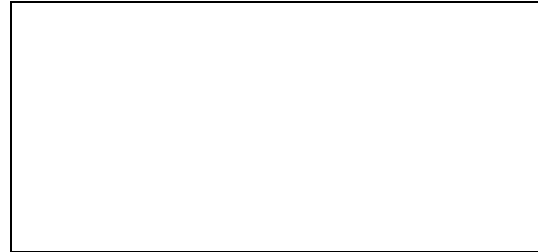


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From The Pastor....

JUNE 2012

We have now entered the Pentecost season, the season of the church year that focuses on the Church, the Body of Christ in the world. The season begins with a bang, as we recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. In many ways, the season of Pentecost is the story of the Holy Spirit as it moved the apostles to spread the good news that Jesus lives, and he forgives sins.

The result of their inspired preaching and the activity of the Holy Spirit was the early church. The early church was not perfect, even as the 21st century church is not perfect. There were squabbles over ministry (neglect of widows led to the appointment of seven deacons, Acts 6:1-6), disagreements over rules (to circumcise or not to circumcise, Acts 15:1-11), and even personality conflicts (Peter and Paul argue, Galatians 2:11-14) and power plays (Barnabas and Paul split up and took new ministry partners, Acts 15:36-41)! (Sounds kind of like the church in our age, doesn't it!) But it was the **church**, because it was God's creation, called into being and gifted with everything it needed to be Christ's body in the world.

How in the world could something so fractured and apparently unhealthy have survived for over 2000 years and counting?

The church has survived because it is called and empowered by God. Many today are convinced that the church serves no useful purpose, and therefore will soon cease to be. Sure, the church still has flaws. To be sure, there are situations where the church **does** serve no useful purpose - not even the purpose given to it by God! But I don't believe that God is finished with the church just yet.

As the world around us becomes more fractured and more distant from God, the message the church was given to proclaim becomes more, not less relevant. Jesus came to usher in God's kingdom, and even death could not stop him! The world around us desperately needs to hear of God's love and God's forgiveness. They may laugh at us for even believing that there is a God, but God's Holy Spirit will use us to plant the message in their hearts, and God's Holy Spirit will make that message grow.

May we pray for God's grace to empower us to remember that we are, indeed, Christ's body, given for the world around us. May we share his love and forgiveness with others, so that we may share in Christ's joy.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Pastor Ardelle



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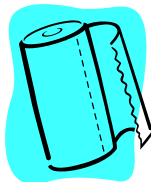
David Pugh
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FUNERAL:

Funeral service was held April 27, 2012 for Ethel Shaffer at Faith Lutheran. The Rev. Sherrie Hofmann officiated.

PHONE NUMBER:

Philip & Tresa Keller
444-1711



BERLIN FOOD PANTRY

The Adult Sunday School Class of Faith will be collecting items for Berlin Food Pantry beginning with the first 2 (two) Sundays of June (June 3 & 10).

PLEASE NOTE: we are asking for **paper products** (toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, etc) **only.** Help us help our neighbors. Thank you.

WORSHIP

On Pentecost Sunday, we observed the day with a chancel drama entitled: *The Church Is Burning!* We watched a church council as it was transformed by the Holy Spirit from closed-minded, self-centered and pessimistic individuals to a unified, excited and open group, ready to reach out in the name of our Lord.

We have a Marriage Celebration planned for July 29. See separate article for more details!

On August 26, we will hold our annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic. **New! For the day of the picnic, we will change our worship times!** We will begin with Sunday School at 9:15 am. At 10:30 am we will gather in the Pavilion for Worship. We will then have a covered dish picnic. Bring your covered dish to worship and keep on ice or in a warm oven at the church.

Note the change of time for this day! Sunday School students can sleep in for a few minutes, or "Worship only" folks can sleep in for an hour!

A special thank you to the **SUPER STARS** who faithfully every month put the newsletter together. Your help is very much appreciated. If you would like to help out, please call the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
June 3, 10, 17, 24	Bible Study	Attend
June 4	Committee Night	Participate
June 9	Family Dinner	Enjoy
June 10	2nd Offering Sunday	Remember offering
June 11	WELCA	Attend
June 14	Council Meeting	Attend
June 25-29	VBS	Participate

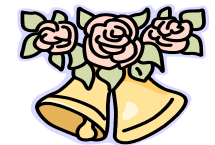


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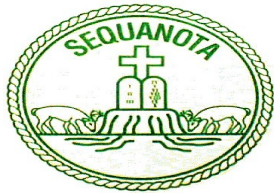
Kayla Miller, 6/1
Janice Williams, 6/2
Bailey Trevarrow, 6/6
Olivia George, 6/6
Kristin Brant, 6/9
Melissa Maust, 6/12
Dolores Friedline, 6/13
Kendra Nist, 6/13
Michael Ohler, 6/15
Debbie Nist, 6/17
Kathy Rhoads, 6/17
Duane Sheeler, 6/17
William Brant, 6/17
Michael Sulkowski, 6/18
Donald Raupach, 6/19

Brian Will, 6/20
James Fieg, 6/21
Diane Delancey, 6/22
Kathryn Rose, 6/23
Katelynn Swank, 6/24
Dannille Will, 6/25
Jeffrey Ream, 6/27
Craig Walker, 6/28
Cody Lenart, 6/28
Randi Miller, 6/28
Karen Zerfoss, 6/29
Jeannie Sheeler, 6/30
Paul Mosholder, 6/30
Jeanetta Shaffer, 6/30

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. & Mrs. William Walker, 6/7
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Shaffer, 6/9
Mr. & Mrs. David Miller, 6/10
Mr. & Mrs. David Custer, 6/17
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miller, 6/18
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Zerfoss, 6/20
Mr. & Mrs. David Will, 6/24
Mr. & Mrs. David Delancey, 6/25
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Brant, 6/26
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gross, 6/30



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Summer Camp begins June 17 with Confirmation Camp and a week of Crew Camp, which combines the best of sampling regular camp activities and getting a feel for what it would be like to serve as a summer staff person. Camps this summer include traditional cabin camping, Swim Camp (new!), Outdoor Adventure, Sports Camp, Fishing Camp, Horseback Riding Camp, Servant Adventure, Art Camp, Guitar Camp, and Tenting Camp (new!)! As usual, there is Camp Bethesda (for campers 18 years of age and up with special needs), Family Camp, and even "Intrepid Trekkers" (for those adventurous souls approaching - or even past "senior citizen" age who just aren't ready to give up!)

Watch for "Summer's Last Blast" (aka "Music in the Mountains") on August 18. This year the event will feature arts and crafts as well as music, including presentations from some of our campers from Dance and Guitar Camps!

On August 20, watch for the Benefit Golf Tournament at Summit Country Club in Cresson. Cost for individuals is \$100, or for teams of four \$400. The camp is also looking for individuals, groups or businesses to sponsor holes. Contact the camp for more information.

Each year Camp Sequanota hosts an international counselor to enrich the summer camping ministry experience. In fact, the international counselor program is so popular that this year we have three returning counselors along with the two new ones for this year. This is truly a wonderful blessing to be able to work together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other parts of the world. However, this wonderful ministry is not without its costs. This year the Global Mission Team is asking you to help offset the costs associated with this ministry. Please mark special offerings "Global Mission/International Counselor." Thanks for your help!



COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on April 12, 2012 with 9 members present plus Pastor Ardelle. Richard Walker led devotions.

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed, were 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 approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: Family Dinner is set for Saturday, June 9th at 5:00 pm

Worship: Hymns have been picked for the next few weeks. Everyone felt that we had a very successful Holy Week.

Education: Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of June 25 through 29. No curriculum has been chosen as of yet. VBS leaders haven't committed as of yet, Education committee still working on it. Sunday school is still chugging along.

Property: The bars have been installed on the doors in the Fellowship hall, they must be removed whenever the hall is occupied. Tom Hill is checking on protection for the stained glass windows, cost to be determined. Wooden doors at the front side of the Sanctuary need to be repaired. Question was raised what should be done with the old voting booths that are no longer being used; Tom will speak to County Commissioner's. The office door has still not been replaced due to a problem with the thickness of the door, should we repair or have one custom made?


Youth: Fund raising for the Youth Gathering is about complete. There will be no need for the Small Games of Chance license. The registration paperwork for the Flea Market has arrived, was decided to pay from General Fund.

Old Business:

Camera options are still being discussed; only 2 bids have been received so far; are still waiting for 1 more. The 2 months open for second Sunday offering are going to be left open till a later date in case a need arises. The pen order has arrived, the distribution started with the Easter Egg Hunt. Compact fluorescent bulbs were priced \$4.00 per bulb for 100-watt bulbs at Hite Co will burn 8000 hours. (24 bulbs at a cost of \$1.80 per bulb that will burn 10,000 hours) are available from Lowes. Penelec encourages the use of compact fluorescent bulbs and is sending us some.

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JUNE 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2ND OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR SHRINERS HOSPITAL		 Shriners Hospitals for Children®			1	2
3 <i>Holy Trinity</i> Worship @ Lutheran Home, 3:30 pm; Collect paper products Bible Study, 7 pm	4 Committee Night, 7 pm	5	6	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> SYNOD ASSEMBLY </div>	8	9 Family Dinner 6 pm
10 <i>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</i> 2nd Offer. Sunday; Collect paper products Bible Study, 7 pm	11 WELCA, 7 pm	12	13 Conference Pastors @ Faith, 10:30 am	14 Council Mtg., 7 pm	15	16
17 <i>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</i> July/Aug Newsletter Deadline Father's Day Bible Study, 7 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>4th Sunday After Pentecost</i> Companion Synod Sunday Bible Study, 7 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6 — 8:15 pm </div>			28	29	30

JUNE 3 AND JUNE 10—PAPER PRODUCTS FOR BERLIN FOOD PANTRY



ALLEGHENY LUTHERAN HOME WORSHIP

Pastors throughout the Synod are asked to help lead weekly Communion at the Lutheran Home in Johnstown. Residents - especially those who are unable to travel to their home congregation - are exposed to a variety of worship and preaching styles. The residents are thrilled when pastors bring visitors from their own congregation - or special music from the choir or bells or chimes! Please join us on June 3 at 3:30 pm at the Home. Call Pastor Ardelle if you need transportation.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On May 20, we recognized our Graduates during worship, and celebrated with them in the fellowship hall with cake and punch.

Shane Maust: Somerset H.S.
 Jordan Palumbo: Shanksville H.S.
 Kyle Weaver: Somerset H.S.
 Brittany Will: Somerset H.S.
 Katelynn Smeak: PA Cyber School
 Whitney Custer: California U. of PA.

Congratulations to our graduates! May God bless you in your journey through life.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH?

Several people have asked us to consider the possibility of "Children's Church" during part of the Worship Service. Is it feasible? Will it be used? Who can supervise? Will it be more than a "nursery"? Who will plan activities? If you can help with any of these questions (or add more questions to consider!), please come to the next Worship Committee meeting.



FAMILY DINNER

June 9 at 6 pm in the church fellowship hall
 Entertainment:
Chords of Praise
 Adults: \$8.00
 Children 3-10: \$4.00
 Children under 3: free
Deadline: June 3



MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

On July 29, we will celebrate Marriage during the morning Worship, followed by a (Wedding!) cake and punch reception in the fellowship Hall. We are looking for couples with long experience (twenty-five to fifty years or more!) to share and reflect on what Christian marriage has meant in their lives. What can you share with us of your experience? Perhaps our younger couples can share with us what their hopes and dreams are as they begin their married life. Talk to Pr. Ardelle!

WORLD HUNGER

Newsflash from the ELCA World Hunger Appeal: In 2011, congregations of the ELCA gave more than \$10,750,000 to help feed the world's hungry people! (World Hunger's total budget is about \$19,200,000. Congregational giving supplied more than half of that budget!) And that figure does not take into account the money that congregations like ours also give to their local Food Pantries to help feed and take care of people close to home. Congratulations on a job well done!

"Well done", unfortunately, does not mean a job completed. The battle goes on. Watch for another "Pot Luck to End World Hunger" on September 9. More information will come later!

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The Allegheny Synod will meet in Assembly June 7, 8, and 9, beginning with Worship on Thursday night. Faith will be sending Dennis and Karen Young as our representatives. Watch for more information about the Assembly.

SECOND OFFERING

Our Second Offering in June will be given to the Shriners, who provide free burn and orthopedic services to children. Talk to Ken Shockey for more information.

**COMPANION SYNOD SUNDAY:
June 24**

On the last Sunday of June, we will celebrate our relationship with the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church. Sam and Cindy Wolff have now ended their ministry in Kenya, and new missionaries will take their place in June. Come and find out what new things will be happening in Kenya!



IN MINISTRY IN JUNE

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

JUNE 3

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Bill Hoffman, II
Kristi Helmick
Dave & Sandy Pyle
Georgia Lensbouer—Isa. 6: 1-8, Ps. 29, Rom. 8:12-17
Jack Loeffert & Jackalynn Derry
Jack Loeffert
David Pyle

JUNE 10

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

Karen Walker
Darren Walker
Meaghan Anderson
Betty & Jim Rayman
Karen Young—Gen. 3: 8-15, Ps. 130, 2 Cor. 4: 13—5:1
Shawna & Shaelyn Walker
Shandi Walker



JUNE 17

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader

Collect Com Cups
Distribute Bulletins

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Brenda Maust
Billy Bowers
Shane Shaffer Family
Duana Shaffer—Ezek. 17:;22-24, Ps. 92: 1-4, 12-15, 2 Cor. 5: 6-10, (11-13) 14-17
Shane & Matthew Shaffer
Lindsey Shaffer

JUNE 24

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

Karen Walker
Katey Rose
Brittany Will
Tomalee Will & Jan Fochtman
Tomalee Will—Malachi 3: 1-4, Ps. 141, Luke 1: 57-67 (68-80)
Dakota Weyant & Adam Latuch
Steven Latuch

COUNCIL MINUTES (cont'd from page 3)

New Business:

Next VBS meeting 4/16 at 6:30 pm. We still need 1 person for the Synod Assembly. We have been notified that our missionaries are leaving Kenya. Replacement missionaries will be Ron & Leslie Michael; we are going to check on their funding before we commit our support. Motion was made and approved to donate \$200.00 to Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State. On Sunday 4/15 we will have a Seminarian to conduct the Service and a call committee will also be in attendance. We agreed to purchase carnations from Birthright for Mothers Day. Elaine Hillegas approached Pastor Ardelle about giving Bible covers to the children when they receive their Bibles. Camp scholarships will be available again this year with standard policy as in the past. (50% of basic camp fee) The church is still using dial up Internet, going to check into to ways of going high speed.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on May 10 with Sandy Pyle having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by:
Sandy Pyle, Secretary

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

	April	2012 Totals	Previous Month
INCOME			
Current	13,065.43	42,558.57	8,135.50
Benevolence	640.00	2,123.00	467.00
Missionary Support	323.00	1,001.00	187.00
Building/Maint.	773.00	3,400.00	842.50
Misc. In/Out	3,352.13	13,857.42	2,550.75
TOTAL INCOME	18,153.56	62,939.99	12,182.75
EXPENSES			
<u>Ministries</u>			
Total Ministries	1,519.66	2,751.40	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>			
	1,551.57	6,632.86	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	9,270.23	34,724.96	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	467.00	2,994.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	5.00	30.00	0.00
Missionary Support	187.00	1,336.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	180.00	455.00	0.00
Other	846.75	1,961.75	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	479.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	1,685.75	7,256.25	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>			
	1,437.66	7,716.25	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>			
	4,543.00	15,858.94	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,007.87	74,940.66	170,026.88
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$27,831.30
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$26,762.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$551.60
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$0.00
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$14,512.68
Camp Scholarship			\$8,222.55



Bible School will be held June 25-29 from 6-8:15 pm. Our program will be **Adventures on Promise Island**. Each day we will study one of God's promises and how he keeps that promise in our everyday life. (How many of God's Promises can you spot in this newsletter?)

Our opening and closing each day will take place at Seaside Celebration. We will visit our Bible Story Teller at Lifeguard Lagoon. We will go to Project Pointe for crafts, to Coconut Café for incredible edible snacks, and to Funtime Falls for fun and games. And, of course, we will learn fun new songs! (Hey! You can pick up a CD to preview the VBS music at church! Talk to Brenda Walker for a copy!)

On Sunday, July 1, we will share in the congregation's worship by presenting our themes and music from the week. This will be our "Closing Program".