

Faith's Blessings

Faith Lutheran Church

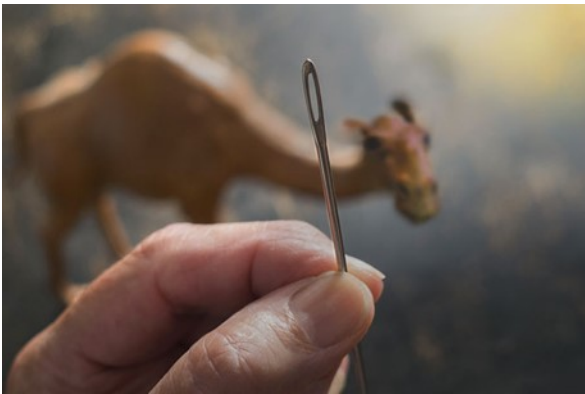
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Enter the Kingdom of God –

A Modern-Day Parable

Mark 10:17-21

By Reverend Kathleen L. Stump

It was a Saturday afternoon, I sat with a steaming cup of coffee at the counter of the diner; my usual perch.

I slurped down the last dregs of the black liquid gold from my cup and said a good-bye to the waitress, nodding a final “so long” and walked out the door.

I noticed a line of people across the street, they were waiting to get into the movie theater.

There was an usher handing out announcements, inviting everyone in.

I watched as tourists with their phones and their maps filed past in a single line.

The usher called out to them but they did not listen and they stayed on their course.

I saw children running down the narrow walkway, giggling and laughing, past people of all sizes and shapes, races and languages;

some professionals some not...

they skipped joyfully through the front doors as the usher smiled after them.

Next in line was a group of people carrying snacks and drinks.

The usher had them step aside as he softly told them, that if they wanted to go inside, they would have to leave the snacks and drinks behind;

they could not take them with them.

Then I watched a huge man wearing a camel-haired coat, slipping easily through the small entrance, he was in!

As I continued to stroll down the street, I cast my glance towards the end of the line,

There stood a group of people bundled in layers of coats and hole-laced shoes, a woman in a wheelchair and a man mumbling to himself as he tightly grasped an old, rusty grocery cart.

They too, were waiting to get in.

I saw the usher walk up to them:

to the group of raggedly dressed people,

to the woman in the wheelchair,

to the man with the grocery cart...

He welcomed them and escorted them to the front.

It was time for me to cross over.

I found my place amidst the crowd of people, at the end of the line, just around the corner

And waited my turn...

Fall Blessings,

Pastor Kathy



During the month of September, we lifted the following persons in prayer: Family and Friends of Star Metzgar, Neal Rexroth and Mike Persuhn and Lloyd Shaffer.

Craig Walker, Avabella Friedline, Janice Reeping, Baby Logan Lenart, Forrest Swank, Vivian Fuller, Carl Schrock, Mary Ann Long, Roger Saylor, Darlene Zerfoss, Steve Watkins, Eugene Popernack and Bill Revello 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

October Second Offering

The second offering for October, designated for Somerset Food Pantry, will be collected Oct. 10.

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

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday 9 am to 1 pm.

Pastor Kathy and Michelle will not be in the office on Mondays.

Pastor Kathy continues to remain available for pastoral care and emergencies 24/7.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Sunday, Oct 3 is designated as Blanket Sunday.

Envelopes are on the table in the narthex for donations. Checks can be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

WELCOME

Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest member of Faith, Austin Custer.

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 OCTOBER

Happy Birthday!

Michelle Custer	Oct. 2		David Miller	Oct. 16
Blair Walker	Oct. 3		Michael Shepley	Oct. 17
Joeleen Everett	Oct. 4		William Nist	Oct. 18
Michele Shaffer	Oct. 5		Elizabeth Raupach	Oct. 21
Madison Begalla	Oct. 7		Lynsey Swanson	Oct. 21
Wanda Broadwater	Oct. 7		Susan Latuch	Oct. 22
Velva Derberry	Oct. 7	81 Years	Brandy Shepley	Oct. 22
Gary Shaffer	Oct. 7		Elizabeth Helmick	Oct. 24
Zachary Fike	Oct. 8		Brenda Fike	Oct. 25
Matthew Walker	Oct. 8		Keri Friedline	Oct. 25
Courtney Ball	Oct. 10		Brian Shaffer	Oct. 25
Mollie Walker	Oct. 10		Beth Lane	Oct. 27
Zachary Foster	Oct. 13		Joshua Trent	Oct. 27
Brenda Friedline	Oct. 13		Tricia Trevarrow	Oct. 27
Timothy Speelman	Oct. 15		John Heiple	Oct. 28
Lori Dill	Oct. 16		Mirabella Tweardy	Oct. 29
Christopher Miller	Oct. 16		Douglas Miller	Oct. 30

Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Dawn Walker	Oct. 4	43 yrs.
Gene & Elaine Hillegas	Oct. 18	52 yrs.
Rev. Kathleen & Allen Stump	Oct. 18	41 yrs.



Allegheny Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

A Pastoral Message of Farewell
Bishop Michael Rhyne
August 25th 2021

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus feet; God be with you till we meet again.
'God Be With You Till We Meet Again' Jeremiah Rankin and William Tomer

Dearest Friends in the Allegheny Synod,

It has been my greatest honor to serve as your Bishop these last seven years. We have seen times of great joy and times of challenge. But our Lord Jesus continues to walk with us no matter what comes our way. I thank God for you. I will always treasure the time we have had together. I am deeply grateful for the many ways you have blessed me and my family.

I would ask you to remember who and whose you are. You are baptized children of God. In our baptism we were eternally united to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. That gift of life in Jesus changes everything. We do not have to be like the rest of the world. We don't have to put ourselves first, we don't have to look out for number one, and we don't have to fight to see who can accumulate the biggest pile of stuff before we die. Since we belong to Jesus, our lives are a blessing that can be given away and shared for the sake of others. You are agents of the love of God moving in this world. You are vessels through which the Holy Spirit blesses this creation. You are called by Jesus to follow his self-sacrificial life.

I have seen that in you. Repeatedly the Holy Spirit has surprised me in the way you are able to care for God's people. Because of how the Holy Spirit is at work through you; the hungry are fed, the cold have clothes and blankets, children are taught the faith, seminarians are trained to serve God's church, and so very much more. The Spirit does not sit still. Rather the Spirit grabs a hold of us and uses us to care for, love, and help this broken world.

My hope is you will continue to seek out ways you may more fully live into your calling as the body of Christ. God has given the Allegheny Synod everything you need to carry out God's mission. It doesn't mean it is going to necessarily be easy. Following Jesus never promised to be easy. We may even fall into the trap of thinking we don't have enough. However, we remember that we follow the Lord Jesus who took five loaves and two fish and fed five thousand people. We serve a God who brings life from death, who brings healing and hope when we may feel there is no hope left, and who is in the business of surpassing our expectations. Most importantly Jesus promises to be with us always, even until the end of the age.

I pray you continue to see the ways that Christ is active and alive around you. I pray you know the love of Jesus. I pray that you will be continually transformed and reformed by Jesus and used by him to make this world a better place.

Again, I thank God for all of you. The Allegheny Synod will forever be in my prayers. You have marked and blessed my life. May God be with you until we meet again.

Your brother in Christ,

+Bishop Michael Rhyne

Mark your calendars ...

Sunday, **Oct. 3**, Blanket Sunday; Youth in Action: "Are We there Yet?" Camping Out with Moses, from 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, **Oct. 7, 14 and 21**, "HeBrews" Bible Study continues at 10:30am

Sunday, **Oct. 10**, Hosting Grace Delivered 4-6pm

Monday, **Oct. 11**, WELCA Meeting 7pm

Sunday, **Oct. 17**, Harvest Home Collection

Sunday, **Oct. 24**, WELCA Thank offering Sunday

Sunday, **Oct. 31**, Reformation Sunday

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



Bible Trivia ... "Moses and Miracles"

1. What bird served as miracle food for the Israelites?

Answer: Quail (Exodus 16: 11-13)

2. What did Moses do to bring forth water from the rock at Kadesh?

Answer: He struck it twice (Numbers 20: 1-11)

3. What miraculous thing happened to Moses' hand?

Answer: It became leprous, then became normal again (Exodus 4: 7)

4. What everyday substance was changed into a plague of lice?

Answer: Dust (Exodus 8: 16, 17)

5. What plague was sent upon the Egyptians' cattle?

Answer: Murrian (Exodus 9: 1-7)

LET'S ALL GO TO THE MOVIES!

Sunday, September 26th, at 2:00 p.m.

Another opportunity for fellowship and fun as we watch "The Greatest Showman", an action-packed musical based on the life of P.T. Barnum and the first Circus!

Rated PG, it is family friendly entertainment that includes life lessons about loving people for who they are.

There will be refreshments, of course—what's a movie without popcorn after all!



October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Second Offering is for Somerset Food Pantry					1	2
3 Worship 9 am Donut Sunday Blanket Sunday SCS 10:30 am YIA 4-6 "Moses"	4	5	6 Caring Workers 10 am	7 HeBrews Text study 10:30am	8	9
10 Worship 9 am 2nd off (Food Pantry) Clergy Appreciation SCS 10:30	11 WELCA 7 pm	12	13 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 6:30 pm	14 HeBrews Text study 10:30am Council 7 pm	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Harvest Home SCS 10:30 am	18	19	20 Caring Workers 10 am	21 HeBrews Text study 10:30am	22	23
24 Worship 9 am WELCA Sunday SCS 10:30 am <hr/> 31 Reformation Worship 9 am 5th Sun Off YIA 4-6	25	26	27 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 6:30 pm	28	29	30

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

October 3

Altar Guild	Patti/Carol	Reader	Dave Pugh
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker	Acolyte	Kaden George
Council Person	Patti Trent		

October 10

Altar Guild	Donna/Jackie	Reader	Bill Hoffman
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Acolyte	Will Brant

October 17

Altar Guild	Patti/Carol	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers	Acolyte	Annalina Brant

October 24

Altar Guild	Donna/Jackie	Reader	Sandy Pyle
Assisting Minister	Annalina Brant	Acolyte	Jane Pugh

October 31

Altar Guild	Patti/Carol	Reader	Ryan Maust
Assisting Minister	Wendell Heil	Acolyte	Kolton George

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

HeBrews!

Jesus, stirring up conversations for over 2,000 years...

A time to gather with a cup of your favorite “brew” (coffee, tea, iced or not, water, pop) and to “sip in” His Word...

Thursday mornings, beginning on September 16th, at 10:30 a.m. Mark your calendars and join in conversation with Pastor Kathy as we will look at some of Jesus’ most challenging teachings. You are welcome to bring your favorite “mug” or “cup” and let the Holy Spirit fill it to overflowing!



Coffee, Tea and He

Every sip you take
Is a time to pray;
To renew your mind,
Praising all the time
With every sip you take...

Every cup you make
Is a time to wait;
Pray unto the Lord,
Start to feel restored
With every cup you make.

Every sip you take,
Every cup you make;
Take in God's great love,
All that He's made of
With every sip you take.



**GRACE DELIVERED
LUTHERAN MOBILE MINISTRY**

LAUNCH PARTY

Sunday, October 10th, 4-6 p.m.
at Faith Lutheran Church
Somerset, PA

**STUFF THE TRAILER
BRING A CASE (OR MORE) OF WATER
OR GATORADE TO BE DELIVERED TO
THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES
IN SOMERSET COUNTY**

Grace Delivered is a cooperative ministry
of Lutheran congregations in
Somerset County. With a trailer and other
equipment we will take our ministry on the
road and deliver God's grace to our local
communities.

Have an idea? You can apply to use the
trailer for your project.

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.





Being a Christian
is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

Happy Home Fairy

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am

