

Faith's Blessings

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Knit Together

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.”

First, a personal disclaimer. Although I am one of over 38,000 members of a Face Book group called “Addicted to Knitting”, I am no knitting virtuoso. In fact, as I shared with those attending the reception for my husband, Allen, and I, my knitting “experience” is a bevy of one-knit wonders, that is, I only know how to do one stitch – the knit stitch. As a “member” of this group, I am more of a connoisseur. I enjoy looking at the handiwork of other members – all different ages and genders from all around the world – creations of all sorts – wearable, decorative, practical and huggable. Members show their work, ask for advice and rejoice together when “squishy mail” –a package full of “squishy” skeins of yarn in every type and color imaginable – arrives on their doorsteps.

This week’s damp weather found me curled up in an afghan similar to those created by my Face Book “friends”; my mother-in-law made it for us one Christmas. It’s fringed length, which can span two adults, including one or more of our two cats or a grandchild or two, has been a source of warmth when the blustery winds of winter howl and the rains of spring make us shiver; its folds embrace us in comfort. Every time I wrap it around me, I can’t help but admire each crafted stitch borne from a skein of cotton yarn. The multi-colored threads remain distinct as they weave in and around one another, knit together to form a unified body of work.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, Paul reminds us that we - all of us – people of every age, gender, ethnicity, economic status, religious belief or non-belief – are of one body. That is to say that we are diverse, we are distinct, and we are unique and yet we are all beloved children of God! Just like the multi-colored threads of yarn, God has knit us together, sisters and brothers, neighbors in God’s creation and God loves us! God is committed to us!

Each Sunday we come together we proclaim our faith in God. We love God. As Christians, loving God also means loving our neighbors as ourselves: To invite, welcome, shelter, accept, embrace, feed, clothe and love one another unconditionally, as God loves us unconditionally. Let us celebrate together when new neighbors arrive on our doorsteps – be it to vote; enjoy fellowship at our community dinners; or pray and play at our Sequanota Day Camp – and join in being a Christ-centered presence of this coming together as one wonderfully diverse community, rejoicing together as children of God embraced in God’s abounding love.

May God’s unconditional and loving embrace bring you peace, comfort and warmth...

Vicar Kathy
Pastor-Elect



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

Jay Anderson, family and friends of
Fred Walker and Bob Powell

Honoring our Graduates

On Sunday, June 9 we will be honoring those members of the congregation who have marked a milestone ... graduation!

During worship, we will recognize Alex Lake and Zac Friedline who graduated from Somerset High School, Tyler Will who graduated from Bucknell University and Kathleen Stump who graduated from United Lutheran Seminary.

Congratulations to each of you and Best Wishes on your future endeavors!



June 2nd Offering

The June 2nd offering scheduled to be collected June 9, 2019 has been earmarked for Shriner's.

Faith has been a faithful supporter of this organization for over 15 years.

The Shriner's offer free medical care to families who cannot afford these expenses.

Thank you once again for supporting this outreach program.

Geranium Sunday

Pentecost, observed Sunday June 9, is also known as "Geranium Sunday."

We are asking you to bring a red geranium to worship that day and they will be planted around the church.

Anyone interested in helping with planting is asked to be at the church at 6 pm on Monday, June 10.



JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2nd offering is for Shriner's					1 Family Banquet 6 pm
2 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	3	4	5 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm	6	7	8
9 Pentecost Worship 9 am 2nd offering ; Gera- nium Sunday; Honor Graduates SCS 10:30 am	10 WELCA 7 pm	11	12 Caring Workers 10 am	13 Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Holy Trinity Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	17	18	19 Caring Workers 10 am	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am 30 Worship 9am SCS 10:30 am	24	25	26 Caring Workers 10 am	27 Community Dinner 5-6:30 pm	28	29

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>April</u>	<u>2019 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	8,698.00	31,305.40	10,070.50
Benevolence	1,507.00	4,703.00	702.00
Missionary Support	100.00	290.00	120.00
Building/Maint.	304.00	1,541.00	611.50
Misc. In/Out	<u>377.00</u>	<u>5,001.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	10,986.00	42,840.40	12,004.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	734.22	2,857.86	7,650.00

<u>Operating</u>	1,092.79	3,632.33	15,000.00
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<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>130.44</u>	<u>590.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	3,581.03	11,570.82	36,468.00

<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	552.00	2,542.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	25.00	0.00
Missionary Support	75.00	525.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	141.00	1,591.00	0.00
Other	116.00	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	894.00	5,149.00	14,000.00

<u>Maintenance</u>	4,161.22	11,695.51	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lighting	0.00		7,000.00
Windows	<u>261.00</u>	<u>405.00</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
Misc. In/Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>144.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,005.70	40,591.96	110,118.00

<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$19,581.81
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,667.09
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$12,504.83
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,083.60
Memorial Funds			\$12,199.69
Camp Scholarship CD			\$5,911.18
Funeral Meals			\$1,653.00
Mission Team			\$1,779.12

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

June 2

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Patti Trent
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Greeters	Paul & Ruthie Will
Council Person	Katey Hill		

June 9

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Jack Loeffert
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhoads

June 16

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Greeters	Jan Fochtman & Tomalee Will

June 23

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Greeters	Dan & Dawn Walker

June 30

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Mark Friedline
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Greeters	Mark Friedline Family

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

Faith Council Minutes

April 11, 2019

Council met on April 11, 2019 with 7 members present along with Pastor Doug Knupp. Pastoral Candidate Vicar Kathleen Stump had opening devotions. After getting acquainted with Vicar Kathy and her husband, Allen, the council made a motion, which was 2nd and approved, to have our candidate come to Faith for a Meet and Greet with the congregation and to lead Sunday Worship.

A change in the Council Minutes under New Business was made to read plumbing not electrical work. Carl and Gene will do the work. Minutes and Treasurer's Report were both reviewed with motions made to accept, 2nd and approved. A question was asked about having Community Meals as a line item in the assets section and it was also questioned where the start-up money was for the meals. Also we wondered where the Discretionary Fund is found on the Treasurer's Report. Council mentioned having Church and Parsonage items listed separately on the Treasurer's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance	Tally Sheet reviewed
Social	No report
Worship	Nancy has agreed to play until Hannah returns
Education	A new Children's Sunday School teacher is needed, as Katey will be actively preaching at various churches and not be available
Property	Parsonage furnace was discussed. LED lights in the fellowship hall and kitchen were replaced. A new lawn tractor is needed for mowing. Carl will check on a Zero-turn, 54" for approximately \$3,000
Youth	No report
Mission	Pr. Doug shared information on two places for Mission Service: Conway, SC for the last week of June – they could use 10 volunteers, and Pine Ridge, SD which would be too far away.

OLD BUSINESS

We have not yet heard back from the Department of Corrections about painting the parsonage.

We will need to rent an edger for Ken Will to sand the floors at the parsonage. A motion was made, 2nd and approved to rent the sander.

The windows are ready for installation.

Choir lights were changed, and the Altar lights need changed.

NEW BUSINESS

Carl and Gene will replace the baseboard in the parsonage. Caring Workers ladies are willing to help as needed at the parsonage.

Synod Assembly; Faith can send 3 participants. Katey Hill will attend and we need 2 more people: one male and one male or female.

Relay for Life; a motion was made, 2nd and approved to have our Church's name to appear on the back of this year's tee shirts at the cost of \$100.00.

Council will continue to meet at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Next Council meeting is May 9, 2019 Steve Will having devotions. Motion made to adjourn, 2nd, approved. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Katey Hill, Acting Secretary

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

