

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



Faith's Blessings

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Grace and Peace to you from Christ the Lord. The season is quickly coming upon us, if it has not already begun, of the midterm election. I can understand many of you would prefer if the church not be in any way shape or form involved with the political hoopla that is about to be underway. With that I most solemnly agree. However, one aspect of the election season always stirs in me a specific feeling. Unfortunately, it is not a pleasant feeling. With all the speeches and commercials constantly mud slinging back and forth the lasting feeling of this season is best described rather than stated. It is that feeling you have on a hot day driving with the windows down, to close behind a manure spreader that has been left on, as the farmer drives from one field to the next. While confident that you understand the feeling, it is hard to put a single word to it that does the whole experience justice. It is an awful combination of self-incrimination, why am I so close to this; combined with disgust, nausea, anger, frustration, and sadness. This, at its core, is how the election season often makes me feel. As we continue to see the divide in the country politically become more aggressive the feeling has only intensified.

We all can and do have many responses to this season, but as Christians what does God say about this and how does that shape how we behave in this world? As Christians the first thing that must be addressed is confronting the elephant in the room. We cannot run away, hide, or pretend that we are not part of what is going on around us. For Jesus says in John 17, that because of the gospel we are in the world but not of the world. So then can we join in with what the world is engaged in? Well Romans 12:2 says, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." So then, what about all of the quarrelling and debating about who is the best? In 2 Timothy 2-24, "and the Lord's servants must not be quarrelsome, but must be kind to everyone, able to teach and not be resentful." I honestly believe that there is a way, as Christians, to be present with people in the midst of the election season without engaging in mud slinging or participating in quarrels that lead to resentment. However, it takes patience, peace, love, joy, and faith to commit ourselves to the good of others. In other words, it takes the gifts of the Holy Spirit. God is always moving and working to further the Gospel of Grace for the good of all, election season or not. Maybe the real question to walk away with isn't how can we faithfully react to election season, but how can people engage with us during election season and see the love of Jesus?

Pastor Ben



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

Craig Walker, family and friends of Ruth Shockey

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.)



APPLE WALNUT CAKE

4 C coarsely chopped apples
(golden delicious work well)
2 C sugar
2 eggs at room temperature
1/2 C vegetable oil
2 tsp. vanilla
2 C all purpose flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. salt
1 C chopped walnuts
Your favorite cream cheese icing

Pre-heat oven to 350 and grease and flour 9x13 pan.
Combine apples and sugar and let rest while mixing other ingredients.
Stir together flour, soda, cinnamon and salt.
In a large bowl, beat eggs slightly, then beat in oil and vanilla.
Alternating, add flour mixture and apple/sugar mixture into eggs and oil, mix only until combines, having NO lumps.
Gently stir in walnuts.
Pour into pan and bake.
Test for doneness using a toothpick.

Patti Trent

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

August 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 7 members and Pr. Ben present. Dave Pugh had opening devotions.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Pastor's Report were reviewed. Motion made to approve, 2nd and carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Reviewed tally sheets

Social Picnic Rally Sunday, Sept. 9; Harvest Social Oct. 28 and Movie Night in November

Worship Will begin using Setting 10 on Sept. 9 and will have a Blessing of Children/Backpacks; Healing Service Sept. 16 using Moments of Grace

Education Rally Sunday Sept. 9

Property New dishwasher installed at parsonage; pews were not cleaned; Ken Will has been working outside

Youth Planning some type of fun/service event to kick-off the school year

Mission Team Helped an elderly flood victim in Acosta recently

Old Business

Reviewed weekly free meals, going great

Will continue getting conditioner salt from SDC

Parsonage has 4 windows that crank is broken

Day Camp was successful again this year; averaged 14 campers

Flea Market proceeds will be divided between OCC postage and Day Camp expenses ... approx. \$1400 was raised

COUNCIL MINUTES (cont. from page 3)

New Business

Second Offerings will be as follows: Sept., United Lutheran Seminary; Oct., Camp PARC; Nov., Caring Workers (shut-in project); Dec., Relay for Life; Advent, Pr. Discretionary Fund

Missionary Sponsorship decision tabled until we find out who will be taking Fonner's place (funds will be left to accumulate)

Discussed Sexton situation. Synod Attorney has been consulted due to a complaint being filed with the EOE Commission and the Bishop. Attorney advised that the way we proceeded was acceptable. We can advertise for the position. Motion made and 2nd to advertise in the bulletin and newspaper; carried. The Interview Committee will consist of Steve Will, Dave Pugh and Joeleen Everett

Request made to install shelves in the kitchen to store the roasters. Ken will look into this

Playground needs some work. Steve will see if maybe a scout troop would be interested in taking on this project

Windows at parsonage (all 22) have received bids; Window World \$9500 (double pane); \$11,100 (gas) and Roger Berkey \$8800 (he did bathroom work); and Anderson was over \$20,000 (too high.) Window World and Berkey will be invited to council meeting in Sept. to discuss replacement.

A congregational meeting was suggested for Sept. 30 to discuss the bids and how to proceed

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next Council Meeting will be Sept. 13 and Steve Will has devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ben Mandrick
Taking notes

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

	<u>August</u>	<u>2018 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	8,716.57	68,036.61	8,311.18
Benevolence	658.00	8,209.15	877.00
Missionary Support	65.00	1,115.00	165.00
Building/Maint.	442.00	5,019.50	598.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,932.36</u>	<u>8,671.78</u>	<u>992.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,813.93	91,052.04	10,943.68
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	913.55	3,433.72	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	347.55	7,184.09	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>97.66</u>	<u>1,0452.53</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	6,352.99	58,526.35	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	462.00	4,847.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	40.00	355.00	0.00
Missionary Support	130.00	1,235.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	205.00	1,524.25	0.00
Other	2,604.18	8,844.28	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	3,441.18	16,805.53	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,301.76	15,763.80	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	714.94	3,043.46	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>13,071.97</u>	<u>104,756.95</u>	<u>156,618.00</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$1,742.11
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,637.98
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

2018
Proposal

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Committee Night 7 pm	2	3 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	4	5	6
7 Worship 9 am; Temple Talk about windows Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	8 WELCA 7 pm	9	10 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	11 Council 7 pm	12	13
14 Worship 9 am; 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am	15	16	17 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	18	19	20
21 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	22	23	24 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 9 am SCS and FLP 10:30 am Harvest Social	29	30	31 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm Choir 7 pm	2nd offering is for Camp PARC		

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

October 7

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Cindy Miller
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker		
Greeters	Dave & Cindy Miller		
Council Person	Dave Pugh		

October 14

Altar Guild	Dawn & Brittany	Reader	Tom Walker
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust		
Greeters	Janet Anderson & Mabel Revello		

October 21

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh		
Greeters	Keith & Kathy Rhoads		

October 28

Altar Guild	Dawn & Brittany	Reader	Deanna Bowers
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker		
Greeters	Bill Bowers Family		

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

Minutes from Special Council Meeting June 28, 2018

Council met June 28, 2018 at 7 pm in a special meeting to discuss the sexton situation. There were 7 council members and Pr. Ben present.

It had been reported that Dave was seen using the vacuum in the kitchen (with a pulling/pushing restriction) prior to receiving a "return to work" order from his doctor. He also showed up at the church with his sister and went into the sanctuary with a garbage bag. Council President was called and he spoke with Dave and informed him he was to go home and do no work, because of not having a doctor's release. Other information received included that Rhonda had sprained her ankle and wasn't helping as much as anticipated, Chad was doing the work and neither one wanted the check (pay should be given to Dave.)

Pastor suggested to draft a letter of resignation and a letter of termination for Dave due to insubordination and not following council instructions. He has already received a letter of discipline which was signed in April. He would be given the choice to resign or be terminated. Ken Will made a motion to draft the letters, Dave Pugh 2nd and the motion was passed unanimously. Letters will be prepared and a special meeting will be held with Dave on July 15 immediately following worship.

Another matter discussed was window replacement/repair at the parsonage. Window World will be coming to look at the windows. The cleaning of the pews and the ceiling in the overflow are tabled for a year. Will purchase a new dishwasher for the parsonage at Lowe's. Security cameras at the church are not working properly and a service call will be made.

Ken Will made a motion to adjourn, 2nd and carried.

Tomalee Will
Acting Secretary

All Saint's Worship

On Sunday, Nov. 4 at our 9 am service, we will celebrate All Saint's Sunday. At this special service, a candle will be lit to remember those congregation members who have joined the church triumphant since last year.

This year we will celebrate the lives of:

Diane Delancey	Ruth Shockey
Ruth Fieg	JoAnn Snyder
Betty Rayman	Ruth Williams

What is going on at Camp Sequanota?

October 11

Adult Day Workshop 9 am-2:30 pm
Topic: Church & Youth - Today & Tomorrow. Led by Rev. Nathan Pile
Cost is \$10 and includes lunch

October 19-21

Whole Body Wellness Retreat
A weekend focused on spiritual and physical wellness. Yoga classes, clean eating, digestive health, cooking and more.
Cost is \$135

For more information, contact the camp office at 629-6627

School Supplies Needed

Our Education Committee would like donations of school supplies which will be shared with Maple Ridge Elementary in January 2019.

Crayons, pencils and erasers to name a few, could be purchased now, but we are waiting until after the holidays to present our donations - when a need for "fresh" supplies would be appreciated.

A collection box will be placed in the narthex. Let's give the students a "Fresh Start in the New Year.

Thanks!

October Second Offering

The October 2nd offering which will be collected Sunday, October 14, has been designated for Camp PARC.

Camp PARC (People Always Responding with Compassion) offers those persons with special needs a residential camp experience.

Volunteers, both youth and adults, offer assistance to the campers and help them have an enjoyable week.

Camp PARC is located at Laurel Hill State Park and activities include swimming, crafts, a carnival, campfires and a closing program that is fantastic!

Faith currently has 2 members who are Camp PARC campers, Michael Trent and Jim Rayman; they can tell you about camp if you want to know more.

