

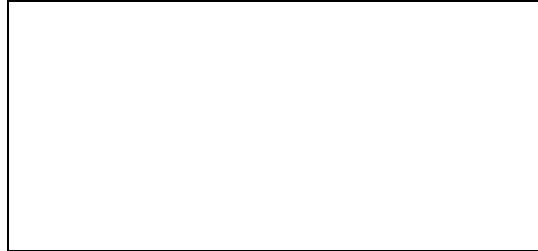
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# Faith's Blessings

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May 2016

## From the Pastor:

Pentecost is near, and with it comes the time for action. We know the story of the disciples sitting in the upper room behind locked doors, when the Holy Spirit comes to them and tongues of fire rest on each of them. This is the part we all know and look forward to each year; God's gift of the Holy Spirit coming and empowering the disciples to leave the confines of the upper room and boldly go out to the people. However, our tendency is to stop after the gift is given from God, but God's gifts are given for a purpose and with a reason in mind. For the apostles it was the beginning of the proclamation of the gospel. To go out to the people and let them know of the God who loves them more than life and died to bring them to relationship with him. We also have received gifts from God. As Acts 2:38-39 reminds us the promise is for us,

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*

Having received the gift of the Holy Spirit and living into the promise from God, we, like the disciples before us look boldly to the world around us. Now has come the time for action. Ecclesiastes 3, says there is a season and a time for all things. God has filled us with love and now we pour that love out to others. I encourage everyone to engage in ministry; both new and existing groups here at the church and in the community as we focus on pouring love out to others. I want to lift up the newly created mission team which has been approved by the church council to begin ministry and fundraising for local and farther reaching mission outreach. We will be engaging in both non-physically demanding tasks such as volunteering at soup kitchens, and more physically demanding tasks such as Habitat for Humanity work. All are welcome to come and help Faith Lutheran pour out love for each other, our community, and the world.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, forgive quickly, love fiercely, and believe eternally.

**Pastor Ben**

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During the month of April, we lifted up the following individuals in prayer:

Jo Will, Dorinda Bowser, family and friends of Caroline Brown, Casey Romus, family and friends of Verna Barron, Darlene Kerr and Cathy Qualters.

**Thank You and Help Needed**

The congregation would like to say Thank You very much to Herb Walker who has mowed at the church for the last couple years.

Herb has decided to hang up his keys and we are now looking for someone to take over mowing the church property.

This could be 1 person or several volunteers and would require using the farm tractor and pull behind mower.

If you are interested in helping, please see Pr. Ben and we can add your name to the schedule.

Once again, THANKS Herb!



Richard Sanchez	5-1	Ricky Saylor	5-16
Loretta Weyant	5-1	Rodney Schrock	
Whitney Custer	5-3		
Fred Will	5-3	Joe Walker	5-18
Mike Trevarrow	5-6	Cathy Smeak	5-19
Emily Helmick	5-7	Darren Walker	5-21
Karen Shaffer	5-7	Don Golby	5-22
Joshua Weyant	5-7	Denny Rhoads	5-23
Zac Friedline	5-8	Logan Gilbert	5-24
Gene Hillegas	5-8	Alexus Miller	5-24
Tony Latuch	5-8	Charles Burk	5-25
Jacob Sheeler	5-8	Taylor Latuch	5-25
Stephanie Walker	5-9	Garen Black	5-26
		Clay Cramer	5-29
Joan Walker	5-12	Linda Golby	5-29
Desiree Custer	5-13	Brenda Maust	5-30
Fred Rhoads	5-13	Butch Dill	5-31
Earl Lohr	5-16	Tanya James	5-31



Jay & Darlene Zerfoss	5-6	<b>50 yrs.</b>
Gary & Karen Shaffer	5-7	<b>1 yr.</b>
Bill & Debbie Nist	5-10	<b>41 yrs.</b>
Ryan & Brenda Maust	5-16	<b>35 yrs.</b>
Brian & Joeleen Everett	5-18	<b>31 yrs.</b>
Fred & Barb Will	5-18	<b>48 yrs.</b>
Don & Mary Snyder	5-22	<b>45 yrs.</b>
Joe & Gennette Swank	5-24	<b>19 yrs.</b>

**WELCA UPDATES**

WELCA will be hosting a monthly "Coffee Break" following worship, in the fellowship hall. Beginning May 1, the congregation is invited to share coffee, sweets and conversation.

The "Coffee Breaks" will continue the first Sunday of each month. Please plan on joining us!

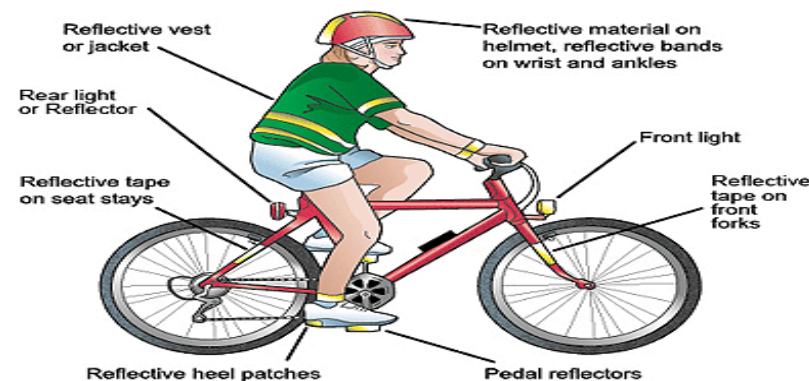
YOUR help is needed! WELCA is looking to put a crib, changing table and rocking chair in the nursery. Carl Schrock is fixing the intercom system so the worship service can be heard when the nursery is being used. We want to update the toys as well. If you can help us with any of these "needs" please see Katey Hill or any WELCA member. Thank you!

**BIKE RODEO**

Grab your bikes and your helmets and get to Faith Lutheran! On Saturday, May 21 from 11 am—1 pm, we will be hosting a bike rodeo.

There will be an obstacle course, the police will talk about bike safety and a light lunch will be served. Drawings will be held for prizes for each age group.

Each participant will be given a "Certificate of Completion." Invite your friends and neighbors and join us for an afternoon of fun and safety. If you have any questions or need more information, call the church office at 443-3179.



**Save The Date**

The congregation is cordially invited to a Baby Shower for Andi and Pastor Ben on Sunday, May 15 at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments will be served.

We hope you join us and help the family get ready to celebrate the new baby daughter that will soon bless the Mandrick home!

**Thank You, Thank You!**

We would like to extend a **BIG** "Thank You" to everyone who helped with striping and waxing the floor in the fellowship hall and narthex.

They look wonderful and we appreciate all the hard work and long hours you dedicated to this project.

Those involved included; David Pyle, Steve Will, Sandy Pyle, Dawn Will, Cindy Miller, Brittany Will and Pr. Ben.

**Caring Workers**

Anyone who would like to help is invited to come join the fun and fellowship on Wednesdays from 10 am—2:30 pm.

Bring your brown bag lunch. We will be making "busy mats" to help calm and entertain persons with Alzheimer's, dementia, autism or people recovering from strokes.

They will be donated to care facilities and caregivers in the area.

Hope to see you when we gather on Wednesdays!

**Church Picnic Weekend**

Join the Laurel Highlands Conference for Idlewild and SoakZone Church Picnic Weekend.

Sunday, June 5, we will worship at 11 am (gates open at 10:30 am.) Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the rest of the day at the park. Tickets are \$22 (50% off regular admission.) Be sure to ask for our group promo code to order your tickets between May 2 and 29, or sign up on the bulletin board by May 8, to have our parish order your tickets.

Hope to see as many of you as possible. Bring the whole family, bring your grandkids or come by yourself and enjoy the day with us!

**Dreams/Vision List**

If you submitted your list, thank you.

We received some great ideas and are working on making a "to do list." Watch your bulletins and newsletters to see what we have planned!

Some of the ideas are exciting and we can't wait to bring them to life.

**Confirmation Class is Back**

Beginning May 1 and every **1st** and **3rd** Sunday's from noon to 1:30 pm, the Confirmation Class will meet.

Pr. Ben is leading the class and eligible youth are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, talk with Pr. Ben.

**March 2016 Council Minutes**

Council met Mar. 10, 2016 with 10 members and Pr. Ben present. Pr. Ben provided devotions.

Council minutes, Treasurer's report and Pastor's report were reviewed. Motion made and 2nd for each and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

<b>Finance</b>	Tally sheet reviewed
<b>Social</b>	Having finger foods after Pastor's installation. Planning a bike rodeo in June and also the Family Banquet
<b>Worship</b>	Hymns picked; Easter worship services being planned. Will use Now the Feast beginning Easter 9 am
<b>Education</b>	No report
<b>Property</b>	Ceiling mold in bathroom at parsonage and fan not working. Will check the attic when weather is good. Spots on spouting need checked
<b>Youth</b>	Pr. Ben met with youth on Feb. 28. Planning an April activity and a service project in May. Youth will meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays after worship

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION**

- "Caring Workers" collecting items
- Operation Christmas Child collection continues
- Update on spring events for Relay for Life; selling chances on a barn and table; Cash Bash April 2. Craft Show went well, raised over \$700 and Election on April 26
- Wacky Bowling update—12 participants and a good time was had by all

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

- Update on digital sign; 3 estimates received \$18,000 to \$30,000. Discussion followed. Council will ask for the congregations input on a digital sign
- A total of \$422.75 was raised for the American Heart Association
- Coffee urn prices range from \$74.97 to \$99.99. Motion made, 2nd and approved to purchase a 60 cup from Sam's for \$74.97
- Kids and Countians in Need; Pr. Ben did not receive a call back, nothing on their website, rejected their request for a donation
- Banner racks; Steve made a "reach stick" to try and alleviate the banner problems. Talked about the plans for new banner racks

**New Business**

- Facebook page being created for Faith; Brenda and Pr. Ben will keep it updated
- Installation of Pr. Ben March 13 at 2:30 pm
- Oil at parsonage needs to be set for automatic fill again. Misti had filled the oil on January 7 and moved Feb. 11. Motion made, 2nd and approved to reimburse her \$500 for the oil
- Pr. Ben will be taking vacation time April 1-4
- Waxing fellowship hall floor on April 10
- Motion made, 2nd and approved to make a \$200 donation to St. Luke's for the use of their parsonage

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

Next Council meeting will be held April 14, 2016. Steve Will has devotions. Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to adjourn, closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Audrey Walker  
Council Secretary

**Operation Christmas Child**

Our wish list item for the month of **May** is **small stuffed animals**. You can put your donations in the box in the narthex.

In case you want to watch for sale items, we will be collecting these items in the future:

June	sunglasses & flip flops
July	small toys & balls
Aug.	pencils, erasers & pencil sharpeners
Sept.	crayons & markers
Oct.	t shirts & snookie caps
Nov.	hair clips & brushes

Our plan is to spend the afternoon of November 13 packing the boxes and everyone is welcome to join us.

Thanks for continuing to support our efforts to pack a minimum of 100 boxes this year!

**One More Place to Find Us**

Faith Lutheran now has a Facebook page!

If you are a member of Facebook, be sure to check out the page. We hope to keep everyone updated and informed on what is happening at Faith.

We are very excited about this new adventure and hope the congregation and community see that "Faith Makes a Difference."

**Annual Family Banquet**

Faith will once again have their annual Family Banquet on Saturday, June 4 at 6 pm at the Berlin Fire hall.

Tickets will be available before and after worship beginning May 8 and the cost is adults \$11.00; children (ages 5-12) \$5 and 4 and under FREE.

Last day to purchase tickets will be May 22.

Join us for an evening of good food, great fellowship and entertainment!

**Geranium Sunday**

Mark you calendars and make a trip the greenhouse to purchase your "red" geranium(s) for Pentecost Sunday, May 15.

The geraniums will be planted around the outside of the church on Monday, May 23 at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to join us that evening.

Oh, and don't forget to wear your red to worship that Sunday too!

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Easter 6</i> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Conf. class noon to 1:30 pm	<b>2</b> Committee Night 7 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Choir 7 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Easter 7</i> <b>Mothers Day</b> Worship 9 am <b>2nd offering</b> FLP 10:30 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>9</b> WELCA 7 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Choir 7 pm	<b>12</b> Council 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Pentecost</i> Worship 9 am <b>Wear red; Geranium Sun</b> SCS 10:30 am Baby Shower 2 pm Conf. 12-1:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> ALL bells 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bike Rodeo 11 am—1 pm
<b>22</b> <i>Holy Trinity</i> Worship 9 am FLP 10:30 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>23</b> Plant Geraniums 6 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Choir 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Pentecost 2</i> Worship 9 am <b>5th Sun. off.</b> SCS 10:30 am	<b>30</b> Office closed <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2nd Offering is for Sequanota Day Camp</b>			

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

**May 1**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Greeters  
Council person

Mabel Revello & Janet A.  
Brenda Maust  
Billy & Brock Bowers  
Tom Walker

Acolyte  
Reader  
Bulletins  
Cups

Brock Bowers  
Cindy Miller  
Darren Walker  
Jim Rayman and  
Ryan Maust

**May 8**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Greeters

Mabel R. & Janet A.  
Dave Pugh  
Betty Simmons &  
Patti Trent

Acolyte  
Reader  
Bulletins  
Cups

Adam Latuch  
Dave Walker  
Dylila Weyant  
Steven & Tony Latuch

**May 15**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Greeters

Karen Shaffer  
Brenda Walker  
David Pyle & Ken Will

Acolyte  
Reader  
Bulletins  
Cups

Jeb Friedline  
Sandy Pyle  
Ava Friedline  
Tanner & Ava  
Friedline

**May 22**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Greeters

Karen Shaffer  
Bill Hoffman  
Donna & Jackie Rhoads

Acolyte  
Reader  
Bulletins  
Cups

Dylila Weyant  
Brenda Maust  
Joshua Weyant  
Joshua & Dakota  
Weyant

**May 29**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Greeters

Mabel R. & Janet A.  
Jane Pugh  
Karen Shaffer & Dee  
Custer

Acolyte  
Reader  
Bulletins  
Cups

Annalina Brant  
Annalina Brant  
Jack Loeffert  
Will Brant & Jack  
Loeffert

**May Second Offering**

The second offering for May, to be collected May 8 is for Sequanota Day Camp. Thank you for supporting this outreach program for the kids of the congregation and the community!

**Sequanota Day Camp**

Mark your calendars ... Day Camp will be June 27 through July 1 from 9 am-4 pm at Faith. We need 3 volunteers and some willing to serve "as needed."

Watch your mail for registration forms and more information. We will also keep you updated through the newsletter and bulletins.

Day Camp is available for children kindergarten through 6th grade and there is no cost to attend. Bible study, games, crafts, lunch, snacks and good fun is planned.

Invite your friends and neighbors and we hope to see you all then!



**Sequanota Events**

Camp Sequanota will once again be hosting a Mother's Day Banquet Buffet on Sunday, May 8, 2016.

There will be a choice of 2 seatings, either 11:30 am or 1:30 pm. You MUST have reservations and a free will donation will be accepted.

Call the camp at 629-6627 to make your reservations.

**Spring Clean Up**

On Saturday, May 7 at 8 am there will be a Spring Work Day at Camp Sequanota.

Breakfast will be provided and you are asked to bring your own tools and gloves.

Can you spare a few hours to help get the camp ready for the summer season of campers?

**Free Day at Camp**

Saturday, May 21 from 10 am to 3 pm. Come to camp, eat lunch, hike, enjoy crafts, games and a campfire. Everything planned is free and you can get a chance to see what summer camp is all about.

If you would like to attend camp, brochures are available on the table in the narthex. Faith will pay 1/2 of the cabin camping rate and special financial consideration will be made if needed.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2016 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>March</u>	<u>2016 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Current	11,933.44	34,613.41	10,017.00
Benevolence	1,252.10	7,367.70	1,023.75
Missionary Support	211.00	718.00	172.00
Building/Maint.	699.00	2,069.00	667.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>456.06</u>	<u>751.89</u>	<u>84.88</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,551.60</b>	<b>45,520.00</b>	<b>11,964.63</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Total Ministries	300.27	1,522.25	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	2,086.26	5,125.67	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>186.94</u>	<u>507.42</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	8,455.08	22,873.29	103,841.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	544.00	4,225.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	15.00	215.00	0.00
Missionary Support	173.00	1,198.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	422.75	766.70	0.00
Other	243.60	2,243.60	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	125.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	1,398.35	8,898.30	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,733.06	5,990.32	19,000.00
Mem. Fund Purch.	0.00	1,484.90	
Misc. In/Out	38.06	247.91	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,011.08</b>	<b>46,142.64</b>	<b>164,391.88</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
General Checking			\$12,965.64
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,659.94
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,000.00
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$14,145.96
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$567.97
Memorial Funds			\$9,007.63
Camp Scholarship CD			\$9,060.91