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From The Pastor....

MAY 2010

At the end of this month we will move from the Easter Season into the Pentecost Season. Easter is a season seven weeks long, giving us a lot of time to sing alleluias and celebrate the Resurrection. But, then, every Sunday is "a little Easter", so we can pretty well celebrate Easter all year long! (Although, during the Lenten Season we intentionally take time to quietly focus on Christ's sacrifice and its meaning and implications for our lives, and so prepare ourselves to appreciate the joy of the Easter Season.)

The season of Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes the Church possible, and the role that God calls each of us into to ensure that the Gospel message is communicated to all people. We may do a Chancel Drama on Pentecost Sunday, and we may introduce a new banner from the Sunday School.

The gift of the Holy Spirit comes in a variety of ways in the Scriptures. According to John, Jesus quietly breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples on Easter Evening. Though there seem to be no audible or visible "manifestations" in that account, after this point, the disciples seem to have new confidence and courage.

According to Luke (in the Book of Acts), the Spirit comes as all of the believers are gathered in one place.

There is a noise like a strong wind, and flames are seen over the heads of the believers. More than that, the believers are suddenly preaching to the crowd that had gathered for the Jewish Pentecost festival. Although the believers are Hebrew, those gathered have come from all over the known world. Yet they hear the gospel proclaimed in their *own* languages!

Likewise, the Holy Spirit does not come to *us* in the same way, either. For some of us, it comes quietly. For others, it comes with a lot of noise and fanfare. However the Spirit comes, he gives us new courage and new confidence, along with a new understanding of Jesus and what he calls us to do.

Each of us receives a gift from the Holy Spirit that enables each of us to share the Good News of hope, life, and forgiveness in Christ in our own unique way. Preaching is one gift, but the ability to encourage others in their faith is an equally important gift. Some are gifted with the ability to teach adults, while others are gifted to teach children. Some are organizers. Some are healers. Some are even gifted to speak in tongues.

Whatever your gift (and you *do* have one!), pray for God's wisdom to use it to his glory!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FAITH NEWS . . .

Baptisms:

Cole James & Cadem James, twin sons of Tanya James on April 4, 2010

New Member:

Dawn Will on April 4, 2010

Associate Members:

Larry Rhoads, Donna Rhoads, and Jackie Rhoads on April 4, 2010

Transfer:

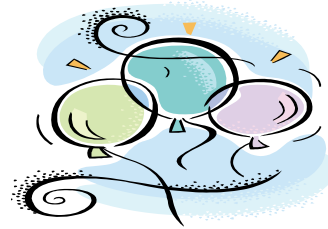
Brian Brant to St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Somerset, PA

New Address:

Wendy Hale, 167 Gobblers Nob Rd., Friedens, PA 15541

Missionary Sponsorship

Our Missionaries are Rev. Sam and Cindy Wolff. Check out the bulletin board at the church for a "Kenyan Spin" on the traditional "covered dish dinner"!



PLEASE RESERVE JUNE 20 FOR FAITH'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL. WORSHIP WILL BE AT 9 AM AND AT 12 NOON WILL BE A COVERED DISH DINNER. THIS DINNER WILL REPLACE OUR FAMILY BANQUET FOR THIS YEAR ONLY. WATCH JUNE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Action Required
MAY 3, 2010	COMMITTEE NIGHT	ATTEND
MAY 6, 2010	WEEKDAY GRADUATION	ATTEND
MAY 10, 2010	WELCA	ATTEND
MAY 13, 2010	COUNCIL MEETING	ATTEND
MAY 18, 2010	ELECTION DAY LUNCH	VOTE AND ENJOY GOOD FOOD



Birthdays

Loretta Weyant
 Thelma Brant
 Whitney Custer
 Fred Will
 Michael Trevarrow
 Emily Helmick
 Karen Walker
 Gene Hillegas
 Zachary Friedline
 Jacob Sheeler
 Anthony Latuch
 Joan Walker

Fred Rhoads
 Rodney Schrock
 Joseph Walker
 Darren Walker
 Donald Golby
 Dennis Rhoads
 Taylor Latuch
 Clay Cramer, Jr.
 Linda Golby
 Brenda Maust
 Dalton Dill

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Zerfoss
 Mr. & Mrs. William Nist
 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Maust
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Will
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Snyder
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Swank
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Klotz



Benevolence Options

Allegheny Synod has put into place a system for those who are willing to support local synod ministries but do not wish to contribute to the ELCA. (Previously, a percentage of all funds received by the local synod were required to be sent directly to the ELCA.) Many people, especially in our conservative area, have used withholding Benevolence funds as a means of protesting the ELCA's votes on sexuality issues. Unfortunately, though this is one way of forcefully making a point, this action also impacts ministries that have nothing to do with sexuality.

If you are willing to fund Allegheny's ministries but not the ELCA's at the present time, simply mark your benevolence gift as "Allegheny Synod only." The congregation will then mark any such specified amounts in the same way when our offerings are sent in. Allegheny Synod can now use those funds **without** sending an equal amount on to the ELCA (not from your gift, and not from someone else's gift to make up the difference!).

Worship at the Johnstown Lutheran Home

On May 30, Pr. Ardelle will lead Worship at the Allegheny Lutheran Home at Johnstown at 3:30 PM. It would be nice to take a group along to participate and help lead worship! Talk to Pr. Ardelle.

Mission Moments

Each congregation of the Allegheny Synod has been invited to send a snapshot and a few sentences about a ministry of the congregation that they are excited about. This information will be incorporated in a PowerPoint display that will be shown at the Synod Assembly to highlight the mission that we share. Council has decided that our "Mission Moment will be the Children's Bell Choir. Watch for a copy to be posted on the bulletin board!

See Through the Scriptures

The Sunday evening Bible Study will continue until we reach the end of ***See Through the Scriptures***. As of April 11, we have worked our way through King David! We will **not** meet on May 2 (Pastor Ardelle is on vacation) and again **not** on May 16 (Southern Somerset Caucus meets), but we will meet again on May 9 and regularly on Sundays at 6:30 pm beginning May 23. We've usually had about a dozen people gather to learn and share. Come join us!

Graduate Recognition

On June 27, we will recognize our graduates at Worship, and following Worship with a cake in the Fellowship Hall. Please help us **identify graduates!** Please call the church office with any graduates you are aware of. Thanks for your help!

FAITH COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 2010

Faith Council met Mar. 11, 2010 at 7 pm with Pastor Ardelle and 10 council members present. Brenda Maust had opening devotions.

Minutes from Feb. meeting were reviewed. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve. Treasurers Report from Feb. reviewed. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve.

Pastors Report reviewed. Additional items noted were Stephanie Brant and the girls transferred their membership; Synod has requested a photo of an outreach (suggestions included Relay for Life, Kids Bells, Holy Moses series) will decide at next meeting. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance	reviewed tally sheets
Social	Seder Meal Apr. 1
Worship	special services all ready
Education	Bible School is Aug. 16-20
Property	can't get pole light at driveway to work; still working on it and some gutters are down from the ice and will check into this
Youth	still need Jr. leaders; Sr. Youth having Easter break fast, a retreat and went bowling

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MAY 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 5th Sun. Easter No Communion Preacher: Bill Hoffman	3 Committee Night, 7 pm	4	5 Children's Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	6 Weekday Graduation, 9:15 am Sequanota Adult Day	7	8 8:30 am Sr. Youth Sequanota Work Day
9 6th Sun. Easter Sequanota Mother's Day Dinner See thru Scriptures, 6:30 pm	10 WELCA, 7 pm	11	12 Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	13 Council Meeting, 7 pm	14	15
16 7th Sun. Easter 2nd Off. Sunday June /July Newsletter, So. Somerset Caucus @Holy Trinity, 7 pm	17	18 Election Day Lunch 	19 Children's Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	20	21	22
23 Pentecost Sr. Youth, 7 pm	24	25	26 Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Holy Trinity Lead worship @ Johnstown Lutheran Home, 3:30 pm See thru Scriptures, 6:30 pm	31 OFFICE CLOSED	2nd OFFERING SUNDAY IS RELAY FOR LIFE				

IN MINISTRY IN MAY

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

ALTAR GUILD

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Karen Walker
Karen Young
Karen Walker
Karen Young
Karen Walker

ACOLYTES

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Zac Friedline
Kristi Helmick
Brittany Will
Jordan Palumbo
Shane Maust

GREETERS

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Herb & Marian Walker
Karen Helmick Family
Ken & Shockey
Dave & Audrey Walker
Tom Hill & Katey Rose

READERS

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Marian Walker – Acts 11: 1-18, Ps. 148, Rev. 21: 1-6
Bill Hoffman – Acts 16: 9-15, Ps. 67, Rev. 21: 10, 22—22:5
Ken Shockey – Acts 16: 16-34, Ps. 97, Rev. 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Dave Walker – Acts 2: 1-21, Ps. 104: 24-34, Rom. 8: 14-17
Tom Hill – Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Ps. 8, Rom. 5: 1-5

ASSISTING MINISTERS

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Brenda Maust
Katey Rose
Wendell Heil
Brenda Walker
Bill Hoffman

DISTRIBUTE BULLETINS

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Tanner Friedline
Jack Loeffert
Jacob Sheeler
Matthew Sheeler
Shandi Walker

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS

May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

Zachary Friedline & Jeb Friedline
Zachary Fike & Travis Fike
Tyler Fisher & Jennifer Fisher
Shawn Shaffer & McKenna Sheeler
Shaelyn Walker & Shawna Walker

COUNCIL PERSON IN CHARGE

Shirley Weimer

Kennywood Day

Senior Youth Group
Tuesday, June 29th

Leaving church parking lot at 9 AM

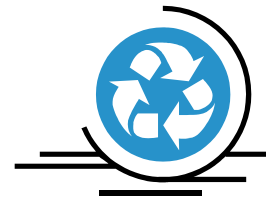
Returning that evening

Other church members wishing to attend, please see Marge or Audrey for ticket prices.



Pavilion Bathroom

As his Eagle Scout project, Mike Sulkowski will be installing bathroom facilities at the church pavilion. The roof on the extension of the pavilion will also be replaced. The estimated cost is \$3500. Anyone interested in contributing financially to this project may do so by sending contributions to the church or include with Sunday offering. Thank you in advance!



Aluminum Can Recycling

Senior Youth Group is continuing to collect aluminum cans to be recycled. Please place in the back entrance to the fellowship hall. Money earned will be used towards expenses for the next Youth Gathering.



Day Camp Opportunity

Friedens Lutheran is sponsoring a **Sequanota Day Camp** for Children Kindergarten through Grade 4 at Friedens June 21-25. See the poster in the narthex or call Pernelle DeVore at 445-4627 for more information.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>March</u>	2010 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Month</u>
Current	8,512.80	28,606.36	9,217.56
Benevolence	377.00	1,531.50	501.50
Missionary Support	179.00	410.00	117.00
Building/Maint.	848.50	1,995.50	547.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,441.91</u>	<u>10,675.90</u>	<u>2,055.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,359.21	43,219.26	12,438.06
			2010 Proposal
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	<u>787.84</u>	2,534.61	7,750.00
<u>Operating</u>	1,640.44	3,659.22	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	<u>8,499.42</u>	25,587.34	110,247.60
<u>Outreach</u>			
Total Outreach	<u>2,468.50</u>	10,731.45	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,661.25	7,173.61	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	0.00	3,896.64	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>15,057.45</u>	<u>53,582.87</u>	<u>171,997.60</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$6,532.70
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$2,678.53
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$2,069.85
CD (1.95% 13 month)			\$7,139.99
Memorial Funds			\$2,271.63
Camp Scholarship			\$6,878.95



Summer picnics and outings at Camp Sequanota: Our pavilions are available at no cost to Lutheran Congregations Saturday and Sunday spring, summer and fall. Depending on dates they may also be available for weekday events such as a Vacation Bible School, Day School or youth outings, Sunday School Class, Women or Men's group outings, congregational picnics, etc. Families and non Lutheran groups can rent the pavilions for a small fee. In most cases the pool will be available for a donation or you can provide certified life guards.

Annual Benefit Dinner 2010 will be held at the Coal Miners Café in Jennerstown on May 26 with fellowship at 6 followed by the meal at 7 PM. Our entertainment will be provided by a group of former and current summer staff. This is a new location in response to numerous requests for a location closer to Johnstown. This year the suggested donation is again \$60.00. Call the camp office to reserve tickets.

International Staff Member Philip Adika from Kenya will be joining our staff this summer. Philip is excited about this opportunity to share in the ministry at Camp Sequanota. He will be available to visit some congregations from about June 13 to August 8th. Call the Camp office to express your interest in having Philip visit your congregation. We are also asking help in raising the \$3,000 needed to cover the travel, ELCA cultural adjustment training, ELCA planned end of summer sightseeing tour and small weekly stipend. If you wish to help support this ministry, please send you gifts to the Camp office clearly marked "International Staff".

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

OLD BUSINESS

Still waiting on a cabinet for the kitchen and the floor needs some repairs. Audit still waiting to be done. Paperwork for Missionary support is final and the missionaries are the Wolfe couple.

NEW BUSINESS

The Baptismal Rose CD is maturing. After discussion, motion was made to cash it in and put the money toward the mower we will be purchasing for the parsonage. Motion 2nd and carried to approve. Relay for Life will be having a Chicken BBQ on April 18.

Next council meeting will be April 8 with Denny Young having devotions. Motion, 2nd and carried to adjourn. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Brenda Maust, Council Secretary



American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Thursday, June 17, 2010 here at Faith Lutheran Church from 1 pm to 7 pm. Anyone wishing to donate blood at this drive, please schedule an appointment by calling Kayla Miller at 445-6611.