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From The Pastor....



APRIL 2012

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

On April 8, we will "unbury" the "Alleluia!" that we have hidden away since Transfiguration Sunday, just before we moved into the season of Lent. Through the Lenten season, we have looked at the covenants God made with us: the covenant of Noah, when God put his war bow in the clouds to remind himself - and us - of his promise to never again destroy his creation - no matter how much we may deserve it! God made a promise to Abraham when he was 99 year old that he would be the ancestor of multitudes. God's covenant would not only be with Abraham, but with his descendants (us!) as well. God made a covenant with us, through the Israelites that he brought out of slavery in Egypt, in which he promised to be our God, and showed us how to live together through the Ten Commandments. We heard God's promise to the Israelites who were suffering snake bites because of their

sin that if they would only look up at the snake on the pole, they would be healed and they would live. Finally, we heard God promise a new covenant that would be written on our hearts, so that we could not forget either God's love or his commandments. Of course, as we look at these covenants, we realize that we don't keep up our end very well! But God is faithful.

For those who came to the Sunday Evening Lenten Services, or those who followed us through the Passion reading on either Palm Sunday (Mark) or Good Friday (John), we heard how God was in full control of all the events, no matter how chaotic and out of control they seemed.

Easter Sunday confirms God's control. Easter Sunday confirms that Jesus' Passion was not in vain. He pursued the Father's will to save us from our sins, no matter what the personal price. In Jesus, we find a New Covenant that cannot be

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FAITH NEWS . . .

Baptism:

Carver Smeak on Sunday, March 18

Home Phone Number for:

Jan Fochtman—445-4841

New Members:

Ronald & Cathy Smeak & Cole
823 Causeway Drive
Friedens, PA 15541
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Katelynn Smeak
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broken. In Jesus, we find the love of God: God loved the world so much that he gave his Son, so that whoever looks to him – whoever believes his promise of life – would have that promise fulfilled eternally.

As the “first born of the dead,” Jesus shows us the way through life, through death, and back to life again. Whenever life leaves us feeling “out of control,” know that God is always in control. He will take us through whatever circumstances we must face: broken families, broken health, broken economies, and even broken governments. The snakes may bite, but they will not win the day. Finally, God in Christ will bring us through. He never takes his hands off the wheel – not even to “text” us a message of love or encouragement! Those messages have already been given, and they will always be in effect.

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Ardelle

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
April 5	Seder Meal	Attend
April 6	Good Friday Service	Attend
April 7	Easter Egg Hunt	Join in the fun
April 7	Easter Vigil Service	Attend
April 8	Son Rise Service Easter Breakfast Worship	Attend
April 24	Election Day Lunch	Vote



BIRTHDAYS

- Charles K. Rhoads, 4/1
- Donald Will, 4/1
- Robert Duppstadt, Sr. 4/2
- Jacob Maust, 4/2
- Cynthia Miller, 4/3
- Gloria Weyant, 4/4
- Shayne George, 4/4
- Lloyd Shaffer, 4/6
- Madison Trevarrow, 4/6
- Nellie Klotz, 4/7
- Robby Schrock, 4/7
- Dawn Walker, 4/7
- Zachary Carpenter, 4/7
- Kathy Rhoads, 4/8
- Thomas Stouffer, Jr. 4/9
- Tomalee Will, 4/9
- Kodie Ritenour, 4/9
- Jodi Miller, 4/11
- Debbra Gudes, 4/12
- Jeffrey Weimer, 4/12
- Nicole Keller, 4/12
- Alan Shockey, 4/13

- Cole James, 4/13
- Cadem James, 4/13
- Carrie Evans, 4/14
- Dakota Klotz, 4/14
- Michelle Lake, 4/14
- Linetta Hamer, 4/15
- Justin Rhoads, 4/16
- Angela Briskey, 4/16
- Edward Hoffman, 4/18
- Kay Mostoller, 4/20
- David Custer, 4/24
- Laura Miller, 4/24
- Pauline Will, 4/24
- Melissa Custer, 4/25
- Amanda McCusker, 4/25
- Ava Friedline, 4/26
- George Mason, 4/27
- Georgia Lensbouer, 4/28
- Spencer Marteeny, 4/28
- Bernice Walker, 4/29
- Marian Walker, 4/29
- Joshua Zerfoss, 4/29

ANNIVERSARIES



- Mr. & Mrs. Dalton Dill, 4/4
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brant, 4/13
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Rhoads, 4/15
- Mr. & Mrs. David Pyle, 4/16
- Mr. & Mrs. William Revello, 4/20
- Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Carpenter, 4/24



Sequanota

Phone: 814-629-6627

Email: contact@sequanota.com

April 14, 2012:

5K (about 3 miles) Cross Country Benefit Run/Walk is a moderately challenging race on trails and roads. Start time is 10am. Registration begins at 9am. Registration is \$15.00. Funds raised will benefit Sequanota's ministries. There will be refreshments and awards at the end of the race. Contact the camp office to register.

April 15, 2012:

Open House: From 1 to 4 p.m., visit camp, meet some of the staff, and find out why you should join us at camp in 2012! We'll answer all of your questions, give you the insider's tour, and give you a taste of what camp is like. Those who attend will get a \$5.00 store card. Cost: ZERO! Just call or email to register.

GEO Caching Event for youth: From 4 to 7 p.m., explore the vast wilderness of camp while learning GPS geo caching. Prizes available! \$10 per person. Call or email to register.

April 18, 2012:

Spring Benefit Dinner: 6 PM Social Time; 6:30 Special Music by current and former staff/campers; 7:00 Dinner. Support Sequanota's ministry and have an enjoyable evening. Entertainment during and after the meal will be provided by a dance band. There will be space for those who wish to dance to the music. There will also be a silent auction. This year's benefit dinner will be held at Sequanota's Dining Hall. Suggested donation: \$60.00 per person. Call the Camp office to make a reservation.

April 20-21:

Junior & senior high youth are invited to participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine, beginning Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. and concluding Saturday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Participants will:

1. Sign up 30 Hour Famine **sponsors** to raise money for those around the world who suffer from hunger, poverty, and lack hope;
2. Miss three main meals by fasting for 30 hours.
3. Drink only water and juice during those 30 hours.
4. Learn about world hunger, spend time in prayer and worship, and have camp adventures.

Call or email to register youth groups and individuals.

Visit www.30hourfamine.org for information about world hunger.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on February 9, 2012 with 12 members present plus Pastor Ardelle. Tomalee Will led devotions.

The minutes from the January 2012 meeting were reviewed; a correction was needed in the wording on Sunday evening Bible Study. A motion was made, seconded and approved to read "Bible Study will continue on Sunday evenings until Ash Wednesday. Between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sundays Soup Suppers at 5:30 pm with worship at 6:30 pm." We then reviewed the Treasurer's report. This was also motioned 2nd, and approved. Last the Pastor's report was reviewed; again motion made 2nd and approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: 2/11 Valentine's dinner honoring members, who are 80 and over. 2/22 Ash Wednesday service and meal at First United Methodist Church, Pastor Ardelle will lead the service. It was confirmed that a Pot Luck luncheon for World Hunger would be noon after service on 9/9, this would require switching the times of Sunday school (9:15 AM) and Worship (10:30 AM).

Worship: 2/12 Healing Service. During the Lenten season we will be using the ELW – Setting 10. Sunday evening during Lent readers are needed to help with parts. Soup Supper will be at 5:30 pm with the service at 6:30 pm. The offerings received Sunday evenings will go to Our Brothers Keeper.

Education: Bible Study has had a hard time meeting due to the weather. Adult Sunday School is going very well. Children's Sunday School is available every Sunday. Catechism is moving along, only 2 kids in this session.

Property: The safe has arrived but needs to be bolted to the floor. Still awaiting the delivery of the filing cabinet. The lights in the Sanctuary as well as in the outdoor sign need to be replaced. Tyler Will still needs a few signatures yet to be able to start on his Eagle project of enhancing the gazebo area. Ken Will has volunteered as part on the project to rebuild the archway.

Youth: We have found an anonymous part time leader for JR Youth, who will conduct quarterly events. Their first meeting will be on 2/12. We are looking into the future to the Egg Hunt coming up quickly. SR Youth are still collecting the M & M containers that were passed out previously, candy bars are still available They have a sub & pizza sale planned for March, gobs will be sold again soon. The estimate is that they still need to raise \$6000.00

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 APRIL 2012 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	2 Committee Night, 7 pm	3	4 Choir, 7:30 pm	5 Seder Meal, 5:30 pm	6 Good Friday Service, 7 pm	7 Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm Easter Vigil Service, 7 pm
8 <i>Easter</i> Son Rise, 6:30 am; Breakfast, 7:30 am; Worship, 9 am 2nd Off. Sunday	9 WELCA, 7 pm	10	11 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	12 Council, 7 pm	13	14
15 <i>2nd Sun Easter</i> May Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18 Royal Ringers, 6:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 <i>3rd Sun Easter</i> Sr. Youth, 7 pm	23	24 Election Day Lunch 	25 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 <i>4th Sun Easter</i> 5th Sun. Offering	30	SECOND OFFERING SUNDAY (APRIL 8) IS FOR SR. YOUTH (NOLA)				

HEY YOU KIDS

Hi! From your 'One Room Sunday School' class! **HAPPY EASTER!**

Guess what? We just got our new spring Sunday school lessons and WOW! do they sound cool! Here's a SNEAK PEAK just for you: we can make Sniffle Snatchers (ACHOO), do the Rooster Strut (HUH?), have Sandals and Song (TRA LA LA!), and go Downright Upright!! WHOA!

So, listen up EVERYONE! Don't forget to come to church on Easter morning—Sunrise AND at 9 am—and ring a bell every time you hear the word ALLELUIA! K! Then, after church bring your bell to our Sunday School room for a little treat!

Our special Bible verse for April is Philippians 4:13. Keep this in mind, kids, if the "I can'ts" try to creep up. Alrighty then.

Don't forget to bring along a friend and come to our Egg Hunt here at Faith on Saturday, April 7 at 1 pm.

Well—hope to see you soon! And remember this: CHRIST HAS RISEN. HE HAS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!!
KEEP THE FAITH!

Ministry Display

A member of the Education Committee suggested that we promote the ministry of our congregation at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7 when both our own kids and kids from the community (and their parents!) will be on hand. Various people and groups have been asked to contribute to the display, including Adult Sunday School, Catechism, Children's Sunday School, Senior Youth and WELCA. Various other congregational events will be highlighted, including Worship, Valentine's Dinner, and other suppers.

Check it out, either at the Egg Hunt or on Easter Day, when it will still be on display for the Easter Breakfast.

The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Security System Installed!

Unless you have a key to the Office Complex (Secretary's Office, Workroom, and Pastor's Office) or plan to break into the offices (!), you don't have to worry about the system at all. You can enter the building through any exterior door and not worry about setting off alarms.

Each of the four doors into the office area is alarmed, and each of the three rooms have motion detectors that will also set off alarms should anyone break in through the windows.

Only those who regularly use the offices need to worry about codes for activating or deactivating the system. Although the keypad is located outside of the office, you need a code both to activate the system and to deactivate it. SSA monitors our system, and will notify us (and police or fire company if necessary) when the alarms go off. We are even protected with a battery backup and a cellular backup, so that SSA can monitor our system even in the event of a power or telephone failure.

Hopefully, we will not have any further need for this system! But, after a few too many break-ins in recent years, we felt we needed to provide protection for the people

who use our building and for our property. Our insurance covered most of the damage from the last incident, but the damage to our sense of safety is harder to fix.

May we continue to pray, not only for the safety of those who use our building, but for those who would violate our space to work us harm. "Father, forgive them. They know not what they do!"

Royal Ringers and Adult Bells

Every third Wednesday at 6:30 pm, adults and children are invited to practice the color-coded bells that add a note of joy to our worship. Audrey Walker usually holds the "flash cards" for us. When the colored circle matches the color of your bell, you ring it! That's all there is to it. We have been hoping to help the children engage in worship through this ministry. Come join us! It is easy, and it is fun.

On the second and fourth Wednesdays, you are invited to join the "chime choir," using the chimes to add another dimension to our worship experience.

IN MINISTRY IN APRIL

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

APRIL 1

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

Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Brenda Maust
Brittany Will
Tom & Brenda Walker
Brenda Walker—Isa. 50: 4-9a, Phil. 2: 5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47
Steven & Adam Latuch
Dakota Weyant
Richard Walker

APRIL 6 (Good Friday)

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

Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Katey Rose
Billy Bowers
Lori & Kristen Dill
Katey Rose—Isa. 52:13—53:12, Ps. 22, Heb. 10: 16-25
Jackalynn Derry & Jack Loeffert
Jackalynn Derry

APRIL 7 (Easter Vigil)

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
Brenda Walker
Karianne Sulkowski
David & Audrey Walker
Shaelyn & Shandi Walker
Shawna Walker

APRIL 8 (Easter)

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader

Everyone
Jane Ohler (Son Rise) Bill Hoffman (9am)
Everyone
Carl & Carl Schrock (Son Rise) Chris Brant Family (9am)
Jane Ohler (Son Rise)- Isa. 25:6-9, Acts 10: 34-43, John 20: 1-18
Kristin Brant (9am)- Acts 10: 34-43, I Cor. 15: 1-11, Mark 16: 1-8
Annalina & Will Brant (both services)
Will Brant (both services)

Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

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IN MINISTRY IN APRIL (cont'd from page 5)

APRIL 15

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman, II
Acolyte	Jacob Maust
Greeters	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Reader	Mabel Revello—Acts 4:32-35, I John 1: —2:2, John 20:19-31
Collect Com Cups	Tanner & Jeb Friedline
Distribute Bulletins	Jeb Friedline

APRIL 22

Altar Guild	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker
Acolyte	Tyler Will
Greeters	Larry Rhoads Family
Reader	Larry Rhoads—Acts 3:12-19, I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36b-48
Collect Com Cups	Shane & Matthew Staffer
Distribute Bulletins	Lindsey Shaffer

APRIL 29

Altar Guild	Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust
Acolyte	Cody Lenart
Greeters	Karen Walker & Jane Ohler
Reader	Pastor George—Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18
Collect Com Cups	Joseph & Alexandra Swank
Distribute Bulletins	Katelynn Swank



**EASTER EGG
HUNT**

**Saturday,
April 7 at 1 pm**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2012 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>2012 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	9,294.68	21,357.64	12,062.96
Benevolence	461.00	1,016.00	555.00
Missionary Support	187.00	489.00	302.00
Building/Maint.	634.00	1,784.50	1,150.50
Misc. In/Out	893.00	7,956.54	7,063.54
TOTAL INCOME	11,469.68	32,603.68	21,134.00
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	169.33	840.83	9,550.00
Operating	695.82	1,664.89	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	8,580.76	17,250.33	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	555.00	2,066.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	20.00	0.00
Missionary Support	302.00	962.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering		173.00	0.00
Other	225.00	920.00	2,850.00
Food Pantry	229.00	229.00	0.00
Chamber Dues		0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	1,321.00	4,370.50	15,000.00
Maintenance	2,997.79	5,047.57	19,000.00
Misc. In/Out	212.00	9,254.99	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,976.70	38,429.11	170,026.88
 <u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$33,606.54
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$27,162.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$680.56
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$470.91
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$12,493.45
Camp Scholarship			\$8,055.73

COUNCIL MINUTES *(Cont'd from page 3)***Old Business:**

The doors that were damaged during the break-in need to be replaced so that we can settle the insurance claim with Guide One. Need to get estimates so replacement can be completed.

New Business:

The purchase of a security system for the church was again discussed along with other types of safety measures. The possibility of adding a steel bar to the rear doors that could be removed when the building was occupied was one way to eliminate the need for 2 keypads. Decorative metal frame works (something similar to Friedens Lutheran Church) for the rear windows were considered as an option. Motion was made, 2nd and approved to have SSA Security alarm the offices only at this time. A thank you note needs to be sent to Elaine Hillegas for the beautiful baptismal napkins that she donated. We received a sample of a pen that shows pictures from Faith, pens are available for purchase at .39 each. One option discussed was that the pens could be used by the Youth going to Gathering as trade items. The Daily American approached us to place an ad on the backs of T- shirts for the Daily American Fitness Challenge at a cost of \$200.00. We decided to decline the offer but added the SAM van to second offering for May.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on March 8 with Shirley Weimer having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by:
Sandy Pyle
Secretary

Education Committee

March 2012

The Children's Sunday School attendance has declined but there are signs it may be again increasing. The adult class continues to be strong and is increasing in number of students. They moved into a study of prayer with the Lord's Prayer as a guide on March 18, using Crossways International material to guide discussions. We will discuss with the senior high youth interest in a class. It may not meet every Sunday. We discussed setting up tables at coming events (like the Easter Egg Hunt) that will tell people about things that are happening in Sunday School, other studies, youth and younger children's groups, as well as coming events. At future children's programs we may add a time for the parents to meet while kids are enjoying the activities. Vacation Bible School was discussed. We talked about pros and cons of joining with another congregation. Council was to also talk about it at a coming meeting.

**Worship Committee**

We continue to choose hymns to enhance the worship experience by tying together themes from the lessons, hymns, and message for the day. We talked about arrangements to purchase candles for use in the Easter Vigil service and for Christmas. We discussed Holy Week and Easter services and what is still needed to get them in place. Social Committee is making preparations for the Seder, which will combine Worship with a covered dish dinner that will also include Holy Communion, which Jesus instituted in a similar meal. On March 18, worshippers were invited to write down their favorite Easter hymn. An effort will be made to incorporate some of these hymns in the Easter services.

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Synod Assembly

The Allegheny Synod will meet in Assembly June 7, 8, and 9, beginning with Worship on Thursday night. Faith needs to send at least one male and one female to represent us at the Assembly. Talk to Dave Walker (Council President) or Pr. Ardelle if you would like to be one of our representatives. We need to register before April 15!

Second Offering

Our Second Offering in April will be given to the Senior Youth to help pay the expenses of the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. We are sending nine youth (Karianne Sulkowski, Kristi Helmick, Kristen Dill, Jordan Palumbo, Hannah Frazier, Brittany and Tyler Will, Jacob Maust and Cody Lenart) and three adult leaders (Marge, Richard and Audrey Walker). These folks are an investment in our present and future! They will experience worship, learning and service in their great adventure.



Pens!

A pen company recently made us an offer we could not refuse: very interesting pens at a great price with not only our church name and address, but pictures of our "Pentecost Flames" from last year, the cross in the sanctuary, and the flea market. If you haven't received one, ask for one!

Some of these pens will be used as an evangelism tool at events like the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7. A substantial number will be sent with our Senior Youth for the "souvenir exchange" that is a traditional part of the National Youth Gathering.

Where else could we use these pens to lift up our love for our Lord through the ministry of Faith Lutheran? Share your ideas with the pastor or the council!

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1: Passion/Palm Sunday:

At 9 am we will bless the palms and process with them, and we will hear the Passion Story according to Mark read in parts. (Holy Communion)

April 5: at 5:30 pm, we will gather to celebrate the **Seder** with a **covered dish dinner** and **Holy Communion**. This is the traditional Jewish celebration of Passover, when God's angel of death "passed over" the houses of the Israelites that were marked with the blood of a lamb. This is also the meal given new meaning by Jesus when he used the bread and wine on the table to institute the Lord's Supper, the sacrament of his body and blood.

April 6 at 7 pm we will observe **Good Friday** with a quiet service of scripture and reflection.

April 7 at 7 pm we will celebrate the **Easter Vigil**, in which we remember our "Salvation History" beginning with creation and ending with the Resurrection of our Lord. (Holy Communion)

April 8 at 6:30 am we will hold a **"Son Rise" service** to celebrate the Resurrection. (Holy Communion)

At 7:30 am we will gather for the traditional **Easter Breakfast** prepared by the Senior Youth. A free will donation will benefit the Youth and their National Gathering trip. (Check out the Ministry Displays while you are there!)

April 8 at 9 am we will again gather for **Worship** to celebrate the Resurrection. (Holy Communion)