

## Noteworthy News

September 2011

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

I always look forward to this time of the year since the heat of the day almost always cools for the evening. The wide range of seasons, creatures and plants we see around us are a constant reminder of God's goodness. Here is the spring from which flows eternal hope and courage to live boldly in the grace of God today. The traditions and language of our faith allow us to encourage one another.

Jesus grew up with the Jewish faith of his people. He learned of God's amazing mercy and peace likely at the synagogue in Nazareth and in the laps of his parents. His was a God who cared more for creation than our wildest imaginations could provide. He came to teach of a God who was incapable of disappointing. Even in the most difficult of life's challenges and frustrations, even with the threat of death, Jesus knew that he and the trust of his friends were safe in the care of such a good God. Beyond the seeming limits of his life, he knew of resurrection which ultimately and finally would never disappoint. He pressed on in faithfulness to God and all of creation.

Such faith and hope give us courage. His willingness to die for the cause of the least in his society, his willingness to die for the integrity of his teachings is why we call him Savior of the world. In Christian Theology, Christ is the second member of the Triune God: Co-partners with God the creator-father, and God the Spirit. That is quite a statement! We sometimes take it for granted because most of us grew up believing that Jesus is God.

If we are to say, that Jesus is God, it is important to know why we say Jesus is God and how we believe Jesus is God. Everything we believe is a matter of dialogue among friends—our beliefs are points of conversation so that we can explore the spiritual realities of our world. There are many churches and Christians who proclaim doctrines of the Christian Church as absolutes which may not be questioned. I believe this forces some to pretend they believe truths which they do not actually believe and to stop asking questions such as “What does this mean?” and “Why do I believe it?”

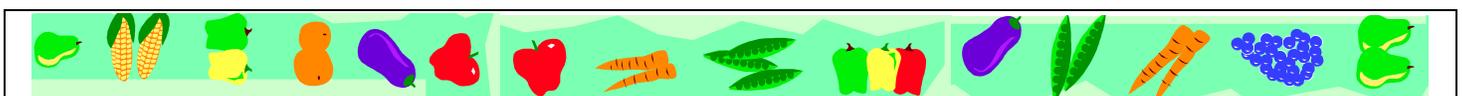
We have neighbors who are asking these questions. Other neighbors will not be able to ask and answer these questions until we show them the love of God in tangible ways—until we take the time and energy to listen to them and care for them.

Let us continue to gather to hear the Word, to break bread and share the cup of our Lord's life and living presence. The table of communion is one way we weekly celebrate our Lord's tangible presence among us. We meet each other face to face. In that meeting our Lord comes alive and welcomes us as friends. What can we do on Sunday morning that could be regularly more important than being filled with Christ's love as we hear the word and partake of his body and blood. Lutherans believe these are not symbols but the actual presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. This “ritual” forms us spiritually and physically as the people of Jesus. The courage of our Lord to live and die for love is what we long to be as well. Let us boldly take part in this holy exchange with our ears and our mouths.

Thanks be to God for the faithfulness and love of Jesus Christ. May we ever anticipate meeting him, learning from him, and receiving him.

Peace!

Pastor Roy

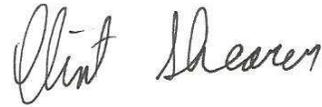


## PARISH NEWS

Dear Pastor Naomi Sease Carriker,

It is with our deepest regret that we must ask for your resignation from Faith United Lutheran Parish. Due to the financial issues facing all three churches in the Parish it is now clear that we will no longer be able to support the one and three-quarters ministers that we currently employ. Upon consulting with the bishop's office and with much prayer and contemplation, we believe this is the best solution to some of the issues facing our parish.

With your approval, the last day of your call will be Sunday October 2, 2011. Vacation and the proposed severance package will carry until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.



Faith United Lutheran Parish Council

8/2/11

### Draft Severance Agreement

With your approval, the last day of your call will be Sunday October 2, 2011. At this point Faith United Lutheran Parish will reimburse you for three weeks of paid vacation time owed to you. This will continue until October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. At this point a three month severance agreement will begin and carry until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

If you begin a new full-time call or full-time employment before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, all payments would be made until the effective date of the new call or the commencement of new employment. Any compensation you would receive from part-time ecclesiastical or secular work during the period of October 24, 2011 through January 15, 2012, will not be deducted from the amount of the severance payments.

We will need you to complete all work with the parish by Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011. You will also need to remove any personal belongings from the churches of the Parish and turn over all keys to the congregations and any other property of the churches in your possession to the parish council president by October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. You should do no pastoral act nor fulfill any pastoral responsibility for any member of Faith United Lutheran Parish after October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 unless invited by Pastor Roy Stetler. You will also need to provide the parish council president with a letter of resignation effective October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 as one of the called pastors of Faith United Lutheran Parish.



Pastor Naomi Sease Carriker

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Clint Shearer, Council President

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Dear Members of Faith United Lutheran Parish Council,

I regret to inform you that, due to the financial concerns of the parish, I will need to resign as co-pastor of Faith United Lutheran Parish. As agreed upon in conversation with the Parish council and with the Synod Office, my last day will be Sunday October 2nd.

It has been a blessing to serve with you over these past three years. I hope that, even with the present financial situation, the members of the parish will continue to joyfully live among God's faithful people, hear God's word and share in his supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, follow the example of our Lord Jesus and serve all people, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Peace-Shalom,



Rev. Naomi Sease Carriker

8/2/11

**TRANSITIONAL MATTERS** - Beginning in the month of September, you will notice some more significant transitions in the life of the parish. We will worship together outdoors at Emmanuel on September 4 (Labor Day weekend) at 9:00AM. Sunday, September 11 & 18, Pastor Roy will be leading worship at Emmanuel at 9:00AM and then lead worship at Barren's at 10:30AM - this will be the new worship schedule for non-parish worship Sundays. Pastor Naomi will be modeling the lay-led worship at St. John's Franklin September 11 & 18. We will all join together for parish worship on Sunday, September 25 at Barren's at 10:30AM for the ABC Crew Celebration worship and then again the following Sunday (October 2nd) at Emmanuel at 9:00AM for Pastor Naomi's last Sunday.

Please continue to remember our parish and Pastor Naomi in your prayers as we journey in this time of transition toward closure of her ministry among us as a regularly called pastor. I (Pastor Roy) am appreciative of her help in these past months to be as well organized and prepared as possible for her departure. I also appreciate her willingness to attend the national ELCA assembly on behalf of our synod.

**CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY** – by Pastor Naomi

The 12th biennial Church Wide Assembly of the ELCA was held August 15-19 at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The theme was "Freed in Christ to serve." I attended as one of the voting members from the Lower Susquehanna Synod. The days were long and full - from the time we arrived early Sunday evening until we caught the shuttle back to the airport on Friday mid-morning, we were busy in plenary sessions, bible studies, worship, meals, and receptions. It was a wonderful week of connecting with old friends and making new connections. Some of the actions that were taken by the assembly included: the official launch to the re-branded ELCA Malaria Campaign; The social statement: "Genetics, Faith, and Responsibility" was adopted; the review process for social statements was adopted; 2012-1013 budget proposals were adopted; Living into the Future Together (LIFT) and implementing resolutions were adopted; and memorials and constitutional changes were adopted. If you would like more information about the work of the assembly you may contact me for further reflections or visit: [www.elca.org/assembly](http://www.elca.org/assembly).



It is day #3 of the Churchwide Assembly in Orlando, Florida, and all of our Lower Susquehanna Synod folks are doing just fine. What beautiful smiles and lovely Konde Diocese shirts!

**HELP!!!** - This coming September, Pastor Roy will begin leading Sunday worship at Emmanuel at 9:00AM followed by leading worship at Barren's at 10:30AM, this means that he will not be able to teach the **middle/high school Sunday School class**. PLEASE HELP teach these young members of our parish!!! If you are interested in helping to teach this class, please contact Pastor Roy.



**E-TITHING FOR BARREN'S MEMBERS** – Forms are available for anyone who wishes to do their tithing using e-tithing. Please see MaryJo Rodriguez or Amber Shearer for a form or if you need assistance in filling out the form. E-tithing can be setup for weekly, monthly, or however you choose to do the tithing. There is no cost for the e-tithing (unless your bank charges fees for these types of transactions). The e-tithing can be started as soon as September 1.

**FUNDRAISER FOR BARREN'S BELL TOWER** – We will have a jar/jug at the back of the church for our "bell tower fund". The bell tower is in desperate need of painting, and council has approved the estimate Carl has received for this job. We would like to raise enough money to cover this cost. If you'd like to donate to this fund, please look for the jar in the back of the church.

**VIDEO STUDY RETREAT** – All are invited to attend a three-day video study from Tuesday, **August 30** to Thursday, **September 1** at Barren's Church House. The sessions will be facilitated by Pastor Debbie and will include a discussion on the video: *The Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner. The same session will be presented two times per day – one at 9:30AM and again at 7:00PM to accommodate those who work during the day. You may attend either one per day, and each session will be approximately 1½ hours in duration. **Excerpt from back cover of the video:** “It’s not just that Jesus was a Jew, Jesus still is a Jew. Engaging Jewish practice and tradition is one important way of overcoming the gaps that we sometimes feel exists between Jesus and ourselves.” So begins Lauren Winner on the powerful new DVD: *Seven ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus*. Designed to be a course in Christian formation. This video will challenge you to:

- Encounter the Jewish context that nurtured Jesus
- Explore spiritual practices of hospitality, mindful eating, prayer and fasting, and mourning
- Deepen your Christian faith by incorporating these things into your life.

**CLASSICAL YOGA** 6:30–8:00PM - This yoga class will help you find stillness through movement. We will warm up first (expect to sweat) and then move through standing, seated, and lying yoga postures. We will learn breathing techniques and meditation practices to reduce stress and clear the mind. Expect to gain more energy, increased flexibility, and better concentration. There are many options for all levels within the class. **Session Dates:** Thursday evenings **9/1-12/1** (no class 9/22 or 11/24). **Location:** Emmanuel Lutheran Church on South Street in Franklinton. **Cost for 12 Weeks:** \$108 Drop-ins are \$11/class dependent on available space. For more info. or to register, contact Lori Klein, [Loriklein99@hotmail.com](mailto:Loriklein99@hotmail.com) or (717) 329-9995.



**TUESDAY AM PRAYER TIME** – Please note that, though we will certainly continue to ponder God's mercies in prayer, we are discontinuing our weekly gathering of Tuesday noon prayer at Emmanuel.

**OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!** – Youth, community, parish, friends, families...join us (rain or shine) at Emmanuel **September 2** at 8:15PM for a free outdoor movie night. There will be free popcorn and drinks too. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair or a blanket!

### **UPCOMING PARISH SERVICES**

- **Sept. 4** - 9:00AM Combined outdoor service at Emmanuel with “Good New” leading.
- **Sept. 25** - 10:30AM Parish worship at Barren's (ABC Crew Celebration) and covered dish following worship in Church House.
- **Oct. 2** – 9:00AM Parish Worship at Emmanuel (Pastor Naomi's last day) with covered dish following worship at Franklinton Firehall.
- **Oct. 16** – 10:45AM Parish Worship at St. John's (Heritage Days)
- **Dec. 25** – 9:00AM Combined Worship at Emmanuel.
- **Jan. 1** – 10:30AM Combined Worship at Barren's (no Sunday School) with Pork & Sauerkraut covered dish following worship in Church House.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** - Welcome back, returning choristers! If you weren't singing with us...feel free to throw caution to the wind! Come for one rehearsal or sit with us on a Sunday morning and try it on. We'd be glad to have you with us! Barren's choir rehearsal time is the same as last year-- Wednesday nights at 7:00PM beginning **September 7**. Emmanuel's choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday evenings at 7:30PM beginning **September 8**.



**FULP/FILEY'S CHURCH PICNIC** - On **September 10** FULP & Filey's will enjoy a picnic at the **Logan Park pavilion**. We have the site reserved from 10:00AM-3:00PM with lunch around 12:00noon. The hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; please bring a covered dish to share. We will have games for all ages so bring along wrapped white elephant gifts to use for door prizes. Please mark the gifts for child, man, or woman. There are sign-up sheets at each of the Churches. Please sign up and let us know what you plan to bring so we will know how many to prepare for. Any questions contact Dottie Shultz, 766-0457 or Linda Gochenauer, 432-2115.

**ABC CREW** - Our Cross+Generational faith experiment group, the Affirmation of Baptism Celebration (**ABC**) Crew, will be meeting one last time to learn about communion and matters of worship on Sunday, **September 11**, from 12:00-3:30PM. Our last meeting will need to be longer than usual because we need to plan our Celebration Worship which will be a Parish Worship at Barren's on September 25. Please contact Pastor Naomi if you have any questions.

**PARISH YOUTH WII PARTY** - The youth of the parish are again invited to Fort Awesome (Pastor Naomi's house) on Sunday, **September 18** from 2:00-5:30PM to play Wii. Please bring a snack to share and any Wii games you would want to play - we'll try to play as many games as possible. If you need directions to Fort Awesome, please contact Pastor Naomi.



**IDENTITY THEFT** can happen to anyone, anywhere at any time. Don't let it happen to you. Join us for a free 50-minute workshop, "**Identity Theft: What you need to know.**" During the workshop, you'll learn how identity theft can occur, and gain tips to help protect yourself. You'll also find out what you can do if identity theft happens to you. The workshop will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives Jamie French, CPA, CFP®, Michael Gallagher, FIC, and Christopher VanHart, CFP®. No financial products will be sold. This is a free educational experience. Please join us Wednesday, **September 21**, 7:00-9:00pm at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2000 Chestnut St, Camp Hill. There will be beverages, snacks and a door prize of a home paper shredder! To reserve a seat, call Kathy at 766-3563. The deadline to register is Wednesday, September 7.

**DINNER AT HENRY & NAOMI'S**: CLC Filey's is planning a trip to Henry & Naomi's in Newburg for a family style Amish dinner on **September 23** at 6:00PM. The members of Faith United Lutheran Parish are invited to join us for a delicious meal. This will be our third visit and we haven't been disappointed yet. The cost is: Adults - \$18 and Children ages 7 to 12 - \$9. You pay at the dinner. There is a maximum of 40 people, so please sign up soon if you plan to attend. To sign up contact Sharon Spahr, 432-3428, ([sspahr3@verizon.net](mailto:sspahr3@verizon.net)) or Dottie Shultz, 766-0457 ([dshultz627@verizon.net](mailto:dshultz627@verizon.net)). Join us for a delicious meal. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, September 11.

**FALL MUSIC FEST** - 7:00PM Saturday, **October 1** at Emmanuel is our 17<sup>th</sup> Music Fest. Featured this Fall, is a terrific line-up of musicians and vocalists:

- Starting with **Judy Cornman**, a terrific vocalist and accomplished pianist, she presents contemporary Christian music at its best, which is absolutely beautiful. She is a favorite and is back by popular demand.
- She is followed by **Hillbilly Heaven**, 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. You will be glad you heard them.
- Next is a ladies group, **High Praise**, who appear with us regularly and are also back by popular demand this Fall. They sing contemporary Christian music with the closest and tightest harmonies that you will ever hear. You won't want to miss them.
- Following them will be **The Faithful Men**, a group that sing contemporary Christian and Gospel music with their own special flair and harmony, and their personal witnessing is truly a blessing. To miss them would be a shame.



- Then it's on to **The Dietrich Brothers** that play and sing Gospel music with their own bluegrass flair. They feature a guitar, mandolin and a banjo, and these three young men are certainly a delight to hear.
- 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. They feature a mandolin, guitars, harmonica, fiddle and bass, and have both ladies and men singing some of the old gospel tunes that are familiar to all, in addition to new gospel songs composed by members of their own band.

All musicians and vocalists are appearing free and receive absolutely NO reimbursement. There will be a free-will offering which will go to New Hope Ministries. With the current economic climate, our intent is to raise as much as possible, and through everyone's combined efforts, give a generous donation to New Hope Ministries so they can continue to provide assistance to those in need. For any additional information, please feel free to contact Wally Foreman.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** - On Sunday, **October 9** at 3:00PM in the afternoon, you and your animal friends are invited to Emmanuel (outside) for a **Blessing of the Animals**. All of your critters are invited for a blessing as we commemorate St. Francis of Assisi day, patron saint of animals and ecology. Rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 23.

**CROP WALK** - Please consider, especially if you weren't planning on attending the Blessing of the Animals, walking in the CROP walk this year. The site of the walk will be Pinchot Park on **October 9**, early afternoon. CROP walkers gather sponsors to raise money for food for the hungry. We will have sponsor sheets available soon.

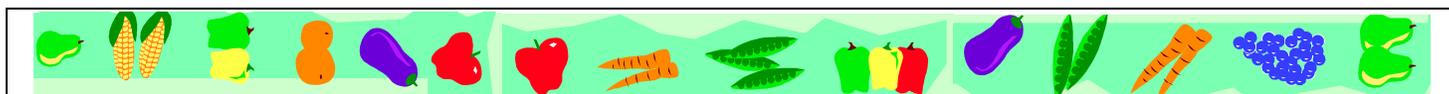
**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:** Time is running out to sign up for your fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The September Weekend has filled; however, you may contact us at the information below to be added to the waiting list. If you act quickly, there is still room for you at the final 2011 Weekend scheduled for **Nov. 4-6, 2011 at Park Inn by Radisson-Sharon in West Middlesex, PA**. This popular facility with a tropical atrium has a king bed and an in-room hot tub in each guest room. It is located just an hour north of Pittsburgh. Marriage Encounter Weekends are designed to allow you to take time off from daily pressures and responsibilities to search out and discover a warmer, closer, more joyful relationship with each other. Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. 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 the continuation of the program. Register now to avoid being disappointed--simply go to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and sign up. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact PA Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net) or 724-325-3166.

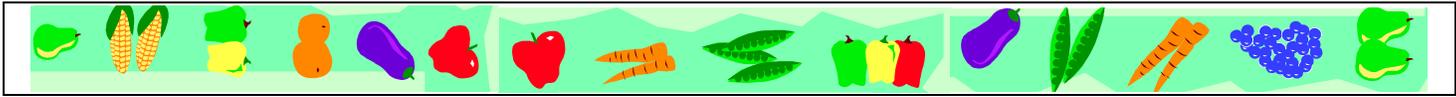


**GIANT GIFT CARDS** – **Giant Gift Cards** are here! All three churches have a supply ready for purchase. See Woody Myers at Barren's, Sean & Zach Zinn at Emmanuel, and Nancy Bobb at St. John's.

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES** has begun collecting **empty printer cartridges** to recycle. This will give them an additional revenue source. Please drop them off at the Dillsburg New Hope office on Second Street.

**A NOTE FROM RUTH FOSTER** (our teaching parish student from 2 years ago): So I decided to keep you all waiting to find out where I currently am. The name of the game is "Where in the World is Ruthie?" I am actually in Fredericksburg, VA! They sent me from one battlefield to another, if you can believe that one. I have been here a week, and already preached my first sermon (Can you believe that one, they had me preach my first Sunday) and I am really glad they trusted me to get up into the pulpit without really knowing me. I am interning at Christ Lutheran Church ([www.christ-lutheran-church.org](http://www.christ-lutheran-church.org)) and it looks like it is going to be a great year. My primary role as an intern will be to care for the parishioners aged about 25 and under (and there are a lot, especially since we are only 1 block away from a major university). So basically things are well.





# THRIVENT FINANCIAL NEWS

**Let's thrive:** *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans\**

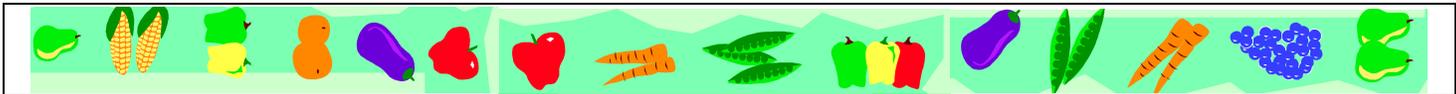
**Enrich your life by helping others** - If you're one of the 76 million baby boomers approaching retirement, you've probably given some thought to what you will do in the next phase of your life.

Most boomers are enjoying better health and are far more active than retirees of the past. If this sounds like you, consider contributing your time, energy and expertise to one of the many volunteer organizations in your community. Congregations, nonprofit organizations and civic groups are just a few places that offer meaningful opportunities to those willing to serve.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also offers a wide range of volunteer opportunities through its chapters. These opportunities give Thrivent Financial members and other Lutherans the chance to join together to meet individual and community needs.

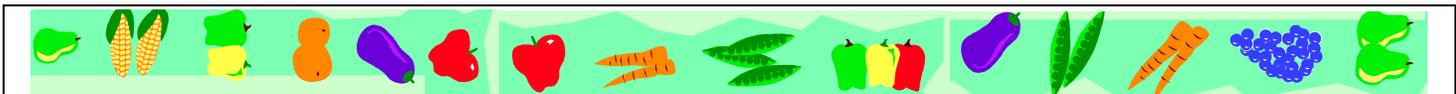
So, next time you're thinking about retirement, think about your strengths, passions and special gifts. Then think about how rewarding it would be to share them. For instance, if you like building things or helping others, you might want to participate in a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity project. In 2009, there were more than 313 such projects in which Thrivent Financial members worked alongside families in need to build their homes.

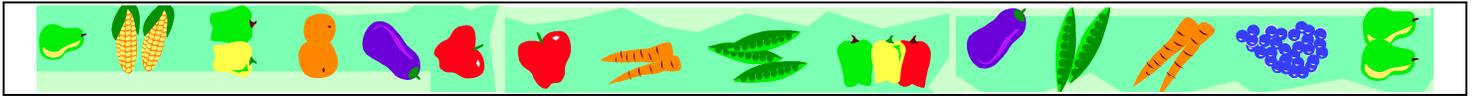
For more information about Thrivent Financial volunteer opportunities, contact South Central PA Group at 717-502-1100 or 1-877-674-1100 Toll Free or [southcentralpagroup@thrivent.com](mailto:southcentralpagroup@thrivent.com) today, or visit Thrivent.com.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's
1 – Chris Cressler	10 - Toby Hershey	8 – Clea Hoffman
3 – Melissa Balko	13 - Henry Ingle	24 – Larry Berkheimer
5 – Judy Klugh	15 – Brady Zumbrum	27 – Laura Watson
8 – Andrew Wolfgang	16 – Harold Gochenaur	29 – Patricia Deniston
9 – Danny Cornman Heather Cressler Ada Grove	20 – Kylee Harner	
12 – John Renshaw	24 – Bailee Britt	
13 – Julia McKeever	30 – Brandon Butler	
15 – Elaine Sipe		
18 – Jack McCauslin		
25 – Steve Racer		
28 – Clint Shearer		
30 – Edie Byers Terry Gochenauer		





## THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING

Warm greetings from Lutheran World Relief! We received your *Fill the Well* gift of \$805.00 and give thanks to God for your support of this vital ministry. Your gift will be used to help the world's poorest people have access to plentiful water. For them, life is an everyday struggle. But because of your compassion, and the compassion of others like you, there is hope for a better future. On behalf of everyone at LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your gift.

*John A. Nunes, President and CEO*

Dear Faith United Lutheran Parish,

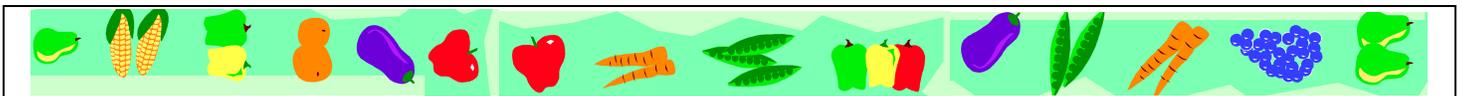
Thank you for your gift of \$185.00 to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for the Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami. Thank you for your partnership in this vital ministry. The congregations of our companion church, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, immediately opened their doors to neighbors who were unable to reach their homes and those who were injured. A college professor named Shinji, a member of the Lutheran church in Sendai, reports that the church building there still stands, and that his family is safe and praying every day. He asks for our prayers—and asks God to bless us all. To neighbors in need, including Shinji and the people who sought refuge in the churches in Japan, your gift brings both help now and hope for the future. Your generosity makes it possible for us to be there with our neighbors for the long haul. Thank you.

*Together in Christ's service, The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director*

We give thanks for the time, talents, and treasures given so generously by members and friends of FULP. Please take a moment to express your appreciation to these individuals for their service and gifts to the glory of God and to us:

- Thanks to all who keep our churches (and cemeteries) clean and mowed and maintained. Thanks to those who cleaned up after the spring and summer floods at each of the churches (several at Barren's).
- Thank you to our regular Sunday School teachers and those who substitute when the regulars are away. Your diligence and willingness to proclaim what you believe and invite the rest of us to think about how our beliefs influence our lives and decisions are appreciated and valued.
- Thank you Pam Arndt for your willingness to share your gifts and love for worship in providing leadership on Sunday mornings recently at each of our parish churches.
- Thanks to all who gave sacrificially of their time to raise money for the Wellsville Fire Company by volunteering at the Wellsville Carnival!

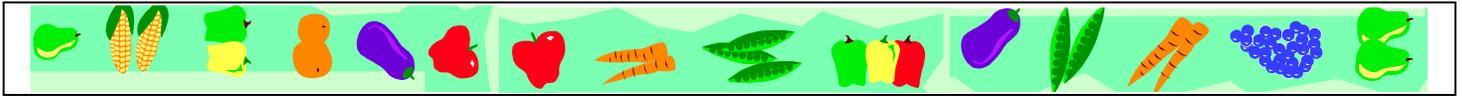
*Pastor Roy*



## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The parish council has agreed that we need to be more transparent with all of our financial matters, so we will be providing the following statistics to you on a regular basis:

<p><u>Barren's:</u>            Total income for July \$ 11,240.37            Total expenses for July \$ 9,741.28            Checking account balance \$ 5,737.86</p>	<p><u>Emmanuel:</u>            Total income for July 2011 - \$ 7,095.38            Total expenses for July 2011 - \$ 5,826.63            Balance of the Treasury as of August 1, 2011 - \$ 10,063.85</p>
<p><u>St. John's Franklin:</u>            Budget year to date: \$ 22,097.00            General Giving y-t-d: \$ 14,851.00            General Expenses y-t-d: \$ 20,430.00</p>	<p><u>Faith United Lutheran Parish:</u>            Total income for July: \$13,265.97            Total expenses for July: \$12,544.95            Checking account balance: \$10,401.23</p>



**Barren's Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 16, 2011 at Barren's**

**Attendance:** Pastor Roy Stetler, Clint Shearer, Carl Shearer, Kevin Hoke, Whitney Trump, Linda Gochenauer, Ellen Hampton, Doris McCauslin, and Mary Jo Rodriguez.

**Comptroller report** – Amber Shearer – July Incoming \$11,240.37, Expenses \$9,741.28, difference \$1,499.09. Motion made by Kevin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda, report accepted. **Pastors' report** – on file.

**Committee Reports**

**Property Committee** – Carl Shearer – Estimate for painting Bell Tower - \$6,130.00 which includes scraping old paint off, paint base coat, & top coat. Motion made by Kevin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doris, to go ahead with bell tower painting. Motion accepted.  
– Carl is also looking into paint or tape for edges of front steps for safety. Will follow up next meeting.

**Old Business**

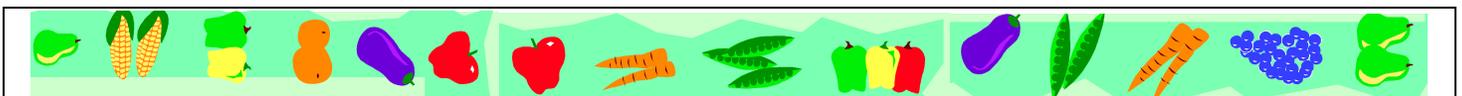
- Spring Cleaning, August 6, 8:00AM-noon. Not a very big turnout; however, we got all the flowerbeds around the church weeded/cleaned up, & cleaned the nursery & all toys. We may schedule another cleanup to work on the boiler room, etc, however a member of the property committee will need to be there, also the sexton will need to be there, so that those helping will know what needs cleaned up & what to do with it, etc.
- Parish Planning Committee, Dreams & Visions, are going well; we've had some good conversations and ideas.
- Copies of E-Tithing form are available to sign up. Will check with Amber as to where they can be located & will make announcements about starting this. Mary Jo & Amber still need to attend the class for this.
- Coffee w/God – motion made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen, that we will discontinue doing this every 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and we will only do it on special occasions, due to lack of participation.
- It's Tuesday – parish council has decided to continue for now; the next one will be at Barren's, November 8, 6:15 pm, game night w/covered dish dinner.

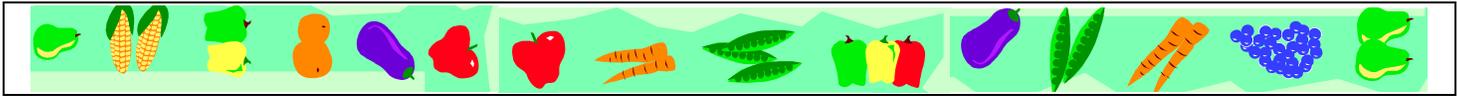
**New Business**

- Filey's may be using St John's building for services during Advent season; some consideration will be given to the rent portion. This has been tabled until next month depending on the final decision on this issue.
- Ellen suggested fundraisers, Sept. 17 a food stand at sale, (soup sale?) if not enough interest from Barren's congregation, we may make it a Parish event/fundraiser. Also, a jug/jar to drop change in for raising money for special goals, etc. (ex; "bell tower fund"). Also, Ellen will be retiring from flower orders for Christmas & Easter. We will need someone to replace her. Announcement will be in bulletin/newsletter.
- Pastor Roy suggested we get information on how to put heat on programming similar to A/C (only comes on certain times/days, etc.) Carl will check into the possibility of doing this.

Motion made by Kevin to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ellen. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, *Whitney Trump*, Council Secretary





**Emmanuel’s Council Meeting Minutes Summary**  
**(Full minutes posted in Church)**  
**August 2, 2011 at St. John’s**

**Members present:** Jack Zeigler, Charlie Rinehart, Wally Foreman, Pearl Foreman, Ron Henry, Carol Hefflefinger, Pastor Roy, Gail Stetler, Joan Hess, Ron Henry, and Rhetta Zeigler.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 as Pastor Roy opened with prayer. The Secretary's report was accepted by Pearl, seconded by Rhetta--motion carried. The Financial report was accepted by Charlie, seconded by Carol—the motion carried. The Pastors' Report was accepted by Carol, seconded by Joan, with the motion carrying.

**Old Business:**

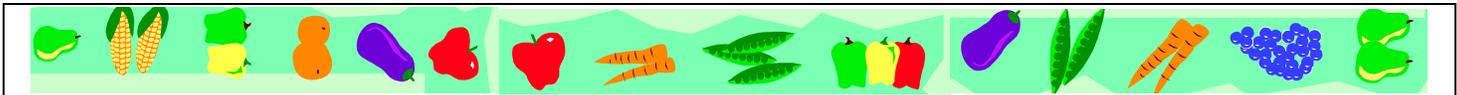
- Sand mound removal—Livingston/Dillsburg Septic offered approx. \$2,500 depending on how many dump truck loads are removed. Joan will pursue the question of soccer nets with Franklinton Borough. Council tabled the issue for next year's budget. Ron shared that insurance co. assured that if soccer nets were set up there would be no extra cost to the church—current liability would cover as is.
- Discussed costs for movie night rentals. Pastor Roy suggested borrowing projector and screen from St. Paul's and will further discuss with Charlie. Date: Sept. 2 @ 8:15. Ron will make signs, Joan will advertise in the Banner. Wally will check for Lion's electronic billboard on the square. Notify Borough we will close the street. Slight cost to cover copyright legalities.
- Firehall (room, refrigerator, tables) reserved for Pastor Naomi's farewell on 10/2 (by parish (?) donation). Table settings will be provided by Emmanuel.

**New Business:**

- Charlie asked the council to consider giving part of fundraisers to St. John's—council responded favorably.
- For Caring Closet on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Charlie volunteered to make soup for sale (\$3-\$4) by the quart. Perhaps sandwich sales as well in the future.

Motion to adjourn made by Pearl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan with the Lord's Prayer at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Gail Stetler*, Secretary

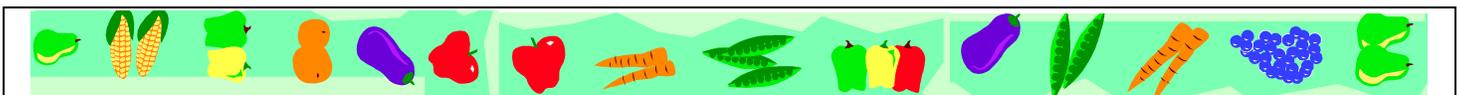


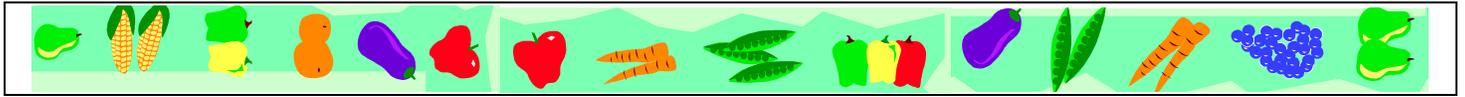
**St. John’s Franklin - Summary of Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2011 at St. John’s**

All members were present. Actions taken or discussions:

- Income and expense report for 1<sup>st</sup> half of year will be included in a letter.
- Cost cutting measures needed---temperature control, little warmer in summer, little cooler for winter, magazine subscription, lighting, etc.
- Workshop at Trinity, Camp Hill Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Elaine Fetro and Marlene Stiffler will attend.
- Future Worship schedule through May 2012 discussed and approved.
- Heritage Day Parish Worship Service October 16<sup>th</sup>, looking for a Fife and Drum group or fife player.
- Discussion for getting water to outside and the hot water heater, tabled for now.
- There will be future planning meetings for worship.
- Committed volunteers needed to assist with various duties.

Respectfully Submitted, *Gayle Kolivras*, Secretary





## **FULP Council Meeting Minutes Summary** **August 2, 2011 at St. John's**

**Members Present:** Pastor Naomi Carriker, Nancy Bobb, Gail Stetler, Amber Shearer, Jack Zeigler, Marlene Stiffler, President Clint Shearer, Gayle Kolivras, Mary Jo Rodriguez, Kevin Hoke, Pastor Roy Stetler, and Joan Hess. Visiting this evening is Emily Rodriguez.

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy Bobb - Joan made a motion to approve minutes and Mary Jo 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.

**Financial/Comptroller Report:** Amber Shearer - Total income for July was \$13,265.97 and expenses were \$12,544.95 with \$10,401.23 in checking account.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carl Shearer - Citizen's bank account is closed and everything transferred to PNC. All churches are paid. \$805.00 (well money) sent to Lutheran World Relief.

**Pastor's Report:** Posted for review in the churches. Members of council signed a thank-you card for Bishop Hoover.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Worship and Music:** Planned an Easter Cantata, Blessing of the animals will be the second Sunday in October.

Puppets: Christmas in July was held at Pinchot Park.

**Congregation Report:** Emmanuel is having a movie night on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:15 rain or shine. Homemade soup sale and Caring closet Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmanuel will rent Franklinton fire hall for Pastor Naomi's last day, 9:00am service with potluck following. Marlene made a motion to donate \$100.00 to fire hall and Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. St. John's needs your prayers for the future of their church. Heritage Day is on Oct.16, anyone interested in the past of our churches would enjoy this day. Come in costume of any era and participate in the fun.

**Youth:** Youth need to work on calendar and plan a girl's sleepover before September. It's Tuesday: Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> (Election Day) family game night.

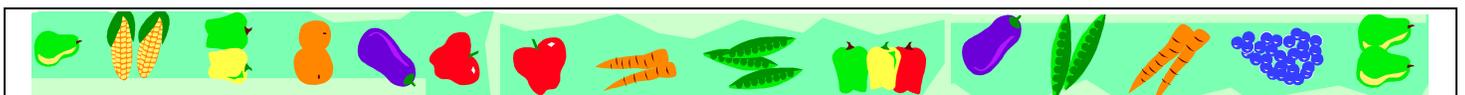
**Severance Letter:** Council reviewed three letters: Pastor Naomi's severance agreement, letter from council asking for Pastor Naomi's resignation, and Pastor Naomi's resignation letter. Pastor Naomi made a motion to accept the draft letters to her and Pastor Roy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Parish needs a new copier. Council will need to put in the budget a line item for this new copier. Council will discuss this at next meeting.
- Congregational vote: August 28<sup>th</sup> at each church. Pastor Naomi made these for our use. Parish needs 2/3 approval from each congregation. It is important that everyone attend and vote.
- Budget meeting is set for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 presidents and financial teams only, this is a tentative date.
- Council sang *happy birthday* to Pastor Roy.
- There's an idea still simmering of having a shared ministry with area churches that involves the youth of the community, maybe a coffee house. Joan made a motion to adjourn and Jack 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Next meeting September 6, 8:00PM at Barren's.

Respectfully Submitted, *Nancy Bobb*, Secretary



## September Parish Worship Leadership

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	Pastor Roy/Pastor Debbie	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Pastor Naomi
Sept. 18	Pastor Roy	Pastor Roy	Pastor Naomi
Sept. 25	Pastor Naomi/Pastor Roy	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

### Lector

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	Zach Zinn	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11	Amber Shearer	Deb Fager	Nancy Bobb
Sept. 18	Linda Gochenauer	Fay Fitton	Nancy Bobb
Sept. 25	TBD	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

### Acolyte/(Crucifer at Barren's)

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	N/A Outdoor Service	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11	Logan Racer/Gage Mummert	Carisa Harner	N/A
Sept. 18	Wade Kreider/TBD	Ethan Zeigler	N/A
Sept. 25	TBD/TBD	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

### Greeters/Ushers

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	Jack Zeigler & Norm Hess	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11	Dustin & Julia McKeever	Jack Zeigler & Norm Hess	Florence Kitner/Sandra Bachert
Sept. 18	Leon & Ada Grove	Jack Zeigler & Norm Hess	Florence Kitner/ Sandra Bachert
Sept. 25	Fred & Sophia Smith	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

### Altar Guild

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4 (green)	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11 (green)	Mary Lutz & Lois Diller	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Sandra & Clarence Bachert
Sept. 18 (green)	Mary Lutz & Lois Diller	Barb & Jack Zeigler	Sandra & Clarence Bachert
Sept. 25 (green)	Deb & Arlana Racer	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

### Flower Donors

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	N/A	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11	Tom & Deb Wolfgang	Judy & Lee Miller	Marlene Stiffler
Sept. 18	Bob & Linda Eline	Jane & Phil Zinn	N/A
Sept. 25	Dave & Pam Arndt	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

### Nursery

Date	Barren's	Emmanuel	St. John's Franklin
Sept. 4	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel	N/A	Parish Worship @ Emmanuel
Sept. 11	Arlene Myers	Joan Hess & Sabrina Zumbrum	N/A
Sept. 18	Pam Arndt	Carol Hefflefinger & Barb Zeigler	N/A
Sept. 25	Lori Ross	Parish Worship @ Barren's	Parish Worship @ Barren's

Parish, Pastors, Christian Holidays, US Holidays

Sep 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>28</p> <p>Parish Congregational Vote</p> <p>9am - E (Rev. Roy)</p> <p>10:30am - B (Rev. Naomi)</p> <p>10:45am - SJ (Rev. Roy)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7am - E &amp; SJ Council Meas @</p> <p>8am - Parish Council Mtna</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30am - Video Study Retreat</p> <p>7pm - Video Study Retreat</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am - Video Study Retreat</p> <p>6:30pm - E - Yoda Session Begins</p> <p>7pm - Video Study Retreat</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p> <p>8:15pm - E - Outdoor Movie</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am - E - Carina Closet</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9am - E - Outdoor Parish/Flw's</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11am - Dilisbure Ministerium</p> <p>7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal @</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm - rehears. for Sat. wed. @</p> <p>7:30pm - E - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>10</p> <p>B-Wedding /Franklntown UBY @</p> <p>10am - FULL/Flw's Church</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Patriot Day</p> <p>9am - E (Rev. Roy)</p> <p>10:30am - B (Rev. Roy)</p> <p>10:45am - SJ (Rev. Naomi)</p> <p>12pm - ABC Crew</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal @</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30pm - E - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am - E - Mues-N-Muffine @</p> <p>8am - Men's Breakfast @ Paul's</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9am - E (Rev. Roy)</p> <p>10:30am - B (Rev. Roy)</p> <p>10:45am - SJ (Rev. Naomi)</p> <p>2pm - Parish Youth Will Party</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Deadline for Newsletter</p> <p>International Talk Like a Pirate</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p> <p>7pm - Outreach Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Conference Ministerium</p> <p>7pm - B - Barren's Council Mtna.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal @</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30pm - E - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p> <p>6pm - Amish Style Dinner In</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>ABC Crew Celebration!</p> <p>10:30am - B - Parish Worship</p> <p>12pm - B - Parish Covered Dish</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Pastor Naomi's Sabbath</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7pm - B - Choir Rehearsal @</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30pm - E - Worship &amp; Music</p> <p>7:30pm - E - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pastor Roy's Sabbath</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - Birthday Party @ Church</p> <p>10am - E - Carina Closet</p> <p>7pm - E - Fall Music Fest @</p>

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