

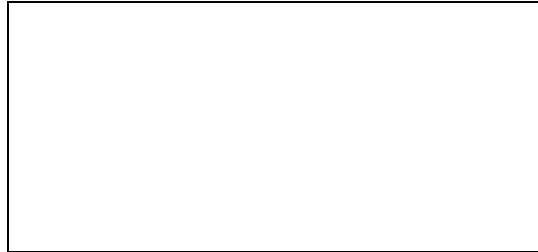
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 2018

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. I pray that you were able to have a wonderful time with family and or friends this year. I thought it would be appropriate to have a brief word about the Church seasons; as we have three seasons in quick succession approaching. Most of us have celebrated the seasons many times throughout our lives but understanding a little bit more about them can allude us.

First, we just completed the Advent Season in the life of the church which is a yearly season that prepares us for celebrating the Nativity of the Lord. This season is traditionally celebrated with the color blue or sometimes purple in different parts of the country. During this season we take time to consider the promises of God to the people throughout the ages as well as to us now. We focus on how God has always kept the promises that have been made to people and hope for the day when Jesus's promise to return is fulfilled.

Second is the Liturgical Season of Christmas which begins on the Nativity of the Lord and goes for twelve days. This season is marked by the decorations of brightly colored lights and evergreen wreaths and trees to celebrate the Life in God that we share. In other places of the world they do not decorate during Advent but wait until Christmas to decorate. This time is also when the exchange of gifts happen with Christians remembering Gods great gift to us in the form of Jesus. The color of Christmas season is white with some churches in different parts of the country using gold instead.

The third Liturgical Season is Epiphany, which begins after the twelfth day of Christmas. The season begins with the reading of the magi or wisemen coming to visit Jesus and the Holy Family. As such, it has become custom to wait to include the wisemen in nativity scenes until the first day of Epiphany. The Second Sunday of Epiphany concludes epiphentide, normally around the 18th of January and is recognized in parts of Europe as the last day to remove Christmas decorations from homes. This has not become popular in the United States, as most people place Christmas decorations up at the beginning of Advent and remove them at the end of Christmas. The Season of Epiphany goes all the way to Shrove or Fat Tuesday. This time includes the reading of the bible which reveals Christ to the world, including the Baptism of the Lord, the preaching of John the Baptist, Child Jesus teaching in the temple.

The seasons of the church were more popular in Europe during the beginning of the Reformation as they helped structure the culture of the people in the area. As the churches moved to the new world, the different protest movements began to distance themselves from church seasons as a way to further reject the Catholic Church. This is why most non-denominational congregations have no church seasons. I hope this brief word on the seasons helps us to appreciate the seasons we celebrate a little more.

Pastor Ben



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During the month of December the following individuals were lifted in prayer: Janice Williams, Katelynn (Foster) Beeler, Doris Lehman, JoAnn, Peggy Sissum, Esther Mowry, Robert Weimer and Dee Custer.

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.

We also ask that you pray for those who are being affected by the wildfires in CA.

TAKE NOTICE !!

Beginning with the February newsletter, we will **NO LONGER** be mailing you a copy unless you are a shut-in. Copies will be available on the table in the narthex and if you have internet access, you can read the newsletter from the church website. Any questions, call the office.

The Recipe Corner ...

Here is a recipe for chicken wings that can be served at your Super Bowl Party.

1 C ketchup
1/2 C brown sugar
1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
1 Tbsp sriracha sauce
1 tsp light soy sauce
1/2 tsp cumin

3# chicken wings

Combine all ingredients and stir well. Pour over wings and let marinate overnight.

Cover a baking sheet with foil, put wings on sheet and bake at 450° for 30-35 minutes.

This recipe can also be used for ribs but you may need to adjust the baking time.

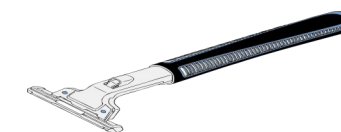
Supply Drive for the Next Step Center

During the months of January and February 2018, we will be 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!!**



November 2017 Council Minutes

Council met November 16, 2017 with 9 members and Pastor Ben present. Steve Will 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 –Harvest Social and Confirmation Reception was well attended and enjoyed by all; committee hoping to provide 4 different events to attend next year
- Worship –Nov. 19 will start Setting 4 in the ELW; working on a Blessing of the Hunters; progress in the works for Thanksgiving, Mid-week Advent and Christmas Worship Services
- Education –Nativity Play will be on Christmas Eve morning; Dec. is going to be inter-generational Sunday School; no more mid-week Bible study until into the new year
- Youth –A Youth event is being planned for Dec. 9th
- Property-Water conditioner is working well and water is clearer; speaker in the nursery has been fixed
- Mission Team-Pres. Bill Graves of the Mission Builders said that there is a mission in Samford, Florida to work on building walls for the Luther Springs Camp, group will leave the Tuesday, 2-20 and return on Monday, 2-26

Our Faith in Action

- Caring Workers – finishing last of lap blankets and they are available to use during services; will take a winter break when all is done

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

Parsonage oven/ceiling painted
 Bids for LED lights was received from Krause Electric for whole building, broken down into different sections for the building if only desiring to do certain sections
 Shelf for Listie Church model in the works
 Congregational meeting will be on Dec. 10 after service, still looking for nominees to replace those leaving Church Council
 Re-visit Employee Review Team Report
 Pr. Ben and family will be on vacation Nov. 20-25; coverage by Katie Hill; in case of emergency Pastor Adams is available

New Business

Review proposed 2018 Ministry Proposal
 Correspondence received and read
 Review agenda for 2017 Congregational Meeting
 A few outlets in the kitchen not working, will check into
 Kitchen sink doesn't want to turn off properly, will check into
 There was discussion of the need for an Amendment of the Church Constitution in concern with the sexton position and it was decided to bring the amendment to the congregational meeting for discussion, the amendment will be in concern of changing current position from a bid only position to a permanent, part-time, salaried position with a job description to be out-lined with specific requirements

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next Council meeting will be held December 14. Sandy Pyle will provide devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Miller
 Council Secretary

Responsibility List

In last month's newsletter, there were copies of the Responsibility Lists for 2018.

You **WILL NOT** be receiving a phone call to remind you that you are on the schedule for a particular Sunday.

If you cannot be at worship when you are scheduled for something, find a replacement and call the office with the change.

The list is also in the newsletter for the month, so keep your eye on this. Thanks!

Newsletter Articles

If your committee is working on an event, looking for help planning an event, or scheduling a "work night" and you want to get the word out, get information to the office and it will be included in the newsletter.

If the event is time sensitive, make sure we know about it as early as possible.

Let's all work together to keep everyone informed on what is upcoming here at Faith.

January 2nd Offering

Sunday, January 14 we will collect our 2nd offering for the Berlin Food Pantry.

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

Thanks for your support of this outreach program!

Congregational Meeting

At our Annual Meeting held on Sun., Dec. 10, the following items were acted on:

New council members are Dave Pugh, Patti Trent and Dee Custer

The Ministry Proposal for 2018, which included employee raises was approved.

There will be a Special Meeting on January 14, 2018 to vote on the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Installation of Council Members

On Sunday, Jan. 7 during worship we will hold installation of council members for 2018.

Your council members are: Joeleen Everett, Cindy Miller, Tom Walker, Steve Will, Katey Hill, Ken Will, Tomalee Will, Dave Pugh, Patti Trent and Dee Custer.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 NO choir	4	5	6
7 Lords Bapt. Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	8 WELCA 7 pm	9	10 Choir 7 pm	11 Council 7 pm	12	13
14 Epip. 2 Worship 9 am 2nd off (Berlin Food Pantry) SCS 10:30 am	15	16	17 Choir 7 pm	18	19	20
21 Epip. 3 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	22	23	24 Choir 7 pm	25	26	27
28 Epip. 4 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	29	30	31 Choir 7 pm	2nd offering is for Berlin Food Pantry		

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

January 7

Altar Guild	Sandy P & Katey H	Reader	Dave Walker
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh		
Greeters	Dave & Audrey Walker		
Council Person	Dave Pugh		

January 14

Altar Guild	Dawn & Brittany Will	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		
Greeters	Ryan & Brenda Maust		

January 21

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Katey Hill
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Tom & Katey Hill		

January 28

Altar Guild	Dawn & Brittany	Reader	Tom Walker
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Greeters	Carl & Carol Schrock		

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

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

	<u>November</u>	<u>2017 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	7,301.05	102,421.98	7,761.18
Benevolence	1,806.00	15,755.55	1,086.00
Missionary Support	140.00	2,205.00	175.00
Building/Maint.	492.00	7,910.00	792.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>637.61</u>	<u>5,453.64</u>	<u>413.25</u>
TOTAL INCOME	10,376.66	133,746.17	10,227.43
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	330.33	4,200.47	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	620.02	12,098.90	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>152.74</u>	<u>1,737.18</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	7,725.52	73,811.55	93,186.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	572.00	5,673.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	30.00	430.00	0.00
Missionary Support	215.00	2,445.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	3,115.55	0.00
Other	1,184.98	7,416.94	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	100.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	2,001.98	19,180.49	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	3,987.26	19,445.51	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	92.19	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	270.00	4,160.38	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>14,317.45</u>	<u>140,097.35</u>	<u>153,736.88</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$2,341.05
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,506.89
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,000.00
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

2017 Proposal
