

# Faith's Blessings

Faith Lutheran Church

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**October 2019**



How much time did you spend with God this week? At worship? Any other time? When we think of "sabbath", we think about the day of rest noted in Genesis after God created everything and declared it good. The Hebrew root verb of "sabbath" is "sabbat" – it means to stop or keep. Outside of worship, there are spiritual practices for spending time with God – stopping what we are doing, keeping time set apart from our work - that can open our hearts and minds to experiencing and resting in God's presence throughout our lives. These practices can also deepen our understanding and relationship with God and with others.

One form of spiritual practice that I experienced at seminary is called Lectio Divina. In talking with a few of our youth, I learned that they, too, experienced a form of this spiritual practice at Camp Sequanota and we will continue to do so as part of our Sunday School program offerings.

Lectio Divina is a time set aside to immerse ourselves in a passage of scripture. First, the passage is read silently. Then the passage is read out loud slowly, allowing time to listen for a word or a phrase that "speaks" to you, strikes you as something you can relate to or something that challenges you. For example, if you are reading about Jesus walking on water, you might think about the water itself or how it would feel to be able to walk on water or see someone walking on water; you might even imagine yourself standing at the edge of a favorite lake or pond. Next, you focus on this word or phrase from the passage and think about it, asking yourself questions. Perhaps you would focus on the water itself and think about how water has played a part in your life; perhaps in your baptism, in the care of a child or aging parent, walking along the beach or even power-washing the house. Recall the sounds, the smells, the temperature of the water, the emotions of those moments. Then think about the water from the passage again, what it might have

sounded like, felt like, and the emotions it may have stirred in those moments. Are the sounds and feelings the same? How do you see or feel them in your life? If you are with someone else, share your thoughts and feelings about the passage with each other; listen to how that person “heard” the passage. The last step is to pray – silently and then out loud, perhaps relating your prayer to the passage of scripture.

This is just one form of spiritual practice; there are many others. For example, keeping a small journal listing three things that you are grateful for each day. Another practice is to sit quietly at the end of the day and reflect on everything that happened– let the day play through your mind and think about the people you have met, the feelings you experienced and where you saw God’s presence – this is referred to as Daily Examen. One of my favorite practices is called Visio Divina, where I reflect on images (I even collect them on my phone and computer), placing the image in my thoughts and heart along with prayers, devotions and scripture that are a reflection of God, for me, in those moments, as I head off to a home visit, the hospital, the office...or as I begin or end my day.

The challenge of spiritual practice, taking time to rest in God, is to actually do it! So be intentional, mark the time in your calendar and appointment book or set your phone alarm. Set aside a small part of your day-morning, afternoon or evening-and incorporate spiritual practice as part of the rhythm of your day. You are invited to engage in the spiritual practices being introduced and offered here at Faith – like the sunflower prayer station placed at the back of the Sanctuary for the month of September (which will change as the months change), Scriptures at Lunch or Supper (Scrunchtime) being held four Thursdays during the month of October, and the Women’s Book Club which begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>... all different ways to rest in God – Sabbath.

Spiritual practices such as these help teach us to look for God, help us to be open and responsive to others and to God; they teach us to look for God throughout our busy lives and “see” God in everything that we do.

In grace and peace,  
Pastor Kathy

### OCTOBER Birthdays

Michelle Custer	Oct. 2		Christopher Miller	Oct. 16
Ron Fitzpatrick	Oct. 2	<b>90 yrs.</b>	David Miller	Oct. 16
Blair Walker	Oct. 3		Michael Shepley	Oct. 17
Joeleen Everett	Oct. 4		Bill Nist	Oct. 18
Michele Shaffer	Oct. 5		Beth Raupach	Oct. 21
Madison Begalla	Oct. 7		Lynsey Swanson	Oct. 21
Wanda Broadwater	Oct. 7		Susan Latuch	Oct. 22
Velva Derberry	Oct. 7		Brandy Shepley	Oct. 22
Gary Shaffer	Oct. 7		Elizabeth Helmick	Oct. 24
Zachary Fike	Oct. 8		Brenda Fike	Oct. 25
Matt Walker	Oct. 8		Keri Friedline	Oct. 25
Courtney Ball	Oct. 10		Brian Shaffer	Oct. 25
Mollie Walker	Oct. 10		Beth Lane	Oct. 27
Zac Foster	Oct. 13		Josh Trent	Oct. 27
Brenda Friedline	Oct. 13		Trish Trevarrow	Oct. 27
Tim Speelman	Oct. 15		John Heiple	Oct. 28
Lori Dill	Oct. 16		Mirabella Tweardy	Oct. 29
			Doug Miller	Oct. 30

### OCTOBER Anniversaries

Dan & Dawn Walker	Oct. 4	<b>41 yrs.</b>
Gene & Elaine Hillegas	Oct. 18	<b>50 yrs.</b>

### NOVEMBER Birthdays

Tessa Friedline	Nov. 1		Dan Walker	Nov. 18
Alex Lake	Nov. 2		Tacy Weaver	Nov. 18
Nolan Pyle	Nov. 3		Kevin Foster	Nov. 19
Krista Speelman	Nov. 4		Bob Wiltrout	Nov. 19
Joe Swank	Nov. 10		Corey Miller	Nov. 20
Herb Walker	Nov. 10	<b>91 yrs.</b>	Kristy Mitchell	Nov. 20
Allison Lane	Nov. 11		Megan Helmick	Nov. 22
Mark Nist	Nov. 11		Jim Rayman	Nov. 22
Diane Graham	Nov. 12		Clare Walker	Nov. 22
Yvonne Rhoads	Nov. 12		Arianna Ohler	Nov. 24
Gage Nist	Nov. 13		Brad Lohr	Nov. 25
Autumn Baker	Nov. 14		Jackalynn Lohr	Nov. 25
Pat Pugh	Nov. 15		Byron Glessner	Nov. 28
Brian Friedline	Nov. 16		Albert Graham	Nov. 28
Kallista Lake	Nov. 16		Randy Friedline	Nov. 29
Allison Revello	Nov. 17		Amy Romus	Nov. 29

## November Anniversaries

Mike & Marcie Simmons	Nov. 7	<b>32 yrs.</b>
Jay & Janet Anderson	Nov. 23	<b>55 yrs.</b>
Carl & Carol Schrock	Nov. 28	<b>61 yrs.</b>



### Youth in Action

Doing God's Work with Our Hands

In Fellowship and Fun

Our Monthly Gathering continues

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

4-6 p.m.

ALL YOUTH - PARENTS...GRANDPARENTS...FRIENDS

Are invited to join us this month!

Please bring bananas with you

as we try to make the LARGEST BANANA SPLIT ever seen at Faith Lutheran Church!

RSVP Sign-up Sheet in Lobby or call Church Office at 814-443-3179

God goes bananas over YOU!

Let's "Go Bananas" about God!!!



## **“Getting to Know You”**

As the new pastor, I am looking to get to know you, each of you! As a pastoral leader there are many things I want you to know, and some things I urgently *need* you to know, which I communicate and convey through sermons, announcements, worship bulletins and newsletters so that you can receive the messages I want you to hear....but I also want to know....I want to listen...I want to hear. I am not an expert on all that is, was and will be... but I am hoping that you will share with me so that I may support and encourage YOU.

I want to get to know your faith stories. I want to hear about your work, your retirement, your studies, your grandchildren, your families, your partners, your pets, your hobbies. I also want to listen to your concerns and your questions. I want to know what programs might interest you, your children, your families. I want to know what challenges you might be facing. I want to know how I can pray for you.

I want to build a relationship with you as a partner in ministry – serving Christ, the congregation and the community – a partnership of trust that nurtures faith using the gifts God has given us in caring for our community here at Faith and beyond.

I would like to “get to know you” in a visit to your home – at your convenience, or by appointment here at the church office – whatever you are most comfortable with. I would also like to meet with our ministry teams - WELCA, social ministry, property, mission, assisting ministers, worship committee, etc. – taking time from a meeting to share the joys, the challenges, and the blessings of these ministries.

I ask that you prayerfully consider this ongoing invitation to get together. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience or you may contact me by phone and/or email.

I look forward to “getting to know YOU!”

In grace and peace,  
Pastor Kathy

**Just a reminder ... there are still spaces to sign-up for our “get together!”**



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During the month of September, we lifted the following persons in prayer:

Dalton Miller, Ryan Maust, family and friends of Peg Stump and Jim Fieg, Michael Matieszyn, Jack Loeffert

### **For Sale**

A 4500 new construction sliding patio door; 6/0 x 6/8 white hardware, right active panel.

Also, a white heavy duty screen RO size 72"x80".

Contact Steve Will at 442-8676.

### **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 general office number (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.

Thank you,  
Pastor Kathy

### **October 2nd Offering**

The 2nd offering, to be collected October 13 has been designated for the Somerset Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is located at Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset and serves the Rockwood and Somerset School Districts.

Your support of this outreach program is appreciated!

### **WELCA**

WELCA is collecting empty Pringle potato chip cans for use in a military mailing to those in the congregation who are active duty. If you eat Pringles, save the cans and give them to a WELCA member.

### **We Need Your Information**

The office is reminding all committees that you need to be working on a summary of what you have been busy doing during 2018.

This information is published in the newsletter for December so everyone can read it prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Deadline to submit this information is Nov. 3 ... thanks in advance!

### **Camp Sequanota Events**

Oct. 10 Adult Day Bible Study  
9 am-2:30 pm. Topic: Christian Community in Philippi. Cost \$10 includes lunch.

Oct. 18-20 Whole Body Wellness Retreat.  
A weekend focused on spiritual and physical wellness. Yoga classes, clean eating, cooking and more. Cost \$135.

For more information, question or to register call the camp at 629-6627.

## CARING FOR GODS CREATION

**Join us on Saturday, October 12th, at 11:00 a.m. for a Blessing of the Animals**

Please bring leashed or crated pets, pictures of any animals whom you would like to be blessed in absentia, and/or items from pets who have passed away and whom you want to be remembered.

This is customary around the world, and everyone in the community is welcome to get their animals blessed. There will be treats for all – including our furry companions!

The event will take place in Faith Lutheran Church's parking lot...rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the pavilion.



## Music Night

"FAITH" IS ALIVE....with the sound of Music!

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>

Break out the band and make some noise!

You can even pick up earplugs if needed!

Our In-House DJ's will have you tapping your feet and humming along!

There will be music, dessert, and activities for all ages:

Making S'more Music, crafting homemade harmonicas, and playing "Name that Tune!"



**Sabbath Time**, a women's book club has scheduled their first meeting for Tuesday evening, October 1 at 6:30 pm.

The books have arrived! "Sensible Shoes" a story about the spiritual journey of four women.

This will be an informal gathering of gals to read, share, laugh, and snack-a time away from all that keeps us busy.

If there are other books you would be interested in reading together, suggestions are welcome!

We still have room for a few "readers" simply put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Happy Reading!**

## **WE GIVE THANKS TO...**

Ken, Carl and Rick for keeping Faith's campus grounds so beautiful this summer.

Caring Workers for providing and piecing the quilts to tie for Rally Day.

All who lift their voices as members of the choir and Assisting Ministers.

Our Eucharistic Home Visitors – Laura, Jackie and Donna – who assist in extending God's table to our homebound.

Our Social Ministry team for the funeral meals they have prepared with love and compassion.

All who signed up to bake for our senior community through the Meals on Wheels Program.

All the hands that made Faith's Community Dinners a welcoming place to enjoy food and fellowship with our neighbors over the summer.

Elaine – for embroidering the Bible covers for our third graders.

To all who have made possible and supported the BBQ's benefitting the Grace Delivered Mobile Ministry.

All who helped make Pastor Kathy's installation a memory to cherish.

We give Thanks to God – for all these gifts –  
shared in serving Christ and community  
in community with one another.

## **Congratulations ...**

Elaine Hillegas was the only person to call with the correct answers to the trivia questions! The answers were; What king had first birthday party ... Pharaoh

First Christian martyr ... Stephen      First drunk ... Noah

Wore first bridal veil ...Rebekah

Where was first piggy bank ... Temple at Jerusalem

**THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS** will be observed on Sunday, November 3rd. In our worship, we will give thanks and remember those who have fought the good fight of faith and who are now members of the Church Triumphant. In our liturgy, we will specifically name those members of Faith Lutheran who have died since November 1, 2018. You are also invited to submit the names of other friends or family who have died since November 1, 2018.



## October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd offering is for Somerset Food Pantry		<b>1</b> Women's Book Club 6:30 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Scrunch Time 12:15 pm <b>AND</b> 6 pm	<b>4</b> Confirmation Youth- Farranda Farm 6 pm and then Lock-in	<b>5</b> Confirmation Youth Lock-in until noon Music Night 6-9 pm
<b>6</b> Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	<b>7</b> Committee Night 7 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 7 pm	<b>10</b> Scrunch Time 12:15 pm <b>OR</b> 6 pm  Council 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Blessing of the Pets 11 am
<b>13</b> Worship 9 am <b>2nd offering</b> SCS 10:30 am	<b>14</b> WELCA 7 pm	<b>15</b> Women's Book Club	<b>16</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 7 pm	<b>17</b> Scrunch Time 12:15 pm <b>OR</b> 6 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Wedding 3 pm
<b>20</b> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 7 pm	<b>24</b> Scrunch Time 12:15 pm <b>OR</b> 6 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Worship 9 am; Anointing for Healing SCS 10:30 am  Youth in Action; <b>GO BANANAS!</b> <b>4-6 pm</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Women's Book Club	<b>30</b> Caring Workers 10 am  Choir 7 pm	<b>31</b>		



## A New Season...

During this new season, I invite you to designate one time during the week to gather to read scripture and pray for one another. We will be doing this on four Thursdays during the month of October, at 12:15 and 6:00.

This is a safe space...we will eat, laugh, talk, cry if we want to, and share....all are prayers...

Participating in Scrunch Time is as easy as one, two, three!

**One**, designate the dates and time. Choosing a set time and day makes it easier to establish weekly scripture reading and prayer as a standard part of your life.

**Two**, begin with a simple prayer and then contact the church office to sign up – you may attend one, two, or all four sessions!

**Three**, join in on the guided Lectio Divina Bible Study, share your thoughts, have fun and munch while we learn, and pray.

Now, don't let the Latin term for this practice scare you away! *Lectio Divina* is a practice for small groups to read and reflect together on a scripture text, typically by reading the same text several times and responding each time to guiding questions. It is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

So, set aside the dates and time you wish to attend; say a prayer and call the office to sign up; then join me for "Scrunch Time" - Scriptures while Munching! Looking forward to seeing you.

Pastor Kathy

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How you have blessed us in so many ways as we mourn the loss of our mom, Peg Stump, as well as celebrate the memories-the joys and tears, the laughter and the simple pleasures...all the many ways a mom touches one's life. The flowers, prayers, food and presence you sent our way were appreciated and heartfelt. Thank you for your care and compassion. We thank God for each of you.

In grace, peace and hope,  
Pastor Kathy & Allen

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

## 2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>August</u>	2019 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	8,773.26	63,465.57	8,716.57
Benevolence	605.66	7,852.48	658.00
Missionary Support	65.00	525.00	65.00
Building/Maint.	342.00	3,430.00	442.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,039.52</u>	<u>8,752.12</u>	<u>1,932.36</u>
TOTAL INCOME	10,825.44	84,025.17	11,813.93

### EXPENSES

Total Ministries	1,883.77	5,601.73	7,650.00
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### Operating

	22.25	6,618.52	15,000.00
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### Payroll

Taxes	<u>436.48</u>	<u>1,773.80</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	8,283.42	37,385.58	36,468.00

### Outreach

Benevolence	366.00	4,292.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	130.00	0.00
Missionary Support	60.00	835.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	220.00	1,976.00	0.00
Other	400.00	974.36	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	125.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	1,056.00	8,301.76	14,000.00

### Maintenance

	1,015.67	19,287.88	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	1,303.94	0.00
Lighting	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Windows	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5,281.44</u>	<u>11,000.00</u>
Misc. In/Out	<u>508.15</u>	<u>1507.36</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,769.26	85,288.21	110,118.00

### ASSETS

General Checking		\$16,070.33
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)		\$1,694.89
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)		\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund		\$14,734.75
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)		\$3,094.05
Memorial Funds		\$12,493.19
Camp Scholarship CD		\$5,911.48
Funeral Meals		\$1,714.10
Mission Team		\$1,779.20

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

**October 6**

Altar Guild	Ruth & Danni	Reader	David Pyle
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Greeters	Mark Friedline Family
Council Person	Jane Pugh		

**October 13**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Brenda Maust
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Greeters	Ryan Maust Family

**October 20**

Altar Guild	Ruth & Danni	Reader	Rich Walker
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Greeters	Cliff & Louise Spangler

**October 27**

Altar Guild	Karen Shaffer	Reader	Brock Bowers
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Greeters	Bill Bowers Family

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

## **Faith Council Minutes August 8, 2019**

Council met August 8, 2019 with 8 members and Pr. Kathy present. Jane Pugh had opening devotions.

Sandy Pyle attended the meeting on behalf of Relay for Life to explain the issue of the new rules for small games of chance license. A single day one event license is \$25. For a full year, the license is \$125. Where the Relay used to be able to use the main Relay License, that office is based in Blair County and it cannot be used out of county now. This would be used for Relay events and any events at the church for fundraising, such as basket raffles, etc. All events such as this require a license. The license could also be shared to help other churches as an outreach as long as one of our members would be present at the event. Suggested possibly sharing with Friedens Church for mission fundraisers there. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to obtain a license.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report were reviewed. Motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved for each report. Council would like clarification on what all service contracts are included in the monthly fees on the Treasurer's Report. Pr. Kathy gave her report.

### **Committee reports**

**Finance**                      tally sheet reviewed

**Social**                        upcoming events; final community dinner 8/22; light lunch for Rally Day 9/8; Pr. Kathy's Installation 9/15; Music & Dessert 10/5; Blessing of the Pets 10/12; several Thursdays in Oct. will be "Scrunch" (lunch or supper and scripture twice a day)

**Worship**                    Rally Day 9/8 "Go Fish" – intergenerational & Blessing of the Backpacks, light lunch. Nancy would like to play the organ when Hannah leaves until we find a replacement – Yes!

**Education**                Day Camp had 13 kids; working on reviving youth Sunday School and Confirmation Class (will need helpers). Adult Sunday School is going well and more seats were needed for additional attendance

**Property**                    Dead shrubs removed and new ones planted; other minor repairs made. Ken Will has been gardening around the church (much appreciated). Rain spouting hangers need replaced to protect the new shrubs. Will check into prices

**(Council minutes continued)**

to connect water line from Maust Excavating site to the parsonage (possibly 600 ft). May be too costly but will check into prices. Range hood above stove needs replaced due to rust getting into what is cooking on the stove

**Youth**

Checking into youth going to "Make it Mine" retreat in Nov. Interest has already been shown by 2 youth. Audrey Walker wants to relinquish the youth account checkbook. Will need 2 people to sign the signature card

**Mission**

There has been enough interest on another trip to Guatemala in 2020 so planning will begin. Next meeting Aug. 13 @ 7 pm

**Old Business**

- Sliding door has not been sold yet (Berlin Lumber) as far as we know
- Hot water heater at parsonage was looked at. Is working fine and should be okay with only 2 people there
- Parking lot lines will hopefully be painted this week. Rained out last time
- Scouts will be working on a project in regard to staining the ark at pavilion

**New Business**

- Pr. Kathy will be on vacation the 1<sup>st</sup> wk. of September. She has arranged a Supply and pastoral coverage. Planning on being at Convocation 9/16-18 and an Opioid Conference 11/8-9
- First chicken bbq for Grace Delivered was a success; next one Aug. 18 and again Sept. 22
- Ann Friedline wedding Oct. 19

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

Next meeting Sept. 12, 2019. Dave Miller will have devotions. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jane Pugh  
Council Secretary

Members of Faith, I know your name, did I forget anyone?

Who did I forget? There are at least 5 names of  
congregation members missing ... do you know them?

**Pastor Kathy**

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

