

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Faith's Blessings



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## From The Pastor....



**MAY 2012**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

At the 9 am service on Easter Day, our Gospel reading came from Mark 16. We had come to celebrate the resurrection, but the lesson was disappointing. The messenger in the empty tomb announced to the women who had come to embalm Jesus that he was alive. But our lesson, and, to the best of our knowledge, Mark's whole gospel, ended with verse 8: "So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

"The end"? Surely not!

And, indeed, the story does *not* end on this low note. Because Jesus lives, everything is made new, and hope is restored. But the news must be shared! And that is where you and I enter the story.

Mark ends on a note of suspense. We want to cry out, "Wait! What happened next?" Obviously, the women got over their terror and told the story. Otherwise, we would not know the real ending. But you see, we are privileged characters in this day and age. *We* know that Jesus lives, and that he makes all the difference. Most of us know the story so well that we can tell without even consulting our Bible. But there is a world out there that has not heard, and does not know the hope we have.

We used to think that the ones who do not know the story lived in isolated corners of the third world. So, we sent missionaries to tell them. But somewhere along the way, we failed to tell our neighbors and friends! And now, we have a huge mission field in our own back yards.

*You and I* are God's missionaries today. The good news is that you don't need to learn a new language to tell the story! (Unless, of course, "texting" is as much a "foreign language" for you as it is for me!) At home, at work, on the soccer field or basketball court, you will find people who are struggling to find hope for their own hectic and often meaningless lives.

Just as the women fled in terror, we also may flee in terror rather than speak about our faith and hope. How did the women get past their fear? Pentecost will offer some answers to this puzzle. The Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus as a Helper, can give us strength, courage, and even the words to speak to those who need to hear a word of hope.

This story must not - *cannot* end with us! You are invited to share Christ's joy as you share the good news.

Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Yours in Christ's Service,  
*Pastor Ardelle*



# FAITH NEWS . . .

**ADDRESS CHANGE:**

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425 Westminster  
Room 389  
Hanover, PA 17331  
Phone: 717-677-7093

**FUNERAL:**

Funeral service was held for Lois Dupstadt on March 31, 2012 at Faith Lutheran Church.



## HEALING SERVICE

On Sunday, May 6, our 9 am service will be a **Moments of Grace** healing Service. Bring joys, concerns, or needs for physical, emotional or spiritual healing for yourself or for another. Anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and personal prayer will be offered to each person coming forward. This is a good Sunday to bring a friend!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Bible School will be held June 25-29 from 6-8:15 pm. Our program will be **Adventures on Promise Island**. Each day we will study one of God's promises and how he keeps that promise in our everyday life. Our opening and closing each day will take place at Seaside Celebration. We will visit our Bible Story Teller at Life-guard Lagoon. We will go to Project Pointe for crafts, to Coconut Café for incredible edible snacks, and to Funtime Falls for fun and games.

The VBS planning committee will meet again on May 8 from 6:30-8:30. We still need a director, a Seaside Celebration Coordinator, 3 teachers (Preschool, Elementary, and Pre-Teen - just 20 minutes of teaching each night!), and 4 skit players (Hunter, Madi, Kamalei, and Cooper (the dog!)). We have people covering the Story Teller, the songs, the crafts, and the games, but all our "staff" are flexible enough to make room for new people! To volunteer (yourself or someone else!), please contact Pr. Ardelle. Or, better yet, come to our meeting and help us plan!

A special thank you to the SUPER STARS who faithfully every month puts the newsletter together. Your help is very much appreciated. If you would like to help out, please call the church office.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
May 6, 13, 20, 27	Bible Study	Attend
May 7	Committee Night	Attend
May 8	VBS Meeting	Attend
May 10	Council Meeting	Attend
May 12	Sr. Youth Road Clean Up	Participate
May 13	2nd Offering Sunday	Remember offering For SAM Van
May 14	WELCA	Attend



## BIRTHDAYS

Loretta Weyant, 5/1  
Thelma Brant, 5/2  
Whitney Custer, 5/3  
Fred Will, 5/3  
Michael Trevarrow, 5/6  
Emily Helmick, 5/7  
Karen Walker, 5/7  
Gene Hillegas, 5/8  
Zachary Friedline, 5/8  
Jacob Sheeler, 5/8  
Anthony Latuch, 5/8  
Joan Walker, 5/12  
Fred Rhoads, 5/13

Rodney Schrock, 5/18  
Joseph Walker, 5/18  
Cathy Smeak, 5/19  
Darren Walker, 5/21  
Donald Golby, 5/22  
Dennis Rhoads, 5/23  
Alexus Miller, 5/24  
Logan Gilbert, 5/24  
Taylor Latuch, 5/25  
Clay Cramer, Jr., 5/29  
Linda Golby, 5/29  
Brenda Maust, 5/30  
Dalton Dill, 5/31

## ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. & Mrs. Jay Zerfoss, 5/6  
Mr. & Mrs. William Nist, 5/10  
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Maust, 5/16  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Will, 5/18  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Snyder, 5/22  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Swank, 5/24  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Klotz, 5/25



**Phone: 814-629-6627**  
**Email: contact@sequanota.com**

**FAMILY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE WEEKEND**  
**May 4 - 5, 2012**

It's choose-your-own adventure weekend at Sequanota! Fun and family are the focus of this spiritual weekend. Opportunities abound to join in on an adventures such as rock-climbing, hiking, low ropes, and more. \$125 per camper

**ADULT STUDY DAY**  
**May 10**

Pastor David Wright is back for an inspirational and enlightening session for everyone who wants to grow in their faith. The study this year is, "Mark: The Bare-Bones Gospel." Pr. Wright says, "Mark's 'just the facts, Ma'am, just the facts' approach moves along at a fast pace." Come and enjoy the day as we examine some of the major themes and characteristics of Mark. Lunch is provided. Bring a Bible and a pencil, and your walking shoes! \$10.00 per person. Contact us to register.

**SPRING WORK DAY**  
**May 12**

Help us get our facilities up and running for campers! Bring your group or friends for a fun volunteer opportunity. Volunteers can have breakfast and lunch at camp. Overnight lodging is free for Work Day volunteers.

**MOTHERS DAY DINNER**  
**May 13**

Celebrate the women in your life by treating them a lovely meal. Call camp or email for reservations. Cost: a donation of your choice!

**CREATION APPRECIATION SATURDAY**  
**May 19 & 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

This family-friendly program is for people of all ages! Following our 7 Point Nature Program, we will appreciate creation through exploration, observation, appreciation, conservation, cooperation, preservation and adoration. Creation Appreciation will include nature-themed Bible studies, conservation tips, and fun wilderness activities, such as hiking. Adults are \$10 per session, children 12 and under at \$8 per session. To register, contact Camp Sequanota

**ULTIMATE FRISBEE TOURNAMENT**  
**June 2**

Bring your team, organization, or grab some friends. It's time to engage in some friendly competition. Call or email to register. \$30 per team

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

Council met on March 8, 2012 with 12 members present plus Pastor Ardelle. Shirley Weimer led devotions. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed, was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved, followed by a review of the Treasurers report; this was also motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved. Last the Pastors report was reviewed; again motion made; 2<sup>nd</sup> and approval.

**Committee Reports**

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed. Misprint was discovered between Treasurers Report and Tally sheet

Social: 4/5 Covered dish dinner for the Seder meal & service at 5:30 pm (all inclusive, can't attend just one)

Worship: Sunday evening service will continue during Lent, readers are still needed to help with parts. Soup Supper will be at 5:30pm with the service at 6:30pm. The offerings received Sunday evenings will go to Our Brothers Keeper. Hymns have been picked through the month of April.

Education: Question has been raised about combining Vacation Bible School with the United Methodist Church; it was decided not to. Duana Shaffer has been approached about being Director for VBS. She won't do it alone; Loretta Weyant has been approached as a possible Co-Director. The Easter egg hunt is scheduled for 4/7. Many displays will be up of various groups to help promote large attendance. WELCA will stuff eggs on 3/26.

Property: There is a long to do list. The replacement exterior door needs to be ordered as well as a new office door. David Pyle will take care of these. Steve Will has the materials needed to place bars on doors for when Fellowship Hall is not in use. Discussion was held on replacing incandescent bulbs with florescent bulbs in Sanctuary.

Youth: Had a very good turn out for Pancake Supper, profit was made of approximately \$450.00. Small games of chance paperwork needs prepared but may not be necessary to use if next gob sale goes well on 3/25.

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**MAY 2012**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2nd OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR SAM VAN</b>		1	2 Choir, 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6 5th Sun Easter Healing Service  Bible Study, 7 pm	7  Committee Night, 7 pm	8  VBS Meeting, 6:30 pm	9  Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	10 Adult Study Day, 9- 3, Sequanota  Council Meeting, 7 pm	11	12 Sr. Youth Road Clean Up, 9 am
13 6th Sun Easter 2nd Offer. Sunday Mother's Day  Bible Study, 7 pm	14  WELCA, 7 pm	15	16  Royal Ringers, 6:30 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	17	18	19
20 7th Sun Easter Graduate Recognition  Bible Study, 7 pm	21	22	23  Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Pentecost Geranium Sunday  Bible Study, 7 pm	28  Office closed	29  Plant Flowers, 6 pm	30  Choir, 7:30 pm	31		

**PENS!**

Have you seen our "Pentecost Flames" pen? If you haven't received one, ask for one! They were given out at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7 and to the Adult Sunday School class on April 22. Check the basket in the narthex. Our Senior Youth will take some for the "souvenir exchange" that is a traditional part of the National Youth Gathering.

Where else could we use these pens to lift up our love for our Lord through the ministry of Faith Lutheran? Share your ideas with the pastor or the council!


**ROYAL RINGERS AND  
ADULT BELLS**

On Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm, adults and children are invited to practice the colored bells to prepare a prelude for our worship. "Flash cards" with colored circles tell us when to ring our bells. This is a great place for even young kids to actively participate in worship. Come join us! It is easy, and it is fun.

On the second and fourth Wednesdays, you are invited to join the Adult Chime Choir. We also prepare a prelude for worship.

**MINISTRY DISPLAY**

Larry Rhoads and Wendell Heil prepared a comprehensive display of the ministry of our congregation and posted it in the Fellowship Hall, where it attracted a good deal of attention at the Easter Egg Hunt. The display will be available at least through the end of April, and possibly beyond. If you have not seen it, check it out! Where can you fit into the ministry at Faith? What ministry is still lacking? Jump right in! Talk to the pastor or the council about ideas that may still be missing!



**FAMILY  
DINNER  
JUNE 9**

**Tickets will go  
on sale in May.  
Watch your Sun-  
day bulletin for  
more details.**

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

We are continuing to work for quality Worship services. We ran a "survey" on favorite Easter hymns, which did in fact bring about some changes in the hymns assigned for Easter. A few hymns requested were not really "Easter" hymns, so we are still looking for a good Sunday to use them, as well. Hymns, anthems, prayers, and sermons should support and explain the lessons appointed for the day.

Requests and suggestions for hymns and orders of worship can be given to Pr. Ardelle or a worship committee member.



**GERANIUM SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 27 will be Pentecost Sunday. We are asking everyone who can to bring a red geranium to decorate the church grounds for the summer. We will plant flowers on Tuesday, May 29 at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to join us then!

**SECOND OFFERING**

Our Second Offering in May will be given to the Somerset Area Ministries Van program. SAMVAN has been offering free medical transportation to doctors or hospitals in Johnstown, Pittsburgh, Altoona and Greensburg since 2004. The cost to SAM for a run to Pittsburg runs as high as \$60 for a single passenger, or around \$10 per person when they have six passengers. This cost is paid by donations and support from churches and individuals in Somerset County. This year the SAM Van will also receive support from the Daily American's 10K/5K Race and Fitness Challenge.

To arrange transportation, please give at least 48 hours notice so that schedules can be arranged. Call 443-6354 to make reservations.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful program!

**SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

The Allegheny Synod will meet in Assembly June 7, 8, and 9, beginning with Worship on Thursday night. Faith will be sending Dennis and Karen Young as our representatives. Watch for more information about the Assembly.

**IN MINISTRY IN MAY**

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

**MAY 6**

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

Karen Young  
Katey Rose  
Zac Friedline  
Mark Friedline Family  
Mark Friedline—Acts 8: 26-40, Ps. 22: 25-31, I John 4: 7-21  
Zeb & Tanner Friedline  
Zeb Friedline  
Shirley Weimer

**MAY 13**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Acolyte  
Greeters  
Reader  
Collect Com Cups  
Distribute Bulletins

Katey Rose  
Brenda Walker  
Jordan Palumbo  
Byron & Judy Glessner  
Brenda Maust—Acts 10: 44-48, Ps. 98, I John 5: 1-6  
Chloe & Corey Miller  
Chloe Miller

**MAY 20**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Acolyte  
Greeters  
Reader  
Collect Com Cups  
Distribute Bulletins

Karen Young  
Bill Hoffman  
Cody Lenart  
Brad & Missy Lenart  
Missy Lenart—Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26, Ps. 1, I John 5:9-13  
Joseph & Katelynn Swank  
Katelynn Swank

**MAY 27**

Altar Guild  
Assisting Minister  
Acolyte  
Greeters  
Reader  
Collect Com Cups  
Distribute Bulletins

Katey Rose  
Jane Ohler  
Kayla Miller  
Doug & Laura Miller  
Pr. George Mason—Acts 2: 1-21, Ps. 104: 24-34, Rom. 8: 22-27  
Travis & Zachary Fike  
Travis Fike

**COUNCIL MINUTES** (continued from page 3)

**Old Business:**

The security system for the office has been installed, those that have keys to access the office will also be given the code for the key pad along with the code word for false alarms. Request was made to purchase a key fob for janitor (this will turn off alarms without having to punch in actual code). This was approved. Also requesting from Security Company that the code must be entered to arm the keypad. Was decided that more quotes were needed before proceeding with video cameras. Double doors that need to be replaced have arrived and are waiting to be installed, paint will be picked up by Steve Will. Pen order has been placed at a cost of .39 + 40.00 s&h + \$14.95 set-up fee. Safe and filing cabinet have been installed.

**New Business:**

We are in need of delegates for the Synod Assembly coming up soon. Thursday attendance is optional, attendance required all day Friday, & 1/2 Saturday. This is open to any voting member of the church. Motel accommodations provided if desired. Pre-registration required. \$85.99 prior to 4/15 \$100.00 after 4/15. Fees will be paid by the church.

Request for membership received from Ron & Cathy Smeak and their daughter Katelynn, and baptized son Cole as well as Baptism for their youngest son Carver. Request approved. Will welcome them on 3/18.

**Good of the Order**

Next meeting will be held on April 12 with Richard Walker having devotions. Motion made to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> & carried. Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by:

Sandy Pyle, Secretary

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

	<u>March</u>	<u>2012 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Current	8,135.50	29,493.14	9,294.68
Benevolence	467.00	1,483.00	461.00
Missionary Support	187.00	676.00	187.00
Building/Maint.	842.50	2,627.00	634.00
Misc. In/Out	2,550.75	10,507.29	893.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>12,182.75</b>	<b>44,786.43</b>	<b>11,469.68</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Total Ministries	390.91	1,231.74	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	3,416.40	5,081.29	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	8,204.40	25,454.73	106,476.88
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	461.00	2,527.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	5.00	25.00	0.00
Missionary Support	187.00	1,149.00	2,000.00
2nd Offering	102.00	275.00	0.00
Other	195.00	1,115.00	2,850.00
Food Pantry	250.00	479.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	0.00	0.00	150.00
Total Outreach	1,200.00	5,570.50	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	1,231.02	6,278.59	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	2,060.95	11,315.94	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>16,503.68</b>	<b>54,932.79</b>	<b>170,026.88</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
General Checking			\$29,285.61
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$27,162.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$551.47
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$0.00
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$12,493.45
Camp Scholarship			\$8,055.73