

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday Church School 10:30 am



Faith's Blessings

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September 2018

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope this finds you well and in God's Care. The summer has come to a close and the children are started back to school. The weather will soon cool off and then Fall will be right around the corner. This is that time of year when we begin to plan our Fall Ministry Events and try to discern how God is calling us into deeper relationship with those around us. The way in which we have been reaching out with the love of Christ continues to be driven by inviting people into relationship. The same way you meet new people and make friends is dependent on being around them and sharing your day with them, is the same way we are reaching out to the community as a church. For this to be effective we are relying on each of us being friendly, introducing ourselves to new people we see at the events. Sometimes this can be difficult to do as some of us are more introverted than others. This is ok, because there will be people who will also be a little more introverted that come to be with us and may enjoy more reserved conversation. Regardless of how you prefer to engage with others or make friends, each of us is capable of making new friends. Especially when this is how we are planning to welcome new people into the Christian Community with us.

I am reminded of a conversation with my son as he prepares to go back to school in a new classroom with other children he may not know. "They are kids just like you who are looking to make friends, play together, and learn to share. The best way to make a new friend is to talk to them and share your toys." The truth of the matter is that even though we are no longer children making friends by sharing our coloring book or cookies, we still make friends by sharing of our time and caring about each other. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, he responded with, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself." No one wants to be alone or feel as though they don't belong. We are shaping our ministries at the church to combat the rise in isolation of people across the board. This is why we are engaging people in more and more community outreach events; to give them and us, an opportunity to make friends and give them a place to belong. This is highly dependant on each of us sharing the responsibility of loving on others and attending these events as part of our duty in evangelism to the community around us. When we all chip in it makes the ministry work because the love that we have for God and the love that we have for each other and the world is genuine and true. We don't have to fake it or hide what we are really doing because we actually do care for other people and want them to know that we care enough to spend the time and effort to get to know them. This way of reaching out follows in the same line as Jesus' Ministry of being present with the people, eating, drinking, and living with them; truly caring about them. Our greatest goal is to love others, the way Christ loves us.

In Christ's Service,
Pr. Ben



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

Mona Barndt, Nora Kaufman, Nancy Walker, Mark Ohler, Derrick Durango, Kaylin Polakoski, Pr. Hickman, Bob Kerwin, Missy B, Shirley Welsh, Kathy Carrollis, Michele Balak, Herb Walker and Bob Powell.

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.)

Healing Service

Sunday, Sept. 16 we will observe a Healing Service using Moments of Grace. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. At this service, we will be sending our prayer concerns to the Lord.



Marshmallow Cream Cheese Jello Salad

- 2 3 oz. cream cheese (room temp.)
- 2 small lime or lemon jello
- 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple
- 1/2 bag mini marshmallows
- Walnuts finely chopped

Dissolve cream cheese in HOT jello. Add the marshmallows while still warm. Add pineapple. Sprinkle top with chopped walnuts. Chill.

NOTE: The cream cheese and marshmallows will not be completely dissolved and will form layers and salad chills.

Karen Schmidt

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

June 14, 2018 Council Minutes

Council met with 8 members, 1 guest and Pastor Ben present. Patti Trent provided devotions.

Brenda Maust presented an informational report from the Laurel Highlands Task Force. She informed the council as a representative for the Task Force that they have been planning some community ministry activities for which they would like to implement. Several ideas were given and the council was asked to think about them and then later the Force will ask for help executing one or more of those ideas chosen. She said that the Task Force's next meeting will be July 18 at 6:30 in the Italian Oven Restaurant.

Council minutes, Treasurer's report and Pastor's report were reviewed, motion made and 2nd for each and approved.

Committee Reports

- Finance – Tally Sheet Reviewed
- Social –Update on Family Banquet, reminder of the July 8 picnic at the pavilion after church service
- Worship – Scripture is selected for the summer worship; June will see a more Gospel feel of the songs; using same settings
- Education –Kids are doing "Fed & Forgiven", adults are finishing the Book of Concord; Day Camp will be the week of July 9-13
- Youth –Checking into a summer project; possible lock-in and camp out after service project
- Property – Outside LED lights finished by Steiny's, this included outside lights and lights in Cross
- Mission Team-Meeting with Friedens to discuss future joint trips

COUNCIL MINUTES (cont. from page 3)

Old Business

- Weekly Free Meals are up and running with a nice crowd participating, Carol Schrock and Susan Friedline are co-leaders for the meals; the meals will last until August 31 and the time for the meal is 5:30 to 6:30
- Ryan Maust delivered 3 bags of salt for the church conditioner; we will continue to get several bags of salt/with rust out at a time for cost purposes
- 23 letters for Day Camp was sent out; Rockwood youth were also invited to join but no answer back yet from them

New Business

- Flea Market Booth will be headed by Brenda Maust, Audrey Walker and Jeanetta Shaffer; these funds will be split among the OCC postage and Day Camp
- Council and committees will not meet in during the month of July
- Pastor Ben will be off from June 24 to the end of June for the arrival of their baby boy
- Parsonage has 4 windows the "crank" is broken and also a leak from the dishwasher; will have someone check on both things
- A new folding machine is being requested
- The risograph machine needs serviced so we will call someone to come and service it
- Dave Delancey had back surgery and asked for 2 weeks off, will give him at least 4 weeks or more if needed and then see when his doctor releases him
- Camp Parc is having an auction on June 23, a special offering will be asked for on June 17 and then a 2nd Sunday offering is planned for them in October

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next Council meeting will be held August 9, 2018. Dave Pugh will provide devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cindy Miller
Fill in for Council Secretary

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

	<u>July</u>	2018 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Year</u>
INCOME			
Current	9,242.50	59,320.04	9,696.19
Benevolence	2,084.00	7,551.15	1,282.25
Missionary Support	130.00	1,050.00	220.00
Building/Maint.	743.00	4,577.50	687.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,483.00</u>	<u>6,739.42</u>	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	13,682.50	79,238.11	12,185.44
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	178.40	2,520.17	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	710.52	8,836.54	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>104.34</u>	<u>1,0452.53</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	9,276.12	52,173.36	96,068.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	431.00	4,385.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	55.00	315.00	0.00
Missionary Support	165.00	1,105.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	299.30	1,319.25	0.00
Other	725.00	6,240.10	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	1,675.30	13,364.35	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,395.99	14,462.04	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	321.85	2,328.52	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,558.18	91,684.98	156,618.00
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$3,000.15
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$785.98
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			\$11,993.73
Camp Scholarship CD			\$5,910.88
Funeral Meals			\$1,790.60
Mission Team			\$1,779.00

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd offering is for "United Lutheran Seminary"						1
2 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am	3 Office closed Labor Day	4 Committee Night 7 pm	5 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm	6	7	8
9 Worship 9 am; Rally Day; 2nd offering and picnic SCS 10:30 am	10 WELCA 7 pm	11	12 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	13 Council 7 pm	14	15
16 Worship 9 am, Healing Service SCS 10:30 am	17	18	19 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	20	21	22
23 Worship 9 am SCS and FLP 10:30 am	24	25	26 Caring Workers 10 am Bible study 2 pm WWP 6 pm Choir 7 pm	27	28	29
30 Worship 9 am; 5th Sun. SCS 10:30 am						

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

September 2

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	David Pugh		
Greeters	Dave & Jane Pugh		
Council Person	Tomalee Will		

September 9

Altar Guild	Tomalee	Reader	Mark Friedline
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker		
Greeters	Mark Friedline Family		

September 16

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie	Reader	Mabel Revello
Assisting Minister	Brock Bowers		
Greeters	Dave Pyle & Ken Will		

September 23

Altar Guild	Tomalee	Reader	Wendell Heil
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman		
Greeters	Wendell & Nancy Heil		

September 30

Altar Guild	Jackie & Donna	Reader	Dave Walker
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh		
Greeters	Bill & Mollie Walker		

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

Getting Back into the "Swing of Things"

Fall is fast approaching and some events that have taken a summer vacation are gearing up for another year!

The choir will once again begin weekly practice Wednesday, September 12 at 7 pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us; the only requirement is a voice willing to make a joyful noise.

Hoping to see some new faces.



Meals on Wheels

Faith has once again been asked to provide desserts for the Meals on Wheels program the week of October 1-5.

Betty Simmons is leading this project and sign-up sheets will be passed during worship beginning Sept. 16.

Cakes, cookies, quick breads, muffins/cupcakes are on the list, as well as cash donations. You are responsible for getting your donations to the Calvary United Methodist Church on the day you volunteer.

Thanks for "getting your bake on!"

Spuds of Faith Potato Picking Project

The 12th annual Potato Picking Project will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 beginning at 8:30 am.

Mr. Ken Soldano, of Laurel Vista Farms has hosted this event for 11 years, donating his time, equipment and 1/2 acre of land. The location of the farm is 1665 Coxes Creek Rd. in Edie, near Sipesville.

Volunteers are needed to pick the potatoes, help getting them to the bagging area, tie the bags and load them onto the trucks from each of the 9 food pantries of Somerset County, who are the beneficiaries of the potatoes for their client families back in their own communities.

If possible, volunteers should bring buckets that have their name on to be used in the field. Lunch, water and restrooms will be available.

In case of questionable weather, either very wet prior to the 15th or rain that day, please call Becky Minnich at 814-279-2091 (cell) to make sure the event will be held.

Thanks, and we hope to see lots of pickers that day!

Rally Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 9 is Rally Sunday! This officially begins the new Sunday School year and school has also started.

We will bless our children and their book bags during this service. Kids, be sure to bring your book bags to worship!

A picnic is planned at the pavilion (weather permitting) at 11 am. All are welcome, bring a covered dish, food, fellowship and fun activities are planned.

See you all then!

What's Up at Sequanota

Fall Work Day

September 8 starts at 9 am. Help us prepare camp for retreat season! Cost is FREE and lunch is provided

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sept. 23 Appetizers & Fellowship 4:30 pm
Dinner & Program 5:30 pm

IGNITE; Elementary Gathering

Sept. 22-23 11 am Sat. thru 1 pm Sun.
An overnight to reunite with and meet new camp friends, play camp games, roast marshmallows and be at camp.
Cost \$45 (grades 2nd—6th)

PLUNGE; Jr. High

Sept. 28-30 7 pm Sat. thru 1 pm Sun.
A weekend to go deeper in faith, reunite with and meet new camp friends, and play camp games.
Cost \$80 (grades 6th-9th)

For more information, call the camp at 629-6627

Help Wanted

We are looking to hire a Sexton. This is a part-time position requiring 25-30 hours a week. No benefits or paid time off available. Pay is approx. \$760 per month.

If you are interested, you can obtain a copy of the job description from the office.

September Second Offering

The 2nd offering for September, which will be collected September 9, has been designated for the United Lutheran Seminary.

United Lutheran Seminary is 1 of 7 seminaries in the ELCA. It is a single school with 2 campuses, Gettysburg and Philadelphia.

Quick facts ...

325 students
21 faculty
28 denominations among the student body

\$2.275 million in financial support given to students this year

Your support for those wishing to enter the ministry is greatly appreciated!

Committee Night

Please notice that Committee Night in September will be **Tuesday, Sept. 4** due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Fall planning should be in the works for those hosting any special events.