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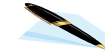
# Faith's Blessings



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## From The Pastor....



MARCH 2012

Ready or not, we are already into the Lenten Season! Lent is a uniquely **church** observance, as opposed to a Biblical observance, in that you will not find any reflections on Lent in the Scriptures. Certainly, Lent does have Biblical roots! Lent is grounded first of all in Jesus' own experience of 40 days of tempting or testing at the hands of Satan in the wilderness before beginning his public ministry. Jesus took that time to "get his head on straight," so to speak, about the meaning and purpose of his ministry.

Lent is **our** time to "get **our** heads on straight" so that we are prepared to celebrate the Easter season with joy and praise. To celebrate Easter properly, we first have to get a proper perspective on and appreciation of Good Friday. To appreciate Good Friday, we have to be able to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we are lost in sin and we **cannot**, by our own means or even by our own will, do **anything** about it. Without understanding that the depth of our sin **caused Jesus to die on the cross**, we cannot understand the joy of Easter Day, when God declared that Jesus had done all things well in living and dying for us, and so took away the only thing lying between us and the joys of heaven. As he raised Jesus on that glorious day, so he will raise us up to live with him.

In the meantime, the "disciplines of Lent" help us to prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter. Prayer, alms-giving, and fasting have taken various forms, and can all help us to gain perspective on who we are and who God calls us to be. The key point is that we need to connect in some way with the God who created us, calls us to be his servant people, and sent his Son to die for us. Daily devotions can help us to center our thoughts through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. One is available at the church, and another is available as a daily e-mail by registering (no cost!) at [www.davidlose.net](http://www.davidlose.net). A discipline of self-denial can connect you with thoughts of what Jesus has given up for you. Given Jesus' own concern for the "least and the lost," it is often helpful to couple what you "give up" with something that you can "give to" in order to help those in need.

May you find this Lent to be useful and instructive. See you in Worship, either Sunday morning or Sunday night - or both!

Yours in Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Ardelle*



**FAITH NEWS . . .**

**Address Changes:**

Randy Fieg  
2472 Stoystown Road  
Friedens, PA 15541-8218

William C. Hoffman, II  
618 Greenfield Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207  
Cell phone: 814-442-0658

**Home Phone Number for:**

Hannah Zimmerman  
279-4486

**Wedding**

Joshua Walker and Stephanie Walker  
were married on 2/18/12

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Ardelle Mason for her visits and prayers. Also, my thanks to all who sent cards, phoned and visited while I was in the Patriot Manor and my home. Especially thanks for the delicious soup. All were sincerely appreciated.

Alma Abel



**EASTER FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET POSTED**

You have the following choices:

Tulips—\$10.25

Lilies—\$10.25

Mums—\$10.00

Hyacinths—\$5.00

Please pay Mabel Revello when you order. The deadline is **March 18**.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Betty Rayman for being voted WELCA'S Bold Woman of the year for 2012.

In addition to all the things Betty does, she also finds the time to head the list for Mary Ellen's Prayer Chain. She sends cards to the members who are hospitalized or are ill. She never turns you down when she is called to donate pies for our funeral meals or fund raisers. Betty is also involved in ALSM (Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries). Thanks to Betty for her BOLDNESS.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
March 4, 11, 18, 25	Soup Suppers Lent Worship	Volunteer to help Attend
March 5	Committee Night	Attend
March 8	Council Meeting	Attend
March 10	Sr. Youth Bowling	Participate
March 12	WELCA	Attend
March 18	Sequanota Night at Hoss's	Pick up voucher at Church

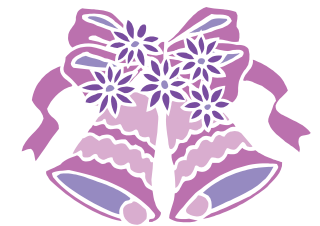


**BIRTHDAYS**

Shane Maust, 3/2  
Thomas Hill, 3/3  
Tyler Will, 3/5  
Chad Cramer, 3/6  
Mona Barndt, 3/7  
Elby Walker, 3/7  
Chloe Miller, 3/9  
Zachery Weaver, 3/13  
Emily Nist, 3/15  
Darlene Zerfoss, 3/16  
Jay Anderson, 3/17  
David Will, 3/18  
Justine Lundquest, 3/19

Barbara Will, 3/19  
Barbara Raupach, 3/20  
James Yonai, 3/22  
Patricia Stouffer, 3/23  
Luther Weaver, 3/23  
Denise Custer, 3/25  
Douglas Sheeler, 3/27  
Melissa Lenart, 3/28  
David Walker, 3/28  
Jeb Friedline, 3/28  
Matthew Shaffer, 3/29  
Dean Nist, 3/31  
Amber Heiple, 3/31

**ANNIVERSARIES**



Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stouffer, Jr.  
March 28

### Valentine King and Queen

Though "the weather outside was frightful," we had a great evening inside! Clifford Spangler was our "Valentine King," and Jackie Kimmel was our "Valentine Queen." "Golden Club" members present were Jackie Kimmel, Clifford Spangler, Mona Barndt, Betty Rayman, Bill Revello and Ken Shockey. Carl and Carol Schrock invited the "Courtesy Turners," a Farm Show blue ribbon Square Dance team (originally "Belles and Beaus"), for entertainment. They were great!



### "HARM'S WAY" LIST:

Please help us keep our prayer lists up to date. Under "harm's way" we have included military duty, police, and prison guards. In February, we will start over with a "fresh" list, so please help us "get it right". If you or a loved one should be included, please call the office or, better yet, leave a written note. We will only include those whose names are called in. Of course, names can be added later. Please also help us know when to take names off.



### A LOOK AHEAD: Holy Week, April 1—April 8

#### April 1

Palm Sunday, 9 am, Procession with Palms, Passion Reading (in parts) from Mark

#### April 5

Seder Meal, 5:30 pm, covered dish with observance of Passover and Holy Communion

#### April 6

Good Friday Worship, 7 pm

#### April 7

Easter Vigil, 7 pm

#### April 8

Son Rise Service, 6:30 am  
Easter Breakfast, 7:45 am  
Easter Worship, 9 am

### COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on January 12, 2012 with 11 members present plus Pastor Ardelle. Pastor Ardelle led devotions.

First order of business was to elect Council officers as follows: President- Dave Walker, Vice President – Tomalee Will, Secretary – Sandy Pyle, Treasurer – Chris Brant

The minutes from the December 2011 meeting were reviewed, motion made, was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved, followed by a review of the Treasurers report this was also motioned 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved. Last the Pastors report was reviewed; again motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and approval.

### Committee Reports

**Finance:** Tally sheet was reviewed & explained to new Council members how the Tally sheets works.

**Social:** Events for 2012 have been planned. 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. Proposed a Pot Luck luncheon for World Hunger at noon after service on 9/9, this would require switching the times of Sunday school (9:15 am) and Worship (10:30 am). Will bring up for discussion at congregational meeting on 1/29.

**Worship:** Bible Study will continue on Sunday evenings until Ash Wednesday. Between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday soup suppers at 5:30 pm with worship at 6:30 pm. Ash Wednesday service at Faith will be at 7:00 pm. Healing Services have been set for February 12, May 6, August 5, November 11. Graduate service will be May 20. Companion Synod service will be June 24. World Hunger will be September 9. Harvest Home is set for October 18. The Chrismon service will be held on December 30.

**Property:** The parsonage furnace has been cleaned and serviced, along with the 220 breaker replaced, the problem with the sewage has been fixed. Areas that need addressed at the parsonage are: Kitchen flooring needs replaced and the latch on the back screen door isn't working properly.

**Jr. Youth & Education:** We are still in need of a leader for Jr. Youth. Sr. Youth are selling pizza (\$6.00) and subs (\$7.00) orders are due on 01/21 and delivery will be 01/28. They are still collecting the M & M containers that were passed out previously.

### Old Business:

Olan Mills has approached us, about producing a new church directory; it was decided to pass on this since the last directory was done in November of 2008. Check has been received from break in. It was decided to replace safe and filing cabinet with identical products. The regulator on the stove in the church kitchen isn't working properly and will be replaced. It was decided that a list of steps to follow when using the dishwasher would be drawn up by Dennis and placed in where it can be seen. It was left with dirty water that had molded and had a terrible stench.

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 <b>MARCH 2012</b> 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>SECOND OFFERING IS FOR HUMANE SOCIETY</b>				1	2	3
4 <i>2nd Sun Lent</i> Soup Supper, 5:30 pm; Worship, 6:30 pm	5 Committee Night, 7 pm	6	7 Choir, 7:30 pm	8 Council Meeting, 7 pm	9	10  Sr. Youth Bowling
11 <i>3rd Sun Lent</i> 2nd Off. Sunday Soup Supper, 5:30 pm; Worship, 6:30 pm	12 WELCA, 7 pm	13	14 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	15	16	17
18 <i>4th Sun Lent</i> April Newsletter Deadline Soup Supper, 5:30 pm, Worship, 6:30 pm	19	20	21 Royal Ringers, 6:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	22	23	24
25 <i>5th Sun Lent</i> Soup Supper, 5:30 pm; Worship, 6:30 pm Sr. Youth, 7 pm	26	27	28 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	29	30	31

**Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee continues to select hymns and anthems. The first consideration is to choose hymns that relate to the lessons appointed for the day. The next consideration is to be sure that Faith can sing those hymns!

The worship committee also reviews the orders of worship, seeking to have a varied experience that remains grounded in our traditions. We are using Setting 10 from the ***Evangelical Lutheran Worship*** for Lent. We will use the "Bread of Life" setting from ***With One Voice*** for the Easter Season. We also reviewed the ***Jerusalem at Passover*** program for the Ash Wednesday and Sunday Evening Lenten services.

Suggestions are welcome. Better yet, come out and help us make decisions!

**THINK YOU CAN,  
THINK YOU CAN'T; EITHER  
WAY, YOU'LL BE RIGHT.  
Henry Ford**

**Soup Suppers**

Join us at 5:30 pm Sunday evenings for a simple supper of soup and bread, along with terrific table fellowship! A signup sheet in the Narthex invites you to supply a pot of soup or a few loaves of bread for one of the meals. The soups are always different, and always delicious! Lenten worship follows in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm.

**Jerusalem at Passover**

Each Sunday night at 6:30 pm, our "tour" of the Holy City takes us to a different place, where we can "look in" on significant events. If we didn't know better, we might think that it was just any Passover in Jerusalem. But, we have already witnessed Jesus cleaning out the Temple, and we will also see Jesus and his disciples celebrating the Seder. We will watch as the crowd arrests Jesus on the Mount of Olives, the Sanhedrin (Jewish Council) in a rare night meeting, and a strange trial under Pilate. Finally, we will just miss a crucifixion event. Join us as we struggle to make sense of this "tour".

### Education Committee February Meeting:

The committee reflected on recent changes in the children's Sunday school program. The classes are now more interactive with the students participating in unique ways as they learn the Bible stories. One of our major concerns is many children of the congregation are missing out on these exciting adventures in learning about God's love.

The effort to establish at least quarterly, if not monthly, events for the Junior Youth is underway. Our hope is these will become connection points of learning and fun for the kids and their parents. We discussed adding a time while the kids are busy with their activities for the parents to spend time reflecting on issues of life and faith. It could also be a time to get to know each other and to share life's parenting joys and concerns.

Our effort to strengthen our connections or to reconnect with the eighteen to thirty something group will begin with some small gatherings over desserts. These will be informal gatherings where we can share joy, concerns, life stories, and get to know each other better. Pastor George Mason is coordinating this ministry. If you are in this age group you should be hearing from Pastor George in the near future.

A post confirmation Sunday school class is still being considered but we are waiting for feed back from our young folk.

Some outside of the box discussions focused on time for worship and Sunday school as well as the potential need for another worship time and maybe education time Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon or evening.



### Sequanota Night at Hoss's: March 18

Do you like to eat out at Hoss's? Then pick up a voucher at church! When you present the voucher as you place your order on March 18, Hoss's will donate 20% of your total check paid to Sequanota Conference Center \*New this year: If Sequanota raises \$1200 or more in sales, Hoss's will donate 25%! This applies to single day, single store events only.

### IN MINISTRY IN MARCH

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

#### MARCH 4

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

Karen Walker  
Bill Hoffman  
Megan Helmick  
Elby & Richard Walker  
Richard Walker—Gen. 17: 1-7, 15-16, Ps. 22: 23-31, Rom 4: 13-25  
Travis & Zachary Fike  
Zachary Fike  
Cindy Miller

#### MARCH 11

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson  
Jane Ohler  
Brock Bowers  
Tom Hill & Katey Rose  
Brenda Maust—Exod. 20: 1-17, Ps. 19, I Cor. 1: 18-25  
Joseph & Katelynn Swank  
Alexandra Swank

#### MARCH 18

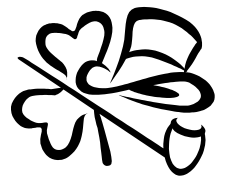
Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Acolyte  
Greeters  
Reader  
Collect Com Cups  
Distribute Bulletins

Karen Walker  
Bill Hoffman, II  
Tyler Will  
Wendell & Nancy Heil  
Wendell Heil—Num. 21: 4-9, Ps. 107: 1-3, 17-22, Eph. 2: 1-10  
Chloe & Corey Miller  
Chloe Miller

#### MARCH 25

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson  
Darren Walker  
Jacob Maust  
Bill & Jan Hoffman  
Bill Hoffman—Jer. 31: 31-34, Ps. 51: 1-12, Heb. 5: 5-10  
Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler  
Mckenna Sheeler



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**New Business:**

Clay Mankamyer from Clay's Security Service gave a presentation on a security system that would include 2 keypads, motion sensors and door alarms. Monthly monitoring service fees are \$20.00. Council felt that more discussion was needed to find the best way to protect the Church without inhibiting the use of the building. Responsibilities of a Council member were covered. Motion was made and approved to purchase 250 new candle cups to prevent hot wax from dripping on to hands. Purchase price is \$17.59 for 25.

The official commitment for the Missionary sponsorship for 2012 is \$2000.00. Approval was granted for Joshua Walker & Stephanie Walker's wedding to be held on 02/18. Discussed the names on list of "In harm's way" what names can be removed; will have this put into the newsletter. On February 2 Thrivent will be meeting at Faith.

**Good of the Order**

Next meeting will be held on February 9 with Tomalee Will having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by:  
Sandy Pyle, Secretary

**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.

**Second Offering**

Our Second Offering in March will be given to the Humane Society. God cares for all of his creatures who stray - even the four-footed ones.



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

	January	2012 Totals	Previous Month
<b>INCOME</b>			
Current	12,062.96	12,062.96	23,874.50
Benevolence	555.00	555.00	1,511.50
Missionary Support	302.00	302.00	660.00
Building/Maint.	1,150.50	1,150.50	1,743.50
Misc. In/Out	7,063.54	7,063.54	8,756.35
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>21,134.00</b>	<b>21,134.00</b>	<b>36,545.85</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Total Ministries	671.50	671.50	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	969.07	969.07	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	8,669.57	8,669.57	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	1,511.50	1,511.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	10.00	10.00	0.00
Missionary Support	660.00	660.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	173.00	173.00	0.00
Other	695.00	695.00	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	3,049.50	3,049.50	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,049.78	2,049.78	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	9,042.99	9,042.99	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>24,452.41</b>	<b>24,452.41</b>	<b>170,026.88</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
General Checking			\$36,113.56
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$27,162.00
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

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Proposal