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From The Pastor....



SEPTEMBER 2010

Although we are three quarters of the way through the year, September always has that "new year" feel. Schools are back in session, and church programs regroup and restart as well. "Rally Day" attempts to introduce the fall and winter studies for our "younger set." Choirs are gearing up for another season of special music. Family Ministry is working to establish opportunities for young and old to come together to share life and faith, and the Family Ministry Event this month is one of their first efforts. Other programs, like WELCA and Youth Group might take stock and make a few adjustments, but otherwise just carry on as they have for the previous eight or nine months.

This is a good time of year to take stock of our faith, and to ask what adjustments we need to make in our faith life. Do we need to "retool"? Do we need to strengthen our devotional life? Perhaps regular Sunday School and Worship attendance could give our faith the boost we need.

God's Spirit works through the Scriptures and through our everyday environment to speak to us and to guide us so that we might stay on the path he has charted for us. Sunday School and Worship are both powerfully focused on a study of Scripture that takes seriously both God's Word and the world in which we live. So is our weekly ***See Through the Scriptures*** Bible Study. Both studies are good places to both give and take in a discussion about how faith impacts our lives.

Maybe now is a good time to make some "New Year's Resolutions" about our involvement at church. Where is God calling you to invest yourself, your time, your energy, and even your money? Check out the calendar, and see the opportunities available at Faith!

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Pastor Ardelle



FAITH NEWS . . .

Address Changes:

Jennifer Ohler & Jack Loeffert
133B Masonic Temple Road
Somerset, PA 15501

M/M Mark Trimpey
114 Steep Hill Drive
Swansboro, NC 28584

M/M Thomas Weigle, Jr.
216 Sturtz Road
Stoystown, PA 15563

***COMING EVENTS!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

Oct. 9: Sequanota Quilt Auction
Oct 17: Healing Service
Oct. 21: Adult Day at Sequanota
Oct. 31: 5 PM Octoberfest: Pork
& Saurkraut Dinner with World
Hunger Collection and **Noah**
from Sight and Sound!

FAITH FINANCES

All things considered, we are doing relatively well at Faith. However, some factors have led to us "cutting things a little close" at some points. We adopted a challenging budget for 2010 when we officially called a full-time pastor.

After a number of months of part-time ministry, finances looked pretty good, and some savings were even realized. But paying for a full-time pastor means a larger expense than we are used to.

This year, we sent four confirmation students to Confir-Camp, which we have never done before. It was a great experience for our students and for our pastor, but it did involve expense that we did not budget for.

The 2010 budget has little room for shortfall. While we are still "in the black", we have had to do some "creative financing" in order to pay bills in a timely fashion.

Your prayerful attention to this matter as you make your weekly contributions is greatly appreciated. In this way, we can continue to carry out ministry in a meaningful way.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Action Required
September 9	Council Meeting	Attend
September 11	Family Day at Faith	Attend
September 12	Rally Day	Participate
September 12	Committee Meeting	Attend
September 13	WELCA	Attend
September 19	Crop Walk	Participate



Birthdays

Rodney Will
Hazel Moore
Donald Raupach
Carl Schrock
Jack Loeffert
Doris Lehman
Aaron Rhoads
Gary Tataleba
Jason Fisher
Brian Trent
Jacob Fochtman
Hudson Hillegas
Lily Walker
Lisa Phillips

Pauline Kritschgau
Brianna Trent
Linda Pauley
Charles Brant
Patricia Brant
Karl Landis
Dakota Weyant
Casey Romus
Jane Ohler
Paul Will
Catherine Tims
Kyle Weaver
Casey Carpenter
Mabel Revello

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Friedline
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Lenart
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Will
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Marteeny
Mr. & Mrs. Clair Weyant
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Will
Mr. & Mrs. Clay Cramer



Faith Lutheran Church
Senior Youth Group Schedule

(For all youth grades 7 to 12)

Subject to change

Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 2 PM -
September Activity –
CROP Walk
Registration at 2 PM
Walk starts at 3 PM
See Marge to get your sponsor paper!

Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 7 PM –
Meeting at church

*** Please call or email Marge with any questions or concerns. Phone # 233-0438.
Email – firefly15541@yahoo.com

***You are invited to attend the
"Eagle Scout Court of Honor"
For
Shane K. Maust
Sunday, September 19, 2010
At 3 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
Picnic Pavilion—Village of Wills
(Meal to follow ceremony)
R.S.V.P. by September 5, 2010
445-2171 or 443-6486***

FAITH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 3, 2010

Faith Council met June 3, 2010 with 11 members and Pastor Ardelle present. Ken Will had opening devotions.

Minutes from previous meeting reviewed. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve. Treasurers report reviewed. Noted that there is not enough money at the present time to pay the bills that are due. Hopefully the offering will make up the shortage. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve. Pastors Report reviewed. Motion, 2nd and carried to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance	No report
Social	Finalizing plans for Anniversary Meal
Worship	Hymns picked, services planned
Education	Catechism will end classes at the end of June
Property	New filter installed at the parsonage; need to check windows at rear of fellowship hall (don't close properly); problems with being too cold in back of sanctuary and too hot in choir loft; discussed problem with pole light in parking light and there is a leak at the hood on the roof in the kitchen
Youth	No report

OLD BUSINESS

Audit is complete. Karen Walker has agreed to complete the term of Bill Hoffman, II. Motion, 2nd and carried to appoint Karen to council.

NEW BUSINESS

Graduate recognition June 27. Mike S. will remove backstop at ball field and use money for his project. July 5-8, Gloria will be on vacation and Brenda Maust will fill in for her. Talked about how we could possibly get people interested in using the field by the pavilion for sports practice, etc. will try word of mouth. It was decided to use the money in the CD to pay bills over the summer if the need arises.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next meeting Aug. 12 with Karen Walker having devotions. Motion, 2nd and carried to adjourn. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Brenda Maust, Council Secretary

SEPTEMBER 2010



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
	2nd OFFERING SUNDAY IS DAILY AMERICAN "CHRISTMAS COATS"		Pr. Ardelle on vacation till Sept. 7 For pastoral emergencies, call Pr. Sherrie Hoffman at 926-2616			
5 15th Sun After Pentecost Guest Speaker - Robert Thomas	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7	8 Children's Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	9 Weekday, 9-11:30 am Council Meeting, 7 pm	10	11 Family Day at Faith, 3 pm
12 16th Sun After Pentecost Rally Day-covered dish; Committee Mtg. 1:30 pm See Through Scriptures, 6:30 pm	13 WELCA, 7 pm	14	15 Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	16 Weekday, 9-11:30 am Conference, 7 pm w/Bishop @St. Luke, Rockwood	17	18
19 17th Sun After Pentecost 2nd Offer Sun Oct. Newsletter Crop Walk, 3 pm See Through Scriptures, 6:30 pm	20	21	22 Children's Bell, 6:30 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	23 Weekday, 9-11:30 am	24	25 Sequanota Work Day Sequanota Spaghetti Dinner
26 18th Sun After Pentecost See Through Scriptures, 6:30 pm Sr. Youth, 7 pm	27	28	29 Adult Bell, 7 pm Choir, 7:30 pm	30 Weekday, 9-11:30 am		

IN MINISTRY IN SEPTEMBER

We thank the following people for their ministry this month:

September 5

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

Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
Billy Bowers
Betty & Jim Rayman
Deanna Bowers—Deut. 30: 15-20, Philemon 1-21, Ps. 1
Wendell Heil
Will Brant
Annalina & Will Brant
Marge Walker

September 12

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

Donna Rhoads & Jackie Rhoads
Zac Foster
Larry & Donna Rhoads
Larry Rhoads—Exod. 32: 7-14, Ps. 51: 1-10, 1 Tim 1: 12-17
Brenda Walker
Matthew Shaffer
Matthew & Shawn Shaffer

September 19

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

Tomalee Will & Ruth Williams
Jenny Fisher
Nancy Heil & Alma Abel
Ken Shockey—Amos 8: 4-7, Ps. 113, 1 Tim 2: 1-7
Bill Hoffman
Chloe Miller
Chloe & Corey Miller

September 26

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

Donna Rhoads & Jackie Rhoads
Meaghan Anderson
Bob & Lois Dupstadt
Tom Walker—Amos 6: 1a, 4-7, 1 Tim 6: 6-19, Ps. 146
Jane Ohler
Mckenna Sheeler
Mckenna & Jacob Sheeler

Camp Sequanota Fall Work Day

We will start working around 8:30 am on September 25. Weather permitting we will be cutting, splitting, moving and stacking fire wood; preparing Dining Hall for Spaghetti Dinner and Quilt Auction; painting inside or outside of cabins and other buildings; clearing road ditches and drain pipes; brushing and clearing trails; putting summer activity supplies into storage; closing down and securing cabins not used in the winter and more. Free overnight lodging Friday night and Saturday lunch for Work Day participants. To reserve lodging or to let us know you are coming either email or call contact@sequanota.com / (814) 629-6627)

Camp Sequanota's Fall Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday September 25th from 3 to 7 pm. Come enjoy a great meal and the beauty of Camp Sequanota. Some of the quilts in our fall auction will be on display. You will be helping us pay for the summer camp expenses that are not covered by our camper registration fees. We thank Delgrosso Food Inc. for donating the spaghetti and sauce for this meal. *(Continued on next column)*

Meal costs: adults \$7.00 children ages 4 to 10 \$4.00, children under 4 free. Walk-ins are welcome. If possible please help our planning - call or email Camp or talk to your congregational representative by Wednesday, September 22 to order tickets to be paid for and picked up when you arrive. (contact@sequanota.com / (814)-629-6627)

Camp Sequanota's Quilt Auction and BBQ

Saturday October 9th. Action begins shortly after 2 pm and Chicken BBQ will follow immediately after the auction. In addition to handmade quilts other hand-crafted items will be auctioned off. Ben Svonavec and Nolan Bell will again be our auctioneers. Nolan recently won the 2010 National Junior Auctioneer's Championship at the National Auctioneer's Association annual meeting. This year we are including a yard sale table of unclaimed "lost and found" items from the summer. Proceeds of yard sale will be added to our summer mission offering to support summer camp programs for children affected by the Gulf oil spill. For the Chicken BBQ you can either eat in or take out. For more information contact Sequanota at contact@sequanota.com or (814) 629-6627.

FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT AT FAITH!

Hopefully, this will be the first of similar events to be held at Faith. Beginning at 3 PM on Saturday, September 11, we will gather around the Pavilion for games for all, including a sawdust hunt, duck pond, relay games, field games, and a nickel toss. There is a rumor that there may even be a dunking booth! There will be a hotdog roast around 5, followed by a Camp Fire with songs and, if anyone is game, skits or talent offerings. We can make S'mores in the fire! We will end no later than 7:30 PM, but you can leave when you wish.

People are already busy gathering prizes for the games. For the nickel toss, we are looking for dishes, cups, etc. to toss nickels into and to be kept as a prize. Nickels gathered at the "toss" will be given to a benevolent cause. You can help choose! There will be a "vote" on where the nickels will go. We will be looking for donations of hot dogs, buns, chips, pretzels, cans of baked beans, graham crackers, chocolate bars, and marshmallows (for toasting).

Contributions have already been generous for prizes. Now, we need families! (A "family" can include one or more people! At these gatherings, we are all family - the Family of God!) Come, join the fun!



RALLY DAY

On Sunday, September 12, our 9 am worship service will revolve around the Bible Stories our children will be learning this Fall and Winter. Come and watch as children, youth and adults present the stories of Jonah; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; and Esther. See Jonah tossed into the angry waves! See the fiery furnace consume the guards! Watch as Haman realizes that it was a big mistake to try to exterminate the Jews in Babylonia! Then, join us for a covered dish dinner and chat with the drama characters.

FALL MEETING WITH THE BISHOP

Everyone from Southern Somerset Conference (that's us!) is invited to meet with the Bishop at St. Luke, Rockwood on Thursday, September 16 at 7 PM. The theme is: "Congregations - Who Needs Them?" The meeting will last about two hours. The evening will begin with worship; we will spend the rest of our time listening to presentations, sharing holy conversations, and lifting ideas, thoughts and questions around the "congregations" theme.

For Sale: Used Automatic Water Pre-Filter

If you are treating well water and need a filter before your water conditioner, the church has a used automatic water pre-filter for sale. It was still working properly, but due to the nature of the water at the parsonage, the Council needed to update the filter to treat sulfur, not just particulate matter. Contact Dave Walker.

"GLOCAL" MISSION EVENT

No, that is not a typo! The event will deal with both *local* and *global* missions. Mark your calendars now, because it is not far away!

The event is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12 at 2:00 pm – Saturday, Nov. 13 at 5:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill, PA. Watch for more information next month!

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2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>July</u>	2010 <u>Totals</u>	Previous <u>Month</u>
Current	11,048.12	69,467.51	10,087.43
Benevolence	384.00	3,235.50	349.00
Missionary Support	227.00	1,188.00	192.00
Building/Maint.	464.00	4,301.50	559.00
Misc. In/Out	<u>1,547.00</u>	<u>19,118.45</u>	<u>1,058.58</u>
TOTAL INCOME	13,670.12	97,310.96	12,246.01
			2010 Proposal
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>Ministries</u>			
Total Ministries	<u>1,878.41</u>	6,695.32	7,750.00
<u>Operating</u>			
Total Operating	<u>2,094.22</u>	8,985.13	20,000.00
<u>Payroll</u>			
Total Payroll	<u>8,620.66</u>	60,247.92	110,247.60
<u>Outreach</u>			
Total Outreach	<u>556.00</u>	13,807.20	15,000.00
<u>Maintenance</u>			
Total Maintenance	<u>661.24</u>	13,466.22	19,000.00
<u>Misc. In/Out</u>			
Total Misc. In/Out	<u>0.00</u>	10,659.88	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>13,810.53</u>	<u>113,861.67</u>	<u>171,997.60</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Checking			\$345.60
Computer Lab			\$50.00
Savings (Emergency Fund)			\$2,681.02
Savings (Pastors Disc. Fund)			\$1,930.48
CD (1.95% 13 month)			\$7,139.99
Memorial Funds			\$3,765.72
Camp Scholarship			\$7,345.80