



Noteworthy News

APRIL 2011

Roy Stetler and Naomi Sease Carriker, Pastors
Faith United Lutheran Parish

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The season of Lent is a time of self-examination in which we are to be reminded of our weakness and our mortality all while keeping the Cross at the center of our thoughts and prayers. For the people of the Parish, this Lent has already been filled with conversations about the vitality and viability of our churches, and so our self reflections have naturally turned toward the worry of our communities and buildings.

However, it would be a good practice in our time of worry over change and in this season of Lent to also be reminded of the promises that were made for us at our baptism and every time we publicly affirm our baptism. As we continue in our covenant with God in holy baptism we promise:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Even as we live in the fear of the unknown about the future of our congregations, how are we continuing to live through our baptismal promises?

As we "proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed" and as we "strive for justice and peace in all the earth" we would do well to remember in prayer all those who have much less than we do and those who have serious needs.

Lent can also be a time of action to help people in need. The Parish and CLC Filey's have joined together to support giving the gift of a community well(s) through Lutheran World Relief. All of our offering collected at our Wednesday evening services will go towards buying a well for a community overseas who has little or no access to water. You will also find a special plate in the back of our congregations to give to the community well at any time during your Lenten journey.

Our four congregations will also join together to take a special collection in the first two Sundays in April (3rd and 10th) to go towards Earthquake relief in Japan. During those services another plate will be passed around at some point during worship.

In this season of Lent, as our hearts are struggling with our own futures, prayerfully consider how you can support these two opportunities to give beyond yourself for the sake of others.

Jesus, whose love took the shape of a cross: in the hour of deepest agony your mother and your beloved disciple did not flee, but stood beside you. You call us to pour out our lives in service to others, yet the suffering of your people seems to have no end. When we feel numb and helpless at the horror, remind us of Mary, the unnamed women, and John who could not save you from death, but did not leave you to face it alone. Strengthen us in keeping vigil; have mercy upon us all. Amen.

Peace-Shalom, Pastor Naomi





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you by now know, persons active in our churches are discerning whether to join together as one congregation under a new name with Christ Lutheran Church, Filey's. Some feel strongly that we need to combine so that the interests of the younger generation can be served and young adults can be effectively welcomed. There are a fair number of actively involved members who hold to this view in our churches. There are also a fair number of members who believe strongly that our churches still have plenty of ministry opportunities in their current locations with current organization. I believe it is fair to say that most have not made up their minds but wish to keep the conversation at a positive level of speaking and listening.

It has come to my attention through a number of sources that some of the conversations between members on these issues are focusing on personalities rather than the real issues at stake. If we as a faith community resort to "power politics" which violate our core values of love and respect for neighbor and stranger alike, our faith is weakened, and "outsiders" may be unwilling to take us seriously in the future. Word gets around in Dillsburg quickly about how we treat one another and our sister congregations. I believe if we sow seeds of contention, we will reap discord and eventually splintered congregations with decreased ministry potential and shorter life expectancies.

We all have a stake in this and it is up to each member to hold others accountable for how they speak of their sisters and brothers. I have recommitted myself to the cause of sticking with the issues and asking others to do the same. Please join me in that Lenten discipline.

How we carry on our conversations in personal settings as well as in group settings may determine how many remain after we make our decisions, regardless of the outcome. I cannot overstate how important I believe this is. Whether our conversations are seasoned with love and compassion is more important than the final decisions we reach as congregations in covenant together.

Let's keep talking, with Christ truly at the center of everything we say and do!

Pastor Roy



PARISH NEWS

WELCOME BAPTIZED MEMBERS AT EMMANUEL (MARCH 6) – We celebrated and welcomed into our Parish by baptism **Devin Michael Smith**, son of Jessica Whitmoyer and Nicholas Smith.



SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER (MARCH 8) – We served 70+ people pancakes on the eve of Ash Wednesday in the Church House. We went through close to 20 lbs. of bacon which Woody and Carl fried after Pastor Roy bailed. We had Paul, Bob G., Bob S., John, and Jack flipping pancakes while Al and many others helped out to make sure everything was out and ready to go when the people arrived and thanks was given. The smell of the bacon and pancakes filled your senses as soon as you entered the hazy atmosphere of the church house. Much good fellowship was had by all. Thanks to all who helped and donated the food we enjoyed. We raised over \$200 dollars toward the international clean water well project through Lutheran Disaster Relief.



BARREN'S ALTAR FLOWERS – We are now sharing the altar vases and **flower** expenses weekly with Filey's...one vase for Barren's at \$15.00 and one vase for Filey's at \$15.00 (This cost still includes the delivery charge). Questions, contact Lois Diller at 432-4989.



ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS - It's time to order your **Easter flowers** to decorate the churches for Easter Services.

- Barren's – Sign-up sheet is on the table in back of the church. Orders are due by **March 27**. Any questions check with Ellen Hampton 432-3732.
- Emmanuel - Easter Flower order sheet is on the bulletin board. There are various flowers and prices to choose from and you may put them in honor or memory of someone, if you wish.
- St. John's - Deadline is **April 3**. The cost is \$8.00 each. Please place the buff colored order sheet with your check in the offering plate, or call Gail Berkheimer, 432-1405, any evening after 7:00PM.

MID-WEEK LENTEN MEAL/SERVICES - Our remaining Lenten Service observances this year will be as follows:



March 30	<u>Barren's</u>	6:00PM Meal and 7:00PM Service
April 6	<u>St. John's</u>	6:00PM Meal and 7:00PM Service
April 13	<u>Emmanuel</u>	6:00PM Meal and 7:00PM Service

All churches will help to provide soups, etc. for the April 13 meal. There are Sign-up sheets in all churches. We will try to keep it simple this year as a reminder of the simplicity of Lent and our individual fasts and focus on Christ, his faithfulness to us and our own response of following him. A simple meal in the midst of our usual abundance is a holy confession of what is most important.

LENTEN SPECIAL GIVING - Through Lent this year, our special giving will be through Lutheran World Relief. The Parish and CLC Filey's will be raising money towards buying a community well (or two) for a village overseas that has limited access to water (\$500.00/well). We are so blessed to have an abundance of water which makes it difficult to understand how scarce water is for most of the world. Here are a few facts (found on the LWR website):

- 1.8 million people die every year from diarrheal diseases due to unsafe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene sources.
- The average distance that women in Africa and Asia walk to collect water is six kilometers.
- 5 million children die annually from water related diseases.

We will make a difference through the season of Lent by collecting special offerings beginning with our pancake supper and running through our Easter Sunrise breakfast. Look for the offering plates during Wednesday night worship (all of that offering will go towards a community well) and look for special boxes that each family can take home. More information will follow in our bulletins and in the back of your churches. Dustin and Julie McKeever (Barren's) are organizing our special giving this Lenten season. Questions...email: jdmckeever@verizon.net or Julie's cell: 512-5725.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO AID JAPAN - Donations to Lutheran Disaster Relief for Japan: Lutheran Disaster Relief (LDR) responds immediately when there is an international disaster such as the recent earthquake and tsunami that hit Japan. The first two Sundays in April (**April 3 & 10**) there will be a special offering given to support Lutheran Disaster Relief and their recent efforts in Japan. As with Haiti after their earthquake last year, the need for help will continue for some time to come. There are Lutheran Churches in Japan. The work of LDR helps the people of Japan to understand what the church is and does for neighbors. Please contribute.

ABC CREW UP-DATE - The ABC (Affirmation of Baptism Celebration) Crew has one more meeting this Spring (see below). Please join us at Barren's Church house from 12:00-2:30PM:

- **April 3rd - Holy Communion (note date change)**
- As for our last ABC Crew meeting date, we will need to meet one more time in the Fall to plan our worship service. Right now, I think the best date would be to meet on **Sunday, September 11** at our usual 12:00-2:30PM time.
- Our **Affirmation of Baptism Celebration** would then be a parish/combined worship at Barren's on **September 25th followed by a covered-dish with other celebratory stuff.**

Thank you all for being a part of the Crew...you are a joy to teach and learn from!

FITZKEES CANDY - Candy will be ready for pickup on **April 5** at Barren's Church House 9:30AM-10:00AM and 6:00PM-6:30PM. Any questions, call Ellen 432-3732 or Diane 432-3106.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP NIGHT...IT'S TUESDAY!!! - Our Upcoming IT'S TUESDAY Parish Fellowship Nights - Covered Dish are:

- **April** - No IT'S TUESDAY because we will gather for our weekly meal and worship through Lent.
- **May 10** - St. John's Franklin - Another Parish Talent Night at 6:15PM.



RAISE THE ROOF FOR FILEY'S – Northern High School Tri-M Music Honor Society Presents: **Music Variety Concert** held at Northern High School Auditorium **April 9** at 7:00PM. The concert will feature Northern High School Music Students, Faculty and Area Professional Musicians. Ticket are \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 & under and all sales benefit Filey's Christ Lutheran Church Rebuilding Project. Tickets will be presold and also at the door the day of the event. Make Checks payable to "Christ Lutheran Church Filey's". There are sign-up sheets in all churches and if you have any questions, please contact Carole Knisely.

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES - ONLY a few WEEKS UNTIL WALK FOR HOPE - Our single largest fundraising event of the year!

Register and form your team today to walk with New Hope on **Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.**

Dillsburg - Dover - Mechanicsburg West Shore

Fun! Food! Fellowship! Free t-shirts!

Register online today: <https://newhope.myetap.org/walk/>



Another NEW Feature This Year - WALK COLLECTION DAY

Each Walk site will be holding a Collection Day on **Thursday, April 7th.**

Bring in your collected sponsorships to New Hope, and receive your free Walk for Hope t-shirt ahead of time. Plus, every registered walker or team who stops by will receive another special "thank you" gift. More details on exact times of the Collection Day will be forthcoming.

Please help us reach our goal by raising funds to benefit our neighbors in need.

Thank you!



SPRING MUSIC FEST – Join us at Emmanuel Saturday, **April 16** at 7:00PM for music, fun and fellowship. The music line-up will be the groups **Solid Rock, New Hearts, Hillbilly Heaven, High Praise, Naomi & Chandler,** and **The Good News!** Solid Rock is a men's group that feature 8 men who sing contemporary Christian music, and are making a repeat appearance by popular demand. The New Hearts are a ladies group who also sing contemporary Christian music with their own special flare that you are sure to enjoy. Hillbilly Heaven is a group

of both men and ladies that sing and play both contemporary Christian and Gospel music with a definite country flavor, featuring acoustic, rhythm, and bass guitars. High Praise is another ladies group who sing contemporary Christian music with the closest and tightest harmonies that you will ever hear. The Reverend & The Mr. (Pastor Naomi & Chandler), will be making their debut appearance with us, and we are sure this duo will be well received. The anchor group is once again, The Good News, a gospel band that consists of 6 members that sing gospel music with a country and blue grass flare. There is no admission, however, a free-will offering will be accepted with all proceeds benefitting New Hope Ministries. There will be light refreshments following the musical extravaganza. If you have any questions, contact Wally Foreman 432-9284.



COVERED DISH AND EGG HUNT - Annual covered dish and egg hunt is **April 17**, Palm Sunday at Barrens Church House. Please bring a covered dish to share and your place settings. We will eat around 12:00 noonish and the egg hunt will be around 1:00PM. All children (5th grade and younger) of the Parish and Filey's are welcome to join in the egg hunt. Have your child bring a basket for the egg hunt. Contact Ellen Hampton or Deb Racer if you would like to donate any eggs, hard boiled or plastic, or any candy to fill plastic eggs.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES – ALL are invited to our Holy Week services...they are all very different worship experiences, please come to one that you have never been to before for a deeper appreciation of Holy Week.



- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** – **April 21** – St. John's at 7:00PM - Service of Holy Communion. Please join us in this quiet service of absolution and reflection in which we honor Jesus' last evening with his followers before his death. (There will be NO foot-washing at this service.)
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** – **April 22** - Emmanuel at 7:00PM - We gather to reflect upon the crucifixion of our Lord.
- **EASTER VIGIL SERVICE** – **April 23** - Barren's at 8:00PM – Service of Holy Communion - Join us for a joyous evening of Alleluias and song as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

“FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION” (EASTER) WORSHIP – **April 24** - at all churches.

- Barren's (Filey's hosting) Sunrise Service in Barren's Cemetery at 6:10AM followed by breakfast at 7:00AM in the Church House; Pastor Debbie
- Emmanuel Service with Holy Communion - 9:00AM; Pastor Roy
- Barren's/Filey's Service with Holy Communion - 10:30AM; Pastors Naomi and Debbie
- St. John's Service with Holy Communion at 10:45AM; Pastor Roy



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES – MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – You can be part of the exciting ministry of the **Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services – York Chapter** by becoming a member or renewing your membership in the Auxiliary. Annually, the auxiliary helps support many programs at both Sprenkle and Kelly Dr. Support includes:

- Chaplaincy program
- Resident's birthdays and activities
- Founders's Day entertainment
- Purchased in 2010: Worship linens, banners, altar frontals, and a communion chalice
- Purchase for Sprenkle in 2010 – 55-inch flat screen television
- Purchase for Kelly in 2010 – 4 aluminum transport chairs
- Purchased in 2010 Detecto Chair Scale
- Outreach programs: Deaf Center, Touch-A-Life, Advance, and Senior Companion

If you would like to contribute, make checks payable to: LSS Auxiliary - York Center. At Barren's, complete form (on back table), include your check, and put both in envelope provided and place in offering plates **anytime during April and May**. Like last year, at the end of May, we will mail all monies received to the York Chapter.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET:

FULP/Filey's will hold their Mother/Daughter banquet on **May 5** at 6:00PM at the Wellsville Fire Company. All women of the Parish and Filey's and their guests are welcome. The cost will be \$13.00 for ages 12 and over, \$8.00 for ages 4 – 11, 3 and under are free. There are signup sheets and

Honor Your Mother!

envelopes available in each of the Churches. Reservations and payment must be received by April 17. If you are paying in cash please use one of the envelopes that are with the signup sheet and include your name, # attending, and amount of cash enclosed. Payments by check should be made out to Faith United Lutheran Parish; please note the # attending on the check. Payments may be given to Pastor Naomi, Linda Gochenauer, Donna Rupp, Sharon Spahr, or Dottie Shultz. This year we will be entertained by the Faith in Motion puppeteers. Join us for a wonderful night of good food, fellowship, and entertainment.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE – Our next **Parish Blood Drive** will be for the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank to be held Monday, **May 9**, at Barren's Church House from 1:00PM – 7:00PM. Mark your calendar now and sign-up sheets will be placed in all three churches closer to the event.



EXPERIENCE AFRICA! - On Saturday, **May 21** from 9-1 our Synod will be taking a "Virtual Tour of the Konde Diocese" at Camp Kirchenwald near Mount Gretna. The Konde Diocese is one of the Lutheran synods in Tanzania, Africa in which we are in a companion relationship. Each synod of the ELCA has one or two companion synods from another part of the world. These relationships allow the members of the Lutheran Church throughout the world to relate to one another and provide mutual support. Though financial assistance is often shared, the major reason for these connections is to allow for cross-cultural relationships which many have found to be inspirational and life-giving. Watch in your bulletin for more information on this opportunity to get to know our sisters and brothers in Tanzania or call or email Pastor Roy.

UPCOMING PARISH/COMBINED SERVICES

- Outdoor Service **May 29** at Emmanuel beginning at 9:00AM
- **June 12** - Pentecost at St. John's Franklin at 10:45AM - Bishop Hoover will be preaching at this special service.
- **July 3** at St. John's Franklin beginning at 10:45AM
- Outdoor Service **August 7** at CLC Filey's Build Site (pending construction) beginning at 9:00AM
- Outdoor Service **September 4** at Emmanuel beginning at 9:00AM

HEALTH KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - During our Annual Synod Assembly this year, members will be assembling health kits for Lutheran World Relief. The parish with Filey's will be providing 150 bath towels--about 52" X 27" in dark colors. Boxes for collection will be placed in the usual places in the churches. Your towels will bring comfort to people who have few resources.

7TH ANNUAL PARISH CAMPING AT PINCHOT STATE PARK – Time to sign up for our annual camping trip. We will be camping **June 3 (check in 3:00PM) until June 6 (check out 3:00PM)** in sites ELM and FIR at Gifford Pinchot State Park. The cost will be \$20.00 for each family tent camping. If you bring an RV, Travel Trailer, Popup, etc. there will be an additional \$12.00 each night, payable when entering the park. Please contact Ellen if you would like your name added to the list...spaces go fast. Ellen has already paid \$245.00 to reserve the sites, so it would be appreciated if you pay as soon as you make your reservation with Ellen.



EMMANUEL'S CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT PROPOSAL - Chapter 12 - Congregational Council C12.01 The voting membership of the Congregational Council shall consist of the Pastor(s), the officers of the congregation and no more than 2 members of the congregation. (The rest of the current language remains the same.) This proposal has been and will be read at the following scheduled Worship Services: March 6 and **April 3**, and will be voted on at a special Congregational Meeting on **May 1**.

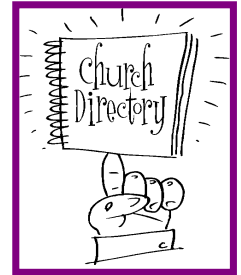


SPRING IS COMING !!! - So, it is time to start planning our **Garden of Hope**. This year we should exceed 2,000 pounds of fresh vegetables donated to New Hope Ministries in only 3 years! Please sign up or call Loren at 432 3953 if you are interested in helping. We need planters, weeders, and pickers to take the vegetables to Dillsburg New Hope. Everyone in **all** the churches and of **all** ages is truly welcomed!!! Your help is very much appreciated.



PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES – More changes for your Church Directory:

- Helen Andersen – Address is: **6711 Embassy Blvd., Apt. 323 W., Port Richey, FL 34668**
- Dannielle & Eric Eckenrode – New address is: **20 Slate Lane, Newville, PA 17241**
- Laurie Goulden – Name change: **Laurie Hoover**
- Ashley Hampton – Address is: **Apt. A, 705 South 19th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146**
- Janet Hershey – New address is: **Cumberland Crossings, 1 Longsdorf Way, Carlisle, PA 17013**
- Jessica Whitmoyer/Nick Smith – New address is: **59 Hazel Lane, New Oxford, PA 17350, cell: 717-856-1432**
- Meriam Woodcraft – New address is: **Golden Living Center, 46 Erford Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEW HOPE MINISTRIES' FOOD PANTRY - Whether you can volunteer just a few hours or once a week,

New Hope Ministries needs your help in their food pantry. Please consider helping out with this life-giving volunteer opportunity!



COFFEE WITH GOD AT BARREN'S - Please sign up to bring goodies for “Coffee with God.” Details are on the sign-up sheet on the back table.

GIANT GIFT CARDS – **Giant Gift Cards** are here! All three churches have a supply ready for purchase. See Woody Myers at Barren’s, Sean & Zach Zinn at Emmanuel, and Nancy Bobb at St. John’s.

COPIER AVAILABLE - A workable copier, Cannon PC775, located at St. John's Franklin Church is yours for the asking. Best for a backup for someone who already has this model. Call Marlene, at 432-5365.

WHERE WERE YOU? When you needed your church, the church has always been there for family funerals, weddings, baptisms, during hardships, or in sickness. However, that might not be so in the next year or so. Will *you* be there in your church's time of need? As you may know, because of low attendance and giving, the Parish will be going through major changes in the next 9-12 months. If this pattern of disengagement continues, each of our churches will be forced to close in the next few years or seriously cut back on pastoral coverage. If you are at all concerned with keeping the doors open, being able to worship in the church of your choosing, and having your children grow up in your church, make an effort to come to your home church and make a difference in the life of your church. You are needed on committees to help spread God's word to our children and neighbors. Each of you have special talents that you can share with the congregation, and every little bit of time or financial assistance is important. I know that each and every one of you are busy and pulled in so many different directions, but it seems to me, that in this moment, our only hope is in each other. We must work harder than ever and truly re-dedicate ourselves to bringing life into each church in this Parish, or face the consequences of the doors being closed, potentially forever. Even though in the past years attendance and membership has dwindled, when there was a need for anything within the church, I have always been able to trust that those needs, whatever they may be, would be met, and that I could depend on any of you to help, if you were able, if asked. In this time of great changes, I believe that we, as a Parish, have the potential to revive our three churches, if we dedicate ourselves to that task and hold steadfast in our faith. **Now** is the time to make a difference in the life of your church, or there will be empty buildings sitting there to remind us of what was and what still can be. Are you willing to devote yourself, through both service and giving, to bringing life into your church?

Ellen Hampton

The following letter was sent by the parish council to CLC Filey's in an effort to help them understand who we are as a parish and how we work together:

Dear Friends and Members of Christ Lutheran Church Filey's,

Little did we know as members, councils, and pastors of Barren's United, Emmanuel, and St. John's Franklin Lutheran Churches that when your building was destroyed back in August, how much that tragic event would influence us. We appreciate your invitation in November to begin sharing certain ministries and to explore a shared future. Your faith as you journey along this period of "homelessness" is an inspiration and encouragement to us as we also face our own challenges. We offer this letter as a brief introduction to who we are as Faith United Lutheran Parish (FULP).

Our parish was formed over the past decade as we discerned the need to work together to provide for full time pastoral care and a parish secretary. As you are coming to experience, our two pastors rotate among our churches one Sunday at Barren's and the next at Emmanuel (9:00) and St. John's Franklin (10:45). We share a common bulletin, a newsletter, and fellowship, worship & music, and outreach committees. To take care of parish business, we have a separate parish council made up of 3 council members from each church. The parish budget provides for mutual ministries, pastors' and our secretary's salaries, and other line items related to the carrying out of their duties. Each church pays into a parish budget based on its percentage of the total parish membership when the parish was formed. In addition each church also has its own council and budget.

We have been in the practice of rotating parish worship through the churches roughly 9 times a year. As time has passed, we have gotten to know one another better and continue to develop relationships. We have made considerable progress toward mutual ministry.

As some of your members have already noticed, decisions take some time because there are a number of levels to be considered with issues related to worship and the other committees. We have learned that a slow process can be stronger in the end because it allows for effective communication and builds consensus. Quickly made decisions often end in regret, being revisited and reversed in the end. Recently, in building a consensus on the issue of a shared future with yourselves, we have met together as councils and as congregations to share and listen, and we plan to continue to do so periodically. The presidents and pastors of all four churches have met and plan on continuing to meet as long as the need is felt.

Parish votes (primarily on issues relating to the constitution or parish employment) are taken as individual churches requiring agreement among the churches. The existence of the parish depends on each congregation's participation. If one church fails or chooses to pull out of the arrangement, the parish is dissolved. In the event of the breakdown of the parish, a new parish could be formed with new or remaining partners.

We look forward to sharing mutual fellowship, ministries, and ongoing conversations which will enable these. To further encourage this sharing and to build appreciation for each congregation's identity and experience of worship, we invite the members of CLC Filey's and FULP to occasionally visit one another's services.

May God give us all discernment as we prayerfully consider how we will faithfully work with you in the future.

Pastors Naomi and Roy and the Faith United Lutheran Parish Council





THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

A very special thank you to everyone in the parish who remembered my Birthday this past month. What a blessing to receive gifts, cards, phone calls, facebook, and text messages. It was also a wonderful surprise to have the altar flowers at Barren's given in my honor. Thank you all so much. You are all such a blessing in my life.

Peace-Shalom, Pastor Naomi

The Brownies who meet at Emmanuel during the week helped usher and sang a song about friendship on the 20th for 'Scout Sunday.' They also expressed appreciation for the use of the building.

Emmanuel Members

Thanks to Ellen and all who help out with funeral luncheons when they are needed. For the latest luncheon, some volunteers had to run home to grab extra buns since more arrived to eat than were expected. Hospitality is the essence of who we are and what we do as members of the body of Christ. Thank you for serving so whole-heartedly!

Pastor Roy Stetler

Doris and Jack McCauslin would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, food, and visits after Doris's surgery in the hospital, rehab, and since her return home. Doris has continued improving but still has a long way to go. We also give special thanks to the Pastors for their prayers and visits. God Bless You All

Doris & Jack McCauslin

With special thanks to the ladies of the Mugs-N-Muffins group for caring and showing it in such a warm way. God bless you all in Christian love.

Marguerite Deardorff

Thank you to all who donated goodies and to those who helped make up the boxes for our college students and our shut-ins. We had lots of fun making them. We made 17 goodie bags and 11 boxes. As always your generosity is very much appreciated.

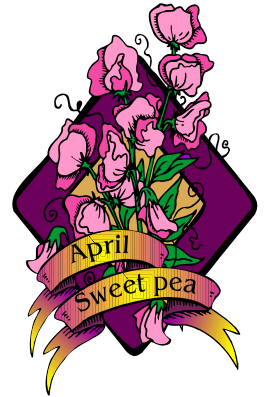
Ellen Hampton





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Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's
4 – Chad Renshaw	3 – Emilyynn Howell	1 – Gerald Slothower
13 – Leon Grove	8 – Mary Ingle	8 – Bill Smith
14 – Clint Miller Woody Myers	12 – Jessica Whitmoyer	
22 – Sherman Grove	13 – Janet Hershey	
24 – Dawn Grib RaeAnne Mummert Dawn Weyandt	17 – Rhetta Zeigler	
26 – Bob Fest Michael Wolfgang	18 – Alyce Zerbe	
28 – Donna Beard	20 – Leah Henry	
30 – Dustin McKeever	25 – Ron Henry	



The very first "senior moment" . . .



And, **that's** what happened to the dinosaurs!

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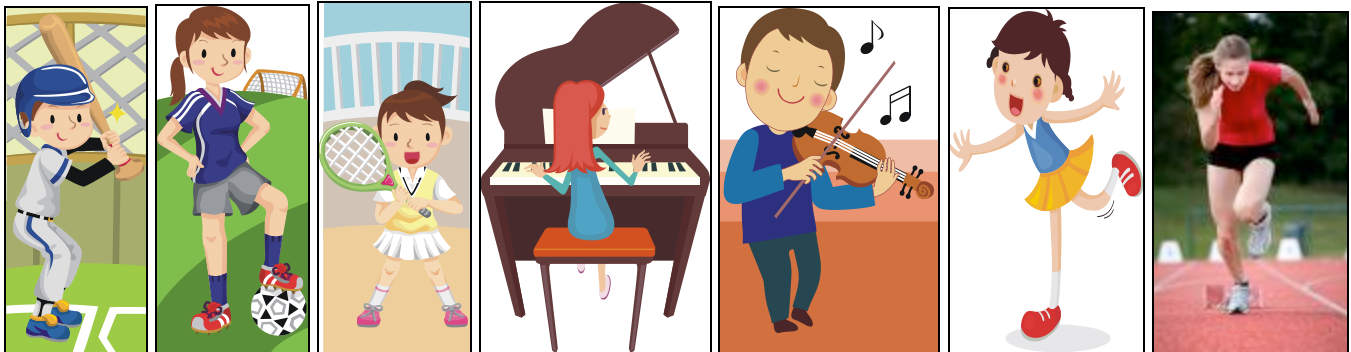


APRIL YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Below are the youth activities taking place during **April**. (Parents of youth, please send May activity schedules to Deb Racer at secretary@faithunitedluth.org at your earliest convenience.)

- Arlana Racer – Indoor Field Hockey – Games are at Penn Hershey Sports Training Center
 Sunday, April 3 at 2:30PM
 Sunday, April 10 at 2:30PM
 – Track & Field – Meet – Red Land Senior High School, Wed., April 6 at 4:00PM
 Milton Hershey School, Friday, April 8 at 4:00PM
 Northern School, Wed., April 13 at 4:00PM
 Susquehanna TWP. High School, Monday, April 18 at 3:45PM
 Northern School, Wed., April 20 at 4:00PM
 Gettysburg High School, Tuesday, April 26 at 3:45PM
- Logan Racer – Dillsburg Youth Minors Baseball - Game - Ryder Field Monday, April 11 at 6:00PM
 Krall Field, Saturday, April 16 at 3:00PM
 Ryder Field, Monday, April 18 at 6:00PM
 Ryder Field, Friday, April 22 at 7:30PM
 Logan Field, Wednesday, April 27 at 6:00PM
 Ryder Field, Saturday, April 30 at 10:00AM
- Gage Mummert – Dillsburg Youth Minors Baseball – Game - Krall Field Monday, April 11 at 6:00PM
 Krall Field, Saturday, April 16 at 3:00PM
 Logan Field, Monday, April 20 at 6:00PM
 Logan Field, Friday, April 23 at 1:00PM
 Krall Field, Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00PM
 Ryder Field, Saturday, April 29 at 7:30PM
- Josiah Stetler – Dillsburg Youth Majors Baseball - Game - Ryder Field, April 14 at 6:00PM
 Krall Field, April 12 at 6:00PM
 Krall Field, April 16 at 12:00Noon
 Logan Field, April 19 at 6:00PM
 Logan Field, April 21 at 6:00PM
 Logan Field, April 23 at 10:00AM
 Logan Field, April 26 at 6:00PM
 Ryder Field, April 28 at 7:30PM
 Ryder Field, April 30 at 7:30PM





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Barren's:</u></p> <p>Total income for February: \$ 9,266.28 Total expenses for February: \$ 10,298.86 Checking account balance: \$ 5,364.57</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Emmanuel:</u></p> <p>Total income for February: \$ 4,617.61 Total expenses for February: \$ 6,067.30 Balance of the Treasury as of March. 1, 2011: \$ 5,679.10</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's Franklin:</u></p> <p>General Budget through February 2011: \$6,328.00 General Giving through February 2011: \$3,558.00 General Expenditures through February 2011: \$7,392.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Faith United Lutheran Parish:</u></p> <p>Total income for February: \$ 14,725.97 Total expenses for February: \$ 13,869.19 Checking account balance: \$ 15,104.14</p>



Barren's Council Meeting Minutes - Summary **March 15, 2011 at Barren's**

Attendance: Amber Shearer, Linda Gochenauer, Doris McCauslin, Clint Shearer, Ellen Hampton, Whitney Trump, Dustin McKeever, Mary Jo Rodriguez, Carl Shearer, Kevin Hoke, Loren Swivel, Pastor Roy Stetler, and Pastor Naomi Carriker.

Approval of February Minutes (submitted by Whitney Trump) - motion by Kevin, 2nd Ellen. **Comptroller Report** – Amber Shearer – February income, \$9,266.28, expenses, \$10,298.86, net income, -\$1,032.58; February's income and expense was approved, motion by Linda, 2nd Kevin. Our deficit for meeting our budget right now is at \$-6,260.74.

Pastors' Report – on file.

Committee Reports

Property – Carl Shearer – More shingles on church house falling off.

Old Business

- Task for savings - motion to keep money where it is -by Kevin, 2nd Linda
 - Rep. Mr. Mike Sharp from PNC bank came to speak about E-tithing (direct deposit).
- Coffee w/God - note will be in newsletter regarding need of weekly volunteers.
- Communion/usher/acolyte - lists will be continued as is.
- Communion/communion bread used - will continue as is.
- Acolyte seating - moved to first row in choir loft, working out well, going to continue with current seating arrangement.
- Dates for Hoss's dinner nights were discussed, benefiting outreach.

New Business

- Year-to-date income now included on comptroller report.
- Conversation about results and feelings of congregational discussion.
- Narrowing down future options for the parish, will be reviewed at next meeting.
- Fundraising
- Need more handicapped parking spaces.

Motion to adjourn by Amber, 2nd Dustin. Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney Trump, Council Secretary





Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes Summary
(Full minutes posted in Church)
March 1, 2011 at Emmanuel

Members Present: Jack Zeigler, Gail Stetler, Carol Hefflefinger, Wally Foreman, Pearl Foreman, Charles Rinehart, Ron Henry, Joan Hess, Rhett Zeigler, Jane Zinn, and Pastor Naomi.

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 as Joan opened with prayer. The Secretary's report was accepted by Carol, seconded by Jane—motion carried. The Financial report was accepted by Joan, seconded by Jane—the motion carried. The Pastors' Report was accepted by Jane, seconded by Joan, with the motion carrying.

Old Business:

- George Cramer will mow the grass this year.
- Joan has made up a list of responsibilities and cancellation phone tree.
- Gail agreed to be the third parish council rep. for Emmanuel with Wally being the alternate.
- The Synod ok'd the plan to drop the council members from 9 to 6 in the constitution. The congregational vote will be on May 1 to take effect January 1—Pastor Naomi will help with documentation.
- Ron's list of memorials has been posted on the bulletin board and will be updated periodically.
- Gail and Ron (if no one else volunteers) will represent Emmanuel at Synod Assembly on June 2-4 at Messiah.

New Business:

- Planning for the annual strawberry social.
- Joan will investigate annual yard sale date and interest.
- Caring closet continues to collect and disperse.
- Outdoor services with the parish will be the Sundays of Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- Bishop Hoover has been invited to preach for a parish service.
- Door to back stoop needs paint.
- Discussed maintenance to the back porch.

Joan moved to adjourn, Pearl seconded. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:43.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Stetler, Secretary



St. John's Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes
March 1 at Emmanuel

All members were present. Discussions and actions taken by Council:

- Discussion of the Financial Report as we currently have to date.
- Congregational meeting for discussion of 2010 year-end report to be held Sunday, March 13.
- Review of Parish Lenten Service schedule including Filey's; Wednesday's preceded by soup and bread meal, plan for 40 – 55 for the meal, at St. John's Franklin April 6.
- Discussion for maintenance of Vestibule, doors, and belfry door.
- Discussion on Member attendance, send cards.
- WELCOME TO NEW BELL RINGER—Elaine Fetro, Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Kolivras, Secretary





FULP Council Meeting Minutes Summary **March 1, 2011 at Emmanuel**

Members Present: Pastors Roy Stetler & Naomi Carriker, Nancy Bobb, Carl Shearer, Gayle Kolivras, Amber Shearer, Joan Hess, Kevin Hoke, Jack Zeigler, Marlene Stiffler, and President Clint Shearer.

Opening: Pastor Roy read from a book of prayer about letting go of our fears.

Secretary's Report: Kevin made a motion to approve and Gayle 2nd.

Financial/Comptroller Report: Total income \$14,725.97 and total expenses \$13,869.19, net income \$856.78. Jack made a motion to approve and Joan 2nd.

Treasurers: Carl cashed in the C.D. for \$5,635.35 and submitted paperwork for parish credit card.

Pastor's Report: Reports, given to each council at beginning of meeting, will be posted in each church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fellowship: Will meet on March 21st to fill boxes.

Outreach Ministry: No report.

Worship and Music: Discussed Lenten services and outdoor services, next meeting April 28th.

Parish Camp Coordinator: No report.

Hands In Faith's Motion: Marcy reported that they are working on a program for Mother/Daughter Banquet and will perform at Red Mount Methodist Church.

Congregation Report: St. John's was the only church to report. Marlene stated that they are having financial problems but are continuing to reach out to the community.

Youth: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lutheran Night at the Senators-sign up sheets will be in each church, May 6th is the date.
- Hoss's night March 19th for the Outreach Committee. This is to help pay postage for boxes sent to college students.
- Discussed Lutheran Day at Susquehanna University.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Naomi put together a list of questions that were asked at church meetings. Council discussed frequently asked questions at great length.

Closed with Lord's Prayer. Kevin made a motion to adjourn and Joan 2nd. Next meeting at 8:00PM at Emmanuel.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bobb



APRIL PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy
April 10	Pastor Debbie	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy
April 17	Pastor Roy	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Naomi
April 24	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3	Amber Shearer	Barb Zeigler	Nancy Bobb
April 10	Filey's	Jack Zeigler	Nancy Bobb
April 17	The Passion Readers	Kevin Zinn	Nancy Bobb
April 24	Filey's	Sean Zinn	Nancy Bobb

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3	Wade Kreider/TBD	Ethan Zeigler	N/A
April 10	Josiah Stetler/Filey's	Sean Zinn	N/A
April 17	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	Dylan Harner	N/A
April 24	Filey's/Filey's	Zach Zinn	N/A

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3	Tom Wolfgang Family	Raymond Miller & Jack Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Sandy Bachert
April 10	Jack & Doris McCauslin	Raymond Miller & Jack Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Sandy Bachert
April 17	Maryellen Bentz/Luella Byers	Raymond Miller & Jack Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Sandy Bachert
April 24	Greg & Julie Williams	Raymond Miller & Jack Zeigler	Florence Kitner/Sandy Bachert

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3 (purple)	Florence Byers & Judy Klugh	Helen Kilgore	Gayle Kolivras
April 10 (purple)	Marcy Renshaw & Pat Miller	Helen Kilgore	Gayle Kolivras
April 17 (purple)	Marcy Renshaw & Pat Miller	Helen Kilgore	Gayle Kolivras
April 24 (white)	Kathy Eurich	Helen Kilgore	Gayle Kolivras

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3	Helen Kinter	TBD	TBD
April 10	The Altland Family	TBD	Lorene Smith
April 17	Ralph & Lois Diller	TBD	TBD
April 24	The Hertweck & McCurdy Families	TBD	Elaine Fetto

Nursery

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
April 3	Judy Klugh	Barb Zeigler & Joan Hess	N/A
April 10	Lois Diller	Helen Kilgore & Deb Fager	N/A
April 17	Deb Wolfgang	Pearl Foreman & Joan Hess	N/A
April 24	Tammy Wager	Dottie Heiges & Barb Zeigler	N/A



Parish, Pastors, Christian Holidays, US Holidays

Apr 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Nancy at Barron's @ 27</p> <p>9am - E (HCl) Rev. Naomi 10:30am - B (HCl) Revs. 10:45am - SJ (HCl) Rev.</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 28</p> <p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @</p>	<p>8am - B - Meal & Worship 28</p> <p>7am - B - Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>8am - B - Meal & Worship 30</p> <p>7am - B - Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>April Fool's Day 31</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>19am - E - Carina Close 1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Nancy at Barron's @ 3</p> <p>9am - E (HCl) Rev. Roy @ 10:30am - B (HCl) Revs. 10:45am - SJ (HCl) Rev. Roy 12pm - ABC Crew @ Church</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi In NC @ NC 4</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 7pm - Filevs/Parish</p>	<p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @ 7pm - E & SJ Council Mtg 8pm - Parish Council Mtg</p>	<p>11am - Dilizburg 6pm - SJ - Meal & Worship</p>	<p>7am - B - Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>7pm - TRIM Benefit Concert</p>
<p>Pastor Naomi In NC @ NC 10</p> <p>Nancy at E/SJ @ E/SJ 9am - E (HCl) Rev. Roy 10:30am - B (HCl) Rev. 10:45am - SJ (HCl) Rev. Roy 12pm - Puuvelaar Practice</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 11</p> <p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @</p>	<p>6pm - E - Meal & Worship</p>	<p>7am - B - Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath Tax Day</p>	<p>8am - B - Mues-N-Muffins @ 9am - Men's Breakfast @ 7pm - E - Spring Music Fest</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Nancy at E/SJ @ E/SJ PALM SUNDAY Eggs Hunt</p>	<p>Deadline for Newsletter 18</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @ 7pm - B - Barron's Council</p>	<p>7am - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY 7am - St. J - Maundy 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Earth Day Good Friday GOOD FRIDAY Pastor Roy's Sabbath 7pm - E - Good Friday</p>	<p>HOLY SATURDAY 8am - B - Easter Vigil</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Easter Easter Nancy at Barron's @ 8am - Filevs - Sun Rise 7am - Filev's Host 9am - E (HCl) Rev. Roy 10:30am - B (HCl) Rev. 10:45am - SJ (HCl) Rev. Roy</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 25</p> <p>8am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi on Vacation 7am - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10am - Conference Meeting 6:30pm - Music and 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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