

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Faith's Blessings

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From The Pastor....

DECEMBER 2011

During the Advent season, we are using "Now the Feast" during our Sunday morning services, and following the standard lectionary for our Bible readings. We heard about the "end days" on Nov. 27. We will be hearing about John and his message that the Messiah is coming, and we will hear about Mary and Gabriel's announcement that Mary would be the one to give birth to the Messiah.

On Sunday evenings, we gather for a meal and for worship. November 27 will be a covered dish dinner with blessing for our Advent wreaths. From December 4-18, we will take a ***Journey to Bethlehem***. We will meet at 5 pm for a soup supper, followed by worship. We will investigate the strange occurrences surrounding the birth of the Messiah through an imaginary "guided tour" that just happens to have a camel "break down" in Bethlehem the day before Jesus is born.

On Christmas Eve we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a Candlelight Service of Holy Communion and Christmas Carols. We will again have battery operated candles for children whose parents may not trust them with "real" fire!

We will observe Christmas Day with Holy Communion in the context of a Chrismon service. We will use the scriptures to explain the ornaments and proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth and the salvation he brings.

May your journey through Advent and into Christmas lead you to appreciate the best gift of all: the gift of Jesus, our savior and our Lord.

Your Partner in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle



Address Change:

Wendy Cober
3242 Huntington Place Dr.
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Confirmed:

Keri Friedline, Kristi Helmick,
Jacob Maust, Tyler Will were con-
firmed on Sunday, October 30, 2011

Funeral Service:

Funeral service was held for Chauncey
Friedline on October 27, 2011 at Deaner
Funeral Home, Berlin

Funeral Service:

Funeral service was held for Helen
Morgan on November 7, 2011 at
Hauger-Zeigler Funeral Home, Somerset

**Faith Lutheran Church
Senior Youth Group Schedule
2011-2012**

Sunday, December 18, 2011
Meet 7 PM at church
Regular meeting

Greetings from Sequanota,

We are having a Holiday Ba-
zaar on December 3, 2011 at 6:00
PM. We will be drawing for turkeys
and hams for your holiday dinners
along with some grand prize draw-
ings. It will be a night of fun and
laughter. We will have food for pur-
chase and chances on some very nice
gift baskets.

We are having this bazaar to
raise money for camperships, which
allow families who need help paying
for camp fees to send their children
to camp. There are many reasons for
a family's inability to pay all or a por-
tion of the camper fees, but a lot is
due to the economic struggles of this
time.

We are asking each church, as
they are able, to donate \$20.00 to
offset the purchase costs of the tur-
keys and hams. With the churches
help in doing this we can offset any
cost to Camp Sequanota. Therefore,
all monies received would go to di-
rectly to the campership fund.

Also, on December 10, 2011,
we will be having " Breakfast with
Santa". It will be starting at 8:00 in
the morning. We will be sending fli-
ers and more information to you in
the near future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
December 4, 11, 18	Soup Supper Advent Worship	Attend
December 5	Committee Night	Participate
December 8	Council Meeting	Attend
December 11	ANNUAL MEETING	Attend
December 24	Christmas Eve Service	Attend
December 25	Worship	Attend



BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Long, 12/2
Robert Will, 12/4
Debbie Heiple, 12/5
Michael Lensbouer, 12/5
Andrew Maust, 12/6
Brenda Walker, 12/6
Elaine Hillegas, 12/7
Jeffrey Snyder, 12/9
Loni Nist, 12/10
Janora Fochtman, 12/11
Ruth Williams, 12/11
Cheryl Cramer, 12/14
Shirley Hillegas, 12/14
Adam Latuch, 12/15
Steven Latuch, 12/15
James Ream, 12/18
Anna Lane, 12/18

Benjamyn Weiss, 12/18
Richard Golby, 12/19
Audrey Walker, 12/19
Karina Lee, 12/19
Robert Dupstadt, 12/20
Tyler Fochtman, 12/20
Donald Weyant, 12/22
Jenny Ohler, 12/22
Alma Abel, 12/24
Betty J. Rhoads, 12/25
Joshua Walker, 12/26
Becky Heiple, 12/27
Robert Swank, 12/27
Brexton Weyant, 12/28
Paula Marteeny, 12/29
Halley Friedline, 12/30
Clair Weyant, 12/30
Roger Saylor, 12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lane
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dupstadt
Rev. George & Rev. Ardelle
Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Brant





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OUR SYNOD

What does our synod, the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Church in America, do?

What did we accomplish in 2011? To what issues and initiatives were our resources committed?

As those called to faithful stewardship of our God-given gifts, these are important questions. In the case of the Allegheny Synod, their answer is as follows. In 2011, the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Church in America EMPOWERED congregations, EQUIPPED leaders, and EXTENDED local ministries.

In terms of the details, our Allegheny Synod empowers congregations, equips leaders and extends local ministries in more ways than can be enumerated here. Nevertheless, because we are stewards of our time, talent and treasure, together we worked to fulfill God's mission among us.

With respect to empowerment of congregations, a few examples are arranging weekly worship leadership for 26 churches without a regular called pastor; offering workshops designed to strengthen ministry with youth, and organizing Congregations Together in Mission, a March mission fair attended by 115 persons.

In the case of equipping leaders, a few examples are holding a three day continuing education event, Bishop's Convocation, for the synod's current pastors and associates in ministry in late September; working with nine individuals presently enrolled at one of our denomination's eight seminaries, and training seven local lay persons for congregational service and leadership through our Discerning Your Discipleship program.

As to the extension of local ministries, a few examples are the fun, fellowship and faith formation provided by Camp Sequanota; the spiritual care and nurture made available by Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State and the programs, compassionate care, housing and health care services offered by Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries.

Should you wish to receive more examples of how our Allegheny Synod employs the resources provided by your congregation's mission support, please feel free to contact my office at 814-942-1042. But until such conversation might take place, I give thanks to God for our shared ministry of EMPOWERING congregations, EQUIPPING leaders and EXTENDING local ministries.

Your brother in Christ,

Spence H. Garvin

Stewardship Team Member

FAITH LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Meet on October 13, 2011 with 10 member present plus Pastor Ardelle. Dennis Young led devotions. The minutes from the September 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: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: Octoberfest 10/22(pork &sauerkraut with mashed potatoes) attendees to bring a covered dish.

Worship: Harvest Home celebration will be 10/16 with a special dialogue following the offering for the presentation of crops, offering, then bread & wine. Special offering to benefit Allegheny Lutheran Home to help with cost of resident meals.10/30 will be Confirmation & Reformation Sunday. 11/6 we will have All Saints Sunday, where we will remember lost loved ones with the lighting of candles.

Property: We have an infant changing table that needs to be installed in the handi-capped restroom. Snowbirds on the roof were installed backwards, will seek bids to have them changed to face the correct direction.

JR Youth & Education: Kids Sunday school has an average of 5 attendees. Next Committee night would like to have everyone who can attend to brainstorm ways to improve youth attendance and involvement. Was decide to close Jr. Youth checking account and donate the money to the Senior Youth, all but \$200.00 which will be given to Tyler Will for his Eagle project.

Old Business:

The Halloween materials have been cleaned out of the pavilion. Discussion was held concerning the Council members whose term end this year and congregational members who might be willing to replace them. We have received funds from the Erma Boyd Estate, currently they are in checking account but are exploring rates for Savings account or CD's.

New Business:

Motion was made to accept the Confirmands into the congregation and to have a reception to welcome them following the service in the Fellowship hall. Listie Fire Co questioned if we would have 20 to 25 folding chairs that we didn't use any longer; answer was no not at this time. Discussion was held as to whether or not we should buy out our lease on the copier or continue leasing for another year. Decision was made to purchase the copier, funding will be through the general checking account. Decision was made to hold 2 annual meetings. The first to be held on 12/11 this will be to elect new Council members & adopt 2012 budget. The second meeting will be held on 01/29/2012 to review Reports, these won't be mailed out separately but will be included with the newsletter.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on November 10th with Shirley Weimer having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.



DECEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SECOND OFFERING IS FOR OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER				1	2	3
4 2nd Sun Advent Soup Supper, 5 pm Advent Worship, 6 pm	5 Committee Night, 7 pm	6	7 Choir, 7:30 pm	8 Council Meeting, 7 pm	9	10
11 3rd Sun Advent 2nd Off. Sunday Annual Meeting Soup Supper, 5 pm Advent Worship, 6 pm	12  WELCA Christmas Dinner, 6 pm	13	14 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	15	16	17
18 4th Sun Advent Soup Supper, 5 pm Advent Worship, 6 pm Sr. Youth, 7 pm	19	20	21 Kids' Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm 
25 Christmas Day Chrismon Service 	26	27	28 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	29	30	31

	Projected 2011 Totals	2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	
		2011 Proposal	2012 Proposal
INCOME			
Current	157,451.51		
Benevolence	10,268.00		
Missionary Support	4,925.00		
Building/Maint.	10,596.00		
Misc. In/Out	22,478.12		
TOTAL INCOME	205,718.63		
EXPENSES			
<u>Ministries</u>			
Worship	2,093.16	2,600.00	2,600.00
Education	1,480.80	2,000.00	2,000.00
Camp Scholarships	2,582.50	2,200.00	2,200.00
Evangelism	273.20	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stewardship	0.00	250.00	250.00
Support	1,296.21	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Ministries	7,725.87	9,550.00	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	19,410.70	20,000.00	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Salaries	72,701.86	71,458.00	72,000.00
Pastors Soc. Sec.	3,776.88	3,776.88	3,776.88
Pension & Benefits	22,254.00	21,951.72	22,500.00
Travel	1,932.77	4,800.00	3,000.00
Cont. Education/Books	145.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Medical Reimbursement	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Taxes	2,566.86	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Payroll	104,577.37	107,186.60	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	10,150.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
World Hunger	2,816.38	0.00	0.00
Missionary Support	4,854.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3rd Sunday Offering	2,077.45	0.00	0.00
Other	8,193.25	3,000.00	2,850.00
Somerset Food Pantry	500.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	122.50	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	28,713.58	15,000.00	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	16,352.60	19,000.00	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	10,925.55	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	187,705.67	170,736.60	170,026.88
ASSETS			
See Treasurer's Report			

Annual Meetings

This year, we will hold two annual meetings of the congregation. The first will be December 11 following worship. We will elect Council members, and we will adopt a budget. Members completing a term include: Lori Dill, Brenda Maust, Marge Walker, and Ken Will. We thank them for their faithful service!

Look for the proposed budget included in this newsletter.

On January 29 we will hold another annual meeting for the purpose of reviewing end of year reports. By waiting until the new year, we can review the entire 2010 activities and financial reports. Reports are due January 8 and will be available January 22.

Royal Ringers

You are invited to join the Royal Ringers, a new bell choir group that uses the color coded bells. At this time, we don't have enough *kids* to ring, so we are inviting people of all ages to join the kids who are interested, so they can play. We are all *children of God!* We practice for half an hour the 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 pm, and play the following Sunday. *No musical ability required!*

Second Offering Sunday

In December, our Second offering on December 11 will be sent to the "Our Brother's Keeper" fund of the Somerset Area Ministries. The aim of "Our Brother's Keeper" is to assist residents of Somerset County when they are in a position of temporary need and are caught between having too much to qualify for traditional aid and too little to make ends meet in a time of crisis. Assistance may be provided for housing, nutrition, prescription drugs, and transportation issues.

"Our Brother's Keeper" works closely with area churches, Salvation Army, Tableland and the Assistance Office, and may be able to help when those resources do not apply or have been exhausted. Guidelines are posted at the church.

One of our area churches (asked not to be named) has issued a challenge grant: for every one dollar we send to OBK, they will match with two dollars, up to \$20,000. They are hoping to reach the goal by the end of the year, so that money is available for emergency home heating.

IN MINISTRY IN DECEMBER

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

DECEMBER 4

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Brenda Walker
Brittany Will
Bill & Mollie Walker
Dennis Young—Isa. 40: 1-11, Ps. 85: 1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Lindsey & Matthew Shaffer
Shawn Shaffer
Dennis Young

DECEMBER 11

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

Karen Walker
Bill Hoffman
Brock Bowers
Jeannie Sheeler & Duana Shaffer
Duana Shaffer—Isa. 61: 1-4, 8-11, Ps. 126, 1 Thess. 5: 16-24
Will & Annalina Brant
Annalina Brant

DECEMBER 18

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Jane Ohler
Keri Friedline
Carl & Carol Schrock
Elby Walker—2 Sam. 7: 1-11, 16, Luke 1: 46b-55, Rom. 16: 25-27
Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler
Mckenna Sheeler

DECEMBER 24

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

Everyone
Bill Hoffman, II
Everyone
Doug Miller Family
Jane Ohler—Isa. 52: 7-10, Ps. 98, Heb. 1: 1-4 (5-12)
Jack Loeffert & Jackalynn Derry
Jack Loeffert

DECEMBER 25

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Greeters
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Everyone
Darren Walker
Tom Hill & Katey Rose
Travis & Zachary Fike
Jackalynn Derry





Soup Suppers in Advent

On the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, we will hold our traditional Advent **covered dish** dinner followed by worship. Bring your Advent Wreaths for a blessing and to use in the worship service in the fellowship hall.

At 5 pm from December 4 through December 18, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for **soup suppers** prior to the Journey to Bethlehem services. Watch for two sign up lists: one to tell us you are coming for the meal, and another to volunteer to bring soup or bread. We will look for two kinds of soup each evening, and the first sign up list will help soup and bread providers figure out how much to bring. Come join us, and stay for worship!

Global Barnyard

The Global Barnyard program of the ELCA World Hunger program uses animals to fight hunger one family or village at a time. While direct food aid is often needed in times of crisis, World Hunger also works to help families be able to provide for themselves. Animals such as chickens (\$10 for 10), goats (\$50), cattle (\$500) and even fish (\$250 to set up a pond with fish) are used to help a family provide for themselves. Healthy, breeding animals provide milk, eggs, wool and even meat to feed a hungry family, as well as providing resources that can be sold to buy other items the family needs and even to pay school fees for the children. Usually, the first offspring of these animals are passed on to another family to begin the process all over.

During Advent, we are encouraging our members to either "purchase" a specific animal for World Hunger, or contribute to a fund that will be used to purchase either larger or larger **numbers** of animals. You are invited to be a part of a **long term solution** to hunger! Watch for bulletin inserts and the **ELCA Good Gifts Catalog** (in the narthex) for more information, prices, and stories of how these gifts have helped.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

	Oct.	2011 Totals	Previous Month
INCOME			
Current	10,215.50	106,398.72	8,837.89
Benevolence	608.00	4,996.00	527.00
Missionary Support	179.00	2,091.00	184.00
Building/Maint.	798.00	6,981.00	707.00
Misc. In/Out	32,973.80	45,967.17	1,286.00
TOTAL INCOME	44,774.30	166,433.89	11,541.89
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	472.73	7,093.53	9,550.00
Operating	5,706.54	19,998.17	20,000.00
Payroll			
Total Payroll	10,520.49	85,636.32	107,186.60
Outreach			
Benevolence	527.00	8,421.00	10,000.00
World Hunger	243.00	1,676.30	0.00
Missionary Support	184.00	4,463.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	141.00	1,573.00	0.00
Other	302.00	7,022.50	3,000.00
Food Pantry	0.00	400.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outreach	1,397.00	23,555.80	15,000.00
Maintenance	3,184.64	16,008.00	19,000.00
Misc. In/Out	700.00	9,266.55	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,981.40	161,558.37	170,736.60
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$45,155.68
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$1,530.36
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$325.73
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$10,213.91
Camp Scholarship			\$7,995.80