

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



Faith's Blessings

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August 2018

May the peace which passes all understanding be with you all. I hope that you are continuing to find this summer a wonderful time of travel, outdoor fun, and warm weather. I pray that all of you remain safe and happy as the summer season closes. The warm weather has not slowed us down at the church.

We have continued to remain very busy; our summer ministries are in full bloom. We had an amazing time with the Day Camp this summer. The counselors for Camp Sequanota did a fantastic job with the kids we had this year. They had crafts, music, games, snacks, and lots of fun. I also wish to thank the volunteers from the church who helped make this possible as well.

Another ministry that has taken off here at Faith this summer is the Community Dinners. This idea started as dreaming how God might be calling us to community ministry and it turned into us, as a church, feeding around 100 people every Thursday night this summer. God is at work here, showing up in surprising ways and places. How might God be planning to use this for the spreading of the gospel? I don't know yet, but God is sure to bring about something great out of it; of this I am certain.

The Summer has been one busy time for us as a congregation. We donated flood buckets to the Somerset Disaster Response Team when Hooversville flooded. As a church we were able to quickly gather supplies together in order to help people in need. In the midst of this we also sent a team of volunteers from the church to help an elderly widow with a badly flooded basement. A special thanks to those who were able to come out and clean that day.

Often times the ministries of the church can feel as though they move slowly, like one of the old horse and buggies. However, this summer it has felt as if God has upgraded our old buggy to a drag racer. We are engaged in ministries of all different types, to reach out to the people of this world with the love of Christ Jesus. Where will God take us? Who will we get the chance to love? When will we be asked to give a testimony of God's Grace? Only God knows the answers to these questions. I am sure that God is here in this place moving with us and stirring in our hearts. God will not leave us to fend for ourselves; God will be with us always, to the end of the age.

On a personal note, Andi and I want to thank the congregation for the wonderful support that we have received from you this summer with the birth of Maxwell. While our families may be far away, you have become our family here to celebrate with us this momentous occasion. For this we are truly grateful to all of you. Be sure to check him out on Sunday, he is a happy health little baby.

In His Service,
Pastor Ben



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During the months of June and July the following were lifted in prayer: Shirley Weimer, Michele Balak, family and friends of James Billetdeaux, family and friends of Fred Custer, Zach Simmons, Pam Webreck, Heather Kush, Ron Fitzpatrick, family and friends of Karl Landis

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.)

Sexton Update

After 23 years of faithful service, Dave Delancey's term as Sexton has ended. Council will be reviewing and possibly making some changes to the job description and will be looking to hire a Sexton as we move forward in a new direction.



RHUBARB CRISP

4 C diced rhubarb
1/2 C water
1 tsp. cinnamon

1 C oatmeal
1/2 C sugar
1/2 C brown sugar
1/3 C flour
1/3 C butter

Put rhubarb, water and cinnamon in a baking dish and mix.

Mix remaining ingredients and crumble mixture over rhubarb.

Bake at 325 for 45-55 minutes (until top is brown.)

Elaine Hillegas

**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

May 10, 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 8 members and Pastor Ben present. Joeleen Everett provided devotions.

Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pastor's Report were reviewed, motion made and 2nd for each and approved.

Committee Reports

Finance – Tally Sheet reviewed

Social – Family Banquet tickets for June 2 are now on sale; planning an after church family picnic at the pavilion on July 8th with these covered dishes: from the Wills Members bringing desserts, the Mizpah Members bringing main dishes, Listie Members bringing side dishes and those not originally from any of those congregations will choose any dish to bring; the church will now provide all kitchen essentials for everyone to use and enjoy instead of separate groups buying them, these items are - coffee, cream, cups, sugar, snacks, etc.; please let the church know when an item is getting low in stock

Worship – we will switch to Setting 8 after Pentecost; looking at scripture themes for the Summer Worship

Education – adult Sunday School will finish the Book of Concord; will continue the Walking through the Psalms on Wednesdays at 6 pm, still walking the college track

Youth – Confirmation Class to begin May 13 (these classes will run each 2nd and 4th Sundays); Day Camp will be July 9-13 with registration forms being sent by June 1, time for camp is 9 am-4 pm

Property – the workday provided a lot of maintenance and touch ups for the church, helpers worked very hard, good oyster meal and another workday discussed for June 9. Checking on prices to have pews professionally cleaned

Mission Team – a joint meeting with the Friedens Mission Team will be held on May 16

COUNCIL MINUTES (cont. from page 3)

Old Business

weekly free meals will begin on the 3rd week of June, these meals will be on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00, this will be a 10-week mission, advertising was discussed with possible newspaper ad and flyers sent around and posted

a garden work and planting day will be announced for sometime at the end of May

there are 3 members going to the Synod Assembly this year, they are Dave and Jane Pugh and Katey Hill

still trying to find a cheaper price for the conditioner salt with rust remover, possibly purchase a whole pallet

New Business

results of parsonage water test received, no bacteria was found, no UV light needed

Missionary Michael Fonner is retiring, hope to keep supporting his replacement received a letter from Camp Sequanota for help in sponsoring campers for this summer, voted to fund 1 child's full camp costs from the Camp Scholarship Fund with any extra support from the congregation to be sent as additional support to defray costs

mower deck on tractor is in need of repair or replaced, will look into repairing first; tractor battery also needs replaced

12 cubic yards of mulch is needed to beautify outside yard area

taking down old tile, will remove curtain track and put in new ceiling tile in overflow, will be paid for by Memorial Funds

Month of September Second Sunday Offering will go to the Relay for Life Tea

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next Council Meeting will be held June 14, 2018. Patti Trent will provide devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn; closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Miller, Fill in for Council Secretary

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>May</u>	<u>2018 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
INCOME			
Current	8,668.27	42,085.44	8,181.16
Benevolence	1,224.00	4,326.85	684.00
Missionary Support	185.00	755.00	130.00
Building/Maint.	638.00	3,217.50	602.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>760.00</u>	<u>3,575.42</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,475.27	53,960.21	9,597.16
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	330.00	1,526.22	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	751.59	4,707.82	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>155.80</u>	<u>812.46</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	7,272.38	38,008.24	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	353.00	3,246.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	25.00	235.00	0.00
Missionary Support	120.00	755.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	166.00	1,019.95	0.00
Other	0.00	3,436.10	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	664.00	8,692.05	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,750.61	11,209.83	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	303.73	1,946.67	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,072.16	66,090.83	156,618.00
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$3,252.70
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,205.95
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$16,771.32
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,080.57
Memorial Funds			\$11,973.43
Camp Scholarship CD			\$6,410.72
Funeral Meals			\$1,790.60
Mission Team			\$1,779.00

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd offering is for "Christmas Coats"			1 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	2 Community Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm	3	4
5 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	6 Committees 7 pm	7	8 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	9 Community Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm	10 Flea Market Tent setup 6 pm	11 Flea Market Food booth 8 am-5 pm
12 Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am	13 WELCA picnic 6 pm	14	15 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	16 Community Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm Council 7 pm	17	18
19 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	20	21	22 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	23 Community Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm	24	25
26 Worship 9 am SCS and FLP 10:30 am	27	28	29 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	30 Community Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm	31	

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

August 5

Altar Guild	Mabel & Janet	Reader	Dave Walker
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman		
Greeters	Bill & Dave Walker		
Council Person	Katey Hill		

August 12

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Mabel Revello
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh		
Greeters	Gene & Elaine Hillegas		

August 19

Altar Guild	Mabel & Janet	Reader	Tom Walker
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		
Greeters	Tom & Brenda Walker		

August 26

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Annalina Brant
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Chris Brant Family		

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

Flea Market

We will once again sponsor a food booth at Antique Days in Somerset on Aug. 11. A minor change has been made, funds made at the food booth will be divided between the postage costs for Operation Christmas Child and Day Camp expenses.

We really appreciate your willingness to help when asked and couldn't do it without LOTS of help.

Tent set-up will be Friday night, Aug. 10 and we need volunteers then and also help for Saturday ... a couple of volunteers for a scheduled couple of hours. Can you help? See Audrey Walker, Jeanetta Shaffer or Brenda Maust.

WELCA

WELCA is having their annual covered dish picnic on August 13, and would like to extend an invitation to the congregation to join us.

It will be held in the fellowship hall at 6 pm. We also ask that you bring along a wrapped white elephant gift for everyone that would like to play the "Left/Right" game. This gift may be something that you have that really needs a new home-it will be a fun surprise when everyone gets to unwrap their new treasure!

Please bring your favorite food and your wrapped gift to share on Monday, August 13!

ALSM Membership Drive

The 2018 Annual Auxiliary Appeal to benefit Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries continues during August.

Marian Walker will be the "appeal key person." Pamphlets are on the table in the narthex. Complete the form, add your check and give it all to her. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

This is their **70th** year of providing benevolent care to those who need it.

August 2nd Offering

Sunday, August 12 our 2nd offering has been designated for "Christmas Coats."

This outreach has been a favorite of ours and is a necessary project for those in Somerset County who cannot afford to buy their own winter coats, gloves and boots.

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need!

Camp Sequanota Happenings August 13

Golf Benefit Tournament at 10 am at Summit Country Club in Cresson PA. The tournament costs \$100 donation per person.