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Faith's Blessings

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FROM THE PASTOR....

APRIL 2013

From the Pastor:

As I write this letter, I am planning for Easter while watching the snow swirl violently in the parking lot. I am so ready for Spring!

Winter weather not, Easter is upon us! It is fitting for us that Easter comes in the Spring of the year, when we watch for crocuses and hyacinths to break out of the brown earth. We watch buds appear on branches that looked dead just a short time ago.

But Resurrection is so much more than just a seasonal appearance of new life. Jesus did not just “appear” to be dead on Good Friday. The soldiers made sure of that! Nor did he simply come back to life as it was before, like Lazarus walking out of his tomb.

In Resurrection, *everything* is made new. After Jesus’ resurrection, his closest friends did not recognize him. Yet, a name spoken (“Mary.”), a familiar ritual performed (blessing and breaking bread), and suddenly he was recognized. Thomas could *touch* Jesus’ wounded hands and side, and Jesus could *eat* a bite of fish, but he could suddenly appear in a room where the doors were not only closed but locked.

Resurrection is more than just “starting over.” It is a new life filled with hope and joy that can barely be contained. In Baptism, we are invited into the resurrected life. In Baptism, our old sinful self is drowned in the water, allowing a new, Spirit-filled

person to come up out of the water. In Baptism, we catch a glimpse of what life is *meant* to be like.

But Baptism is only the beginning. We experience only a “foretaste of the feast to come” when all are gathered together in God’s glorious Kingdom.

Until that day comes, our resurrected baptismal life is incomplete. We will still deal with sickness and death, we will still fight sinful urges and lose, we will still have family squabbles. But, because Jesus lives, we can live though even the worst of these situations. In Jesus, we can see that there is more. In Jesus, we know that we are not alone. With his presence, and with the help of his family (the church), we have hope.

By Christ’s resurrection, the final victory is assured. It is like opening a thrilling novel, and reading the last chapter first. When you start over, you already know the end of the story. When the hero or heroine is threatened, you know he or she will be OK - you know how the story ends. In the same way, we also know the end of our story: Jesus wins the battle, you and I are raised to new life, and the fears and trials of this age will be but a dim memory.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Praise the Lord!
Your partner in Christ’s service,

Pastor Ardelle

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FAITH NEWS . . .

ADDRESS CHANGE:

BAPTISM:

Gannon Shepley, infant son of Michael Shepley and Brandy Simmons was baptized March 3, 2013.

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.

BIRTHDAYS



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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Keith Rhoads, 4/1 | Alan Shockey, 4/13 |
| Donald Will, 4/1 | Cole James, 4/13 |
| Bob Duppsstadt, Sr., 4/2 | Caden James, 4/13 |
| Jacob Maust, 4/2 | Jane Evans, 4/14 |
| Nicolas Trimpey, 4/2 | Dakota Klotz, 4/14 |
| Cindy Miller, 4/3 | Michelle Lake, 4/14 |
| Gloria Weyant, 4/4 | Linetta Hamer, 4/15 |
| Shayne George, 4/4 | Justin Rhoads, 4/16 |
| Lloyd Shaffer, 4/6 | Angela Briskey, 4/16 |
| Madison Trevarrow, 4/6 | Kay Mostoller, 4/20 |
| Robby Schrock, 4/7 | David Custer, 4/24 |
| Dawn Walker, 4/7 | Laura Miller, 4/24 |
| Zachary Carpenter, 4/7 | Pauline Will, 4/24 |
| Kathy Rhoads, 4/8 | Melissa Custer, 4/25 |
| Thomas Stouffer, Jr. 4/9 | Amanda McCusker, 4/25 |
| Tomalee Will, 4/9 | Ava Friedline, 4/26 |
| Kodie Ritenour, 4/9 | Chad Delancey, 4/26 |
| Caden Harding, 4/11 | George Mason, 4/27 |
| Jodi Miller, 4/11 | Spencer Marteeny, 4/27 |
| Debbra Gudes, 4/12 | Georgia Lensbouer, 4/28 |
| Jeff Weimer, 4/12 | Bernice Walker, 4/29 |
| Nicole Keller, 4/12 | Marian Walker, 4/29 |
| | Joshua Zerfoss, 4/29 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1	Committee Night	Attend
APRIL 2	VBS Planning	Attend
APRIL 8	WELCA	Attend
APRIL 11	Council Meeting	Attend



ANNIVERSARIES

- Butch and Lori Dill, 4/4
 Paul and Judy Brant, 4/13
 Keith and Kathy Rhoads, 4/15
 David and Sandy Pyle, 4/15
 Bill and Mabel Revello, 4/20
 Gerald and Michele Carpenter, 4/24
 Garen and Bobbi Black, 4/27

Healing Service

Our next Healing Service will be held April 7, the Sunday after Easter. We will use **Moments of Grace**. Pastor Ardelle and a lay leader will be available to offer prayer, anointing and laying on of hands.

This is a great time to bring a friend! At a healing service, we not only ask God for help, but also give him praise and thanks for his grace and his gifts.

Attention Married Couples

Spring is in the air, so spring into action and sign-up for the Lutheran Marriage Encounter Spring Weekend April 26-28 at Camp Sequanota. Two nights lodging and 5 meals for each of you are included with a \$45 registration fee and an opportunity to make a contribution at the end of the Weekend. Registrations are also currently being taken for a September and an October weekend (see the bulletin board for more information). To sign up for a Weekend, go to the website www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card. Any questions or if you would like a brochure, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

SECOND OFFERING

Our Second Offering for April (to be received April 14) will benefit Relay for Life. Relay supports cancer research, and has been a strong force within our congregation. Many of our families have been touched by cancer, so we are grateful for the work of the Relay for Life team.



Note the Date

The Annual Family Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, June 1 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a catered meal and **"RAZZLE and DAZZLE"** (who are such clowns) will be here to entertain us! We will also honor our "Golden Club Members" that evening. The congregation will pay for the tickets of members 80+ years of age who sign up. Tickets and a sign-up sheet will be available at a later date.

Please be sure and mark your calendar and plan on joining us for a evening of good food and good fun!

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on Feb. 14, 2103 with 12 members present. Katey Rose opened the meeting with devotions.

The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and amendment was made to state that the request for use of the church for the McKenzie & Rhoads wedding in August was approved. A motion was then made and the minutes were approved.. This was followed by a review of the Treasurers report; this was also motioned, 2nd, and approved. Last the Pastor's report was reviewed; a motion was made, 2nd and approved.

Committee Reports

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: Didn't meet in January, but will provide the meal at the SAM luncheon, when Pastor Ardelle preaches the service in Somerset on Feb. 27, during Lent.

Worship: For evening services during Lent, readers are needed for the lesson and also the prayers. Soup supper will be at 6 pm with the service at 7 pm. On Feb. 17th Pastor will explain the Who, What, When, and Why we do what we do during our morning worship. Feb. 24th will be a Healing Service. The organ needs to have some work done; an estimate will be gotten to see if it is worth being repaired or if we need to look into a replacement.

Education: Cindy will be looking into choosing the curriculum materials.

Property: The interior of the Sanctuary has been completed. Sink drain in the kitchen is leaking—David Pyle will repair. Carl Schrock & Jim Long repaired the plumbing issue in the men's room. Parsonage shingles need to be replaced in warmer weather.

Youth: We are in need of leaders for both Youth groups. The pancake supper on the 12th was a success. The youth will handle the Easter sunrise breakfast.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are still using WPIA's router and will continue to do so until there is an issue

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APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 All Commit- tees, 7 pm	2 VBS plan- ning, 7 pm	3 Choir, 7:30 pm	4	5	6
7 <i>Easter 2</i> Healing Service, 9 am SCS, 10:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm	8 WELCA, 7 pm	9	10 Adult Bells, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	11 Council, 7 pm	12	13
14 <i>Easter 3</i> 2nd Offering, Relay for Life Worship, 9 am SCS, 10:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm Newsletter deadline	15 Deadline for members to apply for Parish Ad- min.	16	17 Royal Ringers, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	18	19	20
21 <i>Easter 4</i> Worship, 9 am SCS, 10:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm	22	23	24 Adult Bells, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	25	26	27
28 <i>Easter 5</i> Worship, 9 am SCS, 10:30 am Bible Study, 7 pm	29	30	2ND OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE			

THRIVENT FINANCIAL NEWS

You are invited to attend a Retirement Workshop on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 pm. This event will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Meyersdale.

The workshop will help you understand the importance of creating personal retirement income distribution, options that allow you to build a guaranteed income for life and growing assets for near and long term gains.

Register for the workshop by call the Thrivent Chapter Advisor, Pam Weimer, at 814-445-7018. Deadline to register is April 12.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Anyone who loves helping children laugh and have a great time, we **NEED** you! Vacation Bible School is right around the corner and we are looking for some wonderful helpers to make this exciting event happen again this year. If you could generously give several hours for one week, please come to the start up meeting on **APRIL 2 at 7 pm** here at the church. If you have any questions please come and just ask them.

We would love to see you there!

*CRADLE ROLL:
Something New!*

At the March Council meeting, Council approved the purchase of Cradle Roll material from **Concordia**. Pr. Ardelle is now looking for a coordinator, who will oversee the distribution of the Cradle Roll materials. At specified intervals over a three year period, new parents will receive information and encouragement regarding both physical development and faith development for their child. Through this material, we hope to better care for and encourage this very important part of our faith community.

*CTLM 2013
Congregations Together
In Mission*

A workshop will be held Saturday, April 13 from 9 am—3:30 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in State College, PA. Registration deadline is April 4 and the cost is \$15 for individuals and \$10 for youth ages 6-14.

There will be a keynote speaker and you can choose from one of nine workshops.

See Pastor Ardelle if you are interested in attending this workshop.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Cont'd from page 3)

New Business:

We've had several request for membership. The first from Paul Simmons, Brandy Simmons & Michael Shepley will be by Affirmation. Nancy Walker has requested to transfer her membership to Faith. On March 3rd will be the Baptism of Gannon Shepley, son of Brandy & Michael. Request was made by Brandy & Michael to be married Sept. 21; council approved this. The Synod has made the request that we supply them with 3 pictures depicting our life at Faith. It was decided to ask the congregation if they might have pictures to contribute. Pictures need to be to Synod by May 6th. This is to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Allegheny Synod. A request was made to support the Daily American Fitness Challenge; council decided to pass on this. Relay for Life has asked for sponsorship of an ad, at the cost of \$130, this was approved. Hannah Brant has requested a donation to help support her trip to Florida for National Cheerleading competition. Council approved \$100 be provided to Hannah. Dave Delancey is currently unable to perform his duties due to an injury, but his family has stepped up to do the Sexton's job without interruption. Due to the circumstances of injury, it has been necessary to change the payroll to his wife's name. With the acceptance of the resignation of Gloria Lohr as Parish Administrator, Brenda Maust has stepped forward to fill in temporarily. It was decided to have a committee of council members to interview potential candidates for the position. The position will be open to members of the congregation as well as the public. The committee will consist of Steve Will, Cindy Miller, Sandy Pyle, Dave Walker & Pastor Ardelle. Tyler Will has requested use of the church for the afternoon of Sunday, April 14 for his Eagle Court of Honor. Request approved. Possible constitution change for the pavilion usage, page 21 4D. Suggestion is open enrollment for members until Jan. 31, then open to non-members. Should we consider e-mail requests instead of all requests being mailed? We have received an invitation from Friedens Lutheran Church to attend the Ascension service on Thursday, May 9. Choir members are invited to be part of the service. There will be a covered dish dinner as well.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on Mar. 14 with Cindy Miller having devotions. Motion made to adjourn; 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by: Sandy Pyle/ Secretary

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2013 TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>Feb.</u>	2013 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Month</u>
INCOME			
Current	8,495.82	18,405.63	9,909.81
Benevolence	779.77	2,177.79	1,398.02
Missionary Support	254.00	464.00	210.00
Building/Maint.	585.00	1,270.00	685.00
Misc. In/Out	0.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	10,114.59	22,817.42	12,702.83
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	589.20	703.17	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	448.41	1,008.05	23,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	0.00	169.60	3,000.00
Total Payroll	6,130.75	15,088.23	107,770.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	0.00	2,277.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missionary Support	0.00	335.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	253.00	0.00
Other	0.00	423.12	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	0.00	3,288.12	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,832.86	3,986.38	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	100.00	4,442.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,101.22	28,515.96	173,320.88
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$27,601.36
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$0.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$337.49
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$4,100.00
Somerset Trust CD (60 mos)			\$5,000.00
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$15,000.00
Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund			\$15,000.00
Memorial Funds			\$10,649.13
Camp Scholarship			\$8,677.60

*Parish Administrator
Position*

Deadline to apply: April 15

When our Parish Administrator resigned on January 31, Brenda Maust stepped up and took on the position temporarily, until the Council could follow through with a permanent replacement. A committee (consisting of Dave Walker, Steve Will, Cindy Miller, Sandy Pyle and Pr. Ardelle) has reviewed and revised the job description, and they are now ready to oversee the hiring process. The Council approved the job description at the March 14 meeting. In addition to secretarial work, the Parish Administrator also serves as financial secretary and assistant treasurer. The job description is posted on the bulletin board or can be requested through the pastor. Application deadline for people of Faith Lutheran is April 15. To apply, send a resume to Pr. Ardelle, who will share it with the committee.

Brenda will be in the office from 8:30 am—12:30 pm Monday through Thursday.

Please continue to pray for us as we screen applicants to find the right "match" for Faith Lutheran.

BOLD WOMAN

In 2013, we honor our **Bold Woman**, Karen Young. Karen faithfully attends worship and Bible Study, and participates in seasonal worship and activities. With her husband Denny, Karen takes Holy Communion to a number of our shut-ins who cannot get to church. Karen keeps an ear open for folks who are in need, and will deliver a meal of soup for both nutrition and encouragement.

Karen is a long-time member of the Women of the ELCA. She has been one of the leaders of WELCA here at Faith Lutheran. As WELCA leader, Karen keeps us informed of what is happening at the Synodical and national levels of WELCA, and brings items for prayer and discussion. She always has funny stories or one-liners to share with WELCA ladies. Each year she updates and organizes WELCA's handbook for the ladies of Faith. Karen keeps our Prayer Chain organized and operating.

Even during her recent illness and hospitalizations, Karen has managed to stay on top of what is happening with a loving touch. Karen, we are grateful for who you are and for all you do!

IN MINISTRY IN APRIL

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

APRIL 7

Donna and Jackie Rhoads
Jane Ohler
Joe Swank
Joe Swank Family
Richard Walker
Annalina and Will Brant
Will Brant
Ryan Maust

APRIL 14

Tomalee Will and Ruth Williams
Bill Hoffman, II
Kristy Helmick
Tom Hill and Katey Rose
Katey Rose
Mckenna and Jacob Sheeler
Mckenna Sheeler

APRIL 21

Donna and Jackie Rhoads
Darren Walker
Cody Lenart
Brad Lenart Family
Missy Lenart
Jack Loeffert and Jackalynn Derry
Jack Loeffert

APRIL 28

Tomalee Will and Ruth Williams
Brenda Maust
Tyler Will
Steve Will Family
Steve Will
Shawna and Shaelyn Walker
Shandi Walker

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

Altar Guild
Assisting Minister
Acolyte
Greeters
Reader
Collect Cups
Distribute Bulletins

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