

## **Faith News and Notes for May 31, 2026**

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**Welcome, welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord!** We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!

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### **Honoring our Pilar “Pily” Tucker**



After a stellar 40-year career, our beloved Preschool leader, Pilar “Pily” Tucker, has retired. Please join us in celebrating Mrs. Tucker’s incredible legacy at her retirement party at 6:00 PM on Saturday, June 6, as we honor her dedication, leadership, and many achievements throughout the years. Be sure to register in the Narthex today, and watch for photos and shared memories from Pily’s celebration in the June 14 edition of News and Notes.

### **Retirement Gift**

As a heartfelt thank-you to Pily, we are inviting freewill offerings. Checks may be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church, with a note indicating the gift is for Pily. Cash gifts are also welcome—please be sure to label the envelope accordingly. Join us as we honor, celebrate, and give thanks for Pily’s many years of dedicated service and love.



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### **Vacation Bible School**

**June 8–12**



Get ready for a week full of fun, faith, and friendship! Our Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we can’t wait to welcome children for mornings packed with Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, and snacks.

Our church volunteers and school leaders are busy planning, but there’s still room for more helping hands! If you’re interested in joining the team, please sign up in the Narthex.

We also gratefully welcome contributions to help make VBS extra special. Donations can be placed in an envelope marked “VBS” or noted in the memo line of your check.

Your support, whether through volunteering or donating, helps us create a meaningful and memorable week for our children. Thank you for being part of this exciting adventure!

## **Holy Communion**

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

\*Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?

\*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?

\*Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?

\*Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?

\*With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

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## **First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth,

everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. <sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### **EPISTLE Acts 2:14a, 22–36**

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . <sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’” <sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’” <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

### **GOSPEL Matthew 28:16–20**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



**May 31 – The Holy Trinity** – Life is precious. It is a gift. We cannot fathom all that God has intended and has in store for His people. “Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” (Romans 11). Yet we come before the Lord, like Isaiah, as those with “unclean lips,” and we dwell “in the midst of a people of unclean lips” (Isaiah 6). The willful taking of an innocent human life in abortion is an abomination on our nation. Those who are given a new birth by Jesus in Holy Baptism by water and the Spirit (John 3) must be people who speak the truth of God’s Word: “You shall not murder.” We are “fearfully and wonderfully made.” We dare not sit on the fence when it comes to life and death issues such as abortion or physician-assisted suicide. The same voice of the Lord that “thunders” over the waters of creation and the flood (Psalm 29) now resounds over the waters of Holy Baptism, making us God’s own special people and calling us to be the voice of hope in a world shrouded by sin and death.

**May 31** “If we want to save more Trinitarian-valued lives, then we need to knock a Humpty Dumpty way of thinking about words off the wall. We need to speak of the reality behind the word ‘abortion’ and use such a time as this to speak of the reality behind the Word made flesh to dwell among us and in us and for us. You have been called for such a time as this.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



**Our Homebound:** **Sandy** Aiken (Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter); **Alma** Coates; **Carla** Sesola (now living in Missouri); **Donna** Van Bommel (Palm Beach Memory Care, NPB); **Gordon** Lerner (Luxe Rehabilitation in Jupiter).

**Other Requests:** **Faith Lutheran Teachers, students and their families; The Family of Gail Bolognese, Jessica** Dillahunt; **Andrea** Emde, **The family of Alan Fiers, Dave** Johnson, **Rick** Knudtson, **Istvan** Krisko, **Kathy** McCoy, **Nancy** Meyer, **The Family of Ron Nilsen, Carole** Satterthwaite, **Tricia** Shankin, **Sally** Schwartz, **Bob and Laura** Tegart, **Walt & Sharon** Wiley, **Lynn** Wilke, and **Ron** Woita.

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**1. Sign up using our custom link:** <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithlutheranchurchnp>

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You'll receive a welcome message with a link to register.

**3. Scan the QR code:** Open your phone's camera and hover over the QR code. Tap the prompt that appears to open the registration page and sign up.

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### Want to Grow in Sharing the Gospel?

Join us for a weekly study through the Book of Acts, where we explore one chapter at a time and learn how to confidently share the Gospel and our personal testimonies in everyday life.

#### Saturdays

**Breakfast:** 9:00–10:00 AM (provided by Justin Gaynor); **Study:** 10:00–11:00 AM

**Location:** School Activity Room (look for signage)

**How to Join:** Register in the Narthex OR Scan the QR code

If you're looking for supplemental reading to accompany Acts 2 and dive deeper into the themes of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, *Life in the Spirit* by A.W. Tozer is an excellent choice.

#### Questions?

Contact Justin Gaynor at 561-777-5016.

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If you need to use our nursery during church services, please see one of the ushers. An usher will contact a Nursery Volunteer, who will then escort you to the nursery. Our nursery is available for infants through three years old.

## Playground Improvement Project – Support Needed

We are excited to share that we are upgrading our playground by replacing the existing sand with a new, safer soft surface. This improvement will provide a cleaner, more modern, and more accessible play area for everyone. During the process, we discovered that our current playground equipment also needs to be replaced to ensure safety and long-term use. We are seeking support from our community to help fund this important upgrade. If you would like to contribute, please consider earmarking your donation specifically for playground equipment.

### Project Costs:

Playground Equipment: \$13,232

Installation: \$6,000

Your generosity will help us create a safer, more enjoyable space for our school children.  
Thank you for your support and consideration!

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
**LET'S BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND!**  
A FUN, SAFE & INSPIRING PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN AND GROW!

NEW RUBBER SURFACE will replace the sand area!

Would you chip in to help us reach our goal by **JUNE 1st**?

**DEADLINE: JUNE 1st!**

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN		
 Playground Equipment		\$13,232
 Playground Equipment Installation		\$6,000
 Pour-In-Place Rubber Surface (covers entire current sand area)		\$35,931
 Removal of Old Playground (with purchase of entire system)		FREE
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$55,163</b>		

**\$33,000 RAISED!**  
(59.8%)

WE'RE OVER HALFWAY THERE!

**HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

-  Donate any amount
-  Sponsor a part of the project
-  Encourage friends & businesses to help!

**TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A WONDERFUL PLAYGROUND FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

**THANK YOU** for supporting Faith Lutheran Church & School!



This week's Altar flowers

To the Glory of God  
in memory of James Morris

This week's Narthex flowers

In Honor of  
Jack & Yvette Beisel's anniversary

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Sandy Aiken

Matt Eggerman

Sue Michel

Christopher Schuemann

Zachary Hernandez

Lee Beckwith

Meredith Fortini



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**Alan D. Fiers' Jr., Memorial Service**

Date: Saturday, June 6

Time: 2PM—3PM

Location: Fiers' residence, 236 Inlet Way, Singer Island



Many thanks for all the wonderful books donated to the Sharon Hess Book Nook at Faith this past year! Thanks to your generosity, the shelves are full of great reads ready to be signed out, enjoyed, and returned for others to share.



Book Club  
June Book of the Month  
***Small Things Like These***  
by Claire Keegan



**Date:** Thursday, June 25 / **Dinner & Book Discussion:** 5:30 pm @ the home of Lynda Shea-Vantine

It is 1985, in an Irish Town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces into his busiest season. As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to meet him — and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the church.

## This Week at Faith

Items in color indicate Bible Studies

### Sunday, May 31

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 8:45 AM—10:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Ages 3-7 in Classroom3. Ages 8-12 in Conference Room)\*
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Service
- 10:45 AM—12:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice
- 3:00 PM—8:00 PM Baptiste Graduation party (Gym)

### Monday, June 1

#### School Summer Camp begins

- 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

### Tuesday, June 2

### Wednesday, June 3

- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry

### Thursday, June 4

- 9:00 AM—10:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
- 10:30 AM Canasta Club (Michel Building—The Upper Room)

### Friday, June 5

- 9:30 AM—11:00 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)

### Saturday, June 6

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
- 9:00 AM—11:00 AM Acts—Bible Study & Breakfast (School Activity Room)
- 6:00 PM Pilar Tucker's Retirement Party (Gym)

### Sunday, June 7

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 8:45 AM—10:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Service
- 10:45 AM—12:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice

\*May 31 will be the last day of Sunday School. Classes will resume on August 16.

*Note:  
The Congregational Breakfast will  
be held between services on  
Sunday, June 14.*

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**NEW DAY ADULT CARE CENTER — 561-844-0012**

Julie Tombari: Administrator

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	<b>8:45 AM</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Jo Petterson	Barbara Cahill
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Lou Raffa	Matt Henshaw
<b>Greeter</b>	Kathy & Rick Knudtson	Jane Blevins
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**OUR VISION**

**We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church, community and world with His unfailing love.**

We will **engage** all people in meaningful relationships with God’s unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will **equip** all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.