

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am  
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



# Faith's Blessings

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November 2018



There is a time for all things under the sun. Ecclesiastes reminds us that nothing lasts forever, and all things have their time and place to run their course. Winter turns to Spring, Spring turns to Summer, and Summer turns to Fall. My family and I have loved being here with all of you over the last three years. You are all wonderful people, with whom God is working mightily to bring the news of the Gospel to the people of Somerset County and beyond. The work of the Gospel is not finished, unlike the seasons which are here for a moment and then gone. The work of the Gospel is something that remains the task of the church from year to year, pastor to pastor, generation to generation. The work of the Gospel is the cultivating of hope in the midst of the hopelessness, life in the shadow of death, and joy in the depths of sorrow. The work of the Gospel changes the lives of those who live it and those who experience it. It transforms the bleak, morbid present into a vibrant, bright, and glorious future with God. This is the work of the Gospel, wrought by the Holy Spirit, in the lives of people desperate to find something to give meaning to their lives. Pastor Ben or no Pastor Ben, Faith Lutheran continues in the mission that God has given, to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed. The mission has not changed, the means by which the mission will be fulfilled have been modified.

These two things I pray God gives you with abundance. The first is peace. Peace not of earthly rest but divine holy peace. The Shalom of God, the peace from being in the presence of the Almighty One. God, who has started good work in you, will see it to completion. For you are the Children of the Lord, and who can remove you from the palm of God's hand. May God's presence dwell with you so as to give you a peace which transcends all thought and worry. The second is love, a love that passes all understanding. That God would send you divine love, in such copious quantities that you cannot help but ooze it out on everyone around you. "They will know you are my disciples by your love." (John 13:35) and when people speak of you, the first thing they say is that those Faith Lutheran People really care about folks.

The Lord be with you always; above you to watch over you, beneath you to carry you, in front of you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, beside you to befriend you, and within you to bring you into eternal life.

Amen,  
Pastor Ben



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During the month of October, the following were lifted in prayer:

Bob Powell, family and friends of  
Ed Stouffer, family and friends of  
Nora Kaufman

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.)



### Chicken Stuffed Shells

- 1 box large shells
- chicken; cooked and shredded
- 1 box Stove Top stuffing
- 1 C Hellman's mayo
- 1 C parmesan cheese
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup

Cook the shells (I only use the number of shells that will feed the family, not the whole box!)

Mix soup and 1 3/4 C water

Mix stuffing mix, mayo and chicken

Stuff the shells and place in a greased 9x13 pan

Pour soup over shells and sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes

**Brenda Maust**

### September 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 6 members and Pr. Ben present. Steve Will had devotions.

Presentation on parsonage windows had any questions answered during a phone conversation. Discussion followed on how to proceed (all at once, set up a 3 yr. fund, fix 5-6 each year.) An informal Temple Talk with the congregation to discuss the window options will take place Oct. 7.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pastor's Report were all reviewed. After a brief discussion about income vs. expenses, motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and carried to approve all reports.

#### Committee Reports

<u>Finance</u>	Reviewed tally sheet
<u>Social</u>	Fall Social scheduled for Oct. 28; Movie Night in Nov. (date to be determined); Dec. 23 will be Nativity Play
<u>Worship</u>	Using Setting 10
<u>Education</u>	Sunday School studying Mark; Youth following narrative
<u>Property</u>	Purchased a new hot water tank for parsonage
<u>Youth</u>	Running into scheduling conflicts
<u>Mission Team</u>	Dave Pugh gave an update about future ventures with Friedens

#### Old Business

- Info. meeting with congregation about windows Oct. 7
- Interviewed for Sexton, recommendation of Interview Committee to hire Rick Walters. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved for new hire. Pr. Ben will call Rick to let him know
- Kitchen shelves update; Ken will take care of shelves for roasters  
Steve checked with Boy Scouts about playground, no response as of yet

#### New Business

- Joeleen will be Council Secretary until end of year, as Katey is not able to attend the meetings
- Need 3 nominees for council openings; Steve is willing to run again
- Annual Congregational Meeting Dec. 9
- Wedding Policy updates/changes approved

#### Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next council meeting will be Oct. 11 with Pr. Ben having devotions. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pr. Ben  
(Taking Notes)

NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2nd Offering is for Caring Workers</b>						
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>All Saint's</i> Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	<b>5</b> Committee Night 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</b> Worship 9 am <b>2nd offering</b> SCS 10:30 am Pack OCC shoe-boxes 1 pm	<b>12</b> WELCA 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 7 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Caring Workers 10 am  <b>NO choir</b>	<b>22</b> Office <b>CLOSED</b>  <b>HAPPY THANKS-GIVING</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>September</u>	2018 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Year</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Current	9,660.00	77,696.61	7,480.18
Benevolence	874.00	9,083.15	913.30
Missionary Support	80.00	1,195.00	135.00
Building/Maint.	447.00	5,466.50	583.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>575.97</u>	<u>9,247.75</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>11,636.97</b>	<b>102,689.01</b>	<b>9,111.48</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Total Ministries	133.10	3,566.82	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,534.73	8,718.82	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>133.41</u>	<u>1,274.60</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	7,317.29	65,843.64	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	393.00	5,240.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	356.00	0.00
Missionary Support	0.00	1,235.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	255.00	1,779.25	0.00
Other	255.00	9,099.28	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	913.00	17,718.53	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	4,027.11	19,790.91	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	176.15	3,219.61	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>14,101.38</b>	<b>118,858.33</b>	<b>156,618.00</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
General Checking			\$(722.30)
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,382.98
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$17,382.88
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,080.57
Memorial Funds			\$12,063.73
Camp Scholarship CD			\$5,910.88
Funeral Meals			\$1,611.61
Mission Team			\$1,779.04

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

**November 4**

Altar Guild	Mabel & Janet	Reader	Andi Mandrick
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman		
Greeters	Dee Custer & Andi Mandrick		
Council Person	Joeleen Everett		

**November 11**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Richard Walker
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh		
Greeters	Richard & Darren Walker		

**November 18**

Altar Guild	Mabel & Janet	Reader	Jackie Rhoads
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		
Greeters	Donna & Jackie Rhoads		

**November 25**

Altar Guild	Karen Shafer	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Steve & Dawn Will		

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

### November 2nd Offering

The November 2nd offering, collected Nov. 11 has been designated for Caring Workers.

The group is currently working on angel ornaments for our shut-ins for Christmas.

Your offering will help defray the cost of this project and others they will be working on in the future. Thank you for supporting this group of ladies!



### November Calendar

Please watch your bulletins for any changes that may be made to the events for November as we transition from a full time pastor to a supply pastor for a while.

We will keep you posted on any changes, especially what will happen with our Thanksgiving Eve Worship.

### Operation Christmas Child

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 1 pm when we will meet to pack our shoeboxes!

If you have not helped us before, stop in and see what the end result of all the hard work and collecting we have been doing all year. There is no better feeling than seeing all those filled boxes!

### Poinsettias for Christmas

Hard to believe, but the time has come to place your order for poinsettias.

Mabel Revello will be taking orders beginning Nov. 4 before and after worship.

Cost is \$8 each and your order and money **must be received** by Nov. 25.

### Time Change

Don't forget it is time to "Fall Back." When you go to bed Saturday, Nov. 3 be sure to set your clock **back** 1 hour.

You won't be really, really early for worship and can enjoy an extra hour of sleep!