



# June Epistle

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## June Birthdays

June 3<sup>rd</sup> -Alexis Bush  
Graham McIntire  
June 7<sup>th</sup> -Billie Jo Kahler  
June 11<sup>th</sup> -Annabelle Bush  
Dennis Cavell  
June 13<sup>th</sup> -Sophie Myer  
June 16<sup>th</sup> -Charles Covell  
June 17<sup>th</sup> -John Fradiska, Jr.  
June 18<sup>th</sup> -Donna Seaton  
June 19<sup>th</sup> -Patrick Isennock  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> -Shirley Eyer  
Edward Sell II  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> -Susan Hayes  
Mary Ann King

## Strawberry Festival

The Congregational Life Ministry wishes to thank everyone for their time, donations, and support for the Annual Strawberry Festival which took place on May 17th. A big applause to everyone that setup, prepared, donated, grilled, distributed food, cashiered, potted plants, our sales team and those who helped behind the scenes. It was certainly a successful event! We sure were blessed with beautiful weather! We are hoping that everyone had a great time listening to the WHS Jazz Band; your performance was fantastic. Thanks to all who baked the strawberry shortcakes and/or baked delicious items for the bake table and to those who donated plants for the plant sale. It was a wonderful day as we engaged with our community and through Christ, we joyfully fed the body, mind and spirit of all.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to this community tradition, we couldn't have pulled this festival off without you! Only together in Christ's faith and love can we continue to host the famous St. Paul's ELCA Walkersville Strawberry Festival. Keep in mind, next year will be our 60th year hosting, our diamond jubilee, if you will. It's not too early to put our thinking caps on!

Marcia Gupta  
Congregational Life







# All About Quilts!

By Kate Stottlemeyer

The Strawberry Festival has come and gone and so has the Quilt Sale until Christmas. This year, we sold 2 twin-size quilts (\$20 each), 3 mini quilts (\$10 each), and \$27 in Raffle tickets. The Raffle quilt winner was Celeste McLeish, a WHS Jazz Band mom. The quilts we've raffled have been made by Quilt Ministry from donations of vintage quilts tops or hand-stitched vintage quilts squares we've machine-stitched together, and "upcycled" (second hand) sheets and new batting. At this point, we have no unfinished vintage projects left for the next Raffle. If you have—or know someone who has—such a thing laying around and lonesome, we'd be delighted to give it a life.

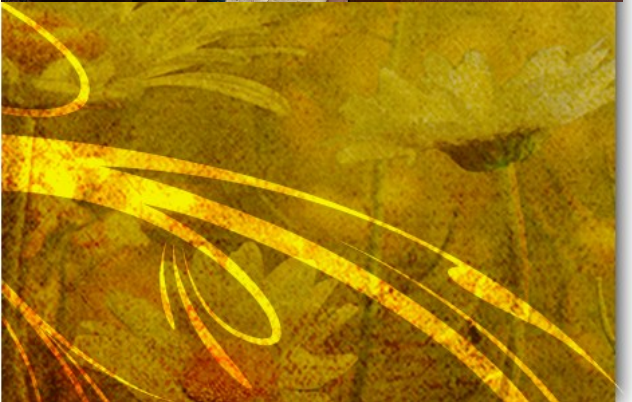
God is generous! This past winter, Quilt Ministry was blessed with several sizeable donations of fabric, and we are most grateful. We'd like to thank everyone who dug into closets and drawers, stuffed their findings into boxes and bags, and lugged them to the Church Office. Special thanks to Dale Long, Kay Wachter, Billie Jo Kahler and a friend of Phyllis Dobson. Together, their donations produced over 75 twin quilt tops and several backs. We also thank Kay Wachter's sister, Shirley Eshelman, for 10 adorable hand-made fleece throws of various sizes.

At Worship on Sunday, May 18, we blessed 51 twin-size quilts, 3 mini quilts, and 10 fleece throws. We have a few places who gratefully accept our quilt donations, but we're always looking for more. If you know of any reasonably local (for easy pick-up/delivery) organization—or a family who might be down on their luck—that might be interested in children's quilts, please contact Kate or the Church Office. A note on acquiring quilts: There is no charge for a quilt to be given as a ministry to someone in need. For one to be kept or given as a gift, we do ask for a donation to defray the cost of materials. A twin quilt using purchased materials costs about \$13.50 to make. Contact Kate to check availability.

We thank you for your generous support and welcome your help in the future. ***How can you help?***

1. Prayers—We can do nothing without God's blessing and aid.
2. Sewing—No cutting or designing required. All you need is a sewing machine and thread (any color(s)—it won't show). See Kate for details.
3. Knotting—It's easy! If you can tie your shoe, you can knot a quilt. Check the Bulletin for dates.
4. Donations of fabric (scraps are okay), new or "gently used" sheets in children's prints or bright solids, and low-loft quilt batting.
5. Donations of cash for purchasing supplies (especially batting). Clearly label your donation "quilts".

No child should go to sleep cold. These quilts warm the body and comfort the soul, thereby fulfilling St. Paul's Mission Statement: Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind and soul of all.





# Pastor's Peace

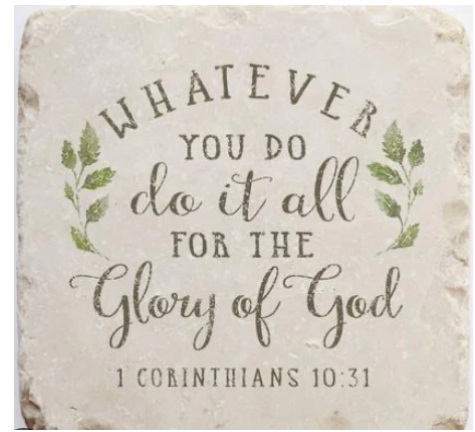
*"He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began." 2 Timothy 1:9*

As summer begins and many of us look forward to vacations or time off, it's a good moment to reflect on something we often take for granted: work. Not just our jobs, but the work we do at home, in our communities, and even here in our church. Why do we work? What is its place in the life of a Christian?

Martin Luther had much to say about work. In fact, he saw work not simply as a way to earn a living, but as a vocation, a calling. Whether we are farmers, teachers, engineers, parents, students, or retirees, Luther taught that our daily tasks are holy when they are done in faith and in service to others.

Work, in this view, is a means through which God provides for the world. He feeds the hungry through farmers and grocery clerks. He heals through doctors and nurses. He builds through architects and carpenters and yes, He comforts and encourages through teachers, counselors, and even a kind word from a neighbor. Your work, whatever it is, matters deeply because through it, God is at work. The Apostle Paul puts it this way in Colossians 3:23–24: ***"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."***

This doesn't mean that work will always be easy or enjoyable. Sometimes our jobs feel more like toil than joy. But even then, the Gospel reminds us that our worth is not based on our productivity or success. Christ has already given us our true identity, beloved children of God.



## Pastor's Peace Continued...

We don't work to earn God's favor; we work because we are free in Christ to serve our neighbor. That's the heart of Christian vocation: using our gifts and energy, not to build up our own name, but to bless others in the name of Jesus.

Whether you are busy in the office, cleaning the house, volunteering at church, or simply showing up for a friend, may you find joy in knowing your work is not in vain. It is part of God's good plan for your life and for the world.

*"So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*  
**1 Corinthians 10:31**

Should you have any questions or concerns, I am glad to speak with you at any time.

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*"A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; great faith will bring heaven to your soul."*

*Charles Spurgeon*



Summer's fun, but the need for blood doesn't take a break. Donate now to keep hospitals stocked and help save lives.

**June 20, 2025  
10am-4pm**

See the weekly email or call the Parish Office to get signed up and help save a life.



The lazy days of Summer come along with the month of June. But.....

We are just *five months* away from Stocking Stuffing Time!

This month WE NEED:  
\*24 Count Crayons  
\*10 Count Skinny Markers  
\*10 Count Fat Markers  
\*Pencil Sharpeners

You always have the option for a financial donation also. Please see Kay for more details.

***We need you to make this project a success!***



**Wednesday,  
June 11, 2025  
Walkersville Diner  
@ 10:00am**

Join us for our monthly Brunch Bunch gathering, a wonderful opportunity to connect with church members in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere! This event provides a delicious and social way for fellowship, community, and to enjoy good food while sharing time together. We welcome all to come, connect, and enjoy.



Saint Paul's Community Garden by the Parsonage is a tangible expression of our mission statement, *"Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all"*

***\*Tomatoes, Peppers, squash, watermelons and herbs\****

It will be an area where we and our neighbors can connect, share and enjoy the vegetables and herbs together. See Pastor Phil for more details.



## Walkersville Carnival, 2025

### *Can you Help?*

The Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company Carnival will be held this year from Monday, June 30th to Saturday, July 5th from 5pm to 10pm. Help is needed in the Food Building and various other places on the grounds. If you can help, just show up any night and help for whatever time fits in your schedule. Times and dates are at your convenience and you can be assured that all assistance will be appreciated.



## Upcoming Events

**June 1** - Youth Sunday

**June 11** - Brunch Bunch @ 10am

**June 15** - Stained Glass & Piano Dedication

**June 20** - Blood Drive 10am-4pm

**June 22** - Florence Schell Celebration of Life @ 1:00pm

**June 28** - Frederick Pride @ 11:00am

**June 30** - Walkersville Carnival 06/30-07/05 5pm-10pm

**July 7-11** VBS 6pm-8pm with a performance 7/11 @ 7pm