

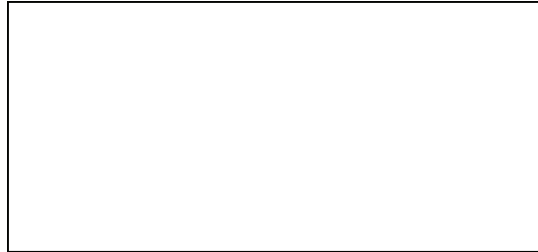
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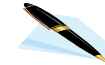
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FROM THE PASTOR....



SEPTEMBER 2012

September is shaping up to be a busy month at Faith. While Catechism students got a break for the summer, the Adult Class and the Children's Sunday School have continued throughout the summer. But now, as we enter the Fall season, some changes are in the air! Catechism starts September 2 for all seventh graders (and up) who have not yet started Catechism. Sunday School will again be offered for our youth who have completed confirmation but are not comfortable with the "adult" class. They have already started to study See Through the Scriptures. We will be introducing Intergenerational Worship with a 10 minute Sunday School closing that will include all classes. Parents will be asked to pick up their children in the Fellowship Hall, and even to join us for our closing experience. Our aim and purpose is to draw us together so that we can more effectively share God's love. Week-day School is back! This time, it is under the direction of Macquel Flowers. Bible Study took a break which will extend through September, due to the Pastor's schedule, but it will also resume in October.

It is also the season for reviewing where we have been and what we have done. Children will again review Holy Communion, Acolytes will touch base with the Pastor, and our shut-in ministers will reconvene and regroup, hopefully with new faces to share with our shut-ins.

Ministry opportunities abound, including Crop Walk, World Hunger Potluck, Potato digging, Altar Guild, and more.

This is a good time of year to take stock of who we are and what our priorities look like. Sometimes, we get so busy we don't know why we are doing what we are doing anymore. If you are feeling this way, now is the time to sit back and ask, "What is really important in my faith and life?" What changes might I need to make to spend my time on what is really important to me?

Take time to pray and reflect. If necessary, take time for confession, for God assures us he is always ready to forgive! Then, dig in, refreshed and renewed, and ready to encounter God in all kinds of ways and places!

Your Partner in Christ's Service,
Pastor Ardelle



FAITH NEWS . . .

ADULT BAPTISM:

David Koehler on 8/19/2012

NAME CHANGE:

Brianna Rose to Brianna Lohr

TRANSFER:

Jason Fisher to Unity United Church of Christ, Shanksville, PA

WELCA RETREAT

On Monday, August 20 the Women of the ELCA of Faith Lutheran had a retreat at Camp Sequanota. Our Bible study was "Along the Way." We had 13 ladies attend. After the First session, we were treated to a coffee break with Jeannie's cinnamon rolls. The camp kitchen staff had a great lunch and camp was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon we finished up our journey and returned back to Faith around 3:30 pm. It was a great day! Hope to see more able to come next year!



BAKING TIME AGAIN!!

It is our turn to be responsible for the desserts for the "Meals on Wheels Program" October 1 thru 5. Watch for the clip board in church the last 2 weeks of September for donations, or call Betty Simmons at 267-5058. Your donations are truly appreciated for this important outreach program. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
SEPTEMBER 9	Rally Day; 2nd Offering Sunday; 3rd Grade Bibles; Explore Holy Communion; World Hunger Pot Luck Dinner	Attend
SEPTEMBER 10	WELCA	Attend
SEPTEMBER 11	Shut-in Ministry Review	Attend
SEPTEMBER 13	Council Meeting	Attend
SEPTEMBER 16	Baptism	Attend
SEPTEMBER 23	Acolyte Training/Reward	Attend
SEPTEMBER 30	Crop Walk	Participate

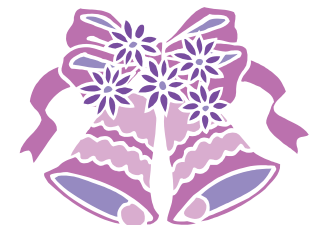


BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rodney Will, 9/2 | Linda Pauley, 9/18 |
| Hazel Moore, 9/3 | Charles Brant, 9/19 |
| Donald Raupach, 9/3 | Patricia Brant, 9/19 |
| Carl Schrock, 9/4 | Lindsey Shaffer, 9/20 |
| Jack Loeffert, 9/6 | Karl Landis, 9/21 |
| Doris Lehman, 9/8 | Dakota Weyant, 9/21 |
| Aaron Rhoads, 9/8 | Casey Romus, 9/22 |
| Gary Tataleba, 9/10 | Shawn Shaffer, 9/22 |
| Jason Fisher, 9/10 | Jane Ohler, 9/23 |
| Brian Trent, 9/11 | Paul Will, 9/23 |
| Jacob Fochtman, 9/11 | Catherine Tims, 9/25 |
| Hudson Hillegas, 9/12 | Kyle Weaver, 9/27 |
| Lily Walker, 9/13 | Casey Carpenter, 9/30 |
| Lisa Phillips, 9/14 | Mabel Revello, 9/30 |
| Pauline Kritschgau, 9/18 | Lenny Miller, 9/30 |
| Brianna Trent, 9/18 | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Walker, 9/3
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Friedline, 9/4
 Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Lenart, 9/10
 Mr. & Mrs. Blair Walker, 9/11
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Will, 9/11
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Marteeny, 9/16
 Mr. & Mrs. Clair Weyant, 9/20
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Will, 9/21
 Mr. & Mrs. Clay Cramer, 9/25



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.



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Coming Events!

Fall Work Day will be held Saturday, September 22. Come at 8 am (or whenever you can get here!) to lend a hand, and stay for a complementary lunch. Our volunteers always do a wonderful job of helping get the camp ready for summer in the spring, and for winter in the fall.

Our annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner will be held September 23, 2012 from 11 am-3 pm. Cost is \$7 for Adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. Not everyone can give the "big bucks" that are shared at the big "Benefit Dinner," but the spaghetti dinner gives an opportunity for most to help in a small way. Those small gifts add up to a significant contribution to the ministry of Camp Sequanota!

Heads up! On October 5 - 7, the Fall Adventure Retreat will kick into gear! Check with the camp for more information on what "adventures" are available that day! (Zip line, anyone?)

Marriage Celebration

The Marriage Celebration last month went really well. In worship, Tomalee Will and Pr. Ardelle shared reflections on their marriages in regard to joys, concerns, strengths and hopes. At the reception in the Fellowship Hall, Herb and Marian Walker, married 61 years, and Missy and Brad Lenart, married for 10 years, were presented with a small "marriage cross" for the longest / shortest current marriage.

Daily American Coat Drive

Our second offering in September will benefit the Daily American's coat drive that reaches out to keep those in need warm this winter - especially the children! You are invited to serve God by serving those in need. Thank you for your help!

TYLER WILL is seeking donations to complete his Eagle Scout Project. Please designate your donation "Eagle Scout Project."

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on June 14, 2012 with 8 members present including Pastor Ardelle. Tomalee Will led devotions.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed, 2nd and approved, followed by a review of the Treasurer's report; this was also motioned, 2nd, and approved. Last the Pastor's report was reviewed; again motion made, 2nd and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: Family Dinner was held for Saturday, June 9th, everyone declared it a success. The entertainment was Chords of Praise, and tremendously enjoyed by all. Family picnic has been set for August 26th after the church service which will be held for this Sunday only at 10:15AM.

Worship: June 24th will be "Companion Synod Sunday" July 1st will be Bible School closing. July 29th will be a marriage celebration with wedding cake to follow in the fellowship hall. August 5th will be a Healing Service. August 26th will be an outdoor worship service at the pavilion (weather permitting)

Education: Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 25th through 29th. Time will be 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM. The theme is "Promise Island" focusing on the promises of God. Bible study will end on 6/24 and will resume in the fall. Adult Sunday school is looking for new material.

Property: Doors have been painted. The water fountain in the hall doesn't always shut off, because of age; it possibly will need to be replaced. The dehumidifier at the parsonage needs to be replaced; we decided to purchase new one from Lowes (Dennis Young will take care of). The lights in the parking lot only seem to be working sometimes.

Youth: SR Youth will be going to the Youth Gathering in July.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have received 2 quotes for cameras to monitor church when unoccupied. We are going to ask for a different quote adding a few more cameras and will discuss these at the July meeting. We need to find a company that we can purchase name plates from (i.e.: Pastors Office, Computer Lab). 2011 audit needs to be scheduled as soon as possible. High speed Internet has been obtained; Gloria contacted WPIA to disconnect dial-up, but as of meeting hasn't happened.




NEW BUSINESS:

The Gideons would like to address the congregation on July 15th, this was approved.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on July 12th with Pastor Ardelle having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by: Sandy Pyle/ Secretary

 SEPTEMBER 2012 						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 2ND OFFERING IS FOR CHRISTMAS COATS (Daily American)						1
2 <i>Pentecost 14</i> Katey Rose, Preaching	3 Office Closed	4 Committee Night, 7 pm	5 Choir, 7:30	6 Weekday, 9-11:30 am	7	8
9 <i>Pentecost 15</i> RALLY DAY S.School, 9:15 am; Explore Holy Comm. Worship, 10:30 am; 2nd Off. Sunday 3rd Grade Bibles World Hunger Pot Luck, 12 noon	10 WELCA, 7 pm	11 Shut-in Ministry Re- view, 7 pm	12 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	13 Weekday, 9-11:30 am Council Mtg. 7 pm	14	15
16 <i>Pentecost 16</i> Baptism	17	18	19 Royal Ring- ers, 6:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	20 Weekday, 9-11:30 am	21	22
23 <i>Pentecost 17</i> Acolyte Training/ Reward	24	25	26 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	27 Weekday, 9-11:30 am	28	29
30 <i>Pentecost 18</i> William Hoffman, Preaching Crop Walk						

'Potluck to End World Hunger'

"If every member of the ELCA went to one potluck and donated one dollar," said Pr. Michael Poole of Ohio, "we would raise \$4.6 million." Presumably, that would be enough to eradicate hunger around the globe. While a lot of us ELCA members have attended *more than one* such Potluck and have contributed a lot more than one dollar each, apparently we have not yet reached *enough* of our ELCA members to defeat the hunger problem. But God has not given up yet, so neither will we. On September 9 at noon, we will try one more time! In addition to good food at the Potluck (which a lot of people in this world will miss out on!), we will also be introduced to some of the issues that make fighting World Hunger such a staggering task.

Shut-in Ministry Review

On Tuesday, September 11, those interested in visiting our shut-ins and taking communion to them are invited to an evening "dessert" at the Parsonage at 7 pm. We will review the current list of shut-ins and who is visiting. We will share what we have found to be effective in reaching our shut-ins. New "recruits" are always welcome!

Acolyte Training/Reward

On September 23 during Sunday School, Pr. Ardelle will meet with all youth who wish to serve as acolytes. Proper behavior and responsibilities will be discussed and demonstrated. A "thank you" surprise will be shared with all acolytes (old and new) who attend.

Royal Ringers

Once again, we invite you to join us in playing the bells for worship. The bells are played by color. If there is an oval the color of your bell on the "flash card," ring your bell! Both children and adults are encouraged to participate. We practice on the third Wednesday each month at 6:30 pm, and play for worship the following Sunday.

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume *October 7*, unless participants would like to choose a time other than Sunday evenings. Between Pastor Ardelle's vacation time and installations of recently called pastors in September, Sunday evenings in September are not available!

When we do finally begin, we will be doing a "periscope study." That simply means that we will study the Bible texts that will be used in worship on the following Sunday.

Rally Day

September 9 will be a big day. **Rally Day** will be the second time we try the "upside down" schedule of Sunday School at 9:15 am (including catechism!), Worship at 10:30 am, and a covered dish meal at noon.

At Worship, we will experience a "sample" of what happens in our Sunday School lessons - and that is often a surprise! We will be presenting Bibles to our third graders on that day. (Children younger than third grade will receive an Arch Bible story book.) If Pastor Ardelle has not talked to your family about a Bible for your third grader, she has not identified him or her as a third grader yet! Please call her for more information. We also invite our students (young and old!) to bring their backpacks for a blessing on this day.

Following worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a **"Potluck to End World Hunger."**

Catechism Classes Start!

On September 2, our catechism class will resume. Normally, our youth begin classes at about 7th grade. Mr. David Walker continues to engage our youth in a lively discussion of the faith, using the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism as the structure. Please join the class!

Sunday School Closing

Beginning September 16, the last 10 minutes of Sunday School will be a brief period of intergenerational worship in the Fellowship Hall. All classes will be invited to share a theme or Bible verse from their morning session. Children will share a Sunday School song, adults will share a traditional "old favorites" hymn and we will close with prayer. Please **join us** at 11:15 am for the closing when you come to the Fellowship Hall to pick up your children. Our purpose is to bring together all ages of Faith's Sunday School classes to **share** our common love of Jesus in the family of God.

"Explore Holy Communion"

On Rally Day, Pr. Ardelle will meet with all children who will be communing but have not yet started Catechism classes at 9:15 am. Communion is very important, and we include even our youngest Baptized members (with parent's approval!). But it is also important that we have some understanding of what we are doing in the sacrament. Every year the course is different. We encourage all of our young communicants to participate every year.

IN MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

SEPTEMBER 2

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

Karen Walker
Brenda Walker

Karen Helmick Family
Karen Helmick—Deut. 4: 1-2, 6-9, Ps. 15, James 1: 17-27
Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler
Mckenna Sheeler
Steve Will

SEPTEMBER 9

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Bill Hoffman

Gary & Jeanetta Shaffer
Mark Friedline—Isa. 35: 4-7a, Ps. 146, James 2: 1-10, (11-13) 14-17
Jeb & Tanner Friedline
Jeb Friedline

SEPTEMBER 16

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

Karen Walker
Jane Ohler
Brittany Will
Ken & Ruth Shockey
Ken Shockey—Isa. 50: 4-9a, Ps. 116: 1-9, James 3: 1-12
Travis & Zac Fike
Zac Fike

SEPTEMBER 23

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Bill Hoffman, II

Janet & Meaghan Anderson
Audrey Walker—Jer. 11: 18-20, Ps. 54, James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Annalina & Will Brant
Will Brant

SEPTEMBER 30

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

Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Darren Walker
Karianne Sulkowski
Mike Sulkowski & Jacob Maust
Arica Weiss—Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Ps. 19: 7-14, James 5:13-20
Chloe & Corey Miller
Chloe Miller



**ELCA Youth Gathering:
Citizens with the Saints**

Our kids are back! As a result of their adventure, they will participate in several activities this fall, some new and some old.

On September 15, they have been invited to help dig potatoes for the Thrivent Potato project. (You can help, too!) On September 15 (weather permitting!), those willing to help will gather at the Ken and Marion Soldano Farm at 1665 Coxes Creek Road in Somerset. (This will be the project's *sixth* annual dig!)

On September 30, the Somerset Area Ministerium (SAM) will host the annual Crop Walk. They will be looking for Sponsors to make their walk worthwhile! You might choose to sponsor a youth, or you might choose to join them in their walk. As Pr. Shunk noted, "We walk because they walk." But even more importantly, we walk so that they may *eat!*

The Youth have requested a Sunday School Class for high school and post high school students (young adults either in college or looking for a place in the work force.) They have already started!

Finally, watch for a Presentation during Worship by our youth and adult leaders. There will be pictures (worth a thousand words!) and a few words from each of our participants to help us get a sense of what they experienced. Watch for a date in your bulletins or in next month's newsletter - and don't miss it!

ALSM Auxiliary Drive

The ALSM Auxiliary Drive is under way this month at Faith. Prayerfully consider a contribution to the Auxiliary, which provides many needed items and funds to take care of our senior friends, both in their own homes and in residential care. (See last month's newsletter for more specifics of the Auxiliary's work. See also the flier in the bulletin from August 26.

If you have already made a contribution to the Auxiliary through their "direct mail" approach, we thank you. If you choose to make a donation here at the church, we thank you again! There is no set cost to join the Auxiliary - the donation is up to you. Betty Rayman is collecting donations this year.

Visit the ALSM web site at www.alsm.org

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

	<u>June</u>	<u>2012 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
INCOME			
Current	9,010.03	61,924.67	10,356.07
Benevolence	596.00	3,262.00	543.00
Missionary Support	260.00	1,466.00	207.00
Building/Maint.	879.50	5,059.00	779.50
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,505.00</u>	<u>16,771.42</u>	<u>1,407.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	12,250.53	88,483.09	13,292.57
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	242.90	3,412.93	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	2,037.40	9,704.54	20,000.00
Total Payroll	8,243.49	51,230.06	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	543.00	4,177.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	30.00	60.00	0.00
Missionary Support	207.00	1,866.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	259.00	839.00	0.00
Other	1,377.00	3,473.75	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	479.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	2,416.00	10,895.25	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	796.46	9,466.08	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	1,041.20	18,316.27	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>14,777.45</u>	<u>103,025.13</u>	<u>170,026.88</u>
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$25,289.93
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$26,762.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$729.85
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$0.00
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$14,832.68
Camp Scholarship			\$8,222.55

2012 Proposal
