

COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER – The counters for September are Shirley Zelle, Bob and Sue Oglie. We will meet at First National Bank on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If there is a problem, please call the Parish Office.

COUNTERS FOR OCTOBER – Bill and Barb May and Tootie Welker.



Did you know that the following friends and members were hospitalized during the last weeks? Jill Baker, John Chronowski, Glenn Custer, Alice Ream, Jim Stern, Mary Belle Cassidy, Tom Frye, Terry Dively, Calvin Maser, Shirley DeVore, Dawn Biancotti, Harold Pile and Samantha Shaffer. Please hold them in prayer and remember them with your cards and calls!



“The choir needs you!!!! The Senior Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. Please join us!”

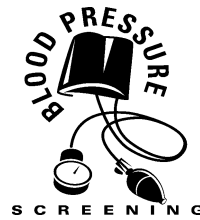
Part-time Youth Worker Wanted

Since our Youth Minister – Ben Polakoski – is now married and living in New York City we are in search of another young adult who would be able to assist with our youth. Hours would be app. 15 per month/flexible/during evenings. Pay would be minimum wage. Responsibilities would be to assist AiM Pernelle and Pastor Ed as they work with youth – elementary through senior high age.

If you know of anyone 21 yrs. of age or older/a member or non-member who is interested in this position have them contact AiM Pernelle or Pastor Ed.

Note: Mary Belle Cassidy is recuperating from a broken ankle and knee replacement. She is a resident at Meadowview in Berlin – Room 131-A. Keep her in your prayers and send her a card.

Blood Pressure Schedule



September 11 9:00 a.m. Pam Ream
10:15 a.m. Lisa Frye



The Community Ministry Fund contributions continue to rise with \$1,906,289 committed toward the building of the Community Ministry Center. At the present time \$1,828,108 has been received. The Community Ministry Center loan balance is \$86,479.77.

Final Evening Worship for the Summer – September 11 will be our final evening worship service for this year. Attendance for this summer’s evening worship opportunities has been the best ever sometimes rivaling one of our morning services. Special thanks go to our praise band “Exultation” for providing weekly musical leadership for this service.

FLC Retirees – Our first fall gathering will be a picnic lunch on Thursday, September 15 at the Historical Society’s pavilion. Everyone free during the day is welcome to attend. We’ll meet at 10:30 a.m. here at the church and car pool to the center. Bring along a covered dish to share, your own table setting and drinks. Pastor Ed will be doing a Bible study.

Please sign up so we know how many are planning to attend.



Guatemala Mission Team Presentation

September 18 – 9:15 a.m.
Friendship Hall

PLEASE JOIN US as we share our experiences from our amazing trip to Guatemala!



Made a donation to the Community Ministry Fund in memory of:

Heather Woy

- Robert and Judith Shumaker, Berlin

Phil Stevanus

- Darlene and David Schafer

Mark Gardner

- Scott and Lisa McGuire
- Neil and VerNae Rayman
- Mark and Pam Miller

Wayne Barron

- The Ferne Brant Family
- Beth Schrock
- Jerry and Sue Schimpf
- Dean and Diane Barron, Somerset
- Thomas Barron, Davidsville
- Louis and Helen Stowers
- Alice Deitz, Berlin
- George P. Stein, II, Somerset
- Karl B. Deitz, Berlin
- Greg and Amy Will
- Andy and Joella Demidont, Somerset
- Derrick and Leslie Jane Kimble, Munroe Falls, Ohio
- Ken and Shirley DeVore
- Marcia Maust
- I. Fred and Janet Brubaker, Somerset
- Wayne and Mickey Rayman
- Mark and Pam Miller
- Nita, David, Michael, Stephen Johnson, Garrett
- Esther Weigle
- Bev Coughenour
- Flood City Region, Antique Auto Club of America (AACA), Windber
- Somerset Outdoor Equipment, Paul Coughenour, Somerset
- Carl and Ruth Schafer, Garrett
- Harry and Donna Mosholder, Rockwood
- Gerri Shaulis and Tracy Gaskin and girls, Rockwood
- Nina Stevanus

Chris Ream

- Catherine Poorbaugh, Somerset
- Kevin and Tricia Fogle, Central City
- Beth Schrock
- Melissa Wojtaszek, Davidsville
- Bill, Susan and Aimee Krause, Somerset
- David and Patricia Miller, The Woodlands, Texas
- Ron and Ann Park, Somerset
- Janie, Bob, Alexander and Erik Olsen, Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania
- Larry and Sandy Miller, Delaware, Ohio
- Dan and Barb Halverson
- Mr. & Mrs. James Knepper, Sr., Somerset
- Jerry and Sue Schimpf
- Susan Mapes, Somerset
- Eric, Christy, Taytum and Ava Rush, Friedens
- Lloyd and Virginia Mostoller
- Gregory and Charla Chiappelli, Somerset
- Lea McMinn, Somerset
- Duane and Mary Bruner, Somerset
- John and Linda Breen family, Somerset
- Staff at Somerset OB/GYN, Somerset
- Mark and Mindy Sarver family, Friedens
- Hon. John and Donna Cascio, Somerset
- Ben and Jessica Baker, Sipesville
- Jim and Peg Sechler
- Scott, Tina, Marissa and Bryce Mostoller
- Somerset Hospital Radiology Dept.
- Paul and Alice Ream
- Neil and VerNae Rayman
- Doris Barron
- Somerset Hospital, BHU Staff
- Mark and Pamela Ickes, Somerset
- G. Edward and Sydney Bowersox, Somerset
- Jack and Julia Marker, Somerset
- Somerset Outdoor Equipment, Paul Coughenour
- M. Mitchell and Janet Fetterolf, Somerset
- Scott and Susan Darr, Somerset
- Charlie, Cindy, Andrew, Elizabeth and Julie Barron
- Randy and Barbara Davies, Somerset
- Patrick and Dona McGough, Friedens
- Richard and Verna Barron



Made a donation to the Community Ministry Fund in honor of:

Barry and Eileen Baer

- Esther Weigle

Made a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of:

Mark Gardner

- David and Virginia Hay, Somerset
- DeVon and Jeanne Walker
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans – Somerset County Chapter
- Wayne and Mickey Rayman
- Matthew and Susan Lettrich, Noank, Connecticut
- Ray and Thelma Hauger
- David and Trudy Baker, Berlin
- Brian Zeigler, Somerset
- Linda Byers, Ligonier, Pennsylvania
- Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Byers, Ligonier, Pennsylvania
- Scott and Kathleen Fieg, Stoystown
- Tri-County Imaging, Hunker, Pennsylvania
- Oakhurst Tea Room, Somerset

Made a donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Webster and Sadie Barron

- Jacob Barron family
- Ferne Brant family
- Olive Long family
- Eva Bentz family

Needed: Potato Pickers of ALL ages will be needed on Saturday, September 17 as Lutherans from across the county meet once again to harvest potatoes for our area food pantries. Picking begins at 9:00 a.m. and usually lasts about 1½ hours. Bring your own bucket. Pickers, baggers and people to tie the bags are needed. Baggers and those tying bags should bring a lawn chair.

Sign up in the Gathering Place. Rides can be provided. Directions are on the table in the Gathering Place. The farm is in Edie.

Annual Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Picnic

When: Sunday, September 25th, 4:30 p.m.

What: The Laurel Highlands Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans picnic will be held in Friendship Hall. This annual event brings hundreds of Lutherans from all over Somerset County together for a fun time of food and entertainment. The meal will be catered by “Chuckwagon” and an ice cream sundae bar will be provided.

Program: A short time of entertainment will be provided by the “Chords of Grace,” a local singing group.

Who: All Thrivent members are invited to attend. Invitations were sent to all Thrivent members.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

Reservations need to be mailed to Pam Weimer, 703 Mountain Road, Somerset, PA 15501. Deadline for reservations is September 16.

Centennial Celebration Dinner Tickets

Purchase your ticket from our youth in the Gathering Place to this special dinner to be held on Sunday, September 25. Serving is from 11:45 to 12:45 in Friendship Hall. Menu is: Fried chicken, homemade potato salad, homemade baked beans, rolls, drinks, pie. Cost is \$8.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children through age 8; Free for children 2 and under.

Profit from this dinner will go to help our youth attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans next summer. Last day to purchase tickets is September 18.

Tyler Lape’s address

PFC, Lape, Tyler, #229
D CO 1st-19th INF
9075 Holcomb Drive
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Write his roster #229 on the back of the envelope also.

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Ed and all the Funeral Dinner Ministry Team,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful meal and your fellowship. On behalf of myself and my family there are no words to express our gratitude for all you have done to add comfort and support during our time of sorrow over the passing of our Beloved Heather.

You will forever be in our thoughts and prayer. Thank you all.

Warmest Regards,
David Woy

Dear Friedens Lutheran Members,

The family of Wayne Barron would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, came to visit, or expressed concern and sympathy over his illness and death. Special thanks to Pastor Ed, AiM Pernelle, Jack Biancotti, and the Memorial Service Dinner Team for their ministry over this difficult time of loss. The memories, hope, and support we share as Christians will help us as we go through the grief process.

Sincerely,
Doris Barron
Darlene and David Schafer
Diane, Tim, Matthew and Christopher Sipe

These two gift cards for Pizza Hut are for the adults and teenagers that really were so helpful today. They worked like troopers and got a lot of things done that I can no longer do.

I just want to say how very much they were appreciated. They did a wonderful job cleaning the property. I did not know people still existed that would help their fellowman.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so very much for helping us. Enjoy your pizza.

Sincerely,
Clarence and Wilma Mostoller

Friedens Lutheran Church, Pastor Ed and AiM Pernelle,

On behalf of myself, David and Jeff, we wish to thank you for the Memorial Service you gave for Heather at the Forest Lawn Chapel and the service at the church, and special thanks to the church people, for the luncheon prepared to celebrate and honor our beloved Heather's life. It meant so very much to me, because Heather was like a daughter to us and what a greater way to remember. Thanks.

Lloyd Woy

Dear Friedens Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for the handmade afghan I received for graduation. I appreciate the church thinking of me. And a special thank you to the thoughtful person that took the time to make it. It is very special to me.

Love,
Alec Deist

To Friedens Lutheran Congregation,

There are no words that can adequately express how thankful we are to have such a loving, caring group of people in our time of need.

The loss of Christopher was sudden and extremely painful for our family and friends. Not an hour goes by that we are not thinking of him or grieving for him. We would not have made it out of the depths of those sad days without our church, faith, family and friends.

Special thanks to Jack Biancotti, Beth Pile, Patty Wildenmann, all of those who helped prepare and serve the meal, the ushers and especially Pastor and AiM DeVore.

We apologize if there are others to thank individually but know that our hearts are thankful. We know extra time and effort were taken because of the number of people so again thank you.

“But because I knew you I have been changed for good.”

In sincere appreciation,
Dewey, Pam and Claire Ream

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Ed and Friedens Lutheran Youth,

Thank you so much for your help around my house during Servant Week in July this year. The eight youth really pitched in to help with trimming, yard work, and painting (even though the much needed rain made extra work). Thanks to my family for assisting with the work and preparations for the youth to come. We have a fine group of young people at Friedens Lutheran!

With many thanks,
Doris Barron

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. Thanks for all the nice cards too. There is definitely power in prayer. John went for his follow-up on the tests he had done last week for his cancer and they show he is all clear. He has one more CT scan to go through to make sure the cancer is gone from near his lungs. After that, he will have a shot once a month for a year, as a precaution, to make sure there wasn't anything missed. As for Judy, she is doing fine and getting stronger every day. It really has been quite a spring and summer for us, but is nice to know so many people were concerned for us. We had someone very important walking right along with us the whole time. Our Faith in God helped us through so very much. Thank you all again.

Judy and John Chronowski

From the residents at Shaffer's Countryside Personal Care, a sincere thank you to Pastor Ed and Pernelle and the youth that came to play games with us. We enjoy being around young energetic people. Thank you for the treats. We all love ice cream!

A special thank you to Pastor Ed for continuing to provide us church services to help us spiritually! We really look forward to your visits.

Thanks again to everyone!

The Residents at Shaffer's Personal Care Home
and Ruth Shaffer

My name is Elizabeth and I'm a 16 year old who had a major surgery to remove many benign tumors from both of my arms, both sides of my chest and both of my sides. I have a total of approximately 500 stitches and I have two tubes coming out of my arm and underarm to drain fluids. I received the operation at Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest this past Monday, July 11. And my hospital stay post-surgery was 3½ days. I was very miserable in the hospital and in excruciating pain. The room was very bland and white. It was a constant reminder that I was in a hospital. One night I was crying from pain and all alone because my roommate was released and my family had gone home for the night. After a nurse gave me a pain pill, she brought in a little plastic bag and said that "this may cheer you up." When she opened it, a beautiful colorful cloth fell out and I was unsure what it was. It was a pillowcase. She gave me your card and said that a very kind woman made a lot of pillowcases for the hospital to give to patients and I was so happy to receive it. It's so bright and colorful and it's full of dazzling butterflies. After she put it on my pillow my room was completely changed. No longer boring and white it had this beautiful pop of color and I was so ecstatic. They allowed me to take it home with me and the pillow that it's on is behind my head as I write this right now. I've been confined to my bed due to the stitches and tubes and I just love having this pillowcase knowing it came from such a kind heart. I know it sounds a little corny because it's "just a pillowcase" but to me it's more than a pillowcase. It's a beautifully kind gesture from such a kind heart and I wanted to personally thank you so so so so much. I love it. Thank you for making my experience a little brighter.

Elizabeth

Dear Ladies of Friedens Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the congregation and the council of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, I wish to thank you for the gift of \$40 which you generously sent us in our infancy! We shall celebrate our five year anniversary in December 2011! With your money we were able to redo our church sign with our new name, Holy Spirit. Your WELCA group gift made this possible. Thank you for your kind service in Christ's love.

In God's love always,
The Rev. Elizabeth Platts, Charleston, SC

Thank You!



Our third bloodmobile was held on Friday, August 12. It was not a good bloodmobile and do feel Red Cross needs to advertise more in our local newspaper and on television.

We had 18 participate of which we had 15 productive pints, 4 deferrals and one Double Reds.

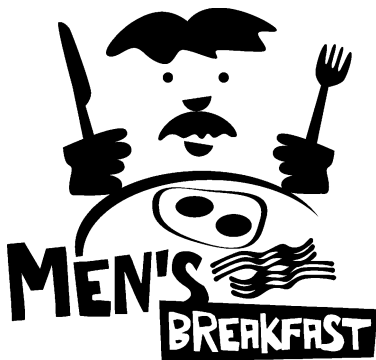
Thanks you's were sent to Cheryl's Home Run Pizza, Papa John Pizza, Frank's Pizza and Fox's Pizza for the food donations. Thanks you's were sent to my volunteers also.

Please reserve Saturday, December 31st to come and donate blood as it will be our last drive of the year. Bring a friend!!!

Bev Mostoller

A big THANKS to Kate Stutzman for sewing valances for the windows in Noah's Ark and Rooms 1 & 2. When the building program was completed, we forgot about these finishing touches. Thank you, Kate, for making these three rooms look even better!

Christian Education Ministry Team



4th Saturday Men's Breakfast Begin!

Mark your calendars guys for the start of our monthly men's breakfasts. September 24 at 7:30 a.m. get ready for a hearty home cooked breakfast and fellowship with fellows of all ages. Sign up so that we know how many to prepare for.

Maxwell James, son of Adam and Jill Walker was baptized on July 31, 2011.

Through Baptism's waters God makes him His child forever!

We need your input! ! !

Later on this fall we will reset the 1911 cornerstone. What are your suggestions as to what items should be included inside the stone? A century from now when the stone is opened again what items will tell our faith descendants a bit about us and our time?

Please jot down your thoughts on the slip below and place it in the offering plate. The Anniversary Celebration Team wants to hear from you.

NOTE: The cavity in the stone is about 4"x5"x4".

I think that the following items should be included in our cornerstone:



A Summary of Council – May 3, 2011

AiM Pernelle's Report

- The performance of "God with a Capital G" went very well.
- The children celebrated their performance on Palm Sunday with activities they chose to do.
- Egg Hunt – fewer children attended this year. There was a larger group of toddlers and preschool children.

Pastor Ed's Report

- Pastor Ed and Pernelle thanked the council for the gift certificate and meals provided during Holy Week.
- Concerns about church member's health were lifted to the group.
- Thanked the committee and volunteers that prepared the five funeral dinners and Lenten meal during the Lent season.
- Men's breakfast was well attended on Saturday, April 30, 2011 with 29 men and boys. New faces coming monthly. May 28th will be the last men's breakfast until fall.

Worship and Music Ministry Team

- Pastor Ed thanked the council for their help during Holy Week.
- Beginning meals at 5:45 was helpful.
- Activities for youth help keep youth active in the church. Need to find ways to get their parents to attend and be active in the church.
- Evening summer worship begins May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Council members will need to cover the evening services. Council members, especially those on the 10:30 service will need to make sure the hall is set up for the evening service.
- Worship and Music Committee will discuss the decline of attendance at the 10:30 service and options for the summer.

Caring and Sharing Ministry Team

- Bloodmobile will be at the church on June 17.
- New members meeting May 1, 15, 22 with the new members joining the congregation at the end of May.
 1. Jackie and Michael McKinley
 2. Kim Hindman

3. Steve, Patty and Matthew Hoyman
 4. Eric Baker
- May 15 is Invite a Friend Sunday.
 - Three additional volunteers are needed to visit the homebound members.
 - Summer coffee hours to be held between services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month June – August.
 - Summer appreciation picnic is being planned to thank the Funeral Dinner Team for their service.

Finance and Stewardship Ministry Team

- Meeting was held April 7 and the committee had sent out the "Homestretch" Campaign letter. Commitment responses are to be returned May 22, 2011.
- Beth Schrock is to check with Doug Ream if the info from the 2010 audit was received to complete the next audit.
- Discussed letter printed to be mailed to inactive members. Approximately 140 people to receive the letter. Inactive member is described in the church constitution as a person who neither communes nor contributes annually for a period of two years.

Property Ministry Team

- Property Committee held a meeting April 28. Projects are underway to prepare for the summer and church anniversary celebration.
 1. Outdoor Projects:
 - a. Painting
 - b. Exterior lighting
 - c. Landscaping
 2. Rental unit hot water heater was replaced.
 3. Lease for the rental property will be rewritten. Church to continue to pay the water and sewage bill. Over the average use of water will be the responsibility of the tenant to pay the difference.
 4. Camp Sequanota opening June 12.
 5. Spring cleanup is planned; no date given. Door to cabin at the camp is to be replaced.
- Water softening system to be bought back by Martins when a buyer is found.
- Fire alarms and sprinkler systems to be tested.
- Freezer compressor needed repaired. George Dively checking on cost of purchasing a new freezer to compare to possible continued repairs to present freezer.

- Bell tower tolling arm needs to be oiled. Will check on date of manufacturer and any info on the bell during this repair.

Connecting Faith & Life Ministry Team

- Lenten dinners and coffeehouses have concluded.
- Mother and Daughter banquet to be held May 9.
- New volunteers needed to help those already volunteering for projects, dinners, etc.
- Discussed making sure volunteer sign-up sheets are passed around to everyone in church.
- Church Anniversary activities being planned.
 - a. Bruce Pile to be working on a DVD with interviews from older members.
 - b. Coordinating a gathering with the Friedens Reunion Group.
 - c. Display of wedding, baptism, confirmation, etc. photographs to be shown.
 - d. On September 25 the cornerstone is to be opened. Plans are underway to follow the 1911 liturgy, dress in period clothing, etc.

Youth Ministry Team

Senior High

- Lenten drama went well and was well attended.
- Easter breakfast had a large turnout; approximately 170 people attended. Marcia thanked all that helped in any way.
- Sunday School coming to a close for the season.
- May 15, 8th – 10th graders to meet if interested in attending the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- May 22 high school graduates are to be recognized.
- Pastor Ed announced servant week this year will be July 25 – 29 for 6th graders and up.
- Ben will no longer be serving as our youth worker or volunteer as he will be relocating following his marriage on July 30.

Elementary

- Sequanota Day Camp will be June 20-24. Registration for eight children has been received as of today.
- June 5 Sequanota camp staff is to attend worship services at our church. They will discuss camp opportunities with all age groups of youth.

Christian Education Ministry Team

- Women of the church are working on blankets for Senior Recognition.

ELCA, Allegheny Synod & Conference Happenings

- May 22 the Spring meeting of the Northern Somerset Conference may be held here at the church.
- Synod Assembly - June 2-4, delegates to the assembly are Bruce Pile, Ruth Pile and Kirk Moore. A motion was made to approve the delegates to the synod and it was approved.

Old Business

- Pam Ream has agreed to type the council minutes for Tina Barron, Secretary.
- Cemetery Committee finances has shown improvement with the contribution from Roger Pyle.
- The annual offering for the Cemetery Fund will be May 15.
- Congregational meeting is to be held June 5. If a quorum is not met the meeting will be June 12 to discuss the reply from the Allegheny Synod Constitution Committee.
- Commissioning and blessing for the members of the Guatemala Mission Trip is planned for June 26 at 8:00 a.m.
- Ben Polakoski is to speak May 8 about the progress of the mission teams fundraising and trip plans.
- There is a hold placed on the meeting planned to discuss the uses for the Friedens Elementary School. Interest has been discussed by the Somerset County Airport and Piles Concrete for potential use.

New Business

- Barb Halverson requested the use of the church's risers for a school program. Council agreed to the use of the risers.
- With the upcoming closing of the Sipesville and Friedens Elementary schools, there are a set of risers at the Sipesville School that could be used here at the church. Pam Ream will inquire about these and how we might be able to obtain them.
- Bible School will interfere with the monthly council meeting in July. It is usual business to combine the July and August meeting for in August.



June Treasurer's Report

June 1 beginning Cash	\$16,871.41
Benevolence fund receipts	2,305.25
Current fund receipts	<u>15,217.75</u>
Total available cash	34,394.41
Benevolence fund disbursements	(4,111.51)
Current fund disbursements	<u>(18,066.10)</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$12,216.80</u>
June 1 Memorial Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$5,351.56
Deposits and interest	3.08
Disbursements	<u>0.00</u>
Memorial Fund ending balance	\$5,354.64
June 1 Community Ministry	
Fund beginning balance	\$7,126.22
Deposits and interest	18,853.56
Disbursements	<u>(19,349.75)</u>
June 30 ending balance	<u>\$6,630.03</u>



July Treasurer's Report

July 1 beginning Cash	\$12,216.80
Benevolence fund receipts	2,207.25
Current fund receipts	<u>16,039.25</u>
Total available cash	30,463.30
Benevolence fund disbursements	(2,262.14)
Current fund disbursements	<u>(23,021.81)</u>
Ending checking acct. balance	<u>\$5,179.35</u>
July 1 Memorial Fund	
Beginning Balance	\$5,354.64
Deposits and interest	3.06
Disbursements	<u>349.03</u>
Memorial Fund ending balance	\$5,008.67
July 1 Community Ministry	
Fund beginning balance	\$6,630.03
Deposits and interest	16,145.69
Disbursements	<u>(16,141.75)</u>
July 31 ending balance	<u>\$6,633.97</u>



Family Hayride

Children in preschool and elementary school and their parents are invited to go on a hayride on Sunday, October 2. We will leave from the church at 2:00 p.m. When we return, there will be games and s'mores. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Gathering Place so we know how many plan to participate. If you have questions, please talk with Tom Frye or AiM Pernelle.

Inner Strength

If you can start the day without caffeine,
 If you can get going without pep pills,
 If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,
 If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
 If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
 If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
 If you can conquer tension without medical help,
 If you can relax without liquor,
 If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
 ...Then You Are Probably the family dog!

Fun Fridays!

JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL

We hope to be able to offer Fun Fridays! once a month when SASD has early-outs. At this time, the school buses to Friedens are full. The school told us to wait a couple of weeks until they see what the actual ridership is. They are hopeful that they will be able to transport children to Fun Fridays! At this time, we need to wait and see if it will be a possibility. Information will be available as soon as we know whether or not we can offer the program.

Catechetical Schedule Grades 7 and 8

Sunday, September 11, 9:15 a.m. - Meeting with all 7th & 8th grade youth and their parents

Sunday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. - Catechetical Workshop Event followed by Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, October 2, 6:00 p.m. - Catechetical Workshop Event followed by Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, October 16, 6:00 p.m. - Catechetical Workshop Event followed by Middle School Youth Group

Grade 9

Sunday, September 18, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Mentors and 9th graders meet with AiM Pernelle for an orientation session in Friendship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share for the noon meal. Hotdogs and beverage will be provided.

Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. - The 9th grade youth are required to go on the Lutheran World Relief trip to New Windsor, MD, to work in the SERRV shop. Mentors are invited to attend also, if they are able. Further information about this ministry will be shared at the September 18 orientation session.

Other mentor/youth activities in October include a one-hour meeting together around the theme of Worship and each mentor/youth pair are to attend a ministry team meeting together sometime during the month.

Middle School Youth Group

Youth in Grade 6 are invited to join the 7th and 8th graders for youth group at 7:00 p.m. following the Catechetical Workshop Events. Usually we will be involved in doing a servant project followed by games/activities and concluding with devotions based on the evening's catechetical theme. Youth Group will conclude at 8:15 p.m.

- + September 18, Pastor Ed will be instructing the youth so they can serve as acolytes.
- + On October 2 we will be putting together health kits for Lutheran World Relief.
- + October 16 we will be making favors for the Sr. Saints dinner that will be held in November.

This group of youth has been very involved in the elementary-aged youth group. As they transition to middle school years, they're also transitioning to a new youth group at the church! We look forward to your stepping up to this new group.

Catechetical Meeting

On September 11, at 9:15 a.m. there is a required meeting for all youth in grades 7 and 8 and their parents regarding the 2011-2012 catechetical program. Families have received some information regarding the structuring of the program as well as a copy of the schedule for the year. At the meeting we will go over the guidelines and expectations of the catechetical program and review the calendar. We will meet in Friendship Hall. Please bring with you the materials you have already received.

Acolyte Training - Grades 6-8

On Sunday, September 18 all youth in Grades 6-8 will meet with Pastor Ed at 7:00 p.m. to be trained to serve as acolytes and crucifers. (NOTE: This year we will begin including youth in Grade 6 in this ministry.)

Servant Week '11 - In July, 24 youth and 11 adults put in over 450 hours of servant work in our community and here at the church!!!

Allegheny Synod Jr. & Sr. High Youth Events

This year the synod Jr. and Sr. High Youth events will be held at the same time and in the same place. However, there is separate programming for the two age groups. The event will be held November 11-13 at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. Friedens Lutheran will pay half of the fee for youth who are members. Friends are invited to attend at full cost.

In the past, the Sr. High event has been held in the winter in State College. Although it is early, we want youth to be aware of the dates so they can reserve them on their calendars. As we receive more information on the events, it will be made available to our youth.

Sunday School

This year we begin our year of Sunday School (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.) in a new way. On Sunday, September 18, everyone is invited to come and hear the Guatemala Mission Team share their story and experiences of their trip in July. On Sunday, September 25, we will be celebrating our church building's 100th anniversary. There will be special activities during the Sunday School hour for all ages to participate in.

Please note: No nursery or individual classes will be provided these two Sundays.

October 2 we will begin our age level classes. They are listed below:

Nursery – Parents of infants and toddlers: Please let Ruth Pile or AiM Pernelle know if your child will need the nursery during the Sunday School hour. Staff will be provided if it will be used. The nursery is near the red chairs in the sanctuary.

Preschool/prekindergarten: Amy Will, Sally Walker (Noah's Ark)

Kindergarten – grade 5: Shepherds: Sandy Landis, Lisa McGuire, Julie Smith (Rooms 1-7). Rotation leaders: Robin Fish, Barb Halverson, Barb May

Grades 6 & 7: Stacey Harrington (Room 10)

Grades 8 & 9: Don Wildenmann (Rooms 12 & 13)

Sr. High: Marcia Maust (Youth Room)

Adults: End of Life Decisions (Pastor Ed, Kim Hindman, Don Deaner) Heyer Room



Look at What's Coming Up in October

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| 1 | 10:00 a.m. | ALSM Fall Bazaar in Friendship Hall |
| 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Gr. 7 & 8 Catechism Workshop |
| | 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. | Grades 6-8 Youth Group |
| 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Council |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Kitchen Coordinating Team |
| 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Anniversary Team |
| 8 | 10:00 a.m. | Memorial Service & Dinner for Ray & Pat Durst |
| 9 | 9:15 a.m. | Training Session for new Lay Ministers of Holy Communion |
| 12 | 7:00 a.m. | Bus Trip to Lutheran World Relief Center |
| 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Northern Somerset Conference meeting here at FLC |
| 16 | 9:15 a.m. | Training Session for new Lay Ministers of Holy Communion |
| | | Lay Ministers Team A take out Sacrament |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Gr. 7 & 8 Catechism Workshop |
| | 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. | Grades 7 & 8 Youth Group |
| 22 | 7:30 a.m. | Men's Monthly Breakfast |
| 30 | 10:30 a.m. | Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation |

“The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much.”

-St. John Chrysostom

Another special event in Antigua was a visit to an afterschool program at Ninos com Bendicion where children performed traditional Guatemalan dances to fund their program. We presented them with bags full of school supplies and practiced making tortillas over the fire.

Reflecting back on my time in Guatemala makes me realize how fortunate we are in little Somerset County. It is a beautiful country and it felt great to be able to help those in need. We shared in a spiritual pilgrimage doing God's work and it was very rewarding. I was able to interact with and get to know fellow church members in a different light making lasting bonds. A special thank you goes to the congregation for all of their support and to the Polakoski family for doing an excellent job making it all happen!



Fourth Annual Somerset County Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 1
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friendship Hall

There will be crafts, yard sale items (children's clothing only), baked goods, soup, sloppy joes and hotdogs. Donations of yard sale items, crafts and baked goods are welcomed! Please bring to the church on Friday, September 30 after 9:00 a.m. Proceeds are to benefit the recipients at ALSM programs in Somerset County. Matching funds are provided by Thrivent.

Adult Sunday School

During the month of October, the subject of the adult Sunday School class is "End of Life Decisions." This class will meet in the Heyer Room. The Sunday themes are:

- October 2 – Funeral Service Planning – Pastor Ed
- October 9 – Directives/Living Will/Power of Attorney – Kim Hindman
- October 16 – Funeral Preparing/Preplanning – Don Deaner
- October 23 – Directives/Living Will/Power of Attorney – Kim Hindman
- October 30 – No class (Affirmation of Baptism reception during SCS hour.)

2011 Fall Lutheran World Relief Project



As our Guatemala Mission Team found out this past summer many things which we consider commonplace are precious items in many parts of our world. A clean towel, a bar of soap, your own toothbrush, these are luxuries in many parts of the world today. So we are once again setting a goal to put together 100 Personal Care Kits this fall. Please bring the following items to the church by SEPTEMBER 25th. If everyone does their part we'll be able to reach our goal and supply those in need with important personal hygiene items.

Bring:

- 1 bath-size towel, (app. 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy **wide-tooth** comb

Please bring these items and place them in the Gathering Place.

Fall Bus Trip to LWR Center

- When: Wednesday, October 12
Leave 7:00 a.m.; Return 8:00 p.m.
- Where: Lutheran World Relief Center in New Windsor, Maryland
- What: Work on packing blankets for overseas shipment and SERRV handcrafted items for domestic distribution.
- Who: All youth (age 14 minimum) and adults.
- Cost: Bus cost is \$30.00. (Thrivent will pay \$15 for each Thrivent member). Youth are free. Lunch is provided. Evening meal is on your own.
- Note: Sign up now in the Gathering Place.

**100th Anniversary of the Laying
of the Cornerstone**
Sunday, September 25



8:00 & 10:30am

- + Liturgy of Holy Communion using the 1911 Common Service Book Liturgy
- + Special 1911 era music by the Senior Choir & Church School Youth

9:15am

- + Visits from some “faith ancestors”
 - **Colonial Planters** – In the old cemetery at the site of the first two log structures you’ll hear about what life was like when Somerset County was on the western frontier.
 - **Civil War Builders** – As the nation prepared for war folks in Friedens were celebrating the building of a beautiful brick church at the corner of Main St. & Beaverdam Road. Come and hear their story.
 - **New Century Visionaries** – The time was 1911. The population of the county was at its peak. The coal business had transformed the Friedens area from a sleepy farm village into an area with stores, shops, company houses, and the need for a bigger church building. Hear the story of their joys and struggles as they laid the foundation for the building we call home one hundred years later!
- + Activities for children & youth provided by the Classic Clown Club!
- + An Anniversary Reception with cake and drinks
 - See the contents of the 1911 cornerstone on display
 - See some of the other artifacts from our congregation’s rich and long 226 year history!

11:45 to 12:45

- + **Centennial Dinner** sponsored by our senior high youth.
 - Tickets are available from the Parish Office, from Youth Group members, and from youth each Sunday after worship in the Gathering Place.
 - Menu: Fried Chicken, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Baked Beans, Rolls, Drinks, Pie
 - Cost: \$8.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children age 2-8; Free for children under 2. (Proceeds will go toward our Senior High Youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012.)

WATCH for more details!

Period Clothing

Come dressed anyway you desire. However, if you want to get in the “mood,” consider some of the following ideas for church clothes for worship that day.

Women – Long sleeved blouses, long skirts, bonnets or hats (the bigger the better).

Men – Suit pants with suspenders, bow ties, straw hats, bib overalls

Girls – Hair ribbons

Boys – Knickers – (long pants rolled up with knee socks)

Recycling of Ink Cartridges



The Senior High Youth are still accepting ink cartridges to recycle. They accept all brand name ink cartridges such as HP, Dell, Epson, Brother, Canon, Kodak and Lexmark. Bring in as many as you like. Please place them in the recycling box found in the Gathering Place.

“There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.”

--Josh Billings

Pictures Wanted! !!

An old VBS song says, "The church is not a building . . . the church is the people . . . I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together. . . ."

With that in mind this year on All Saints' Sunday – November 6th – the Building Centennial Anniversary Team is planning a celebration in pictures of the last 100 years of our congregation. A Coffee Hour Reception in Friendship Hall will be held as a great picture display will be unveiled.

We are in need of your pictures of life here at FLC over the past century. We want to make copies of your pictures and then display them here. We are especially looking for the following pictures:

- Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding pictures
- Vacation Bible School, Church School pictures
- Pictures of other special events

If you have any pictures please get them to Barb Berkley (445-5066). She is coordinating this event.

Cornerstone Opened in Preparation for Celebration

After 100 years the cornerstone on the present church building was opened on Saturday, August 27. Tom & Keith Mayak and Dennis Zolla did the work. It was quite a job as the marble stone was very securely placed inside the front corner wall of the church. Upon pulling the stone out a copper box was found inside the stone. Inside the box was found the following items: the Holy Bible, the Allegheny Observer (a newsletter for the Allegheny Synod), and a Somerset County newsletter regarding happenings for area Lutherans. (One item on the front page of this newsletter highlighted an upcoming countywide picnic to be held at the Edgewood Grove in Somerset. It noted that the B & O Railroad would provide transportation for all Lutherans at a cost of 2 cents per person!) These materials will be displayed on September 25.

"I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life. Faith is the oil."

--E. Stanley Jones

"Discerning Your Discipleship"

Interested in digging deeper into your faith? Our Allegheny Synod is once again offering "Discerning Your Discipleship" classes for anyone interested in growing in their Christian faith through study. Fall course offerings include:

- Luther's Catechism
- The Book of Revelation
- "The Shepherds & the Wise Guys"
- Noah's Ark

Check out the "DYD" handbook in the Gathering Place. Speak with some of our members who have taken courses in the past: Don Wildenmann, Beth S. Pile, Kirk Moore and/or AiM Pernelle and Pastor Ed. Costs for the courses will be supplemented by the congregation.



6	7:00 p.m.	Council
7	8:15 p.m.	Worship & Music Ministry Team
11	9:15 a.m.	Parents & Youth Gr. 7 & 8 re: Catechism
15	10:30 a.m.	FLC Retirees
18	11:45 a.m.	Grade 9 youth and mentors meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Catechism Grades 7 & 8
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Grades 6-8
19	7:00 p.m.	Caring & Sharing Ministry Team
27	7:00 p.m.	Finance Ministry Team

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

--Martin Luther

Guatemala Mission Trip 2011 The Experience of a Lifetime!

By Shelly Zarefoss

Nineteen members of Friedens Lutheran Church recently returned from a mission trip to Guatemala. The team left Friedens on Friday, July 8th for Baltimore where they flew to Guatemala City early Saturday morning. The first day was spent traveling the windy roads to Panajechel, a picturesque setting on Lake Atitlan at the base of a volcano. Sunday morning the team participated in a beautiful outdoor church service led by Nancy Barkman accompanied by Christopher Sipe on the guitar. Following the service a majority of the team climbed through the rainforest on muddy trails to zipline on cables through a canopy of trees. What a wet, thrilling experience with incredible views! The rest of the team made a goodwill visit with Mayan families to deliver gifts and meet a child that Amy Polakoski sponsors through the organization.

Monday morning we began our mission work by taking a boat ride across Lake Atitlan to Hospitalito where we delivered five suitcases full of donations including the hospitals much needed faucets. We also presented a unique bird made by Robin Fish as well as birds made by last year's bible school.

From there we traveled with ORI to our home away from home for the week, El Aprisco. At an elevation of 6000 ft. it proved to be extremely damp, musty and cool. The work days began at 7:30 a.m. with Jerry Schimpf aka "The Sandwich Maker" helping us pack our lunches. Enrique the chef made us breakfast which always included hard bread (no butter), cold eggs, and some kind of porridge. The big yellow school bus picked us up at 8:30 and took us to Casa Berna Bay Orphanage to spend the day. Work mornings consisted of a choice; we could work on the wall carrying block, using a machete to hack trees away, or shovel dirt. We could paint in one of the kids "houses", or we could work in the garden. If you were a rebel like "Momosita" Pam Miller, you could ignore that and help in one of the houses with chores. Most of us got a chance to work at each site. The kids finished with school around noon so we spent most of our afternoons organizing activities with different age groups. Some of those included fixing hair and nails,

playing parachute, soccer, drawing, music lessons, and holding babies. The kids were anxious for the attention and appreciated gifts and hugs. They especially enjoyed the backpacks made by this year's bible school group.

During our work week we had a special ceremony dedicating the wall to the memory of Lon Schrock. Our group raised \$14,715.71 to fund the wall which will protect the orphanage from the main highway leading to El Salvador. A special plaque with the congregations helping on the project will be placed at the gate. The ceremony was a proud and emotional time for us all. It was followed by our rendition of "We Are Marching In The Light of God" and Christopher Sipe donating a signed guitar to the orphanage.

One of the many important projects that ORI organizes is a food donation program where they deliver much needed rice, beans, sugar, and other supplies to orphanages all over the area. We were all able to travel with the truck and participate in this worthwhile cause.

On Saturday, July 16th, we made the long trek to the ORI warehouse where we picked up 2 loads of diapers and other supplies. The first load of diapers were bought with our cookbook money and delivered to Luz de Maria where we treated the children to a pizza party and spent the afternoon playing with them.

Sunday morning we attended a two hour church service at Casa de Libertad (we were among the few church goers that make it the entire service as people came and went as they pleased). Next, we delivered the second set of diapers donated by the Mostoller family to a special needs home named Anini where we treated the residents to an ice cream social.

The group was anxious to pack and sleep in a dry bed so we were up early Monday morning and ready to head to Antigua (a beautiful historical Guatemalan town, not the island with a beach). Our stay in Antigua was highlighted by a journey up the active Pacaya Volcano where we traveled through lush terrane and lava barren lasds to reach a beautiful setting of smoke, harded lava, and awesome views. We had lunch and roasted marshmallows through a crack in the surface.