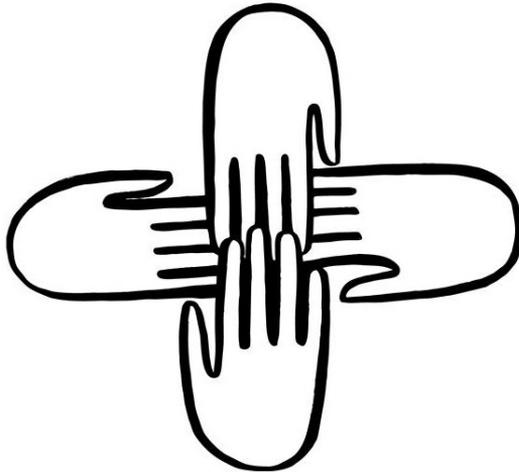


Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
5414 East Lake Road  
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Pastor Jean Kuebler

May 14 & 15, 2022  
5th Weekend of Easter

*“As loving servants of God, fed by Word and Sacrament, we will reach out, welcome, and provide a safe haven for all.”*



Guest Network: Faith Guest  
Password: Guest1 Faith

**Worship Services**

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

\*Our 10:15 am service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page Faith Lutheran Erie and our website [www.faithlutheranerie.com](http://www.faithlutheranerie.com).

\*Worship from our parking lot FM broadcast 100.9

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: ELW# 452 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

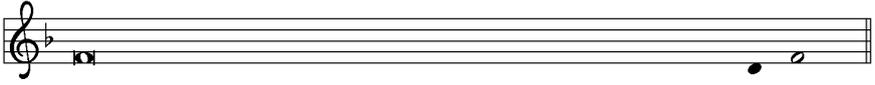
#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie



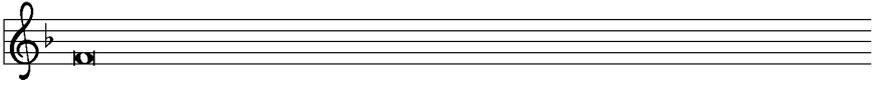
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



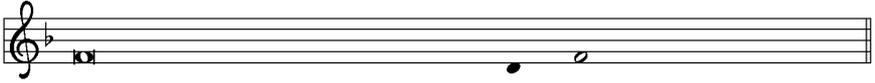
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



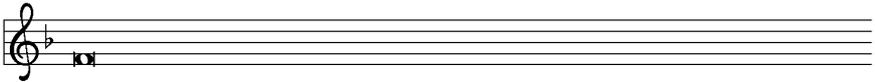
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



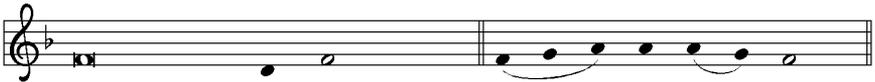
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



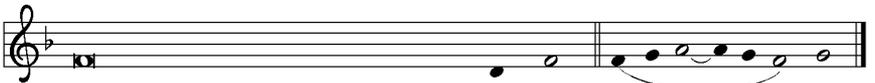
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 148** *The psalm will be sung responsively with sung refrain on Sundays.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD<sup>l</sup> from the heavens; praise God<sup>l</sup> in the heights.

<sup>2</sup>**Praise the LORD,<sup>l</sup> all you angels; sing praise, all you<sup>l</sup> hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD,<sup>l</sup> sun and moon; sing praise, all you<sup>l</sup> shining stars.

<sup>4</sup>**Praise the LORD, heav-<sup>l</sup>en of heavens, and you waters a-<sup>l</sup>bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>l</sup> of the LORD, who commanded, and they<sup>l</sup> were created,

<sup>6</sup>**who made them stand fast forev-<sup>l</sup>er and ever, giving them a law that shall not<sup>l</sup> pass away. R** *cont.*

<sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD<sup>1</sup> from the earth, you sea monsters<sup>1</sup> and all deeps;  
<sup>8</sup>**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**  
<sup>9</sup>mountains<sup>1</sup> and all hills, fruit trees<sup>1</sup> and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup>**wild beasts<sup>1</sup> and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**  
<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth<sup>1</sup> and all peoples, princes and all rulers<sup>1</sup> of the world;  
<sup>12</sup>**young men and maidens, old and young together. R**  
<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over<sup>1</sup> earth and heaven.  
<sup>14</sup>**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah! R**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6**

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;  
 they will be his peoples,  
 and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;  
 mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
 for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: *spoken on Saturday*



**GOSPEL: John 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

Hymn of the Day: ELW# 368 With High Delight, Let Us Unite

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition will end: "...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

Peace

Offertory Anthem: Spirit, Open My Heart

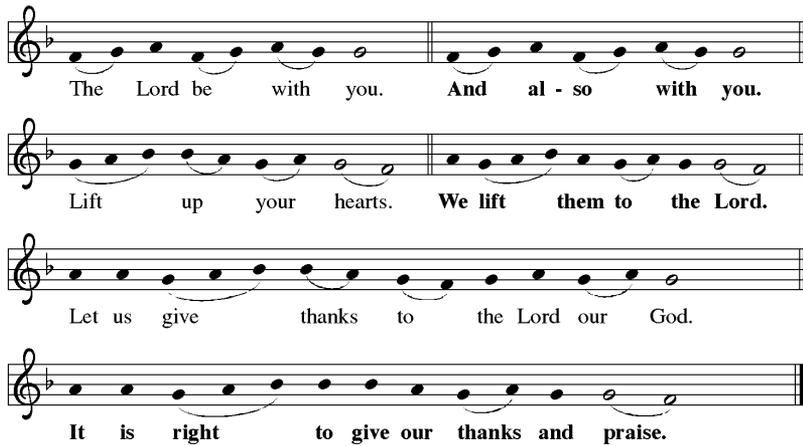
Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you, O God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

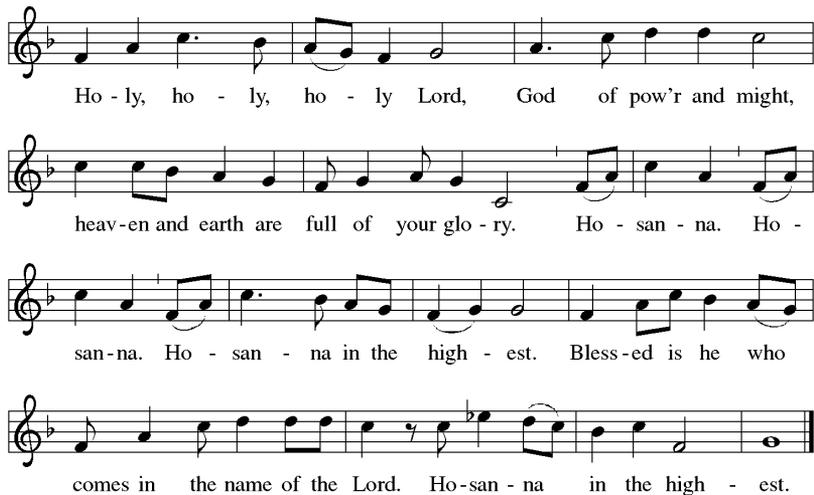
**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving: *spoken on Saturday*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Preface: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all place give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life...Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us...burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones...now and forever. **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion:

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Welcome to Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table, where Christ is both our host and our spiritual food. Lutherans believe that Christ is truly present in this meal, and that through this sacrament, we share in God's gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. To receive Communion, please come forward by the center aisle, and pick up one of the individual cups from the little table at the front of the aisle. Receive the host from the pastor, then proceed to the assisting minister, who will serve the wine from the pouring chalice, then return to your place by the side aisle. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may pick up one of the pre-filled cups of grape juice from that little table. If you do not yet commune or if you do not wish to receive Communion today, you may come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor. If you have limited mobility, the pastor will gladly bring the sacrament to you in your pew.*

### Post-Communion Blessing:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

### Post-Communion Canticle: ELW# 388 Be Not Afraid

#### Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: *(Sunday only)* ELW# 367 Now, All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

### Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**

## **This Week at Faith:**

### **Sunday, May 15**

8:00 am Worship w/ Healing Liturgy  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:15 am Choir  
10:15 am Worship w/ Healing Liturgy

### **Monday, May 16**

11:00 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Staff Meeting  
3:00 pm Yoga

### **Tuesday, May 17**

#### **No Preschool \* Election Day**

9:00 am Craft n Chat  
6:00 pm Cadette GS  
7:00 pm Council  
7:30 pm Al-Anon

### **Wednesday, May 18**

8:30am Prayer Breakfast @ Bob Evans  
4:30 pm Brownies  
6:00 pm Brownies  
7:00 pm Sex Trafficking Seminar

### **Thursday, May 19**

9:15 am Preschool Promotion

### **Friday, May 20**

**\*Office Closed\***

9:15 am Pre-K Graduation

### **Saturday, May 21**

6:00 pm Worship w/ Special Offering for Bethany Outreach

Show your Faith Pride with some Faith Lutheran swag! Choose from short or long sleeve t shirts, crew neck or hooded sweatshirts, or collared, polo-style shirts. Order forms are available in the narthex and are due with payment this weekend!

#### Attendance:

Saturday 6:00 pm - 28  
Sunday 8:00 am - 23  
Sunday 10:15 am - 52

#### May's Eternal Light

Given in memory of our precious Emmet Walter Law from Toni & Shelley Brown

#### Prayer Requests

#### Altar Flowers

Given in memory of Bob Sharples from his wife, Kathy

## Worship Assistants

<b><i>Saturday 6:00 PM</i></b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Assistant/Lector</b>	D.Bush	T.Brown
<b><i>Sunday 8:00 AM</i></b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>May 22</b>
<b>Assistant /Lector</b>	MJ Szewczyk	B.Tackett
<b>Lector</b>	D.Rose	A.Krahe
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	N.Gardner	
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Jason Dolak	
<b><i>Sunday 10:15 AM</i></b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>May 22</b>
<b>Assistant /Lector</b>	B.Noonan	M.Falkenberg
<b>Lector</b>	L.Zarger	C.Lee
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	McBrides	B.Braley
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>		
<b>Tellers</b>	Falkenbergs	Maas/Lee

The readings for next weekend, May 21 & 22, will be Acts 16:9-15 , Psalm 67 , Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5 , and John 14:23-29 .



As of March 15, 2022, mask-wearing is now optional at worship and other gatherings, per the most recent CDC guidelines. We continue to encourage social distancing and good hand hygiene. As of March 28, masks are now optional for preschool purposes.

## Announcements:

**Worship services this weekend will include a brief Liturgy of Healing, with the opportunity to receive healing prayer by laying on of hands and anointing.**

**A reminder that Pentecost geranium orders are due this weekend! Please submit your order form with payment by 5/15.**

**Blessings and congratulations to all our Faith Lutheran Preschool students and families, as they celebrate Promotion (Preschool) and Graduation (Pre-K) this week!**

**Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting a Sex Trafficking Seminar on Wednesday, May 18th at 7pm** This seminar is to make people aware of the present situation going on in the United States today. Human trafficking is a serious problem here in Erie County. With more and more people going missing, this will help to see what the signs are to watch for and how you may be able to help stop this or help someone in need! The speakers are Levi and Trista Giancotti from Warriors Faith Foundation. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Light refreshments will be served.

**Yoga at Faith!** Join instructor Betty Amatangelo for yoga in Fellowship Hall every Monday at 3:00 pm April 18-June 6. (Please note there will be NO class 5/23. No yoga class on 5/30, Memorial Day. Class that week on Tuesday, 5/31 instead). This will be a gentle flow suitable for all ages and levels—beginners and experts alike. The cost will still be \$50 for the 6 week session payable to Betty at the first class via cash, check, or Venmo. You can also drop in for \$10/class. See you on the mat!

**Communion-to-Go during the Pandemic:** We now have a Communion-to-Go station in the narthex. You are welcome to stop by during church office hours (9-1 M-Th) to pick up pre-consecrated “Celebration Cups” and a brief liturgy for receiving communion, whether for yourself, a family member, friend, or neighbor who desires the sacrament. If you would like to have the pre-consecrated elements delivered to you, or if you would like to schedule a communion visit, please call the church office at 899-9653 or Pastor Jean at 717-440-3515.

**Are you interested in becoming active with the music ministry?** The new hand chimes which have been generously donated are the perfect opportunity to become involved! This is a wonderful new ministry, and will not require large amounts of time to be committed. And best of all, there is no musical experience needed! If you're interested, please reach out to Brian!

**Seeking volunteers for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Task Force:** The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church is coming up in 2024! We plan to celebrate with a special anniversary service and meal as well as outreach and community service activities throughout the year. We will also be assembling archival materials and preparing a history of the congregation. We are forming a task force to coordinate these projects, and would love to have your input and participation! Please speak with Pastor Jean, Barb Klaproth, or Charlene Ray if you would like to help. Thanks!

## **Announcements Cont:**

**New Church Directory—Submit your own photos now!** We're way overdue for a new church pictorial directory! This time around, we're going to produce it in-house, and are aiming to have it ready for distribution this fall. We encourage you to submit your own photos for the new directory. **Please follow these guidelines for digital submission:**

· Photos should be fairly recent. · Photos should show your face/faces clearly. · Photos can be of a couple or family together. · Do not send any copyrighted photos by professional photographers. · Color or black and white is okay. · High-resolution digital images are best. It can be a photo from your phone; smart phones these days are pretty smart. · Photos can be informal.

Choose an image that you feel good about and that captures who you are. · Please include names as you would like them listed in the new directory.

Also include your mailing address, preferred phone number(s), and e-mail address. Submit your digital photos to Kira Wenner

at [faithlutheranerie@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranerie@gmail.com) by June 30, 2022. If you aren't able to submit digital photos, that's okay too! We can take your picture, either at the church or at your home. We will schedule several sessions after worship services early this summer when you can have your photo taken by skilled volunteers from the congregation. We'll have a sign-up sheet in the narthex; watch the bulletin for details.

**Summer outdoor worship begins Saturday, June 4th!** The monthly outdoor Sunday services will be 7/3, 8/7, and 9/4. Well behaved, leashed pets are always welcome!

### **FAITH DAY AT THE PARK SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022**

**10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. WHITFORD PARK- 5400 IROQUOIS AVE**

**PAVILION 1** For all ages—children, families, and grown-ups A day of learning, nature, arts and crafts, informal worship, games, food, and fun! Everyone is welcome! The event is free and lunch is provided. **R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, June 7** at 814-899-9653 or [faithlutheranerie@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheranerie@gmail.com). We'll explore some Bible stories about the amazing things that God has done with water. We'll get creative and do some arts and crafts with natural objects. We'll learn a little about our watershed and go exploring in Six-Mile Creek. We'll learn more about the gift of baptism and what it means to live as baptized children of God. Would you like to volunteer to help or do you have questions about the day? Contact Pastor Jean at [faithlepastor@gmail.com](mailto:faithlepastor@gmail.com) or 717-440-3515

**We have personal hearing devices available for anyone who may have difficulty hearing the service.** If you would like to use one, simply ask the greeter/usher, Pastor Jean, or Brian Gray, and we'll get you set up.

**Faith will host a Seniors for Safe Driving course Thursday, June 16th from 9am-1pm.** The cost is \$16/person and refreshments will be served. Please sign up in the narthex!



Thank you to everyone who  
donated classroom supplies  
for the Preschool. They are  
greatly appreciated!

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