



FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2025

Back on October, 29 2024 our Tuesday Bible Study began studying the book of Revelation. This month (on Tuesday, May 6) we will conclude our study as we read the last chapter of that book. The book of Revelation is often confusing, presented as more terrifying than hopeful, and containing more judgement than gospel. My favorite commentary on Revelation is Richard L. Jeske's "Revelation For Today: Images of Hope." For me, Jeske's title wonderfully underlines what Revelation is... an image of hope and fulfillment of Christ's promises.

There's something poetic and beautiful about reading the last two chapters of Revelation during the season of Easter. As we gather for worship in the shadow of the empty tomb this season, John of Patmos' words paint a picture of what God's coming looks like.

In many ways it's a retelling of Genesis, the chaos of creation followed by God's eternal dwelling with humanity. There are some differences. In the words of Revelation we see clearly who Jesus is- the lamb who was slain. In the new creation that comes down from heaven there is no serpent, or evil, no wickedness or corruption.

In this vision all things are made new— not replaced. As existence is made new, some things will be discarded.

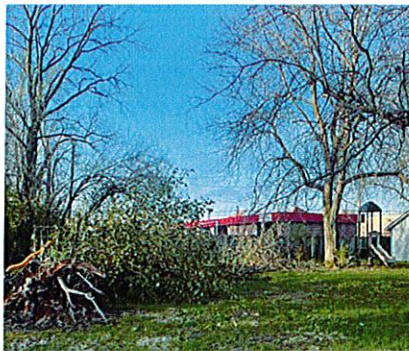
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. (Rev. 21:4)

The "first things" are sin, death, pain, mourning, dementia, addiction, heartache, health issues, loss, and sadness, just to name a few. They are the things that exist in our world and cause us to mourn & struggle.

The miracle of Easter is the first step to God's new and perfect creation founded on Jesus Christ; the first born of all creation (Colossians 1:15) and firstborn from the dead (Revelation 1:5).

I pray that in this season of Easter you find joy in the miracle at the empty tomb, and take comfort in the promises of hope that Christ has made with his life, death, and resurrection. These are the promises that pull us into God's forever & ever... Amen.

Pastor Hill



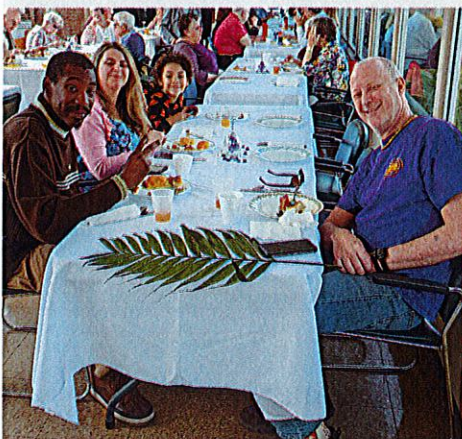
A tree fell in the grove



Preparation for Holy Week!



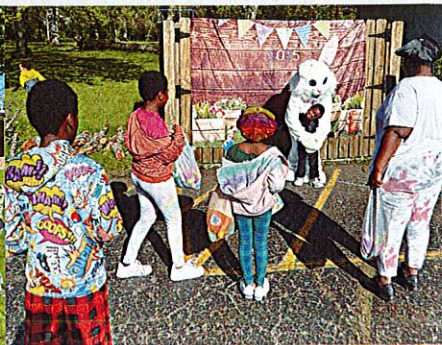
Palm Sunday Brunch!



April
Photo
Dump!



After Easter-Easter Egg Hunt & Taco Sunday!



CAUSE OF THE MONTH



Our April Cause of the Month is **Taco Sunday!** In partnership with 2 Tones Brewing Company and Uncle Will's Wagon, Faith provides free meals to members of our community right here in the parking lot!

Taco Sunday is held the last Sunday of the month from 5-7PM in the church parking lot April-October.



Busy Bees

• Thanks to all of our musicians in the choir and handbell groups for their time and talents on Good Friday!



• We had a great turnout at the hive for Taco Sunday and our After-Easter Easter Egg Hunt, thanks to all who made it happen!



• Special thanks to Charlene Coy, and Linda & Alan Mittler for help setting up for Gretchen Risch's celebration of life.



• Thanks to all who keep Whitehall looking good during our Spring Cleanup Day!

BIRTHDAYS

01 DAVID APPEL	19 GLENN SOUTHWARD
01 VICKIE SCHMOLL	20 DANIEL HILLE
03 SADIE FORD	22 GEORGE LESLIN
05 PAT VON VILLE	31 AMANDA ALLEN
08 SUSAN MILLWATER	31 KAREN EVANS
18 DORRIE MAYER	

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

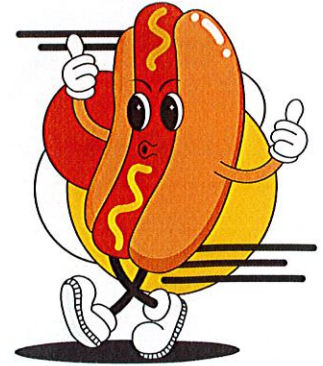
09 HERB & BEV SCHOLES
31 KEVIN & ANGELA OLIVA

Prayer Requests

- April Parfitt, a former member, as she acclimates to a new pacemaker.
- Jim Bline, as he heals from Covid.
- Sue Coonfare, as she recovers from surgery on her arm.
- Karen Evans, for health complications.
- Pat VonVille, as she battles health concerns.
- Judy Pherigo, as she recovers from a broken femur.
- Jan Stamper, a co-worker of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is battling a rare form of cancer.

Hot Dog Lunch! 6/8/2025

Join us June 8th after worship for a hot dog lunch! Hot dogs and snacks will be provided, or you can bring your own food. See the sign up in the glass hallway if you would like to bring something!



Faith Lutheran Church's 4th annual **5K Run/Walk** will take place **Sunday July 6th**. All proceeds from this event will support **Carter Kindness**, a local non-profit with Faith ties that supports our local community in food security and overall kindness! The run/walk will be mostly on neighborhood roads and a loop around Lamby Lane Park before heading back to the finish line. The course is flat and on paved surfaces.

March 2025 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	Mar 2024	Mar 2025	Budget 2025
Support and Revenue	\$ 17,145	\$ 22,924	\$ 16,596
Expenses	18,614	19,884	19,089
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (1,468)	\$ 3,040	\$ (2,493)

Year-to-Date		
Mar 2024	Mar 2025	Budget 2025
\$ 57,334	\$ 58,091	\$ 49,788
55,569	61,006	57,265
\$ 1,765	\$ (2,915)	\$ (7,477)

We had a healthy surplus of \$3,040 in March, which trimmed our year-to-date deficit to \$2,915. Although we are behind last year's position, we are performing better than projected. However, results tend to vary by month, with larger deficits in the summer months, so it's helpful to have better financial results in the early months of the year. The March 31 balance in the Operating Fund was \$23,174

March offerings for other funds included \$3,395 for Cause of the Month (Global Refuge), \$936 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$400 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund.

Copies of the detailed financial statements are available on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						
May				1 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's)	2 Athanasius, Bishop, 373	3
4 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom	5 7:00PM Praise Board	6 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00PM Resource Board	7 7:00PM Choir Practice 8:00PM Handbell Practice	8	9	10
11 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom	12	13 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00PM Circle Bible Study 7PM Outreach Board	14 12PM Quilters 7:00PM Choir Practice 8:00PM Handbell Practice	15	16	17
18 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom Ascension of Our Lord King Erik, Martyr, 1160	19 7:00PM Council	20 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	21 7:00PM Choir Practice 8:00PM Handbell Practice John Eliot, Missionary, 1690	22	23 Ludwig Nommensen, Missionary, 1918	24 Copernicus, Teacher, 1543
25 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom 5-7PM TACO SUNDAY	26 Office Closed John Calvin, Renewer, 1564 Memorial Day	27 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	28 7:00PM Choir Practice 8:00PM Handbell Practice	29	30	31 The Visitation

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Wednesday 7:00AM - 1:00PM

