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Faith's Blessings

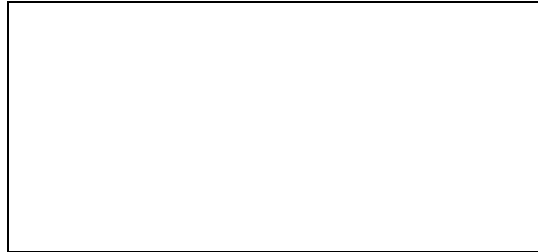


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FROM THE PASTOR....



MARCH 2013



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Lenten season has traditionally been a time of self-examination and confession, so that our hearts are prepared to understand how desperately we need the promise of resurrection and new life that is announced on Easter Day. While we need to be cautious that our "self examination" does not degenerate into some sort of fixation on self, we do need to be aware of how far short we fall from what God expects of us. After all, our sin - **my sin** - was so great that Jesus had to die for **me**. We need to examine ourselves sufficiently to recognize that "I can't get out of this mess on my own."

The Good News of Easter is that our inability to help ourselves does not keep us out of heaven, nor does it keep us out of life in this world. In Christ, there is forgiveness and new life.

While this new life is freely given, without strings attached, it does come with responsibility on our part. We are set free. We are, indeed, free to do **anything**. But now that you have been forgiven and given new life, **What is it that you want to do?**

God's gift of life changes us, and changes our hearts. No, unfortunately, having God's grace does not mean that you will never sin again. We will still fail and fall short, but God's grace will pick us up and set us back on the right path - again, and again, and again, until we finally reach the end of

our journey at the gates of heaven.

Ironically, I think that the change God seeks to bring about in our hearts with his forgiveness that we resist most strongly is the act of extending forgiveness to those who have offended us. We tend to be very self righteous, and we are more than likely to insist that the other guy must **earn** our forgiveness. Yet, we are unable to earn our **own** forgiveness.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask, "Forgive us our trespasses, **as we forgive those who trespass against us.**" Note well that we are telling God, "If I don't forgive my neighbor, then **you should not forgive me either!**"

In the Passing of the Peace in worship, we are invited to share God's peace - God's forgiveness - with our fellow worshippers. Paul indicates that we should make peace with each other before we bring our own gifts to God's altar.

We can be stubborn people, you and I. May God's grace break through to us, so that we are set free to share God's glorious forgiveness with those who have hurt us the most. As we allow God to make that most difficult change in us, we will truly know "the peace that passes all understanding."

Your partner in Christ's service,

Pastor Ardelle



FAITH NEWS . . .

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Nancy Walker
266 Bromm Road
Somerset, PA 15501-2302

BAPTISM:

Lakin Briella Friedline, daughter of Mark and Susan Friedline, was baptized on February 10, 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.

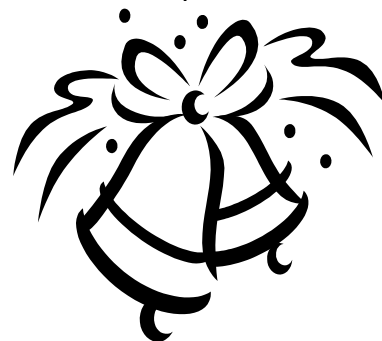


BIRTHDAYS

Shane Maust, 3/2	Barbara Will, 3/19
Thomas Hill, 3/3	Barbara Raupach, 3/20
Tyler will, 3/5	James Yoni, 3/22
Chad Cramer, 3/6	Patricia Stouffer, 3/23
Mona Barndt, 3/7	Luther Weaver, 3/23
Elby Walker, 3/7	Denise Custer, 3/25
Chloe Miller, 3/9	Douglas Sheeler, 3/27
Zachary Weaver, 3/13	Melissa Lenart, 3/28
Emily Nist, 3/15	David Walker, 3/28
Darlene Zerfoss, 3/16	Jeb Friedline, 3/28
Jay Anderson, 3/17	Matthew Shaffer, 3/29
David Will, 3/18	Dean Nist, 3/31
Justine Lundquest, 3/19	Amber Heiple, 3/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Stouffer, Jr.
3/28



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 3,10,17 And 24	Soup Supper Lent Worship	Attend
MARCH 4	Committee Night	Attend
MARCH 11	WELCA	Attend
MARCH 14	Council	Attend
MARCH 28	Maundy Thursday	Attend
MARCH 29	Good Friday	Attend
MARCH 30	Easter Vigil Easter Egg Hunt	Attend
MARCH 31	Sonrise Easter Breakfast 9 am Worship	Attend

Healing Service

Our next Healing Service will be held April 7.

Happy 25th Anniversary, Allegheny Synod!

At this year's Synod Assembly, we will be treated to a "Twenty Fifth Anniversary Slideshow" at meal time. But, since the Synod is **us**, the Congregations of the Synod, the Synod staff needs pictures to use at the assembly. We have been asked to provide 1-3 pictures of the life of Faith congregation. Do **you** have pictures to offer? If so, please submit a **copy** to the church Office by **April 1**. Council will review and choose up to three pictures at the April 11 meeting and submit them by the deadline to the Synod office. Thanks for your help!

Bold Woman Celebration

Although we have many "Bold Women" among us, only one has been elected as the "Bold Woman of the Year" for 2013. A "Bold Woman" lives out her faith with quiet determination. She handles challenges with prayer and hope. She trusts in her Lord, and will tell you so in word and deed.

We will announce the honored lady during the presentation on March 17.

Baskets of Promise

We will continue to collect articles for the Personal Care kits for Lutheran World Relief through Lent. 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.

Collection Schedule:

- March 3: Toothbrushes (adult size, in original package)
- March 10: Combs
- March 17: Nail clippers
- March 24: bars of soap

The Sunday School will assemble the kits on April 7. Your help is needed to make our collection successful!

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS



You have the following choices

- Tulips \$9.75
- Lilies \$10.00
- Mums \$9.75 Hyacinths \$8.75

Order deadline is March 3.
Please pay Mabel Revello when you place your order.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on January 10, 2103 with 11 member present. Sandy opened the meeting with devotions. First order of business was to elect new Council officers. President is Dave Walker, the Vice President will be Carl Schrock, Sandy Pyle will remain Secretary and Chris Brant will retain his position as Treasurer.

The minutes from the December 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: There will be no Valentine's dinner this year. To honor our Golden Club members, a new date will be decided at the meeting in February.

Worship: For evening services during Lent it has been decided to use Jonah. A narrative communion will be held during the morning worship service to explain why we do what we do during worship. A Healing service will be held Feb. 24th. Easter is March 31st.

Education: Kids & adult Sunday school is still ongoing every Sunday. Catechism is in progress. Vacation Bible School is looking for help. Cindy will be looking into choosing the curriculum materials.

Property: On the question of painting the interior of the Sanctuary, Richard met with the prison. For the prisoners to paint we must supply everything, the prisoners only supply the labor. The bid for painting the interior from Somerset Pressure washing was \$1200.00. It was decided that Somerset Pressure Washing was the route to take. Somerset Pressure Washing will be contacted so that we can be put on their schedule for both the interior and the roof paining to be completed. Due to the winter weather there are shingles that need to be replaced again. Mike Ohler replaced the door in the Fellowship Hall that was damaged during the break in and will also repair the loose threshold. The light bulbs in the Sanctuary have been replaced with energy efficient fluorescent lights. Lights on the steeple are not working. We will be looking into replacing the pole light on the far side of the parking lot.

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MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2ND OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND						
<i>3 3rd Sun Lent</i> Soup Supper, 6 pm Lent Worship, 7 pm	<i>4</i> Committee Night, 7 pm	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> Noon, Sam Lent Service Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>7</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>10 4th Sun Lent</i> Soup Supper, 6 pm Lent Worship, 7 pm	<i>11</i> WELCA, 7 pm	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Noon, Sam Lent Service Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>14</i> Council Meeting, 7 pm	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17 5th Sun Lent</i> Soup Supper, 6 pm Lent Worship, 7 pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Noon, Sam Lent Service Royal Ringers, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24 Palm Sunday</i> <hr/> <i>31 Easter</i> Sunrise, 6:30 am Breakfast, 7:30 am Worship, 9 am		<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Noon, Sam Lent Service Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	<i>28</i> Maundy Thur., 7 pm	<i>29</i> Noon, SAM Good Friday, 7 pm	<i>30</i> Easter Egg Hunt, 1 pm Easter Vigil, 7 pm

Lent Services Continue

On Sunday mornings, we continue to use Setting 10 of the ELW as our order of worship. The parts of the liturgy that are sung (like the Kyrie and offering song) are sung to familiar hymn tunes. The "Alleluias" have been "buried," but will be "resurrected" on Easter Day as we rejoice in Jesus' resurrection. In the meantime, our worship takes on a more somber tone.

We continue our Jonah series on Sunday Evenings. We gather to share a simple Lenten meal of soup & bread at 6 pm, and at 7 pm we gather for Holy Communion in the Fellowship Hall. On March 3, the theme is "Praying from the Belly of a Great Fish." On March 10, we hear about "The God of the Second Chance." On March 17, we will join Jonah in an "About Face!"

SAM Lenten Services Continue

Services are held at noon on Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, followed by lunch in their fellowship hall, provided by the preacher's congregation. On March 6, Fr. Lenny Anderson will preach as Pr. Chuck Olson leads worship. On March 13, Pr. Sam Draper will preach and Pr. Mike Dunlap will lead worship. On March 20, Pr. Matt Deal will preach and Pr. Jay Christner will lead worship.

On Good Friday (March 29), there will be a one hour service at noon led by many of our local clergy. No meal will be served on Good Friday.

Holy Week and Easter

On Passion/Palm Sunday, we will hold the traditional procession with palms and the reading of the Passion Story from the Gospel of Luke. Fourteen readers will be needed. Talk to the Pastor to volunteer!

Holy Week and Easter will continue the Jonah Series. The Maundy Thursday Service will be a Communion Service in the Sanctuary, using the theme from the Sign of Jonah, "On the Same Page." On Good Friday, the Jonah services will consider, "The Answer."

On Saturday March 30, we will gather in a darkened sanctuary at 7 pm as we celebrate the Easter Vigil. We will hear a recitation of our Salvation History through scripture readings. Then we will break out the individual candles and then all the lights as we arrive at the high point of Jesus' resurrection. The Jonah Series will conclude with the Sunrise service by examining the "Sign of Life." At 9 am on Easter Sunday (following that good Easter Breakfast!) we will "pull out all the stops" to celebrate the Resurrection. **(Can anyone offer trumpet or other special music for this day? Talk to Pr. Ardelle!)**

Easter Breakfast

Under the direction of a group of parents, our Youth will again host the annual Easter Breakfast between the Sunrise Service and the 9 am Service. There is always plenty of good "hot breakfast" foods as well as muffins and other goodies available. Come join us!

COUNCIL MINUTES (Cont'd from page 3)

Youth: Marge Walker is semi retired as SR youth leader; it was noted that the majority of SR youth is between the ages of 16 & 18. A special note was made that leadership support is needed for the JR & SR Youth (example someone to coordinate the pancake supper or director of Bible School). The Pancake supper will be held on Feb. 12 from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Old Business:

We were still using WPIA's router. Doug Simmons noted that he would see if he might be able to help us as his focus is mainly security systems.

New Business:

2nd Sunday offerings were designated for most months. A youth asked if we could do a 2nd offering for Sandy Hook, but they have asked for no more donations to be sent. We will contact the Salvation Army in early November for names of needy families.

Justin Rhoads & Brandi McKenzie have made a request for the use of the church on August 31st for their wedding. Request was approved.

A discussion was held concerning an amendment to the Church constitution to raise the Council's spending limit; it is currently \$2500. Thought was that it should be raised to \$5000 due to rising costs. Because many council members have never seen the constitution it was decided to give a copy to each member and every year to new councilpersons.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on Feb. 14 with Katey Rose 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>Jan.</u>	<u>2013 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
INCOME			
Current	9,909.81	9,909.81	19,677.74
Benevolence	1,398.02	1,398.02	2,227.00
Missionary Support	210.00	210.00	335.00
Building/Maint.	685.00	685.00	2,864.50
Misc. In/Out	500.00	500.00	4,345.37
TOTAL INCOME	12,702.83	12,702.83	29,499.61
EXPENSES			
Total Ministries	113.97	113.97	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	559.64	559.64	23,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Taxes	169.60	169.60	3,000.00
Total Payroll	8,957.48	8,957.48	107,770.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	2,277.00	2,277.00	9,000.00
World Hunger	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missionary Support	335.00	335.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	253.00	253.00	0.00
Other	423.12	423.12	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	3,288.12	3,288.12	14,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,153.52	1,153.52	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	4,342.00	4,342.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,414.73	18,414.73	173,320.88
ASSETS			
General Checking			\$42,587.99
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
CD (1% 19 month)			\$0.00
Memorial Funds			\$10,394.13
Camp Scholarship			\$8,677.60

New Secretary Needed!

Our secretary resigned, effective January 31. Council has appointed a committee to review the job description and oversee the hiring of a new secretary. The job description is to be approved by Council at the March 14 meeting, after which the job will be posted here at Faith. The Secretary Committee will receive applications from Faith. If a new secretary is not identified within a month of posting from within the congregation, the job description will be publically advertised.

In the meantime, Brenda Maust is serving as interim secretary. She will be in the office from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday through Thursday.

The Secretary Committee includes: Dave Walker, Steve Will, Cindy Miller, Sandy Pyle, and Pr. Ardelle. Please pray for us as we consider what is currently needed in the Church Office, and as we screen applicants to find the right "match" for Faith Lutheran.

Second Offering

During Lent, the offerings received at Sunday Evening services and those you may choose to designate at other times will be sent to the Gettysburg Seminary Scholarship Fund. Let's help current students at the Seminary so that when they graduate, their level of debt does not keep them from accepting a call to serve!

The Council has acted to make "matching funds" available for your gifts! Faith congregation will donate an additional dollar from the general fund for each dollar donated, up to a **total** of \$1000. Our **second offering in March** will go to the Scholarship fund and will be included in the "matching funds" offer.

Easter Egg Hunt

Be sure to join us on Saturday, March 30 at 1 pm for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of individually wrapped candy and small novelties are being accepted. Deadline for these items is March 10. WELCA will be "stuffing" the eggs. Bring a friend and join us for a fun afternoon !!

IN MINISTRY IN MARCH

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

MARCH 3

Altar Guild Karen Walker
 Assisting Minister Darren Walker
 Acolyte Katelynn Swank
 Greeters Joe Swank Family
 Reader Ken Shockey
 —Isa. 55:1-9, Ps. 63:1-8, 1 Cor. 10:1-13
 Collect Cups Steven & Adam Latuch
 Distrib. Bulletins Dakota Weyant
 Council Person Cindy Miller

MARCH 10

Altar Guild Mabel Revello and Janet Anderson
 Assisting Minister Brenda Maust
 Acolyte Billy Bowers
 Greeters Elby & Richard Walker
 Reader Elby Walker
 —Joshua 5:9-12, Ps. 32, 2 Cor. 5:16-21
 Collect Cups Jeb & Tanner Friedline
 Distrib. Bulletins Jeb Friedline

MARCH 17

Altar Guild Karen Walker
 Assisting Minister Katey Rose
 Acolyte Keri Friedline
 Greeters Dave & Cindy Miller
 Reader Cindy Miller
 —Isa. 43:16-21, Ps. 126, Phil. 3:4b-14
 Collect Cups Chloe & Corey Miller
 Distrib. Bulletins Chloe Miller

MARCH 24

Altar Guild Mabel Revello and Janet Anderson
 Assisting Min David Pugh
 Acolyte Tyler Will, Jacob Sheeler, Annalina Brant, Chris and Corey Miller
 Greeters Jody Miller Family
 Reader Tomalee Will—Isaiah 50:4-9a, Ps. 31:9-16, Philippians 2:-5-11
 Collect Cups Joe and Katelynn Swank
 Distrib Bulletins Katelynn Swank

MARCH 31

Altar Guild Mabel Revello and Janet Anderson
 Assisting Min Brenda Walker (sunrise) Bill Hoffman (9 am)
 Acolyte Everyone
 Greeters Marge Walker and Karianne Sulkowski
 Reader Marge Walker— Acts10:34-43, Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corin. 15:19-26
 Collect Cups Travis and Zachary Fike
 Distrib Bulletins Travis Fike