

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

6567 Glades Pike
Somerset, PA 15501

www.faithlutheransomerset.org
faith@faithlutheransomerset.org



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Faith's Blessings

6567 Glades Pike Somerset, PA 15501 • (O) 814-443-3179 (H) 701-2444

From The Pastor....

JANUARY 2012

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Here at Faith, we regularly gather around Word and Sacrament. We celebrate Holy Communion every week. Baptism is our introduction to the faith, where God names us and claims us as his own. Holy Communion nourishes us in the faith, so that we can hold fast.

In our Baptism, God makes a **covenant** with us. This covenant is so important that we reaffirm our side of the commitment whenever we celebrate a baptism or a confirmation, and occasionally at other times as well. We are asked to "continue in the covenant of our baptism" by "living among God's faithful people, hearing the Word of God and sharing in the Lord's Supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace."

Why is this so important? Why should we come to worship **regularly** to hear God's word and share in his supper? Why do we celebrate Holy Communion **every** week? These are good questions! And there are also good answers!

Through Word and Sacrament, celebrated within the Family of God, we are enabled to **connect** with the **power of God**. You do know that God is a God of power and might, right? But do you also know that his power is effective for **your** life? Through the Bible

readings and reflections, through the contact with other people who share many of your needs, we encounter in worship an opportunity to give and receive the things that are really important in life: forgiveness, healing, and transformation.

Left to ourselves, the faith can grow cold. We need the encouragement and even the challenges of the community of faith. The people we encounter here are the tools that God uses to touch our lives.

Here, we confess our faith using the ancient creeds, not only at baptism, but often as we gather. These creeds are not so much some sort of "litmus test" to decide if our beliefs are "right", but more of a "lodestar" to be mined and to inform our faith. What does it mean to call God "Father"? Why did Jesus suffer for us? What does it mean that he will "judge the living and the dead"? What is the "communion of saints"? How do I find forgiveness? What is this "life everlasting" business?

These are questions to be explored in community, with other believers who will help us explore, and help us stay on track. By ourselves, we can get lost in blind alleys (heresies!) as we explore the faith.

Come join us, as we hear God's word and grow together.

*Your Partner in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle*



FAITH NEWS . . .

Address Change:

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Nist
112 Foster Dr.
Somerset, PA 15501

Baptism:

George Lensbouer, Jr.
On December 4, 2011

Name Change:

Wendy Cober **to** Wendy **Goresuch**

Weddings:

Misti Jo Bruner & Shayne George on
November 26, 2011 at Faith Lutheran

George Lensbouer Jr. & Ediht
Genoveva Pando-Delgadillo on
December 11, 2011 at Faith Lutheran

SR. YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, January 15
Meeting at 7 pm
Sunday, January 29
Snow tubing at Seven Springs

Bible Study Resumes!

We will again pick up our study of Mark at 7 pm Sunday, January 8. We will continue until Lent begins!

Sequanota Day Camp

As we look toward next summer, Camp Sequanota offers not only on-camp, overnight experiences, but also a "day camp" possibility for children grades K-5 at a church or community site. Council has looked at the material, but would like to hear from parents. For a fee, Sequanota sends two summer staff people to basically run the camp, which could be morning and afternoon or afternoon and evening. We provide crafts and snacks (and lunch, or the kids "brown bag" it) and additional adult supervision, and the staff handles Bible study, singing and recreation.

Talk to your council members if you are interested!

New Council Elected

Newly elected Council members include: Cindy Miller, David Walker, Michael Sulkowski, and Steven Will.

Those continuing to serve include: Dennis Young, Tomalee Will, Richard Walker, Shirley Weimer, Jeanetta Shaffer, Thomas Hill, Sandy Pyle, and David Pyle.

We thank Lori Dill, Marge Walker, Ken Will, and Brenda Maust for their faithful service as their terms end.

Annual Reports Meeting

On January 29, the congregation will receive reports from the various entities of the congregation, including Pastor, Treasurer, and Committees. By meeting in January, we can review the entire year and not simply "guess" at what will happen. Reports are due in the church office by January 9, and will be available before the meeting.

Church Directories will be available at the Reports Meeting. If you can't pick up a copy, call the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
January 8	Council Installation	Attend
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Mark Bible Study	Join Us
January 9	WELCA	Attend
January 10	Committee Night	Attend
January 12	Council Meeting	Attend
January 29	Annual Meeting	Attend



BIRTHDAYS

Jacqueline Kimmel, 1/4
Matthew Rod, 1/5
David Delancey, 1/7
Natalie Custer, 1/8
Tanner Friedline, 1/8
Brenda Shaffer, 1/9
JoAnn Snyder, 1/10
Mark Trimpey, 1/10
Douglas Custer, 1/12
Kristen Dill, 1/13
Irma Walker, 1/14
Jody Berkebile, 1/14
Shelby Ream, 1/15
Betty Simmons, 1/15
Jay Weiss, Jr., 1/16
Jordan Palumbo, 1/17

Randall Zerfoss, 1/17
Alexis Trevarrow, 1/18
Janet Anderson, 1/18
Rebecca Nist, 1/21
Ardelle Mason, 1/23
Sean Raupach, 1/25
Maxwell Trevarrow, 1/25
Austin Latuch, 1/25
Brock Bowers, 1/26
Marc Fochtman, 1/27
David Custer, 1/28
James Long, 1/28
Beverly Thompson, 1/30
Kaden Klotz, 1/30
Elias Tweardy, 1/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Walker, 1/6
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shaffer, 1/8
Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Heil, 1/9
Mr. & Mrs. James Ream, 1/17
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Simmons, 1/17
Mr. & Mrs. David Walker, 1/17
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Landis, 1/24
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Rhoads, 1/25



READER LIST FOR 2012

JAN	1	Tom Hill	JULY	1	Elby Walker
	8	Deanna Bowers		8	Chris Sheeler
	15	Dave Walker		15	Marian Walker
	22	Ryan Maust		22	Mabel Revello
	29	Cindy Miller		29	Helen Weigle
FEB	5	Marge Walker	AUG	5	Dawn Will
	12	Ken Shockey		12	Georgia Lensbouer
	19	Tom Walker		19	Tom Hill
	22	Georgia Lensbouer		26	Brenda Walker
	26	Arica Weiss	SEPT	2	Karen Helmick
MAR	4	Richard Walker		9	Mark Friedline
	11	Brenda Maust		16	Ken Shockey
	18	Wendell Heil		23	Audrey Walker
	25	Bill Hoffman		30	Arica Weiss
APR	1	Brenda Walker	OCT	7	Jacob Maust
	6	Katey Rose		14	Kristi Helmick
	7	Dennis Young		21	Wendell Heil
Sunrise	8	Jane Ohler		28	Tom Walker
9 am	8	Kristen Brant	NOV	4	Steve Will
	15	Mabel Revello		11	Missy Lenart
	22	Larry Rhoads		18	Larry Rhoads
	29	Pastor George		21	Brenda Maust
MAY	6	Mark Friedline		25	Richard Walker
	13	Brenda Maust	DEC	2	Dennis Young
	20	Missy Lenart		9	Duana Shaffer
	27	Laura Miller		16	Elby Walker
JUNE	3	Georgia Lensbouer		23	Jane Ohler
	10	Karen Young		24	Katey Rose
	17	Duana Shaffer		30	Marge Walker
	24	Tomalee Will			

FAITH COUNCIL MINUTES

Faith Council met Nov. 10, 2011 with 11 members and Pastor Ardelle present. Shirley Weimer had opening devotions.

Pastor George was present to inform council on an investment proposal to Camp Sequanota. They would like to improve the insulation in the Enrichment Center at a cost of \$30,000 and are looking for congregations who are willing to invest in the project.

A copy of the proposal is posted on the bulletin board. Faith has recently received \$30,391.80 from the Boyd estate and the funds are in the checking account. After discussion about current rates, a motion was made to invest \$30,000 for the project, at a rate of 3%. Motion 2nd and carried. A motion was also made to invest the \$391.80 in an Advantage Interest Account at Somerset Trust, with the interest payments from Camp going into this account and when the council sees fit, the move the money where it has the greatest return. Motion 2nd and carried. Pastor George thanked the council for their investment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance reviewed tally sheet
- Social Advent Dinner Nov. 27, Ash Wed luncheon coming up, as well as Valentines Dinner
- Worship special services are all planned, healing service, Christ the King, Thanksgiving Eve and Advent
- Education several new faces at meeting in Nov. and several new ideas are being "kicked" around
- Property Kaufmann's will be putting new snowbirds on the roof at an approx. cost of \$300; oven and garage door at the parsonage both need re paired and Pastor Ardelle will make the necessary calls, will call Barndt's about orange colored water at the church
- Youth Gob and candy sale for NOLA in July 2012

OLD BUSINESS

Several names were discussed for council nominations to replace Lori Dill, Brenda Maust, Marge Walker and Ken Will whose terms are up.

NEW BUSINESS

Second offering Sunday for Jan. 2012 will be Somerset & Berlin Food Pantry and Feb. will be Mending Hearts. Will get bids in the spring for painting the Sanctuary roof.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next council meeting Dec. 8 and Brenda will have devotions. Motion, 2nd and carried to adjourn. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Brenda Maust, Council Secretary

Winter

JANUARY 2012

Winter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>1st Sun after Christmas</i> 	2	3	4 Choir, 7:30 pm	5	6 Epiphany Day	7
8 <i>Baptism of our Lord</i> 2nd Off. Sunday Council Installation Bible Study, 7 pm	9 WELCA, 7 pm	10 Committee Night, 7 pm	11 Adult Bell, 7pm Choir, 7:30 pm	12 Council Mtg. 7 pm	13	14
15 <i>2nd Sunday After Epiphany</i> Feb. Newsletter Deadline Sr. Youth, 7 pm Bible Study, 7 pm	16	17	18 Royal Ringers, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 <i>3rd Sunday After Epiphany</i> Bible Study, 7 pm	23	24	25 Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 <i>4th Sunday After Epiphany</i> Annual Meeting Bible Study, 7 pm Sr. Youth snow tubing @7Springs	30	31	SECOND OFFERING IS FOR BERLIN FOOD PANTRY 			

GREETER LIST FOR 2012

JAN	1	Tom Hill & Katey Rose	JULY	1	Paul & Betty Simmons
	8	William Bowers Family		8	Doug Sheeler Family
	15	Dave & Audrey Walker		15	Herb & Marian Walker
	22	Ryan Maust Family		22	Calvin Walker & Mike Sulkowski
	29	Dave & Cindy Miller		29	Helen Weigle & Shirley Weimer
FEB	5	Marge Walker Family	AUG	5	Steve Will Family
	12	Ken & Ruth Shockey		12	George & Georgia Lensbouer
	19	Kevin Foster Family		19	Tom Hill & Bob Dupstadt
	22	Carl & Carol Schrock		26	Brenda Walker & Jackie Rhoads
	26	Arica & Jay Weiss	SEPT	2	Karen Helmick Family
MAR	4	Elby & Richard Walker		9	Gary & Jeanetta Shaffer
	11	Tom Hill & Katey Rose		16	Ken & Ruth Shockey
	18	Wendell & Nancy Heil		23	Dave & Audrey Walker
	25	Bill & Jan Hoffman		30	Mike Sulkowski & Jacob Maust
APR	1	Tom & Brenda Walker	OCT	7	Richard & Darren Walker
	6	Lori & Kristen Dill		14	Cindy Miller & Tomalee Will
	7	Dennis & Karen Young		21	Janet & Meaghan Anderson
Sunrise	8	Carl & Carol Schrock		28	Alma Abel & Nancy Heil
9 am	8	Chris Brant Family	NOV	4	Sandy Pyle & Dawn Will
	15	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson		11	Jordan Palumbo & Karianne Sulkowski
	22	Larry Rhoads Family		18	Donna Rhoads & Louise Spangler
	29	Karen Walker & Jane Ohler		21	Ryan Maust Family
MAY	6	Mark Friedline Family		25	Pastor George & Tom Walker
	13	Byron & Judy Glessner	DEC	2	Bill & Mollie Walker
	20	Brad & Missy Lenart		9	Jeanie Sheeler & Duana Shaffer
	27	Doug & Laura Miller		16	Carl & Carol Schrock
JUNE	3	Dave & Sandy Pyle		23	Doug Miller Family
	10	Betty & Jim Rayman		24	Tom Hill & Katey Rose
	17	Shane Shaffer Family		30	Jay & Arica Weiss
	24	Tomalee Will & Jan Fochtman			

ACOLYTE LIST FOR 2012

JAN	1	Megan Helmick	JULY	1	Cody Lenart
	8	Brock Bowers		8	Megan Helmick
	15	Cody Lenart		15	Kayla Miller
	22	Jacob Maust		22	Karianne Sulkowski
	29	Zac Friedline		29	Jordan Palumbo
FEB	5	Karianne Sulkowski	AUG	5	Tyler Will
	12	Keri Friedline		12	Shane Maust
	19	Zac Foster		19	Brock Bowers
	22	Jacob Maust		26	Kristi Helmick
	26	Jordan Palumbo			
MAR	4	Megan Helmick	SEPT	2	Megan Helmick
	11	Shane Maust		9	Keri Friedline
	18	Tyler Will		16	Brittany Will
	25	Jacob Maust		23	Zac Foster
				30	Karianne Sulkowski
APR	1	Brittany Will	OCT	7	Billy Bowers
	6	Billy Bowers		14	Cody Lenart
	7	Karianne Sulkowski		21	Meaghan Anderson
	8	Everyone		28	Kayla Miller
	15	Jacob Maust			
	22	Tyler Will	NOV	4	Tyler Will
	29	Cody Lenart		11	Zac Friedline
				18	Kristi Helmick
MAY	6	Zac Friedline		21	Jacob Maust
	13	Jordan Palumbo		25	Jordan Palumbo
	20	Cody Lenart			
	27	Kayla Miller	DEC	2	Brittany Will
				9	Brock Bowers
JUNE	3	Kristi Helmick		16	Keri Friedline
	10	Meaghan Anderson		23	Brock Bowers
	17	Billy Bowers		24	Everyone
	24	Brittany Will		30	Shane Maust

IN MINISTRY IN JANUARY

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

JANUARY 1

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

Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Brenda Maust
Megan Helmick
Tom Hill & Katey Rose
Tom Hill—Numbers 6: 22-27, Ps. 8, Gal. 4: 4-7
Joseph & Alexandra Swank
Katelynn Swank
David Walker

JANUARY 8

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

Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
Katey Rose
Brock Bowers
William Bowers Family
Deanna Bowers—Gen. 1: 1-5, Ps. 29, Acts 19: 1-7
Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler
Mckenna Sheeler

JANUARY 15

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

Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Brenda Walker
Cody Lenart
Dave & Audrey Walker
Dave Walker—I Sam. 3: 1-10, Ps. 139: 1-6, 13-18, I Cor. 6: 12-20
Matthew & Lindsey Shaffer
Shawn Shaffer

JANUARY 22

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

Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
Bill Hoffman
Jacob Maust
Ryan Maust Family
Ryan Maust—Jonah 3: 1-5, 10, Ps. 62: 5-12, I Cor. 7: 29-31
Shandi & Shaelyn Walker
Shawna Walker

JANUARY 29

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

Donna & Jackie Rhoads
Jane Ohler
Zac Friedline
Dave & Cindy Miller
Cindy Miller—Duet. 18: 15-20, Ps. 111, I Cor. 8: 1-13
Chloe & Corey Miller
Chloe Miller

FAITH COUNCIL MINUTES

Ministry Proposal Meeting

Faith Council met Sunday, Oct. 30 immediately following Worship to discuss the 2012 Ministry Proposal. Pastor Ardelle and 9 council members were present.

Ministry expenses were discussed and will remain the same as 2011. Operating expenses were discussed and changed as follows:

- Salaries will total \$72,000
- Pension & Benefits will total \$22,500
- Travel will decrease to \$3000

The Sexton, Parish Administrator and Hannah will receive a 2% increase and the Organist will have \$11 added to her pay. Pastor Ardelle asked for an additional week vacation in lieu of a pay raise (her total vacation time would then be 6 weeks.)

Outreach expenses were changed as follows:

- Other will change to \$2850
- Chamber Dues will increase to \$150

Motion was made, 2nd and approved for all changes. Motion was also made, 2nd and carried to present final Ministry Proposal (with changes made) to the congregation at our annual meeting.

Motion, 2nd and carried to adjourn.

Brenda Maust, Council Secretary

Little Lutheran Subscriptions

It is time to renew (or begin) subscriptions to *The Little Lutheran*, a magazine for kids 6 and under. The magazine helps families nurture faith in their children, and helps families grow together in the faith. It is sent to your child ten times a year, and is filled with stories, prayers, and activities. A year's subscription through the Church's group rate is only \$12.95. Call the church office today to order a subscription for your child or grandchild!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

	Nov.	2011 Totals	Previous Month
INCOME			
Current	10,986.80	117,385.52	10,986.80
Benevolence	482.50	5,478.50	482.50
Missionary Support	151.00	2,242.00	151.00
Building/Maint.	697.00	7,678.00	697.00
Misc. In/Out	699.00	46,666.17	699.00
TOTAL INCOME	13,016.30	179,450.19	13,016.30
EXPENSES			
<u>Ministries</u>			
Total Ministries	180.80	7,274.33	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>			
	446.41	20,444.58	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	360.64	2,412.33	3,000.00
Total Payroll	8,944.59	94,580.91	107,186.60
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	608.00	9,029.00	10,000.00
World Hunger	115.00	1,791.30	0.00
Missionary Support	179.00	4,642.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	285.00	1,858.00	0.00
Other	1,082.00	8,104.50	3,000.00
Food Pantry	0.00	400.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Outreach	2,269.00	25,824.80	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>			
	349.79	16,357.79	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>			
	460.00	9,726.55	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,650.59	174,208.96	170,736.60
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$45,521.39
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$1,530.36
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$420.73
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$10,488.91
Camp Scholarship			\$7,995.80

2011 Proposal
