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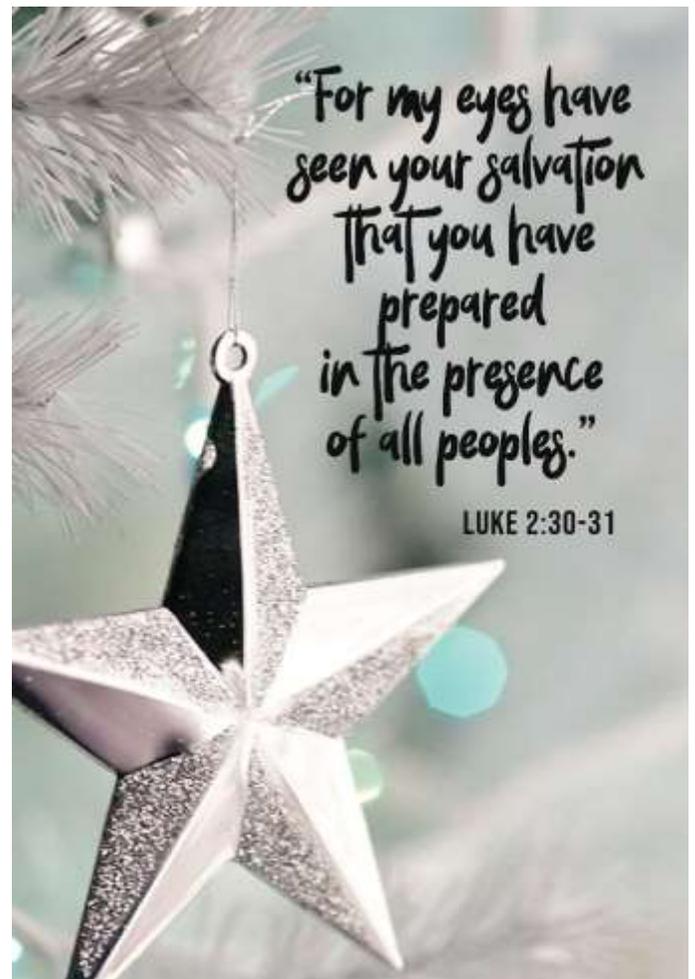
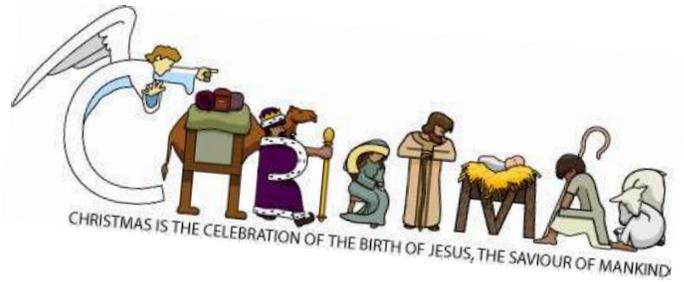
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*Warmest wishes for a wonderful and
blessed Christmas and a safe and
healthy New Year!*

*From Pastor Busted
and the Church Staff*



*“Wake, awake, for night is flying... awake Jerusalem, at last.”
Philipp Nicolai “Wachet auf”*

This past week I went to shut down my printer at the end of the day. It gave me the spinning wheel symbol with the words: “shutting down.” The next morning, the printer was still giving the spinning wheel and shutting down. I was amused by this.

Twelve years ago I was bitten by deer ticks and came down with Lyme disease. I went through two rounds of the medicine to rid my system of the disease, but to this day I experience side effects of aching joints and general lethargy. Many mornings, my body is like that printer--a spinning wheel with the message “shutting down.”

Sometimes the church is also like an achy and tired body, spinning its wheels and shutting down. It's difficult to see the opportunities through the fog of aching joints and general lethargy. General decline of church in society combined with this ongoing pandemic can really dampen our spirit. It's easy to give into the temptation to stay in bed, stop moving, and shut down.

Yes, sometimes it's good to rest. We need to remember to “Be still and know God” (Ps 46:10). God's invitation to rest and lay down our burdens is always present (Matt 11:28). However, there comes a time to wake up, to get out of bed, and seize the day to whatever capacity we are able.

God has blessed us with many gifts as a congregation. As Christ's body in this time and place, we have a calling and an opportunity to lean into the future with hope. Though our bodies may ache and sputter in circles, we will awaken and greet the new morn.

“And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”
Mark 13:37

The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed, Pastor



Pastoral Acts:

Baptism: Emilia Rose Miller, daughter of Jeremey and Erika Miller
New Members: Erika Miller, Margy & Gary Muthard,
Doug & Diane Newhard, Jerry Sperlbaum

Funerals:	Jack Norbeck	10-19-2020
	Pauline "Polly" Meckes	10-23-2020
	Roberta Wotring	10-26-2020
	Ed Kneller	11-04-2020
	John R. Schaffer	11-06-2020
	Nellie Ruch	11-11-2020
	Eleanor Shupp	11-15-2020

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die."



Due to COVID- 19 CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24, 2020

**3-5 pm Stations of the Nativity, Family
friendly drive - thru activity**

**7 pm - Feast of the Holy Incarnation of Our
Lord - Traditional Live Stream**

Faith Lutheran in Whitehall is trying something new this year for Christmas Eve. We're having a family friendly drive thru "Stations of the Nativity" event from 3-5pm on [December 24th](#). Attendees will receive a map from the Innkeeper and wind their way through our parking lot following the star to a live nativity. At the first station, shepherds greet guests while tending live sheep. At the next station, the three wise men are shown in transit to pay homage to the newborn king. Guests will then see Joseph and Mary in the stable with baby Jesus as angels dance for joy. The pastor will be available to offer take-home communion elements with a simple set of prayers to be used by the family when sharing the sacrament. A station for monetary donations and a collection of warm socks will be taken. All of this experienced from the warmth and comfort of your own car!



Church Council President Message

Unfortunately we had to shut down the church again, because of COVID-19. Christmas is coming, New Years is following! What a year it has been. We are all upset about it, no inside church services. Continued live streaming so everyone can watch. Hopefully we can have some kind of Christmas Service that we can get together and celebrate the coming of Christ! Pastor Tom and Worship and Music are trying to come up with something. Let's hope this COVID-19 ends soon, so we can go back to some kind of normal life. Daylight saving time came and messed with everybody's sleep. It messed mine up, I keep waking up an hour early.

November 1st was all Saints Day and our thoughts and prayers go to all the families. We also welcomed into our family at Faith Lutheran Church some new members. Welcome Margy and Gary Muthard, Erika Miller, Diane and Doug Newhard and Jerry Sperlbaum. Congratulations to our First Holy Communion recipients, Kendall Bashore, Mikayla Jean, Owen Keenan and Valencia Rivera.

On November 15th, Weston Ladd a first grader received his Bible. Congratulations Weston!

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, for contributing to the local food bank. The Giving Tree was set up and all the cards were taken and gifts brought into the office. All this giving is truly a gift from the heart.

To say the year has been challenging is an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic hit mid-March. No one knows when it will end. Fred Scheirer is doing a wonderful job protecting us from the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to everyone in the congregation for sticking it out and I truly appreciate everyone's help and understanding of changes we had to make to keep everyone safe and healthy. We had virtual services with Pastor Don and Pastor Manny. We moved outside and had services with everyone social distancing and wearing masks. In July Vicar Tom joined us and later was ordained becoming our new pastor. Pastor Tom jumped right in and is doing a great job. What a blessing he is to our congregation at Faith! I want to thank the Church Council members for their work. A big thank you to Council Secretary, Judy Ehret and Vice President, Tim Lucas, they went out of their way to help with the different crises that took place during the year, including my leave of absence for knee surgery. I could recuperate and know they had my back. Thank you to Mike Miller for handling the rental property and Petite Scholars. And also, Sue Bellucci for keeping me up to date on all that was happening in the office and the rest of the church staff. I am sure I missed a lot of people but thank you to all!

Happy Holidays to All! Stay Safe and Healthy!

Who is Worthy!

If we look at it in relation to entry into heaven, it makes us stop and think!

Psalms 29: 3-6

Dan Herzog, President Church Council

Faith Current Financial Situation

With the church currently closed to worship and most activities, we appeal to our membership to understand that we have ongoing fixed expenses that require monthly expenditures. To those who have loyally given and continue to do so, we say thank you. We ask that ALL members consider giving to YOUR church as we close out a very difficult and trying 2020. Many members have given numerous hours of additional time and talents to provide virtual services, outdoor services and provide a safe facility in which to worship.

Understanding the difficulties and shortages we would face, church council implemented numerous spending reductions beginning in June. We applied for and received a government PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan of \$19,600, which assisted in keeping and paying all employees for the year. We will be applying for loan forgiveness before the end of the year and should be granted forgiveness based upon keeping and paying all employees. The implemented reductions in spending have resulted in savings of \$18,000 below budget through October. Forecast is to be \$35,000 under budget for the year. Unfortunately, the income is also below budget. Through October, giving is down 11% or \$18,000. We have always been able to offset these shortfalls in operating income with very successful fund raisers (Basket Social, Craft Fairs, Car Show), but this year we only were able to conduct the Basket Social. Additionally, rental income is also significantly down due to the closing of the church.

December has traditionally been an excellent month for income especially Christmas Eve. With the current COVID-19 situation, we will be celebrating Christ's birth in a significantly different manner this year. We ask that GIVING to Faith continue to be an important part of your holidays. Mailing, direct deposit or delivered envelopes are all welcome ways to give. We ask that visits to the church office be minimized to special circumstances.

The 2021 budget is included in this newsletter and additional expense reductions will be implemented beginning January 1st until the church returns to "normal" services and outside groups are permitted to enter. These reductions include the reduction of church office hours from 6 hours to 5 hours per day. With reduced office hours; virtual Sunday School; scaled back worship services; elimination of choir and rehearsals, the Finance Committee recommended to Church Council to temporarily reduce the salaries of all employee's and to shift the Director of Christian Education from a salaried position to an hourly position. Church Council unanimously approved these recommendations at the November 16 meeting. Obviously, this is a difficult decision and not one taken without much deliberation. However, by providing full remuneration for all of 2020 with scaled back workloads, church leadership has governed in the fairest way possible as it relates to our dedicated employees.

Finance Committee

Shel Ehret, Dan Herzog, Zak Keenan, Mike Miller, Margy Muthard

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Income & Expense Comparison**

Ordinary Income/Expense	Actual 2019	Estimated 2020	Budget 2020	Proposed Budget 2021
Income				
Current & Benevolence	\$ 200,743	\$ 184,040	\$ 192,292	\$ 192,950
Rental Income	15,990	7,570	13,700	8,000
Special Quarterly	14,969	14,537	15,448	13,100
Faith Lutheran Growing Hearts	215	53	-	-
Sunday School	1,500	500	700	700
Total Income	<u>233,417</u>	<u>206,700</u>	<u>222,140</u>	<u>214,750</u>
Expense				
Faith Lutheran Growing Hearts	9,497	848	1,000	-
Administration Salaries	37,757	46,740	48,650	37,350
Bank Service Charges	-	70	300	-
Christian Education Salaries	10,425	10,635	11,885	8,000
Benevolence	26,800	24,799	26,750	26,750
Maintenance	86,843	69,386	75,434	77,250
Misc.	17,348	12,546	17,947	14,700
Music Ministries	24,575	24,940	24,940	22,200
Office Expense	13,359	15,301	17,150	15,700
Pastoral Ministries	76,012	66,513	91,720	73,200
Auto Expense				
Total Expense	<u>302,615</u>	<u>271,779</u>	<u>315,776</u>	<u>275,150</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(69,198)	(65,078)	(93,636)	(60,400)
Other Income/Expense				
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Non Budget Income	191,334	133,955	111,466	16,800
Transfers	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	3,768	9,749	10,500	8,000
Total Other Income	<u>195,102</u>	<u>143,704</u>	<u>121,966</u>	<u>24,800</u>
Other Expense				
Rental Property	15,711	49,244	15,200	6,200
Non Budget Expense	84,931	8,524	5,583	-
Total Other Expense	<u>100,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Other Income	<u>94,460</u>	<u>85,935</u>	<u>101,183</u>	<u>18,600</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 25,262</u>	<u>\$ 20,857</u>	<u>\$ 7,547</u>	<u>\$ (41,800)</u>

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS



As part of Faith's ongoing support of our youth's Christian Education, a Bible was presented to Weston Ladd. In addition, Ellie Ladd and Kaitlyn Hontz received scripture workbooks and Ryan Hontz and Lincoln Ladd received a story book about attending church. The PreK/K teacher, Stacey Cave, commented on how proud she was of these children. Weston, Ellie and Kaitlyn participate weekly on Zoom.

Four of our youth completed instruction for their First Communion. Owen Keenan, Kendall Bashore, MiKayla Jean and Valencia Rivera received their First Communion on November 8. A student from last year's class, Valencia Rivera, who was unable to attend last year's ceremony, was part of the service. Congratulations to our youth as they follow their footsteps in Faith.



Socks Collection - **New socks only**

As part of outreach in the community, Faith Lutheran is starting a socks collection.



Men, women and children. The collection will run December 1 to December 31. With the church being closed, a curbside, drop off will be available on Sunday, December 20, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Also, they may be dropped off at our Drive-Thru Nativity on December 24 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM.

The socks will be donated to homeless shelters, warming stations, individual requests or wherever we see there is a need.

Please help keep our community warm.

There will be **no zoom classes** on November 29.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the
Christian Education Team**

Church News

Church Council Meetings

December 21, 2020 - 7:00 pm via zoom

January 18, 2021 - 7:00 pm via zoom



Please if you feel isolated with all that has been going on in our world today, reach out to your church. Pastor Tom can be reached at 570-856-2078 or leave a message at the church and we can/will have someone get in touch with you. These times are hard for all of us but with the holidays approaching you're not alone!



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Christmas Food Boxes - If you know someone in need of a Christmas food box, please contact Rosemarie Haffner at (610) 432-1043 with their information. **The items for the Christmas boxes will be the same as the Thanksgiving boxes,** which include *turkey, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, cake mixes and icing.* All items can be dropped off at the church between the hours of 8:00 am - 2:00 pm and no later than **December 18th.**



Bulletins

Due to Covid-19 and going Live Stream again we were unable to put in the announcements for bulletin sponsors. We would still like to acknowledge all the parishioners who sponsored bulletins for November and December:

November 15th - In remembrance of Patrick's dad's birthday - The Ladd Family

November 15th - In Memory of our daughter Carol Thompson's birthday -
Mel & Rosemarie Haffner

November 22nd - In Loving Memory of Loved Ones - Sara Laub

November 29 - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Buss by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

December 6 - In Loving Memory of Rev. Michael J. Bodnyk by Sandy and Michael John.

December 13 - In memory of my Parents, Behler & Marie Harry by Kathy Stofflet.

December 20 - In memory of all family now in heaven. Pam Blacker and Family.

December 27 - In memory of Loved Ones by Erich & Rena Berg.

December 27 - In memory of Loved Ones by Ellen Smith.

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THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

Thanks again, to everyone who contributed to the 15 food boxes that were prepared by Faith Lutheran. You helped a lot of families to have a better Thanksgiving. Thank you also to the Boy Scouts for all their donations. Special thanks to Mel and Rosemarie Haffner and Linda Eberhart for all their work.



Giving Tree

Thank you, thank you, and thank you! Christmas morning will be so much brighter thanks to the efforts of our family here at Faith. You have generously provided gifts for children at Valley Youth House and for children within our church circle of family and friends. Blessings and peace for a joyous Christmas season!



INCLEMENT WEATHER

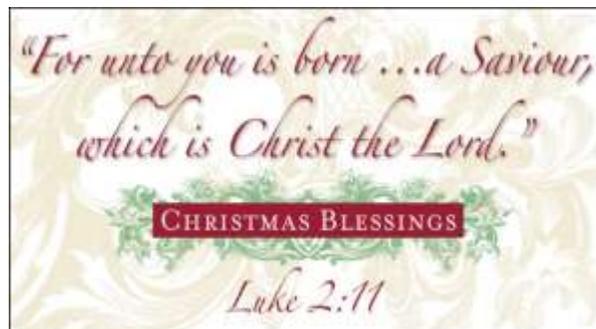
You get up on a Sunday morning, look out the window and see nothing but white, or your street is a sheet of ice ... you wonder if Sunday



School and/or the Worship Service has been cancelled ... To find out for sure, check out our website www.faithlutheranwhitehall.org or Ch69 WFMZ-TV. If a decision to cancel our Worship Service the notice of cancellation will be posted by 6:00 am, that morning.

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, you came upon A Midnight Clear to bring Joy to the World and draw us near. It was a Holy Night, when you came from above, to fill our hearts with hope and love. Thank you, Sweet Jesus Boy, for clothing us with Comfort and Joy.



Nancy Buskirk	12/01	Jaime Eisert	12/01
Catherine Wonderly	12/01	Carol Miller	12/02
Roseann Roberts	12/02	Olivia Freed	12/03
Michael Miller	12/04	Karen Chlebove	12/05
Zachary Thompson	12/05	Carol Morgan	12/06
Kathryn (Owen) Kotsch	12/06	Janell Rex	12/07
Jennifer Hausman	12/08	Ronald Moyer	12/08
Easton Siems	12/08	Gregory Sodl	12/08
Karen Euculano	12/09	Jeff Holobusky	12/10
Darlene Asbath	12/11	Brody Bednar	12/11
Marietta Iacocca	12/11	Joseph Ziegler	12/11
Molly McFetridge	12/12	Kathryn Stofflet	12/12
Alicia Balliet	12/13	Nathan Carr	12/13
Emily Davis	12/13	Shirley Moser	12/13
Brandon Rummel	12/13	Megan March	12/14
Nova Phelps	12/14	Deborah Pryor	12/14
Marie Wellen	12/14	Ashley Ziegenfuss	12/14
Bernice Broadbent	12/15	Hale Trotter	12/15
Konstance Hess	12/16	Richard Hess	12/16
Brian Holobusky	12/16	Kelly Kauffman	12/16
Zachard Ringenberger	12/17	Krista Ames	12/19
Gracie Tully	12/19	Samantha Grim	12/20
Jaclyn Benner	12/21	Kelsey Himmelwright	12/21
Weston Ladd	12/21	Louise Northup	12/21
Tiffany Pongracz	12/21	Kyle Pryor	12/21
Greg Weslosky	12/21	Alyssa Bennicoff	12/22
Erica Bennicoff	12/22	Kevin Weaver	12/22
Gloria Senchak	12/23	Gail Herzog	12/24

Ardythe Schrader	12/24	Aubrey Hosford	12/26
Cheyenne Gioielli	12/27	Kerry Kramer	12/27
Miriam Gower	12/28	Brianna Tagliavia	12/28
Marvin Geiger	12/29	Colton Miller	12/29
Gabriel Pryor	12/29	Skyler Bilous	12/30
Ralph Eckhart	12/30	John Elek	12/30
Richard Gartner	12/30	Sabrina Haller	12/30
Bryson Taylor	12/30	Chase Taylor	12/30
Brian Gilbert	12/31	Sadie Hosford	12/31
Kyleigh O'Neill	12/31		



Grant Bartholomew	01/02	Braylon Flores	01/03
Isabella Mohrey	01/03	Thomas Tock	01/03
Bevin King	01/04	Bryan Kloiber	01/04
Melissa Kotsch	01/04	Trystan Merhi	01/04
Rachael Carr	01/05	Ernest Haller Jr.	01/06
Barbara Kotsch	01/06	Matthew Rohrbach	01/06
Sally Buchmiller	01/08	William Schopf	01/08
Amy Schroeder	01/08	Erin Soldridge	01/09
Joanne Gartner	01/10	Kathryn Schaeffer	01/10
Reilly King	01/12	Allyson Ruth	01/12
Dillon Weidner	01/12	Carol Jucknik	01/13
Dale Kern	01/13	Lois Hower	01/14
Lisa Lance	01/14	Patricia Masonheimer	01/14
Robert Parsons	01/14	Alyssia Wechsler	01/14
Amanda Bashore	01/15	Stephanie Bragg	01/15
Kaitlin Mackaravitz	01/15	Francesca Markulics	01/16
Logan Yoo	01/17	Charles Knechel	01/18
Abby Moyer	01/18	Fred Walschburger	01/18
Jodi Bilous	01/19	Christine Gartner	01/19
Carly Landis	01/20	Nicole Schmidt	01/20
Sheldon Ehret	01/22	Brittany Heckman	01/22
Alicia Trotter	01/22	Wayne Hilderbrand Jr.	01/23
Larry Rothrock	01/23	Timothy Lucas	01/24
Kimberly Ryan	01/25	Cynthia Beltz	01/27
Robert Brandt III	01/27	John Thompson	01/27
Olivia Beck	01/30	Arlene Gogel	01/30
Pamela Blacker	01/31	Brian King	01/31

Happy Birthday and God's blessings to all those celebrating birthdays.

Annual Congregational Meeting Via Zoom

In keeping with requirements of our constitution, this article is notification of our next Congregational Meeting. It is scheduled for **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th**. The purpose of the meeting is the Adoption of a budget for 2021, Faith's Constitution updates and Church Council.



ALL ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE AS SOON AS YOUR DECEMBER BUSINESS IS COMPLETED

Calling all Staff Members, Committee Chairpersons, and Heads of Organizations Meeting in Faith Lutheran Church! Please prepare your report on the computer using Word. Submit it to the church office via email to Sue Bellucci at suefelc@rcn.com, along with a signed hard copy. If you do not have a computer, please submit your report in writing. Reports should include highlights from the past year's activities. Remember that many of our members are not familiar with the various committees and their functions and responsibilities. Please carefully explain that in your report - do not assume that other members know about your ministry. These reports are evangelistic in nature; they witness to your ministry and will hopefully help to bring more of our members onto these committees. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE 2020 CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORDS Close December 31st

Any offerings to be credited to your 2020 giving must be in the church office or post marked no later than Wednesday, December 30th. Offerings received after that time will be credited to 2021 giving. By the end of January, you will be receiving a financial statement, showing your 2020 giving (suitable for use with the IRS). If you need a statement earlier, call the church office (610) 435-0451.



If you wish to do Electronic Donations please log on our website faithlutheranwhitehall.org and click on Electronic Donations or you can contact the church office and we can mail a form out. (610) 435-0451.



To Faith:

Thank you for sending me the bulletins and sermon's. I really appreciate it. Just wish I could come! Pastor Tom's sermons are very good! God Bless - Mim Gower

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal
December 2 - peanut butter
December 3 - stuffing mix
December 4 - boxed potatoes
December 5 - macaroni and cheese
December 6 - canned fruit
December 7 - canned tomatoes
December 8 - canned tuna
December 9 - dessert mix
December 10 - jar of applesauce
December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
December 12 - cranberry sauce
December 13 - canned beans
December 14 - box of crackers
December 15 - package of rice
December 16 - package of oatmeal
December 17 - package pasta
December 18 - spaghetti sauce
December 19 - chicken noodle soup
December 20 - tomato soup
December 21 - can corn
December 22 - can mixed vegetables
December 23 - can carrots
December 24 - can green beans

The Whitehall Food Pantry greatly appreciates the support that our Faith Family provides throughout the year. Especially in this “Year of Covid”, your gifts of food and money are priceless.

If you wish to contribute to the Reverse Advent Calendar, please drop off at the church office, during the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

God Bless you and your families this holiday season.
Judy Ehret for the Whitehall Food Pantry

Life Lessons:

Give thanks for each day.

You will never get to live it over again.

The Bread of Life never becomes stale.

The heaviest thing a person can carry is a
grudge.

Happiness comes through doors you did not
even know you left open.

The Annual Basket Social 2021

Allow us to introduce ourselves. I am Margy Muthard and I am Erika Miller, Margy’s daughter, and we are Faith’s Basket Social Chair People for 2021. With the uncertainties we have been facing the last few months and looking forward, a decision was made to change 2021’s Basket Social date to September. An actual date will be announced when we determine it is safe to hold the event.

We want to be able to offer the members and community an event which is safe, enjoyable and pleasant for all. We know there are a lot of challenges in front of us. But with the support and determination of members and the committee, we will work through them. We have found that with challenges other opportunities often times make themselves available. If you would like more information or would like to join the committee, I can be reached at (610) 509-5367 (Margy). Please leave a message and I will get back to you. Mark your calendar for September and when a safe date has been chosen, we will be forwarding more information. Thank you to everyone who has supported this event in the past and are looking forward to supporting it in 2021.

Margy Muthard
Erika Miller



Nominees for 2021

Fran Brigidi

I have been a member of Faith since 2015. I recently retired from Lehigh County as a nurse. I'm actively involved in Faith's Prayer Group as well as the shut-in ministry and I am a leader of the Adult Forum.

Tim Lucas

Tim Lucas is currently the Vice President of Church Council and serves on the Safety Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. He also worked with the Call Committee, Church Council, the congregation, and Synod to complete our search for a new pastor. Tim is married to Shay Kinney, and Ruth & Carl Rohrbach's son-in-law. He was involved with public education in New Jersey for 30 years, and is an author and consultant.

Catherine Haller

I have been a member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church for almost 14 years now. I am the coordinator for Altar Guild, and a member of the Worship and Music Committee. I help out in various areas of the church and Faith's fundraisers. Before that I was a Girl Scout leader for 10 years where I worked with various troops and age groups. I was also a band parent and member of the Whitehall Music Parents Association board for 12 years. I also was the chaperone and truck driver coordinator for the Whitehall Marching Zephyr Band. If reelected, this will be my second time on church counsel.

Gail Herzog

I am up for re-election for church council. My husband Dan Herzog and I have been members of Faith Lutheran since 2004. I became very involved in the church functions immediately. I am on choir and Worship and Music and worship committee. I have volunteered for every function from craft fairs, car shows, and basket socials and am on prayer group and most other things that come up. We love our faith family and happy to help where we can.

Matt Hontz

I am originally from Bethlehem, as is my wife, Lori. We have been married for ten years and have two children, Kaitlyn (6) and Ryan (3) and an American bulldog, Magoo. We have lived in Allentown, South Whitehall, and currently have a home in North Whitehall, just west of Egypt. I graduated from Lafayette College with a B.S. in mechanical engineering and hold a certificate in business management from Muhlenberg College. I have worked for several companies in engineering and management roles, focused on product development and manufacturing. My hobbies include listening to and playing music, working on cars, sound recording, and restoring pipe organs. In the summer, we enjoy boating on the Lehigh River and visiting Cape May. I play the piano and pipe organ and have served as a substitute and interim organist for several congregations in the Valley. I was a member of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem for many years and served on church council there. I hope to contribute as I am able to further the ministry of Faith.

Church Council continued:

Zack Keenan

I am a lifelong member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. I currently serve on the Finance Committee and look forward to serving as a member of Church Council. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Tina, and we have two children Ava (13) and Owen (10). Tina teaches the 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class and is a member of the bell choir. Ava is in her 2nd year of confirmation classes and Owen recently received his First Communion. I am an audit partner at Baker Tilly US, a national public accounting firm. My goals are to increase participation in Church activities and increase active membership to continue to support the future of the Church.

Grace Kemmerer

My name is Gracie Kemmerer and I've been an active member at Faith Lutheran for all 19 years of my life. I helped with our Sunday school for three years and I was a part of our Call Committee. I am a current student at Moravian College with a major in Early Childhood Special Education and a minor in music. I have also been teaching for the Whitehall Music Department for the past two years. I have been a church council member for the past few months, and hope to continue and represent a voice for the younger generation for years to come.

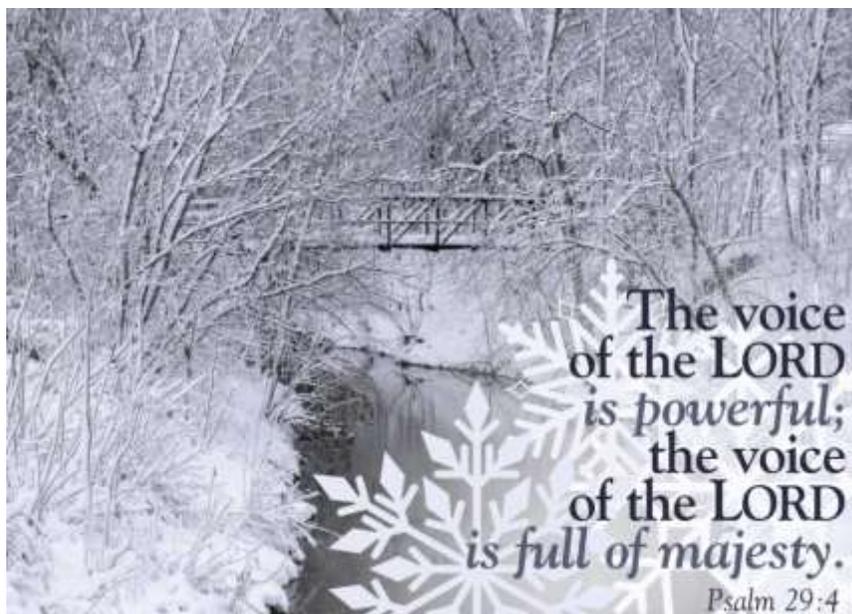
Margy Muthard, Treasurer

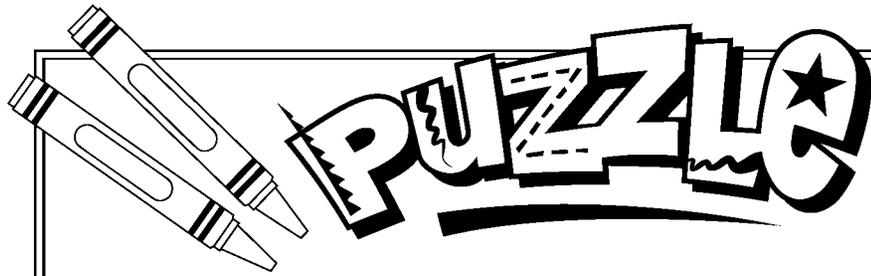
Margy joined the staff of Faith in January of 2015. Her position requires her to maintain all financial records, checking, saving and investment accounts and present financial reports each month to the Church Council.

Margy is the mother of 2 daughters and resides in Northampton with her family. She has worked in the Accounting field for 28 years.

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WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the "Path" box. Follow each picture's directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.



PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	LORD	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	sins	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace

EXIT

"_____ now, let us _____ the matter," _____ the
 _____. "Though your _____ are like _____,
 they shall be as _____ as _____"

ISAIAH 1:18, NIV



LET IT snow!

Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.



What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic Christmas trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter

What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see "snow" swirl and settle.