

Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * May 2026



May is a beautiful month! The blossoms of spring are in bloom as reminders of the gift of new life! We also pause to give thanks to God for the gift of mothers. St. Paul wrote to Timothy that he should remember with thanksgiving the faith he received through the work of his grandmother and mother, writing, "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of hands" (2 Timothy 1:5-6). Mother's Day is a time when many of us reflect on the women who have shaped our lives. With Christ-like compassion, so many women have answered God's call to nurture, teach, and love.

In Proverbs 31, we read the caution given to men to not give their strength to women who destroy kings. Instead the writer encourages a man to find a virtuous woman whose strength and dignity are her clothing, and who speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction. Proverbs 31 provides guidance for the type of woman a godly man is looking for when searching for a wife. This chapter also describes what kind of mother this woman is in verse 28, "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." This chapter ends with a beautiful image of honor. The life of faith-filled service that a wife and mother provides through diligence, compassion, service, wisdom, and kindness often bears fruit in the form of love and respect from those who have been nurtured by this kind of woman. Take time this month to read Proverbs 31, and consider how we may encourage this blessing.

Children, if you have this kind of mother, take heed, rise and call your mother blessed. Let your words be more than a kind gesture. Give a testimony of the lasting impact of this woman's love, faith, and daily sacrifice. Acknowledge that behind the meals prepared, the prayers whispered, and the encouragements spoken, there has been a woman fulfilling her holy calling.

Sadly, not every family knows these experiences of compassion and kindness, and for some these experiences are only known in the past tense because of grief. Mother's Day can stir a mix of emotions. Some will experience joy, and others will know sorrow, grief, or even anger. As the church, we provide space for all of these feelings. We remember mothers who are no longer with us, those who long to be mothers, those mothers remembering children with the sadness of loss, and those who serve in this calling with no title.

Borrowed from: ourshepherd.net



Woo hooooooo, Faith Lutheran has a new website with a new web address! Set a calendar reminder to head on over to faithlutheranmenifee.com and check it all out!

Like our previous website, you can access live stream worship services, worship services videos, bulletins, our calendar, the Forecaster and more! But in addition to all of that, we now have a [Prayer Wall](#) (you can request prayers and pray for others' requests!), we have an individual page for each of our [Ministries](#), a page specifically for [Upcoming Events](#), and you can submit your [offering](#) from the website, as well!

**Please note these links will not be active until May 5th.

Faith That Reaches Beyond *Sunday*



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Communion Servers	Power Point	Ushers
3rd: Candy	3rd: Diane M.	3rd: Diane S.	3rd: Bill	3rd: Annie
10th: Mars	10th: Lorna	10th: Debbie	10th: Candy	10th: Becky
17th: Joanne	17th: Pat A.	17th: Freddericka	17th: Mike	17th: TBD
24th: Candy	24th: Bill	24th: Diane M.	24th: Mike	24th: Karla
31st: Mars	31st: David M.	31st: Karla	31st: Bill	31st: Gina
Attendance	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sound	Live Stream/Video
3rd: Kandie	3rd: Hunter & Ava	3rd: Kandie, Diane M.	3rd: Maddie	3rd: Madeline
10th: Shirley	10th: Dave F.	10th: Kandie, Diane M.	10th: Maddie	10th: Madeline
17th: Pat O.	17th: Pat A.	17th: Kandie, Mars	17th: Maddie	17th: Madeline
24th: Joanne	24th: Walli	24th: Mars, Debbie	24th: Mars	24th: Madeline
31st: Connie	31st: Joanne	31st: Mars, Debbie	31st: Candy	31st: Madeline



Dear Faith Family,

As a Church Council member, I am grateful for this opportunity to share some thoughts with you this month.

Please devote a few moments of your day to thinking about someone who has had particular influence on your Christian faith. Through the years, many individuals have played important roles in my

faith journey, especially my beloved husband, Darryl.

At one point during our retirement years, Darryl and I served on a church's stewardship committee. As the group brainstormed various ideas at our meetings, the other committee members noticed that I often mentioned an individual who had been a shining example of a faithful steward. I was asked to write a newsletter article about her. Now I am sharing that writing with you in the hope that you, too, will be blessed by this person's life as you reflect on the people who have impacted your own Christian faith.

Blessings, Pat Adams

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"Thank you, God, for the life and love of Tee Johnston." This prayer flowed from my heart on August 12, 2014, when I learned that my amazing friend's earthly journey had ended. During her many weeks under hospice care at home in Dayton, Ohio, Tee had continued to embrace life as fully as possible: holding hands with her devoted husband, telephoning birthday greetings, inviting former neighbors to her home for lunch, immersing herself in God's Word, and distributing copies of the devotional book *Jesus Calling* to her steady stream of visitors. As death approached, Tee continued to live generously by sharing God's love.

Almost five decades earlier, as the young wife of a pastor in his first parish, I had met Tee, a vibrant mother of four and a committed Christian who made a point of welcoming all visitors and encouraging them to attend the Pastor's Class. Because Tee's compassion was so genuine and her hospitality so sincere, her requests were rarely rebuffed. With her loving concern extending beyond Sunday mornings, Tee nurtured a multitude of close friendships that lasted through the peaks and valleys of life.

Having endured the loss of a newborn son and the deaths of two adult sons, Tee was familiar with life's valleys. Yet she remained an optimist. Her ready sense of humor and keen intelligence made her a delightful companion. When pleasant, unexpected happenings occurred, she referred to them as "Godsequences" rather than coincidences. The signature butterfly pin that she wore constantly bore witness to the resurrection.

Motivated by that resurrection faith, Tee fully gave of her time, talents, and treasure. Since she had been blessed to be a blessing, Tee demonstrated how to live a generous life. She could well echo this sentiment of fellow Daytonian Erma Bombeck: "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'"



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

May 16
 May 17
 May 26
 May 27

Arnette Calkins
 Caroline Ogden
 Nancy Randolph
 Marlene Rosselli



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

May 6, 2000
 May 17, 2008
 May 28, 1977

Gregg & Jennifer McGavran
 Roderick & Amy Sinclair
 Tom & Judy Brosz



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!



"Hunger Never Rests"

Most of us have not experienced food insecurity, but many locally do experience it, both seniors and families. Let's remind ourselves to do all we can to help those in need here in Menifee! As you are able, be Christ in action, add the monthly item to your shopping list and add it to the collection bin by mailboxes!

Hunger Never Rests!

**The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard
 is in need of Canned Chili for May!**

MENIFEE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The annual Letter Carrier Food Drive is **Saturday, May 9**. Volunteers are needed in the **afternoon** at the post office to pack the food items into containers. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex for more information.

FINANCIAL REPORT

March 31, 2026

1. Comments

- a. March 2026 Member giving was above budget.
- b. Expenses continue below budget. While we budgeted for a half-time Pastor (currently vacant), our Pastoral expenses continue to include payment for Supply Pastors only during the Call processes.
- c. While our overall budget will likely run a surplus due to the low Pastoral Expenses, **the Congregation should pay attention to Member Giving as a measure of our overall financial health.** It is possible that we would continue to see monthly surpluses even as Member Giving runs under budget. If so, this would result in an unhealthy trend that would adversely affect our Church once we fill our vacant Pastoral position.

2. Financials Review

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, above budget at 120.75% (\$13,352 vs \$11,058).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 95.36% (\$31,635 vs \$33,173).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, over budget at 241.51% (\$37,372** vs \$15,474).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 192.08% (\$132,603* vs \$69,346).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, below budget at 85.88% (\$14,798 vs \$17,230).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 86.59% (\$45,846 vs \$52,945).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$22,574 vs the expected deficit of \$1,756.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$86,757 vs the expected surplus \$16,092.
- e. **Bank balances**
 - i) **Total Balance at Month-end** is \$742,033.13.
 - (1) Provident Bank General Checking - \$251,180.03
 - (2) US Bank General Checking – \$2,841.35
 - (3) US Bank Property Sale - \$246,072.65
 - (4) ELCA FCU Savings - \$33.26
 - (5) ELCA FCU Property Sale CD1 – \$86,975.67
 - (6) ELCA FCU Pastor Reserve Fund CD - \$80,408.19
 - (7) ELCA FCU Property Sale CD2 - \$64,521.98
 - (8) Thrivent Bank CD - \$10,000

Previous Month-end balance was \$736,534.16.

3. Property Sale Funds by Bank Account

US Bank Savings Account	\$245,000.00
ELCA Federal Credit Union CD1	\$86,264.00
ELCA Federal Credit Union CD2	\$64,407.11
Total Property Sale Funds	\$395,671.11

*Includes gifts from Jan Williams Estate: FLC General Fund-\$66,406.48, FLC Endowment-\$66,406.47, WELCA-\$14,757; Trinity Lutheran, Hemet-\$18,000.

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Submitted by Madeline Puccio, Treasurer

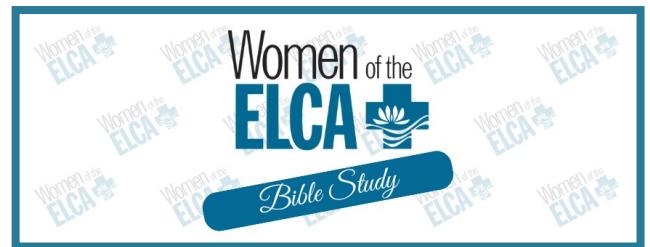


Home-baked goods are welcome for Coffee Hour!

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for bringing home-baked goods, as well as a sign-up sheet for coffee hour volunteers.

Come Study With Us!

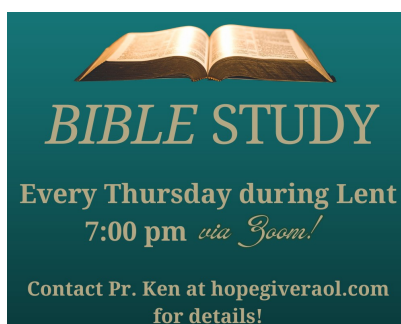
*a ministry of Women of the
ELCA (WELCA)



All of us are called to be in a relationship with and know God. What have you done to understand the nature and love of God, and of His son Jesus Christ? A key way to do that is to study His Word, the Bible. Studying with other believers can be more enlightening and helpful than reading Scripture alone. Here at Faith, WELCA gives you opportunities to study God's Word in a community of believers, a safe space to question, learn and grow.

- **Mary's Circle** uses studies from Gather Magazine. The study for May is a look at the I AM statements of our Lord. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month (May 13) at 10am.

Come when you can and let's grow in faith together! All are welcome.



The Gospel of John

In his Gospel, John alternates Jesus' "I Am" discourses with Jesus' miracles. We have seen how Jesus' declaration as the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep, and as the Door foretold his Passion, His death and resurrection.

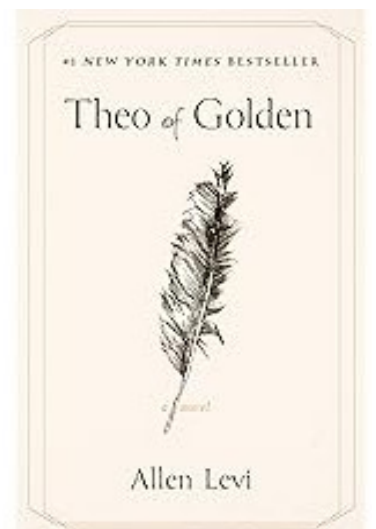
Contact Pastor Ken at hopegiver@aol.com for log in information.



Meniffee Reads! (a book club) is reading “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi for May.

One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so, portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered.

A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, *Theo of Golden* is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.



A banner for new members. It has a light blue background with a subtle pattern. In the center is a graphic of a cross inside a stained-glass window. Above the cross, the text "Welcome New Members" is written in a red, cursive font. Below the cross, "February 2026" is written in a large, black, cursive font. On the left is a photo of Leticia Garibay, a woman with short grey hair wearing a blue and white striped shirt. On the right is a photo of Tom and Janet Oster, a man in a blue and white checkered shirt and a woman in a black dress.

Leticia Garibay

Tom & Janet Oster

WELCA Luncheon Fundraiser



Buy Your Tickets
NOW! This One
May Sell Out!

Gift Baskets for the WELCA Fundraiser

We are in full gear collecting Gift Baskets you may choose to donate to make this year's gift baskets the best yet! Check out how you might be able to help.

- Start picking up **gift cards** now: \$10, \$25, \$50, don't wait! Any amount can be part of a basket.
- Do you craft, knit, crochet, quilt, woodwork, or other creative hobby? Plan now for what you might want to donate for the gift baskets.
- **Wine** and chocolate are always big hits!
- **Create your own basket and theme**, coffee, tea, reading, games, pampering, baking, beach party, and movie night, and baskets are all great ideas or come up with one of your own.
- **Sponsor** the ever-popular **lottery scratch-off ticket basket**.

Do not wait to donate! We can accept your gift basket donations anytime of the year! Let Candy Pellechio (908-601-4540) know if you are putting together a basket and the theme! **All donations are due by Sunday, May 24th.**

Christmas in July

May 24th to July 5th

Did you know we have a Women's Shelter in Menifee?

Your Outreach Committee is collecting gift cards (any amount) for:

- 1) Target
- 2) Walmart

Your purchased gift card(s) will be donated to The Menifee Women's Shelter residents (both women and children) to help them with groceries, clothes or other household items they may need.

Please visit the Giving Tree in the Narthex from May 24th to July 5th.

How to participate:

- 1) Choose an ornament (Walmart or Target)
- 2) Purchase the gift card (save the activation receipt)
- 3) Bring it back to church
- 4) Place in provided baggie in the basket
- 5) Choose a homemade ornament as a thank you.



Giving is Love in Action!

MENIFEE WOMEN'S SHELTER

We have an opportunity to tour the shelter. If you are interested, please sign up in the narthex and we will arrange a date for a tour. All visitors will need to sign a non-disclosure form in order to take part in the visit and tour.



This quarter (April - June) your Outreach Committee is collecting the following items for MilVet:

Tuna in bags/cans * Small bags of nuts(any kind) * Shampoo

These items will be used at MilVet's monthly packing event, where boxes are packed and sent to deployed military. Thank you for your love and support!

THRIVENT MAKES MINISTRY HAPPEN AT FAITH

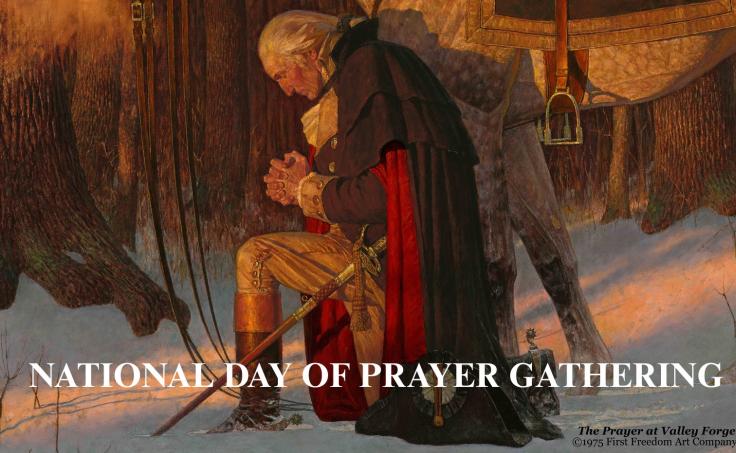
Thanks to the many people who have decided to become Associate Members of Thrivent and help Faith give back to our Menifee Community.

Faith Lutheran Church would like to expand our community outreach, and the Thrivent Action Cards are a relatively easy way to make this happen. Here is how you can help us:

- **Thrivent Members who currently own products** – please sign the Thrivent sheet in the narthex so that we can help you utilize these cards on a yearly basis. Just let us know you are members!
- **Willing to become an Associate Member (cost of \$20/year)** – please sign up on the Thrivent sheet in the narthex and let us know. For your \$20 investment you can get a \$250 gift card we can use for an outreach event. We will then look to schedule some sessions to help you sign up!

Do you need help signing up for the membership online? Meet Candy Pellechio during Coffee Hour on May 10 in the rear of Fellowship Hall and get individual help in getting your Associate Membership with Thrivent. Candy can be reached at 908-601-4540.

GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS
1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026
9:00 AM

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

**JOIN US IN PRAYERS LED BY LOCAL PASTORS
AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

**CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
CENTRAL PARK
30268 Civic Plaza Drive**

Menifee
Interfaith and
Community Service Council

75TH
NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER GATHERING IN MENIFEE

Please join the Menifee Community on Thursday, **May 7, 2026** at 9am at the Civic Center Plaza at Central Park (by the new Christmas Tree), 30268 Civic Plaza Drive, for a brief observance of the National Day of Prayer. There will be prayers given by local pastors and community leaders. Limited seating will be provided, but you can bring your portable chair.

Sign up in the Narthex to carpool from Faith.

Sponsored by Menifee Interfaith and Community Council
(of which Faith Lutheran Church is a member)

Donation Drop Location at Faith!

Facebook is spreading the news!

The next Donation Drop Off day is Saturday, **May 2, from 9-12**. On the first Saturday each month we are open from 9-12 noon, and the public has access to drop off contributions. We are accepting donations of:

- ❖ **(new)** homemade blankets (for Project Linus)
- ❖ eyeglasses (for Lions Club)
- ❖ used towels and blankets (**no batting**) (for Animal Friends of the Valley)
- ❖ gently used or new shoes (for Soles4Soles)
- ❖ Non-perishable food items (for Menifee Community Cupboard)
- ❖ 100% cotton fabric (for Snip 'N Stitch quilts made by Faith Lutheran Church)

There is a 2026 signup sheet in the Narthex for helpers. We need 2 people to be on site each Donation Day to accept donations. (it's a pretty easy job and you can sit most of the time)

Please share the information with friends and neighbors. Flyers are available in the narthex.

Project ♥ Linus



Providing
Security
Through
Blankets



SOLES 4 SOULS

JOIN THE PROJECT LINUS BLANKET BRIGADE

Are you ready to be part of the Blanket brigade? Next date is Saturday, May 2 from 10-12 noon (**notice time change**), everyone is welcome to drop by for some fellowship time with friends and help tie fleece blanket for Project Linus. This monthly event is open to the Menifee community, so bring your coffee and some friends. Do good while spending time with friends!



FOOD WITH FRIENDS

MAY 27TH

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY MAY 27
5:00PM - 6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



saturdays are for bingo!

**May 16th
July 18th
October 17th**

3:00 - 5:00

Faith Lutheran Church
28200 Portsmouth Dr.
Menifee, CA
(951) 679-1518

BINGO

get ready to shout "bingo!"
and win some amazing prizes
at this free fun-filled event!




WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAITH?

thursdays are for bingo!

**June 4th
September 3rd
December 3rd**

3:00 - 5:00

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Ice Cream Social

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

June 3rd
July 1st
August 5th
September 2nd



To help you plan ahead, this is a list of the events that recur each month:

- **Snip 'N Stitch:** 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00
- **Worship & Music:** 1st Tuesday at 10:00
- **Hymn Planners:** 2nd Tuesday at 10:00
- **Outreach Team:** 2nd Tuesday at 2:30
- **WELCA Board:** 2nd Tuesday at 12:30
- **Menifee Reads!:** 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 and the Thursday following the 3rd Wednesday (either the 3rd or 4th Thursday) at 2:00pm
- **4+1 Group:** 3rd Tuesday at 10:00
- **Fellowship Team:** 3rd Tuesday at 2:00
- **Stewardship Team:** 3rd Friday at 10:00
- **Finance Team:** Wed. before Council meets at 11:00
- **Council:** Last Monday of each month at 11:00
- **Cheer Team:** 2nd Thursday at 4:00
- **Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00
- **Food with Friends:** 4th Wednesday at 5:00 (beginning in May)
- **Al-Anon:** Every Friday at 10:30

Fun at Faith!						
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HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY

God's richest blessings to all mothers and mother-figures.

Faith Lutheran Church

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May 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
9:30am Worship-Pr. Rex 12:30pm Grace&Mercy		New Website Launches!!	10:00am Worship & Music	9:00am Snip 'N Stitch	10:30am AI-Anon	9:00am Donation Drop Off 10:00am Blanket Brigade
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30am Worship-Pr. Moe 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	10:00am Hymn Planners 12:30pm WELCA Board 2:30pm Outreach Team	10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study	4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	10:00am Stewardship 10:30am AI-Anon	9:00am Set Up 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt & Craft Fair	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day 9:30am Worship-Pr. Shane 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group 2:00pm Fellowship Team	11:00am Finance Team 7:00pm Menifee Reads! Book Club	9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 2:00pm Menifee Reads! Book Club	10:30am AI-Anon	3:00pm Bingo 6:00pm Big Band Rehearsal	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30am Worship-Pr. Ken 11:00am Endowment Meeting 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	6:00pm Call Committee	11:00am Council Meeting 5:00pm Food with Friends-Taco Bar	7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	10:30am AI-Anon	Forecaster Deadline	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30am Worship-Pr. Ken 11:00am Endowment Meeting 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	Memorial Day				10:30am AI-Anon	
31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am Trinity Sunday-Pr. Shane 12:30pm Grace&Mercy 4:00pm Big Band Concert						