

May 2023 Newsletter



"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."
Acts 2:1-2

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Cluster Ascension Service



Join in Thursday Evening Worship along with other local Lutherans as we gather under the theme "Turning Toward God's Abundance".

Worship is at 7:00 PM.

Offering collected goes to support the Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Houston, Texas, April 16-22, 2023. Checks can

be made out to North Lancaster Conference Dean's Fund, with "Disaster Trip" on the memo line.

Thursday, May 18: Ascension Worship at Swamp, Reinholds, Rev. Tim Craven preaching.



**Friday, May 19
Memorial Day
Monday, May 29**



**Deadline For June-July,
2023 Newsletter
Sunday, May 28, 2023**



Summer Book Club

***A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* Last Wednesday of June, July, and August at 6:30 PM**

Join Pastor Marissa and peers this summer to discuss *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Phillip Keller. This book is written by a shepherd, who interprets this popular psalm based on his real life knowledge of sheep and shepherding. The author seeks to "infuse new hope into our relationship with Christ."

Our group will meet in the Memorial Garden (weather permitting) on each last Wednesday of June, July, and August at 6:30 PM.

If you need help procuring a copy, please contact Pastor Marissa.

For the June gathering, read chapters 1-4.



**The Pastor
Will Be Away**

**Monday, May 29
Through
Monday, June 5**

**In Case Of Pastoral
Emergency Contact
Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry,
(717) 598-5095
(May 30-June 5, 2023)**

**The Rev. Donald Newhart will lead
Worship on Sunday, June 4, 2023.**



Please continue to provide the Church Office with your email addresses (changes also) to be used for Newsletters, Schedules, etc.

Email your changes to: faithunited@ptd.net. Thank You!

Newsletters

Newsletters are published following Church Council meetings which are held the first Wednesday of each month.

WANTED

Recipes, inspirational articles, poetry, gardening tips, household tips, etc. to be used in Monthly Newsletters.

Please put your items in the Secretary’s mailbox marked “Shirley Sweigart” in the Hallway. Thank You for sharing your useful items with your Church Family.

Church Office Requests

Please call the Church Office at 717-336-2141 when:

- **You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital** (or have a relative call for you). In order for the pastor to visit, someone needs to inform the Church.
- **You are confined to your home for an extended period of time** because of illness or accident;
- **You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home;**
- **There is a change in your family status** (birth, death, marriage, or divorce);
- **You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school;**
- **You schedule a meeting or an event of a group or committee.** In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone, we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Ways for you to support our ministries as we bring the good news to the world:

1. A physical offering put in the plate during Sunday worship.
2. To set up a recurring automatic offering straight from your bank account, contact our office at (717) 336-2141.
3. To make a one time or to set up a recurring gift online today, visit our website and click the "Give" tab at the top.



As we begin a new year of life in community, we invite you to consider setting up a recurring, automatic offering for the sake of regular stewardship. To do so, or to ask questions about this process, **contact the Church Office, 717-336-2141, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM for more details or Shirley Sweigart at: grammyss46@gmail.com or call 717-538-1946.**

Photo Use Practice

In attending church events, photos may be taken to help keep shut-ins and friends of the church aware of the life and activities of Faith United. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know so we may honor your wishes. As a practice, we consider the privacy appropriate to people with special circumstances, but may not know of all sensitive situations. Your help is required or we anticipate permission is given.



Staff

Pastor — Pastor Marissa Becklin

Organists — Caryll Lausch

Cynthia Kauffman Sharon Levering
Lisa Beard Grady Daub

Festival Choir Director — Ellen Houser

Office Administrator and

Newsletter Editor — Shirley Sweigart

Custodian — Elizabeth Roman-Reich

From Pastor Marissa Becklin

First Fragments: Early Copies Of Scripture At The Chester Beatty Library In Dublin, Ireland

While on vacation after Easter, my husband and I journeyed to the UK and Ireland. When we make our way out of the country we always make it a point to explore the religious history of the place we are going, and Ireland holds specific importance to me as it is where part of my family is from, so we prioritized Irish church history while there. Beyond local church history, however, we had the opportunity to visit an exhibition at the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin with a number of papyrus fragments—a vast collection of many of the earliest copies of scripture that have ever been discovered in the world.

To attend this exhibition, peer into the glass cases, and see the handwriting on carefully preserved animal skins was a spiritual experience to say the least. While looking at these fragments I couldn't help but think of the faithfulness, dedication, and care offered by the people who wrote these manuscripts out as early as the year 300 AD. Looking at these fragments is like time traveling—returning to a time in the very early church, when Christianity was still illegal and persecuted in the Roman Empire, when Christians still worshiped in secret and read these letters and manuscripts aloud around fires and in catacombs, when the Word made flesh was only a few generations in the past. These fragments served as a reminder to me, two thousand years later, that the task of preserving this tradition and faithfully sharing the good news of Christ's life, love, and resurrection is a charge that we have had bestowed on us by our ancestors and by God Godself. We fall in a long line of witnesses, in an unbroken chain of testimony, and we are called to take that charge seriously.

A story about one of my favorite fragments:

A fragment from Acts 15 was found in 1930 in Egypt, and was dated to the 3rd century AD, Egypt. Looking closely at the fragment, an observer can see small tick marks between some Greek letters, which were a guide for someone who was reading this passage out loud—they are breath marks! At least as early as the second century we know that weekly readings were a common practice for Christians. Justin Martyr, an early Christian who lived from 100-165 AD, said “on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits.” (*The First Apology* 67.3, translation by Marcus Dods) Beyond this, we know that public readings were common in the Jewish tradition as well, as it is mentioned in Acts and in Paul's letters. I find this extremely meaningful as a Christian of the 21st century—when we hear the word read aloud in Worship on Sunday, when members of our own community stand among us and proclaim the word that was passed down to us over thousands of years, we are taking part in an ancient and holy tradition that long predates us. When we step into the liturgy on Sunday, we are embodying an ancient ritual that connects us to our forebears. What a beautiful thing to reflect on as we gather!



I have a book with many more pictures from this exhibition in my office, so if you're curious and would like to see more of these, please let me know. I'd be happy to show you!

In Christ, Pastor Marissa

**Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 6:30 PM**

FUEL Council Members Present: Bruce Carpenter, Lori Stover, Lisa Gable, Scott Gola, Bob Gates, Jim Kreider, Kelly Leshner and Pastor Marissa Becklin.

Devotions: Pastor Marissa read Liturgy of the Hours: Nightfall from the book *“Every Moments Holy”*.

Treasurer’s Report: Scott Gola reviewed financials. Money is the same from last year to this year. Checking account is at \$103,400.00. Endowment Fund needs two (2) check signers. Tim Hegeman and Kelly Leshner agreed.

Scott brought up the idea to form, in the future, an Audit Committee just in case it is ever needed.

Pastor’s Report: Two (2) new members—Tim and Lori Wise. Haley Witmer has an upcoming wedding.

In her prayers: Ethel Farrow, recovering from a fall; Jim Kreider, as he prepares for upcoming surgery; Diane Konopka, preparing for heart surgery; Deb Anthony, recovering from surgery and now needs a knee replacement; Arlene Slabach, is at End-of-Life stage.

Building policy draft has been reviewed and approved.

Young at Heart has requested for use of the Fellowship Hall the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 8:30-11:30 AM for approximately 30 people.

Property Committee has a new chair: Mike Gable.

Property, Lori Stover: Mike is getting bids to replant grass seed.

Banner racks will be made for easy storage of Sanctuary banners.

Social Ministry, Lori Stover: First Joint Meeting was held March 20, 2023 with Care of Members.

New Business: The back stairwell needs cleaning. Pastor will ask custodian to put this on a cleaning rotation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM following the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

**Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Leshner
FUEL Council Secretary**

**Congregation Council
Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2023
6:30 PM**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Jim Kreider - President
Bruce Carpenter - Vice President
Kelly Leshner - Secretary
Scott Gola - Treasurer
Lisa Gable Bob Gates
Ellen Houser Lori Stover



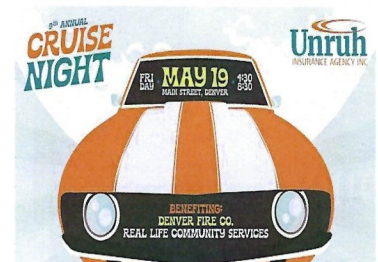
**Join Faith United’s
Festival Choir For
Pentecost (May 28)
And Holy Trinity
(June 4)**

Join our Pop-Up Festival Choir by coming up front to sing an Anthem on Pentecost Sunday (May 28) and Holy Trinity (June 4).

Rehearsals will be following Sunday Worship in the weeks ahead on these dates: Sunday, May 14, 21, and 28.

For questions, please contact Choir Director Ellen Houser.

**Help Needed
For Cruise
Night In
Denver
May 19th
4:30 PM**



We are looking for volunteers from Faith United to help run a game for children at Unruh Insurance's Annual Cruise Night on Main Street in Denver.

This gives us an opportunity to meet our neighbors, and to serve our community in fellowship and fun—please contact Terri Kilrain if interested in helping.

**Adult Education About
Lutheranism After Worship**

Join Pastor Marissa and lay leaders in developing a deeper understanding of a Lutheran way of life. We'll learn together about history, liturgy, the eucharist, and more, all in a very approachable way. Join any Sunday you can!



Birthdays:

- May 15:** Tyler Weinhold
- May 17:** Teresa Arment
- May 19:** Lauren Stricker
- May 21:** Gloria Gates

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- May 22:** Marissa Becklin
- May 28:** Stephanie Beiler, Lillian Arment

Anniversaries:

- May 16:** Troy and Kathleen Hafer
- May 17:** Donald and June Wolf
- May 20:** Jeff and Kim Brugger



Birthdays:

- June 1:** LeAnn Boose
- June 2:** Timothy Hegeman
- June 3:** Hannah Reed
- June 5:** Michael Nessinger

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- June 6:** Dawn Frees
- June 12:** June Wolf
- June 13:** Scott Gola
- June 14:** TJ Burkholder

Anniversary:

- June 4:** Terri and Thomas Kilrain
- June 13:** Doris and Luther Reinoehl
- June 13:** Nikki and Bryan Strohl



80+ Birthdays

Blessings Please remember our 80+ members with a card, visit, or on your Birthday! phone call:

Joanne Phillips - May 26
- 295 South Reamstown Road,

Ephrata, PA 17522

JoAn Weaver - June 1 - 529 South Sixth Street, Denver, PA 17517

Gloria Shober - June 9 - Apartment 112, 200 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Ralph Whitcomb - June 14 - Keystone Villa Room 224, 100 North State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522

Transportation Help

Are you in need of help with transportation? If so, please contact Mary Stewart at (717) 201-4652. If you're interested in helping provide transportation to others, please also let Mary know.

May/June Food Collection

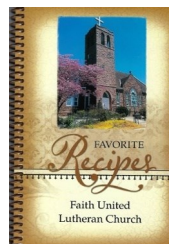


Food, household, and personal items will be collected for Peter's Porch. Please check the list on the grocery cart for the items needed and deposit the items in the grocery cart.

Memorial Garden Helpers

Our Memorial Garden and both sides of the Church are in need of some tending and weeding. Anyone who would like to make their way to Church and help out with weeding is welcome and encouraged to do so.

Thank You for helping keep our grounds beautiful!



Church Cookbooks

They are sold for \$10.00 each and are on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary. Proceeds benefit Faith United Youth Ministry.

More information contact Terri Kilrain, 717-201-0099.

Communion Bread



Please Sign the chart on the cabinet at the back to provide One Loaf of bread each Sunday.

Please Bring The Bread To The Church By Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon.

To submit information for the bulletin or newsletter, please email Shirley Sweigart at:

grammyss46@gmail.com or
grammyss@ptd.net or
call 717-538-1946

Children's Bulletins

ARE AVAILABLE

On Counter At The Back Of Sanctuary



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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Adult Education About Lutheranism Festival Choir Rehearsal - Following Worship Mother's Day Sixth Sunday Of Easter 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders - 10:30-11:30 AM	15 Matthias, Apostle	16 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	17 8:30am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Adamstown Area Library, 110 West Main Street, Adamstown	18 Ascension Of Our Lord 7:00pm Ascension Day Worship Service At Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds	19 Church Office Closed Pastor Marissa's Day Off Pre-Order Deadline For Free Take Out Only Community Meal - Call 717-336-6748 4:30pm Faith United Hosts Table At Cruise Night On Main Street, Denver	20 Armed Forces Day Synod Day Of Edification 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron
21 Adult Education About Lutheranism Festival Choir Rehearsal - Following Worship Geranium Order Deadline Presentation On How To Set Up Recurring Giving - Following Worship Seventh Sunday Of Easter 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	22	23 12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	24 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall	25 5:30pm Free Take Out Only Community Meal, Trinity United Methodist Church, 420 Main Street, Denver	26 Joanne Phillips Birthday Pastor Marissa's Day Off	27 Vigil Of Pentecost 8:00am Peter's Porch - Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church, 2420 Kissel Hill Road, Lancaster 8:00am Walking Group, Faith Memorial Garden

June 2023

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28 Adult Education About Lutheranism Day Of Pentecost Festival Choir Rehearsal - Following Worship June Newsletter Article Deadline 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Confirmation For 7th And 8th Graders - 10:30-11:30 AM	29 Church Offices Closed Memorial Day Pastor Marissa Out Of Town	30 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095 6:00pm Pack Bags For Peter's Porch	31 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095 Visit Of Mary To Elizabeth	1 JoAn Weaver Birthday Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095	2 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095 Pastor Marissa's Day Off 3:00pm REAL Life First Friday Food Drive, Warehouse 916, Main Street, Denver	3 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095 8:00am Peter's Porch - Faith United
4 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095 Rev. David Newhart, Supply Pastor The Holy Trinity 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	5 Pastor Marissa Out Of Town - Pastor Peter Schwabe-Fry Providing Emergency Pastoral Care, 717-598-5095	6 9:00am Cozy Comforters Sewing Group	7 6:30pm Congregation Council Meeting	8	9 Gloria Shober Birthday Pastor Marissa's Day Off	10 7:30am Bible & Breakfast 8:00am Peter's Porch - Lititz Mennonite Church, 165 East Front Street, Lititz
11 Second Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Kid's Church 9:00am Live Stream and In-Person Worship Service	12 Barnabas, Apostle	13 12:00pm In-Person And Online Bible Study And Prayer Group	14 Ralph Whitcomb Birthday 9:00am REAL Life Community Services Young At Heart For 60 And Up, Faith Fellowship Hall 1:30pm Swamp Lutheran Church, Reinholds Food Pantry - Call 717-733-0345/717-336-2849	15	16 Pastor Marissa's Day Off	17 8:00am Peter's Porch - Zion Lutheran Church, 435 Main Street, Akron

What's Happening at Faith United?

Send your pictures in for
next month's newsletter!



Follow Us On Instagram
for more photos!

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Tim Wise carries the cross at Good
Friday Prayer Walk



Pastor Marissa helps a daughter wash her mother's
feet on Maundy Thursday



Good Friday candles lit in prayer



Fellowship in Celebration of New Members





Peter's Porch

Faith United Evangelical
Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517

The First Saturday of Each Month

June 3, 2023

July 1, 2023

8:00-10:00 AM

Please contact Pastor Marissa or Terry Burkholder if you are interested in helping on the first Saturday of the month.

Bags for Peter's Porch are packed on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM.



Thank You for helping me celebrate my Birthday with phone calls and beautiful cards with happy and caring messages. You brightened my day! *Lorna Buohl*

North Lancaster Conference Disaster Response Team

c/o Conference Dean's Fund
18 Quarry Road
Leola, PA 17540

Faith United Lutheran Church
c/o Pastor Marissa Becklin
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517

May 4, 2023

Dear Becklin and Members of Faith United,

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your generous support of our disaster response ministry. Your donation of \$613.00 will go a very long way toward covering the costs of ministering to those whose lives have been disrupted by natural disaster. It is greatly appreciated and, as you know, reduces the personal costs of the volunteers who help to make a difference in places where our brothers and sisters are trying to rebuild their homes and lives after a storm. It wasn't very long ago that we returned from Houston on our 23rd trip in which our crew did an amazing job of helping those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent storms.

Rebuilding after a flood, wildfire, hurricane or any other natural disaster takes years to accomplish. With your generous support, we intend to do all that we can, for as long as we can, to help. Again, your contributions help make that possible!

I very much appreciate your continued faithful support of the work that we do.

Thank you again for your support!

Peace,

The Rev. Glenn A. Beard, Jr.
Coordinator, Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Network

Proverbs Bible Study: Second And Fourth Tuesdays At Noon



Join Pastor Marissa and fellow congregants as we work our way through the wisdom tradition of Proverbs. Meets in-person, or via Zoom:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/411053586>

and follow the prompts. You can also call in by telephone to 1-929-205-6099 and enter our meeting ID: 411 053 586.

Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.

Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

Christian Symbol

TONGUES OF FIRE: Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when "tongues of fire" rested on the disciples' heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background—other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian's life.



Connect With Us On Facebook!

For regular invitation to prayer, devotional reflections, and updates, follow us on Facebook:

@faithunitedelca.

Also, consider joining our Private group: Faith United Lutheran Church Community Building, where we are spending time getting to know one another and check in with each other.

We'd love to have you join us!



We are hosting Kid's Church during 9:00 AM Worship. Children will come up for the Children's Sermon, exit to Kid's Church, and return for Holy Communion.

We are also looking for volunteers to help lead this session with our kids once every few weeks—the curriculum is prepared for you, with minimal stress and preparation on your part! Please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.



Have you been attending Worship with us online, and are looking for more information about joining our community in an official way? Membership is a mutual commitment between you and our congregation to

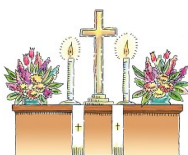
love and support one another on our faith journey. If this interests you, please email Pastor Marissa at:

pastormbecklin@gmail.com.

Endowment Committee

The Faith United Endowment Committee is looking for a few more members who are willing to help with receiving grant requests and making recommendations to the Church Council. Time commitment includes up to four (4) meetings per year. Please contact Pastor Marissa if you're interested in serving the church in this way.

2023 Altar Flower/Bulletin Sponsor Sign-Up



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flower Chart for 2023 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **New Format:** To sponsor flowers, sign your name on the chart; order the flowers from the florist of your choice, pay them and call Jamie Carpenter, 717-286-8821, to arrange to bring them to the Church. You will receive a paper in the mail to fill out with the wording you want in the Church Bulletin. Put it in the mailbox of "Shirley Sweigart" or call the Church Office, 717-336-2141.

The Bulletin Sponsor Chart for 2023 is on the board by the Walnut Street entrance. **Cost is \$25.00 per Sunday.**

You may call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to get your name on either Chart.



Bulletins

Confirmation for 7th and 8th Graders

Meets after Sunday worship from 10:30am-11:30am in-person on the second and fourth Sundays of each month:

- September 11 (Parents AND Students)
- September 25
- October 9
- October 23: Retreat
- November 13
- November 27
- December 11
- January 8
- January 22
- February 12
- February 26
- March 12
- March 26
- April 23
- May 14
- May 28



The Cozy Comforters need gently used sheets (no flannel please) or fabric to use for their comforters. Please put your donations at the back of the Sanctuary or in the Cozy Comforters

Committee Contacts

Interested in getting more involved? Contact the following people:

Finance: Scott Gola

Christian Education: Bryan Strohl

Information Technology (IT): Deb Demler

Staff Support: Brad Fichthorn

Property: Mike Gable

Worship and Music: Bruce Carpenter

Peter's Porch Feeding Ministry: Terry Burkholder

Family Ministry and Fellowship: Terri Kilrain

Social Ministry/Care Of Members: Dawn Frees, Lori Stover

Vacation Bible School: Ellen Houser

The Upper Room Daily Devotional
May—June, 2023

Christ In Our Home Daily Devotional
April, May, June 2023

Also, A Large Print Version is Available

Please call Shirley Sweigart, 717-538-1946 to set up an appointment to pick one up.

May Worship

Sixth Sunday Of Easter Sunday, May 14, 2023

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21. Jesus does not abandon his followers.

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.



Seventh Sunday Of Easter Sunday, May 21, 2023

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11. In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



Day Of Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23. Pentecost derives its name

from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.



June Worship

The Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023

Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8:1-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20. Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced



the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

Second Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, June 11, 2023

Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26. Though Jesus was a devout

Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.



Presentation On How To Set Up Recurring Giving Sunday, May 21 After Worship

This presentation by Pastor Marissa will provide information to those who are interested in or have questions about setting up recurring, automatic giving to Faith United.

Come with your questions!

Red Geraniums For Pentecost

Orders for **Red Geraniums** to decorate the Church Pentecost Sunday, June 4 can be placed until **Sunday, May 21, 2023.**



The cost is \$5.00 per 5 1/2" round pot.

Order envelopes are on the table with the bulletins; or by calling Shirley Sweigart at 717-538-1946. Please deposit completed envelopes in the red container on the counter at the back.



Wednesday, June 14, 2023

SERVING MAY and JUNE

Date	Lector	Technology	Ushers	Offering Counters
May 14, 2023	Deb Demler	Deb Demler	Jennie Weinhold Chris Weinhold	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
May 21, 2023	Cindy Kauffman	Deb Demler	Linda Riddell Jeff Hartman	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
May 28, 2023 Pentecost	Ann Roseboro	Tim Wise	June Wolf Don Wolf	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates
June 4, 2023 Holy Trinity	Todd Stewart	Lori Stover	Shirley Ludwig Bill Ludwig	Terri Kilrain Richard Billings Chris Billings
June 11, 2023	Dawn Frees	Tim Wise	Terri Kilrain Ellen Houser	Dawn Frees Craig Stover Lori Stover
June 18, 2023	Angela Stewart	Scott Gola	Mary Stewart Jim Stewart	Bruce Carpenter Jamie Carpenter Linda Riddell
June 25, 2023	Lori Stover	Deb Demler	Angela Stewart Todd Stewart	Tim Hegeman Robert Gates Gloria Gates

Substitute: Melvin Schmeck, 717-336-5792

If you are unable to be present to count the offering, please call Melvin.

Date	Acolyte	Communion Bread	Altar Committee	Altar Flowers, Bulletins
May 14, 2023	Aaron Wolf	Teri Arment	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	
May 21, 2023	Kellen Strohl	Mary Stewart	Mary Stewart Joanne Phillips	Teri Arment
May 28, 2023 Pentecost	Jackson Leshner		Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
June 4, 2023 Holy Trinity	Josh Gola		Janet Hirneisen Dawn Frees	
June 11, 2023	Lily Arment		Donna Gerhart Deb Anthony	
June 18, 2023	Aaron Wolf		Donna Gerhart Deb Anthony	
June 25, 2023	Kellen Strohl		Teri Arment Joyce Fischer	
May 21, 2023	Coffee & Conversation		Nikki Strohl	



In Our Prayers

We ask you to daily pray for the following people and those in your life you know that are in need:

For Comfort Of The Holy Spirit:

Ronald Worline Family
David Shober Family

Tony Pisano Family
Barbara Reager Family

Amanda Hoffert Family

For Healing:

Jean Worline
Ethel Farrow
Donna Deibler
Helen Johnson
Gayle Weidner
Elaine Ream
Elsie Becker
Keiser Family
Eileen Norton
Victor Rodriguez
Debbie Fischer

Bill Ludwig
Jim Kreider
Cindy Kauffman
Jane Imhoff
Dan Roseboro
Marlene Ferry
Gloria Eitnier
Julianna Beck
Lydia Bearinger
Sandy Madera
Carl Haberman

Diane Konopka
Deb Anthony
Merv Nolt
Christine Diener
Peg Perella
Stanley and Jeannette Uibel
Roland Gehman
Jared Snyder
Marlene and Joe Battisti
Joyce Hahn

Arlene Slabach
Cynthia Hegeman
David Eberly
Brett Hoffert
Helen Ruuttilla
Sallie Eachus
Patricia Krick
Beverly Kilmer
Arlo Schmidt
Maggie Carpenter

You're Also Invited To Call And/Or Send Cards.

Continuing Concerns

Jack Dewald, Helen Shirk, Betty Witmer, Dave Harnish, John Luciani, Matt Donley, John Loeber, Audrey Grill, Dorothy Hoyer, Michele Lacy, Caryll Lausch, Traci Krick, Rob and Terri Macker, Lorna Buehl, Ralph Whitcomb, Lillian Troutman, Sue Henkel, Michael Konopka, Susan Means, Florence Rutt, Susan Hartman, Dave Steiner, Day Fasnacht, John Werner, Reaser Family, Ginger Brubaker, Jim Kelly, Dennis Hill, Janice Houp, Cathy McQuate, Terry Moyer, Betsy Sensenig, Marie McQuate, Glenn Beard Sr., Martha Sheaffer, Jean Wolf, Donald Ernst, Shirley Leathery, Ginny and Jim Stoltz, Tracy Augustine, Stan Henderson, Jeri Lynn Pickel, Dean Camp, Jed Weidner, Men and Women Serving in our Armed Forces.

UPDATE: MASKS OPTIONAL



In response to the CDC's newest guidance for Lancaster County, **effective immediately, masks are optional at Faith United.** We give thanks for a low transmission rate in our county and decreased pressure on local hospitals that has made this guidance possible. We will continue to have masks available for those that wish to wear them.

Devotional Walking Group

LAST SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH

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Meets at garden outside Faith United Lutheran Church
(357 Walnut St.)

Join us for a short devotion, then walk at your own pace (strollers and pets on leashes welcome)

Summer Camp 2023

Kirchenwald

Kirchenwald is located on 340 acres of scenic forest, adjacent to 4,000 acres of State Game Lands, in Lebanon, PA.

Nawakwa

Nawakwa is located on 336 acres outside of Arendtsville, in Adams County, PA.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
LutheranCamping.org

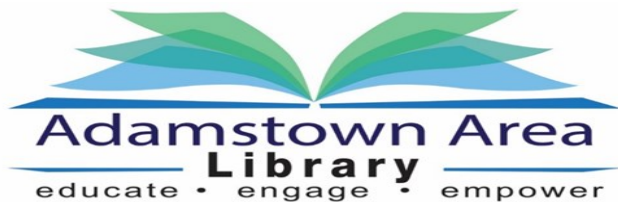
The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel!

Booklets On Rack In The Coat Room.



Communion Visits By Request

Pastor Marissa continues to offer in-home Holy Communion. She'd love to visit with you. To schedule a visit, contact the Church Office by Phone or Email; 717-336-2141; faithunited@ptd.net.



Adamstown Area Library Events

The Adamstown Area Library is a passport office for the United States Department of State. Passports are done by appointment only. Please call 717-484-4200 to make an appointment.

On Thursday May 18, Adamstown Area Library will host the *Food & Wine Pairing Dinner* at IronSpire. Live music and appetizers in the courtyard will be followed by a delicious five-course dinner with expert wine pairings from the kitchen of Chef John Moeller. Tickets cost \$125 and can be purchased through the website or at the Library. Proceeds benefit the Library.

Adamstown Area Library is located at 110 West Main Street in Adamstown, next to the Post Office. Regular Library hours are Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Learn more and register for events at AdamstownAreaLibrary.org

American Girl Bag Pickup - Monday, June 5 while supplies last. On the first Monday of each month there will be a new American Girl packet to pick up, filled with fun for you and your doll. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the Library foyer. 1 per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

Friends Book Sale - Every Tuesday in the Community Room. Hours are from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM every Tuesday except on the second Tuesday of the month, when the sale will end at 5:30 PM due to a Library program.

Young At Heart - Wednesday, May 17 and June 7 from 9:00-11:00 AM. REAL Life Community Services invites you to Young at Heart, with free events for anyone age 60 and up. Join us at the library for coffee, chatting, games, crafts, and more on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, call 717-336-7797 or visit REALLCS.org.

Doggie Downtime - Wednesday, June 7 from 10:45-11:45 AM. Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into "Twinkle's" big, beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! For all ages.

Tech Q & A - Wednesday, June 7 from 4:30-6:00 PM. Drop into the Library to get one-on-one help with your devices. Tech help and software training is also available other times by appointment.

"Budding Bookworms" Preschool Storytime - Every Wednesday at 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Stories and an easy craft for ages 3-6 with adult. May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14.

"Twinkling Stars" Baby Storytime - Every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs, and fingerplays. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! For babies with adult. May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15.

"The Young and the Restless" Toddler Time - Every Thursday at 11:00 AM. Stories, songs and fingerplays, followed by an easy craft and free play. Bring along

your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! For toddlers with adult. May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15.

LEGO Activity Bag Pickup - Monday, June 12, while supplies last. On the second Monday of each month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up, with instructions for a special project. Starting that day, you can pick up a kit in the library foyer. 1 per family please. For ages 5-12 years.

Genealogy Group - Tuesday, June 13 from 6:30-8:00 PM. This group meets at the Library on the second Tuesday of each month for lively discussions, research help or short talks from genealogy researcher Ken McCrea. For older students and adults.

Almost Perfect Crimes - Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Join Miss Jess as we discover together "Whodunit!" Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.

Food & Wine Pairing Dinner - Thursday, May 18 from 5:30-9:30 PM at IronSpire. Featuring a 5-course meal with expert wine pairings by Chef John Moeller. Tickets \$125. Proceeds Benefit the Adamstown Area Library. Tickets may be purchased online through AdamstownAreaLibrary.org or at the Library.

Library Closed - May 27-29. The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Springtime Bingo - March 1 - May 31. Children's Early Literacy Bingo (ages 3-9) and Self Care Bingo (ages 10-18). Pick up a Bingo sheet in the Library and return by May 31st to claim your prize.

Guess the Book in the Jar - All month. One of our most popular children's books has been loved to pieces. Can you Guess the Title of the Book in the Jar? Answer will be revealed at the end of the month. (All ages)

Farm I SPY Window Game - Stop in at the Library to "spy with your little eye" all the fun things on the window. List of items changes weekly. When you finish, come inside to receive your congratulatory sticker. Also, be sure to read the story on the window next to the outside ramp. Tell the staff the answer to the question for a prize.

MJWK (Miss Jess wants to Know) - all month. Teens, we want your opinion! Stop in the Young Adult and Teen Graphic Novel Book Section of the Library for the question of the month! With this simple voting passive program, teens can vote with a sticker dot to select their favorite. Results will be posted on our Facebook page at the end of the month. This month is "A-May-zing Activities" (Where do you like to hang out with your friends? Do you go bowling, mini golf, escape rooms, ziplining)?

Library for Dogs - Our community dogs are ready to enjoy a sunny walk with their owners. Please consider donating a stick or ball in the basket (along the front sidewalk) for our furry neighbors.



May 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Adamstown Area Library

Summer Reading 2023



110 W. Main Street - Adamstown, PA - 717-484-4200
www.adamstownarealibrary.org
 Registration requested/required for most events.

Saturday, June 3 9-11 AM. Opening Day Drive-Thru Party at Denver Park. Safely stay in your car while picking up your Summer Packet, Magician Papa Tater (sponsored by Blue Ridge), snacks, gifts, crafts, Refreshing Mountain raffle prizes, Fire Truck, Police Car, and more. 801 Main St. Denver. First 200 kids get Boehringer's Ice Cream Cone Coupon. *For Families.*

Monday, June 5 at 12 PM. Party at the Parks. (Denver Park & Reamstown Park) Celebrate the last day of school with Storytime, Snack & SR Signup. *For Families.*

Wednesday, June 7, July 5, & Aug. 2 (1st Wed. of month) at 10:45 AM. Doggie Downtime at Library. Do you need some tail-wagging tranquility in your life? Gaze into "Twinkle's" big beautiful, calming eyes to help wash your troubles away! (Therapy Dogs International) *For all ages.*

Thursday, June 8 at 1 PM. Animal Forensic Science at Adamstown Grove. How do forensic scientists use clues to answer questions? Examine why and how wildlife forensics can protect the wild animals. Use a microscope to ask and answer questions to learn what happened at the crime scene. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For all ages.*

Friday, June 9 at 10 AM. Spiders & Their Webs at Denver Park. In *Anansi the Spider*, the six spider sons work together to rescue their father by using their unique gifts. We learn all about spiders, different kinds of webs, play games, and create our own webs to take home. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For all ages.*

Monday, June 12 at 10 AM. Rock Garden Painting Party at Adamstown Grove. Bring your creativity, and we'll provide the rest. All rocks will be added to our Kindness Rock Garden. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For all ages.*

Monday, June 12 from 2-5 PM. Drop-in STEAM at Library. Explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math through games, activities, and projects with Miss Maribeth. Come build a bridge/city out of Legos, Knex, and other materials. *An adult is required to accompany children under 8.*

Wednesday, June 14 at 10 AM. Talewise Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together at Adamstown Grove. In this action-packed story, two unlikely heroes work to save their town, and the planet, from a super-polluting mastermind! Volunteers conduct science experiments exploring Newton's Laws of Motion, air pressure, chemical reactions, & more. *For Families.*

Wednesday, June 14, July 12, Aug. 9 (2nd Wed. of month) at 1PM. Pool Storytime at Denver Community Pool. Take a break from swimming and join Miss Jess at the Pool Pavilion. Pool entrance fee at discount rate or membership required. *For Families.*

Friday, June 16 at 10 AM. Social Insects: Working Together at Brubaker Park in Brecknock Township. No one comes together more than colonies of insects. These tiny critters can accomplish anything when they work together. We will play some fun pollination games. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For all ages.*

Tuesday, June 20 & 27, July 11 & 18 at 10 AM. Nature Shows at Refreshing Mountain. Come and hear all about native and exotic creatures from around the world. Meet Miss Jess at the Nature Center at Refreshing Mountain, 455 Camp Rd. Stevens, PA 17578. Park in Lot B - Follow yellow footprints to office, turn L, go down paved road towards pond. Families will need to sign a release form at each event. *For all ages.*

Tuesday, June 20 at 6:30 PM. Almost Perfect Crimes on Zoom. Join Miss Jess as we discover "Whodunit!" Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link and the Mini Murder Mystery Story. Additional clues and evidence will be revealed during our meeting as we try to solve the crime together. *For ages teen/adult due to some graphic content.*

Wednesday, June 21 at 10:30 AM. Phredd, Ukulele One Man Band at Adamstown Grove. He is the Ukulele Flailing, Harmonica Wailing, Suitcase Drumming, Kazoo Hum-Humming, Ukulele Bundle of Joy. *For all ages.*

Wednesday, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16 (3rd Wed. of month) at 1 PM. Storytime at Adamstown Pool. Take a break from swimming and join Miss Jess at the Pool Pavilion. Pool entrance fee at discount rate or membership required. *For Families.*

Friday, June 23 at 10 AM. Community Gardens at Chapel Gate Park in West Cocalico Twp. Learn how community gardens bring people together and about gardening crops and techniques from all over the world. Participants will end with planning their own seeds to start a garden at home. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For all ages.*

Monday, June 26 at 12 PM. Ice Cream Taste Testing at Adamstown Grove. On these hot days, what better way to cool off than with yummy ice cream? Children can guess the different flavor and then vote for their favorite. Thank you to Kountry Korner for sponsoring this "DELICIOUS" program. *For Families.*

Friday, June 30 at 10 AM. Let's Explore a Stream at the Reamstown Community Park. Get into the water and collect critters that live in our local waterways. Be sure to wear closed-toe & closed-back shoes. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For Families.*

Wednesday, July 5 at 1:30 PM. Ran D Shine Magician & Comedian at Adamstown Grove. This highly entertaining and engaging show is a playful interactive relationship with the audience. He brings "Real Magic for Real People" with his combo of psychological illusions, sleight of hand, and storytelling. *For all ages.*

Friday, July 7 at 10 AM. Food Chains at Adamstown Grove. Let's get together for dinner in the wild by taking a close-up look at the food chain where a series of organisms are each dependent on the next as a source of food. Lancaster County Dept. of Parks & Rec. *For all ages.*

Monday, July 10 Drop-in 10-12. Toddler Activity: Rescue our Community Heroes at Library. OH NO! Our friends have gotten stuck in some sticky situations. Use tweezers and your fine motor skills to help rescue our hometown protectors. *Ages 2-3.*

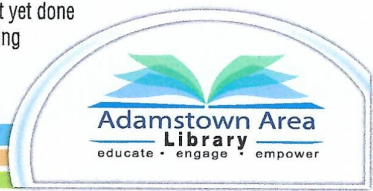
Friday, July 14 at 10 AM. Recycle Right: LCSWMA at Adamstown Grove. Join the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority as we learn about recycling with fun hands-on learning including a "recycling relay." *For Families.*

Tuesday, July 18 at 1:30 PM. Forgotten Friends: Jesse Rothacker at Adamstown Grove. You'll meet snakes, lizards, turtles, & crocs from around the world. *For all ages.*

Tuesday, July 25 at 10 AM. Dinosaur Dig: Expedition Adventure at Adamstown Grove. One person can find a dinosaur; however, getting it out of the ground takes teamwork. What skills are needed during a paleontological dig? Audience will participate in digging up real dinosaur bones, a touch of magic, and show & tell of rare fossils. *For all ages.*

Friday, Aug 4 at 10 AM. "The Bug Man" at Adamstown Grove. Ryan Bridges will be bringing the incredible world of Bugs and Insect! TONS of cool, fun... Guaranteed! Audience will have an opportunity to hold the harmless LIVE bugs and get answers to your questions they might have. *For all ages.*

Saturday, Aug 5 Drop in 9:30-11 AM. End of Summer "Magical" Party at Library. Let's celebrate all you have accomplished this summer with a magic show/balloon. (The Amazing Magi Michael Reist) and Raffle Prize (6 mo. Family Membership to Reading Public Museum.) If you have not yet done so, be sure to return your Summer Reading Log to receive your awesome prizes! *For all ages.*





Hospice & Community Care and the Pathways Center for Grief & Loss are offering the following programs.



As we are taking all necessary precautions for the health and safety of our patients and families, staff, volunteers and visitors our support group will be held In-Person and via Zoom. Call the Pathways Center at

(717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to receive Zoom credentials.

ADULT DROP-IN GROUPS

These free meetings, held online via Zoom and In-Person, include a presentation and an informal time to talk with others. Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to discuss with a bereavement counselor who will also provide the log-in information.

Coping With The Loss Of A Child (Of Any Age): Monday, May 15, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Tuesday, June 13, 6:30-8:00 PM; Tuesday, May 23, 2:00-3:30 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-8:00 PM, Via Zoom. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Age 50 & Under - Coping With The Loss Of A Spouse Or Companion: Wednesday, May 24, 6:00-7:30 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Coping With The Loss Of A Parent Or Sibling: Tuesday, June 6, 6:30-8:00 PM, Via Zoom. Groups are led by Master's-level counselors and volunteers who have experienced the same type of loss. They provide time to share experiences and ask questions. Groups are designed for those within the first two years following the death of a loved one. Call to register. **Registration deadline is one week prior to the group.**

Newly Bereaved Program (3 Week Series): Tuesdays, May 16, 23 and 30, 2:00-3:30 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 6:30-8:00 PM, Via Zoom. If your loss was recent, this series provides an overview of common grief responses and will help you to begin to identify coping tools. Space is limited; registration required. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration deadline: one week prior to the start of the group.**

GRASP (Grief Recovery After A Substance Passing): Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-8:00 PM, In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. This monthly group provides sources of help, compassion, and understanding for families or individuals who have had a loved one die as a result of substance abuse or addiction. Pre-registration for new attendees is required. For more information about location or Zoom details, or to register, contact Marjorie Paradise at mparadise810@comcast.net or (717) 951-2720.

Mindfulness & Grief: Practical Tools For Living (4 Week Series): Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30-8:00 PM, Via Zoom for First Three Sessions; Last Session In-Person at Pathways Center For Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy. Grief over the death of a beloved person triggers many uncomfortable emotions and thoughts. This four week series will address the benefits of practicing mindfulness as a tool for being present with your grief and improving your overall wellbeing. Marygrace Lombay, CRNP, Hospice & Community Care, will provide several forms of mindfulness to practice each week and help you connect mindfulness tools to common grief reactions. Space is limited and registration is required. Call to discuss with a bereavement counselor to determine if the group will meet your needs. **Registration deadline: May 24.**

Support For Caregivers: If you are caring for a loved one, who is caring for you? Hospice & Community Care offers an online support group for caregivers of a loved one who is seriously ill. This group offers a place to share your experience with others who may understand. Offered the third Thursday of every month, 6:30-8:00 PM, the sessions are facilitated by a Master's-level counselor and a trained volunteer who has been a caregiver. To receive the link to participate in this free virtual opportunity, call (717) 391-2413 to speak with a counselor.

Individual Grief Support: The Pathways Center offers individual grief consultation for adults, children, teens and families. In-person support sessions are provided in Mount Joy and York, while adhering to the Center for Disease Control's recommended guidelines. Individual sessions by phone or online via Zoom are also an option. Counselors are available any time Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Evening appointments may sometimes be available. Call the Pathways Center, (717) 391-2413, for more information or to set up an appointment.

Social Dine-Out Option: Do you feel as though the opportunities to socialize have changed after the death of your loved one? Does it seem as though the only people who truly understand what you are going through are others who are also grieving? The Pathways Center offers a variety of social options to choose from. Each participant pays for their own meal. These gatherings are facilitated by trained bereavement volunteers who have also experienced loss in the past.

Ladies Lunch: Wednesday, May 24, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Loxley's Restaurant, 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster. RSVP to Marie Roach at 717-823-9889 (text or telephone) by noon the day before the event.

Call the Pathways Center at (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 to request the log-in address or phone number to participate in a Zoom group or to schedule a private Zoom meeting with a Pathways counselor. Visit our website at www.PathwaysThroughGrief.org for updated information about support groups.

New Property Use Agreement

Faith United's Congregation Council voted on April 16, 2023 to approve a Property Use Agreement that will provide guidance for how our building can be of use to the community at large. This was approved after many months of careful consideration and work by the Council themselves. Below is a portion of the beginning of the agreement, and anyone who would like to see a full copy of the agreement can contact the office to see one.

Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church Property Use Agreement Adopted By Congregation Council April 16, 2023

Faith United Lutheran Church's (congregation) primary purpose is to carry on the mission and ministry of the congregation. It has a desire to serve as an outreach to the community and has a number of longstanding relationships with community organizations for ongoing use. The congregation is happy to have your organization share our facilities.

So that all church members and outside groups can enjoy our facility, we ask that you follow this guide and sign and return the Property Use Agreement and Release Form. A copy of the approved form will be returned to you. These forms are only to be used for occasional use such as a once only use or for a few hours one day each week or month.

Building use activities fall under the jurisdiction of the Congregation Council. Requests for building use are managed through the Church Office. No commitment for building use is finalized until the Use Agreement has been approved and executed through the Office. Local organizations and individuals for one-time or short-term usage also may use church building. When possible we will attempt to make our facility available for such groups. Our first priority is to congregation programs and membership needs. Priority is then given to nonprofit groups that are supported by church and finally to other nonprofit organizations.

Approval for the use of the grounds and/or facilities of the congregation does not constitute or imply endorsement of a group, their mission, or their positions. Groups approved to use congregation facilities are not to advertise the event in such a way as to imply endorsement by the congregation. No activities or advocacy may take place within the congregation, its buildings or

grounds that conflict with the practices of this congregation and the ELCA.

Included in this guide are the following:

- Steps To Facility Use Scheduling
- Rules And Regulations
- Property Use Agreement Form Including Release

Young At Heart Meets At Faith United 2nd And 4th Wednesdays

Join folks 60+ from the community in a time of fellowship, games, food, and guest speakers on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Faith United in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.



Adamstown Area Library
110 W Main St, Adamstown
9-11 AM
Wednesday, May 3rd
Wednesday, May 17th

Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut St, Denver
9-11 AM
Wednesday, May 10th
Wednesday, May 24th

If you have any questions you can call our office at 717-336-7797.



Celebrating Our 2023 Graduates

We would like to recognize our 2023 graduates with a blessing and gifts. Part of our preparation for that celebration includes compiling a list of all of our 2023 graduates.

Please send the names of 2023 graduates from our congregation to the Church Office: faithunited@ptd.net.

Please include the school they are graduating from.



**Sunday, June 25, 2023
10:00 AM
Worship Service
And Picnic**

**With Mellingers Lutheran Church In Denver Park
More Later**

KID'S PAGE

Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

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| 1. HEAV | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE | 7. ES |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE |
| 4. ONGUE | 9. A |
| 5. PIRI | 10. IND |



"When the ³ _____ came, they were all _____ ⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent ¹⁰ _____ came from _____ ¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ ⁹ what seemed to be _____ ⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____ ⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ ⁵ and began to speak in other _____ ⁸ as the Spirit _____ ² them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. rest, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind



Take Out Only Community Meal

No Charge

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Pre-Order Required by May 19

Pickup Time - 5:30-6:00 PM

Trinity United Methodist Church

420 Main Street, Denver

(Rear Entrance)

Call 717-336-6748 or

Email: swampcf@ptd.net

BOOK SALE

Adamstown Area Library
(110 W Main St, Adamstown)

Every Tuesday
11 AM to 7 PM

(With the exception of the
2nd Tuesday of the month
when sale closes at 5:30 PM)

HOSPICE
& COMMUNITY CARE



Save some space in your garden for a great cause!

HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE PLANT SALE

Come and shop our large selection of plants including annuals, perennials, shrubs, house plants, hanging baskets, succulents and veggies. And new for this year, native plants.

100% of the plant sale proceeds will help to provide care and support for patients and families coping with a serious illness, facing end of life or loss.

Sponsored by: [The Gilded Lily](#)
Community Partner: [Blue Ridge Communications](#)

Friday, June 2
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Meet and greet with Tim Arpin and James Henning from The Gilded Lily

Saturday, June 3
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Essa Flory Center
685 Good Drive, Lancaster

Tasty treats from The Egg Roll Lady, Casey's Cupcakes, Scoops Ice Cream & Grill and Zook's Donut Truck will be on sale.

Rain or shine. Credit cards, cash or check are accepted.



The Essa Flory Center | 685 Good Drive P.O. Box 4125 Lancaster, PA 17604-4125
(717) 295-3900 | Fax: (717) 391-9582 | Email: info@hospicecommunity.org
The E. E. Manny Murry Center | 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA 17552 | (717) 735-9681
The Ann B. Barshinger Hospice Center | 235 St. Charles Way, Suite 250, York, PA 17402-4686 | (717) 793-2113

Hospice & Community Care
info@hospicecommunity.org

Community Events

4th Annual Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, May 20, 2023
4:00 PM

Food Truck & Beer

Dogs & Kids Welcome

\$30.00 Registration Fee

The Backyard at St. Paul Penryn
1258 Newport Road, Penryn, PA

Proceeds Benefit the St. Paul Food Pantry
and The Lutheran Camping Corporation of
Central PA.

Call 717-665-6093 or Email
stpaulpen@gmail.com to Register

ALIGN
LIFE MINISTRIES

move FOR life
WALK • RUN • PLUS

SATURDAY
MAY 13, 2023

Boldly proclaim the truth about
Jesus and Life with friends on
SATURDAY, MAY 13. It's a Jesus-
honoring experience that makes
a difference in the lives of
moms, dads, and babies!

The Junction Center, Manheim

OR, choose your own fun activity to enjoy
remotely at your convenience.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Walk • 5K Run • Live Worship
Fun Zone • Food • Prizes

Event Schedule (RAIN OR SHINE)

7:30 AM Onsite Registration Opens for Run/Walk
8:00 AM Fun Zone Opens
8:45 AM Opening Prayer and Welcome Comments
9:00 AM 5K Starts
9:30 AM 1 Mile Walk Opens
10:15 AM Ministry Highlights and Awards Ceremony
12:00 PM Fun Zone Closes, Event Concludes

ALIGN LIFE MINISTRIES BOLDLY
PROCLAIMS THE TRUTH IN LOVE ABOUT
JESUS AND HIS GIFT OF LIFE AS:

- Young women, men, and families are encountering the gospel
- Abortion-minded women are finding hope and choosing life for their babies
- Moms and dads are cultivating wholesome parenting skills, strengthening their families
- Individuals wounded by abortion are embracing God's loving forgiveness and receiving healing
- Life-affirming organizations worldwide are partnering together to advance the gospel and the sacredness of life
- The Church is receiving tools to align with God through our published resources

EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION:
AlignLifeMinistries.org

QUESTIONS? Shannon Martin • 717.274.5128 x 315 • smartin@alignlifeministries.org



Highland Chancel Choir
Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 7:00 pm

This concert will take us on a journey through musical theatre history featuring well-known songs by Rodgers & Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and others. The program also features the celebrated and stirring Gospel Mass by Robert Ray.

Highland Dorothy Rose Smith Concert

Highland
Presbyterian
Church
500 East Roseville
Road, Lancaster
717-569-2651

Community Events

ICARE COMMUNITY EVENT
1850 Diamond Station Road, Ephrata, PA 17522
BLESSINGSOFFHOPE.COM/EVENTS

JUNE 1-3





Thursday Evening: Banquet
Friday Evening: All You Can Eat Beef, Concert, Entertainment
Saturday: Festival of Food, 5K, Auction, Cornhole Tournament, Children's Activities

Plan to attend our
OPEN HOUSE



Save the dates for our Open Houses
Thursday, June 1 ~ Friday, June 2 ~ Tuesday, June 6
From 1pm-4pm each day.
To sign up for the date of your choice, go to:
[FairmountHomes.org/Open House & Virtual Tour](http://FairmountHomes.org/OpenHouse&VirtualTour)



Join us at Peter's Porch!



gatherings happening...

- 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Faith United Lutheran Church
357 Walnut Street
Denver, PA 17517
717.336.2141
www.FaithUnited-elca.org
- 2nd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Lititz Mennonite Church
165 East Front Street
Lititz, PA 17543
717.626.8327
www.LititzMC.org
- 3rd Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00am
Zion Lutheran Church
435 Main Street
Akron, PA 17543
717.859.2100
www.ZionAkron.org
- 4th Saturday (STARTING 7/28/18), 8:00 - 10:00am
Landis Valley Christian Fellowship Church
2420 Kissel Hill Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
717.569.6051
www.LandisValleyFellowship.org

*Providing a free breakfast and a bag of food for our neighbors
There is donated clothing at Lititz and Akron Peter Porches*

Are you at risk of being evicted or having your utilities shut off?
ERAP Can Help!

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program
Eligibility is determined by:

- Income
- Covid-19 Experience
- Must a renter of a home or lot

For more details and to receive help, contact:
Ephrata Area Social Services
By Appointment b/x Mon-Fri, 9—4
717-733-0345 Or...

Northern Lancaster Hub
By Appointment
717-723-8258

Or visit:
www.LancasterHelp.rent

For those who do not qualify for ERAP, please reach out for help anyway before the situation becomes a crisis.



REINHOLDS, ADAMSTOWN AND SURROUNDING COCALICO AREA

FOOD PANTRY

EASS has a satellite location at
Swamp Lutheran Church
every 2nd Wednesday of the month
1:30 PM- 5:30 PM

Call 717.733.0345 or 717.336.2849
to let us know you are coming

Salem Lutheran Church, Ephrata Bus Trip to Penn State Area Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Included is a Wine Tasting at Mount Nittany Winery, a Buffet Lunch at the Penn Stater, a guided tour of the Penn State Campus with a stop at the All Sports Museum and ice cream at the Famous Berkey Creamery.

Price is \$142 Per Person
Registrations Are Due May 19, 2023

For Information
Call Stephanie Frymyer
717-682-9697

Introducing a new place in Northern Lancaster County for those experiencing homelessness



Open every Wednesday and Thursday from 8AM - 1PM starting April 7 at the Community Commons - side entrance 560 South Reading Rd. Ephrata, PA 17522



Community Events



New Group Forming

Begins: February 5, 2023

Time: 3-4:30pm

Where: Real Life Ministry
239 Main St. Denver PA

Contact: Mohn's Hill EC Church

610-775-3667

www.mohnshill.org

You're invited to the
Lutheran Camping Corporation's
**Summer Camp Kick-off
Worship and Picnic**

Sunday, May 21, 2023
At Nawakwa
Worship begins at 3:30 pm

Join friends, volunteers, and staff of
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel
Farm to celebrate the opening of the 2023
Summer Camping Season with worship,
fellowship, and fabulous food.

RSVP by May 12 to 717-677-8211 or LutheranCamping.org

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm
PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303
717-677-8211 • www.LutheranCamping.org

6/2 First Friday Food Drive

First Friday of each month
between 3pm - 5pm
Drop off items at Warehouse 916

PLEASE NOTE:

All unexpired, unopened, nonperishable food donations are accepted. We list the items we REALLY need on our website each month and on Facebook. Some items on the list are used for meal recipes that our provided to our Power Pack families each week Thank you! For more information or questions, contact our office at 717-336-7797.



Scan here for the list on our website!

FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned pasta meals
- Ice Tea mix
- Coffee - regular and Decaf - 1-pound containers
- Paper plates
- Paper napkins
- Disposable drink cups
- Juice boxes
- Sandwich bags
- Wax paper
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Relish
- Mayonnaise
- Miracle Whip

OTHER ITEMS:

- Sunscreen lotions - Adult and Youth
- Sunburn lotion
- Insect repellent
- Over the counter fever/pain medication - Adult and Youth
- (Tylenol, Ibuprofen)
- Disposable razors
- Shave Cream
- Over the counter Cough medication
- Liquid pump hand soap
- Ant and Roach household spray



REAL Life 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Wednesday June 7th @ 1 PM at Foxchase Golf Club

Registration includes a fabulous lunch refreshments and dinner in the pavilion after you complete the course. For more information, scan the QR code, below, or go to our website at REALLCS.ORG and click on Events, then '2023 Golf Tournament'.



Scan here to register by May 15th or call (717) 336-7797.



Wittel Farm Growing Project

May 13 & May 20 - Public Planting Days

June 25, July 30, & Aug. 27 -
Dinner Church

Sept. 24 & Oct 29 - Campfire Worship

More info at WittelFarm.org

Community Events



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

MT. GREटना BIBLE FESTIVAL 2023

Summer at the Tabernacle | *Worship, Speakers and Concerts*

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave. Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations. A freewill offering will be received at each program.



June 2 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service
"Lord, I Have Heard." Bishop Charles Brown Jr., United Zion Church, Annville, Pa.

June 4 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert
Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Choral singing by children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ.



June 9 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service
"Why We Worship God." Rev. John Frye - Pastor of Worship & Care, Calvary Church, Lancaster, Pa. Music by John Frye.

June 11 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert
Jazz Ministers Big Band Directed by Keith Wiley, 18 musicians share the gift of music through Christian worship or concert experience. Musical selections based on standard Christian hymns and Gospel favorites.



June 16 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service
"Once More the People Ask . . . Why God." Rev. Dr. Nathan Minnich, Pastor Emeritus Salem Lutheran Church, Elizabethville, Pa. & President of Minnich Funeral Homes. Special music by Daniel Dorthy, Director of Music & Organist at Derry Presbyterian Church, Hershey, Pa.

June 18 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet Mt. Gretna's own Andy Roberts will praise God with original jazz song stylings. Sponsored by JoAnn Thomas Show.



June 23 Friday 7 p.m. Ecumenical Service
"Why God Wants Us To Forgive." Rev. Carrie Call, PhD, Conference Minister of the Penn Central Conference, United Church of Christ, Harrisburg, Pa.

June 25 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

New Holland Band Patriotic and spiritual concert, directed by Dr. Kenneth Lauder Milch. Formed in 1829, the New Holland Band is the second oldest municipal band in the nation. Sponsored by Cornwall Manor.



June 30 Friday 7 p.m.
 Ecumenical Service

"Why God" SEVEN Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, Pa. A group of college-aged musicians share Jesus through musical worship, directed by Dr. Doug Curry. Sponsored by Esther Mefferd, in memory of Pastor Ted Mefferd, Class of '66 from Messiah University.

MAY

T H I N K I N G
T H U R S D A Y

5/18

NO EVENT TONIGHT!
(Getting ready for our smoked meat event!).

5/25

BINGO!!

Each event will be a one-hour class – 30 min of learning and 30 min of discussion. These events are targeted for ages 12 and up and held 7-8pm at the Lighthouse Community Center (239 Main Street, Denver, PA 17517)



**WE'RE FIRING UP
THE PIT FOR**

REAL smoked pulled pork

walk-up on Main St at Unruhs Car Show
Friday, May 19th
 Drive thru at N 3rd St, Denver
 4:30 until sold out
\$10 Suggested Donation

MEAL: Pulled pork on a bun, bag of chips, whoopie pie, applesauce, and a drink. Cash only.

Community Events

2023 Denver Memorial Day Parade And Ceremony



On **Monday, May 29, 2023**, the Denver area will celebrate Memorial Day with our annual parade and ceremony in the Denver Memorial Park. The

Memorial Day Parade will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Denver Fire Company Hall located at North 4th Street and Locust Street. The Dixieland Band will lead the march with any other groups that would like to fall in line. A short service of tribute will take place alongside the cemetery at North 4th Street with a special hymn dedicated to the veterans buried there. A representative from the Fraternal Order of Orioles Nest No. 54, Denver, PA, will place a floral tribute on the grave representing all veterans buried in our cemeteries.

Upon conclusion of this abbreviated service, the parade will resume on North 4th Street to Walnut Street, and then turn west on Walnut Street to the bandstand in the Denver Memorial Park for the balance of the service. Todd Stewart will lead the service and present the 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony Speaker Bruce Deisinger. Mr. Deisinger was born in Philadelphia and moved to Moorestown, NJ as an infant. He attended Montclair State College as a music major and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968. He arrived in Vietnam in February, 1969 and was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division.

Mr. Deisinger was wounded on March 15, 1969 when he was hit by two (2) rocket-propelled grenades in an ambush in the Tay Ninh Province. When he returned home, he was reassigned to the 225th Military Police at Ft. Indiantown Gap and left the Army in 1970 with the rank of Specialist 5. He was awarded a Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. After his service Mr. Deisinger returned to school, received a Master's Degree in Conducting, and worked as a music teacher for 31 years. He moved to Lancaster County in 2006.

Following the ceremony, the procession will move to the Memorial to hear the "Roll of Honor" and "Salute the Dead" with the rifle squad of the Reinholds VFW Honor Guard. A cross for each veteran whose life was taken in the service of their country will be placed during that event.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday,
June 8, 2023**

11:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Farm Crest
Community Room
1100 Farm Crest Drive,
Ephrata, PA

For Appointment,
Call Central PA
Blood Bank
800-771-0059

Fairmount, Ephrata Outdoor Concert Series

Four singing groups will be holding outdoor concerts this summer on the following dates at Fairmount, Ephrata:

Tuesday, May 23: *Tru Vintage Bluegrass*
6:30 PM
Wheat Ridge

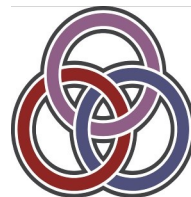
Tuesday, June 27: *Ransomed Bluegrass*
6:30 PM
Crest View

Tuesday, July 25: *Mill Creek*
6:30 PM
Wheat Ridge

Tuesday, August 29: *J-Tyme Bluegrass*
6:30 PM
Crest View

All of the Concerts are free and open to the public.

Please bring lawn chairs.



**Trinity
Sunday** **June 4, 2023**

Community Events



Homes of Hope Mentor Training

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR WITH LOVE INC'S HOMES OF HOPE MINISTRY? USE YOUR GIFTS TO HELP SERVE FAMILIES IN NEED. THIS TRAINING WILL EQUIP YOU TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF MENTORING A FAMILY THROUGH LOVE INC'S HOMES OF HOPE PROGRAM. OPEN TO NEW AND CURRENT HOMES OF HOPE MENTORS.

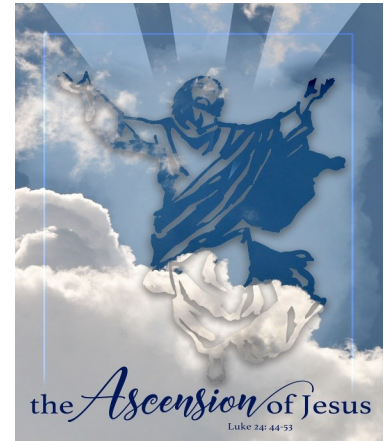
Wednesday, May 17th
6:00-8:00 PM - Via Zoom

Link will be provided after registration.

Email Julia Solano - jsolano@loveinclanaster.org to register for this FREE training.



Sunday, May 14, 2023



Thursday, May 18, 2023



★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help the Wreaths for Fairview Cemetery group honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Fairview Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery Annex.

Scan the QR code to the right to make a donation online or visit:

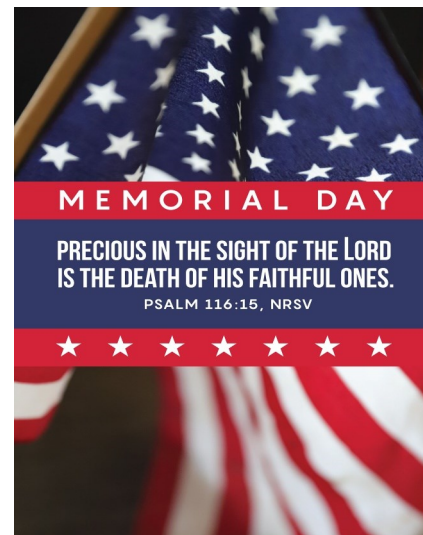
www.wreathscrossamerica.org/PA0774



#ServeAndSucceed



Saturday, May 20, 2023



Monday, May 29, 2023

FAITH UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
357 WALNUT STREET
P O BOX 157
DENVER PA 17517-0157

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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