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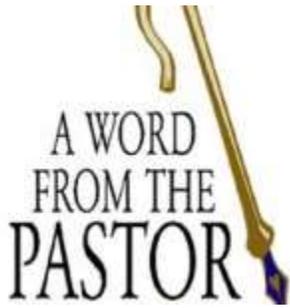
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MEN.

A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS
TO YOU.



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

*From The Rev. Thomas D. Busted
and the Church Staff*



Jesus said, "Take ye away the stone." Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, "Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days."

John 11:39 KJV

He Stinketh

There was a local congregation that built a new social hall. Before the building was finished, members of the congregation were invited to write scripture verses on the studs before the drywall went up. One person chose the shortest verse in the Bible: "Jesus wept." This verse is in today's gospel reading from John. Other verses chosen by members were chosen from the Psalms, the gospels, the letters of Paul, etc. The pastor of the congregation also used a verse from today's gospel reading. On the stud in the wall behind the men's room toilet is John 11:39 in the King James Version: "He stinketh."

Whether stinking or crying, there is a lot of humanity in today's readings. Someone remarked that this year's readings for All Saints have more tears than any other years. Perhaps we can relate to those tears today as we light over 30 candles in memory of those who died this past year. We too have wept, as Jesus wept for Lazarus.

It might surprise us a little that Jesus cried. Surely he knew about the resurrection of the dead. Surely Jesus knew his own power as the Lord and Giver of Life. However, in this particular moment Jesus seems overcome with grief. Death's sting hasn't been swallowed up in his Easter victory over the grave.

Lazarus's tomb could be a symbol for death and all the things of this world that "stinketh." The grave could represent depression, or addiction, or loneliness. Perhaps the tomb could be cancer, or a blot clot, or suicide. There are many things in this world that can cause us to despair and cry. Perhaps Jesus, in that instant, understood this. Jesus, God incarnate, the Word made flesh, came down from heaven to share our common lot. Our Lord experienced our pain and our suffering. Yes, he is the power to transform all of this into something new. He is our redemption, but he is also our Companion. He weeps our tears. He knows our pain, and he knows that sometimes things just plain stinketh! He does not stop there however. Into the darkest, deadest, most despairing of tombs in this world he stands firm at the entrance and yells: "Come out!" Yes Jesus knows our despair, but he is also ultimately our pathway out of despair into the abundance of life. Wherever forces of this world threaten to drain us of energy and all things that animate us, he comes to open the tomb of our despair and summon us out into the fresh air of a new beginning.

I could go on with this, but my point has been made. Now all that is left is for you to reflect and ask yourself: "What in my life truly stinketh?" Take a moment now and bring whatever that is to mind. It could be your grief. Whatever is causing you pain, bring it here to Jesus. Now once you have this in mind, listen to his voice saying: "Come out!" What does it look like to come out of that thing in your life that stinketh? Is God calling you to a career change? Are you being called to let something or someone go? What does it look like to come out of that tomb? Let Jesus lead you. Follow the sound of his voice calling you out of your tomb to live again. Now think of those bandages that Lazarus was bound so tight with. Jesus calls out yet again and says: "Unbind him." What does it look like in your life to be unbound and set free? Then Jesus says: "Give him something to eat." Where are you being nourished for this new life, this new beginning? What or who feeds you? Is it a hobby? Is it exercise? Is it prayer? Whatever it is, receive it. Jesus knows our despair, this is most certainly true. Jesus also helps us to come out of that despair and live again. When life stinketh, Jesus provides the fresh air to help us come out of those tombs and into the light of new life.

Cry.
Come out.
Unbind.
Be nourished.

The Rev. Thomas D. Busteed, Pastor



We will be meeting for midweek Advent devotions with the Pastor beginning **Dec 1**. Similar to last spring's Lenten study, we will meet 6:00 pm Wednesdays, **Dec 1, 8, 15, and 22** **via Zoom** for dinner and devotions. We will also have a simple recipe to try together each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93457748791?pwd=ZkNzYUtERmt3MmZoREo5clVISWtXdz09>

Meeting ID: 934 5774 8791

Passcode: 145



Upcoming Christmas Journey Plans Underway

Sunday, December 19 - 3-4 pm - Family Walk Thru
Family Walk-Through including live sheep, goats and alpaca

Sunday, December 19 - 6-7:30 pm
Lighted Drive Through with
Costumed Participants

Thank you to all who made monetary donations and volunteered to participate. Additional contributions and volunteer participation are welcome.

Donations of socks and slippers appreciated!



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

Friday, December 24th

Worship Services

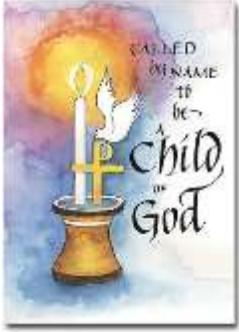
4:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Preludes 6:30 pm)

Mask must be worn and seating will be every other pew, with run over in The Gathering Place and Blacker Hall



***** Please note Sunday, December 26th we will only be holding a 9:00 am Worship Service.**

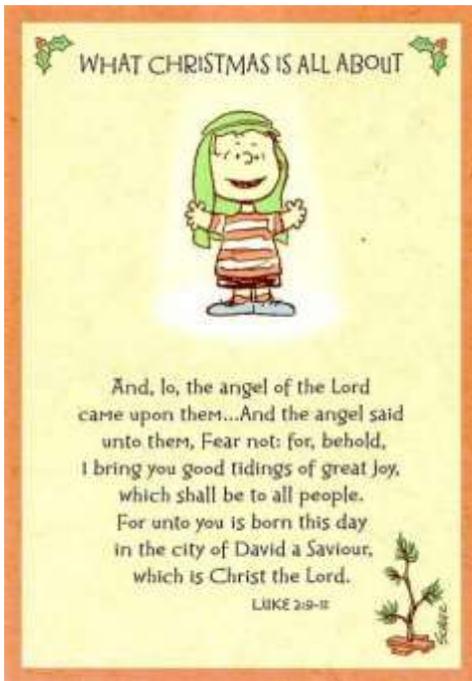
Pastoral Duties



Baptisms
Raleigh Stapinski
Ronan Kellner

NEW MEMBERS

On November 7th, we welcomed new members to Faith!
Charlene Frack
Apryl Gregory
Darin Stapinski
Carol Warner



Join us for Mid-Week Communion

December 7th, and
January 4th at 1:00 pm.
The Gathering Place.

Remember Jesus' sacrifice
of love, forgiveness and
salvation.



Memorials

William Morgan
Ruth Ladd

Grief never ends....But it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith...It is the price of love. During the holiday season, trying to cope can be difficult, here are some suggestions, or examples of coping....deep breathing, taking a walk, journaling, listening to music, practicing yoga, and saying positive affirmations, talking.

Church Council President Message

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The holiday season is upon us. With Thanksgiving a week away and Christmas right around the corner many of us will be reflecting on 2021 and thinking about what we want to accomplish in 2022. Congregational Council is doing the same thing. What did we learn in 2021 and what can we do in 2022 to continue to lead Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church? We learned as an organization we're in a constant state of change. Change brings opportunities to build upon the past and look to the future to be a stronger congregation. Council is working on formalizing operating procedures and policies that will guide us into the future.

We're preparing for the Congregational Meeting in December. At the November Council meeting a final draft of the budget was approved to present to the congregation and we will be voting on bylaws for the Church. We look forward to seeing everyone on December 12 at 9:15 AM!

We have heard feedback that there is confusion about our current masking requirements and COVID-19 protocols. Council is constantly reviewing information provided by the CDC for transmission rates, positivity rates and COVID-19 impacts on our local hospitals in and around Lehigh County, PA. Lehigh County continues to be in the high category of community transmission and the level of positive cases exceeds the levels we experienced during July and August when we were not requiring masks during indoor activities. As a result, the current requirements is that everyone MUST wear masks regardless of vaccination status while indoors for any reason. This includes council and committee meetings, visiting Pastor Tom or the Church office and of course worshipping. Council's intent is to provide a consistent message to everyone using the Church, this includes outside groups and requests to rent our space. Council evaluates all requests to use and rent our space for events that include eating and drinking or not wearing masks indoors. Currently we have NOT been approving requests to use our indoor space without masks until we get to lower levels of transmission rates and positive cases in Lehigh County. If you have any questions please talk to a member of Congregational Council or join us on December 20, 2021 at the next council meeting.

On Saturday, November 13th FELC held its Annual Craft Fair. Turnout for this event was high and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to everyone that planned the Craft Fair, donated and volunteered to make this a successful event for FELC. On Sunday December 19 Faith will once again be presenting the Christmas Journey. Rose Kwolek and Mike Miller are busy finalizing details for this event, preparing costumes and the various stations and securing volunteers. If you are able volunteer on Sunday please contact Rose and Mike as there are still several characters needed to make the 2021 Christmas Journey happen.

God bless,

Zach Keenan, President Church Council

Faith Current Financial

2022 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

1. Total income for 2022 is budgeted flat to 2021 actual
 - a. Current & Benevolence budgeted at \$157,525 down slightly from 2021 year-end estimate of \$161,379.
 - b. Rental Income is budgeted to increase \$3,500 as the church continues to open in 2022.
2. During 2021 we controlled expenses below budget by \$16,000 and below last year by \$24,000.
 - a. All salaries were held constant except Treasurer, who received a \$200 increase (4%)
 - b. During 2021, several employee's salaries were reduced due to the church being closed and reaction in services and hours. 2022 salaries are fully budgeted.
 - c. The Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries position received an upgrade during 2021 so that increase is now budgeted for full year 2022.
 - d. Benevolence is constant with past 8+ years.
 - e. Office Expense is increased due to an increase in IT and A/V costs. In addition, office equipment was up \$2,000 in anticipation of old copier repairs or replacement.
 - f. Pastoral ministries is increased due to higher benefits cost from Portico.
3. The deficit in Net Income is (\$102,734) the difference between Income and Expense. Giving is down and expenses are slightly increased. The difference was also a problem entering 2021. However, we entered 2021 with \$108,000 in the checking account. A result of several bequeathments in previous years. We will enter 2022 with approximately \$10,000 in checking.
4. For years, Faith has utilized fund raisers to augment shortfalls in Giving. COVID-19 and a significant reduction in member volunteers has made conducting of successful fund raisers difficult. 2022 Other Income includes a Craft Fair, a Basket Social, a Car Show and A Christmas Journey. To be successful, each of requires a Chair Person(s), an active committee and volunteers. Can these all happen successfully in 2022?
5. The capital improvement budgeted for 2022 is the painting of the exterior of the church exterior for \$10,550. There is money in investments designated for Capital Improvements.
6. As presented, the budget shortfall of Income to Expenses is \$85,584 to come from investments. Total investments at this time are \$1,300,000.

The budget will be presented for discussion and passing at the Congregation Meeting on December 12.

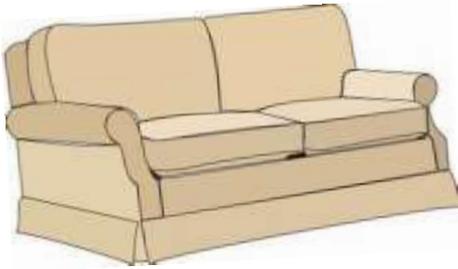
The Finance Committee

11/15/2021

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

Ordinary Income/Expense	Actual 2020	Estimated 2021	Budget 2021	Proposed Budget 2022
Income				
Current & Benevolence	\$ 177,737	\$ 161,379	\$ 192,950	\$ 157,525
Rental Income	9,261	13,969	8,000	17,550
Special Quarterly	18,700	14,222	13,100	15,000
Faith Lutheran Growing Hearts	40	-	-	-
Sunday School	500	(84)	700	150
Total Income	<u>206,239</u>	<u>189,486</u>	<u>214,750</u>	<u>190,225</u>
Expense				
Faith Lutheran Growing Hearts	848	(283)	-	-
Administration Salaries	45,572	40,038	37,350	42,917
Christian Education Salaries	10,635	11,295	8,000	14,400
Benevolence	26,547	31,638	26,750	26,750
Maintenance	66,749	65,496	77,250	69,250
Misc.	11,972	19,178	14,400	19,950
Music Ministries	24,940	23,355	22,200	25,390
Office Expense	14,343	9,090	15,698	16,572
Pastoral Ministries	81,333	58,923	73,198	77,730
Auto Expense	-	-	-	-
Total Expense	<u>282,939</u>	<u>258,729</u>	<u>274,844</u>	<u>292,959</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>(76,700)</u>	<u>(69,243)</u>	<u>(60,095)</u>	<u>(102,734)</u>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Non Budget Income	116,493	33,526	16,800	46,300
Transfers	32,000	-	-	85,584
Capital Improvement	1,748	5,050	7,999	-
Total Other Income	<u>150,241</u>	<u>38,576</u>	<u>24,799</u>	<u>131,884</u>
Other Expense	10,000	-	-	-
Rental Property	38,034	7,125	6,200	6,200
Non Budget Expense	9,852	9,945	-	12,400
Total Other Expense	<u>57,885</u>	<u>14,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,550</u>
Net Other Income	<u>92,356</u>	<u>6,806</u>	<u>18,600</u>	<u>102,734</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 15,655</u>	<u>\$ (62,436)</u>	<u>\$ (41,495)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS



You can't serve from your sofa, you can't have community of faith on your sofa, and you can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofa. Christians aren't consumers we are contributors, we don't watch, we engage, we give, we sacrifice, we encourage, we pray by laying hands on the hurting, we do life together, the church needs you, and you need the church.



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Come back to worship the blessings are overwhelming, come join us!



It is time for the planning of our Basket Social. This year's event is scheduled for March 12 & 13. A committee meeting is scheduled for December 2 at 6:30 pm in the room next to the office. At that time we will get to know each other, toss around ideas, discuss what has worked in the past, what can be improved or changed. This is the time for us to be creative.

Baskets will be accepted after Christmas. All items need to be new. Updates on the event will be included in the weekly Constant Contact. If you have any questions or would like to be part of the committee but can't attend the meeting, please email me at margymuthard@hotmail.com.

Margy Muthard, co-chair

Erika Miller, co-chair

Include your phone number or email address, whatever you are comfortable with.



Merry **Christmas** and Happy New Year

From the Christian Ed Team

Ava, Aurora, Heidi, Stacey, Tina, Cathy, Gloria, Patrick, Joanne

There will be no classes (Sunday School or Confirmation) on **December 26, 2021**.

Church News

Church Council Meetings
December 20, 2021 - 7:00 pm
January 17, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Even though change can be scary...remember, it's impossible to follow the same old path and reach a new destination.

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 17th**.



Dear Faith;

The Board of Whitehall Food Pantry is so very grateful for your gift of food and money that you have provided this season. Your contributions were very important to the many families that rely on the Whitehall Food Pantry to supplement their food supply. We rely on the kindness of special people such as yourselves and you always go above and beyond in your commitment to this community outreach mission.

Please know that your help continues to provide the assurance that God's love is always with us. We wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season.

Blessings;
Judy Ehret for the Whitehall Food Pantry

Whitehall Food Bank needs

FELC is ask to contribute canned fruit, cranberry sauce and soups for the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

Other items needed are tuna, pancake syrup, pancake mix, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, canned meats, soup, vegetables, coffee and tea. Many thanks for your continued support of this important ministry.



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 Rosemarie Haffner and Linda Eberhart for all their work.



First Day of winter, December 21, 2021

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.



BUSKIRK, NANCY	12/01	WONDERLY, CATHERINE	12/01
MILLER, CAROL	12/02	ROBERTS, ROSANNE	12/02
FREED, OLIVIA	12/03	MILLER, MICHAEL	12/04
CHLEBOVE, KAREN	12/05	KOTSCH, KATHRYN	12/06
MOYER, RONALD	12/08	NEWHARD, DIANE	12/08
SIEMS, EASTON	12/08	SODL, GREGORY	12/08
EUCULANO, KAREN	12/09	HOLOBUSKY, JEFFREY	12/10
ASBATH, DARLENE	12/11	BEDNAR, BRODY	12/11
ZIEGLER, JOSEPH	12/11	MC FETRIDGE, MOLLY	12/12
STOFFLET, KATHRYN	12/12	BALLIET, ALICIA	12/13
DAVIS, EMILY	12/13	MOSER, SHIRLEY	12/13
MARCH, MEGAN	12/14	PHELPS, NOVA	12/14
PRYOR, DEBORAH	12/14	WELLEN, MARIE	12/14
ZIEGENFUSS, ASHLEY	12/14	TROTTER, HALE	12/15
HESS, KONSTANSE	12/16	HESS, RICHARD	12/16
HOLOBUSKY, BRIAN	12/16	KAUFFMAN, KELLY	12/16
AMES, KRISTA	12/19	TULLY, GRACIE	12/19
GRIM, SAMANTHA	12/20	BENNER, JACLYN	12/21
LADD, WESTON	12/21	PONGRACZ, TIFFANY	12/21
PRYOR, KYLE	12/21	BENNICOFF, ERICA	12/22
WEAVER, KEVIN	12/22	SENCHAK, GLORIA	12/23
HERZOG, GAIL	12/24	SCHRADER, ARDYTHE	12/24
HOSFORD, AUBREY	12/26	MAYO, DARIOUS	12/26
GIOIELLI, CHEYENNE	12/27	BUCHVALT, FRANK	12/28
GOWER, MIRIAM	12/28	TAGLIAVIA, BRIANNA	12/28
GEROULO, JILLIAN	12/29	MILLER, COLTON	12/29
PRYOR, GABRIEL	12/29	SMITH SURIEL, KAYLA	12/29
ECKHART, RALPH	12/30	ELEK, JOHN	12/30
GARTNER, RICHARD	12/30	HALLER, SABRINA	12/30
SILVA, DEVIN	12/30	TAYLOR, BRYSON	12/30
TAYLOR, CHASE	12/30	GILBERT, BRIAN	12/31
HOSFORD, SADIE	12/31	O'NEILL, KYLEIGH	12/31



BARTHOLOMEW, GRANT	01/02	FLORES, BRAYLON	01/03
MOHREY, ISABELLA	01/03	TOCK, THOMAS	01/03
KING, BEVIN	01/04	KLOIBER, BRYNN	01/04
KOTSCH, MELISSA	01/04	MERHI, TRYSTAN	01/04
CARR, RACHAEL	01/05	HALLER JR, ERNEST	01/06
KOTSCH, BARBARA	01/06	ROHRBACH, MATTHEW	01/06
BUCHMILLER, SALLY	01/08	SCHROEDER, AMY	01/08
SOLDRIDGE, ERIN	01/09	GARTNER, JOANNE	01/10
SCHAEFFER, KATHRYN	01/10	KING, REILLY	01/12
RUTH, ALLYSON	01/12	JUCKNIK, CAROL	01/13
KERN, DALE	01/13	HOWER, LOIS	01/14
LANCE, LISA	01/14	MASONHEIMER, PATRICIA	01/14
PARSONS, ROBERT	01/14	WECHSLER, ALYSSIA	01/14
BASHORE, AMANDA	01/15	BRAGG, STEPHANIE	01/15
MACKARAVITZ, .KAITLIN	01/15	MARKULICS, FRANCESCA	01/16
YOO, LOGAN	01/17	KNECHEL, CHARLES	01/18
MOYER, ABBY	01/18	WALSCHBURGER, FRED	01/18
GARTNER, CHRISTINE	01/19	SCHMIDT, NICOLE	01/20
EHRET, SHELDON	01/22	HECKMAN, BRITTANY	01/22
TROTTER, ALICIA	01/22	HILDEBRAND JR, WAYNE	01/23
ROTHROCK, LARRY	01/23	LUCAS, TIMOTHY	01/24
RYAN, KIMBERLY	01/25	BRANDT III, ROBERT	01/27
BECK, OLIVIA	01/30	GOGEL, ARLENE	01/30
BLACKER, PAMELA	01/31	KING, BRIAN	01/31

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



Annual Congregational Meeting

In keeping with requirements of our constitution, this article is notification of our next Congregational Meeting. It is scheduled for **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th, at 9:15 am, room to be determined.** The purpose of the meeting is the Approval of the Agenda, Adoption of 2022 Budget, Constitutional Amendment(s), Adoption of Bylaws, Election of Congregation Council Members, Electing of Nominating Committee, Old Business, New Business, Adjourn.



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 2021 CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORDS Close December 31st

Any offerings to be credited to your 2021 giving must be in the church office or post marked no later than Thursday, 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 2021 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.





Nominees for 2022

Karla Billig - Lifelong member of Faith Lutheran – married to husband Bob Billig; we have 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. Before retiring I was an office administrator for over 25 years and recently, I worked with the Miller Keystone Blood Center until 2019. I was a member of the original chime choir at Faith. In the past I served on Altar Guild and helped with vacation bible schools. For several years I have served as secretary for my husband's church in Kempton where he currently serves as their S.A.L.M for the past 15 years but have

always considered Faith as my home church. My free time includes family time, camping, travel, baking, sewing and crafts. I also enjoy helping with charity events throughout the community; especially with the Lehigh Valley Volunteers Center. For more than 15 years we have been involved with their Holiday Hope Chests for the underprivileged children within the community. Previous served on committees with the Child Advocacy Center in Allentown, and you'll always find me gathering food for the local food banks and dog / cat food for Local Humane Society or any other charity that needs help.

My name is **Connor Cave**, and I have been a member for about 3 years. I was approached by Pastor Tom because he wanted the youth to be more involved, and I am a massive critic of just about every government to ever exist. I personally believe that I may as well run again, due to my unique perspective on Christianity and government. Perhaps a unique perspective is what this church needs.

My name is **Stacey Cave**. I am a single mom of two amazing kids, Connor Cave and Samantha Cave. They both have autism and Connor is the one that has Chance - his awesome service dog. I have been a member since I moved to PA from NY in 2012. Connor and I took over church council positions for a few months this past year to replace someone that retired on council. I also stepped in the last couple months in the executive committee as secretary. I have been teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for several years and have helped out with numerous fundraisers over the years as well as being a greeter and Lector. I look forward to serving on council again in hopes that I can help to grow our church family and make a difference. Being part of change is difficult but necessary.

Ernie Haller - St. Stephen's Lutheran in Allentown was my home church for many years. It is where I was baptized, confirmed and married. There were many life events there but as the membership and neighborhood changed, we looked for a church a little closer to our home. We were introduced to the people at Faith through our daughter's Girl Scout troop. We decided to give Faith a try and eventually made the difficult decision to leave

Ernie

Continued:

St. Stephen's. I started service at Faith as a usher as I used to do that at St. Stephen's. I also took advantage of the information that was given to us when we joined and started donating blood as a way to pay back the blood that was used by family members. I do take a lot of photos of the events at Faith. It started at a picnic or VBS where I was taking pictures of my daughter. I didn't feel comfortable taking photos of everyone else at the time but Pastor Bodnyk encouraged me to continue and I haven't stopped since. I have been working in Information Technology for over 30 years. It didn't take too long to get involved with the IT systems at Faith. I get involved in a lot of behind the scenes support for servers, network, web sites and other IT related things at Faith. I have also been involved with the sound system as that has interested me for a long time but I never had the opportunity to work with that before. As covid changed the way we worship, the addition of video and live streaming combined my photography and IT interests. This will be my first time on council and I look forward to seeing a different behind the scenes workings of the church.

Michelle Tabatabai

I was born in Roswell, New Mexico at Walker Air Force Base. When my father finished his active duty and continued in the Air Force Reserves we moved to Coplay where my family had lived for many years. I grew up in Coplay and graduated from Whitehall High School. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Kutztown University. I did my post graduate work in Public Administration at Penn State University and attended DeSales University for a series of Marketing Courses.

I retired from Country Meadows Retirement Communities as their Regional Marketing Manager. I worked for Country Meadows for 22 years and spent a total of over 30 years in the Health Care Industry. I have two daughters, Roxanna and Nicole. I enjoy spending my time with my grandchildren, Matthew, Shawn, Grace and Jackson. I also like to face time with my other three grandchildren that live in Virginia. Jonathan, Nathaniel and Benjamin. My significant other Gene also has two grandchildren Hannah and Parker and we enjoy spending time with them as well. In my spare time I enjoy reading and swimming. I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve on Church Council as I am concerned about the decline of the Church in America today and would like to look at solutions as to how we can grow our Congregation.



Page for All Ages



SIMPLE SYMBOLS

Create personalized initial ornaments for family and friends.



What you need:

- Small twigs (various shapes and sizes)
- Hot glue
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Adult help

What you do:

1. After gathering twigs, arrange them to create uppercase letter shapes. Cross, bend and break twigs, as needed.
2. Glue "letters" together at the intersections.
3. Cut an arm-length of yarn and wind it around twigs to add color to each letter.
4. Create a loop of yarn and tie it to the top of the ornament for hanging.

PUZZLE

F M K N L A D E G S C E J A T S

H → → → U

What's in a name?

An angel told Joseph what to name Mary's baby. Solve the puzzle to discover the name's meaning.

Directions: Begin at the circled H below and follow the arrows. Circle every other letter, and then place them in order to complete Matthew 1:21.

"S_e w_ll __ve b ir__
to _ s_n, and __u a_e to
gi_e _i_ the __me J__us,
b_c_u__ he _ill s_e his
__op_e f_o_ t__ir s_n_."

MATTHEW 1:21, NIV

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A I N G F I P (H) S C I B E J H A

Answer: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21, NIV

December 2021

Christmas magic is silent - You don't hear it. You feel it. You know it. You believe it!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Petite Scholars Everyday M-F 6:30 am - 5:30 pm		1 6:00 PM - Advent Study via Zoom (details inside) 7:00 PM - EFOD Ministries (TGP)	2 6:00 - Cub Scouts (PH) 6:15 PM Bell Choir - Sanctuary 6:30 pm - Basket Social Meeting 7:00 PM - Christian Ed Meeting 7:30 PM Senior - Choir - (RR)	3	4 7:00 PM - EFOD Ministries (TGP)
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19 4th Sun of Advent 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 AM Sunday School & Confirmation Class 3-4 pm Family Walk thru Christmas Journey 6-7:30 pm - Christmas Journey Drive Through 8:00 PM - AA Meeting (PH)	20 6:30 PM - Girl Scouts (PH) 6:30 PM - Brownies (PH) 7:00 PM - Church Council (TGP) 7:00 PM - Pioneer Band (BH)	21 10:00 AM Prayer Group (TGP) 6:45 PM Boy Scouts (PH)	22 6:00 PM - Advent Study via Zoom (details inside) 7:00 PM - EFOD Ministries (TGP)	23 6:00 - Cub Scouts ((PH) 6:15 PM Bell Choir - Sanctuary 7:30 PM Senior - Choir - (RR)	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Worship Service	25 Christmas Day 
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January 2022

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