

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am  
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



# Faith's Blessings

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**February 2018**

May the grace and love of God find you with this message. I trust that God, having marked you as his own, is with you guiding you day to day in this new year. I write to you this month with great news of things to come. We are looking to begin again a focused push toward Christian Education this year. For many of us when we hear the term Christian Education, we think to Sunday school as a child. However, Christian Education is a lifelong pursuit, which begins when we are young and does not end until the Lord calls us to our heavenly home. It is in mind of this that we look to offer new learning opportunities to the congregation this year. The Adult and Children's Sunday school will continue to be offered, as well as the Wednesday afternoon bible study. New opportunities may include directed book studies, small group home studies, and word & fellowship group. The hope is that we will engage in all of these over the course of the year, with the well received groups being continued year-round.

The struggle of beginning anything new is going from talking about it to committing to trying it. So, let us begin taking a step toward committing. I am asking for everyone on Feb. 4 to fill out the Christian Education bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. From the responses turned in we will try to target our times and studies to the interests of the congregation. As many of us are already very busy with work and family commitments, we will make a conscious effort to have multiple forms of biblical engagement on the bulletin insert. Our Spiritual Education is important and often we neglect it, not willfully but due to other commitments. It takes a willful effort to make time to read the scriptures, think about the lessons of Christ, and ask deep questions. The church is here to help everyone further their Christian Education and aid all in asking the deeper questions about God and this world we live in. The technology is available for us to be together whether in person or over the internet. It is time for all of us to put our hands on the plow, "for no one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." We have all looked back and recognize that we are not fit for Gods Kingdom; but by the grace of God in Christ Jesus he lets us in. Remember, God loves you, and so do I.

Pr. Ben



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During the month of January the following individuals were lifted in prayer: Ruth Shockey, Diane Delancey, Betty Rayman, Diane Frank, Calvin Walker, family and friends of JoAnn Snyder, family and friends of Bill Triebe, Larry Hoover, Jane Pugh

We also pray for Michael Fonner and Leslie Weed-Fonner, the missionaries 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.

**The Recipe Corner ...**

**Root Beer/Bar-b-q Pork Loin**

This recipe cooks low and slow in your crockpot. Delicious !!!

- 1 pork loin (size of your choice)
- 12 oz. root beer
- 18 oz. bar-b-q sauce

Place pork loin in crockpot and cover with root beer (I used more than 12 oz. more like 16) Cook on low for 6-7 hours.

When time is up, pour off liquid, add bar-b-q sauce. Cook about 20 minutes more and shred when ready to serve.

Makes great pulled pork sandwiches.

**ENJOY!**

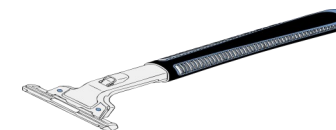
**Supply Drive for the Next Step Center**

During February 2018, we will continue collecting requested items for the Next Step Center in Somerset. This homeless shelter is located on Stoystown Road in Somerset and they need some help.

The items we will be collecting include: toilet paper, laundry soap, paper towels, razors for both men and women, cleaning supplies and bleach.

Our goal is to collect as much as possible for the shelter. As some of you may remember, Pastor Lynn was very instrumental in being in on the ground floor and helped get the shelter under way.

Thanks in advance for your help and you can place your items on the tables that are in the overflow. **Let's overflow the overflow!!**



### Camp Sequanota Wacky Bowling Challenge

Saturday, March 3rd  
3--5 pm  
Terrace  
Lanes  
Somerset

Cost is \$20 per player for 2 games and shoe rental. There will also be a raffle for Sequanota Gear.

*Bring your friends and family for a day of fun to support Camp Sequanota. You don't have to be good at bowling; this is wacky, "creative" bowling that is fun and funny for all ages and abilities. Prizes for strikes, highest score, and the congregation with the most participants. Bring a few extra dollars for the raffle; win a Sequanota t-shirt, mug or water bottle.*

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 25. If you have any questions, see Pr. Ben.

Let's bring home the trophy this year! Join us for an afternoon of fun, "wacky" bowling.



### December 14, 2017 Council Minutes

Council met with 9 members and Pastor Ben present. Sandy Pyle 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** – Nothing in the works at this time
- **Worship** – Wednesday mid-week Advent worship at 6:45; Christmas Eve Worship planned; starting setting 4 for worship
- **Education** – Practicing Nativity Play for the December 24 am service
- **Youth** – Bowling on December 9 at 6 pm saw 17 attendees, all had a great time
- **Property** – water conditioner replaced, work done on heat pump
- **Mission Team** – Mission Builders update: the team will be going to Sebring, Florida in February to assist a church there

#### Old Business

Parsonage oven/ceiling painted and a cabinet door installed still needs done

LED lights update: hallway, offices and exterior lights to be first set to be replaced; estimates received and discussion for lowest bid was suggested

Congregational meeting on December 10 was reviewed; second congregational meeting for the vote on the Amendment to the Constitution will be on Sunday, January 14; those with comments or concerns are encouraged to attend

**COUNCIL MINUTES** (cont. from page 3)**New Business**

Installation of council members will be January 7<sup>th</sup> during worship

January 2<sup>nd</sup> offering will be for the Berlin Food Pantry; February 2<sup>nd</sup> offering will be for the Souper Bowl of Caring with all donations going to the Somerset Food Pantry

Renewal for the bulk mail permit was discussed and voted to be kept for the 2018 year

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

Next Council meeting will be held January 11, 2018. Pastor Ben will provide devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn; closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Miller

Council Secretary

**February 2nd Offering**

Sunday, February 11 we will collect our 2nd offering for the Somerset Food Pantry.

They provide non-perishable food items and paper products to those in the surrounding area who have a hard time making ends meet.

Thanks for your support of this out-reach program!



**Feeding the  
Community**

**Special  
Congregational Meeting**

At a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 11 an amendment to the constitution was discussed and voted on and was passed.

The amendment will now read as follows:

**Policies of Faith Lutheran Church  
Article IV  
Section 2e**

The position of the Sexton shall be Outlined by specific duty requirements per church council. This position shall be a permanent, part-time (working 48-60 hours per month (salaried position.)

**February**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 Epip. 5</b> Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	<b>5</b> Committee 7 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bible Study 2 pm  Choir 7 pm	<b>8</b> Council 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Transfig.</b> Worship 9 am 2nd off (Som. Food Pantry) SCS 10:30 am	<b>12</b> WELCA 7 pm	<b>13</b> Pancake Supper 4:30-7 pm	<b>14 A. Wed</b> Bible Study 2 pm  Worship at noon and 7 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Lent 1</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Lenten evening worship 7 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bible Study 2 pm  Choir 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Lent 2</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Lenten evening worship 7 pm  DEADLINE for "Wacky" Bowl- ing	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 2 pm  Choir 7 pm	<b>2nd offering is for Somerset Food Pantry</b>		

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

**February 4**

Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters Council Person	Mabel R & Janet A Brenda Walker Bill Bowers Family Dee Custer	Reader	Deanna Bowers
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**February 11**

Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Karen Shaffer Bill Hoffman Steve & Dawn Will	Reader	Steve Will
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**February 18**

Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Mabel & Janet Jane Pugh Mark Friedline Family	Reader	Mark Friedline
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**February 25**

Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Karen Shaffer Darren Walker Nancy Walker & Tomalee Will	Reader	Tomalee Will
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**Please remember that if you cannot be here on a Sunday  
you have a "job", find a replacement!**

**Lenten Evening  
Worship**

During the season of Lent, beginning Feb. 18 through Mar. 18, we will hold our Lenten Evening Worship at 7 pm using "Stations of the Cross" and incorporating the Evening Vespers from the hymnal.

Hope to see as many of you as can attend any or all of these services.

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

Wednesday, February 14 marks Ash Wednesday.

You will have the opportunity to attend 1 of 2 services; noon or 7 pm. Each service will include the imposition of ashes.

See you then.



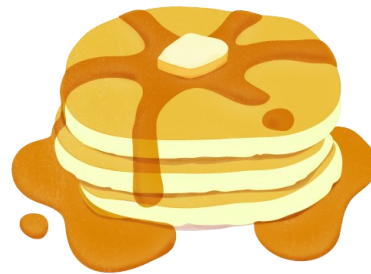
**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper**

We will once again be having our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Join us Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30-7 pm as we serve pancakes, sausage, dessert and beverages. A freewill offering will be collected for

There will also be a Valentine Craft you can make after your meal.

Don't cook and better yet, don't do the dishes. Let us take care of all of that for you! See you then ...



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2017 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>December</u>	2017 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Year</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Current	20,761.00	123,182.98	12,577.25
Benevolence	2,140.00	17,895.55	1,904.00
Missionary Support	185.00	2,390.00	390.00
Building/Maint.	1,708.00	9,618.00	888.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,720.00</u>	<u>7,173.64</u>	<u>306.75</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,514.00</b>	<b>160,260.17</b>	<b>16,066.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
Total Ministries	358.88	4,559.35	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,570.63	13,669.53	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>170.44</u>	<u>1,907.62</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	7,674.60	88,594.01	91,986.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	212.00	5,885.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	25.00	455.00	0.00
Missionary Support	14.00	2,585.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	3,115.55	0.00
Other	1,714.00	9,130.94	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	100.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>147.00</u>	<u>147.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	2,238.00	21,418.49	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,508.83	20,954.34	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	92.19	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	60.00	4,220.38	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>13,410.94</b>	<b>153,508.29</b>	<b>152,536.88</b>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
General Checking			\$15,444.11
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,506.89
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$16,845.80
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$568.83
Memorial Funds			\$10,847.88
Camp Scholarship CD			\$6,410.40
Funeral Meals			\$1,018.45
Mission Team			\$1,266.45

2018  
Proposal