

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am  
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



# Faith's Blessings

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March 2018

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we continue into this year of committing to Christian Education, we have arrived at the church season of Lent. Traditionally during this season Christians try to take a deeper look at their discipleship following Jesus. This is why we give up different foods, leisure activities, or relaxation time; so that we can devote that time in our day to spending with God. This time spent with God can be accomplished in many ways. It might be that you enjoy reading a daily devotional instead of watching TV for 30 minutes. Another example is that you take a few minutes in prayer every time you want to reach for the snack food. These are but a few examples of the many ways to engaged in the season of Lent.

For some of us spending time with God in prayer or study can be daunting. This feeling of anxiety or nervousness is not from God. God always welcomes you into conversation and relationship. Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you. For all that ask, receive; and those that seek, find; and to those who knock, it shall be open." Time spent with God is easier than we expect it to be. The first step is just paying attention to God. We believe that God is always with us, watching, helping, guiding, and at times speaking to us. This means that anytime we can focus on God being present with us and immediately be in the presence of God, because we never left. An example of this might best be seen as a family all in the same room watching TV. Some of the members of the family might have a conversation while others tune them out preferring to focus on the program. Imagine now that you and God are watching TV together, the program is your life. God is always open to talking to you about the program while you watch, we for our part have to value that conversation.

While we try to get closer to God all year around this season helps focus our efforts together. I ask all of you to continue to keep each other in prayer. Please add these lines to your daily pray time. "Lord, please encourage and support all those who are engaged in Lenten Discipleship. Be patient with us Lord, as we set aside the things that distract us and look to be more aware of your presence with us. Forgive us when we ignore you and move us to love you more. In Jesus, name we pray, amen."

God loves you and so do I,  
Pr. Ben



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**Lenten Evening  
Worship**

Lenten Evening Worship continues 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 at any or all of these services.

**Special Services**

Mark your calendars and join us for these upcoming special services that will be offered during Holy Week

- March 25 Palm Sunday Worship  
9 am, Palm Procession  
Holy Communion
- March 29 Maundy Thursday  
Worship 7 pm  
Holy Communion  
Striping of the altar
- March 30 Good Friday  
Worship 7 pm
- April 1 Easter Sunday  
Sunrise 6:30 am  
Holy Communion  
  
Easter breakfast  
  
Easter Worship  
9 am Holy Communion

During the month of February the following individuals were lifted in prayer:

The family and friends of Craig Hamer, family and friends of Ruth Williams, Karen Schmidt, Fred Custer, Olivia, Kolton, Kaden, Kohan and Oakleigh George, Ricky Saylor, family and friends of Betty Rayman, Brian Ohler

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 (our military) Loni Nist (State Trooper) and Dean Nist (a corrections officer.)

**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

**January 11, 2017 Council Minutes**

Council met with 8 members and Pastor Ben present. Pastor Ben opened with devotions.

The council voted on and elected the following officers:

President – Steve Will  
V. President – Dave Pugh  
Secretary – Katey Hill

The Council Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pastor's Report were all reviewed, with motions made and 2<sup>nd</sup> for each, all were approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance** Tally sheet reviewed

**Social** To meet in February; looking to have 4 events during the year

**Worship** Setting 1 will be used thru Lent and Easter, then Now the Feast will be used after Easter

**Education** We are involved with lessons and crafts based on the Narrative Lectionary. Bible study has started back up on Wed. at 2 pm

**Property** The lights for the hallway will be replaced at the end of Jan. Exterior lights will be updated when weather permits

**Youth** A Valentine Craft is being worked on by the youth for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which will be held from 4:30-7 pm on Feb. 13

**Mission Team** There are 8 people on board going to Sebring FL Feb. 20-27 to help repair a church in that area

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

The contract for installing the LED lights was bid to Steiny's. The lights that were installed in the office on a trial basis, were donated to the church by Bill Krause, instead of being removed

The shelf for the Listie Church Model will be completed by Jan. 31

The bulk mail permit was not renewed this year for newsletter mailing. The newsletter will no longer be mailed, but will be accessible on the church's website, with some newsletters available in the narthex

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 14 regarding amendment to Constitution for the Sexton Position

**New Business**

The second offerings were designated as follows: March for In Touch Hospice and April for the Sam Van

The Lenten Offerings will go to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The 2017 Audit will be done with Joeleen Everett volunteering to help

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

Next Council Meeting will be Feb. 8, 2018 with devotions provided by Cindy Miller. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Katey Hill  
Council Secretary

**Will's Cemetery Association**

The Will's Cemetery Association is now accepting bids for someone to mow the cemetery in 2018.

Mowing, trimming and keeping the tombstones swept off are what need done on a regular basis.

Bids are due by March 31, 2018.

The association has scheduled their annual meeting for Sunday, April 8, 2018 immediately following worship.

**Easter Breakfast**

We will once again join for Easter Breakfast following Sunrise Worship on April 1.

Eggs, home fries, muffins and coffee, juice and milk are on the menu.

Any youth who would like to help get ready for the breakfast are invited to join us on Saturday, March 31 at 3 pm. We will be setting tables, cracking eggs and getting the potatoes ready.

A freewill offering will be collected and will be applied to the cost of mailing our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**No reservations necessary ... no cooking and better yet, NO dishes for you to worry about!**

**SEE YOU ALL AT BREAKFAST!**

**March 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2nd offering is for In Touch Hospice House</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Wacky Bowling 3-5 pm
<b>4 Lent 3</b> Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am Lenten evening worship 7 pm	<b>5</b> Committee 7 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Caring Workers 10 am Bible Study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	<b>8</b> Council 7 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 Lent 4</b> Worship 9 am <b>2nd off</b> SCS 10:30 am Lenten evening worship 7 pm	<b>12</b> WELCA 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Caring Workers 10 am Bible Study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Lent 5</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am  Lenten evening worship 7 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Caring Workers 10 am Bible Study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Palm Sun</b> Worship 9 am SCS and FLP 10:30 am  Lenten evening worship 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Caring Workers 10 am Bible Study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	<b>29</b> <b>M. Thurs.</b> Worship 7 pm	<b>30</b> <b>Good Fri.</b> Worship 7 pm	<b>31</b> Egg Hunt 1 pm

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

**March 4**

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie R.	Reader	Tom Walker
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers		
Greeters	Tom & Brenda Walker		
Council Person	Steve Will		

**March 11**

Altar Guild	Tomalee Will	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Greeters	Cliff & Louise Spangler		

**March 18**

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker		
Greeters	Dave & Cindy Miller		

**March 25**

Altar Guild	Tomalee Will	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Dave & Jane Pugh		

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

**March 2nd Offering**

The 2nd offering for March which is scheduled to be collected Sunday, March 11 has been earmarked for the In Touch Hospice House.

Hospice care is prescribed for critically ill individuals with a life expectancy of 6 months or less. The primary goal of this care is keeping the patients as comfortable as possible throughout the end stages of life. The comfort measures include pain management and methods for minimizing disease-related symptoms. Hospice care is available at their facility near the Children's Aid Home.

**Caring Workers**

After taking some time off to relax and give our eyes and fingers a "break" we are back at it!

Join us on Wednesdays at 10 am (bring your brown bag lunch) and help us with new projects.

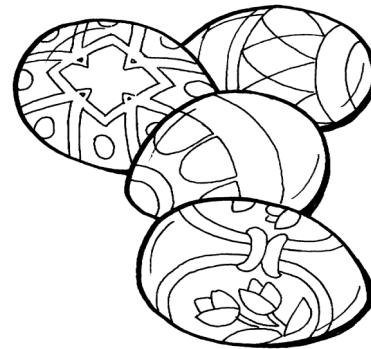
We have good fun, good food, laughs and actually accomplish some projects.

Hope to see as many "caring workers" as possible!

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, March 31 at 1 pm Faith will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

We are asking donations of small, individually wrapped candy and small trinkets for inside eggs. A box is in the narthex for your donations.



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

	<u>January</u>	<u>2018 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Current	6,561.00	6,561.00	9,248.39
Benevolence	604.00	604.00	2,158.00
Missionary Support	150.00	150.00	165.00
Building/Maint.	592.00	592.00	646.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>519.38</u>	<u>519.38</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,426.38</b>	<b>8,426.38</b>	<b>12,217.39</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Total Ministries	405.34	405.34	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,163.10	1,163.10	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>155.80</u>	<u>155.80</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	<u>7,494.41</u>	<u>7,494.41</u>	<u>94,895.00</u>
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	1,658.00	1,658.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	70.00	70.00	0.00
Missionary Support	185.00	185.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	2,302.00	2,302.00	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	<u>4,215.00</u>	<u>4,215.00</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,635.87	1,635.87	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	200.00	200.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>15,133.72</u></b>	<b><u>15,133.72</u></b>	<b><u>155,445.00</u></b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
General Checking			\$15,444.11
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,577.82
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$16,845.80
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$568.83
Memorial Funds			\$10,908.15
Camp Scholarship CD			\$6,410.56
Funeral Meals			\$989.13
Mission Team			\$2,886.48

2018  
Proposal