

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



Faith's Blessings

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December 2018



Join us for worship on Christmas Eve. Special music will begin at 6:30 pm. At 7 pm we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with hymns, Holy Communion and candle lighting.

Our wish for you is Peace and Love this Christmas Season. Enjoy time with family, seeing the wonder in the eyes of the young ones. Enjoy the bounty of gifts and good food. Remember to say a little prayer for those who cannot be with family during the holiday and also remember to thank God for ALL your blessings.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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During the month of November, we lifted the following in prayer:

Bill & Mabel Revello, Linda Wright, Jeff Welsh, Dave Custer, Missy Lenart, Bill Trent

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.)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sun., Dec. 9 following worship.

On the agenda; voting on 3 new council members, 2019 Ministry Proposal, discussion on parsonage windows, church lighting project and general concerns/questions.

Information packets are available on the table in the narthex.



Christmas Crack

Saltine crackers
 1 C butter
 1 C brown sugar (packed)
 2 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/4 tsp. salt
 12 oz. chocolate chips (I use milk chocolate)

Preheat oven to 375. Line a cookie sheet with foil and spray with Pam. Line the crackers on the cookie sheet.

Put butter and brown sugar in a pan and bring to a boil. Continue to boil 3-4 minutes, constantly stirring. Remove from heat and add vanilla and salt.

Pour mixture over crackers and bake 5 minutes.

Pour chocolate chips over the mixture and allow to melt. Spread chocolate evenly. Then you can add nuts, peppermint crushed candy, holiday sprinkles or whatever you like.

Let cool and then refrigerate for 4-6 hrs. Break apart, eat and enjoy!!

Brenda Maust

October 2018 Council Minutes

Council met October 11, 2018 with 5 members present, 1 member present by phone and Pr. Ben. Opening devotions were by Pr. Ben.

Correspondence was reviewed that included a resignation from council effective Oct. 1 by Dee Custer. A Letter of Resignation was also received from Pr. Ben, effective Nov. 11.

Minutes from the last meeting, Treasurer's Report and Pastor's Report were all reviewed. Motion made, 2nd for each and all were approved.

Committee Reports

Finance Reviewed tally sheet

Social Harvest Fest Oct. 28, 2-5 pm; still working on Movie Night

Worship

Education Children's Christmas Play

Property Pump for well was replaced

Youth

Mission Team

Old Business

- Will fund raise for new windows at parsonage over a period of time
- Ladies re-arranged kitchen and things fit better now, no need for shelves
- Playground refurbishing is on hold until Spring
- Congregational Meeting Dec. 9; names for council at this point in time include Steve Will, Carl Schrock and Sandy Pyle

New Business

- Open spot on council, Jane Pugh was next name on the ballot for 2018 and she has agreed to serve remainder of Dee's term. Motion made, 2nd and approved for her to fill vacancy.
- A special offering has been suggested for Human Trafficking in 2019
- Reviewed proposed 2019 Ministry Proposal. Changes were made to Ministry Expenses; line item for lighting materials only and line item (\$10,000) for windows at parsonage (to be discussed at meeting and will either be added or left off depending on how vote to proceed is approved.) Motion made, 2nd and carried to approve the proposal and present it at the Congregational Meeting

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next meeting November 8 with Pr. Schmitt present. She will present devotions. Motion made, 2nd and carried to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pr. Ben (note taker)

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2nd offering is for Relay for Life						
2 Advent 1 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	3 Committee Night 7 pm	4	5 Choir 7 pm	6	7	8
9 Advent 2 Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am	10 WELCA 7 pm	11	12 Choir 7 pm	13 Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Advent 3 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	17	18	19 Choir 7 pm	20	21	22 Youth Christmas Party 2-4 pm
23 Advent 4 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	24 Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Office closed NO choir	27	28	29
30 Worship 9am SCS 10:30 am						

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>October</u>	2018 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Year</u>
INCOME			
Current	6,746.08	84,442.69	9,779.16
Benevolence	606.00	9,689.15	1,473.75
Missionary Support	45.00	1,240.00	215.00
Building/Maint.	426.00	5,892.50	678.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>5,170.40</u>	<u>14,418.15</u>	<u>713.92</u>
TOTAL INCOME	12,993.48	115,682.49	12,859.83
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	274.33	3,481.15	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,665.82	10,384.64	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>149.11</u>	<u>1,423.71</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	7,098.06	72,941.70	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	432.00	5,672.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	375.00	0.00
Missionary Support	0.00	1,235.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	125.00	1,904.25	0.00
Other	307.00	9,406.28	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	874.00	18,592.53	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,495.40	21,286.31	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	201.35	3,420.96	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>11,608.96</u>	<u>130,467.29</u>	<u>156,618.00</u>
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$662.32
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,440.01
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$13,096.86
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,080.57
Memorial Funds			\$12,174.03
Camp Scholarship CD			\$5,910.88
Funeral Meals			\$1,731.70
Mission Team			\$1,779.08

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

December 2

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Brock Bowers
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Greeters	Tresa & Nicole Keller		
Council Person	Steve Will		

December 9

Altar Guild	Tomalee Will	Reader	Tomalee Will
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker		
Greeters	Brenda Maust & Laura Miller		

December 16

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman		
Greeters	Dave & Jane Pugh		

December 23

Altar Guild	Tomalee	Reader	Brenda Walker
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh		
Greeters	Gene & Elaine Hillegas		

December 24

Altar Guild	EVERYONE	Reader	Tom Walker
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	David & Sandy Pyle; Paul & Ruthie Will		

December 30

Altar Guild	Tomalee	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		
Greeters	Tom & Brenda Walker		

Caring Workers

After a very busy year making walker bags, supplying the food for election day and making angel ornaments for out shut-in members, the group is taking a well deserved rest.

During the month of December 2018 and January 2019, the group will not meet. However, weather permitting, be ready to gather again on Wednesday, February 5.

Thank you ladies for all your hard work and enjoy your time off.

Help is Needed

We are in need of a few people who would like to be visitors for our shut-in members.

Currently there are only 3 people who visit and we have 13 shut-ins. The only commitment would be a visit and giving communion once a month.

No training is needed. Home communion kits are available and you can take a bulletin from the most recent service. Spend a few minutes talking and visiting and they would most appreciative.

Let the office know if you can help!

2018 Worship Committee Update

The committee continues to pick the hymns and will be writing the prayer petitions for Sunday Worship during our transitional period. We have recommended there be no mid-week Advent Worship because of no pastor.

For 2019, we are working on looking at moving from setting to setting in our worship resources. We are going to discuss our Lenten Worship in Jan./Feb. hoping to have more information about our pastoral situation (possibly an interim by then.)

Christmas Eve Special Music

If you would like to be part of the special music before our worship on Christmas Eve, please let us know!

Play the piano, play an instrument, sing ... we want it all. We will also be using the kid's bells so if you don't have a special talent, you can still be a part of the service.

Special music begins at 6:30 pm and we hope to have as many of you help as can.



Operation Christmas Child

THANK YOU to everyone who put a donated item in the box in the narthex!

Because of your generosity, we were able to pack **100** shoeboxes.

Watch for our 2019 "Wishlist" to appear in the near future.

We couldn't do it without you.



Congregational Statistics for 2018

Baptism

10-28-18 Maxwell Mandrick
by Bishop Rhyne

Confirmation NONE

Marriage

9-15-18 Steve Matyolak and
Jamyne Coughenour
Pr. Ben Mandrick

Funerals

1-4-18 JoAnn Snyder
2-17-18 Ruth Williams
2-22-18 Betty Rayman
(Pr. Dave Bowman presided)
3-11-18 Diane Delancey
(Pr. Don Robson assisted)
7-23-18 Fred Custer
9-23-18 Ruth Shockey

New Members

10-11-18 Jamyne Matolyak
(Letter of Transer)
10-11-18 Steve Matolyak
(Assoc. member)

December 2nd Offering

The December 2nd offering, being collected Dec. 9 has been designated for Relay for Life.

Thank you for continuing to support this outreach.

Laurel Highlands Chorale Concert

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3:30 pm OR Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 pm at the Somerset Church of the Brethren.

"This Is Christmas" will feature songs that are favorites of everyone. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door or from Jane Pugh.

Nativities Around The World

Kick off the Advent Season and get in the holiday spirit with this program that is sponsored by the Allegheny Synod Global Mission Team.

It will be held Sunday, Dec. 2 from 4-6 pm at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Lavansville.

Activities will include carols around the tree, Fair Trade Global Goods and Alternative gift shopping, children's book fair, homemade holiday treats and the assembly of health kits for Lutheran World Relief.

A flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

Christmas Cards

Again this year, there will be tables in the overflow for you to "send" Christmas Cards to friends.

Offering envelopes for 2019 and updated directories will also be available.

If you can help by taking cards for friends or neighbors who may not attend on a regular basis, that would help us tremendously!