

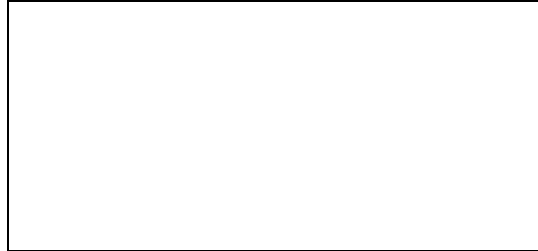
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 2016



FROM THE PASTOR ...

The hopes and dreams of all are in God's hands. As we look into the Advent Season, quickly approaching, we can run the risk of becoming jaded to the season. The stores are already selling Christmas trees and decorations. The music is playing in some of the restaurants. All of this is happening and we haven't observed either Halloween or Thanksgiving. The stores just aren't willing to wait for the season to come, they are getting stuff out and on the shelves earlier and earlier. Being bombarded by all of this seasonally inappropriate stuff can dull us to the meaning of the seasons in general. We run the risk of just disregarding it and everything else because we are being overwhelmed by it. Much the same, as too much candy on Halloween can make us sick, too much Christmas fluff to soon can be irritating.

This is why I wanted to talk to you sooner rather than later about the hopes and dreams of Advent. This year, as you now know, we are moving our Advent Services to Wednesday nights. This provides time between Sunday and Wednesday for us to wait for the Advent Service. Waiting is the theme of the season of Advent. The joy in Advent is in the waiting. This sounds silly, how can there be any joy in waiting? Waiting is synonymous with anxiety, wavering, and suspense. The joy comes in the longing for something that we trust will come. Just as the Jews trusted that God would give them a Messiah and eagerly awaited his coming, we too celebrate their waiting but also connect our own waiting for Christ's return. The waiting and longing of those who came before us, now becomes our own. Just as God fulfilled their waiting by sending Christ; our waiting will be fulfilled when Christ returns, at the Father's command. That is where our joy is to be found; in the trust of God's fulfillment of promises. All of this is present in the season of Advent and the time of waiting, which all our hopes and dreams revolve around, God being faithful to the promises made to us. If we are going to trust anyone, it should be God to hold what we desire most.

So in the midst of all of the commercialism and not waiting, remember that we wait in contrast to the world. John 16:20-21, *"²⁰Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. ²¹A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world."* We too rejoice that a child was born into the world for us and eagerly await the day when the son of man shall return to us.

Patiently waiting,
Pastor Ben



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

Dave Mimna, family and friends of Sharon Hill, and Mark, Zac, Jeb, Ava, Gracelyn and Lakin Friedline, Karen Schmidt, Calvin Walker and Kenny Shockey

Fall Back

Just a reminder that it is time to "Fall Back" for 2016.

Before you go to bed Saturday night, Nov. 5, be sure to set your clocks **back** 1 hour (you don't want to be late for church Sunday morning!)

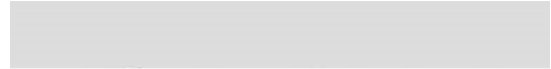
Thanksgiving Eve Worship

We will worship on Wednesday, November 23 at 7 pm and give thanks to God for our many blessings.

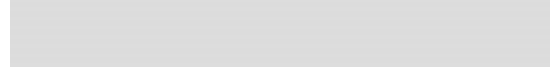
Please mark your calendar and join us for this service.



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| Tessa Friedline 11-1 | Bob Wiltrout 11-19 |
| Alex Lake 11-2 | Corey Miller 11-20 |
| Nolan Pyle 11-3 | Kristy Mitchell 11-20 |
| Krista Speelman 11-4 | Megan Helmick 11-22 |
| Joe Swank, Jr. 11-10 | Jim Rayman 11-22 |
| Herb Walker 11-10 | Clare Walker 11-22 |
| Allison Lane 11-11 | Arianna Ohler 11-24 |
| Mark Nist 11-11 | Brad Lohr 11-25 |
| Diane Graham 11-12 | Brenda Trimpey 11-25 |
| Yvonne Rhoads 11-12 | Jackalynn Lohr 11-25 |
| Gage Nist 11-13 | Byron Glessner 11-25 |
| Ruth Shockey 11-14 | Albert Graham 11-28 |
| Pat Pugh 11-15 | Randy Friedline 11-29 |
| Brian Friedline 11-16 | Amy Romus 11-29 |
| Kallista Lake 11-16 | |
| Ron Gross 11-17 | |
| Allison Revello 11-17 | |
| Dan Walker 11-18 | |
| Tacy Weaver 11-18 | |
| Kevin Foster 11-19 | |



Happy Anniversary



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| Mike & Marci Simmons 11-7 | 29 yrs. |
| Jay & Janet Anderson 11-23 | 53 yrs. |
| Carl & Carol Schrock 11-28 | 58 yrs. |



Lots of exciting things are planned for this Advent Season and you are invited and encouraged to join us! Here is what is going on ...

Mid-week Advent Soup and Sandwich and Worship
 Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 Meal 6 pm
 Worship 6:45 pm

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if you would like to provide soup and/or sandwiches for approx. 24 people for one of the weeks.

There will be a separate worship time and activities for the children of the congregation led by Andi Mandrick, so be sure to bring the kids!

We will be using *Holden's Evening Prayer* for our worship material. The choir has been practicing and we will be learning a part of this service during our Sunday worship.

We have also earmarked our Advent evenings and the month of December 2nd offering for World Hunger. We will have a "barn raising" and the children's messages will all be geared toward this outreach. With these offerings, we are going to purchase animals and maybe even a well for those in need.

Watch your bulletins and the information posted around the church for more news and happenings.



WELCA Schedule

Mark your calendars with the WELCA meetings scheduled for the remainder of the year:

Nov. 13 WELCA ThankOffering Service

Nov. 14 7 pm fellowship hall

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12 at 6 pm at Hoss' in Somerset for Secret Sister Reveal.

All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend any meeting and enjoy food and fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child

Our wish list item for the month of **November is hair clips and brushes.** You can put your donations in the box in the narthex.

These items are needed by Sunday, November 13 as our plan is to spend that afternoon packing the boxes (beginning at 2 pm) and everyone is welcome to join us.

Thanks for continuing to support our efforts to pack a minimum of 100 boxes this year!

Caring Workers

The group has been very, very busy finishing their "busy mats" and moving on to "Dress a Girl Around the World."

The dresses they are making have a tag on the pocket to prevent human trafficking of these girls and to let potential predators know these girls have someone watching out for their well-being.

The group's last scheduled meeting was October 26. They are taking a "winter break" and will resume in the spring. Watch bulletins and future newsletters for their return date.

A great big THANK YOU to all the ladies who make this group possible and for all your hard work.

Bible Study

The group is taking a break over the winter months and will meet for the last study on Wednesday, November 16.

In place of Bible Study, please feel free to join us for mid-week Advent meal and worship on Wednesday evenings beginning Nov. 30 at 6 pm.

Watch your bulletins and future newsletters for the date Bible Study will resume.

September 2016 Council Minutes

Council met September 8, 2016 with 8 members and Pr. Ben present. Audrey Walker provided devotions.

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 Dance Sept. 30

Worship Using Setting 4; hymns picked through end of the church year. Pastor Ben presented info. on using the Narrative Lectionary, will be presented at the congregational meeting to see if congregation is open to begin using Jan. 2017

Education Video bible study planned for Oct. by Rick Warren. A Grief Share class will begin Sept. 13 in cooperation with Trinity, Somerset

Property Siding for pavilion can be cut on short notice. Can be completed as soon as a date is picked. Doors at fellowship hall will be repaired at the same time. Gutters need cleaned

Youth Plan on taking FLP to pick potatoes Sept. 17

Our Faith in Action

- Caring Workers meeting over the summer. Working on dresses that have a tag to let human traffickers know that someone is watching over these girls
- Operation Christmas Child collection continues
- Mission Team had to cancel Habitat event, scheduling conflicts

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COUNCIL MINUTES (cont. from page 3)**Old Business**

- Update on Hymn sing/ Camping; approx. 40 attended and 2 camped
- Blessing of Children and Backpacks well received
- Employee Review Committee-will need names for possible participants
- Rally Day Sept. 11 with 3rd grade bible distribution; covered dish lunch and volunteer drive for committees
- God's Work our Hands road clean-up Sept. 11 after Rally Day activities
- Collected \$201 for Thrivent Potato Project
- Pr. Ben taking Sept. 22-25 vacation; Rev Ilgenfritz will supply Sept. 25
- Franklin Templeton rep., Sandy will contact
- New copier installed; what to do with old one? Pr. Ben will check if any of the other conference churches needs a copier
- Large print bible request-will get prices
- Fellowship hall floor buffed, looks good

New Business

- Congregational Meeting Dec. 11 following worship; need 3 names for council nominees and 5 Employee Review Committee participants along with the 2017 Ministry Proposal for the Nov. 10 meeting so info. can be reviewed and presented to the congregation in the December newsletter
- "Sounds of September" DJ and dance Sept. 30, 7-8:30 in the fellowship hall; light refreshments
- Update on water system repairs at parsonage; clog in the salt system unit and UV light was shattered, problems have been repaired
- First National Bank CD renewal (9 mo. flexible.) If we close this, we cannot open another flexible CD due to new rules. Motion made, 2nd and approved to add \$2500 to the balance and renew
- Ehrlich (pest control) is raising rate to \$58/month beginning in September. Dave Pyle will check Terminix prices

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Next council meeting Oct. 13, 2016 with Brittany Will having devotions. Motion made, 2nd and approved to adjourn. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Audrey Walker
Council Secretary

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, December 11 immediately following worship, Faith will hold its annual Congregational Meeting.

Items on the agenda include, election of 3 council members, presentation on formation of an Employee Review Committee and review, approval of the 2017 Ministry Proposal and a presentation and discussion on using the Narrative Lectionary (information in next column about what this is.)

Next month's newsletter will include any additions to the agenda and the 2017 Responsibility Lists.

Mark your calendar and join us for the meeting and cast your votes for the continuing ministry here at Faith.

**Narrative Lectionary,
What Is It?**

Have you heard anyone talk about the Narrative Lectionary? Here are some questions and answers from Pr. Ben.

What is the Narrative Lectionary?

Much the same as the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) that we currently use on Sundays to guide our readings, the Narrative Lectionary (NL) is a four-year cycle of readings that helps give shape to our lessons for Sundays.

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**Narrative Lectionary
(continued)****How is it different?**

The NL has readings which follow the chronological timeline of the bible. For example, the NL begins in the fall with Genesis, then starts the Gospels at Advent/Christmas time, then begins the Pauline epistles after Easter, and allows time in the summer for concentration on a 2/3 books of the bible. After which it begins again with the Old Testament in the fall, but different readings.

What does this look like on Sundays?

Instead of having our current four short readings from the Bible we would one long reading and a very short second reading. Under this system we have the option to keep the psalm as part of the service, but we can remove it.

Why change?

On a whole, the country, including our community, is decreasing in biblical knowledge. On average, people do not know the fundamental stories in the bible as they did 50 to 100 years ago. In an attempt to challenge this trend, the NL makes it possible for us to hear the classic bible stories in chronological order. The RCL focuses on keeping up with the church seasons and often times jumps all over the place chronologically to make connections to the church seasons. These stories are important for everyone to hear and know because they provide the building blocks for our faith that rest on the foundation of belief in Jesus.

When can I ask questions/learn more?

We will be having a temple talk on Nov. 13, following service to provide more material and information on the NL. Including a time to answer questions and concerns about the impact of the NL on Sunday services.

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Grief Share 7 pm	2 Bible Study 2-3:30 pm Choir 7 pm	3	4	5 TURN BACK CLOCKS
6 <i>All Saints</i> Worship 9 am Coffee Break SCS 10:30 am Conf. 12-1:30	7 Committee Night 7 pm	8 Grief Share 7 pm	9 Bible Study 2-3:30 pm Choir 7 pm	10 Council 7 pm	11	12
13 <i>Pent. 26</i> WELCA Sun. Worship 9 am 2nd off (Meals on Wheels) SCS & FLP 10:30 am	14 WELCA 7 pm	15	16 Bible Study 2-3:30 pm ALL Bells 7 pm Choir 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 <i>Christ King</i> Worship 9 am SCS 10:30 am Conf. 12-1:30	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7 pm	24 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27 <i>Advent 1</i> Worship 9 am Blessing of the Hunters SCS and FLP 10:30 am	28	29	30 Mid-week Advent Soup & Sandwich 6 pm Worship 6:45 Choir 7:30 pm	2nd offering is for Meals on Wheels		

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

November 6

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Greeters
Council Person

Mabel R. & Janet A.
Bill Hoffman
Ron Smeak Family
Joeleen Everett

Acolyte
Reader
Bulletins
Cups

Tanner Friedline
Richard Walker
Ava Friedline
Ava & Jeb
Friedline

November 13

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Greeters

Karen Shaffer
Jane Pugh
Lori Dill & Karen Shaffer

Acolyte
Reader
Bulletins
Cups

Joshua Weyant
Dave Walker
Dylila Weyant
Dylila & Dakota
Weyant

November 20

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Greeters

Mabel R. & Janet A.
Darren Walker
Bill Bowers Family

Acolyte
Reader
Bulletins
Cups

Will Brant
Brock Bowers
Annalina Brant
Jim Rayman &
Annalina Brant

November 23 (T. Eve)

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Greeters

Karen Shaffer
Brenda Maust
Ryan & Brenda Maust

Acolyte
Reader

Nicole Keller
Katey Hill

November 27 (Advent 1)

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Greeters

Mabel R. & Janet A.
Dave Pugh
Tresa Keller & Brenda
Maust

Acolyte
Reader
Bulletins
Cups

Jack Loeffert
Wendell Heil
Arianna Ohler
Nicole Keller &
Arianna Ohler

Jesus said "Let the Little Children Come ..."

Here at Faith we believe the presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing.

When worshiping with children, please consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of other heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and the actions of the pastor, altar servers, choirs, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the worship service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back!

Remember that the way we welcome children directly affects the way the respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are welcome here and are at home in this house of worship ... and give a smile of encouragement to their parents!

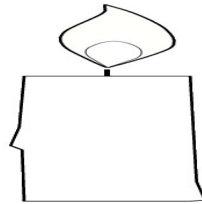


All Saints Sunday

On November 6, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday. As part of our worship this Sunday, we will thank God for those members of Faith congregation who have entered the Church triumphant in the past year; Bernice Deaner, Michael Ohler, Jay Zerfoss, Jo Will and Bob Cober Sr. and light a candle in their memory.

Further, in the hope of resurrection and the promise of a new life in Christ, members of the congregation will be invited to light candles in memory of those they have loved and lost through the years.

Join us for this celebration of all the saints.



Second Offering

The second offering for **November**, scheduled to be collected **November 13**, is designated for Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to homebound people Monday through Friday and has been in operation 34+ years.

Faith has been involved for many years by providing desserts for a week and continue our support by this offering.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2016 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>September</u>	2016 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Month</u>
INCOME			
Current	9,431.21	96,875.94	16,098.13
Benevolence	767.00	14,174.70	2,241.00
Missionary Support	150.00	2,292.00	743.00
Building/Maint.	510.00	6,161.00	1,199.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,267.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	10,858.21	126,770.68	20,281.13
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	336.25	6,548.15	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,534.73	11,824.98	18,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	<u>160.12</u>	<u>1,409.93</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Payroll	6,878.695	65,079.83	103,841.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	1,146.00	8,280.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	15.00	300.00	0.00
Missionary Support	673.00	2,864.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	2,172.20	0.00
Other	0.00	3,690.72	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	335.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	2,134.00	17,766.92	14,000.00
		21,369.24	
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,197.14	21,	19,000.00
<u>Mem. Fund Purch.</u>	0.00	4,364.55	
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	2,500.00	4,429.05	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,580.81	131,382.72	164,391.88
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$8,948.64
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,995.60
Somerset Trust CD (60 mo.)			\$5,000.00
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$14,352.98
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$3,067.97
Memorial Funds			\$10,301.51
Camp Scholarship CD			\$7,401.74

2016
Proposal