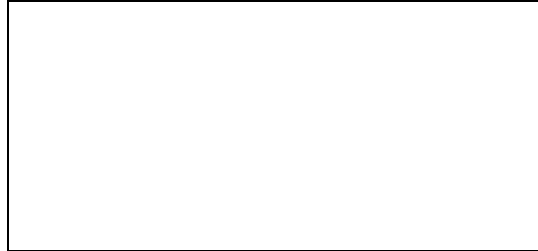
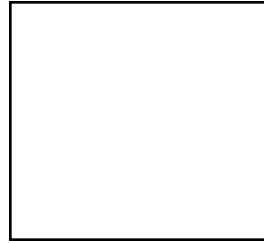


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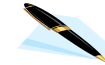
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FROM THE PASTOR....



DECEMBER 2012

As we sweep into the Advent Season, it is time to think about God's coming Kingdom. Advent focuses first on the coming of Jesus into our world as one of us 2000 (and more!) years ago, in the form of a helpless infant. Secondly, Advent focuses on Jesus coming into our world and our hearts in the here and now. Finally, Advent also focuses on Jesus' return "at the end of the age."

The significance of Jesus' incarnation is probably second only to that of his death and Resurrection. Jesus chose to know our human predicament inside and out. Because he has indeed lived our life, he knows what it is to be tempted. He knows what it is to be betrayed. He knows what it is like to experience the death of a loved one. (For example, Lazarus, if no other.) After the crucifixion, he knows what excruciating pain feels like. Jesus loves us enough to experience it all!

But Jesus did not just come for a time and leave; after his ascension, the Holy Spirit was sent to remind us of everything that Jesus said and did. Through the Spirit, Jesus is with us every day, wherever we are and whatever we are doing. He comes **today**, to bring healing and hope, comfort and strength.

And, Jesus promises to return one day, when everything has been brought to completion, to set everything right. In Revelation, we are promised a new heaven and a

new earth. Everything - including you and me - will be made new. No more tears, no more crying, no more pain, no more death. In anticipation of that joyful day, we pray the prayer of Advent: "Come, Lord Jesus, Come!"

Your Partner in Christ's Service,
Pr. Ardelle



Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve falls on a Monday this year. Special Music will be featured at 6:30 pm. Please call Audrey

Walker if you have special music to offer. We would be glad for piano, organ, guitar, flute, vocal, or whatever it is that you do!

The Christmas Eve Service will include candle lighting and Holy Communion. Watch for more information on when we will need help to decorate!

Chrismon Service

December 30 is the First Sunday after Christmas. This year it will feature the Chrismon Service. Many members put many hours into producing our plastic canvas needlepoint ornaments, and each one has its own message about Jesus. Come and hear our Salvation History told in Chrismon style!

FAITH NEWS . . .

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Rebecca Lensbouer
123 S. Vincent Ave., Apt. 1
Somerset, PA 15501-1317

ADDRESS CORRECTION FOR:

Richard Walker
Lutheran Commons not Berlin Commons

FUNERAL

Funeral Service was held for Edward Hoffman on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at Faith Lutheran Church.

**Congregation Statistical Report
For 2012**

Baptisms:

Carver Smeak, David Koehler, Kolton George, Caden Harding, Earl Lohr, Khloe Lohr

Funerals:

Lois Duppstadt, Ethel Shaffer, Edward Hoffman

New Members:

David Pugh, Ronald & Cathy Smeak, Katelynn Smeak, David Koehler, Brad Lohr

Shut-In Ministry

Pr. Ardelle follows about twenty shut-in families, taking Home Communion to them every other month. On the odd numbered months, we have a teams who take communion from the Altar to the same twenty families. Thank you to everyone who helps keep these people connected to the church!

**2012 PASTOR'S SUMMARY
through October**

- 44.5 Average work week*
- 2450 Miles
- 64 Hospital Calls
- 106 Home Communion Calls
- 43 Pastoral Calls
- 1 Hospice
- 22 Conference
- 80 Meetings
- 33 Teaching
- 3 Counseling
- 4 Pre-Baptismal
- 1 Weddings
- 1 (1) Funerals (Committal only)
- 38 Sunday Worship Services
- 19 Additional Worship Services (Lent, Picnic, Allegheny Home)
- 35 Vacation Days (5 Sundays)
- 2 Continuing Education (Seq. Adult Days)

***Ave work week calculation:** total hours divided by # of days in month minus **vacation** days, multiplied by 7

Second Offerings

In 2012, our "Second Offerings" included: the Berlin Food Pantry, "Mending Hearts Ministry," Our Brother's Keeper (Lent Offering), the Humane Society, our own Senior Youth for their trip to New Orleans, the SAM Van, the Shriners, Somerset Free Clinic, Salvation Army, the Daily American Coats Drive, Lutheran Disaster Relief, In Touch Hospice, and the Children's Aid Home.

Faith Lutheran Church Payroll	Explanation of 2013 Budget Item	
	2012	2013
Pastor Mason - Salary	41,900	41,900
Pastor Mason - Furniture allowance	1,500	1,500
		3%
Gloria Lohr	14,930	15,378
David Delancey	8,102	8,345
Hannah Zimmerman	4,058	4,180
Organist		1,511
Total Payroll	70,490	72,814
Pastor to receive 49 days vacation (up from 42) in lieu of a raise for 2013.		



BIRTHDAYS

- Mary Ann Long, 12/2
- Robert Will, 12/4
- Debbie Heiple, 12/5
- Michael Lensbouer, 12/5
- Andrew Maust, 12/6
- Brenda Walker, 12/6
- Elaine Hillegas, 12/7
- Jeffrey Snyder, 12/9
- Loni Nist, 12/10
- Janora Fochtman, 12/11
- Ruth Williams, 12/11
- Cheryl Cramer, 12/14
- Shirley Hillegas, 12/14
- Adam Latuch, 12/15
- Steven Latuch, 12/15
- James Ream, 12/18
- Anna Lane, 12/18
- Benjamyn Weiss, 12/18

- Richard Golby, 12/19
- Audrey Walker, 12/19
- Karina Lee, 12/19
- Robert Duppstadt, Jr. 12/20
- Tyler Fochtman, 12/20
- Katelynn Smeak, 12/20
- Donald Weyant, 12/22
- Jenny Ohler, 12/22
- Alma Abel, 12/24
- Betty J. Rhoads, 12/25
- Joshua Walker, 12/26
- Becky Heiple, 12/27
- Robert Swank, 12/27
- Brexton Weyant, 12/29
- Paula Marteeny, 12/29
- Halley Friedline, 12/30
- Clair Weyant, 12/30
- Roger Saylor, 12/31

ANNIVERSARIES

- Mr. & Mrs. Beth Lane, 12/6
- Mr. & Mrs. George Lensbouer, Jr. 12/11
- Rev. George & Rev. Ardelle Mason, 12/13
- Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Brant, 12/21



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2013 MINISTRY PROPOSAL**

	Projected 2012 Totals	See page 15 for more information on payroll	
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	135,976.93		
Benevolence	7,303.00		
Missionary Support	3,108.00		
Building/Maint.	10,107.00		
Misc. In/Out	64,200.71		
TOTAL INCOME	220,695.64		
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Ministries</u>			
Worship	2,198.53	2,600.00	2,600.00
Education	726.91	2,000.00	2,000.00
Camp Scholarships	867.50	2,200.00	2,200.00
Evangelism	267.10	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stewardship	0.00	250.00	250.00
Support/Social Committee	2,465.21	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Ministries	6,525.25	9,550.00	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	22,776.16	20,000.00	23,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Salaries	72,119.48	72,000.00	72,814.00
Pastors Soc. Sec.	3,776.88	3,776.88	3,776.88
Pension & Benefits	21,819.62	22,500.00	22,980.00
Travel	2,369.32	3,000.00	3,000.00
Cont. Education/Books	43.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
Medical Reimbursement	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Taxes	2,434.59	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total Payroll	103,763.72	106,476.88	107,770.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	7,251.00	10,000.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	478.00	0.00	0.00
Missionary Support	3,035.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
3rd Sunday Offering	1,969.00	0.00	0.00
Other	5,692.75	2,850.00	2,850.00
Somerset Food Pantry	948.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	122.50	150.00	150.00
Total Outreach	19,496.75	15,000.00	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	16,605.01	19,000.00	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	25,443.95	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	194,610.84	170,026.88	173,320.88

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on October 11, 2012 with 9 members present. Cindy Miller led devotions. The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. We amended the minutes to read, "The bid *for painting the roof* was over \$2500.00." There is no bid yet for painting the sanctuary. Following the amendment to the minutes a motion was made to approve and 2nd and carried. This was followed by a review of the Treasurers report; this was also motioned, 2nd, and approved. Last the Pastor's report was reviewed; again motion made, 2nd and approved. It was also approved to accept the membership request from Brad Lohr.

Committee Reports

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: Octoberfest will be held on Saturday evening Oct 20th; signup sheet is on bulletin board with a deadline 10/14. Fun 4 Faith will be held on Oct 27th; this will be an evening of fun & games, with a light meal.

Worship: October 14th we will have 2 baptisms and welcome a new adult member. Harvest Home will be celebrated on October 21st. Reformation Service will be Oct 28th. All Saints Day will be on November 4th, and a Healing Service will be held on November 11th. Discussion was held on the current cost of printing the bulletins. We are currently printing a color photo at a cost of approximately 8 cents per page for printing only; through Anchor Wallace Publishing we are able to purchase pre-printed bulletin covers for 7 cents each (paper included). A motion was made to give this a try.

Education: The joint closing with all Sunday school classes participating is going very well.

Property: The lights in the parking lot are not working; with it getting dark earlier it is very dark when leaving the church at night. The back door at the parsonage still needs to be replaced.

Youth: Tyler Will has completed his Eagle project. The cost of the project was slightly over \$2300.00 with approximately 400 service hours. Everyone agreed it was a job well done. The Senior Youth will have a presentation on October 21st about their trip to NOLA.

Old Business:

Sandy Pyle will order the sign for the Pastor's Office. WPIA has been notified to remove their equipment, have not heard from them. November's Second Sunday offering will be for Hospice. We need to get prices on what a new water fountain will cost.

New Business:

The 2013 proposed budget was discussed; there will be a 3% payroll increase for Gloria, Dave & Hannah. Pastor Ardelle will receive 7 additional vacation days in lieu of a raise as per her request. Changes were made to the proposed Operating budget as well as the one for Benevolence. At the congregational meeting to be held on December 9th the proposal for painting the roof over the Sanctuary will be presented. The Annual Report will be mailed with the November newsletter. The loan made to Camp Sequanota has been paid in full; discussion held as to what should do with the money now. Discussion will continue next meeting. We have 4 Council persons leaving this year: Dennis Young, Tomalee Will, Richard Walker and Shirley Weimer. We need nominations for replacements to serve 3-year terms.

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DECEMBER 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2nd OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR CHILDREN'S AID HOME</p>						1
2 <i>Advent 1</i> Advent Dinner, 5pm, worship to follow (Prophecy candle)	3 Committee Night, 7 pm	4	5 SAM noon Worship & lunch Choir, 7:30 pm	6	7	8
9 <i>Advent 2</i> Annual Meeting 2nd Off. Sunday Advent Dinner, 5 pm, worship to follow (Bethlehem)	10 WELCA Christmas Party, 6 pm	11	12 SAM noon Worship & lunch Adult Bell, 7 pm, Choir, 7:30 pm	13 Council Meeting, 7 pm	14	15
16 <i>Advent 3</i> Advent Dinner, 5 pm; worship to follow (Shepherds' candle)	17	18	19 SAM noon Worship & lunch Royal Ringers, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	20	21	22
23 <i>Advent 4</i> Advent Dinner, 5 pm; worship to follow (Angels' candle)	24 Special Music, 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm	25	26 Adult Bell, 7 pm, Choir, 7:30 pm	27	28	29
30 <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i> Chrismon Service	31	<p>PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARD AND WATCH YOUR SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR COMPLETE ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION.</p>				

READER LIST FOR 2013

JANUARY

6 Kristen Brant
13 Tom Hill
20 Dave Walker
27 Arica Weiss

FEBRUARY

3 Mark Friedline
10 Deanna Bowers
17 Karen Helmick
24 Tom Walker

MARCH

3 Ken Shockey
10 Elby Walker
17 Cindy Miller
24 Tomalee Will
31 Marge Walker

APRIL

7 Richard Walker
14 Katey Rose
21 Missy Lenart
28 Steve Will

MAY

5 Ryan Maust
12 Brenda Walker
19 Wendell Heil
26 Denny Young

JUNE

2 Mabel Revello
9 Larry Rhoads
16 Jane Ohler
23 Marian Walker
30 Audrey Walker

JULY

7 Karen Young
14 Deanna Bowers
21 David Pugh
28 Jackie Rhoads

AUGUST

4 Dave Walker
11 Tomalee Will
18 Arica Weiss
25 Pastor George

SEPTEMBER

1 Georgia Lensbouer
8 Brenda Maust
15 Kristin Brant
22 Tom Hill
29 Chris Sheeler

OCTOBER

6 Wendell Heil
13 Jane Ohler
20 Richard Walker
27 Ken Shockey

NOVEMBER

3 Duana Shaffer
10 Cindy Miller
17 Mark Friedline
24 Larry Rhoads
27 Katey Rose

DECEMBER

1 Marge Walker
8 Brenda Walker
15 Audrey Walker
22 Dawn Will
24 Missy Lenart
29 Mabel Revello

COUNCIL MINUTES (continued from page 3)

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on November 8th with Jeanetta Shaffer having devotions. Motion made to adjourn, 2nd & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:

Sandy Pyle/ Secretary

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA meets at the church on the 2nd Monday of the month. Everyone takes turns providing refreshments for after the meetings.

Karen Young is the leader Katey Rose is the co leader. Mabel Revello is the Treasurer. We have approximately 25 ladies coming to our meetings and hope to grow in 2013.

We've had a busy year in 2012. We draw for a prayer partner for the coming year at our December covered dish meeting. Also at that meeting we each donate what we would have spent on a gift to a charity. Last year it went to The Salvation Army

We support the Mary Ellen's Prayer chain & supply Betty Rayman with cards & stamps for her card ministry. Any one who wants to put a person on the prayer chain should call either Pastor Ardelle or Karen Young.

We also provide the children's bulletins & worship bags for the kids to use on Sunday morning. We help stuff Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt. We give a Christmas gift to the shut ins.

On Thank Offering Sunday, WELCA ladies volunteer to do the service. The special offering that day goes to the National Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for their various ministries.

In August we had a day retreat at Camp Sequanota. There were 13 ladies attending. The Bible study was "Along The Way". Lunch was served by the staff at camp.

We had an evening out together at the Mountain Playhouse to see Nunsense Country Jambouree. 33 members & guests went.

These are just some of the fun things we do. ALL women belonging to Faith Lutheran Church are members of WELCA & are welcome to participate. Come join us.

We contributed to the ALSM for their Lenten Appeal & their 25th anniversary. We also contributed to the National WELCA for the triennial convention support.

A donation was made towards the memorial to Faith in honor of Lois Duppstadt's long & faithful service in WELCA.

ACOLYTE LIST FOR 2013

JANUARY

6 Cody Lenart, Katelynn Swank,
Joe Swank, Jacob Sheeler,
Annalina Brant
13 Brock Bowers, Chris Miller,
Corey Miller, Billy Bowers,
Tony Latuch
20 Jacob Sheeler
27 Jacob Maust

FEBRUARY

3 Zac Friedline
10 Tyler Will, Katelynn Swank,
Joe Swank, Billy Bowers,
Brock Bowers
13 Keri Friedline
17 Megan Helmick
24 Annalina Brant

MARCH

3 Katelynn Swank
10 Billy Bowers
17 Keri Friedline
24 Tyler Will, Jacob Sheeler,
Corey Miller, Annalina Brant,
Chris Miller
28 Karianne Sulkowski
30 Everyone
31 Everyone

APRIL

7 Joe Swank
14 Kristi Helmick
21 Cody Lenart
28 Tyler Will

MAY

5 Jacob Maust
9 Karianne Sulkowski
12 Annalina Brant
19 Joe Swank, Chris Miller,
Corey Miller, Katelynn Swank,
Tony Latuch,
26 Tyler Will, Karianne Sulkowski,
Joe Swank, Annalina Brant,
Jacob Sheeler

JUNE

2 Cody Lenart
9 Tyler Will
16 Brock Bowers
23 Megan Helmick
30 Tony Latuch

JULY

7 Katelynn Swank
14 Billy Bowers
21 Tyler Will
28 Chris Miller

AUGUST

4 Joe Swank
11 Corey Miller
18 Kristi Helmick
25 Cody Lenart

SEPTEMBER

1 Tyler will
8 Jacob Maust
15 Annalina Brant
22 Tony Latuch
29 Brock Bowers, Corey Miller,
Chris Miller, Billy Bowers,
Jacob Sheeler

OCTOBER

6 Zac Friedline
13 Tyler Will
20 Megan Helmick
27 Tony Latuch, Keri Friedline,
Chris Miller, Zac Friedline,
Corey Miller

NOVEMBER

3 Jacob Maust, Megan Helmick
Joe Swank, Kristi Helmick,
Katelynn Swank
10 Billy Bowers
17 Keri Friedline
24 Cody Lenart, Jacob Sheeler,
Corey Miller, Tony Latuch,
Chris Miller
27 Joe Swank

DECEMBER

1 Brock Bowers
8 Kristi Helmick
15 Jacob Maust
22 Tyler Will
24 Everyone
31 Cody Lenart

GREETER LIST FOR 2013

JANUARY		JULY	
6	Chris Brant Family	7	Cliff & Louise Spangler
13	Clair Weyant Family	14	Deanna Bowers & Ruth Williams
20	Doug Sheeler Family	21	Betty & Jim Rayman
27	Brian Weyant Family	28	Dave & Sandy Pyle
FEBRUARY		AUGUST	
3	Mark Friedline Family	4	Jay & Arica Weiss
10	Bill Bowers Family	11	Brian & Joeleen Everett
17	Karen Helmick Family	18	Lori & Kristen Dill
24	Carl & Carol Schrock	25	Doug & Laura Miller
MARCH		SEPTEMBER	
3	Joe Swank Family	1	Shirley Weimer & Jan Fochtman
10	Elby & Rich Walker	8	Jeannie Sheeler & Duana Shaffer
17	Dave & Cindy Miller	15	Ken Will & Richard Walker
24	Jody Miller Family	22	Karen Walker & Jane Ohler
31	Marge Walker & Karianne	29	Darren Walker & Tomalee Will
APRIL		OCTOBER	
7	Bob Dupstadt & Karen Walker	6	Betty Simmons & Jackie Rhoads
14	Tom Hill & Katey Rose	13	Shawn Walker Family
21	Brad Lenart Family	20	Nancy Heil & Linda Foster
28	Steve Will Family	27	Brian Weyant Family
MAY		NOVEMBER	
5	Ryan Maust Family	3	Dee Custer & Katey Rose
12	Tom & Brenda Walker	10	Denny & Karen Young
19	Wendell & Nancy Heil	17	Tom Hill & Pastor George
26	Denny & Karen Young	24	Larry Rhoads Family
JUNE		27	Ken & Ruth Shockey
2	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson	DECEMBER	
9	Larry Rhoads Family	1	Karianne & Mike Sulkowski
16	Jane Ohler & David Pugh	8	Karen & Megan Helmick
23	Herb & Marian Walker	15	Dave & Audrey Walker
30	Dave & Audrey Walker	22	Steve Will Family
		24	Karen Walker, Jane Ohler, Dave Pugh
		29	Brad & Cody Lenart

IN MINISTRY IN DECEMBER

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

	<u>DECEMBER 2</u>
Altar Guild	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Assisting Minister	Katey Rose
Acolyte	Brittany Will
Greeters	Bill & Mollie Walker
Reader	Dennis Young—Jer. 33:14-16, Ps. 25:1-10, 1 Thess. 3: 9-13
Collect Com Cups	Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler
Distribute Bulletins	Mckenna Sheeler
Council Person	Dennis Young
	<u>DECEMBER 9</u>
Altar Guild	Karen Walker
Assisting Minister	David Pugh
Acolyte	Brock Bowers
Greeters	Jeannie Sheeler & Duana Shaffer
Reader	Duana Shaffer—Mal. 3: 1-4, Luke 1: 68-79, Phil. 1: 3-11
Collect Com Cups	Jack Loeffert & Jackalynn Derry
Distribute Bulletins	Jack Loeffert
	<u>DECEMBER 16</u>
Altar Guild	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker
Acolyte	
Greeters	Carl & Carol Schrock
Reader	Elby Walker—Zeph. 3: 14-20, Isa. 12: 2-6, Phil. 4: 4-7
Collect Com Cups	Shawna & Shaelyn Walker
Distribute Bulletins	Shandi Walker
	<u>DECEMBER 23</u>
Altar Guild	Karen Walker
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman
Acolyte	Brock Bowers
Greeters	Doug Miller Family
Reader	Jane Ohler—Micah 5: 2-5a, Luke 1: 46b-55, Hebrews 10: 5-10
Collect Com Cups	Shawn & Matthew Shaffer
Distribute Bulletins	Lindsey Shaffer
	<u>DECEMBER 24</u>
Altar Guild	Everyone
Assisting Minister	Jane Ohler
Acolyte	Everyone
Greeters	Tom Hill & Katey Rose
Reader	Katey Rose
Collect Com Cups	Steve & Adam Latuch
Distribute Bulletins	Dakota Weyant
	<u>DECEMBER 30</u>
Altar Guild	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman, II
Acolyte	
Greeters	Jay & Arica Weiss
Reader	Marge Walker—I Sam. 2: 18-20, 26, Ps. 148, Col. 3: 12-17
Collect Com Cups	Jeb & Tanner Friedline
Distribute Bulletins	Jeb Friedline

ALTAR GUILD FOR 2013

JANUARY		JULY	
6	Donna & Jackie Rhoads	7	Donna & Jackie Rhoads
13	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams	14	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
20	Donna & Jackie Rhoads	21	Donna & Jackie Rhoads
27	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams	28	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
FEBRUARY		AUGUST	
3	Karen Young	4	Karen Young
10	Katey Rose	11	Katey Rose
17	Karen Young	18	Karen Young
24	Katey Rose	25	Katey Rose
MARCH		SEPTEMBER	
3	Karen Walker	1	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
10	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson	8	Karen Walker
17	Karen Walker	15	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
24	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson	22	Karen Walker
		29	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
28	Karen Walker (Maundy Thurs.)	OCTOBER	
29	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson	6	Donna & Jackie Rhoads
		13	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
30	Karen Walker (Easter Vigil)	20	Donna & Jackie Rhoads
31	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson	27	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
APRIL		NOVEMBER	
7	Donna & Jackie Rhoads	4	Karen Young
14	Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams	10	Katey Rose
21	Donna & Jackie Rhoads	17	Karen Young
28	Tomalee Will & Ruth	*24	Karen Young
		*27	Katey Rose (Thanksgiving Eve)
MAY		DECEMBER	
5	Karen Young	1	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
12	Katey Rose	8	Karen Walker
19	Karen Young	15	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
26	Katey Rose	22	Karen Walker (Christmas Eve)
JUNE		29	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson
2	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson		
9	Karen Walker		
16	Mabel Revello & Janet Anderson		
23	Karen Walker		

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

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>2012 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	11,147.77	102,047.90	9,196.75
Benevolence	527.00	5,228.00	579.00
Missionary Support	227.00	2,345.00	256.50
Building/Maint.	750.50	7,619.00	711.00
Misc. In/Out	3,368.77	56,914.13	29,106.94
TOTAL INCOME	16,021.04	174,154.03	39,850.19
 <u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	446.80	5,965.49	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	691.15	14,788.28	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	9,708.07	86,289.28	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	579.00	6,212.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	390.00	510.00	0.00
Missionary Support	256.50	2,778.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	629.50	2,172.50	0.00
Other	220.00	4,353.75	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	529.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	2,075.00	16,555.75	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	2,357.44	13,870.30	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	1,296.95	25,505.90	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,575.41	162,975.00	170,026.88
 <u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$51,011.00
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$0.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$337.44
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$100.00
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$10,275.81
Camp Scholarship			\$8,610.38

Worship

We started off 2012 on the first Sunday of the year with a Lessons and Carols service. During the season of Epiphany we used ***Now the Feast*** for our Sunday morning Order of Worship.

We observed four healing services (February 12, May 6, August 5 and November 11). ***Moments of Grace*** has provided a useful framework for our healing services by lifting up appropriate focus and language while using familiar hymn tunes.

During Lent, our Sunday morning worship used Setting Ten from ***Evangelical Lutheran Worship*** (the new red book), while our Sunday evening services used a series from ***Creative Communications for the Parish*** called ***Jerusalem at Passover***. We followed a "tour" of the Holy City, which, of course, happened to coincide with significant events in Jesus' ministry, especially in Holy Week. Along with the evening services, we had a Soup Supper each Sunday evening. This year, Faith took a turn in the Somerset Area Ministries Wednesday noon services, with Pr. Ardelle preaching on Ash Wednesday and the Social Committee providing the lunch for those who attended the service.

We moved into the Easter Season with the Easter Vigil and a Sunrise Service. For the season of Easter, we used ***WOVs Bread of Life***. We used the Doxology with Alleluias for the offering song throughout the season.

Beginning with Pentecost Day, we began to use ***ELW 4***. On Pentecost Day, we used the Chancel Drama ***The Church is Burning!*** Special occasions broke up the long season. We honored our graduates on May 20. On June 3, Pr. Ardelle led worship in the afternoon for the residents of the Johnstown Home, and Nancy Walker went along to play the piano. This year we observed Companion Synod Sunday on June 24. As usual, we celebrated our relationship with the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church with African Hymns and information celebrating the ministry of the Kenya Church. Our missionaries in Kenya, Rev. Sam and Cindy Wolff, have now moved to a new ministry position, and have been replaced by the Rev. Michael Fonner and his wife, Leslie Weed-Fonner. Communication from them is posted on the bulletin board.

Bible School Closing was held on July 1. We blessed the Youth Gathering participants on July 15, and made their closing program in New Orleans available in the Fellowship Hall by way of internet streaming on July 22. Our Marriage Celebration was held on July 29. Our Outdoor Worship and Picnic was scheduled for August 26, but "popular opinion" that morning recommended that we move indoors. The service was held in the Fellowship Hall in a "contemporary" format. Rally Day was held September 9. We introduced the congregation to the activities used by the various classes and gave Bibles to our Third Graders and Arch Bible Story books to the younger children. Harvest Home with a special offering for the Allegheny Lutheran Home was held on October 21.

WELCA is scheduled to share their ThankOffering service on November 18, and on November 21, Thanksgiving Eve will be celebrated with an evening service of Holy Communion using ***Now the Feast***, which was also used for Reformation, All Saints and Christ the King.

For Advent, we will again use ***Now the Feast*** for our morning order of worship. On each Sunday of Advent this year, we will have an evening covered dish dinner followed by a service using Creative Communication's ***Flames for the Faithful***. In the past, we have had "Soup Suppers." For those who want soup, don't forget: Soup counts as a covered dish!

Adult Choir has faithfully practiced and enriched our Worship services through the Winter, Spring, and Fall seasons. Nancy Walker has accompanied our practices, and Hannah Zimmerman has graced our worship services with her excellent music. Adult Bells and "Royal Ringers" (adults and kids of all ages who ring the color coded bells) enrich our Worship Services several times a month.

Pastor Ardelle took five Sundays of Vacation this year. On January 1, Katey Rose led a service of Lessons and Carols. On April 22, Robert Thomas celebrated Holy Communion. On April 29, Pr. Ron Reed celebrated Holy Communion. Katey Rose preached on September 2, and Bill Hoffman preached on September 30. Pastor Ardelle will probably take another vacation Sunday around Christmas time.

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School continues to offer a variety of studies under the able leadership of Larry Rhoads and Wendell Heil. Class participation is always lively, though we also welcome those who just sit and listen! We will probably complete a ***Crossways*** program called ***Praying Like Jesus*** and start a study on Romans before the year ends.

Children's Sunday School faithfully meets every Sunday all through the year. Katey Rose, assisted by teachers such as Cindy Miller, Tomalee Will, Arica Weiss, and others have taught the classes. Pastor Ardelle taught the class "Kids Explore Holy Communion." Nancy Heil faithfully prepares coffee, juice, and a sweet snack every week for both children and adults in Sunday School.

Dave Walker continues to teach our Junior High students the lessons of the catechism. This Fall he has been doing Bible Study with five or six of our young people.

After the Senior Youth returned from the National Youth Gathering, they requested a Sunday School for Post Confirmation Youth. Although this age group has a difficult time juggling school, work, and many other activities, Marge Walker has been meeting with them during the Sunday School hour to study ***See Through the Scriptures*** and the Seven Faith Practices of the church.

Sunday Evening Bible study spent much of the year studying the Gospel of Mark. This Fall we began studying the lessons appointed for the following Sunday each Sunday evening.

Vacation Bible School, ***Adventures of Promise Island*** was held July 25-29 under the direction of Cindy Miller, with lots of help from other teachers and helpers. Kids had a great time and learned a lot about the promises of God.

Christian Education Committee is still struggling to find ways to tackle family or young adult ministry, as well as Junior Youth. If you can help, please talk to Pr. Ardelle!