

Faith's Blessings

Faith Lutheran Church

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November 2021



From the Pastor's Desk



Last Saturday, as we experienced a power outage in the area, I sat in the living room of the parsonage watching our cats, Priscilla and Henrietta Pussycat, jump onto the windowsill to chase the leaves being tossed about as the strong wind blew the branches of the trees to and fro. They reminded me of a cartoon I had seen recently of a person raking leaves inside a snow globe....a nice neat pile before them, with a hand extending to pick it up to shake it...and the person inside calling out “Noooooo!” Have you ever had days like that? I know I have!

As we transition from fall to preparations for winter, most of us have “to do” and “must do” lists written on scraps of paper or post it notes, tucked into our pockets, or purses or hung on the refrigerator, constant reminders of what needs done. As I type this newsletter, I have a nice neat row of post-it notes fastened across the bottom of my keyboard – the weekly “to do” and “must do” lists... then my globe shakes, and visions of All Saints, Advent, Reindeer Games, and the Christmas Pageant swirl about me, like a whirlwind of leaves...

Then I thought about the picture again; looking at it through a faith-filled lens: Perhaps the person isn't about to pick the globe up but has actually set it down... the leaves floating downward, gently settling in...resting in piles as the person looks on are an invitation to stop and take in their beauty. This is what we are invited to do during the days of Advent leading into Christmas...a season that invites us into God's timing. With all our to do's and must do's, we can miss the invitation, the peace, and the tranquility which is the pace of God's kingdom.

May you hear God's invitation, to take in the beauty of His time – attend an Advent service, sing Christmas tunes for our homebound, help pack the 200 gift-bags for the residents in area care homes, laugh and giggle with the children the morning of the pageant, enjoy conversation at the WELCA-hosted Christmas dinner, donate white socks to the youth who have no home to go to this holiday, and come, gather for worship, giving God thanks and praise, as a community of faith.

God's blessings on you and yours during this season of
hope, joy, peace, and love.

*“For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace, their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.”*

In grace and peace, and with much love,
Pastor Kathy



During the month of October, we lifted the following persons in prayer: Family and Friends of Thelma Miller, Mary Catherine McDonald and her daughter Joyce and Nelson Scheffel and Calvin Walker.

Craig Walker, Avabella Friedline, Vivian Fuller, Carl Schrock, Mary Ann Long, Roger Saylor, Darlene Zerfoss, Steve Watkins, Eugene Popernack, Bill Revello and Levi Friedline for strength, comfort and healing.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits are a means of bringing the presence of Jesus Christ into the lives of our community of Faith at times of acute illness, pending surgery, long-term care and rehabilitation of care, as well as hospice care. We rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to let the church staff know when someone is in a hospital or other facility; please call the church office 814-443-3179 and provide the name of the individual, name of hospital or care facility, and room number if known; and it is also helpful to give time/date of surgery. After office hours you may call Pastor Kathy directly at 814-483-3097.

Thank you,
Pastor Kathy

November Second Offering

The second offering for November, is designated for the Berlin Food Pantry, will be collected Nov. 14.

This donations will help with any expenses the food pantry incurs. Thanks!

WE NEED YOU!

Several of our council members are finishing their two consecutive terms. Please prayerfully consider offering your gifts. Council meets one evening per month. See Pastor Kathy or a council member with questions.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct 3 was designated as Blanket Sunday. Through your kindness and generosity we collected \$245 to purchase blankets. Thank You for supporting this vital ministry!

PAVILION FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets are on sale. Tickets will be for a DOUBLE DRAWING on December 18th. The prize includes \$250 cash and a \$250 gift certificate, two winners will be drawn. Cost of each ticket is \$10. See any member of council to get your ticket or to get some tickets to sell.

CELEBRATING IN NOVEMBER

*Happy
Birthday!*

Tessa Rae Friedline	Nov. 1		Alexander Lake	Nov. 2
Nolan Pyle	Nov. 3		Krista Speelman	Nov. 4
Joseph Swank Jr.	Nov. 10		Allison Lane	Nov. 11
Mark Nist	Nov. 11		Diane Graham	Nov. 12
Yvonne Rhodes	Nov. 12		Gage Nist	Nov. 13
Autumn Baker	Nov. 14		Patricia Pugh	Nov. 15
Brian Friedline	Nov. 16		Kalista Lake	Nov. 16
Allison Revello	Nov. 17		Daniel Walker	Nov. 18
Tracy Weaver	Nov. 18		Kevin Foster	Nov. 19
Robert Wiltout	Nov. 19	93 years old	Corey Miller	Nov. 20
Kristy Mitchell	Nov. 20		Megan Helmick	Nov. 22
James Rayman	Nov. 22		Clare Walker	Nov. 22
Arianna Ohler	Nov. 24		Brad Lohr	Nov. 25
Jackalynn Lohr	Nov. 26		Byron Glessner	Nov. 28
Albert Graham	Nov. 28		Randy Friedline	Nov. 29
Amy Romus	Nov. 29			

Happy Anniversary!

Michael & Marcie Simmons	Nov. 7	34 years
Carl & Carol Schrock	Nov. 28	63 years

Mark your calendars ...



Sunday, **Nov. 7**, "Donut" Sunday, All Saints Worship; Fall Harvest Turkey Bowling—Terrace Lanes 3-5 pm. All children, teens and YIA welcome!!

Monday, **Nov. 8**, WELCA meeting 7:00pm.

Thursday, **Nov. 11**, Council Meeting 7:00pm

Sunday, **Nov. 14**, 2nd Sunday Offering (Berlin Food Pantry), Honor Veterans, Kick off the Children's Aid Society white sock donation "The Stockings Were Hung by the Chimney With Care" which will run through Christmas.

Sunday, **Nov. 21**, Christ the King Sunday, Blessing of the hunters.

Wednesday, **Nov. 24**, Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm.

Sunday, **Nov. 28**, Hymn Sing— Let us know your favorites; Baptism of Asher Custer, Decorate for Christmas after service.

Sunday, **Dec. 5**, 'Donut" Sunday, Christmas Gift bag assembly for the local nursing facilities after service. 2:00pm Movie Matinee "It's A Wonderful Life" . All are welcome.

Sunday, **Dec. 12**, 2nd Sunday Offering (Dis. Fund), Blessing of the Christmas packages for the nursing facilities, Congregational Meeting following worship.

Monday, **Dec. 13**, Faith's Christmas Dinner 6:00pm. Location will be announced once determined. All are invited.

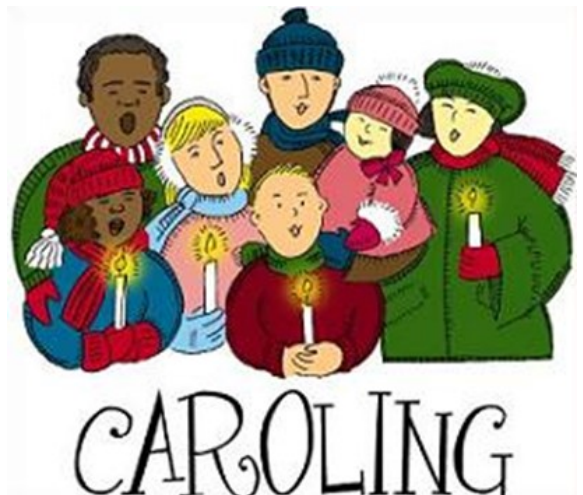
Sunday, **Dec. 19**, Christmas Pageant "Camelot"

Friday, **Dec. 24**, Christmas Services at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Both with Holy Communion

"MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE"

To all our members, children, teens and adults, we invite you to sign up to go caroling and bring a little bit of "Faith" and Christmas to our homebound members for the holidays.

If you can help "make a joyful noise" or help with transportation as we will need drivers, watch upcoming bulletin announcement for date and time. There will be a sign-up sheet posted for singers and drivers.



November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Caring Workers 10 am	4	5	6
7 Worship 9 am All Saints Donut Sunday SCS 10:30 Fall Harvest Turkey Bowling 3-5	8 WELCA 7pm	9	10 Caring Workers 10 am	11 Council 7pm	12	13
14 Worship 9 am 2nd off (Food Pantry) Honor Veterans SCS 10:30	15	16	17 Caring Workers 10 am	18	19	20
21 Worship 9 am Christ the King Bless Hunters SCS 10:30 am	22	23	24 Caring Workers 10 am Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00pm	25 Happy Thanksgiving	26	27
28 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	29	30	Second Offering is for Berlin Food Pantry			

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

November 7

Altar Guild	Dawn	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Acolyte	Arianna Ohler
Council Person	Sandy Pyle		

November 14

Altar Guild	Sandy	Reader	David Pyle
Assisting Minister	Will Brant	Acolyte	Olivia George

November 21

Altar Guild	Dawn	Reader	Wendell Heil
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Acolyte	Jack Loeffert

November 24– Thanksgiving Eve

Altar Guild	Sandy	Reader	Jack Loeffert
Assisting Minister	Jack Loeffert	Acolyte	Will Brant

November 28

Altar Guild	Dawn	Reader	Laura Miller
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Acolyte	Kaden George

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

Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands
In Fellowship and Fun



FALL HARVEST TURKEY BOWL!!!

**Sunday, November 7th
3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at
Terrace Bowling Lanes
194 Revco Rd, Somerset**

All children, youth and teens are invited!
You can also bring a friend!

Bowling shoes, two games of bowling, pizza and drinks (not to mention the chance to win one of Pastor Kathy's harvest of "fabulous prizes"!) are included - sponsored by the generous support of our church members through Youth in Action.

Parents and grandparents are invited to join in the fun too - the cost is \$11 per adult which includes all of the above.

So let's have some fun...and a laugh or two...
get those arms warmed up for some strikes and some
spares...
and join in an afternoon of family fellowship.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby at church
or just give us a call at 814 443-3179 and let us know
you'll be here!
Grown-ups, please pay in advance.

***“The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
in hopes that Children’s Aid
would not despair!”***

Please join us in giving the gift of comfort and warmth
as we collect
white socks
for the youth in our area,
ages 12-18.

You may begin dropping off your donations on No-
vember 14th. All socks will be “hung by the chimney
with care” at Faith's “fireplace” in the Sanctuary
through Christmas.



That’s right!!!!

It’s **THAT** day –

the Children’s Christmas Pageant!!!

Children of all ages, teens, and adults who are chil-
dren at heart, are invited to join in as we present....
wait for it.... Yes!

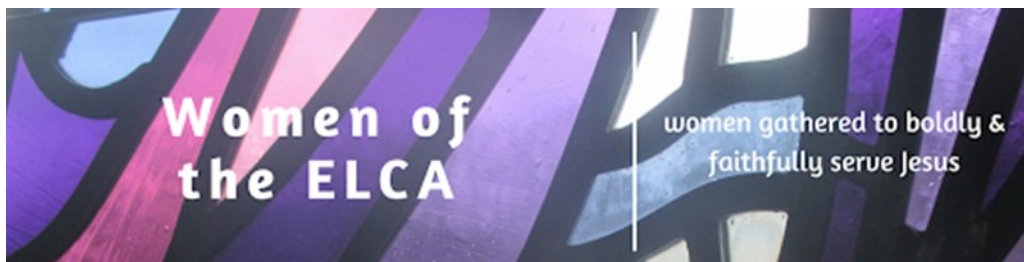
“Camelot”

Get it? “Camel-ot”? J

It’s going to be a “hump” -dinger of a morning so be
sure to join us at worship on

Sunday, December 19th

Now.... don’t leave Pastor Kathy high and dry in the desert,
let her know you will help!



All women of our congregation are automatically members
of Faith's WELCA
(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America)
and we want to extend a warm welcome to each of you.

At Faith Lutheran, WELCA is committed to the caring and spiritual growth of the women in our church as well as
mission to serve those in need.

WELCA hosts a number of gatherings for fellowship, Bible study,
and engages in service in the local community in supporting the ministries of the church.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month
in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.
Need a ride? Let Pastor Kathy know so she can arrange.

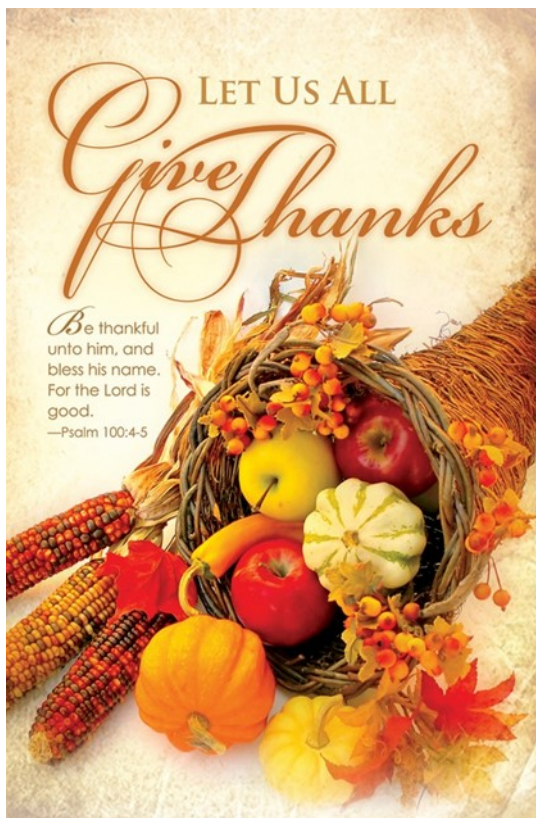


**UPCOMING WELCA-Hosted EVENT
OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF FAITH**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER
DECEMBER 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

Location To be Advised

Set the date on your calendar and look for details in the church bulletin.



November 24th

at 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving is a special moment to reflect on God's abundant grace that God pours out in our lives through so many ways.

Please make this evening part of your family's Thanksgiving celebration –

join us... and

“LET US ALL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, OUR GOD!”

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP and MOVIE MATINEE “IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE!”

I can't believe it's almost Christmas!
Okay...well, it soon will be Christmas!

I love baking cookies, putting up the tree and setting out the Nativity scene with Christmas music playing in the background. It is a beautiful season for giving and a time to gather with family and celebrate the birth of Jesus. AND...Christmas comes with great Christmas movies! There are many great films, from the warm and fuzzy Hallmark movies to yet another edition of *A Christmas Carol*. ***It's A Wonderful Life*** continues to be a classic year after year. Made in 1946, *It's a Wonderful Life* is a poignant reminder that **we do matter** and that our lives have tremendous impact... and what better way to affirm the blessings of God in and through us but during Advent...a time of waiting during the busiest season of the year.



Join us on December 5th at 2:00 p.m. for the movie matinee and then each Wednesday, beginning December 8th at 6:30, for worship with Holy Communion... a time to embrace what matters most and reflect on the tiny blessings of life.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 10:30 A.M. in the sanctuary. The agenda for the meeting is the approval of the 2022 Budget, election of council members, and recommended updates to the church constitution. A copy of the Council's recommended budget, together with the two updates to the constitution will be included in the December newsletter. All confirmed members of the church are asked to be present.



INVITATION TO SERVE ON CHURCH COUNCIL



The Congregation Council is made up of church members who act on behalf of the church membership together with and in partnership with Pastor Kathy. The Council has the principal responsibility for fulfillment of the church's mission and the legal accountability for its operations. Council members accomplish their functions through regular monthly meetings.

Several of Faith's Council members will soon be completing their second terms (this means they have served two 3-year terms), the maximum timeframe prescribed by the church's Constitution and By-laws. **We need YOU** to share your gifts, your time, your talents, and your prayerful discernment to lead and serve as a new Council member. Please see a council member and/or Pastor Kathy to let them know of your willingness to do so; they are available for questions as well.

FAITH LUTHERAN'S CHURCH COUNCIL of 2021

President, Carl Schrock
Vice President, Steve Will
Secretary, Sandy Pyle
Gene Hillegas
Jim Long
Dave Miller
Karen Shaffer
Joe Swank
Patti Trent

Thank you for all you have done throughout 2021!



Join us in decorating our worship area by purchasing plants in honor or memory of your loved ones.

The poinsettia plants are \$ 9.60 each.

Deadline for ordering is November 28th.

Please contact the church office to place your order 443-3179. Checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church.



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“REINDEER GAMES!”

Saturday, December 11th

10 a.m - 1 p.m.

Christmas is coming, Santa's loading the sleigh...
Yes, he will be here today!
And the reindeer are inviting you to come out and play!
We'll do crafts, play games and be silly...
We'll sing songs, have lunch and hot cocoa cause you know it will be chilly!
Your parents and grandparents don't need to pout
cause while we're having fun,
they can have a day out!

So my DEERS of all ages, please make a note to come join us on
Saturday, December 11th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church...
and bring a DEER friend with you to share in the fun.

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby at church
or just give us a jingle at 443-3179 and let us know you'll be here!



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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am

