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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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The Influence of Christ

Jesus taught that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. When a religious lawyer asked him “But who is my neighbor?” Jesus told him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan helped the man left half dead. In fact, he took him to an inn and the innkeeper, “When I’ll repay you any extra expense that is needed to care for him.” He was willing to do whatever it took.

As we celebrate the 4th of July reflect on the influence Jesus has had on this nation. I have had more the one none American citizen comment on how generous the American people are.

At the close of World War II, Europe lay in shambles. Cities and factories were shattered, businesses had disappeared, and countless people faced hunger. Economies sat on the verge of total collapse. The poverty and desperation that threatened the continent made fertile breeding grounds for would-be dictators. On April 3, 1948, President Truman signed into law a program that provided billions of dollars in aid to help Europe get back on its feet. Dubbed “the Marshall Plan” for Secretary of State George C. Marshall, who first announced it, the program was a massive act of compassion and way to support democratic governments in Europe.

The United States offered the aid not just to its former allies but to its former enemies, such as Germany. It also offered to include the Soviet Union, a proposal Joseph Stalin rejected. Jesus also taught us to love our enemies. “Overcome evil with good.”

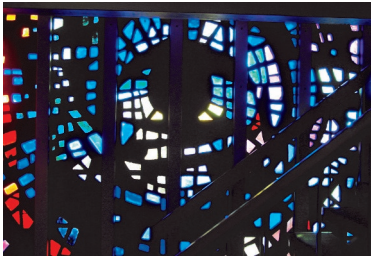
The British foreign secretary called it “a lifeline to sinking people.” Thirteen billion dollars in aid poured into Western Europe to help buy machinery, modernize factories, repair railroads, and rebuild cities. With American help, Western Europe was soon on its way to a remarkable recovery.

I hope we appreciate the goodness of this country, but also realize where so much of that goodness and generosity came from, the influence of the teachings of Christ. Even though many no longer attend or belong to Christian churches, the influence is undeniable. *Thank you God!*

Serving Christ better together, Pastor Jim

As part of our 60th year celebration of coming together as one congregation of Faith, we have been looking at the symbolism around our church sculpted by O. V. Schaffer.

In the concentric circles, the rings of color move out from the symbol of God the Father in the façade window of faceted glass. The window is thirty feet high and twenty feet wide and is seen on all three interior levels of the church as well as forming one complementary effect from the exterior.



Prominent in the section of glass in the inner narthex is the watchful eye of God the Father from which rays extend throughout the whole window.

Enthroned in a majesty of purple and blue, so does His power spread throughout the world.

Flying out from the Father is the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, accompanied by seven ruby flames – reminiscent of Pentecost and reminding us of the seven gifts of the Spirit.

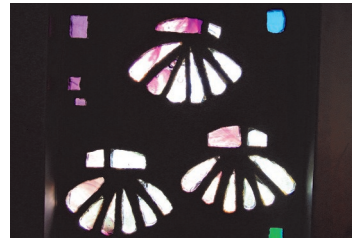
Together with the Christ on the Cross at the lower level, those symbols form the Trinity.



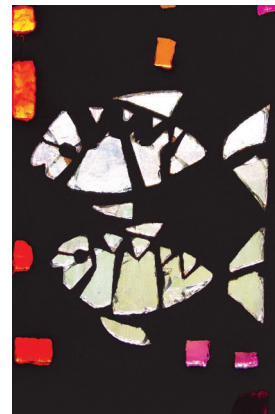
Here we see Christ on the Cross – the price of our salvation.



The colorful window area which forms a background for the choir loft speaks to us of David, the shepherd boy, sweet singer, author of the Psalms, represented by his harp. These same psalms form an integral part of Christian liturgy and hymnody today.



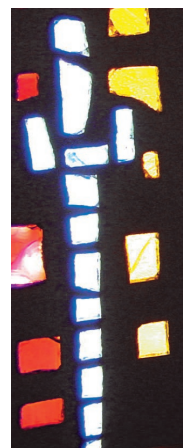
The four beasts of Revelation Chapter four symbolize the four evangelists. St. John is represented by an eagle.



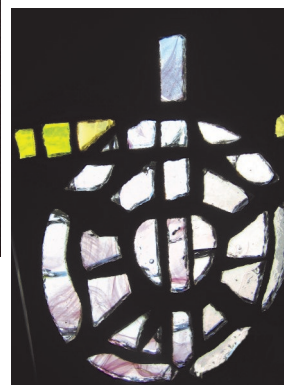
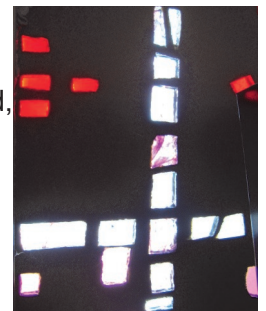
St. Andrew gave up his calling as a fisherman to become a fisher of men. The fish is a Christian symbol predating even the cross.



The symbol for Peter is the inverted cross upon which he died, not considering himself worthy to hang head upward as Christ had done.



St. Paul's "spiritus gladius", sword of the spirit, is used as his symbol.

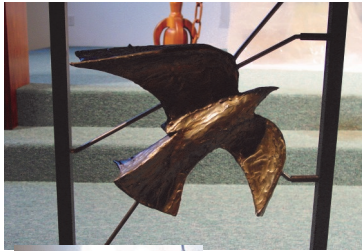


Luther's Coat of Arms. Black cross -sin; red heart-Christ's redemption; white rose-purity; set on a heavenly blue sky surrounded by a golden ring.



The abstract quality of the Cross conveys the feeling of the Corpus on the Cross to remind us of our Lord's suffering for our sins and at the same time proclaims the victory of the empty Cross and the resurrection.

The arms of the Cross do not meet. They come from and return to God, symbolized by the circle, which has been left void to give the feeling of Christ emptying Himself and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.



The Dove is the most universally used symbol of the Holy Spirit. It is placed in the communion rail because at baptism, the baptismal bowl will be brought forward and placed above this symbol, reminding us of the gift of the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism.



Three supports, symbolic of the Trinity, are used to hold the Bible. Between them is a vine. Upon this symbol, the growing out of it, is placed the Bible. Early Christians chose this symbol because as a vine grows it takes its nourishment from a central stem and does not branch out like a bush from many roots.

This special Paschal Candle or Christ Candle and the Candle-holder symbolize the light of our Risen Lord and His victory over darkness, sin and death. When lit during our worship services, it represents the victory and presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. He is guiding and leading us as God led Israel by a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire through the wilderness.

Special markings on the candle include the Cross representing the power of the resurrection spanning all time; the Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8). Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end of all things.

A perch is added which forms a cross. A dove which symbolizes the Holy Spirit has descended upon the cross. Under the stem of the candle-holder is placed a globe which represents the world. A hook is fastened to the globe and an eight-linked chain is attached from the dove to the hook. (The number eight is the symbol of regeneration.) The four legs symbolize the four corners of the earth. We have been given the privilege of proclaiming our Lord's Good News to the world.

Placed upon the stem of the candle-holder is a shield. Christ's Divine Nature is pictured on this shield, the Chi Rho symbol. It is the abbreviation of the word Christ. This name of our Savior was spelled "XPICTOC" in ancient Greek uncials. Taking the first two letters of this word "XPICTOC", the abbreviation "XP" was the result. This is called the Chi Rho, from the names of the Greek letters "X" and "P".

Handmade by a member of Valders Church, Pastor Allen Erickson, ordained in 1951.



The Ten Commandments remind us of the Law of God whose function, as Paul said is, "To bring us unto Christ; that we might be justified by faith." (Galatians 3:24)

The two sets of aisle door handles thus remind us of the Law and Gospel, the two divisions of the Word of God.



These are a symbol of the call to worship and the heralding of the good news.

Finances

Income - May 2021

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 27,230.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 492.25			
General Fund Income	\$ 27,722.25	\$ 25,816.83	\$ 116,563.49	\$ 129,084.20
Dedicated Income	\$ 2,866.98		\$ 13,840.16	
Total Income	\$ 30,589.23		\$ 130,403.65	

Operating Expenses - May 2021

Benevolence	\$ 2,148.46			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 6,942.92			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 13,750.06			
General Fund Expense	\$ 22,841.44	\$ 25,485.48	\$ 111,623.67	\$ 133,919.05
Dedicated Expense	\$ 2,969.84		\$ 13,743.19	
Total Expenses	\$ 25,811.28		\$ 125,366.86	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : \$4,939.82

Capital Appeal

04/30/21	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN			\$27,488.99	
Payment Amount			\$1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$1,535.00		
Total MAY Payment		\$2,450.72	Principle paid	84.28	Interest paid
05/31/21	BANK FIRST NATIONAL LOAN			\$25,038.27	

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Baptism Ella Lynn Hammel

Membership

Baptized..... 800

Confirmed 592

Famillies..... 110

Doreen Bessart, we welcome you as one of our newest members of Faith!

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
5/23 Worship—	72	31
5/30 Worship—	71	27
6/6 Worship—	71	34
6/13 Worship—	50	33
	Video—	
	85	
	91	
	55	
	72	

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

July **Bev Torrison**, Chair (Committee #2)

August **Marlene Evenson**, Chair (Committee #1)

Lectors

7/4 Kaye Jandrey
7/7 Jill Backus
7/11 Chloe Cigler
7/14 Matt Berge
7/18 Stefanie Kaderabek
7/21 Kelly Meyer
7/25 Joan Pritzl
7/28 Sue Christel

Communion Servers

7/4 Kaye Jandrey
7/14 Terry Haupt
7/18 Stefanie Kaderabek
7/28 Sue Christel



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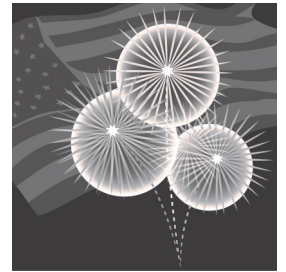
7/4 Tristan Teuke
7/11 Peter Cigler
7/18 DJ Schisel
7/25 Makenna Kaderabek

Head Usher

Lee A. Evenson

Greeters

7/4 Pat Christianson
7/7 Tom and Jan Behnke
7/11 Makenna Kaderabek
7/14 Tom and Kathy Muench
7/18 Makenna Kaderabek
7/21 John and Kerry Schnell
7/25 Earl and Barb Griffin
7/28 Judy Valleskey



Ushers

7/4 Leonard Reinertson and Steve Ahrens
7/11 Ben and Chloe Cigler Family
7/18 Earl and Barb Griffin
7/25 Keith Lippert

Sound Operator

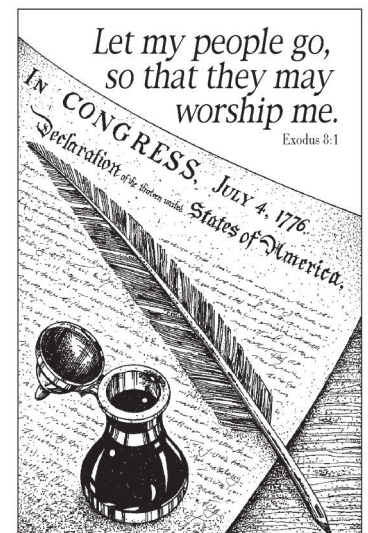
7/4 Loren Ulness
7/11 Lyle Roehrig
7/18 Erin Lenzner
7/25 Loren Ulness

Video Operator and Live Stream

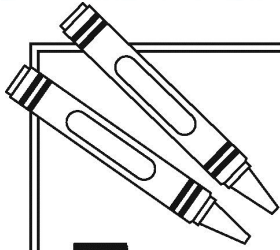
7/4 Carter Lenzner
7/11 Bill Riesterer
7/18 Mike Lenzner
7/25 Jake Kaderabek

Projection

7/4 Judy Harris
7/7 Libby Olson
7/11 Lyle Roehrig
7/14 Otis Berge
7/18 Timber Schuler
7/21 Mary Evenson
7/25 Timber Schuler



Just for Kids



Just for **KIDS**

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

t e l r s u v w a m x y z a b t h e i
j k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
d H e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
b c d f c o m e s g h i j t o k l m e
n w i l l o p q r s t u n e v e r v w
z y z b c a g o b c d e f g h i j k l
m h u n g r y n a n d o p q r s t u v
w x y z a b c d e f g h i j h e k l m
w h o n o b e l i e v e s p q r s t u
v w x y z i n a b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t m e u v w x y z a b c
d e f w i l l g h i j k l m n o p q r
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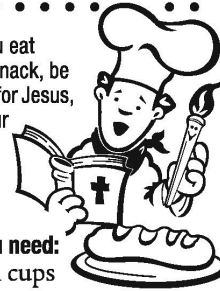
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_____ .”

Answer: “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.” John 6:35, NIV

BREAD painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.



What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

What you do:

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!

ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.

PATRIOTIC PINWHEEL

Create this colorful July 4th craft.



What you need:

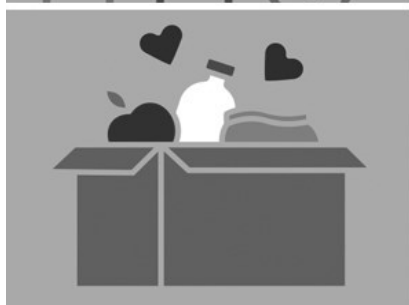
- Decorated card stock square (5" x 5")
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- 2 one-inch circles of card stock
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner (3 inches)
- Drinking straw

What you do:

1. Fold the square corner to corner to form an X. Unfold.
2. To make spokes, cut the four creases until an inch from the center.
3. Punch a hole in the middle of the square, near the tips of each spoke, and in the middle of each circle.
4. Fold each spoke toward the center, lining up the holes. Glue in place.
5. Wrap one end of the pipe cleaner around the top of the straw. Thread a circle, the pinwheel, and the remaining circle onto the pipe cleaner.
6. Roll the pipe cleaner end into a ball. Then spin!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

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Sept. 12
2021

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

A hymn titled “God’s Work, Our Hands,” written by Wayne Wold, was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA’s “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday hymn contest in 2019. More than 120 entries were submitted to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA’s annual dedicated day of service. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. We offer our thanks to all who submitted original compositions — the large number of entries gives witness to the enthusiasm that “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday has inspired throughout this church and in our communities. The selected hymn includes music to a familiar tune as well as music to an original composition. The hymn is available as a year-round worship resource.

Wold is a professor and chair of the music department at Hood College in Frederick, Md., where he also serves as concert manager and college organist. He is also the director of music ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Md.



Faith Lutheran Church Minutes— May 17, 2021

Housekeeping Item

The American flag which had been moved, has been put back in place in the front of the church.

OLD BUSINESS

EID Grant – Cemetery Association: Cemetery Association has made a request for financial help (from EID) to take care of some sunken graves, and necessary tree removal. Discussion followed: Since it was previously decided that the EID money should go for things reflecting our church mission, and for donating, it was thought that the help to the Cemetery Association might better come from the memorial fund instead. They should submit a formal request listing what they need the money for, and Stephanie will see to it. Committee report of how to disperse EID Grant money.

✦ The stipulation had been made from earlier discussion that this money should be used for something related to our mission. It had been decided also that \$1,000 would be donated to Imago Dei, via the youth project. The other \$6,000 will be used as recommended by the Committee:

\$500	A new light for the handicapped area of the lot.
\$3,500	As a special item created in the Memorial Fund for future mission trips.
\$500	Donation to the local Salvation Army
\$500	Donation to the local Hope House
\$500	Donation to the local Haven (men's shelter)
\$500	Donation to In Courage (formerly the Domestic Violence Center)
\$6,000	Subtotal
\$1,000	Donation to Imago Dei Camp for their sound system
\$7,000	Total Disbursement

Motion was made and approved the disbursement of the money (\$7,000) from the EID Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy book suggestion: A suggestion was made by Don, to avoid confusion and the need to look through many minutes to ascertain when changes to practices have been made, that we create some kind of 'book' or listing where you can look back to see what has been done. This would be a simple way to find those things so we can see what and where and when policies are made or changed. Judy will create a list beginning with the change in the funeral policy that was made last month.

Lay Ministry – *Joyce Sorenson*. It has been noted that one candle of the candelabra is burning more than others. Drive through communion saw only 4 or 5 cars; now with no more masks needed, etc., we will dispense with it. One piano is gone, one left to give away.

Fellowship – *Cheryl Domrath*. Our fellowship hour is back. They are looking for information about the needs during VBS; need details yet for sub sandwiches-to-go, need to know how many; the contact is Chloe.

Property – *Lyle Roehrig*. Maintenance: Seven windows were installed (little windows on top in offices of Christine and pastor). The bill for that and the needed mirror downstairs came to just under \$1600. There are more windows that should be done so they will look into doing those. There was a miscommunication concerning the Wi-Fi stuff. We had decided to stay with TDS, but Spectrum came when nobody was around and laid cable underground; so, if that change to Spectrum does happen, the cable is already there. Also, we had talked about putting new cable in the church in relation to the problem with the fire alarm going off, but with TDS having redone their cables that problem disappeared. Church mutual insurance- Risk control meeting being held with Lyle; items on list of risks (church affiliated group activities) --- are being reviewed to make sure they are current and we're covered.

Youth and Family Ministry – *Erin Lenzner*. During June the only activity is VBS. There will 2 events in July; they'll be camping with tents etc., near Pigeon Lake /one for the younger kids/ one for youth.

Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:26 pm. Next meeting on June 21 at 6:30. Devotions by Don Domrath.

Judy Harris, Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

JULY


1. Nancy Saueressig
Tiffany Jandrey
Constance Schiesl
2. Gloria Smith
3. Ruth Torrison
Ethan Bremer
Mary Thomsen
Emily Schwoerer
4. Rand Harris
Gloria Scharenbroch
Rylee Endries
5. Barbara Griffin
Jeffrey Ahrens
Michelle Williams
Anders Sorenson
Lauren Halverson
6. Mark McCulley
Makenzie Simon
7. Mark Zutz
Dorene Schneider
Ashley Reinertson
Madalyn Larson
McKenzie Ott
8. Sharon Naidl
Lee A. Evenson
Tammy Karstaedt
Michelle Schwoerer
10. Taylor Wittmus
Katherine Thomsen
11. Walter Stenzel
Dean Behnke
Nathan Wenzel
12. Dianne Hougen
Donald Schreiner
Robert Pinkerton
13. Keith Lippert
Judy Rusch
14. Joy Madson
Lori Propson
Chloe Cigler
15. Paul Franz
Tommy Spindler
16. Theresa Haupt
Westen Schisel
17. Bree Wenzel
Addyson Johnson
18. Jesse Duchow
Mike Shimek
William Riesterer
19. Ava Ulness
Joshua Duchow
Paden Hougen
20. Eric Nelson
Jared Zutz
Isaac Petska

AUGUST

2. Cathleen Luckow
Matthew Berge
Caleb Boll
3. Donald Sebo
4. Stephanie Mittnacht
5. Myrna Lippert
Aubrey Hill
6. Arlene Roehrig
Tammy Meyer
Taylor Zucchi
7. Thomas Madson
Scott Zucchi
Mary Reichardt
8. Guy Valleskey
Hunter Spindler
9. Mark Ulness
Hunter Griffin
10. Kylee Tuschel
Cheryl Domrath
Matthew Brill
Kylee Griffin
Edyn Peterson
22. Susan Christel
24. Richard Lodel
Lyle Roehrig
Mardell Tienor
Nadia Williams
26. Macy McDonald
27. Brian Ulness
Cheyenne Popp
Trevor Wittmus
Luke Evenson
Michelle Koehler
Kate Greif
28. Tyler Madson
Samantha Hammel
29. James Schuh
Madison Bergel
30. Dane Ott
31. Rolyn Jorgenson
Nancy Christianson
Kerry Schnell
John Huske
Brynlee Meidl



July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00 Jazzercise	2	3
4 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 	5 Office Closed 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise	6 6:00 Board of Evangelism	7 6:15 Worship	8 8:30 Secretary Meeting 6:00 Jazzercise	9	10
11 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:00 Boards of Christian Ed and Youth <i>Leave for Confirmation Camp</i>	12 6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise	13	14 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship	15 Newsletter info due to office 6:00 Jazzercise	16 <i>Return from Confirmation Camp</i>	17 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry
18 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	19 6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise 6:30 Council	20 9:00 Senior Christians at Riverview Restaurant in Kiel	21 6:00 Card Making in Community Room 6:15 Worship	22 6:00 Jazzercise	23	24
25 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour	26 6:00 Televised Worship 6:00 Jazzercise	27	28 6:15 Worship	29 6:00 Jazzercise	30	31

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Fellowship Hour has returned!
Each Sunday, we have a fellowship hour from 10:00-11:00 am. in the Gathering Space. Stop in and have a doughnut, coffee or milk and socialize with your Faith family. Visitors, please know you are always welcome to join us. It will be our pleasure getting to know you.