

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am

Camp Sequanota Day Camp

Kids in kindergarten through 6th grade ...

Faith and Camp Sequanota will once again be hosting "Day Camp" here at Faith July 9-13, 2018.

We are soooo excited and hope you are too! Watch your mail for a registration form (one for a friend too) and more information about camp.

The cost is absolutely free; there will be Bible Lessons, songs, games, crafts, a field trip, lunch and snacks.

Ask someone who has been to Day Camp and they will tell you what a great time they had. We hope you can join us and be a part of the fun this year.

If you have any questions, or have a friend who would like to register, call the church office at 443-3179.



Faith's Blessings

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June/July 2018

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, may the peace of our Lord and Savior rest upon you, and the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts. As I write this message to you I am aware of the many sources of anxiety that are happening in the world. The volcano in Hawaii is threatening to erupt, tensions between Israelites and Palestinians are boiling into violence, and peace talks between the USA and North Korea seem to be breaking down. It can appear as though the train is coming off the rails, which can understandably make us concerned. As Christians we understand that we have Brothers and Sisters in Christ in all of these locations. It is not just for the fellow believers but for all people we pray and earnestly desire peace and safety. For we do not desire anyone to be in harms way or forced to live a life in fear. We proclaim a new life found in Christ, that casts out fear and frees us to live life more abundantly. The words of Psalm 17 ring in my ears,

"I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God. Bend down and listen as I pray. 7 Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways. By your mighty power you rescue those who seek refuge from their enemies. 8 Guard me as you would guard your own eyes. Hide me in the shadow of your wings."

There are times when the anxiety and concern for people can prompt us into lashing out at others. This is not the response we wish to give the world in the face of stress. In this world we contend not with flesh and blood, but with the spiritual forces of evil which afflict the living (Eph 6:12). The anxiety and worries that we have for others, in the midst of the uncertainty that they are experiencing, can cause us to be easy targets for the spiritual evils that Paul speaks of. This is not foreign to any of us, if our friend or spouse wakes up on the wrong side of the bed, it is not long before everyone around is having a bad day. This is where we are called into spiritual warfare. What does it look like to be a force of positive abundant life in the face of others anxiety? Are we able to brush aside the insults or sarcasm without being drawn into a personal battle? Can we continue to have the love of Christ for people, who at times may be aggravating to us? This is the spiritual warfare that we engage in every day. Sometimes it is with ourselves, other times it is with loved ones, and then at times with people we do not even know. God has not left you unprepared for this war, the Spirit of God is moving among us. God casts out all fear, anxiety, doubt, and hatred. Over the ages the saints have fought the good fight with memory verses, singing hymns, and prayer. As the saints of this age, we take on this battle to confront the forces of evil; so that the Gospel of Grace is heard by every man, woman, and child. Family of God; let us forgive quickly, love fiercely, and believe eternally.

Pastor Ben



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During the month of May the following were lifted in prayer:

Kristen Pritts, Katelynn (Foster) Beeler, Kelly Fritz and family, George Mason, Fred Custer, John Evans, Donna Rhoads and Darlene Zerfoss

We also pray for Michael Fonner, who is retiring from missionary work.

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.)



TACO CASSEROLE

2 lbs. ground beef
2 envelopes taco seasoning
4 large eggs
3/4 C milk
1 1/4 C biscuit/baking mix
Dash pepper
1/2 C sour cream
3/4-1 C chopped tomato
2C chopped lettuce
2C shredded cheddar cheese
Olives

1. Preheat oven to 400
2. Cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain meat and add taco seasoning and prepare according to package directions.
3. Add meat to greased 9x13 pan and set aside.
4. Beat eggs and milk in a large bowl. Stir in biscuit mix until combined well. Pour over meat and bake until golden brown (20-25 mins.)
5. Let cool for a few minutes and then spread sour cream.
6. Top with lettuce, tomato, cheese and olives. Serve warm, EJNOY!

Submitted by Dee Custer

Operation Christmas Child 2018 Wish List

January

Toothbrushes, combs, brushes

February

Band-aids, travel size kleenex, soap, washcloths

March

Small notepads, coloring books

April

Small stuffed animals, small toys, harmonicas

May

Jump ropes, small balls

June

Flip flops, yo-yo's, cards (playing and games)

July

T-shirts, socks (dark colored)

August

Pencils, erasers, sharpeners, glue sticks, safety scissors, pens

September

Crayons, colored pencils, markers

October

mittens, hats

November

Any item(s) on the list; DUE Nov. 11

Flea Market

We will once again sponsor a food booth at Antique Days in Somerset on Aug. 11. A minor change has been made, funds made at the food booth will be divided between the postage costs for Operation Christmas Child and Day Camp expenses. Watch for sign-up sheets for donations to be passed through the congregation during worship. We really appreciate your willingness to help when asked and couldn't do it without LOTS of help.

Tent set-up will be Friday night, Aug. 10 and we need volunteers then and also help for Saturday ...a couple of volunteers for a scheduled couple of hours. Can you help? See Audrey Walker, Jeanetta Shaffer or Brenda Maust.

Scheduling Changes

Caring Workers **WILL NOT** be meeting July 4 (due to the holiday) or July 11 (due to Day Camp.) They will be back July 18.

Bible study on July 4 at 2 and 6 pm **WILL NOT** meet due to the holiday. July 11 the 2 pm, **WILL NOT** meet (Day Camp.) WWP at 6 pm on July 11 **will meet**.

There will be **NO** Committee Night July 2 and council will **NOT** meet during the month of July.

ALSM Membership Drive

The 2018 Annual Auxiliary Appeal to benefit Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries will take place during July and August.

Marian Walker will be the "appeal key person." Pamphlets will be on the table in the narthex. Complete the form, add your check and give it all to her. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

This is their **70th** year of providing benevolent care to those who need it.



April 12, 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 9 members and Pastor Ben present. Tomalee Will provided devotions.

Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pastor's Report were all reviewed, motions made and 2nd for each and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Tally Sheet reviewed.

Social Family Banquet to be held at Berlin on the first Saturday in June and includes a talent show; committee would love to see some youth or congregational members with any special talents to volunteer to be part of the entertainment; looking for a dolly or other utility cart to haul heavy food items from vehicle into the church

Worship Using "Now the Feast"

Education Still having youth and adult Sunday school; bible study on Wed. will meet at college track and "walk" through the bible, meets at 6

Property Spotlight in choir loft needs replaced; work day set for Saturday, April 28 with an oyster dinner planned to cap off the day, time 9-4

Youth Confirmation classes starting in May; looking into a possible summer camp out

Mission Team Sent \$400 to Faith in FL to assist with lighting costs; everyone is invited to join the Friedens Mission Team going to WV in July

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parts on water conditioner were changed in the church and it seems to have improved the situation
- Summer weekly free meal program discussed
- Garden day discussed for May to plant pumpkins and corn

COUNCIL MINUTES (cont. from page 3)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Synod Assembly is June 1-2; anyone who wants to go needs to be registered and paid by May 11; interested parties should let Pastor Ben know
- Recommendation of the salt for water conditioner to have an iron fighter in it
- Second offerings-May will be Day Camp; June is Shriner's; July for Habitat for Humanity and August United Lutheran Seminary
- Water in parsonage needs tested, may need a new UV light component, replace if needed

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT:

Next Council meeting will be May 10, 2018. Joeleen Everett will provide devotions. Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Miller, Fill-in for Council Secretary

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June 2nd Offering

The 2nd offering for June is for the Shriner's and will be collected June 10. They offer free medical care to children and we thank you for continuing to support this outreach program.

July 2nd Offering

Our 2nd offering, being collected Sunday, July 8, is designated for Habitat for Humanity. The Somerset Chapter is currently working on a house on Berlin-Plank Road and our mission team has helped them in the past. The homeowners have a mortgage and are required to put in "sweat equity" hours. Thanks for helping!

Ministry Opportunity

We are looking into having a Community Meal once a week here at Faith. This would be a free dinner for anyone who would like some food, regardless of their ability to pay. Hopefully to begin in June and continue through August. In August, the plan will be revised based on attendance. If you are interested in helping cook, serve or clean, please contact Pastor to let me know of your interest.

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

July 1

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		
Greeters	Sandy Pyle & Patti Trent		
Council Person	Ken Will		

July 8

Altar Guild	Dawn & Brittany	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Jen Ohler & Jane Pugh		

July 15

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Andi Mandrick
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Greeters	Carl & Carol Schrock		

July 22

Altar Guild	Dawn & Brittany	Reader	Katey Hill
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker		
Greeters	Cliff & Louise Spangler		

July 29

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Tomalee Will
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers		
Greeters	Tomalee Will & Jan Fochtman		

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

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2nd offering is for Shriner's				1	2 Family Banquet 6 pm @ Berlin
3 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	4 Committee Night 7 pm	5	6 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	8	8	9
10 Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS and Conf. Class 10:30 am	11 WELCA 7 pm	12	13 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	14 Council 7 pm	15	16
17 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Happy Father's Day	18	19	20 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	21	22	23
24 Worship 9 am (Pr. Traci Bowman) SCS, FLP and Conf. Class 10:30 am	25	26	27 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	28	29	30

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

June 3

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie Rhoads	Reader	Ryan Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Ryan Maust & Jim Rayman		
Council Person	Patti Trent		

June 10

Altar Guild	Tomalee Will	Reader	Deanna Bowers
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Greeters	Billy & Brock Bowers		

June 17

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker		
Greeters	Doug & Laura Miller		

June 24

Altar Guild	Tomalee Will	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman		
Greeters	Dan & Dawn Walker		

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JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	2	3	4 HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY	5	6	7
8 Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS and Conf. Class 10:30 am Picnic after worship	9 DAY CAMP ALL WEEK 9AM-4PM WELCA 7 pm	10	11 WWP 6 pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	16	17	18 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 am SCS , FLP and Conf. Class 10:30 am	23	24	25 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 9 am 5th Sunday offering SCS 10:30 am	30	31	2nd offering is for Habitat for Humanity			

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2018 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	April	2018 Totals	Previous Year
INCOME			
Current	10,070.50	33,417.17	16,544.12
Benevolence	702.00	3,102.85	3,264.00
Missionary Support	120.00	570.00	485.00
Building/Maint.	611.50	2,579.50	1,636.00
Misc. In/Out	500.00	2,815.42	695.50
TOTAL INCOME	12,004.00	42,484.94	22,624.62
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	225.61	1,196.22	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,135.37	3,956.23	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	169.19	656.66	2,000.00
Total Payroll	7,661.70	30,736.01	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	506.00	2,893.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	50.00	210.00	0.00
Missionary Support	155.00	635.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	334.00	853.95	0.00
Other	600.00	3,436.10	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	1,645.00	8,028.05	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,397.34	9,459.22	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	444.50	1,642.94	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,509.50	55,018.67	156,618.00
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$2,849.59
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,007.95
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$16,771.32
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,080.57
Memorial Funds			\$11,973.43
Camp Scholarship CD			\$6,410.72
Funeral Meals			\$1,790.60
Mission Team			\$1,778.94