROWING YOUNG, GAINING STRENGTH, and ENGAGING THE STRANGER**, as we hunger for justice and peace, for unity and strength, for mercy and grace: All of us, **HUNGRY FOR LIFE TOGETHER IN CHRIST!**

We are a church that values and encourages diverse voices and lively dialogue in our faith and life. Living Lutheran is an opportunity for church members to express individual perspectives, and does not necessarily reflect official positions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Special THANK YOU'S to all who volunteered, donated, and provided food, kindness, compassion, help, and hospitality to our guests from Family Promise.

The families were so very appreciative!

Thank you for participating in our social ministry missions! God's work — Our hands!

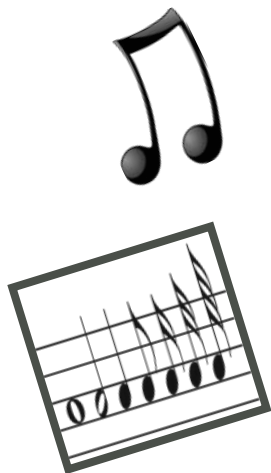
Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley sends a Thank You for our donation . Our support is deeply appreciated and is key in helping Turning Point assist survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse. and work towards safer communities.



THANK YOU

A shout out and thank you to Pastor Peggy Wuertele, our interim Pastor for two plus years. Thank you for your guidance and help. May God continue to bless others through the sharing of your gifts.

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.](#)

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.

We are also looking for anyone interested in sponsoring the organ bench. The bench is \$2000 and the donor will have their name engraved on a plaque that will be fastened to the bench.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 5 WHITEHALL COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE COMMUNITY MEAL

MAY 2024

May 5

May 12

May 19

May 26

Altar Guild	Pat Masonheimer and Charlene Frack	Diane Batza And Cathy Haller	Barb Yurasits and Gloria Senchak	Cindy Rowan and Linda Johnston
Acolytes and Crucifers	Gavin Kishbaugh And Samantha Cave	Kendall Bashore And Owen Keenan	Gavin Kishbaugh And Kingston Rivera	
Lectors	Judy Ehret		Karen Blayle	
Narthex Greeters	Dan Herzog	April Spaits And Charlene Frack		Dan Herzog
Assistant Ministers	Bob Billig	TBD	TBD	TBD
Bulletin Sponsors			Jane Ramer	Mike and Carol Miller
Flower Sponsors	Rosemarie and Mel Haffner	Bob and Sue Stahler	Jane Ramer	Mike and Carol Miller

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	2 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 Bell choir 7:00 PM	3	4
5 Sunday School: 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Community Meal: 4— 6 PM AA 7:00 PM (PH)	6 1:00 PM Piece Workers 6:00 PM Brown- ies 7:00 PM Pioneer Band (BH)	7 10:30 AM Prayer Group (TGP) Noon Light Lunch 1:00 pm Com- munion 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	8 6:00 PM Eagle Scouts	9 6:00 PM Cub Scouts (PH) 7:30 Senior Choir	10	11
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

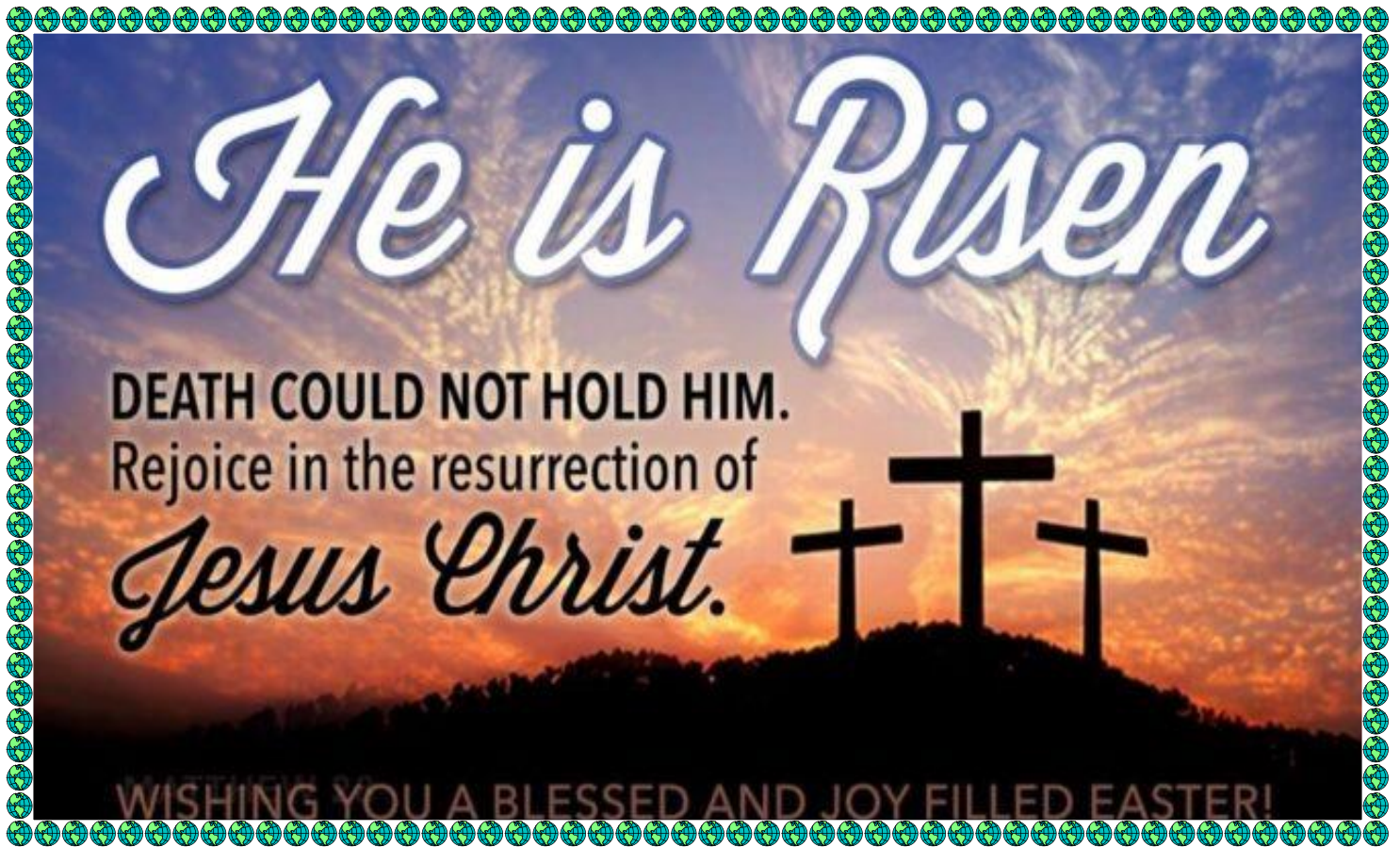
BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

EBERHART, LINDA 05/02
HOLOBUSKY, CINDY 05/05
CAVE, SAMANTHA 05/08
CLEWELL, ANNMARIE 05/08
KEENAN, AVA 05/08
SCHAFFER, HOWARD 05/08
JANET FOCHT 05/12
MUTHARD, CHRISTOPHER 05/15
WANN, KINDALL 05/19
STAHLER, JARED 05/27
HIMMELWRIGHT, KYLE 05/30
KISHBAUGH, MATTHEW 05/30
TROTTER JR, BRUCE 05/31



ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

SUE AND BOB STAHLER 05/20
CLEWELL, ANNMARIE AND DON 05/27
MILLER, MICHAEL & CAROL 05/28
SMYKOWSKI, THOMAS & DEANNA 05/30
ECKHART, RALPH & NANCY 05/31



MISSION STATEMENT

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

