

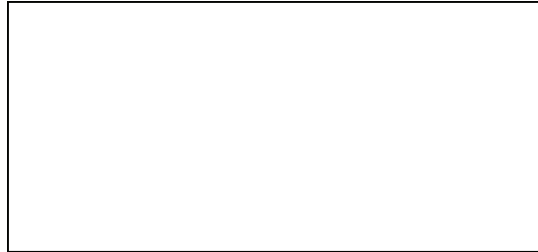
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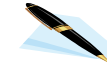
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FROM THE PASTOR....



NOVEMBER 2012

As we work our way toward the end of the church year, we are confronted by Bible readings that get us thinking about the end of time, the end of life, and the end of the world as we know it. As was noted recently at Bible Study, as we age our priorities tend to shift. Instead of worrying about how to make more money to pay for more "stuff" that we are sure we can't do without (like houses, cars, travel, or the latest Steeler's gear!), we begin to ask, "How did I ever accumulate all this stuff? What am I going to do with it?" We begin to think about our "legacy." "How will I be remembered? What has my life taught others?" With kids out of the house and living in retirement, we reassess what is really important. When we ask questions of this sort, we hear people say things like, "If I had it to do over again, I would spend more time with God and more time with family, and I would spend more time listening than talking."

At this time of the year, we are challenged in many ways to stop and ask those questions **right now**, whether you are retired or not, whether you are young or old, whether you are someone of obvious prestige or whether you con-

sider yourself to be a "nobody." (Of course, in God's eyes, **no one** is a nobody! You are God's own special creation, and you are precious to him.)

What does your calendar say about your priorities? What does your check-book say about your priorities? As the old adage, "Put your money where your mouth is," suggests, we can easily **say** our priorities lie in one place, but the way we live out our life will tell the truth about us.

Listen as the lessons are read this month, and take them to heart. Jesus is coming soon, and this life is our "practice run" for the life to come in God's eternal kingdom. Let us practice **here** the values of love and service that our Lord Jesus taught us. As we do, we will find that the tensions of this world will give way to the joy and hope of the world into which Jesus calls us, not only at our death, but right here, right now.

*Your partner in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle*



FAITH NEWS . . .

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AFFIRMAITON OF FAITH

Brad Lohr, Sunday, October 14, 2012

BAPTISMS

Khloe Lohr and Earl Lohr, Sunday, October 14, 2012

BIRTH

Charlie James Weiss, son of Arica and Jay Weiss, September 24, 2012

CAUTION!

Please be careful when you send us quotes or "borrowed" articles for the bulletin or newsletter. In late October, we received word that *The Dash*, a poem we had included in the newsletter several years ago, was **copyrighted**. As a result, the copyright owner has threatened to sue us for damages! Make sure you have proper **permission** to use an article before you send it. Thanks!

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.



I would like to thank everyone for their generous support and donations for my Eagle Scout Project. After 4 months, nearly 400 hours and \$2300 in materials, I am proud that the Gazebo renovation is completed.
 Thank you,
 Tyler Will

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ACTION REQUIRED
NOVEMBER 5	Committee Night	Attend
NOVEMBER 6	Election Day Lunch	VOTE
NOVEMBER 8	Council Meeting	Attend
NOVEMBER 12	WELCA	Attend
NOVEMBER 21	Thanksgiving Eve Service	Attend

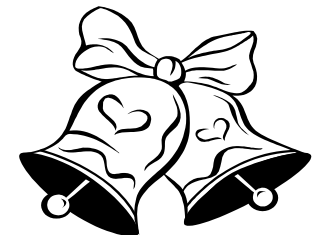


BIRTHDAYS

Tessa Rae Friedline, 11/1 Alexander Lake, 11/2 Krista Speelman, 11/4 Herbert Walker, 11/10 Joseph Swank, 11/10 Mark Nist, 11/11 Allison Lane, 11/11 Diane Graham, 11/12 Yvonne Rhoads, 11/12 Gage Nist, 11/13 Ruth Shockey, 11/14 Jo Ann Will, 11/14 Autumn Baker, 11/14 Patricia Pugh, 11/15 Brian Friedline, 11/16 Kallista Lake, 11/16	Ronald Gross, 11/17 Allison Revello, 11/17 Daniel Walker, 11/18 Tacy Weaver, 11/18 Kevin Foster, 11/19 Robert Wiltrout, 11/19 Corey Miller, 11/20 Kristy Mitchell, 11/20 Gazella Gross, 11/22 Megan Helmick, 11/22 Arianna Ohler, 11/24 Brenda Trimpey, 11/25 Jackalynn Derry, 11/26 Byron Glessner, 11/28 Albert Graham, 11/28 Randy Friedline, 11/29 Amy Romus, 11/29
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ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Simmons, 11/7
 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Anderson, 11/23
 Mr. & Mrs. Shayne George, 11/26
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Schrock, 11/28





Contact camp's office to register (814) 629-6627 or email: contact@sequanota.com

**FALL CRAFT DAY:
November 3**

Let your inner artist come out! This time, our advanced craft is painting and decorating ceramics (Pilgrims and 18" high Christmas trees). Children's crafts will be available for youngsters and a few other crafts are available for adults and teens. Lunch is part of the package.

Registration required by October 26. This event will be held at the Enrichment Center. Registration begins at 8:30 am, crafts at 9:00 am.

Prices (per person, includes lunch)

- 1 Christmas tree *or* 1 pilgrim: \$40
- 1 Christmas tree *and* 1 pilgrim: \$65
- Children's Crafts Admission: \$15
- Lunch and alternate craft: \$15
- Lunch for adults and teens not painting ceramics: \$5

**HARVEST DINNER & TURKEY GIVEAWAY:
November 10**

Come to camp for a delicious dinner and giveaways - including turkeys and other prizes! Suggested donations of \$25.00 for adults. Suggested donations of \$10.00 for those ages 17 and under. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm. Giveaways begin at 6:15 pm



**HUNTER'S BREAKFAST:
November 26**

From 3:00 am to 8:00 am, come for an all-you-can-eat breakfast before you head into the woods! We will serve sausage, pancakes, bacon, eggs, potatoes and other favorites. Get your hunting trip started with a good breakfast. Cost: \$5.00.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council met on September 13, 2012 with 12 members present. Dave Walker led devotions.

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed, 2nd and approved, 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 approval. It was approved to have Pre-school once again at Faith if there is enough interest. It was also approved to accept the adult baptism of David Koehler. It was also decided that the Sunday morning services would stay at the 9:00 AM start time. Advent is fast approaching.

Committee Reports

Finance: Tally sheet was reviewed.

Social: The family picnic was held on August 26th after the church service. Approximately \$360.00 was collected for World Hunger. Upcoming event will be Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday evening Oct 20th.

Worship: Hymns are planned for October. October 21st will be Harvest Home; November 18th will be the WELCA thank offering service.

Education: Acolyte training will be held on September 23 during Sunday school; we are in need of some new recruits. Some of our older acolytes have moved on and are unavailable. In order to qualify the rule of thumb is, "If you are tall enough to light the candles without catching the Church on fire you qualify." Sunday school is now available for ALL ages. Communion classes have been completed. We have 4 kids in the confirmation class with a couple more prospective students. Sunday evening Bible Study will start in October.

Property: There are loose shingles on the parsonage, so far no leaks. The current roof was installed 25 years ago. Do we want to get bids for a contractor or should we tackle the job ourselves? We are still looking into the cost of a new water fountain (the old one was installed in 1969). The question was raised, should we paint the interior of the Sanctuary? The bid for painting the roof was \$2650.00 so this would need to be brought before the congregation for a vote if we decide to proceed.

Youth: Tyler Will should soon have his Eagle project completed.

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NOVEMBER 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2ND OFFERING SUNDAY IS FOR IN TOUCH HOSPICE				1	2	3
4 All Saint Sunday Bible Study, 7 pm	5 Committee Night, 7 pm	6 Election Day Lunch 	7 Choir, 7:30 pm	8 Council Meeting, 7 pm	9	10
11 Pentecost 24 Healing Service 2nd Off. Sunday Annual Reports ; Dec. Newsletter Bible Study, 7 pm	12 WELCA, 7 pm	13	14 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Pentecost 25 WELCA Thank Offering Sunday Bible Study, 7	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm	22 Office Closed 	23	24
25 Christ the King Bible Study, 7 pm	26	27	28 Adult Bell, 7 pm; Choir, 7:30 pm	29	30	

**100 Wells Challenge:
We did it!**

Young people across the ELCA set out to raise \$250,000 in 2012 to support the water projects of ELCA World Hunger where they are needed most. We have met and exceeded our goal, thanks to the generosity of youth across the nation.



To date, more than \$500,000 has been received in support of this effort. Thank you!

But our work is not over. Keep the energy of [100 Wells Challenge](#) and the ELCA Youth Gathering going with the [100 Wells Tour](#). AGAPE*, Rachel Kurtz and Lost And Found will bring music, inspiration and support for the water projects of ELCA World Hunger to 18 cities across the country.

See the web for more information on the tour at www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Resources/For-Congregations/Generational-Materials/100Wells/100-Wells-Tour.aspx

All Saints Sunday

On November 4, we will observe All Saints Sunday. Not only are we part of the church at Faith, but through Christ, we are connected to the Church Triumphant, the church that spans all time, all space, and even crosses the boundary of death.

We will again remember the saints who have gone before us in the year since last our All Saint's celebration. Those who have been buried and somehow recorded in the records related to Faith are listed on the "All Saints" list in the narthex. During worship, family members will light a candle for their "saint."

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Join us at 7 pm on Nov. 21 as we gather to offer our praise and thanksgiving to our wondrous creator, who makes all things and provides all of our resources. We will offer our praise through Word, Sacrament, and music.



Advent Is Coming!!

Advent begins December 2 with a covered dish dinner. We will enjoy our meal in the Fellowship Hall, then clear the tables for worship. Bring your home Advent Wreath for a blessing. We will use it in worship around the table. We will be using **Creative Communication's** program, **Flames for the Faithful**. Pr. Ardelle will be looking for four people to take the part of the candles in the dramatic reading each week. Preferably, the same four will read each week, but "substitutes" are more than welcome if your schedule does not permit you to be present every week. One candle will represent Prophecy; a second candle will speak for Bethlehem; a third candle will speak for the Shepherds, and the fourth candle will be at times the voice of the Angels, and at times the voice of God.

There will be a meal of some sort for each of the three weeks following the first Sunday. Watch for more information as plans develop!

Healing Service

On November 11, we will again offer a Healing Service, using the worship booklet **Moments of Grace**. You are invited to bring both concerns joys, and even a friend! You will be invited to come forward to receive anointing with oil, laying on of hands, and personal prayer.

November's Second Offering

On November 11, our Second Offering will support **In Touch Hospice**. **In Touch** is a Medicare-certified non-profit organization that provides comfort to their patients and their families dealing with end of life decisions and care. They have a long history of providing charitable care as a community service. Hospice provides services to patients in their home as long as that works for the patient and his/her family. **House of Journey's Rest** Hospice House is located near the Children's Aid Home, and provides a comfortable, home-like atmosphere for patients and families with round the clock care for the patient when the end of life is imminent.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
2012 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>2012 Totals</u>	<u>Previous Month</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Current	9,196.75	90,900.13	8,511.71
Benevolence	579.00	4,701.00	334.00
Missionary Support	256.50	2,118.00	137.50
Building/Maint.	711.00	6,868.50	375.50
Misc. In/Out	<u>29,106.94</u>	<u>53,545.36</u>	<u>6,505.43</u>
TOTAL INCOME	39,850.19	158,132.99	15,864.14
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Ministries	76.03	5,518.69	9,550.00
<u>Operating</u>	3,280.54	14,097.13	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			<u>106,476.88</u>
Total Payroll	8,320.54	76,581.21	
<u>Outreach</u>			
Benevolence	334.00	5,633.50	10,000.00
World Hunger	45.00	120.00	0.00
Missionary Support	137.50	2,521.50	2,000.00
2nd Offering	0.00	1,543.00	0.00
Other	175.00	4,133.75	2,850.00
Food Pantry	0.00	529.00	0.00
Chamber Dues	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total Outreach	691.50	14,480.75	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	546.34	11,512.86	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>	887.89	24,208.95	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>13,802.84</u>	<u>146,399.59</u>	<u>170,026.88</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$51,565.37
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Camp Sequanota Loan			\$0.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$337.44
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$500.00
CD (1% 19 month)			\$7,240.71
Memorial Funds			\$11,153.07
Camp Scholarship			\$8,406.27

2012 Proposal

COUNCIL MINUTES (continued from page 3)

Old Business:

Sandy Pyle will contact Richland Plastics to price nameplates for the Pastor's Study and Computer Lab. (Brown sign, cream lettering). The audit for 2011 has been completed. WPIA has been notified to remove their equipment since we are no longer using their service. October 2nd Sunday offering will be for Lutheran Disaster Relief, November is still open.

New Business:

A motion was made and 2nd to place an ad for the Church in the Relay for Life Lottery calendar. Weekday school is still looking for teachers. The preschool will need access to the office so it was decided to give them an access code. Motion made and carried to make available \$250.00 annually to the Pre-school as a line item in the budget. Pastor Ardelle will be on vacation during the Bishops Convocation. We currently have replacement cost on stained glass windows so additional covering isn't necessary and nothing is unbreakable. The Fall Bazaar for ALSM is \$30.00 with WELCA to pay half of cost and provide baked goods, Church will pay other half. Looking ahead to the 2013 budget, the possibility of breaking down some categories would make it easier for Gloria when paying invoices. The Farm Women are having a memorial service for deceased members and would like to borrow our bell chimes. (Karen Young, Donna & Jackie Rhoads are members of Farm Women). This was approved.

Good of the Order

Next meeting will be held on October 11 with Cindy Miller having devotions. Motion made to adjourn, 2nd and carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by:
Sandy Pyle/ Secretary

**ANNUAL MEETING:
December 9, 2012**

At our annual meeting following worship, we will approve a budget, elect four council members, and review reports. Discussion will include a painting project that will require congregational approval.

Watch for more information, including reports and an agenda in an *early* edition of the December newsletter. Please be sure that Gloria gets all reports by **November 11**.

IN MINISTRY IN NOVEMBER

**We thank the following people for their ministry this month:
NOVEMBER 4**

Altar Guild	Karen Young
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman
Acolyte	Tyler Will
Greeters	Sandy Pyle & Dawn Will
Reader	Steve Will—Isa. 25: 6-9, Ps. 24, Rev. 21: 1-6a
Collect Com Cups	Jeb & Tanner Friedline
Distribute Bulletins	Jeb Friedline
Council Person	Tomalee Will

NOVEMBER 11

Altar Guild	Katey Rose
Assisting Minister	Jane Ohler
Acolyte	Zac Friedline
Greeters	Jordan Palumbo & Karianne Sulkowski
Reader	Missy Lenart—1 Kings 17: 8-16, Ps. 146, Heb. 9: 24-28
Collect Com Cups	Chloe & Corey Miller
Distribute Bulletins	Chloe Miller

NOVEMBER 18

Altar Guild	Karen Young
Assisting Minister	Bill Hoffman, II
Acolyte	Kristi Helmick
Greeters	Donna Rhoads & Louise Spangler
Reader	Larry Rhoads—Dan. 12:1-3, Ps. 16, Heb. 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Collect Com Cups	Joseph & Katelynn Swank
Distribute Bulletins	Katelynn Swank

NOVEMBER 21 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Altar Guild	Katey Rose
Assisting Minister	Darren Walker
Acolyte	Jacob Maust
Greeters	Ryan Maust Family
Reader	Brenda Maust
Collect Com Cups	Travis & Zachary Fike
Distribute Bulletins	Travis Fike

NOVEMBER 25

Altar Guild	Karen Young
Assisting Minister	Brenda Maust
Acolyte	Jordan Palumbo
Greeters	Pr. George & Tom Walker
Reader	Richard Walker—Dan. 7: 9-10, 13-14, Ps. 93, Rev. 1: 4b-8
Collect Com Cups	Annalina & Will Brant
Distribute Bulletins	Will Brant