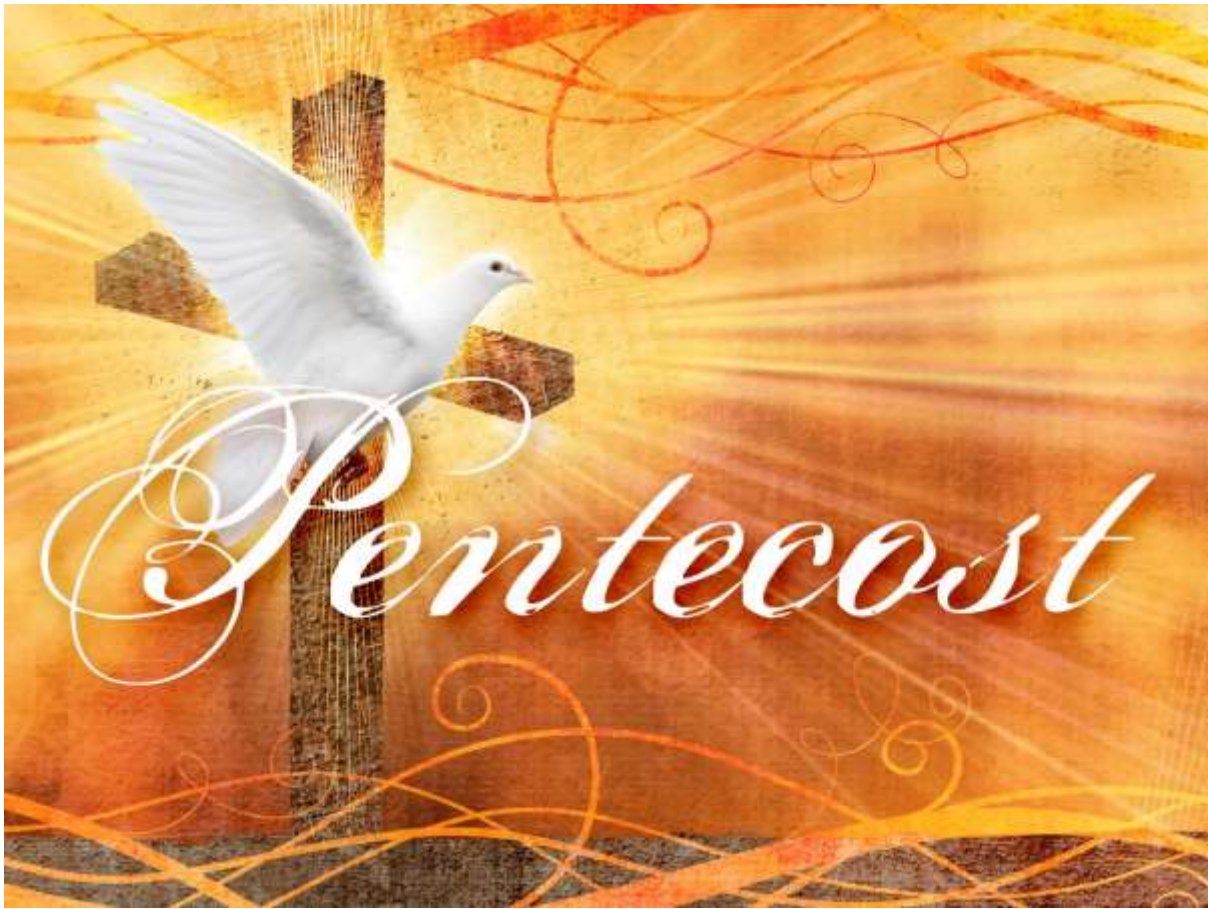


# THE EVANGEL



**FAITH EVANGELICAL**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*May 2021*



**Take nothing for the journey except yourself, leave behind the things that hold you back, serve one another and preach the Gospel, and when necessary then use words. –David Haas**

When we travel with God, God takes care of us. It has been nine months since arriving here in Wilmington. While most installations happen soon after getting to a congregation, the world had our celebration stalled, yet I am ok with that. Even though I brought a moving van and have filled a house full of stuff, following God will provide us everything we need when we need it.

Recently I was in a conversation with a new friend in Wilmington. They asked me what brought me to Wilmington. My response was God brought me an opportunity to do God's work, so far my time here has been enriched and wonderful. God has brought me for an opportunity including new relationships with each of you. In that conversation, I did mention the following. God doesn't call the equipped. God equips the called. It is a message of call and trust.

Now we get the opportunity to celebrate God bringing us together in a shared ministry. We are here to share and live the Gospel for the whole world to see. This month, let us take time to celebrate the installation of a new Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church for the first time in about 2 decades. It has taken a little while longer and won't be as normal as we would like, yet it will be just as sweet and wonderful to me.

What is different this time? I know each of you more closely and many dearly as we have waited 9 months. In my opinion, that will give it a unique flavor!

While I am using words here, May 2 will be about smiling, enjoying each other's company, celebrating and being together! Words won't be necessary for this fun. Also we are creating something with the kids and words aren't necessary when using the drums! Let's see what God is bringing together here.

*Pastor Joel Richter*

## WORSHIP/MUSIC NEWS

**April 18, 2021**

**Alleluia! He is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!** What a wonderful Easter we celebrated at Faith, beautiful weather, inspiring services and breakfast too. Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for providing a yummy, filling breakfast. It was so nice to enjoy the together time again (and yes, distance was observed). We will celebrate Easter through May 16<sup>th</sup> which is the seventh Sunday of Easter. What a celebrated time of year as our Lord died for our sins and reigns forever!

Another big celebration is coming also!! **May 2, 2021. It finally has arrived – Pastor Joel Richter will be installed officially as our Pastor at Faith Lutheran.** It isn't unfortunately going to be the service that Pastors normally receive but we are going to make May 2<sup>nd</sup> the best we can for Pastor Joel. The morning celebration will be as follows:

**8:30am service** – will be service of the Word with some responsive reading. **Pastor Bob Abrams** will be present to install **Pastor Joel**. We are hoping that some of the Richter family will be able to be present for this important step in Pastor Joel's and Faith Lutherans history. There will be no singing due to Synod guidelines.

**10:45am** – Celebration of Faith Lutheran Church with our newly installed Pastor. Favorite music and some musical surprises are planned. This is a time to rejoice as we have been waiting a long time for this Sunday to occur.

**Right after the service:** A catered luncheon will be enjoyed by all.

**I know this is probably a lot to ask, but it really shouldn't be. This is an important step for Faith Lutheran and for Pastor Joel, so I am asking all of you to dedicate this Sunday to your Church & stay for all of it. I know almost everyone at Faith has needed your Church sometime or other, so, for this Sunday (as we should for every Sunday) make Church on May 2 a priority. Just over a year ago, churches were closed but Faith hung in there via live streaming. We have always been there for you – let's all be here for Pastor Joel and for the life of Faith Lutheran. We are survivors of the pandemic – we will continue to be strong as our Lord has led us all the way!**

Thank you to **Pastor John Hitzeroth, Josh Riley and Shelly McKay** for assisting with Communion. It has been well received and is safe. Thanks also to our Food Pantry workers, **Terri Roberts, Delaney Roberts, Jack & Carolyn Conner, Becky Riley, Terry Dupuis and Pastor Joel**. Our outreach with the pantry is terribly important to our community especially during this difficult year of the pandemic.

Reminder, as we do slowly start to return to some sense of normalcy a little at a time, we now need people to help with Food Pantry. See Terri Roberts to sign up to help. We also need communion assistants, greeters from a distance, lectors, acolytes and altar guild so, please sign up as we take these baby steps in returning to the Lord's house and serving him to our fullest. Stop and think – without Him – we would be nothing but lost sheep. So, return to the fold and the Good Shepherd and be revived with God's Love!!

See you in Church (or online),

Your Organist-Tammy Maynard

## REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES:

Medical Missionaries in Africa:

Dr. Dennis (Denny) and Paula Lofstrom

International Health Partners

Tanzania

[www.ihptz.org](http://www.ihptz.org)

### Addresses for our Shut-ins & Military

Ruby Ostermeier  
175 Cape May Drive  
Room 136  
Wilmington, OH 45177

Lois Schultz  
175 Cape May Drive  
Room 135  
Wilmington, OH 45177

Corby Running  
USS Antietam  
(CG- 54)  
Unit 100130 Box 1  
FPO, AP 96660

ASAA Amanda Riley,  
USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71)  
Unit 100250 Box #715  
FPO AP 96632  
AIMD – IM4



### BIRTHDAYS

Rick Roberts	5/2
Jesse Roberts	5/2
Derek Zeckser	5/7
Stephen Lisk	5/11
Corby Running	5/11
Jeff Maynard	5/13
Steve Vincent	5/13
Ron Jenkins	5/14
Darlene Campbell	5/14
Donna Barnhart	5/19
Kasey Bennett	5/21
Ealynn Wisecup	5/21
Chris Cousineau	5/24
Lucas McSurley	5/24
CeeJay Smithson	5/24
Miles Wolf	5/25
Terry Johnson	5/26
Luther Johnson	5/26
Cole Bailey	5/28
Jack Connor	5/29

### ANNIVERSARIES

Lynn & David Ackerman	5/9
Lee & Jane Kolodziej	5/11
Amy & Jeff Carter	5/26
Justin & Valorie Johnson	5/27

**Pastor Joel will be in the office Monday-Thursday**

## **IN OUR PRAYERS....**

Wilma Carey  
Gene Sprouse  
Zachary Jewell  
Darlene Campbell  
The Zeckser Family  
Caroline Wesbrook  
Shirley & Fred Blake Sr.  
Dave Ackerman  
Donna Thorp  
Carolyn Baur  
Kristian, Jeremiah & Jordan

Lois Schultz  
Sarah Fryman  
Ruby Ostermeier  
Vickie Morgan  
Sue Newman  
Suzanne Miars  
Riley Family  
Ron & Sue Jenkins  
Kathy Snowball  
Portia Vincent  
Angela Stanforth

### **4/11**

The Huff Family  
Stevie Stanforth; Nova & Ollie

Friends of FLC  
Cousins of Angela Stanforth

### **4/4**

Shayna Spurrier & Kara	Daughter & Granddaughter of Yvonne Spurrier
The Family of Tommy Tumbleson	Friends of the Riley's and Tammy

### **3/28**

Ronnie McKay

Brother of Chuck McKay

Bill Rein  
Royal & Rayaunna & their siblings  
The Lambcke family  
Jerry Grooms  
Bill Lewellen  
Vincent  
Jennifer Johnson  
Beth Maynard  
Sharon Kinsley  
Laquetta Huston  
Brittany Blake  
Joyce Dallas  
Joyce Grooms  
Rein

Son of Harlene Rein  
Shelly & Chuck McKay  
Friends of the Rileys  
Brother of Harlene Rein  
Brother in law of Kathy & Steve

Daughter in law of Ron Johnson  
Aunt of Becky Riley  
Niece of Harlene Rein  
Friend of FLC  
Daughter-in-law of Fred Blake Jr  
Friend of FLC  
Former sister-in-law of Harlene

Staff and Patients Zinga Children's Hospital

Luke Kroph	Nephew of Donna Barnhart's daughter-in-law
Claire Cavender	Cousin of Harrison Sargent
Michelle	Coworker of Lani Brannum
Amber Burnett	Friend of Terri Roberts
Lynn Turner	Friend of the Riley Family

Kathleen Estep  
Junior Grooms  
Daniel Payne  
Wheasler)  
Pat Cantwell  
Helen Grooms  
Karen Wechter  
Deana Morrissey  
Luke Quigley  
Jacob Harrison  
Julie Minney  
Ian Stevens  
Bentley, Lynne & Tom Eirons  
Betty Pfeifer  
Kristin Foster  
Newman  
Sue Zurface  
Russ Burton

Friend of the Riley Family  
Brother of Harlene Rein  
Brother of Dave Payne (Rhonda

Friend of Betty Pfeifer  
Sister of Deana Morrissey  
Daughter of Deana Morrissey

Friend of Roberts Family  
Beth Ackerman's Friend's Son  
Daughter of Vickie Morgan  
Family of Deana Morrissey  
Family of Donna Thorp  
Mother of Kathy Giacobbi  
Granddaughter of Don&Sue

Friend of Becky Riley  
Friend of Josh & Becky Riley



Members, family, and friends serving in military



Amanda Riley  
Corby Running  
Ben Thompson  
Parker Haley  
Nick Gumley  
Cody Cravens  
Luke Williams  
Rebecca Carter  
Laura Person  
Tanner Murray  
SPC Shawn Alicie  
James Bailey  
123rd ACS-Blue Ash  
Carrier Strike Group 9  
123<sup>rd</sup> ACS-Blue Ash  
Carrier Strike Group 9

Member of FLC  
Member of FLC  
Member of FLC  
Nephew of Amy Wilson  
Grandson of Ruby Fisher  
Friend of Riley family  
Friend of Amanda Riley  
Cousin of the Brannum Family  
Cousin of Amanda Riley  
Friend of the Riley Family  
Nephew of Becky & Jerry Sweet  
Brother in law of Michelle Kasten  
Deployed co-workers of Jerry Sweet  
Deployed Amanda Riley's Group  
Deployed co-workers of Jerry Sweet  
Deployed Amanda Riley's Group

### **In Christian Sympathy To....**

Please pray for the family of Marie Bennett, especially Jeff & Judy and their family upon the death of Marie. Please hold the family in your prayers for peace and comfort.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our service will be recorded Live on Facebook and posted in Flocknote.

[www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington](http://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington)

*Your offering may be mailed or done online by going to*

<https://www.flcwilmington.com/donationsofferings>

**Looking for garden/landscape volunteers.** The plants and flowers in the prayer garden and around the perimeter of the church (and food pantry) will soon be blooming. Along with flowers blooming come the dreaded weeds, vines, and trash that accumulate in the beds. If you would like to help out in any way (using weed killer in the parking lot, pulling weeds, sawing off low lying tree branches, picking up litter etc.) please let Becky Sweet know. It's a great way to stay active and be outside in the fresh air and making the property look nice in our community. All ages are welcome!

**Graduation**-If you or a family member will be graduating this year please let the office know so we can recognize you at the worship service May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sunday School**-Youth in person Sunday school every Sunday at 9:30 am in fellowship hall.

**Volunteers Needed**-There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for Greeters/Ushers, Communion Assistants and Lectors. Please check the dates and see if you are available to volunteer a Sunday.

**The 2021 Altar Flower Chart Has Been Posted On The Bulletin Board In The Narthex.** Sign up on your preferred Sunday and indicate if they are given “in memory of...”; “in celebration of...” or “in honor of...”- A \$15 donation is suggested. Thank you!

**Do You Order From Amazon?** If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Faith Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Faith Lutheran Church Wilmington, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Faith will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

**Welca Website:** The website [Womenoftheelca.org](http://Womenoftheelca.org) has very good articles, including Daily Grace, which may be of interest to you. Check it out! Café is an award-winning web-based magazine ([boldcafe.org](http://boldcafe.org)) for young adult women who are interested in how faith relates to issues women face today.

### **Kroger Community Rewards Program:**

**08/1/20-10/31/20**      **\$104.26** contributed to the **youth group fund**.

A Kroger Plus card is needed to enroll. See office for more information or:

You may re-enroll via phone at 1-866-221-4141.

To enroll, go to: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

A successful sign-in will take you to a page with a first paragraph entitled **Kroger Community Awards**. In the text of the paragraph click where it says “click here”. You will then be on a page “Find Your Organization”. In the first box, type **QG123** or **Faith** then click search. **Choose Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church** and then save.

**Food Pantry News:** For April 21, 2021, our food pantry helped a total of 31 adults, 14 seniors and 20 children (65 total people – 17 families). For the total of the month of April, our food pantry helped 77 adults, 47 seniors and 42 children (166 total people - 54 families). If you would like to learn more about volunteering for this ministry, see Jack Connor or Terri Roberts. To help supplement our Food Pantry this year, we are asking the congregation to bring a different product each month as shown below.

### **CANNED GOODS 2020**

May – Stuffing

June – Canned Soup

July – Spaghetti Sauce

August – Canned Fruit

September – Tuna

October – Canned Vegetables

November- Stuffing

December–Canned Soup

### **REGIONAL & LOCAL EVENTS:**

**Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group** 1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday of each month; 6:00pm-7:30pm  
– Ohio Living Cape May Multi-purpose room.

For more information call Abby Ellsberry 937-725-3542

**Angels Awaiting Maternity Home-** 782 Xenia Avenue, Wilmington. Wanted: Mature, single, woman of faith to move into our Angel House and run day to day activities, and oversee residents. We are looking for a few volunteers to fulfill other positions as well. If interested, call 937-283-7976.



**Community Care Hospice** is in need of volunteers! For more information, please visit [www.communitycarehospice.com](http://www.communitycarehospice.com) or call 937-382-5400. Community Care Hospice is located at 1669 Rombach Ave, Wilmington.

**Solutions Community Counseling & Recovery Center:** 953 S. South St., Wilmington.

**St. Vincent Veteran Families:** Financial assistance for Veterans and their families for housing and VA benefits, serving homeless and at risk households. Katie Lewis, Outreach Specialist, phone # 937-222-7340, ext. 207 or email [klewis@stvincentdayton.org](mailto:klewis@stvincentdayton.org). Information at 1-888-751-1238.

### **Volunteers Needed**

Clinton Memorial Hospital offers a variety of volunteer opportunities.

If you are looking for a rewarding experience and a feeling of community spirit, THIS is the place for YOU! For more information about Clinton Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Services, contact Veronica Grabill, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 937 382-9223 or e-mail [vegrabill@cmhregional.com](mailto:vegrabill@cmhregional.com)

### **Sugartree Landscaping**

Help support people through their work based recovery, and get your yard work done. Mowing, edging, weeding, gutter cleaning and more! Contact Sugartree Landscaping on Facebook, or by email [SugartreeLandscaping@gmail.com](mailto:SugartreeLandscaping@gmail.com) or by phone at 937-239-3944.



Join us for Sunday School

Sunday mornings at

9:30am in the Fellowship Hall

We have lessons, crafts and  
a little drumming

## Up Coming dates to remember



### **Pastor Joel's Installation May 2, 2021**

8:30am The Installation done by Pastor Bob Abrams  
No singing during service

10:45am Celebration with singing & Service

Celebration Lunch to follow 10:45am service

### **May 9<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day.**

Take a moment to Remember and Thank your Mother or your Mother figure for all they have done for you.



### **May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pentecost**

And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Remember to wear RED on Pentecost Sunday.



### **Graduation Sunday May 23rd**

We will be recognizing our graduates



### **June 6<sup>th</sup> Worship on the Patio**

There will be 1 service only at 9:30 am.  
Bring a lunch for afterwards.

### **June 20<sup>th</sup> is Father's Day.**

Take a moment to Remember and Thank You Father or your Father figure for all they have done for you.



## **CHECK OUT FAITH'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

You do not have to be a member of Facebook to access our page - just type [www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington](http://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurchofWilmington) into your browser window and you will be taken directly to the page.

## **WEB NEWS**

For congregational news, go to: [www.flcwilmington.com](http://www.flcwilmington.com)

**On-line giving now available through our website.**

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church is in  
the Southern Ohio Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

For synod news: [www.southernoriosynod.org](http://www.southernoriosynod.org)

For national news: [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

ELCA Presiding Bishop: *Rev. Elizabeth Eaton*  
Bishop of the Southern Ohio Synod: *Rev. Suzanne Dillahunt*  
Seminary Student: Sarah Fryman-Gegel

## **DEADLINES**

Bulletin Announcements–Wednesday by 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Calendar– No later than third Sunday of the month.

Email: [faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com](mailto:faithelca@swohio.twcbc.com)



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To Share God's Love

To Care For Each Other

To Reach The World for CHRIST

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 9:30**

**Youth Sunday School, 9:45am, (SEP-MAY)**

**Adult Sunday School &**

**Catechism (gr. 6-8) classes (not meeting)**

Phone 937-382-2460

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

May

ALTAR GUILD	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Linda Hall
5/9/21	Linda Hall
5/16/21	Linda Hall
5/23/21	Linda Hall
5/30/21	Linda Hall

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Josh Riley
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	
5/30/21	

GREETERS/USHER	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Ackerman's
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	
5/30/21	

ACOLYTES	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Danni Riley
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	
5/30/21	

LECTOR 830	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Ian Boden
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	
5/30/21	

LECTOR	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Terri Roberts
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	Don Newman
5/30/21	

COFFEE HOST	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Installation Lunch
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	
5/30/21	

Date	Name
5/2/21	
5/9/21	
5/16/21	
5/23/21	
5/30/21	

ALTAR FLOWERS	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Faith Lutheran Church in celebration of Pastor Joef's Installation
5/9/21	Ackerman's 40th Anniversary
5/16/21	Kathy Giacobbi & Family in Memory of Gary Giacobbi
5/23/21	
5/30/21	Terry & Madonna Johnson in celebration of Birthdays and Anniversary

READINGS	
Date	Name
5/2/21	Exodus 3:1-15; Ps 8; Romans 12:1-5; John 15:1-8
5/9/21	Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
5/16/21	Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Ps 1; 1John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
5/23/21	Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 104:24-35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27;16:4b-15
5/30/21	Isa 6:1-8; Ps 29; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 9am - Ladies Bible
2 Pastors Installation 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Sun School 10:45am - Worship 11:45am - Luncheon	3 10am - Ladies Bible 5pm - Girl Scouts @	4 6pm - Girl Scouts @	5 Cinco de Mayo 9am - Quilting Club 10am - Food Pantry 6pm - Girl Scouts @	6 11am - Kiwans @ 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Ham Radio	7 9am - Tax Aid 6:30pm - Fiber Guild	8 9am - Ladies Bible
9 Mother's Day 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Sun School 10:45am - Worship	10 10am - Ladies Bible 5pm - Girl Scouts @	11 6pm - Girl Scouts @	12 9am - Quilting Club 6pm - Girl Scouts @	13 6pm - Girl Scouts 6pm - Worship Com 7pm - Council @	14 7pm - NA Meeting @	15 9am - Ladies Bible
16 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Sun School 10:45am - Worship	17 Tax Day 10am - Ladies Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts	18 6pm - Girl Scouts @	19 9am - Quilting Club 10am - Food Pantry 6pm - Girl Scouts @	20 11am - Kiwans @ 6pm - Girl Scouts	21 7pm - NA Meeting @	22 9am - Ladies Bible
23 Pentecost WEAR 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Sun School 10:45am - Worship	24 10am - Ladies Bible 6pm - Girl Scouts	25 6pm - Girl Scouts @	26 9am - Quilting Club 6pm - Girl Scouts @	27 6pm - Girl Scouts	28 7pm - NA Meeting @	29 9am - Ladies Bible
30 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Sun School 10:45am - Worship	31 Memorial Day Office Closed 10am - Ladies Bible	1	2	3	4	5