

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Faith's Blessings

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

From The Pastor....

At a recent WELCA meeting, we talked about habits and how they are formed. (Adult Sunday School also reflected a bit on this as we considered the wonder of God's creation, specifically how the human brain works!) We noted how hard it is to break bad habits and replace them with better habits.

The problem with habits is that they quickly become an unconscious way of acting. That is, we don't even *think* about what we are doing; we just do it the way we always have. It is the "not thinking" part that tends to get us in trouble. I had a college professor who decided it was time to quit smoking when he found himself going through the motions of lighting up *without a cigarette in his hand!*

Particularly as we make a "new beginning" in the season of Advent, it would be a good time to think about what we are doing. Why do we do the things we do? Why do we use "that tone of voice" when we respond to certain questions? Why do we choose the activities we choose to be involved with? How does our faith impact our decisions? (In another section in the newsletter, I will address the question of why we move the baptismal font from one place to another.)

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Whether we think about what we are doing or not, others will wonder what we are thinking! If they know you are Christian (*Do* they? They should!), they will expect your faith to impact what you do and say, and how you do and say it.

Children are especially sensitive to such things. They are always watching and learning, whether we are aware of a "teaching moment" or not. When we tell them church is important, but don't make church a priority, our habits speak louder than our words! If church and Sunday School are not important enough for you to be there on a regular basis, your kids will learn that it is not really important for them, either.

What story do your habits tell? What are your children learning when you don't know you are teaching? What are you telling strangers about your faith, when you didn't even mention it?

To borrow a phrase I'm told Faith members are familiar with, "Think on these things!"

Your Partner in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle

 **FAITH NEWS . . .**

Address Change:

George Lensbouer, Jr.
124 Pamela Lane
Somerset, PA 15501
Phone: 814-521-5187

Darren & Craig Walker
524 S. Rosina Ave.
Apt. 10
Somerset, PA 15501

New Arrival:

Khloe Belle Lohr, daughter of Brianna Rose was born September 26, 2011. She weighed 6 lb. and 13 oz. and is 20" long. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Second Offering Sunday

In November, our Second Offering will be received on the Second Sunday of the month (November 13). In November, the Second Offering will support the Somerset Food Pantry. Through community support such as ours, hungry people in our area are helped. Thanks for your support!

**Faith Lutheran Church
Senior Youth Group Schedule
2011-2012
(Subject to change)**

Sunday, November 06, 2011 –
Swimming
Time to be announced

Sunday, November 20, 2011 –
Meet 7 PM at church
Regular meeting



Bible Study

Until Advent begins, we will continue our informal "Read and Reflect" series on the Gospel of Mark. We read a section of the Gospel in class and stop to reflect and share our understanding of what God is saying to us. We will take a break during the Advent season when we will do a soup supper and an Advent Service.

Come and join us! No Experience necessary!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
November 6	All Saints Sunday	Attend
November 8	Election Day	VOTE
November 13	Healing Service	Attend
November 20	Christ the King Sunday	Attend
November 23	Thanksgiving Service	Attend
November 27	Advent Dinner	Attend



BIRTHDAYS

Tessa Friedline, 11/1
Alexander Lake, 11/2
Krista Speelman, 11/4
Herbert Walker, 11/10
Joseph Swank, 11/10
Mark Nist, 11/11
Allison Lane, 11/11
Diane Graham, 11/12
Yvonne Rhoads, 11/12
Gage Nist, 11/13
Ruth Shockey, 11/14
Jo Ann Will, 11/14
Autumn Baker, 11/14
Patricia Pugh, 11/15
Brian Friedline, 11/16
Kallista Lake, 11/16

Ronald Gross, 11/17
Allison Revello, 11/17
Daniel Walker, 11/18
Tacy Weaver, 11/18
Kevin Foster, 11/19
Robert Wilttrout, 11/19
Corey Miller, 11/20
Kristy Mitchell, 11/20
Gazella Gross, 11/22
Megan Helmick, 11/22
Arianna Ohler, 11/24
Brenda Trimpey, 11/25
Jackalynn Derry, 11/26
Byron Glessner, 11/28
Albert Graham, 11/28
Randy Friedline, 11/29
Amy Romus, 11/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Simmons
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schrock



Confirmation

On Reformation Sunday, we received four young people through Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation into full membership at Faith Lutheran Church. We rejoice that they have affirmed the faith taught to them by parents and the Church, and welcome them to fuller participation in the life of the church. We welcome: Keri Friedline, Kristi Helmick, Jacob Maust and Tyler Will.

Gideons

The Gideons will join us at worship on All Saints Sunday, November 6. They will share some of the joys of their ministry of sharing the word of God through handing out Bibles all over the world. We will be invited to participate in their ministry.



Thanksgiving

On November 23, we will gather at 7 pm in the sanctuary for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship. We will recall God's wonderful way of providing so abundantly for all of our needs. We will celebrate Holy Communion, our Lord's Feast of Victory, as we give thanks also for the gift of salvation. Join us! Bring a friend!

Camp Sequanota is Open Year Round

We are ready to serve congregational, community and organizational needs for overnight lodging, meals, and meeting space. Sequanota is a great place to gather for congregational, family and community retreats and day events. With the **Dining Hall Restroom Addition** now in use, the Dining Hall now is a much more user friendly location for a congregational banquet, wedding reception, family reunion, community dinner, organizational training session and more. Meeting space and food service is available for groups up to about 250 persons. Call the office 814-629-6627 or email us for more information contact@sequanota.com.

Team Building Programs

We can design a team building event for your youth group, council, women or men's group, congregational committee, Sunday School class, staff and more. We can host the event at camp or we can bring it to your congregation. Team building events can also be developed for community groups, sports teams and businesses. Call or email Ang Illar, Sequanota's Program Director, for more information on what we can do to support your ministry. angillar@gmail.com or 814-629-6627.

FAITH LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on September 8, 2011 with 9 members present plus Pastor Ardelle. Richard Walker led devotions.

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed, motion made, was 2nd and approved, followed by a review of the Treasurers report this was also motioned 2nd, and approved. Last the Pastors report was reviewed; again motion made 2nd and approval.

Committee Reports

Finance: Discussion was held on the camp scholarship fund. Question asked exactly how is it to be used?

Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: Busy, busy, and busy. Potluck to End World Hunger 9/17, Octoberfest 10/22, Advent dinner coming in November, 2012 calendar has been set.

Worship: Rally Day 9/11 & Blessing of backpacks, Bible's for 3rd graders only 1 child. 10/16 Harvest Home, Reformation 10/30

Property: Rain spouting has been fixed for cost of \$355.00. Latch on door of heat pump room has been fixed.

Education: Jr. Youth Leader still needed. Crop Walk 9/18, Adult Bible Study will be a faith study of Mark.

Old Business:

The 2010 audit is finished. Revisited the issue of cleaning the pavilion. Propane tank is to old gas company will not remove it. Will leave 1 refrigerator & the freezer in pavilion, it is used for flea market. Pavilion needs to winterize. Further discussion on how often the janitor should be responsible for cleaning the pavilion & are people charged a cleaning fee was postponed until a later date.

New Business:

Guide One Refund was discussed, and how we could save money by changing our deductible. Motion was made, 2nd and carried to leave the deductible as it currently is at \$250.00. Letter was received from Atty. Reynolds on Estate of Erma Boyd waiting on 1 signature before pay out can be made. Need to start looking for people who would be willing to fill soon to be vacant council positions. Pastor Ardelle will be attending Bishop conference in November. Permission was granted for the use of the Church to Georgia Lensbouer's stepson for wedding with Pastor Triebe officiating. Choir need a pianist for Weds night practice, motion made, 2nd and carried for Nancy Walker to play for choir practice.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on October 13th with Dennis Young having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.



NOVEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Choir, 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6 <i>21st Sun Pentecost</i> All Saints Sunday Gideons; Bible Study, 7 pm; Sr. Youth Swimming	7 Committee Night, 7 pm Christian Ed Committee, 7:30 pm	8 Election Day Lunch 	9 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	10 Council Meeting, 7 pm	11	12
13 <i>2nd Sun Pentecost</i> Healing Service 2nd Offer. Sunday Worship at Johnstown Home, 3:30 pm; Bible Study, 7	14 WELCA, 7 pm	15	16 Kids Bell, 6:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 Christ the King Sunday Bible Study, 7 pm Sr. Youth, 7 pm	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm	24 Office Closed 	25	26 Wedding of Misti Bruner & Shane George, 4 pm 
27 <i>1st Sun Advent</i> Advent Dinner & Worship, 5 pm 	28	29	30 Choir, 7:30 pm	SECOND OFFERING IS FOR SOMERSET FOOD PANTRY		

Worship Blurbs

Why does the baptismal font keep moving? It had been at the back of the church, it seemed like forever. Now, on several occasions, it has appeared up front for a baptism, then by the next Sunday it reappears in the back! What gives?

Actually, there are two very good locations for the baptismal font, and of late we have been making use of both locations. Baptism marks our point of entry into the church, so it makes sense that the Baptismal font should be right inside the door, where we enter the sanctuary. In this location, it is also available for you to "remember your Baptism" by dipping a finger in the water and tracing the sign of the cross on your forehead. The sign of the cross helps us to remember that by Christ's death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are given a place in God's eternal Kingdom.

The other "good place" for a baptismal font is "front and center," where all can easily participate in the action as a new child of God (of whatever age!) is brought into the fold. So, we are moving the font and the Christ Candle to the front when we celebrate a baptism, and moving it back to the entrance in between, so that all have easy access to it as well as a visual reminder as we enter the sanctuary.

Christian Education Committee

On November 7, I would like anyone who feels they have an interest in what happens in Christian Education here at Faith to join with me at an Education Committee meeting at **7:30 pm**. Social Committee and Worship Committee usually have at least a few matters to tend to at **7 pm**, and many of you who are parents or grandparents or teachers may be involved with either of those committees as well. My hope is to again draw a larger group of people who can brainstorm some ideas and directions for us. While, on the whole, things are going very positively, we have some gaps that we need to address. Perhaps as we talk together about both people resources and potential activities, we can begin find the light at the end of the tunnel.

Your help is urgently needed!

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Council approved two annual meetings (following worship) for this year:

December 11 will deal with budget and election of Council members.

January 29 will deal with committee reports, Pastor's reports, and end of year Treasurer's Report. This will allow us to more accurately reflect the year, including events in November and December. **Reports will be due by January 8, and available to pick up at the church by January 15.**

Christ the King Sunday

We will observe Christ the King Sunday on November 20. This marks the end of the Church year, and brings to a climax the mounting anticipation of the end of time and the return of Christ.

It is not that Christ has been absent ever since his ascension, but simply that, until the "right time", he will not assert his full and final authority and victory over sin, death and the devil.

What's he waiting for?! It could well be that he is waiting for *you*. Jesus has invited all of us into his kingdom, much as the king invited *everyone* to his son's wedding banquet in Matthew 22. Like the wedding guests, not all of us have accepted the invitation. Some have refused outright, and some have insisted on coming on our own terms. (In the parable, one man came without a wedding robe, and was thrown out! In life, many want to come on our own merits rather than totally dependent on Christ.)

Like a good parent, Jesus continues to give us grace, and room to make our own decisions. The question is not "What is Jesus waiting for?" but simply "Are you ready?"

Advent

On November 27, we enter the new church year, marked by the season of Advent. Advent is a season of preparation. Though Lent is also a season of preparation, Advent is somewhat different. It is marked by the color blue, which indicates hope and joy. In the season of Advent, we celebrate the coming of Jesus. Jesus came in the past, and we remember that event at Christmas. But Advent also notes that Jesus continues to come to us every day through the Holy Spirit. Advent also looks to the end of the age, the end of the world as we know it, when Jesus will come again in power, glory and judgment.

Because Jesus lived our life and died our death, we look to the end of the world with different eyes than those who do not have hope in Jesus. For us, the end of the world is not a loss, but a gain: it will mark our full entry into the eternal kingdom of God.

To be sure, we already live in that kingdom. But for now, we also live in the kingdom of the world, which works to pull us away from our hope in Christ. All the power of sin, death and the devil will be finally and totally destroyed, leaving us to enjoy eternal life in unity with Christ. Thanks be to God!

During Advent we will do a Global Barnyard emphasis. We will raise money to purchase animals to improve the economy of families and communities in need. Watch for more information as Advent approaches!

IN MINISTRY IN NOVEMBER

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

NOVEMBER 6

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins
Council Person

Karen Young
Jane Ohler
Brock Bowers
Sandy Pyle & Dawn Will
Steve Will—Rev. 7:9-17, Ps. 34: 1-10,22, I John 3: 1-3
Shaelyn & Shandi Walker
Shawna Walker
Sandy Pyle

NOVEMBER 13

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Katey Rose
Bill Hoffman, II
Zac Friedline
Jordan Palumbo & Karianne Sulkowski
Missy Lenart—Zeph. 1: 7,12-18, Ps. 90: 1-8 (9-11) 12, I Thess. 5: 1-11
Tanner Friedline & Jack Loeffert
Jeb Friedline

NOVEMBER 20

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Karen Young
Darren Walker
Kristi Helmick
Donna Rhoads & Louise Spangler
Larry Rhoads—Ezk. 34: 11-16, 20-24, Ps. 95: 1-7a, Eph. 1: 15-23
Corey & Chloe Miller
Chloe Miller

NOVEMBER 23 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Katey Rose
Brenda Maust
Jacob Maust
Ryan Maust Family
Brenda Maust—Duet. 8: 7-18, Ps. 65, 2 Cor. 9: 6-15
Will & Annalina Brant
Jackalynn Derry

NOVEMBER 27

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Karen Young
Katey Rose
Jordan Palumbo
Pastor George & Tom Walker
Richard Walker—Isa. 64: 1-9, Ps. 80: 1-7, 17-19, I Cor. 1: 3-9
Joseph & Alexandra Swank
Katelynn Swank

All Saints Sunday

On November 6, we will remember the saints who are near and dear to us who have died in the past year. During the prayers, a candle will be lighted for each of the saints we are remembering.

In the Apostles Creed, we declare, "I believe in the communion of saints." The communion of saints includes both those saints - you and me - who are **physically living now**, and those saints who have died but are **still living** in Christ. **Together**, we make up the whole church **catholic**, or universal.

Since the last celebration of All Saints, the following have entered the Church Triumphant:

Doretta Wiltrout
6/23/1931 - 12/18/2010

Elsie Burk
8/17/1918 - 12/24/2010

Terry Shaulis
6/28/1948 - 3/10/2011

Ada Friedline
4/15/1929 - 3/11/2011

Kenneth Williams
12/30/1931 - 08/20/2011



Healing Service

On November 13, our order of worship will be a healing service. In our Bible Study on Mark, we keep hearing about Jesus healing the sick. He still heals today! It may be by a touch of God's hand, or it may be by the gift of medical knowledge. We will call upon the Lord with prayer, anointing and laying on of hands in the midst of a service of Word and Sacrament.

This is a good time to invite someone to join you for worship!

Worship at Lutheran Home in Johnstown

On November 13, Pr. Ardelle will lead the 3:30 pm worship service for the Allegheny Lutheran Home at Johnstown. Nancy Walker will play for the service. Pr. Ardelle is looking for volunteers to accompany her. Also welcome would be special music - bells, anthems, or even a solo. What can you offer? Talk to Pr. Ardelle!

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2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Sept.</u>	2011 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Month</u>
INCOME			
Current	8,837.89	96,183.22	9,037.64
Benevolence	527.00	4,388.00	502.00
Missionary Support	184.00	1,912.00	94.00
Building/Maint.	707.00	6,183.00	621.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,286.00</u>	<u>12,993.37</u>	<u>758.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,541.89	121,659.59	11,012.64
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	655.24	6,620.80	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	3,933.99	14,291.63	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	6,569.03	75,115.83	107,186.60
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	502.00	7,894.00	10,000.00
World Hunger	0.00	1,433.30	0.00
Missionary Support	0.00	4,279.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	1,432.00	0.00
Other	459.00	6,720.50	3,000.00
Food Pantry	100.00	400.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Outreach	1,061.00	22,158.80	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	518.42	12,823.36	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	400.00	8,566.55	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>13,137.68</u>	<u>139,576.97</u>	<u>170,736.60</u>
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$22,362.78
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$1,529.88
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$825.25
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$10,031.53
Camp Scholarship			\$7,861.97

2011
Proposal