

Divine Connections

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Bible Study:

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. & Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Worship Service:

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

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FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor Jami led Faith children in March's Lent activities, with help from Janice Neagle and Judie Tim. The focus was fasting, praying for others, and supporting charities. The children made prayer jars with popsicle sticks for daily prayers. Janice taught Holy Week using a flannel board. Molly shared links to "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" and its ASL version, which everyone sang and signed on Easter.



EASTER BLESSINGS

The Faith Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th was a great success, with more than 20 children and their families participating. Over 500 eggs were hidden, including hardboiled ones colored by the kids, thanks to Jan and Paul Frantz, Sara Cornell, and Diane. Special thanks to Janice for coordinating and the ten church volunteers who assisted with



games and refreshments. Appreciation goes to Pastor Jami, Chef John Lyman, Ruth Major, Barb Kresge, Nancy and Wayne Croughn, Ben Mroz III, Jan and Paul Frantz, Piper and Karen Jackson. Piper, Judie's granddaughter, served as our Easter Bunny.

We thank Paul and Jan Frantz for the Easter flowers in the sanctuary, which added a bright spring touch to our place of worship.

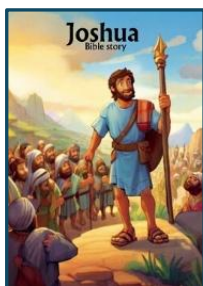


HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUR

Fellowship will be held after worship on the second Sunday of each month, starting **May 10**. Each gathering has a \$50 budget. Volunteers to host are needed—please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP



Pastor Jami, our children and their families, and our teachers have planned a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster this June to see "Joshua" perform on stage!

FAITH READERS BOOK CLUB

Our current book selection is, "The Measure," by Nikki Erlick. Discussion of the book will take place after worship service on May 17 at Murphy's loft. All are welcome to join us.



MUSICAL GIFTS

If anyone in the congregation has musical gifts they would like to share, please reach out to Molly. If you plan an instrument, have a love of singing, or just a passion for music and would like to get involved musically here at the church, feel free to speak to Molly after service, or contact her at mollrose11@gmail.com or 717-406-7970. We are happy to include soloists and instrumentalists as part of our worship service. Music is a joyful noise to God.



CHURCH PROPERTY UPDATE

With heartfelt thanks, we want to recognize Mike Gillis and Faith Lutheran's maintenance team for all they did to keep our property clear and safe through this winter's snow.



As we move into the spring and summer months, we'll be

working with a landscaping service to provide ongoing lawn care.



Mike is still negotiating with contractors to rebuild the front entrance and expects a final assessment soon so work can begin.

FAITH FAIR

The 29th Annual Faith Fair will be held **on Saturday, August 8, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



Join us for a fun-filled day featuring:

- Craft and flea market vendors
- Raffle baskets
- Face Painting
- Children's games and stories
- Old-fashioned cake walks
- BINGO and more.

While Faith is NOT having a flea market table this year, we are accepting donations for the following items:

- Gently used books, jewelry, purses and hats.
- New small items for BINGO prizes
- Raffle baskets and new items for the baskets.

Please see Sara Cornell if you have any questions or have items to donate. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there.

PRAYER LIST

We encourage you to provide updates about your loved ones, helping us keep our prayer list relevant and meaningful. If you wish to add someone to the list, simply fill out a prayer request form and place it in the prayer box found at the back of the church.



GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.' Matthew 5:4

The mission of our Christ-centered grief and bereavement ministry is to



help people apply biblical principles and guidance as they deal with life stresses, difficult emotions, loneliness, and moving forward after the death of a loved one or other losses. Our ministry's goals are to offer spiritual support and comfort to individuals and families who are hurting and would benefit from having guidance in navigating their grief in an individual or group setting. There is no fee for members of Faith Lutheran and their families. Contact the church office at 570-646-0309 or Dr. Sara Cornell at 570-472-5560, or by email at saracornell10@gmail.com.



Greetings from the Pastor....

I'm pretty sure you don't know this but for about two months I have been doing physical therapy for my shoulder. There has been a constant kind of pain that would not go away and hurt whenever I lifted my hands as I lead worship. It also hurt to buckle my seatbelt, close my car door, and carry our youngest grandchild. Now I tell you this because I'm guessing that most of you who saw me never realized that I was having this difficulty. And that got me to thinking...

On the outside most of us look relatively good - normal - put together, as they say. We come into worship on a Sunday morning and look around and think—this is a place where most people are problem free—their lives are going pretty well. Or, more correctly, on the outside we are holding it all together but inside many of us are worried, depressed, stressed, hopeless and on and on.

Truth is, we are all, at some points in our lives, hurting and struggling, but people just don't know it. Truth is, worship on any given Sunday morning is really a hospital for wounded people—all coming

together for hope and healing—looking for joy in the midst of our pain and strength when we feel we can't go on—hearing the word of God—singing familiar hymns—praying together, so we can face the world again as we leave.

So next time you enter the sanctuary, look around you and take time to pray for the person who sits next to you in the pew, the members of the choir, the children who come for the children's message, those whose eyes tear up during a hymn, the members who have lost loved ones, the people who may look frail and those who look strong. Pray for the staff and the worship leaders, the Sunday school teachers and our homebound members. Because you see, we all need each other. We all need those prayers. We are not as put together as we look!

Easter blessings,

Pastor Jami

