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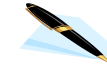
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Faith's Blessings

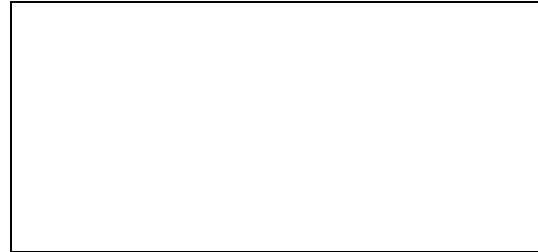


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FROM THE PASTOR....



FEBRUARY 2013



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Lent is just around the corner! I had expected that we would be enjoying a series called "Hey, Joseph!" as the basis of either our morning or our evening worship for the season. However, a closer examination of Creative Communication's program revealed that it would be rather complicated to pull off during a Sunday evening worship, and that the date has arrived far too quickly to back up and put it in the morning slot. "Hey, Joseph" would take us through the history of Joseph in story fashion with a contemporary flair. If you are interested in working with this dramatic homily for next year, please talk to Pr. Ardelle!

In the meantime, we will use a series that focuses on Jonah for our special services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunrise) and our Sunday evening services. Listen and worship as we learn important faith lessons from Jonah.

On Ash Wednesday, we learn that "God is Calling." On the first Sunday in Lent, we will hear about being "Saved in a Storm." On the third Sunday, Jonah teaches us about "Our Providing God." On the fourth Sunday, we learn about the "God of the Second Chance." On the

fifth and final Sunday, we are confronted with marching orders: "About Face!" On Maundy Thursday, Jonah will help us understand the importance of being "On the Same Page" with God. On Good Friday, we will learn "The Answer!" At the Sunrise service, we will encounter "Sign of Life."

While there will be no "dramatic presentations" at this year's services, there is plenty of room for participation. Ask the pastor to let you participate in reading lessons, prayers, or children's sermons.

Each week will begin with a simple "Soup Supper" at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Worship will follow in the Sanctuary at 7 pm.

Check out the "Special Offering in Lent" to see how our offerings for these special services will be used.

And, by the way, it is not too early to begin to reflect on Passion/Palm Sunday! Anyone game to try something more "dramatic" than just reading the passion story in parts? Talk to the pastor soon!

Your partner in Christ's service,
Pastor Ardelle



FAITH NEWS . . .

ADDRESS CHANGE:

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237 Cherry Lane
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BAPTISM:

Clare Elaine Walker, daughter of William and Mollie Walker was baptized on January 13, 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.

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 12, 2013
4:30 PM to 7 PM
Faith Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Pancakes, sausage, Somerset County maple syrup, dessert & drink!

Free will donation
Served by the Senior Youth Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4	Committee Night	Attend
FEBRUARY 11	WELCA	Attend
FEBRUARY 12	Pancake Supper	Attend
FEBRUARY 13	Ash Wednesday Service	Attend
FEBRUARY 17 & 24	Soup Supper; Lent Worship	Attend



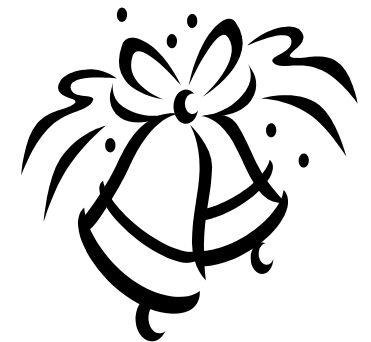
BIRTHDAYS

Daniele Shaffer, 2/1
Thelma King, 2/2
Thomas Walker, 2/2
Chrissy Lee, 2/2
Jay Zerfoss, 2/5
Jean Shaffer, 2/6
Alexis Simmons, 2/7
Evan Custer, 2/9
Gavin James, 2/9
Kristi Helmick, 2/11
Joseph Heil, 2/11
Judith Brant, 2/12

Kathy Trimpey, 2/12
Levi Friedline, 2/13
Melissa Harding, 2/13
Tara Tweardy, 2/13
Fred Gross, 2/14
Helen Weigle, 2/15
William Bowers, III, 2/17
Shirley Weimer, 2/19
Robert Cober, Sr., 2/24
Nancy Heil, 2/27
Audrey Hankison, 2/27
Craig Maurer, 2/28

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Raupach,
2/20



Healing Service

On the Second Sunday of Lent, we will observe a Healing Service with Holy Communion, anointing, laying on of hands, and personal prayer. This is an excellent service to invite a friend or neighbor to join you at Worship.

It is appropriate to bring our cares and concerns as requests of God to this service. It is also appropriate to bring our thanks and praise for the marvelous ways in which God blesses us, even in the midst of trials and grief.

Pancake Supper

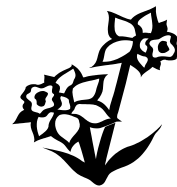
What do Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, and Fastnacht Day have in common? All of them refer to traditions for the day before Lent starts. Lent is traditionally a period of fasting, or abstaining from such things as meats, fatty foods, and sweets.

Mardi Gras is a French word that means "Fat Tuesday." Those who observe Lent as a time of fasting may celebrate with a party and general rowdiness on the day before Lent starts. In an effort to rid homes of fat before the Lenten season starts from fatty foods may use up the fats in something like pancakes or donuts. Fastnachts are fatty Pennsylvania donut, cooked on the day before Lent starts. Shrove Tuesday refers to the practice of confession as people enter the season of Lent.

Baskets of Promise

Personal Care kits provide basic hygiene tools to brothers and sisters in need around the world. In refugee camps and in the world's poorest communities, simple attention to hygiene can make the difference between sickness and health, or even death and life. Tools like soap and toothbrushes can make a huge impact.

During Lent, we will collect items for personal care kits to be sent out through Lutheran World Relief. We will collect bars of soap on Feb. 17 and March 24, Bath Towels (Light weight, dark colors preferred, maximum size 52"x 27") on Feb. 24, Toothbrushes (adult size, in original package) on March 3, Combs on March 10, and Nail clippers on March 17. The Sunday School will assemble the kits on April 7. Your help is needed to make our collection successful!



**DAFFODIL
SUNDAY
March 24, 2013**

**Deadline to order flowers is
February 17, 2013
See Shirley Weimer to place
your order.**

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on December 13, 2012 with 12 member present. Steve will opened the meeting with devotions.

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and 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: A discussion was held concerning the dinner normally held around Valentine's Day in which we recognize our members that are 80 and over. Council suggests the Golden Club be honored later in the year when we don't have to worry about the weather.

Worship: Hymns have been picked through January. Epiphany falls on a Sunday in 2013. During Lent evening service we will us a program called "Hey Joseph". Easter is March 31. Chrismon Service will be on Dec 30. There will be no communion, and Katie Rose will lead us in worship. Pastor Ardelle will be on vacation beginning Jan 14th and returning on Feb 4th.

Education: A proposal was brought up for a Family Ministry Coordinator — this would be a part-time position. The duties would include focusing on the children, youth and young families of the church. Pastor George will throw this out for discussion on Jan 6, at the 18 to 30 something meeting. Looking ahead we are in need of a Bible School director.

Property: The congregational meeting raised the question: should we paint the interior of the sanctuary? We voted yes. We now need to get bids for this. Somerset Pressure Washing will put us on their schedule for painting the roof over the Sanctuary. The back screen door at the parsonage still needs to be replaced; the shingles have been taken care of. Mike Ohler will be taking care of some of the repairs needed around the church. The light bulbs in the Sanctuary will be replaced with energy efficient fluorescent light prior to Christmas Eve service. Lights on the steeple are not working.



FEBRUARY 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2nd OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS					1	2
3 4 th Sunday after Epiphany Robert Thomas, Speaker	4 Committee Night, 7 pm	5	6 Choir, 7:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Transfiguration of our Lord Healing Service Baptism 2nd Off. Sunday	11 WELCA, 7 pm	12  Pancake Supper, 4:30 to 7 pm	13 Noon Sam Lent Ash Wed. Service, 7 pm	14 Council Meeting, 7 pm	15	16
17 1st Sun Lent Narrative Communion Soup, 6 pm; Lent Worship, 7 pm	18	19	20 Noon Sam Lent Royal Ringers, 7 pm; Choir,	21	22	23
24 2nd Sun Lent Soup, 6 pm; Lent Worship, 7 pm	25	26	27 Noon Sam Lent Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	28		

"18 to 30 Somethings"

A few of our "18-30's" met with Pr. George and Pr. Ardelle on January 6. While interested in the life of the church, these folks are pulled by many of the same distractions that most of us encounter in any given week. At this time, there are no further plans for "organized" activity and support, but we remain open to new possibilities in the future.

Feel free to give either Pr. Ardelle or Pr. George a call with suggestions regarding what would help you in your faith walk. Watch newsletters and bulletins for suggestions and encouragement.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Did you know that you can access great daily devotions from your computer? For a number of years I have used a daily devotion book that can also be accessed through a daily email. I find I am more faithful in reading and praying through this devotional resource, simply because it pops up on my screen. Lutheran Hour ministries offers a similar resource that you can access at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions. Once you locate them, you can even click on a link that will **read** it to you! Or, you can subscribe, and receive the same devotions in daily emails.

Not everyone has a computer. Not everyone needs one! If you do, why not let our modern technology work for your faith life as hard as it works for your secular life? If you don't have a computer, please find another way to make sure that Christ is front and center in your life!

**New Council Installed
Officers Elected**

On January 6, we installed our Congregational Council during the morning worship service. On January 10, we elected Officers for 2013. Our president is again David Walker. Our vice president is Carl Schrock. Sandy Pyle is again our secretary, and Chris Brant continues to serve as treasurer.

We spent a fair amount of time at January's meeting designating "Second Offerings" for 2013. (How great is it to be part of a committee who gets to give away money?!) There are still several months that have not been designated. Please share your recommendations with any Council member!

May we continue to support, encourage, and pray for those who are willing to take on this responsibility!

Sign Up Sheets!

Watch for sign up sheets to appear on the Bulletin Board! Lent will begin before we know it. There will be a sheet for the soup suppers asking for donations of soup and bread for each week's meal. For each of the five weeks of Sunday night worship, we usually ask for two volunteers to cook soup (hopefully two different kinds) and one volunteer to provide bread. This way, no one is burdened by too great a contribution, and hopefully we will have 15 different providers, so that no one needs to cook or purchase more than once.

COUNCIL MINUTES (Cont'd from page 3)

Youth: Nothing to report.

Old Business:

We were still using WPIA's router. It was decided to have Doug Simmons to install a new one, so that when WPIA decides to pick theirs up we won't be left empty-handed. A discussion was held on how to invest the money from the Boyd Estate. Sandy Pyle noted that she would abstain from the discussion and voting due to the fact that her employer of First National Bank was one of the choices for investments. It was decided to invest \$15,000.00 with First National Bank Investment Services, in the Franklin Templeton Fund. It was also decided to put \$15,000.00 in a 9 month Flexible Access CD (which can be accessed at any time with no penalty) until a later date.

New Business:

We accepted a request for an associate membership from Chad Delancy. The dues for 2013 membership of the Chamber of Commerce are now due at a cost of \$125.00.

It was brought up that it would be nice if we could have our events and activities published in the Lutheran Letter.

It was noted that we provide a \$1200.00 salary reduction to cover outside medical fees for the pastor.

Steve Will noted that the Salvation Army is looking for someone to provide Christmas gifts for a needy family, Council decided to take a family with 4 children at a cost of \$100.00. David & Sandy Pyle would provide the labor of purchasing the gifts, wrapping and delivering the gifts to the Salvation Army. (Note: Council meeting was held Thursday evening and on Friday when the Salvation Army was contacted to get a family all the children had been claimed.)

Second Sunday Offerings were discussed. January will be for Dave Pugh and Jane Ohler's mission trip and February will be for Meals on Wheels.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on January 10th 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**

	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>2012 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
INCOME			
Current	19,677.74	130,241.07	8,515.43
Benevolence	2,277.00	7,962.00	457.00
Missionary Support	335.00	2,975.00	295.00
Building/Maint.	2,864.50	11,124.50	641.00
Misc. In/Out	4,345.37	62,141.58	882.08
TOTAL INCOME	29,499.61	214,444.15	10,790.51
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	504.88	6,746.45	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	2,979.80	18,670.35	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	182.63	2,269.20	3,000.00
Total Payroll	8,123.32	103,253.31	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	457.00	7,139.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	0.00	510.00	0.00
Missionary Support	295.00	3,263.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	274.00	2,446.50	0.00
Other	385.00	5,862.57	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	529.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	125.00	125.00	150.00
Total Outreach	1,536.00	19,875.57	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,859.42	17,200.02	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	20,781.08	47,587.43	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	35,784.50	213,333.13	170,026.88
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$48,299.89
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$0.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$337.49
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,100.00
Somerset Trust CD (60 mos)			\$5,000.00
FNB CD (9 mo. Flex)			\$15,000.00
CD (1% 19 month)			\$0.00
Memorial Funds			\$10,365.81
Camp Scholarship			\$8,610.38



Narrative Communion February 17

On February 17, we will explore the meaning of our Worship Service during Worship. We will look at the purpose of things like Confession, the Kyrie, and the passing of the peace. We will also explore the origins of our order of Worship.

While most Lutherans may not be very good at carrying a Bible with them everywhere they go, you may be surprised to discover how much scripture you know by heart! A large part of our Worship comes directly from the Bible, and we will take time to note some of the references.

The Worship will be less smooth than most weeks. Rather than a 10-15 minute sermon, we will "interrupt" the worship by explaining each part, and then actually worshipping it.

Even so, we hope that you will leave worship enriched by a sense of the **connections** between the parts of the liturgy and a sense of our **connection** with Christians down through the ages. Lutheran Worship is deeply rooted in Scripture, and also deeply rooted in the ancient practices of the church. We pray that a renewed understanding of what we are doing in worship will lead you to exclaim with the "old timers," "My week just does not feel right if I do not begin with worship."

Second Offering

February's Second Offering will benefit Meals on Wheels in Somerset. Meals on Wheels provides meals at minimal cost to senior citizens in their homes, using a combination of paid and volunteer labor. Meals on Wheels helps meet the nutritional needs of seniors who have difficulty preparing their own meals. They also provide the personal touch of caring people who deliver the meals with a smile and a word of encouragement.

Special Offering in Lent

During Lent, the offerings received at special services and those you may choose to designate at other times will be sent to the Gettysburg Seminary Scholarship Fund. With the increased cost of higher education, pastors who are graduating or have graduated in recent years are sometimes so saddled with debt that they cannot afford to work on a pastor's salary.

At one time, the Church did a better job of supporting our seminarians. Together, we can again make a dent in this problem so that our newest pastors will be able to serve. The Council has acted to make "matching funds" available for your gifts! For each dollar donated (up to a **total** of \$1000), Faith congregation will also donate another dollar from the general fund. Our second offering in March will also go to the Scholarship fund. If we have not yet reached the \$1000 goal by that time, the matching funds will still apply.

IN MINISTRY IN FEBRUARY

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

FEBRUARY 3

Altar Guild	Karen Young
Assisting Minister	Brenda Walker
Acolytes	Zac Friedline
Greeters	Mark Friedline Family
Reader	Mark Friedline—Jer. 1:4-10, Ps. 71: 1-6, 1 Cor. 13: 1-13
Collect Com Cups	Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler
Distribute Bulletins	Mckenna Sheeler
Council Person	Jeanetta Shaffer

FEBRUARY 10

Altar Guild	Katey Rose
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman
Acolytes	Tyler Will, Katelynn Swank, Joe Swank, Billy Bowers, Brock Bowers
Greeters	Bill Bowers Family
Reader	Deanna Bowers—Exodus 34: 29-35, Ps. 99, 2 Cor. 3: 12—4:2
Collect Com Cups	Jack Loeffert & Jackalynn Derry
Distribute Bulletins	Jack Loeffert

FEBRUARY 17

Altar Guild	Karen Young
Assisting Minister	Jane Ohler
Acolyte	Megan Helmick
Greeters	Karen Helmick Family
Reader	Karen Helmick—Deut. 26: 1-11, Ps. 91: 1-2, 9-16, Romans 10: 8b-13
Collect Com Cups	Shawna & Shaelyn Walker
Distribute Bulletins	Shandi Walker

FEBRUARY 24

Altar Guild	Katey Rose
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman, II
Acolyte	Annalina Brant
Greeters	Carl & Carol Schrock
Reader	Tom Walker—Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18, Ps. 27, Phil. 3: 17—4:1
Collect Com Cups	Shawn & Matthew Shaffer
Distribute Bulletins	Lindsey Shaffer