

Faith's Blessings

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Looking out the window from my church office, I have a daily view of the landscape across the way as bulldozers lift, push, and move multi-colored layers of earth back and forth along the contours of the hillside; a form of artistry as they endeavor to re-sculpt what once was. The changing landscape reminds me of the hikes Allen and I enjoyed around the manmade lake named "Lake Marburg" at Codorus State Park when we moved to south central Pennsylvania. Over a span of 35+ years we walked up and down small hills (hills which our bodies now tell us are not so small), swatting gnats away from our faces, steering clear of anything that resembled poison ivy or poison oak, maneuvering mud puddles from a heavy rain, and following the windy paths that wound round the edge of these manmade lakes. As the years passed, we noted the differences in the landscape as they changed from year to year and even from one hike to another. It was the same path, the lake waters still lapped up against its edges, and fish could still be spotted here and there under its surface, but there was always something different to see and experience: A tree had fallen...someone had built a new "bridge" of rocks to span water in a low-lying area...the water was lower or higher...the geese had changed which side of the lake to "call home"...or the line of the lake had changed...but it was and still is Lake Marburg at Codorus State Park.

In every generation of every century, the theology of the Christian church has changed, just like the landscape across the road from the church and around Lake Marburg. The 21st century is no different as we find ourselves in the midst of an ever-changing cultural landscape.

So, what is different? How did we get here? Going back to the Pre-Modern Period (700-1500) the church was the leading authority – scientists had no firm standing with their discoveries if the church did not find them in accordance with church interpretations. God was in control of everything and everything had an explanation in accordance with Holy Scripture - literally. For example, Galileo was found guilty of heresy because he advocated that the sun was at the center of the universe; he spent the majority of his life under house arrest and the church forced him to recant his stance.

Next came the Modern Period - the Period of Enlightenment and the Romantic Movement (1650-1950). This was when the shift in power moved away from the church and scholars became the primary sources of authority. The church no longer wielded its privilege; human reasoning was at the forefront. Religion was viewed as "social" and humans in charge and in control of their progress, not God.

That brings us to today, the period of Postmodernism. Postmodern theology no longer relies on one of the previous approaches but a mixture of "social" (relational), scientific (Yes! faith and science go together!!!) and spiritual interpretations. It recognizes that life, all of life, is interconnected. The world and its history are viewed holistically, recognizing the diversity of its people, other cultures and other religions.

Through the generations and centuries, the landscape of our Christian theology has changed, it has ebbed and flowed, and it continues to change within the context of each era. We continue to ask questions as we seek to learn and understand, nurture, wonder, believe, trust and hope. The "face" of our Christian theology continues to change but when God looks at us, sees us, God still sees us as God's beloved children.

Pastor Kathy



"Getting to Know You" - Becoming Partners in Ministry with YOU

A new pastor! Yes, indeed, a new pastor looking to get to know you, each of you! As a pastoral leader there are many things I want you to know, and some things I urgently *need* you to know, which I communicate and convey through sermons, announcements, worship bulletins and newsletters so that you can receive the messages I want you to hear....but I also want to know....I want to listen...I want to hear. I am not an expert on all that is, was and will be...but I am hoping that you will share with me so that I may support and encourage YOU.

I want to get to know your faith stories. I want to hear about your work, your retirement, your studies, your grandchildren, your families, your partners, your pets, your hobbies. I also want to listen to your concerns and your questions. I want to know what programs might interest you, your children, your families. I want to know what challenges you might be facing. I want to know how I can pray for you.

I want to build a relationship with you as a partner in ministry – serving Christ, the congregation and the community – a partnership of trust that nurtures faith using the gifts God has given us in caring for our community here at Faith and beyond.

I would like to "get to know you" in a visit to your home – at your convenience, or by appointment here at the church office – whatever you are most comfortable with. I would also like to meet with our ministry teams - WELCA, social ministry, property, mission, assisting ministers, worship committee, etc. – taking time from a meeting to share the joys, the challenges, and the blessings of these ministries.

I ask that you prayerfully consider this ongoing invitation to get together. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board for your convenience or you may contact me by phone and/or email.

I look forward to "getting to know YOU!"

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy



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During the month of July, we lifted the following persons in prayer:

Sharon Percherke, Dan Sirko, Mabel Revello,
family and friends of Jessica Will and Bob
Bauermaster

Can You Find It?

Hidden in this issue of our newsletter are 2 pictures related to fishing. This theme will be used during Rally Day September 8.

Look for the 2 items, call the church office and let us know where and what you found!

We think we may have heard the word "PRIZE" being involved ... good luck!

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church general office number (814) 443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy



August 2nd Offering

The 2nd offering, to be collected August 11, is designated for the "Christmas Coats" program.

Your donations help purchase winter gear such as coats, hats, mittens and boots for those in the community who do not have the funds to purchase these much needed items on their own.

Thank you for supporting this outreach project and keeping the community warm!

Grow + Serve Chicken BBQ


On Sunday, Aug. 18 Faith will once again sponsor a fundraiser for "Grace Delivered" the mobile ministry of the Laurel Highlands Conference.

Full dinners with 2 sides \$8; 1/2 chicken only \$6. Tickets will be available before and after worship. Chicken will ready for pick-up between 10:30 am and 1 pm.

Deadline Aug. 16.

Flea Market

Saturday, August 10, Faith's Relay for Life Team will once again be sponsoring a food booth at the Flea Market held on the streets of uptown Somerset. We will be at the corner of Union and Kimberly Streets.

Be sure to donate, volunteer to help, make baked goods  any and all help is really appreciated!



Rally Day September 8 **will be Faith's introduction to the** **Sunday School Season, blending** **Adult Sunday School with Children** **& Youth Sunday School**

The morning will focus on what it means to learn and "play" together as a community of faith and what it is to be a leader and follower in Christ, recognizing that we can be and are both, no matter our age or life experience; "each individual needs to be a teacher in order to be a learner to become and continue to be a teacher".

As a community, each individual - each of US - has something to offer – the children and youth have fearless energy and inquisitive minds and the "young at heart" have a wealth of experiences and gifts, legacies to be shared; teachers and learners become gifts to one another, and need each other to complete one another's teaching and learning ...

"A learning is not really ours until we have taught it".

This is a one-morning gathering. The activities will incorporate Faith Lutherans' "God's Work, Our Hands" social outreach project, hands-on activities for learning and fun through crafts and games, and discussions focused on the day's theme,

"Go Fish" (Mark 1:17-20)

We will begin our morning with worship at 9:00 a.m. From worship we will move to the Fellowship Hall where the activities will be stationed. At the end of the morning we will gather together for a light lunch and blessing for the opening of the Sunday School season.

Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and join in as "we learn about God by singing our faith, practicing our faith, and being faithful".

"Go Fish!" in love and peace to serve the world,

Pastor Kathy



August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2nd offering is for Christmas Coats			1	2	3
4 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	5 Committee Night 7 pm	6	7 Caring Workers 10 am	8 Council 7 pm Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm	9 Flea Market Set-up	10 Flea Market 8 am-2pm
11 Worship 9 am 2nd offering ; SCS 10:30 am	12 WELCA Picnic	13	14 Caring Workers 10 am	15 WELCA to Mt. Playhouse 1 pm	16	17
18 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Chicken BBQ 10:30 am-1 pm	19	20	21 Caring Workers 10 am	22 Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm (Last one)	23	24
25 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	26	27	28 Caring Workers 10 am	29	30	31



Liturgy – The Work of the People

The word “liturgy” is taken from Greek; its root translation is “people work” or, “work of the people”. When I was younger, I thought “liturgy” referred to “the service” itself; that “liturgy” was a prescribed format of worship that one does not dare go against and had nothing to do with the people assembled, that we were merely spectators. I thought the word “liturgy” as a term, not as an “action” or interaction. Over the years, however, in witnessing and learning, and becoming active in sharing my gifts and lifting up the gifts of others in worship, I have found that my earlier perspective diminished the true meaning of “liturgy”.

Liturgy is action, it is what we do! It is everything we do. It is what we are able to do. Liturgy is using our talents, our knowledge, our abilities and our experience – our gifts from God – in worship. Liturgy is not the sole actions of one, the presider but that of the congregation, the parishioners. The presider assists and facilitates; it is the people of the church who are its ministers, its liturgists - people of all ages, gender, experience and education. People serving as ushers, communion assistants, instrumentalists, teachers, storytellers, greeters, lectors, acolytes and singers are all leaders of worship – all are leaders of the church.

Liturgy is sharing.

Liturgy is community-building.

Liturgy extends friendship and fellowship.

Liturgy lifts the gifts of others so that they may lead.

Liturgy is the heart of Christian worship as we lift our voices in prayer and song, as we gather and welcome people at the door, within and beyond our brick building, and as we give praise and thanks to God.

As summer begins to fade, I invite you to prayerfully discern sharing your gifts as a minister of this church. YOUR gifts are needed!

Openings include: Children’s Sunday School assistants, Worship Planning Committee, Eucharistic Visitors, Offering counters, Social Ministry and Choir – all “God’s work, our hands”! Additional “hands” are also welcome as Greeters & Ushers, Acolytes, readers (lectors), Altar Guild members, and Assisting Ministers – there is something for everyone!

Please contact me through the office via telephone or email at pastorkathystump@gmail.com or stop in for a visit at the church (call ahead to make sure that I am not “out and about” for pastoral visitations). I will be happy to answer questions and/or arrange for training if needed.

In grace and peace,
Pastor Kathy

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>June</u>	<u>2019 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	8,684.00	48,172.31	7,992.10
Benevolence	954.76	6,490.82	1,140.30
Missionary Support	50.00	400.00	165.00
Building/Maint.	626.00	2,689.00	617.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,418.00</u>	<u>6,419.00</u>	<u>1,681.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,732.76	64,171.13	11,595.40

EXPENSES

Total Ministries	691.17	3,627.03	7,650.00
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Operating

470.73	4,604.34	15,000.00
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Payroll

Taxes	<u>164.56</u>	<u>912.30</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	4,862.95	19,343.15	36,468.00

Outreach

Benevolence	611.00	3,444.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	105.00	0.00
Missionary Support	60.00	685.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	1,591.00	0.00
Other	0.00	316.00	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	125.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	681.00	6,266.00	14,000.00

Maintenance

	2,613.03	17,021.28	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	594.00	594.00	0.00
Lighting	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Windows	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,281.44</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
Misc. In/Out	<u>60.00</u>	<u>465.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,972.68	57,202.24	110,118.00

ASSETS

General Checking	\$24,302.26
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)	\$1,667.13
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)	\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund	\$14,734.75
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)	\$3,083.60
Memorial Funds	\$12,090.94
Camp Scholarship CD	\$5,911.48
Funeral Meals	\$1,545.45
Mission Team	\$1,779.20

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

August 4

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Katey Hill
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Greeters	Patti T. & Katey H.
Council Person	Dave Pugh		

August 11

Altar Guild	Tomalee, Patti, Louise	Reader	Jackie Rhoads
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Greeters	Gene & Elaine Hillegas

August 18

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Brenda Walker
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker	Greeters	Brenda W. & Brenda M.

August 25

Altar Guild	Tomalee, Patti, Louise	Reader	Annalina Brant
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Greeters	Chris Brant Family

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

Faith Council Minutes

June 13, 2019

Council met June 13 with 7 members and Pastor-elect Kathy Stump present. Patti Trent had opening devotions.

Pr. Sue Winger gave a presentation on "Grace Delivered" Lutheran Mobile Ministry. She gave many examples of the vision of how this trailer could be used to spread God's love and his word. Their goal is to have it up and running by Oct. 31. They are looking for a \$20,000 start up fund. Spaghetti dinner benefit was recently held and the next will be a chili cookoff at Casebeer on July 5. She suggested a goal for Faith Lutheran for the project of \$1000. Will look at doing an upcoming fundraiser.

The minutes and treasurer's report were reviewed. Motion made, 2nd and approved for each. Pastor-elect Kathy gave her report of time spent since she was considered hourly until her ordination.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance	Tally sheet reviewed
Social	Mats for kitchen were purchased and are in place. Family Banquet was well attended. A profit of \$1322 was made from the election meal. First Community Dinner was well attended with approx. 100+ being served. Dave Pugh has provided hams for the dinner on June 27
Worship	Stoles were purchased. Original estimate for 5 was \$750 But they were on sale and were purchased for only \$594. Memorial funds were used. Care needs to be taken when changing the paraments regarding the microphone. Will make Altar Guild aware of this. We will be using a reading from the Common Lectionary over the summer
Education	Children's Sunday School with Pastor Kathy went well with Breakfast with Jesus. Sequanota Day Camp is being planned
Youth	"Making it Mine" youth retreat for kids in grades 6 through 12 will be Nov. 22-24 in State College
Property	Need to remove the 2 shrubs at front of church. Berlin Lumber has not sold the sliding door as of last contact. Will let the congregation know it would be available for sale if someone could use it. Carl will talk to Gene and Jim about how the hot water heater is set-up

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Mission

Friedens fund balance is \$18,675. Looking a possibly going back to Guatemala next year. Need help with auctions on 9/2 and 9/7. Mt. Craft Days approached the team about taking over 1 of 2 booths (roast beef and buckwheat/sausage). Due to conflict with auctions, have to decline. This offer is open if any Faith groups, contact Mark Ware about taking over. Friedens mission group approved \$1000 to "Grace Delivered" project. Next meeting is July 28 at 11:45 am

OLD BUSINESS

- Water tests from parsonage came back ok
- Shane Shaffer, Inc. denied any refund on the service contract since it was cancelled

NEW BUSINESS

- No council or committee meetings in July
- Sequanota Day Camp will be held July 8-12; planning underway; invitations mailed; camp contacted about worship on July 7 and doing Children's Sermon
- Arch repair needed at gazebo, Ken said he could take it down this fall and make repairs over the winter
- Parking lot line painting, Dave Pyle will check on this
- Security system needs upgraded. Was installed in 2012 and the DVR hard drive needs upgraded. Doug Simmons gave price of \$418 to do the upgrade. Motion made, 2nd and approve to proceed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Next council meeting Aug. 8 with devotions by Dave Pugh. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jane Pugh
Council Secretary

Called to *Serve*

The congregation, our friends and
neighbors are invited to attend

The Service of Installation

for

Reverend Kathleen Stump

Sunday, September 15, 2019

3 pm at Faith Lutheran Church

A time of fellowship and light refreshments
will follow.

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

