

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am  
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



# Faith's Blessings

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**May 2018**



There is a time and season for all things; we are told in the book of Ecclesiastes. It seems that this winter season has had more than its fair share of time. However, as we look into May, we see the season of ministry, right around the corner. We eagerly await being able to get everyone together for our Family Banquet, as well as getting folks out to help us plant pumpkins and sweet corn again in the lower field. The time for Summer Day Camp is also quickly approaching. The new Confirmation Class is soon to begin. All of these are wonderful ministries, but this year, we have the creation of our new ministry of weekly summer meals here at the church.

With all the different opportunities to serve it may feel overwhelming trying to decide in which you would like to participate. I think of going to Snidas ice-cream counter in Shanksville and trying to decide which of the amazing flavors I am going to try. The good news for all of us is that we can try them all, given time and multiple trips. This is the same way with the ministries here at the church. Give each of them a try, it doesn't have to be only one. You never know, like ice-cream flavors, you may surprise yourself and find that mountain berry cheesecake is just as delicious as dark chocolate brownie.

The time of Pentecost is quickly approaching, where we remember and recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the people of God. Starting first with the disciples and then going through the ages to the generation today. We continue to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit moving in and among us. Let us use our gifts as we look into a busy season of spring and summer ministries. We trust in God to help us and encourage us for the work ahead.

Family of God let us forgive quickly, love fiercely, and believe eternally.

Pastor Ben



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

Oakleigh George, family and friends of Alan Stern, Paul Mosholder, family and friends of Janet Yonai, Nancy Walker, George Mason, Fred Custer, Rita Mason, Janet Anderson, John Evans, Bob Will, Donna Rhoads

We also pray for Michael Fonner, the missionary 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.)

Events at  
Camp Sequanota

**Adult Day Workshop**

May 10 9am-2:30 pm  
Topic: Jesus Changes Everything  
Led by Rev. Nathan Pile  
Cost \$10 includes lunch

**Spring Work Day**

May 12 9 am-?  
Help get camp ready for summer!  
Cost FREE and includes lunch

**Mother’s Day Banquet**

May 13 two seatings: 11:30 am and 1:30 pm  
CALL for a reservation  
Cost freewill donation

**Fun Day at Camp**

May 20 12:30-4:30 pm  
A fun day to play at camp and meet some of the summer staff.  
Cost FREE

For more information or to RSVP, call the camp office at 629-6627

**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

Confirmation

A new Confirmation Class will begin May 13. This will be an 18 month class, which will meet the **second** and **fourth** Sunday mornings during the Sunday School time.

The class is open to all youth whose parents feel are ready to begin deepening their relationship and understanding of God. If you are unsure if your child is prepared, please call Pastor to talk about the maturity, expectations of behavior and attendance.

There is no age limit, the class can be handled by a 9 year old who is mature or a 16 year old who is mature.

May Second Offering

Sunday, May 13 we will collect our 2<sup>nd</sup> offering for Camp Sequanota Day Camp that is being held again here at Faith.

Day Camp is open to any child in kindergarten through 6th grade. They do not have to be a member of our congregation!

This has been a very successful program and we are looking forward to camp again this year. Registration forms and letter will be mailed around the beginning of June. If your child, a neighbor child or grandchild would like to attend and they don't get a letter, call the office and we will send them one.

The dates for this years camp are July 9-13 and there is no cost to the child to attend. Bible lessons, crafts, songs, games, snacks and lunch are part of the "camping" experience.

Thanks for continuing to support the Camp Sequanota/Faith Day Camp.

March 8, 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 8 members and Pastor Ben present. Devotions were presented by Katey Hill.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Finance     Tally Sheet reviewed.
- Social       Family Banquet to be held at Berlin, June 2nd. Looking for talent from church (adults and children) for banquet program. Hoping for corn roast in September, Harvest Social in October, and possible Hymn Sing.
- Worship     Hymns and anthems are picked. ELW Setting 1, spoken, will be used until Easter, followed by Now the Feast through Pentecost.
- Education   Children are working on ceramic crafts. Walking with the Psalms begins in April.
- Property     Lights in office and hallway replaced. Possibly have Gene Hillegas replace other lights.
- Youth        Confirmation will start in May with possibly 5 children and continue for 18 months.
- Mission Team   A successful mission in Florida – hard work but it was so fulfilling. Hospitality was good.

OLD BUSINESS:

LED lights installed.  
Audit was completed.  
Will check with Culligan about water system.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

9 MO. Flex CD will be renewed – motion made, 2nd and approved.

There will be a Garden Work Day scheduled in May for the plots for the pumpkins and sweet corn planting.

Pastor Ben will be on vacation April 2nd thru 4th.

Summer Free Meals, one night a week, held here at Faith, are being planned to reach out to whomever is hungry in the community – possibly starting in June.

A suggestion was made by the Mission Team to send a \$400.00 gift to the Sebring Church for lighting in their church from the Mission Team fundraiser money.

The Church's vacuum cleaner does not pick up and needs to be checked.

The Mission Team would like to plan Work Days here at Faith Lutheran Church. Both inside and outside – a list of things that need done will be made and the group will work on it.

Council held a discussion about Employee Reviews.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Council meeting will be April 12, 2018, with devotions provided by Tomalee Will. Motion made and 2nd to adjourn. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Katey Hill  
Council Secretary

**Family Banquet**

Saturday, June 2 at 6 pm will be the Annual Family Banquet. We will gather at the Berlin Firehall.

This is the occasion where we honor our “Golden Club Members,” our members who are 80 yrs. and older.

Tickets go on sale April 29 before and after worship. Adults tickets are \$11; kids ages 5-12 tickets are \$5 and those ages under 5 are FREE.

Entertainment will be a Talent Show. Can you sing, dance, do magic, play an instrument? Let any member of the Social Committee know and take the stage.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this celebration!



**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.

He is hoping 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.

If you want to be involved in the planning, organizing or advertising, call Pastor as soon as possible.

I am hoping to get this new outreach ministry up and rolling soon.

Pr. Ben

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Caring Work- ers 10 am Bible Study 2pm Walking with Psalms 6 pm Choir 7 pm	3	4	5
6  Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	7  Committee Night 7 pm	8	9  Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2pm Walking with Psalms 6 pm Choir 7 pm	10  Council 7 pm	11	12
13  Worship 9 am 2nd offering SCS and Confirmation 10:30 am Happy Mother’s Day	14  WELCA 7 pm	15	16  Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	17	18	19
20 <i>Pentecost</i>  Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	21	22	23  Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	24	25	26
27  Worship 9 am SCS, FLP and Confirmation 10:30 am	28  Memorial Day  Office Closed	29	30	31  2nd offering is for Faith Lutheran Camp Sequanota Day Camp		

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

<b>May 6</b> Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters Council Person	Mabel R. & Janet A. Brock Bowers Lee & Jean Shaffer Tom Walker	Reader	Brenda Walker
<b>May 13</b> Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Karen Shaffer Bill Hoffman Gary & Jeanetta Shaffer	Reader	Dave Pugh
<b>May 20</b> Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Mabel & Janet Jane Pugh Herb & Marian Walker	Reader	Rich Walker
<b>May 27</b> Altar Guild Assisting Minister Greeters	Karen Shaffer Darren Walker Audrey & Mollie Walker	Reader	Brock Bowers

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

Orange Cookies

- 2 C shortening
- 2 C sugar
- Rind and juice of 2 oranges
- 3 well beaten eggs
- 1 C sour milk
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 5 C flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder

Mix shortening and sugar. Add orange juice. Beat in eggs. Alternately add milk and dry ingredients.

Bake at 350 until cookies are set.

Icing  
Rind and juice of one orange and thicken with confectioner's sugar to the thickness you like.

Recipe submitted by Patti Trent.



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 sooooo 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 LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>March</u>	<u>2018 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	8,502.17	23,346.67	9,761.11
Benevolence	886.00	2,400.85	1,782.00
Missionary Support	155.00	450.00	180.00
Building/Maint.	737.00	1,968.00	594.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,796.04</u>	<u>2,315.42</u>	<u>380.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	12,076.21	30,480.94	12,697.11
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	113.18	970.61	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,622.80	2,820.85	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>169.19</u>	<u>487.47</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	7,74.81	23,074.31	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	352.00	2,387.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	35.00	160.00	0.00
Missionary Support	145.00	480.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	222.95	519.95	0.00
Other	0.00	2,836.10	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	754.95	6,383.05	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,968.03	7,061.91	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	998.44	1,198.44	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>13,217.83</u>	<u>41,509.17</u>	<u>156,618.00</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$4,355.09
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)			\$3,080.57
Memorial Funds			\$11,973.15
Camp Scholarship CD			\$6,410.56
Funeral Meals			\$945.02
Mission Team			\$1,778.94