



Noteworthy News

MARCH 2011

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

After two solid months of cold weather, how pleasant it has been to have some warmer weather recently. Though we know we will see more snow and cold, the warm stirs within us a sense of hope and renewal. We see hints of the return of the growing season--daffodils poking up, green at the base of dormant blades of grass, blue birds, maple buds growing redder, a ground hog trying to cross the road... Yet sure enough, as I write this, snow threatens our plans to go tubing at Roundtop. March can indeed be a long month, but we know that soon enough, we will have humidity and heat with which to cope. The changing of the seasons is one of God's many gifts to us. Each season has its joys and challenges. The joys fill us with gladness while the challenges keep us strong and filled with courage. Life's challenges and griefs need not destroy us, but, when we are healthy, they remind us of all the good things we have known such as God's creation and the life of family and friends.

We as your pastors strive to be faithful to your call and God's. This call is to lift up the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to love, to serve, to encourage faithfulness among God's faithful. You are God's faithful children. When, at points, we get on your very last nerve, please be patient. As you know, our parish is at a precarious place. Over the next year, we will make decisions and those decisions will shape the future of our churches and the Lutheran Church in the Dillsburg area.

Consider that the healthiest options are sometimes the most uncomfortable or even painful. Further, whether or not we are scattered depends not only on us, but on you. Your pastors cannot alone do what is needed to sustain healthy relationships and a healthy church. You can offer words of encouragement to those who are despairing of the fact that we cannot keep doing as we've done in the past. You can listen compassionately. You can continue to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. You can resist the urge to give up, to walk away, or to stop seeking fellowship with your sisters and brothers. We need one another because a strong church depends on each member, not on the charisma of its pastor(s).

The most vital way to provide for a healthy church is for each of us to cultivate the Spirit within. Your gifts are needed in the church today. Each of us is uniquely gifted. With discipline and practice, these gifts bring life and hope. These gifts bring each of us to face our challenges with resolve and to press on through difficulty, knowing that winter will pass and summer is coming. The Gospel's foundation is God's strong, sure grace that sees beyond appearances to the reality that we are capable of living and serving despite our fears and anxieties. We are capable of loving our enemies. We can live with uncertainty, for we are certain that Christ is present in the bread and cup. We are certain of the promise of God in baptism to save and to love—regardless of our weariness, folly, weak faith and unfaithfulness. We fear not, for God alone is faithful.

Let us proclaim this reality to Dillsburg and to all the world--for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Roy





PARISH NEWS

BARREN'S/FILEY'S COMBINED YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – Our first combined Children's Sunday School was very uplifting. It was so wonderful to see so many youth together. Ellen shared information about a bee Heifer Project that our weekly offering the next few months will go towards. Ellen told us all about the bees and how important they are and how this project will help those less fortunate than us. We will be buying bees! Parents, please help your children support this mission. We have 4 youth Sunday School classes downstairs at Barren's/Filey's ranging in age from infant through 12th grade. We'd like to thank our Sunday School teachers for their time with our children and spreading God's Word. Our birth - Pre-K teachers are: **Arlene Books, Betty McCurdy, and Alison Zeigler**; the Kindergarten – 2nd Grade teachers are: **Carri Allen, Ellen Hampton, and Whitney Trump**; the 3rd – 5th grade teachers are: **Sandy Books and Deb Racer**; and our older youth (grades 6th – 12th) teachers are: **Mr. & Mrs. Kieffer, Mr. & Mrs. Strouse, Robin McCann, Pastor Roy, and Pastor Naomi**. Below are a few pictures taken February 6.





FELLOWSHIP/WHITE ELEPHANT EPIPHANY PARTY (February 8) – We were finally able to have our Epiphany Party with White Elephant Gift Exchange and it was so much fun!!! There was more than enough food, as always, and everyone laughed at the gifts that were opened. Some of the gifts were coveted (the M&Ms are always a big hit) and some were very silly (a talking fly-swatter). Fun was had by all as we exchanged and tried to keep our gifts!





AN UPDATE ON OUR REFUGEE FAMILY - It was Ash Wednesday 2006 when Pastor Anderson asked if anyone was interested in helping to adopt a refugee family. A meeting was held on Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Grace Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Pam Arndt and I went to see what we could do to help, starting us on a journey to show God's love to our new family. It was freezing outside when they arrived not dressed for the weather because it was warm in Kenya where they had lived in a refugee camp for four years. They were from Somalia and were displaced because of war. One brother Siyad had already been in the United States for 3 years. He brought seven more members of his family here. His father and his second wife and five brothers (ages 21, 20, 11, 9, and 8) came to our country to have freedom and to learn a better way of life. They had lots to learn about our culture and ways of life in the Harrisburg/Mechanicsburg area. In the past five years they have grown and have learned to speak English. They have added 2 more children (Ubah, age 4 and Shuap, age 2) to their family. They were born here so are US citizens. The boys go to Mechanicsburg Schools. Abdi, age 16, likes sports, science, English, and can't wait to drive!! Ahmed, age 14, likes sports, the Flag, football, and making new friends. Differences from Somalia include different foods (loves pizza) and clothes. Ladies don't wear pants in Somalia. Kayse, age 13, likes math problems, Mac and cheese, and pizza. He wants to be a basketball player and try swimming. He also likes American songs especially Jingle Bells. Ubah, age 4, likes cookies, lollypops, and likes to draw. Khadojo, their mother, has learned English very well but we still sometimes have to explain things a few times when we talk to let each other know what we are saying. Mahumud and Abdiqadir are both married to Somali girls they met here and both have children of their own. All of the adults work, but get laid off about every 90 days so that the companies don't have to pay them unemployment. Mahumud works at Borders in Carlisle and enjoys his job and is proud that he has an apartment for his family. Over the past five years we have become friends and it is always fun to go and visit because they always have so much to say and hugs for me. Everyone from Somalia has their birthdays on January 1 so we have a party with cake and candles which is a treat for them. Most of their meals are Somali foods which are tasty, but a bit spicy. This just gives you a little insight into the lives of our Refugee family since they have settled here. Thanks to all of you that have contributed over the years to their needs. To see more pictures and learn more about our family see the scrapbooks in back of Barren's. Ellen Hampton



Abdiqadir, Mahumud, Ahmed, Abdi, Abdirisac, Siyad, Khadijo & Kayse - March 2006



2010 - Abdi, Kayse, Ubah, Shuap & Ellen



2011 - Shuap, Khadijo, Kayse, Ubah, Abdi & Ahmed



2011 - Saadiya, Hamse & Mahumud

UPCOMING PARISH SERVICES

On **February 27** all four congregations (CLC Filey's, Emmanuel, St. John's Franklin, and Barren's) will be sharing worship under one roof at Barren's. All are invited to bring a dish to share for a covered-dish after worship. (Drinks will be provided.) Any questions, please contact Dottie Shultz (766-0457) or Ellen Hampton (432-3732).

MARCH 5 BENEFIT - St. Marks Lutheran Church located in Mechanicsburg will be holding a **Benevolence Meal** with Free Will Offering to Benefit Christ Lutheran Church at 5:30PM. A count will need to be handed in by March 2. Sign-up sheets are posted at all churches.

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.

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.



Special MEETING

FULP CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS - All three of the congregations in the parish will be having **congregational discussions** in March to have the opportunity to check in with each other and your pastors about changes occurring in the life of the parish. These meetings are conversations only, **NO VOTES** will take place at these meetings.

Emmanuel - **March 6** - Following Worship time

Barren's - **March 13** - Following Worship – remain in the sanctuary.

St. John's Franklin - **March 13** at 10:30AM - worship to follow meeting.

ABC CREW UP-DATE - The ABC (Affirmation of Baptism Celebration) Crew is a Cross+Generational group of adults and youth who are gathering to explore the scriptures, what we believe as Lutherans, and develop a partnership as fellow faith-seekers. There are over 30 of us who have committed to this Cross+Generational partnership of faith exploration, however, The ABC Crew is open for **EVERYONE** to join (from 4th grade up) - one meeting, or many, we would love to have you join us at Barren's Church house from 12:00-2:30 on these Sundays this Spring:

March 6th (snow date march 13th) - More Lutheran Stuff

March 20th - Baptism

April 3rd - Holy Communion (note date change)

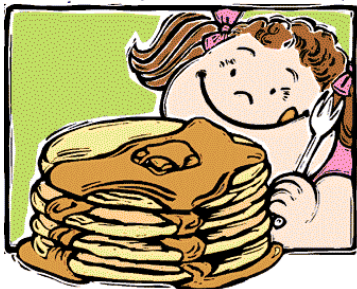
ADULTS, YOU ARE THE KEY TO THE CONTINUED FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION OF OUR YOUTH! The only way this experiment will work, is if we have just as many, if not more, adults who are willing to enter into these conversations with our youth and walk as partners with them in their faith journey. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Naomi.

FITZKEES CANDY PAPERS are here. Papers are due back to Ellen Hampton or Diane Shearer by **March 6**. Papers are on bulletin boards in the vestibules. 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:

- **March 8** – Barren's Church House - Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Dinner at 6:00PM.
- **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.

PANCAKE SUPPER



SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER - Please join us for a pancake supper on **March 8** at the Barren's church house at 6:00PM. Men, who so wish, are invited to come out an hour or so early to help with the preparations and “carryings on” --serious male bonding and the steep pancake learning curve happen here (“No, really, you should probably use milk and eggs in the batter...”). But fear not, we're usually the targets of “friendly” espionage from wives who are knowledgeable of our capabilities...and I'm pretty sure there is a fire extinguisher in the church house. A collection will be taken to benefit a community water system. See sign-up sheets.



ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT - Our Lenten observances this year will be shared with Christ Lutheran Church Filey's. Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Franklin on March 9 at 7:00PM. The following week we will begin rotating between the churches with a simple meal at 6:00PM and Service at 7:00PM as follows:



March 16	<u>Emmanuel</u>	6:00PM Meal and 7:00PM Service
March 23	<u>Barren's (hosted by CLC Filey's)</u>	6:00PM Meal and 7:00PM Service
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.

"You are dust, and to dust you will return." This ancient formula will be heard by millions of Christians all over the world this Ash Wednesday as the sign of the cross is made in ashes on their forehead. This symbolic act is both a solemn reminder and an invitation to renewal. Lord God, this Lent help me to do my best to keep my mind fixed on you and your Kingdom.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – Don't forget to change your clocks (spring forward 1 hour) Sunday, **March 13.**

SUPPORT COLLEGE STUDENTS AND SHUT-INS – We will be making goodie boxes for our college students and goodie bags for our shut-ins on March 21. You can help by donating snack items (cookies, crackers, puddings, and applesauce), tissues, cards, or anything you think the college kids or shut-ins would appreciate. We will pack them on **March 21** at 6:30PM at Barren's Church House. There will be boxes at all 3 churches for donations. Any questions, contact Ellen Hampton (432-3732), Darlene Hershey (432-5960), or Nancy Bobb (602-5865). If you know of a college student who would enjoy a goodie box during finals, please give their name and address to Ellen, Pastor Roy, or Pastor Naomi.



BOOK STUDY RETREAT – All are invited to attend a retreat on Saturday, **April 2** from 9:00AM to 3:00PM in the Church House. The session will include a discussion of the book: *The Mudhouse Sabbath* along with a DVD outlining some of Lauren Winner's disciplines. A light lunch will be served. The cost of the retreat will be \$15 for the book (exceptions can be made for anyone not able to afford the cost of the book) and \$4 for the lunch. Please contact Pastor Debbie by February 27 if you would like to attend so she can order the correct number of books and food. Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church Filey's. It will be your responsibility to read the book before the retreat so that conversation and discussions can be fruitful. The following is the book review found on Amazon:

Lauren Winner, the author of *The Mudhouse Sabbath*, converted from Judaism to Christianity in early adulthood. Early on in her conversion, she noticed that Christianity lacked much discipline or emphasis when it came to performing rituals, so integral to the Jewish faith. "This book is about those things that I miss," she writes. "It is about Sabbaths and burials and prayers, rituals Jews and Christians both observe.... Jews do these things with more attention and wisdom not because they are more righteous nor because God likes them better, but rather because doing, because action, sits at the center of Judaism. Practice is to Judaism what belief is to Christianity. Your faith may come and go but your practice ought not to waiver." She organizes her chapters according to the rituals and values that both religions share--such as prayer, candle lighting and weddings--and discusses how Christians could deepen these rituals by taking a few lessons from the Jews. ("Mudhouse" is the name of the coffee shop where Winner reads an inspiring account of Shabbat from Nan Fink's memoir *Stranger in the Midst*.) Winner's writing is generous, personal and filled with practical suggestions—a perfect blend for the spiritual growth genre. Overall, she expertly invites Christians into a deeper and more daily level of faith. -- *Gail Hudson.*



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 - Register and form your team today to walk with New Hope on **Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m.** Join us in Dillsburg, Dover, or Mechanicsburg West Shore for a great day of walking to benefit New Hope Ministries. **Lots of fun, food, and free t-shirts for those who WALK with us! Help make this the best WALK ever, and register online today: <https://newhope.mvetap.org/walk/>.** WALK for Hope is our single largest fundraising event of the year - 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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – **April 21** – St. John's at 7:00PM - Service of Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – **April 22** - Emmanuel at 7:00PM

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE – **April 23** - Barren's at 8:00PM – Service of Holy Communion.

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

- Barren's (Filey's hosting) Sunrise Service with Holy Communion in Barren's Cemetery at 6:00AM 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





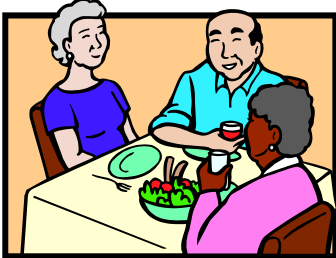
ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Time is running out to sign up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The March 25-27 Weekend at the Toftrees Resort in State College, PA is now full; however, we are taking names for a waiting list. Contact Schambers at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net if interested. Sign up now for the **Apr. 29–May 1 Weekend at The Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA** (in the beautiful Poconos just off Interstate 80 -- 2 hrs. north of Philadelphia.) Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish

toward continuation of the program. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. We're also taking reservations for the 2 fall PA Weekends: **September 16-18--Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA**, 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA, and **November 4-6--Radisson Hotel Sharon, West Middlesex, PA**, an hour north of Pittsburgh. To sign up for a Weekend, simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card, or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

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.



DINING WITH NEW FRIENDS - We are continuing to get to know our CLC Filey's brothers and sisters in various ways. The best way to get to know people is to have conversations with them and a really good time to have conversations is over a good meal. Much like "Dinner For Six," our "Dinner With New Friends" will match three or four couples/families/individuals together who will share several meals together. Each house-hold will take a turn being the host and will provide a main course and beverages, everyone else that comes to dinner will bring side-dishes and desert (you will have to communicate with your "New Friends" to plan dates that will work and who will bring what dish to share). Each group of "New Friends" will share three to four dinners together over the next several months.



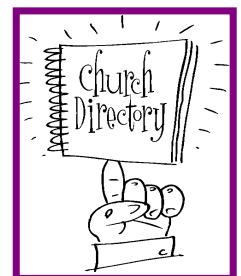
(If you do not wish to host in your home, you may host at one of our Parish congregations, please check church schedules first). Sign-up sheets are in all Churches. You will be contacted to let you know who is in your "New Friends" group. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Naomi.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - REMINDER: The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an ongoing project for our parish. Anyone who would like to donate crocheted or knitted shawls to this ministry or have any questions about this ministry, please contact Diane Shearer at 432-3106.

SECRET SUE - We've had a few people express an interest in joining us for the Secret Sue this year. The more we have to join us, the more fun everyone will have. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jan Kesler at 292-2295.

PARISH DIRECTORY CHANGES – More changes for your Church Directory:

- John Bobb – New address is: **8761 Whispering Pines Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32244**
- Joe Moorhead – New address is: **6406 Salem Park Cir., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**
- Geraldine Lehmer – **Passed away** – October 3, 2010
- Violet Feister – **Passed away** – November 20, 2010
- Mary Myers – **Passed away** – December 30, 2010
- Bernard Woodcraft – **Passed away** – February 18, 2011
- Deb & Tom Wolfgang - New e-mail address is: **thewolfgangs@hotmail.com**





Forty Days of Lent Word Search

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Words to Find:

EASTER	PURIFICATION	ALMSGIVING
FASTING	GOODFRIDAY	ASHWEDNESDAY
RENEWAL	LENT	SELF-DENIAL



THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

Dear Pastors and Members of Barren's United Lutheran Church,
 We would like to thank you for your contribution to the Konde Diocese dated January 2011 in the amount of \$800.00 earmarked for Manow Student Scholarship. We are indeed thankful for your Christian witness to our companion synod. May God richly bless you as you reach out in concern and compassion to help His children and serve Christ in the World.

Konde Diocese Committee

Thanks to all who donated blankets for Bethesda Missions and to Diane Shearer for delivering them.

Ellen Hampton

To all who have supported meetings and gatherings to plan for the future of our churches, thank you. We have a great challenge before us, but I'm sure we would rather shape the future than be shaped by the future. Please take

advantage of every opportunity to be involved in this vital opportunity to listen and be heard. Emmanuel meets after worship on the 6th while St. John's Franklin meets at 10:30 on the 13th and Barren's meets after worship on the same day.

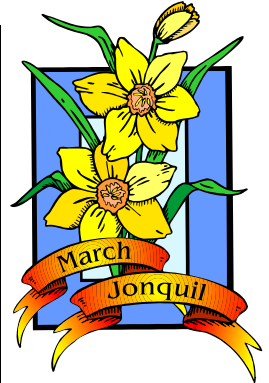
Pastor Roy Stetler





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's
1 - Rachel Stine	2 - Bill Witmer	9 - Renate Krull
4 - Maryellen Bentz	3 - Nicholas Smith	11 - Val Volland
5 - Dorothy Gerber	6 - Dakota Smith	12 - Ruth Hessert
10 - Morgan Wagner	11 - Sean Zinn	13 - Pastor Naomi Carriker
11 - Wade Kreider Edna Livingston	13 - Wally Foreman	19 - Marlene Stiffler
16 - Lois Diller	17 - Deb Moorhead	20 - Dale Deniston
17 - Kayla Williams	25 - Phil Zinn	22 - Annabelle Hoffman
19 - Ralph Diller	27 - Carol Hefflefinger Lee Miller, Jr.	23 - Joshua Drake
23 - Ashley Hampton	29 - Jim Stambaugh	
29 - Tom Gochenauer Jonathan Ross Carl Shearer Marguerite Shearer	30 - Bryan Harner	
30 - Gale Bentz	31 - Janet Hosler Elizabeth Zerbe	
31 - Carol Yost		



MARCH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

- School Musicals
 1. On Friday and Saturday, **March 5** and **6** at 7:00PM, and 3:00PM Sunday afternoon, **March 7**, Northern High School will perform the musical "**Bye, Bye, Birdie.**" Admission is \$7, tickets available at the door. Several youth of the parish are participating.
 2. Northern Middle School will perform "**Willy Wonka, Jr.**" on **March 11** and **12** at 7:00PM (at the high school). Youth from Filey's and the parish are participating.
 3. The Elementary Musical performance of "**Alice in Wonderland Jr.**" will be on Thursday, **March 24** at 4:15PM and Friday, **March 25** at 7:00PM at the Northern High School. Thursday is free to the public and Friday night's performance is \$1.00. Come and support the youth in our community.
- Arlana Racer – Indoor Field Hockey – Games are at Penn Hershey Sports Training Center



Sunday, March 6 at 2:30PM
Sunday, March 13 at 2:30PM
Sunday, March 20 at 2:30PM





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Barren's:</u></p> <p>Total income for January: \$ 7,668.76 Total expenses for January: \$ 13,050.52 Checking account balance: \$ 6,202.54</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Emmanuel:</u></p> <p>Total income for January: \$ 7,140.23 Total expenses for January: \$ 6,572.07 Balance of the Treasury as of Feb. 1, 2011: \$ 7,128.79</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>St. John's Franklin:</u></p> <p>Current budget through January: \$ Not Reported Current giving through January: \$ 1,550.00 Current expenditures through January: \$ 3,505.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Faith United Lutheran Parish:</u></p> <p>Total income for January: \$ 14,186.51 Total expenses for January: \$ 10,790.67 Checking account balance: \$ 12,718.29</p>



Barren's Council Meeting Minutes - Summary **February 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 and Pastor Naomi Carriker.

Approval of December Minutes – Amber Shearer - motion by Linda, 2nd Doris. **Comptroller Report** – January income, \$7,668.76, expenses, \$13,050.52, net income, -\$5,381.76, by Clint, 2nd Doris; January's income and expense was approved, motion by Clint, 2nd Loren s. **Pastors' Report** – on file.

Committee Reports

Property – Carl Shearer – Replaced some light bulbs, leak in boiler room was a container of some sort of cleaner.

Old Business

- Task for savings - talk to PNC person in March; Next meeting will get packet on options.
- Coffee w/God needs someone in charge; large trash can; add place on sign-up sheet for someone to be in charge one Sunday.

New Business

- Come up with new communion usher list (1 from CLC Filey's, 1 from Barren's)
- Communion bread
- Discussed how communion is going; choir will try a different way; have a basket on windowsill for cups
- Discussed acolyte seating (fire hazard)
- Discussed having year-to-date income entered on income and expenses report.
- Dates for Hoss's dinner nights were discussed, benefiting New Hope and Outreach.
- March 13 there will be a congregational discussion after church; both pastors will be present, to discuss the congregations thoughts and feelings about joint worship with CLC Filey's.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Whitney Trump, Council Secretary





Emmanuel's Council Meeting Minutes Summary
(Full minutes posted in Church)
February 15, 2011 at Barren's

Members Present: Jack Zeigler, Gail Stetler, Carol Hefflefinger, Charles Rinehart, Ron Henry, Joan Hess, Rhett Zeigler, and Pastor Roy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 as Joan opened with prayer. The Secretary's report was accepted by Carol, seconded by Rhett—motion carried. The Financial report was accepted by Charlie, seconded by Joan—the motion carried. The Pastors' Report was presented to the all parish council.

Old Business:

- Council met after a January worship and voted to assist a member family in purchasing fuel oil—a thank-you note has been received and posted.
- Loretta Weigle's estate made a donation of \$500.
- Joan motioned and Rhett seconded that Gail be alternate for parish council.

New Business:

- A letter was received from Lutheran Disaster Relief soliciting funds to help with future disasters.
- Received notice that our insurance premium will rise 1% this year (to a total of \$1,800).
- We need to find someone else to mow since George Cramer is no longer available--Suggestions?
- Spring Music Fest on April 16th at Emmanuel—7:00.
- Joan will plan a day for sorting and organizing the Caring Closet.
- Looking into drainage and the basement exit since water comes in and snow is hard to shovel.

Joan moved to adjourn, Carol seconded. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:03.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Stetler, Secretary



St. John's Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes
February 10 at St. John's Franklin

All members were present.

Discussions and actions taken by Council:

- Explanation and discussion from the Accountants' Compilation Report for 2010 with Marcy Drake.
- Congregational meeting for discussion to be held Sunday, **March 13**, special time of 10:30 prior to Worship Service. All members, non-members, and interested friends are invited. Please note time!
- Renewing memberships for NYCHAPS and DABA – action taken, approved.
- Ordering Giving Envelopes for 2012 with changes for giving options – action approved.
- Review of Parish Lenten Service schedule including Filey's.
- Ash Wednesday Service – March 9 at 7:00PM at St. John's Franklin.

- Soup and Bread Suppers to serve 40 – 55 persons.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Kolivras, Secretary





FULP Council Meeting Minutes Summary **February 15, 2011 at Barren's**

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

Opening: Pastor Roy

Secretary's Report: Clint's name was not added to report of new members for church council and Jack's name needs to be deleted because he is not a new member. Jack made a motion to approve minutes with the corrections and Mary Jo seconded, motion carried.

Financial/Comptroller Report: Amber Shearer reported total income was \$14,186.51 and total expenses were \$10,790.67 with a checking account balance of \$12,718.29. Marlene made a motion that the churches make half payments for the month of March. Mary Jo seconded and motion passed.

Treasurers Carl Shearer reported that a C.D. was due and as interest is so low, he thought that we should close the C.D. and deposit it in our checking account and use it for the parish. Jack made a motion to close the C.D. and deposit the money in parish checking account, Marlene seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Roy read his report at the beginning of meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fellowship: Restructuring and next meeting is scheduled for April 4th 7:00PM at Barren's Church House. Christ Lutheran Filey's will join with our parish.

Outreach Ministry: March 19th Hoss's night - proceeds will go toward postage to mail our students goodie boxes.

Worship and Music: Christ Lutheran Filey's will be invited to attend.

Parish Camp Coordinator: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parish credit card still not completed. Carl needed another form to be submitted to Citizens Bank.

NEW BUSINESS

- Amber asked that a third person be put on record to sign checks. Pastor Roy flipped a key to see who would be the new signer. Mary Jo won? Joan made a motion that Mary Jo be added and Gayle seconded. Motion carried.
- Lutheran Church at the Senators - Papers will be in the churches to sign, this is to benefit campers.
- Emmanuel is planning their Spring Music Fest for April 16th.
- Pastor Roy's letter to Christ Lutheran Filey's was read and looked over by council. He will present it to council with corrections made.

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn and Joan 2nd. Next meeting, 8:00PM at Emmanuel on March 1, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bobb



MARCH PARISH WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy
March 13	Pastor Roy	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Naomi
March 20	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy
March 27	Pastor Roy	Pastor Naomi	Pastor Naomi

Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6	Emma Strouse	Helen Kilgore	Gayle Kolivras
March 13	Leil Fortney	Karen Lenig	Gayle Kolivras
March 20	Al Myers	Judy Miller	Gayle Kolivras
March 27	Linda Gochenauer	Charlie Rinehart	Gayle Kolivras

Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6	Liam Strouse/Josiah Stetler	Zach Zinn	N/A
March 13	Josh Myers/Nick Mahady	Sean Zinn	N/A
March 20	Arlana Racer/RaeAnne Mummert	Gavin Zeigler	N/A
March 27	Emily Rodriguez/Filey's (TBD)	Corissa Harner	N/A

Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6	The Racer Family	Pete Hershey & Kevin Zinn	Florence Kitner/Gayle Kolivras
March 13	Dave & Pam Arndt	Pete Hershey & Kevin Zinn	Florence Kitner/Gayle Kolivras
March 20	Carl & Clint Shearer	Pete Hershey & Kevin Zinn	Florence Kitner/Gayle Kolivras
March 27	John & Marcy Renshaw	Pete Hershey & Kevin Zinn	Florence Kitner/Gayle Kolivras

Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6 (white)	Richard & Jenny Stine	Carol & Don Hefflefinger	Miriam Stayman
March 13 (purple)	Kevin & Pat Hoke	Carol & Don Hefflefinger	Miriam Stayman
March 20 (purple)	Kevin & Pat Hoke	Carol & Don Hefflefinger	Miriam Stayman
March 27 (purple)	Florence Byers & Judy Klugh	Carol & Don Hefflefinger	Miriam Stayman

Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6	Estright Family (Dinah Roadcap)	TBD	TBD
March 13	Barren's Members	TBD	TBD
March 20	Steve & Deb Racer	TBD	Sharon & Frank Yake
March 27	Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Yost	TBD	Martha and Jerry Slothower

Nursery

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
March 6	Donna Rupp	Pearl Foreman & Helen Kilgore	N/A
March 13	Donna Beard	Dottie Heiges & Jan Hosler	N/A
March 20	Lori Ross	Carol Hefflefinger & Joan Hess	N/A
March 27	Deb Racer	Karen Lenig & Ron Henry	N/A



Parish, Pastors, Christian Holidays, US Holidays

Mar 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>10:30am - B - Parish (HCI) 12am - Parish/Fllev's 12:30am - Puroeteers</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 6:30am - Just War Forum @</p>	<p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12am - E - Prayer @ 7pm - E & SJ Council Mtg 8am - Parish Council Mtg</p>	<p>11am - Dilleburg 7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>10am - E - Carina Closet 5:30am - St. Marks Benev.</p>
<p>Nancy St. E.S.J. @ E.S.J. 9am - E (HCI) Rev. Roy 10am - E - Congregational 10:30am - B (HCI) Revs. 10:45am - SJ (HCI) Rev. Roy 12am - ABC Crew @ Church</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p>	<p>Shrove Tuesday 9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12am - E - Prayer @ 6pm - Shrove It's Tuesday</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY 7pm - SJ Ash Wednesday 7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>8am - E - Mues-N-Muffins @ 8am - Men's Breakfast @</p>
<p>Daylight Saving Time Nancy St. E.S.J. @ E.S.J. 9am - E (HCI) Rev. Naomi 10:30am - B (HCI) Revs. 10:30am - SJ - 10:45am - SJ (HCI) Rev. 12am - B - Congregational 12:30am - Puroeteers</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 6:30am - Just War Forum @</p>	<p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @ 7pm - B - Barren's Council</p>	<p>6pm - E - Meal & Worship 7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Day 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>8am - E - Mues-N-Muffins @ 8am - Men's Breakfast @</p>
<p>9am - E (HCI) Rev. Roy 10:30am - B (HCI) 10:45am - SJ (HCI) Rev. Roy 12am - ABC Crew @ Church</p>	<p>Deadlines for Newsletter Pastor Naomi's Sabbath 6:30am - Collage 7am - Outreach Committee</p>	<p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @</p>	<p>6am - F - Meal & Worship 7am - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10am - Conference Meeting 7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>Annunciation Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>9am - Filevs/Parish Book 10am - E - Carina Closet</p>
<p>Nancy at Barren's @</p>	<p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p>	<p>9am - Pericope Study/Staff 12pm - E - Prayer @</p>	<p>6am - B - Meal & Worship 7am - B - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7:30pm - E - Choir</p>	<p>April Fool's Day Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>9am - Filevs/Parish Book 10am - E - Carina Closet</p>

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Deadline for April 2011 Noteworthy Newsletter is Monday, March 21.

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