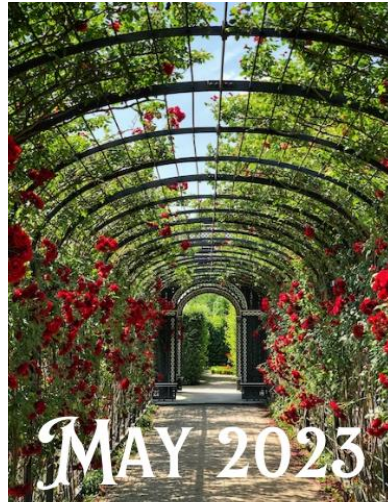


*A Newsletter from the Worshipping Communities of*

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*Grace*  
& PEACE  
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*from Pastor Bethany*

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.**



**In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."  
Proverbs 3:5-6**

We all come to crossroads in our lives; job changes, college choices, moving, changing schools and the list goes on. Whenever we arrive at a crossroad we are faced with a decision. The direction we choose to go will affect who we befriend, what we learn and how we are changed by the new experience. As people of God, we can be sure that we are led by love into the places and to the people who we most need and who most need us. God makes our paths straight even if the way there is winding and long. I am thankful that the crossroad I faced in 2019 led me straight to all of you. When you come to a crossroad in your life may you be blessed in knowing that God can be trusted and relied upon to lead you.



Calling all bakers! Please bake some communion bread for worship. The freezer space is plentiful, the bakers are few. Here is a tried and true recipe that yields delicious bread.

How to bake communion bread

1. Measure into a large bowl:

2 c whole wheat flour

1 c white flour

1 & 1/4 tsp baking powder

1 & 1/4 tsp salt

2. Sift or whisk dry ingredients together thoroughly.

3. Stir in 4 tsp oil. Set aside.

4. In a second bowl, mix wet ingredients together until dissolved

3/4 cup + 2 Tbsp very hot water (min. of 180 degrees F)

3 Tbsp honey

3 Tbsp molasses

5. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and mix well. Dough should be slightly sticky. Do not knead.

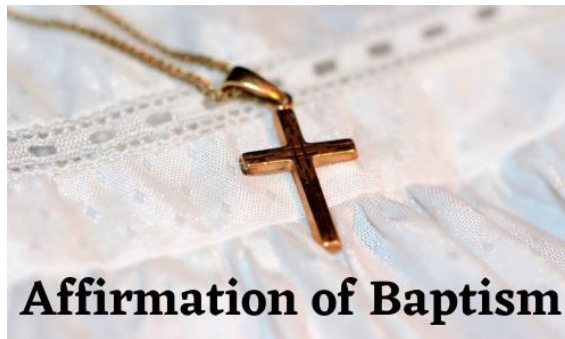
6. Divide into four balls and flatten each into a 1/4 inch thick disk.

7. Using a knife, score a cross onto each loaf.

8. Lay the loaves on a baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and brush the tops of the loaves with oil. Bake an additional 5-8 minutes. Let cool. Yield: four 8 oz. loaves. The loaves freeze well.



Our FaithLift Confirmation classes ended for the school year on April 19. Thanks to the students, parents and AAA adults who made this year of learning and growing in faith a blessing to be part of. We look forward to celebrating with our 8<sup>th</sup> grader confirmands in May and welcoming the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders into the program this fall!



### **Affirmation of Baptism**

Come celebrate on May 7<sup>th</sup> at worship with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands: Makala Breunig, Dawson Webb, Madelyn Fregine, Kylie Bauer and Lance Wallace as they affirm their baptisms and continue to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.



The last day of Sunday School for this school year is April 30<sup>th</sup>. We give thanks for the faithful teachers who have led our kids in their faith learning this year: Jill Bauer, Paula Biesterveld, Donna Johnson, Tracy Rosemeyer and Jean Hermann.



For those wishing to receive their First Communion please join Pastor Bethany for a class on Wednesday, May 3 at 5:30PM at Rock Creek OR Thursday, May 4 at 5:30PM at Faith. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7 at both worship services.



On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate our graduating seniors during worship. Come and pray a blessing over them as they reach this important crossroad and take the next step in their lives.



Kick off summer with a special Bike Blessing on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>



Bring your bicycle, tricycle, scooter or skateboard. Ride with Pastor Bethany to worship. We will meet at 8AM at Diane Nolan's house (N856 810<sup>th</sup> St) to ride to Rock Creek and 10AM at Caddie Woodlawn to ride to Faith. You will receive a special gift to put on your wheeled ride! You will also receive a Church-To-Go Kit to equip you to keep Jesus at the center of your summer even on the weeks you are away from church while you camp or vacation.



### **Poeschel Pup Thanks!**

Thanks to your generous offerings throughout Lent, we were able to donate \$936 to the Poeschel family to help them purchase a service dog.



### **Luther Park Bible Camp...**



### **...Our Partnership with Holy Play**



### **Summer Camp Registration Now Open!**

The next chance to grow in faith at Luther Park is during our week there this summer June 25-June 30. Join Pastor Bethany for one of the many camps offered for those completing 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Scholarships are available.

Register online at <https://lutherpark.org/summer-camp>



### **Rock Creek Dream Team**

Adopt a Highway clean up will happen on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30AM, weather permitting. If you are willing to help out, please contact Ashley Urness.

### **Faith Dream Team**

Watch for Chicken Tent envelopes to be available this month. These will serve as a way to garner support for the Fun Fest Chicken Tent fundraiser in June.

The Dream Team will continue to offer a grand prize at Sunday Supper Bingo each month. If you have a prize to donate please contact Linda Talford.

You can always join the Dream Team. Our next meetings are:

Faith - Monday, May 22 6:30PM

Rock Creek – Tuesday, May 23 6:30PM

***Join area churches  
for the 3rd annual***



***Mark your calendar now for  
July 11-14, 2023***

## Help Needed!



### **Grilled chicken + Helping Hands = Faith's biggest fundraiser of the year!**

Faith's Chicken Tent Fundraiser is an all hands on deck event this year.

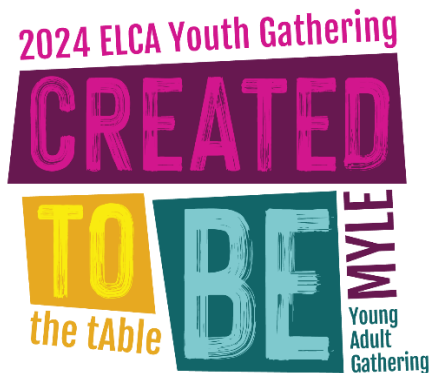
Everyone at Faith is being asked to step up to help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 for our ministry during Fun Fest Weekend.

Here are the ways you can help in upcoming months:

March - Join the planning team - Contact Linda Talford

April - Donate money or food to offset costs

May – Sign up to help set up/serve/clean up the meal during Fun Fest June 10-11  
Share Facebook posts about the event and invite your family and friends to come eat in support of our ministry.



Pastor Bethany is organizing a group of Senior High Youth and adult chaperones to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. It will be held July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans. If you are interested in attending or just want to learn more before you decide, come to an informational meeting on Monday, May 22 at 5:30PM at Faith. Current 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to attend.



Pastor Bethany will be taking time off May 26-May 31. If you have a pastoral care need during that time please contact Luke Pederson, SAM at 715-797-0752. Lay School of Ministry graduate, LeAnne Carlson will lead worship on May 28.