

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



Faith's Blessings

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April 2018

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Peace and love to all of you this Easter Season. I hope that the love of God found in Christ Jesus has found you happy and healthy this season. The joy we share with each other during this season is seen not only here in Somerset County but all over the world. Christians rejoice because the tomb is empty. "Jesus has risen, he has risen indeed!" will echo through churches and places of worship all over the world. It is a special time for us to remember the bigger picture of what God is doing in the world around us. A picture of our sponsored missionary Michael Fonner is in the narthex. I know that we pray for him and the success of his ministry in Kenya all the time, however, this month I hope we can especially keep him and all the people in his ministry in prayer. The people of Kenya are very diverse and reaching them with the gospel has been an ongoing challenge for Christians in Kenya. Many of the peoples are governed through tribal leaders who are not always receptive to the message of the gospel. This is what I was hoping we could keep in prayer during the next month; that God would stir the hearts of the tribal leaders, allowing their people to hear the message of Christ in their own language. For the gospel shows us the light of the world, given for all people, that whoever believes will not perish but have eternal life.

During this Easter Season we are looking to engage in all kinds of activities around the church. So please look to join us for a forth coming church work day, a garden workday, the new bible study "Walking with the Psalms", as well as planning for summer community meals at the church. We are looking into this new season with hope and ambition. I hope that you will investigate these opportunities here at the church. We are always welcoming anyone who wants to participate, so if God places it on your heart, please let me know and we can engage in that ministry together. As always, I keep all of you in prayer knowing that God is going to be working in and through you in the month to come.

God loves you and so do I
Pr. Ben



During the month of March the following individuals were lifted in prayer:

Shannon Hayman, Ken Shockey, Shirley Trent, Alan Stern, Janet and Kim Yonai, Mona Barndt, family and friends of Brian Ohler, Helen Weaver, family and friends of Diane Delancey, Kelly Wood, family and friends of Mike Polakoski, Don Walker, Jay Anderson, George Mason

We also pray for Michael Fonner, the missionary we sponsor.

Continue to remember those who are in Harm’s Way:
Sgt. Sean Blackburn, H.N., David Geary, Zachery Kimmel, Benjamin Meese, Jamie Miller, Maj. Scott Powell, Justin Pugh, Joshua Walker and Clair Weyant (our military) Loni Nist (State Trooper) and Dean Nist (a corrections officer.)

Special Services

April 1 Easter Sunday
 Sunrise 6:30 am
 Holy Communion

 Easter breakfast

 Easter Worship
 9 am Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast

We will once again join for Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Worship on April 1.
Eggs, home fries, muffins and coffee, juice and milk are on the menu.
A freewill offering will be collected and will be applied to the cost of mailing our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

No reservations necessary ... no cooking and better yet, NO dishes for you to worry about!

SEE YOU ALL AT BREAKFAST!

Operation Christmas Child
2018 Wish List

- January Toothbrushes, combs, brushes
- February Band-aids, travel size kleenex, soap, washcloths
- March Small notepads, coloring books
- April Small stuffed animals, small toys, harmonicas
- May Jump ropes, small balls
- June Flip flops, yo-yo’s, cards (playing and games)
- July T-shirts, socks (dark colored)
- August Pencils, erasers, sharpeners, glue sticks, safety scissors, pens
- September Crayons, colored pencils, markers
- October mittens, hats
- November Any item(s) on the list; DUE Nov. 11

Confirmation

A new Confirmation Class is being planned to begin in May. This will be an 18 month class, which will meet twice a month on Sunday afternoon.

The class is open to all youth whose parents feel are ready to begin deepening their relationship and understanding of God. If you are unsure if your child is prepared, please call Pastor to talk about the maturity, expectations of behavior and attendance.

There is no age limit, the class can be handled by a 9 year old who is mature or a 16 year old who is mature.

Sign up will be in the narthex beginning in April.

Church Workday

Please keep a look out for things around the church, inside and out, that need fixed, repaired or looked after.

We are creating a list to have a workday for the congregation to come together to do property maintenance.

We will announce the date and time late in April.

All are welcome as there will be jobs for everyone, from the smallest to the tallest, young, and old.

A light lunch will be provided!

February 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 8 members and Pr. Ben present. Devotions were presented by Cindy Miller.

The Council Minutes, Treasurer’s Report and Pastor’s Report were all reviewed, with motions made and 2nd for each report, and all were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| Finance | Tally sheets reviewed |
| Social | Four events are to be planned for the year. There will be discussion about the location of the Family Banquet |
| Worship | Setting 1 in ELW will be started on February 18. Evening Lenten Worship will be held on Sunday evenings at 7 pm, using Stations of the Cross |
| Education | Katey Hill will be taking a break from teaching Sunday School. Arica Domer and Dani Gilbert will assist Andi |
| Property | Eric Steinkirchner will start replacing lights in the hallway the week of February 19. Outdoor replacement will follow as weather permits |
| Youth | Pancake supper is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13 |
| Mission Team | They are ready to travel to Sebring FL to help remodel and clean up Faith Lutheran Church on February 20-27 |

COUNCIL MINUTES (cont. from page 3)

OLD BUSINESS

Steiny’s is ready to begin lights
The shelf for the Listie Church Model needs anchored
Congregational Meeting was held January 14, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

The water needs to be checked by Culligan
The Wedding Policy of Faith needs updated. A motion was made, 2nd and approved to allow Pr. Ben to revise and return policy back to council for final approval

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Next Council meeting will be March 8, 2018 with devotions provided by Katey Hill. Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Katey Hill
Council Secretary

Walking with
The Psalms

A new bible study opportunity will begin the second Wednesday of April.
On April 11, we will meet at the college track to walk a mile together and talk about the Psalm of the Day.
The Psalms are written mostly by King David. They convey emotions and feelings in an expressive song form to God. It is natural for us to also feel these same emotions from time to time and helpful to find comfort in the scripture.
We will have a handout, so no need to bring a bible.
We will also take frequent rest stops at the benches that are provided at the track.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Ministry Opportunity

Pastor is looking into having a Community Meal once a week here at Faith.
This would be a free dinner for anyone who would like some food, regardless of their ability to pay.
He is hoping to begin in June and continue through August. In August, the plan will be revised based on attendance.
If you are interested in heling cook, serve or clean, please contact Pastor to let me know of your interest.
If you want to be involved in the planning, organizing or advertising, call Pastor as soon as possible.
I am hoping to get this new outreach ministry up and rolling soon.

Pr. Ben

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunrise 6:30 am Breakfast Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am NO coffee break	2 PR. BEN ON VAC. THRU 4TH	3	4 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm	5	6	7
8 Easter 2 Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am	9 Committee Night 6 pm WELCA 7 pm	10	11 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2pm Walking with Psalms 6 pm Choir 7 pm	12 Council 7 pm	13	14
15 Easter 3 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	16	17	18 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	19	20	21
22 Easter 4 Worship 9 am SCS and FLP 10:30 am	23	24	25 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	26	27	28
29 Easter 5 Worship 9 am 5th Sunday offering SCS 10:30 am	30			2nd offering is for SAM VAN		

We thank those who are willing to serve
for the month of April:

April 1 early Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters Council Person	Everyone Bill Hoffman Wendell & Nancy Heil Cindy Miller	Reader	Brenda Walker
April 1 9 am Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Everyone Jane Pugh Shirley W & Lori D	Reader	Wendell Heil
April 8 Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Dawn & Brittany Will Darren Walker David & Sandy Pyle	Reader	Sandy Pyle
April 15 Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Sandy P & Katey H Brenda Maust Karen Shaffer & Nancy Walker	Reader	Audrey Walker
April 22 Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Dawn & Brittany Dave Pugh Donna & Jackie Rhoads	Reader	Jackie Rhoads
April 29 Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Sandy & Katey Brenda Walker Rich & Darren Walker	Reader	Mabel Revello

Please remember that if you cannot be here and have a “job”,
find a replacement!

April 2nd Offering

The 2nd offering for April which is scheduled to be collected Sunday, April 8, has been earmarked for the SAM Van.

The van offers Somerset residents a no cost ride to medical appointments and hospital visits in Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Altoona and Greensburg. They operate Monday thru Friday from 8 am—5 pm and you must call in advance to schedule a ride, 443-6354.

They are also looking for volunteers to drive their van, so if you can help please call the number above.

Thank you for supporting this outreach transportation service.

Will’s Cemetery Association

The association has scheduled their annual meeting for Sunday, April 8, 2018 immediately following worship.

Happenings at Camp Sequanota

April 7-8 Men on a Mission

Big projects need your help. Join us for two days of projects and an overnight of fellowship.

Cost: FREE

Please RSVP with the office at 629-6627

April 20-22 Women’s Retreat

Facilitated by Rev. Susan Winger. Topic is to be decided.

Cost: \$135

RSVP with the office at 629-6627

April 27 Spring Benefit Dinner

Appetizers and tours begin at 4:45 pm

Dinner at 6 pm

Cost: suggested \$50 donation/person

Call office at 629-6627 for more info.

And, don’t forget ... applications for camp are available on the table in the narthex. What a GREAT WAY to spend a week this summer!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 TREASURER’S REPORT

		February	2018 Totals	Previous Year
INCOME				
	Current	8,283.50	14,844.50	9,248.39
	Benevolence	910.85	1,514.85	2,158.00
	Missionary Support	145.00	295.00	165.00
	Building/Maint.	639.00	1,231.00	646.00
	Misc. In/Out	0.00	519.38	0.00
TOTAL INCOME		9,978.35	18,404.73	12,217.39
EXPENSES				2018 Proposal
Total Ministries		451.47	593.24	9,550.00
Operating		34.95	1,198.05	18,000.00
Payroll				
	Taxes	162.48	318.25	2,000.00
Total Payroll		7,838.09	15,332.50	96,068.00
Outreach				
	Benevolence	377.00	2,035.00	9,000.00
	World Hunger	55.00	125.00	0.00
	Missionary Support	150.00	335.00	2,000.00
	2nd Offering	297.00	297.00	0.00
	Other	534.10	2,836.10	2,850.00
	Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach		1,413.10	5,628.10	14,000.00
Maintenance		3,440.01	5,075.88	19,000.00
Mem. Fund Purch.		0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. In/Out		0.00	200.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		13,177.62	28,291.34	156,618.00
ASSETS				
General Checking				\$5,496.71
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)				\$1,577.82
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)				\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund				\$16,845.80
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)				\$3,080.57
Memorial Funds				\$11,433.15
Camp Scholarship CD				\$6,410.56
Funeral Meals				\$989.13
Mission Team				\$2,777.38