

Faith's Blessings

Faith Lutheran Church

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The Word of God to Arby's

John 20:11-18

Picking up pen and paper,
the real thing,
Away from my computer,
Away from my apartment,
Away from the solitude and silence that bears witness to my reflections.
A day unlike any other,
A day of uncertainty,
I stepped anxiously out into the world,
to Arby's.
Time to watch, time to listen, time to write.
But first things first!
I watched and listened as the man ahead of me finished placing his order,
the worker diligently handed him an empty cup and asked for his name.
"Tom" he said, and he moved dutifully along the long counter to
stand with the other customers,
Customers who, along with him, were waiting and listening
For their order, their meal,
Waiting and listening for their name.

I stepped up to the counter and made my selection,
The worker diligently handed me an empty cup and asked for my name.
"Kathy, with a K", I said, and I, too, moved dutifully along the long counter,
Standing with "Tom" and the other customers,
Waiting and listening for my order, my meal,
Waiting and listening for my name.
A small group of hungry people, waiting and listening to be called.

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I watched as each person, one after the other.
In that moment of hearing their name, changed.
In a glimmer of a second, I could see their expressions,
I could see their heads lift a little higher,
I could see the lights reflecting in their eyes.
In that moment, when they heard their name,
In that moment of recognition,
they changed.
Watching and listening I thought about Mary Magdalene and John's emotional account of that day,
A day unlike any other,
the day of Mary's face-to-face encounter with Jesus.
We can only imagine what those last few days were like –
the uncertainty,
the fear,
the anguish as she witnessed the degradation,
the torture...the brutal death of the man whom she had come to know as her teacher.

Standing at the counter,
Among a small group of hungry people, at Arby's,
waiting and listening,
I thought about the moment Jesus spoke to her,
The moment when Jesus called out her name,
That moment when Jesus said "Mary".
I thought about that moment when she turned,
The moment when she heard her name,
a moment of recognition
a glimmer of a moment,
when Mary's life changed, forever.

And then, from somewhere beyond my thoughts,
Beyond my reflections,
beyond my uncertainty....

I heard it:

"Kathy with a K!"

And my head lifted a little higher.

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This is a piece I had written and shared with Faith's Call Committee. It is a reflection of discernment – in listening for God's call and how the Holy Spirit leads. It is also penned in reflection of what a difference we, each of us, can make in another person's life – "lifting their heads a little higher".

Blessings to you as you listen for your name, God's call...in your life. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24-25

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kathy ("Kathy", with a "K"!))



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

Neal Rexroth, Darren Walker, Debbie Weyand, Peg Stump, Tom Rutledge, Katherine Kiray

Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation Sept. 1-7. If you experience a pastoral emergency, please contact Pr. Doug Knupp at Friedens Lutheran 445-4627 or his cell (304)261-3213.

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

September 2nd Offering

Sunday, September 8, our 2nd offering will be collected for the Berlin Food Pantry. The Food Pantry helps those in Berlin and the surrounding area supplement food and personal hygiene items that some families cannot afford to purchase on their own. We appreciate your donations to help with this outreach project!

Bible Distribution

As part of our worship on Sunday, Sept. 8 we will honor children of the congregation who will be entering 3rd grade with a Bible and a Bible Carrier with their name.

Those who will be receiving bibles are Oliviah George, Arianna Ohler, Elias Tweardy and Ben Domer.

Potato Picking Project

The 13th Annual Potato Picking Project will be held Sat., Sept. 14 at Laurel Vista Farm, 1665 Coxes Creek Rd., Somerset. Picking will begin at 8:30 am.

Volunteers needed are potato pickers, help bagging, tie the bags and load trucks for each of the 9 food pantries of Somerset County who are the beneficiaries for their client families. If it is possible, bring your own bucket with your name on it. Lunch and water will be provided.

In case of questionable weather, call Becky Minnich at 279-2091 (cell) to make sure picking will be happening.

Congratulations to ...

Jackie Rhoads who found the two "hidden pictures" in the last newsletter. They included a fish in the article about the flea market on page 3 and a fishing pole in the far right side column in the Misc. In/Out line. An award ceremony is upcoming!

Bible Trivia

A new feature of the newsletter will be "small contests" and this month it is Bible Trivia. Look at the questions, find the answers and let the office know ... winner will be announced and a prize will be awarded.

1. What king had the first birthday party in the Bible?
2. Who was the first Christian martyr?
3. Who was the first drunk?
4. Who wore the first bridal veil?
5. Where was the first piggy bank?

Music Night

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

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 5th

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!"

Bring a friend, or two!! ALL are WELCOME!



A Picture for your "fridge"

You are invited to pray for our students and students around the world...hang the picture on the next page somewhere where you will see it every day-color it if you like-write the names of children you know on it-and smile! Your smile, your coloring or writing, your thoughts, your "seeing" the picture-are all prayers. Doing so, in Jesus' name ... Amen.



"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Rally Day September 8 will be Faith's introduction to the Sunday School Season, blending Adult Sunday School with Children & Youth Sunday School

The morning will focus on what it means to learn and "play" together as a community of faith and what it is to be a leader and follower in Christ, recognizing that we can be and are both, no matter our age or life experience; "each individual needs to be a teacher in order to be a learner to become and continue to be a teacher".

As a community, each individual - each of US - has something to offer – the children and youth have fearless energy and inquisitive minds and the "young at heart" have a wealth of experiences and gifts, legacies to be shared; teachers and learners become gifts to one another, and need each other to complete one another's teaching and learning ...

"A learning is not really ours until we have taught it".

This is a one-morning gathering. The activities will incorporate Faith Lutherans' "God's Work, Our Hands" social outreach project, hands-on activities for learning and fun through crafts and games, and discussions focused on the day's theme,

"Go Fish" (Mark 1:17-20)

We will begin our morning with worship at 9:00 a.m. From worship we will move to the Fellowship Hall where the activities will be stationed. At the end of the morning we will gather together for a light lunch and blessing for the opening of the Sunday School season.

Please mark your calendars, plan to attend, and join in as "we learn about God by singing our faith, practicing our faith, and being faithful".

"Go Fish!" in love and peace to serve the world,

Pastor Kathy 

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am PASTOR	2 KATHY	3 ON	4 VACATION	5 THIS	6 WEEK	7
8 Worship 9 am Rally Day 2nd offering SCS 10:30 am	9 Committee Night 7 pm WELCA 7 pm	10	11 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm	12 Council 7 pm	13	14 Potato Picking Project 8:30 am
15 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Installation 3 pm	16	17	18 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Chicken BBQ 10:30 am-1 pm	23	24	25 Caring Workers 10 am Choir 7 pm	26	27	28
29 Worship 9 am Anointing for Healing SCS 10:30 am	30					

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

September 1

Altar Guild	Patti Trent	Reader	Jane Pugh
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust	Greeters	Dave & Jane Pugh
Council Person	Tomalee Will		

September 8

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Wendell Heil
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman	Greeters	Nancy & Darren Walker

September 15

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Annalina Brant
Assisting Minister	Dave Pugh	Greeters	Annalina & Will Brant

September 22

Altar Guild	Sandy & Katey	Reader	Steve Will
Assisting Minister	Jane Pugh	Greeters	Steve & Dawn Will

September 29

Altar Guild	Dawn Will	Reader	Jackie Rhoads
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker	Greeters	Bill & Mollie Walker

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

Blessing of Backpacks, Briefcases, Lunch Boxes

Sunday, September 8, members of the congregation are asked to bring their backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes and even tool boxes to be blessed as we lean into fall, a new season for learning, working and serving Christ in our community!

Installation Service

Sunday, September 15 at 3 pm, members of Faith and the surrounding community are invited to the Installation Service for Reverend Kathleen Stump. Bishop Rhyne will preside and other clergy have been also invited to attend.

A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service. Join us as we celebrate this milestone for our new pastor and the congregation!

Meals on Wheels

The week of Sept. 30-Oct. 4, Faith will once again be providing desserts for the Meals on Wheels.

A sign-up sheet will be passed during Sunday morning worship for you to volunteer to bake the items requested.

You are responsible to deliver the items to the basement of Calvary United Methodist Church in Somerset between 6:30 and 8:30 am on the day you signed up for.

If you prefer not to bake, cash donations are also welcome. See Betty Simmons if you have any questions.

Mission Team Update

The Friedens Mission Team is planning another trip to Guatemala in July 2020. There is already a lot of interest and spaces will fill up fast. If you help with the fundraisers for the trip, the mission team will pay for your stay while working there; you would just be responsible for your plane ticket. (It cost around \$600 the last trip.)

If anyone is interested, please let Jane or Dave Pugh know so that we can get you on the mailing list for all meetings and activities related to the trip.

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.





A New Season...

The leaves have already begun drifting towards earth... Morning dew will soon become morning frost and there may be an occasion for a flurry or two reminding us of the new season in the days ahead. Fall holds within it the promise that God is always at work in the world, bringing new beginnings and a new creation to people. Yet, because we live in the generation that exists between the “already” of Christ’s resurrection and the “not yet” of God’s full restoration of creation, we cannot know when that final day will arrive. Instead of becoming preoccupied with the end times, we are counseled to live our lives in a state of preparedness—trusting that our home is God’s home and that God is coming once again to dwell with us. That trust is the strength that sustains us as we “wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:7).

One way to do so is to establish a time to gather around scripture, discussion and prayer. Doing so is very important to nurturing lives of faith; however, many people are intimidated by the thought. Fostering Bible study and an active life of prayer really is not as difficult as it might seem.

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 there!

Pastor Kathy

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>July</u>	<u>2019 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	6,520.00	54,692.31	9,242.50
Benevolence	756.00	7,246.82	2,082.00
Missionary Support	60.00	460.00	130.00
Building/Maint.	399.00	3,088.00	743.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,293.60</u>	<u>7,712.60</u>	<u>1,483.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	9,028.60	73,199.73	13,682.50

	<u>July</u>	<u>2019 Totals</u>	<u>2019 Proposal</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	90.93	3,717.96	7,650.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,991.933	6,596.27	15,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>425.02</u>	<u>1,337.32</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	9,759.01	29,102.13	36,468.00
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	482.00	3,926.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	15.00	120.00	0.00
Missionary Support	90.00	775.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	165.00	1,756.00	0.00
Other	227.76	543.76	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	979.76	7,245.76	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,250.93	18,272.21	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	709.94	1,034.94	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>534.21</u>	<u>992.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,316.71	72,518.95	110,118.00

<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$18,014.15
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,894.89
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,430.83
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$14,734.75
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,083.60
Memorial Funds			\$11,978.19
Camp Scholarship CD			\$5,911.48
Funeral Meals			\$1,545.45
Mission Team			\$1,779.20

Faith Council Minutes June 13, 2019

Council met June 13 with 7 members and Pastor-elect Kathy Stump present. Patti Trent had opening devotions.

Pr. Sue Winger gave a presentation on "Grace Delivered" Lutheran Mobile Ministry. She gave many examples of the vision of how this trailer could be used to spread God's love and his word. Their goal is to have it up and running by Oct. 31. They are looking for a \$20,000 start up fund. Spaghetti dinner benefit was recently held and the next will be a chili cookoff at Casebeer on July 5. She suggested a goal for Faith Lutheran for the project of \$1000. Will look at doing an upcoming fundraiser.

The minutes and treasurer's report were reviewed. Motion made, 2nd and approved for each. Pastor-elect Kathy gave her report of time spent since she was considered hourly until her ordination.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance	Tally sheet reviewed
Social	Mats for kitchen were purchased and are in place. Family Banquet was well attended. A profit of \$1322 was made from the election meal. First Community Dinner was well attended with approx. 100+ being served. Dave Pugh has provided hams for the dinner on June 27
Worship	Stoles were purchased. Original estimate for 5 was \$750 But they were on sale and were purchased for only \$594. Memorial funds were used. Care needs to be taken when changing the paraments regarding the microphone. Will make Altar Guild aware of this. We will be using a reading from the Common Lectionary over the summer
Education	Children's Sunday School with Pastor Kathy went well with Breakfast with Jesus. Sequanota Day Camp is being planned
Youth	"Making it Mine" youth retreat for kids in grades 6 through 12 will be Nov. 22-24 in State College
Property	Need to remove the 2 shrubs at front of church. Berlin Lumber has not sold the sliding door as of last contact. Will let the congregation know it would be available for sale if someone could use it. Carl will talk to Gene and Jim about how the hot water heater is set-up
Mission	Friedens fund balance is \$18,675. Looking a possibly going back to Guatemala next year. Need help with auctions on 9/2 and 9/7. Mt. Craft Days approached the team about taking over 1 of 2 booths (roast beef and buckwheat/sausage). Due to conflict with auctions, have to decline. This offer is open if any Faith groups, contact Mark Ware about taking over. Friedens mission group approved \$1000 to "Grace Delivered" project. Next meeting is July 28 at 11:45 am

OLD BUSINESS

- Water tests from parsonage came back ok
- Shane Shaffer, Inc. denied any refund on the service contract since it was cancelled

(Council minutes continued)

NEW BUSINESS

- No council or committee meetings in July
- Sequanota Day Camp will be held July 8-12; planning underway; invitations mailed; camp contacted about worship on July 7 and doing Children’s Sermon
- Arch repair needed at gazebo, Ken said he could take it down this fall and make repairs over the winter
- Parking lot line painting, Dave Pyle will check on this
- Security system needs upgraded. Was installed in 2012 and the DVR hard drive needs upgraded. Doug Simmons gave price of \$418 to do the upgrade. Motion made, 2nd and approve to proceed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

Next council meeting Aug. 8 with devotions by Dave Pugh. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Jane Pugh
Council Secretary



**“Getting to Know You”
Becoming Partners in Ministry With You**

I would like to **“get to know you”** in a visit to your home-at your convenience, or by appointment at the church office-whatever you are most comfortable with. I would also like to meet with our ministry teams; WELCA, social, property, mission, assisting minister, worship, etc.-taking time from a meeting to share the joys, the challenges, and the blessings of these ministries. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to help schedule visits/times.

Thanks! Pastor Kathy

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Sunday Worship 9 am

Sunday Church School 10:30 am

