

# ***Jerusalem Lutheran Church***

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## ***February 2012***

### **A Message From The Council President**

New Year's is a time used by our society to mark change. It is the end of one time and the beginning of another. This is also true this year for our congregation. We are ending one part of our history, while at the same time looking forward to starting fresh again. An important part of this change will be finding a new pastor.

The council has appointed a call committee to go through the process of recommending a new pastor. These 6 people have the difficult job of representing our congregation and finding a pastor to serve us and the community. The committee of Jonathan Valori, Allen Greenawalt, Gary Reager, Pat Johns, Aubrey Werley, and Cheryl Feeser represent many different facets of our congregation. We have people who have been members since birth and those who came to our congregation from other places. We have people who are young and have just starting their journey as confirmed members, and also experienced members who have the wisdom of the past, as well as some that are in between. This group has been working on completing the profile of our church for a few weeks, and expects to begin receiving candidate names from Synod soon. As the call process moves forward, this group will need 100% of our support and prayers. This group will carefully consider candidates and look to the Lord for guidance in making their decision.

I want everyone to understand the entire call process. The first step of the process is to collect information about the needs of the congregation. This was done last year through surveys and the meeting with Pastor Shankweiler, who is the Schuylkill District Associate to the Bishop. A call committee is then appointed by the church council. Their first assignment is to complete the Ministry Site Profile which summarizes the results of the survey and gives a background of our congregation. This is reviewed by the council and given to Synod who uses the information to make a small book describing the church and what we are looking for in a pastoral candidate. The Synod team then will meet and try to provide our call committee with three candidates to consider. The committee will interview each candidate and have the opportunity to hear them perform a worship service. If the committee does not find a good candidate, Synod will try and provide three more candidates. However, if the committee unanimously agrees on a candidate, they are recommended to church council. The council and call committee then has the opportunity to interview the candidate and their spouse. If council votes to accept the candidate, arrangements are made for a special congregational meeting. Before the congregational meeting, a "meet and greet" session is held so the congregation can meet the candidate and their spouse. The candidate then leads worship right before the special meeting. After the worship is over, the congregation votes on accepting the new pastor. A 2/3 majority of votes is required to accept the new pastor. If the pastor is accepted, a transition plan is put together to install the new pastor. Again, I urge everyone to keep the call committee in your prayers. If you have any questions, please let me know.

God Bless,  
David

## **LENTEN WORSHIP DATES**

**Midweek Lenten Worship Dates:** The season of Lent will begin with **Ash Wednesday** on Wednesday, **February 22, 2012**. There will be two worship Services held at Jerusalem Lutheran, Schuylkill Haven on Ash Wednesday, at **12:00 noon and 7:00 pm**. Holy Communion will be celebrated and there will be the Imposition of ashes. The schedule for the remaining Midweek Lenten services, with sermon theme and dates follow below. These services, also, begin at **7:00 pm**.: All folks are invited to attend.

### **Midweek Lenten Schedule**

**“What Does This Mean?”  
(Matters Dealing with our Faith)  
February 29-Guilt  
March 7-Sin  
March 14-Repentance  
March 21-Forgiveness  
March 28-Hope**

**Gathering music will begin at 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m on Easter Sunday.**

**Our Holy Week Services in April will again feature special music by the musicians of Jerusalem and guest musicians. If you are interested in helping to fund any special music during Holy Week, please speak with Dwight Weaver, Organist/Choir Director**

## **Mid-Week Lenten Meals**

The Lenten season is fast approaching and we need some help with the Wednesday night Lenten meals. We need soups made....sandwiches made....and people to help serve. If you can just do one of these to help that would be great! Just let me know ASAP as I am trying to get a list of soups so we know what is being served each week and so we can try to have some different kinds of soups each week also. If you make a soup we would need to have a roaster full of soup and if you need a roaster we have some handy at the church to use. PLEASE contact me with any question and to let me know what you would like to help out with.

Here are the Wednesday night dates we need help with yet: March 7; March 14; March 21 and March 28

This is a great social gathering and outreach for our congregation members. Please come out and join us even if you are unable to help!

A good will offering is taken at these meals and this year we are going to designate each week where the funds will go: Vacation Bible School; Youth and Family; Mission Fund; Christian Education....

Love and blessings,  
Michelle

## **BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME????**

**WE HAVE AN ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL CHURCH HERE AT JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP THEM COMING BACK?**

**CHURCH IS NOT A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE HAVE TO COME. WE NEED TO MAKE IT A PLACE THEY WANT TO COME TO. WHAT IS IT THAT KEEPS YOU COMING BACK? IS IT BECAUSE YOU FEEL WELCOME AND YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE PART OF A SPECIAL FAMILY? OR IS IT BECAUSE IT IS WHERE YOU WERE BROUGHT UP AND YOU FEEL CERTAIN TIES TO JERUSALEM LUTHERAN? OR IS IT THAT YOU FEEL YOU CAN SIN ALL YOU WANT ALL WEEK AND THEN YOU CAN COME TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY AND REPENT ALL YOUR SINS AWAY? WHAT I FIND FUNNY IS “LUTHERANS” BECAME WHO THEY ARE DUE TO THE NEED FOR CHANGE, YET WE ARE EXTREMELY STUBBORN AND RESISTANT WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING CHANGES WITHIN OUR CHURCH. WE NEED TO REMEMBER NO MATTER WHAT CHANGES WE MAY CONSIDER OR MAKE WITHIN THE STRUCTURE AND SCHEDULE OF THE CHURCH AND WORSHIP SERVICE, THE ONE THING THAT REMAINS CONSTANT IS GOD’S LOVE FOR US.**

**THE GENERATION OF GROWING UP IN A SPECIFIC CHURCH AND HOLDING ONTO WHAT IS A TRADITION OR WHAT MAY BE COMFORTABLE IS COMING TO AN END, IF IT HASN’T ALREADY. WE NEED TO MAKE JERUSALEM LUTHERAN A HOME WHERE EVERYONE FEELS LIKE THEY ARE PART OF OUR FAMILY AND THEY WANT TO BE HERE. PEOPLE TODAY WHEN THEY VISIT A NEW CHURCH LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE TO WORSHIP ARE SEARCHING....BUT FOR WHAT? LOVE? COMFORT? BELONGING? SUPPORT?**

**A PLACE THEY CAN HELP KEEP THEIR FAITH STRONG AND BUILD UPON? WHAT IS IT THAT WE ALL LOOK FOR IN A CHURCH? ASK YOURSELF WHY ARE YOU HERE AT JERUSALEM, OR WHAT IS IT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR? WHAT IS IT YOU WANT FOR YOUR CHILDREN? WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR YOURSELF? TIMES HAVE CHANGED SO DRASTICALLY AND THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO KEEP THAT FROM HAPPENING. WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN IN ORDER TO ADAPT TO LIFE AND FAMILIES TODAY. GOD SHOULD BE HELD IN HIGHEST ESTEEM IN OUR LIVES, AT LEAST HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE. EVERY DECISION YOU MAKE AND EVERY THING YOU DO SHOULD BE PLEASING TO HIM. OUR LIVES SHOULD BE “CHRIST-CENTERED” FROM THE MOMENT WE AWAKE EACH MORNING UNTIL WE GO TO SLEEP EACH NIGHT. WE HAVE ALL LET THAT BE PUSHED ASIDE FROM TIME TO TIME AND WE, AS WELL AS OUR CHILDREN, ARE PAYING THE PRICE. EVERYONE NEEDS GOD. GOD IS LOVE! WE SHOULD BE REACHING OUT AND SHARING OUR LOVE OF GOD WITH EVERYONE.**

**GOD’S WORD IS VERY IMPORTANT. I, HOWEVER, WAS NEVER GOOD AT MEMORIZING THINGS SUCH AS SPECIFIC BIBLE VERSES OR WHERE CERTAIN STORIES CAN BE FOUND IN THE BIBLE. I FELT INADEQUATE AND THAT KEPT ME FROM BEING MORE INVOLVED IN MY CHURCH IN THE PAST. I DIDN’T FEEL LIKE I COULD TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL OR STAND UP FOR WHAT I BELIEVED IN BECAUSE I DIDN’T FEEL EDUCATED ENOUGH IN THE BIBLE. BUT I HAVE COME TO SEE THAT MEMORIZING WHAT IS IN THE BIBLE ISN’T WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO BE A LEADER IN THE CHURCH. IT IS NOT WHAT IS IN YOUR HEAD, BUT WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART THAT SETS YOU ON THE RIGHT PATH TO BEING THE CHRISTIAN SOUL GOD WANTS US TO BE. WE CALL OURSELVES CHRISTIANS, AND YET WE ARE SOME OF THE MOST JUDGMENTAL AND HYPOCRITICAL PEOPLE AROUND. WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE ANYONE? IS THAT FOR *EVERYONE*?**

**EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES AT SOME TIME IN THEIR LIVES, WE ARE ALL HUMAN. GOD FORGIVES US. HE SENT HIS ONLY SON TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. THAT DOESN'T GIVE ANYONE A PASS TO DO WHATEVER THEY WANT. WE ARE TO LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES AND LIVE OUR LIVES TO TRY TO BE MORE LIKE GOD, AND AGAIN WHAT IS GOD? GOD IS LOVE! WE NEED TO LEARN TO LOVE EVERYONE! WHAT IS LOVE? THE BIBLE SPECIFICALLY TELLS US: "LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND AND IS NOT JEALOUS; LOVE DOES NOT BRAG AND IS NOT ARROGANT."**

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4**

**WE NEED TO BE HAPPY TO SEE YOUTH AND FAMILIES HERE AT OUR CHURCH. WE NEED TO MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME, AND AS CHRISTIAN ADULTS WE NEED TO LOVE AND GUIDE OUR YOUTH INTO "GOD- LOVING" CHRISTIAN ADULTS. THEY STUDY THE BIBLE AND WHAT BEING LUTHERAN MEANS IN THEIR CONFIRMATION CLASSES. WE HAVE THREE OF THE BEST CONFIRMATION TEACHERS THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER. IS IT ONLY UP TO THOSE TEACHERS TO HELP OUR YOUTH GROW IN THEIR FAITH? ONCE CONFIRMED, SHOULD THE GROWTH STOP THERE? NO. WE AS A CONGREGATION ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP NURTURING OUR YOUTH SPIRITUALLY, AS WE NEED TO KEEP NURTURING AND BUILDING ON OUR OWN FAITH UNTIL OUR DAYS COME TO AN END. WE NEED TO CONSTANTLY BE STRIVING TO BE MORE LIKE GOD. WE ALL NEED TO LEARN TO REACH OUT - NOT JUST TO THE YOUTH, BUT TO OUR WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY - WITH LOVE, PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. NOBODY KNOWS WHAT THE NEXT PERSON IS GOING THROUGH IN THEIR LIVES. WE NEED TO STOP JUDGING EACH OTHER AND START LOVING AND APPRECIATING ONE ANOTHER. COMPLAINTS AND JUDGMENTS ARE SO EASILY MADE, WHICH, IN TURN DRIVES PEOPLE AWAY. TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT OTHERS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DOING. YOU CANNOT MAKE PEOPLE DO ANYTHING. I HAVE LEARNED THROUGHOUT MY YEARS HERE AT THE CHURCH TRYING TO GET EVENTS PLANNED AND PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IS VERY DIFFICULT. BUT I HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE HESITANT TO COME OUT TO HELP OR PARTICIPATE DUE TO THE WAY PEOPLE ARE TREATED BY OTHERS WITHIN THE CHURCH. WHEN SOMEONE VOLUNTEERS THEY ARE USUALLY TREATED DISRESPECTFULLY AND CRITICIZED FOR HOW THEY DO THINGS. INSTEAD, WE NEED TO LEARN TO BE APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR TIME AND ASSISTANCE AND ACCEPT EVERYONE FOR WHO THEY ARE. MANY YOUTH (AND SOME ADULTS) HAVE EXPRESSED FEAR TO ME TO LECTOR, ACOLYTE, USHER, ETC IN FEAR OF "BEING WRONG"! CAN'T WE PLEASE BE MORE PATIENT AND ACCEPTING? IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED OR ASSISTED THERE ARE TACTFUL AND COMPASSIONATE WAYS TO HANDLE IT. RUDELY CONFRONTING AND BEING DEMEANING WILL JUST PUSH THAT PERSON RIGHT OUT THE DOOR! IF THINGS LIKE THIS DO NOT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, THERE WILL BE NO "CHURCH" HERE IN THE FUTURE FOR ANY OF US TO ATTEND. WE BUILT THE CHURCH BUT IF WE CONTINUE TRAVELING DOWN THE ROAD WE ARE ON, THEY WILL NOT COME!**

**WE NEED TO MAKE JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH A LOVING, COMFORTING, ACCEPTING SANCTUARY OF GOD – A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE'S NEEDS CAN BE FULFILLED.**

**ONE QUESTION WE NEED TO PLANT IN OUR MINDS EVERY TIME WE GO TO REACT TO A SITUATION OR PROBLEM IS: WWJD(WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?). AM I RIGHT? IF WE ARE TRULY STRIVING TO BE MORE GOD-LOVING AND GOD-PLEASING, THEN WE NEED TO PROCEED WITH PATIENCE, FORGIVENESS, AND LOVE.**

**MICHELLE**

**PASTORAL ACTS**

**BAPTISM**

ANDREW DANIEL MUNDY  
JANUARY 22, 2012

**WEDDING**

TRAVIS & ALLISON (TOBASH) MILLER  
JANUARY 1, 2012

**FUNERAL**

ARLINA C. BERGER  
JANUARY 10, 2012

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DECEMBER 2011**

**BENEVOLENCE**

**ACTUAL**  
\$1,422.00

**BUDGETED**  
\$1,250.00

**LAST YEAR**  
\$1,050.00

**WEEKLY CURRENT**

**ACTUAL**  
\$10,951.00

**BUDGETED**  
\$22,716.00

**LAST YEAR**  
\$11,920.00

**BUILDING FUND BALANCE**

\$8,364.17



## **YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS AND UPDATES**

\* **JANUARY 2011 – BEARS OF LOVE CRUSADE THRU FEBRUARY 13.** CONGREGATION MEMBERS BRING IN SMALL STUFFED BEARS, TOILETRIES, AND BAGS OF HARD CANDY TO SIT IN THE PEWS AND THEN THEY WILL GET DONATED TO OUR TROOPS OVER SEAS.

\* **FEBRUARY 5TH – SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – CHILI COOK-OFF.** AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE. ENTER YOUR BEST CHILI AND OR DESSERT TO BE JUDGED AND PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR EACH CATEGORY. SIGN UPS IN THE NARTHEX.

\* **FEBRUARY 12TH – LYF BOARD MEETING FROM 2-5PM.** MEETING IN SOCIAL HALL. LYF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND BOARD MEMBERS MEET FOR THEIR BI-MONTHLY MEETING.

\* **FEBRUARY 21ST – 6PM – 1ST VBS MEETING OF THE YEAR! THEME IS HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION.**

\* **FEBRUARY 26TH – PIE TOSS – IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE.** THOSE WHO SOLD THE REQUIRED AMOUNT OF PEANUT BUTTER CUPS LAST YEAR WILL FINALLY GET THEIR CHANCE TO PIE, CHRIS EBLING, GARY REAGER, MICHELLE MOON, OR DWIGHT WEAVER. PARTICIPANT'S WHO QUALIFY WILL BE NOTIFIED. KICK OFF FOR NEW ORDER TAKING!

\* **FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 18 – PEANUT BUTTER CUP ORDERS ARE TAKEN.**

\* **FEBRUARY 29 – LENTEN MEAL 6PM, LENTEN SERVICE 7PM**

\* **MARCH 7 – LENTEN MEAL 6PM, LENTEN SERVICE 7PM**

\* **MARCH 14 – LENTEN MEAL 6PM, LENTEN SERVICE 7PM**

\* **MARCH 21 – LENTEN MEAL 6PM, LENTEN SERVICE 7PM**

\* **MARCH 25-31 – MAKING OF PEANUT BUTTER CUPS – 6-9PM MAKING PEANUT BUTTER CUPS. LAST YEAR WE SOLD OVER 500 LBS. CAN WE BEAT IT????**

\* **MARCH 28 – LENTEN MEAL 6PM, LENTEN SERVICE 7PM**

\* **APRIL 1 – PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST – YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVE THE CONGREGATION BREAKFAST FROM 8-10AM. \$5.50 PER ADULT \$3.50 FOR 5-12 YEARS AND UNDER 5 FREE.**

\* **MAY – EARTH DAY AT BEAR CREEK – MORE INFO TO FOLLOW**

\* **MAY 13TH – CONFIRMATION PRACTICE FOR 8 TH GRADERS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

\* **MAY 20TH – 8 TH GRADE STUDENTS GET CONFIRMED AT THE 10:30 SERVICE. PLEASE BE THERE BY 9:30AM FOR PICTURES!! SOCIAL HOUR WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.**

\* **JUNE 3 – GRADUATION SUNDAY. GRADUATES GET ACKNOWLEDGED AT 10:30 SERVICE.**

\* **JUNE 27-JUNE 30 - CREATIONFEST – AGAPE FARM, MOUNT UNION, PA. NATIONS LARGEST CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL. WE WILL BE CAMPING OUT IN TENTS FOR 3 NIGHTS AND WILL NEED CHAPERONES. THIS IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN COMING....WELCOME FAMILIES!**



**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** HUGH DAULLARY, MIKE SAUSSER, LOU GEARY, PAT JOHNS, CHRIS EBLING, JEFF SMITH, KAY HRANICHNY, LEE MILLER, CHARLES BUEHLER AND JOANNE NAGLE.

OPENING DEVOTIONS WERE LED BY CHRIS EBLING.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, HUGH DAULLARY, VICE-PRESIDENT PRESIDED. NEW COUNCIL MEMBER PAT JOHNS WAS WELCOMED INTO COUNCIL. THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY LOU GEARY AND SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS REVIEWED BY CHARLES BUEHLER WITH THE GROUP. HE STATED THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN FULL THE INHERITANCE FROM THE ROGER HORNBERGER ESTATE. THE REPORT WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY ON A MOTION BY LOU GEARY AND SECONDED BY LEE MILLER.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**YOUTH & FAMILY** – HEATHER MOON AND KYLE DAULLARY WENT TO THE DEDICATION OF THE LUTHERAN CENTER IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011. IT WAS THE DEDICATION SERVICE AND SOCIAL FOR THE NEW NEPA SYNOD OFFICE. COMMENTS WERE MADE ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL IT WAS TO SEE THEIR REPRESENTATION.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – NO REPORT

**HELPFUL HANDS** – NO REPORT

**CHILD CARE BOARD** – NO REPORT

**STEWARDSHIP** – NO REPORT

**EVANGELISM** – NO REPORT

**PROPERTY** – MIKE REPORTED THAT THE HEATER IN THE HALLWAY WON'T TURN AND IT MUST BE REPORTED TO PROPERTY..

**PERSONNEL** – AN EVALUATION WAS DONE LAST MONTH WITH MIKE SAUSSER AND EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING ALONG VERY WELL. WE ARE WAITING FOR DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL REGARDING HIRING BLYTH CLEANING SERVICES FROM PINE GROVE TO COME IN A COUPLE OF TIMES A YEAR TO GIVE THE CHURCH A THOROUGH CLEANING.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC** - THINK WE NEED A BETTER SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARISHIONERS. THEY SAY THE WEBSITE HAS NOT BEEN KEPT UP AND MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AGAIN. SOME DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS TOOK PLACE BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** - ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

**CEMETERY** – NO REPORT

**EXECUTIVE** – NO REPORT

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COMMUNITY MEAL** – STILL ON HOLD. HAVE HAD MANY MEMBERS SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE MEALS BUT HAVE NO ONE WILLING TO TAKE CHARGE. WORKING ON THIS.  
**2012 BUDGET APPROVED BY CONGREGATION** - THE 2012 BUDGET WAS APPROVED AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WITH NO DISPUTES.

**CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP SELECTION UPDATE – DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, NO INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNSELING – ROUND 2 - MUST FIND OUT IF ANY MEMBERS THINK ANOTHER SESSION IS NEEDED TO COUNSEL PARISHIONERS WHO WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY DUE TO PASTOR BELL’S PROBLEMS AND RESIGNATION.**

**WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION INSURANCE CHANGE - THE CHURCH HAD TO CHANGE OUR COMPENSATION INSURANCE FROM PFLEUGER’S INSURANCE TO THE STATE WORKMEN’S COMPENSATION. THE CHURCH HAS HAD EXCESSIVE USE OF THE COMPENSATION DUE TO A LENGTHY AND EXPENSIVE CLAIM FROM CHILD CARE AND THE ACCIDENT WITH PASTOR BELL. THEY COULD NO LONGER COVER US. THE NEW PLAN WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2012.**

**MEMBER EXPLORING US MILITARY DONATIONS – INFORMATION COMING  
REQUEST SOCIAL HALL & KITCHEN FOR FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> OR 11<sup>TH</sup>. - ORIGINALLY DENIED AFTER DISCUSSION BECAUSE MEMBERS PRESENT FELT WE NEVER APPROVED THE CHURCH FOR THIS USE. LOU GEARY MADE THE MOTION AND IT WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING TO DENY. MOTION CARRIED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE MEMBER OPPOSED.**

**COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT AT JANUARY MEETING - NEW MEMBERS – PAT JOHNS AND JOEL KOCH – WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING  
CALL COMMITTEE STEPS – NO NEWS AVAILABLE DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.**

**SERVICES NEW YEARS DAY - BECAUSE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON NEW YEARS DAY, MIKE SAUSSER WILL FIND COMMUNION USHERS THAT MORNING. TWO SERVICES WILL BE HELD.**

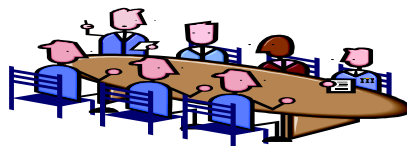
**A THANK YOU WAS GIVEN TO JOANNE NAGLE, MARK CONVILLE AND MICHELLE ZIMMERMAN FOR THEIR SERVICE ON COUNCIL.**

**COMMENTS: LEE MILLER BROUGHT UP THE IDEA TO GET SOME KIND OF A BUZZER OR SOMETHING TO NOTIFY MARIE WHEN SOMEONE ENTERS THE CHURCH. SHE IS ALWAYS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS IN THE OFFICE AND HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING IF ANYONE IS AROUND. IT WAS DECIDED TO LOOK INTO WORKING WITH CHILD CARE AS THEY DO HAVE CAMERAS AND A BUZZER WHERE PEOPLE MUST BUZZ TO GET IT. WILL DISCUSS FURTHER.**

**HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITH RECITING THE LORD’S PRAYER ON A MOTION MADE BY LOU GEARY AND SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**JOANNE NAGLE, RECORDING SECRETARY**



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2012**

**THOSE PRESENT WERE: DAVID BRESSLER, CHARLES BUEHLER, HUGH DAULLARY, CHRIS EBLING, LOU GEARY, PAT JOHNS, KAY HRANICHAY, LEE MILLER, MIKE SAUSSER, AND JEFF SMITH. JOEL KOCH WAS EXCUSED DUE TO ILLNESS. ANGIE WEISER WAS ABSENT.**

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7PM BY DAVID BRESSLER.**

**OPEN DEVOTIONS WERE LED BY HUGH DAULLARY.**

**MELISSA HAYDT, DIAKON LIFE SERVICES, LED A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE STATE OF EMOTION BOTH FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE CONGREGATION AS A WHOLE BASED ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEAR. SEVERAL PEOPLE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE TIMES SHE WAS AT THE CHURCH. IT WAS DECIDED TO KEEP MELISSA'S INFORMATION AVAILABLE IF OTHERS STILL NEEDED TO DISCUSS THEIR REACTIONS TO PASTOR BELL LEAVING.**

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR 2012 WERE HELD. DAVID BRESSLER WAS NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT BY PAT JOHNS AND THE NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING. DAVID ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE AND NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND DAVID WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT. HUGH DAULLARY WAS NOMINATED FOR VICE-PRESIDENT BY PAT JOHNS AND THE NOMINATION WAS SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING. HUGH ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE AND NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED AND HUGH WAS ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT. NO NOMINATIONS WERE ACCEPTED FOR SECRETARY. THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN IN FEBRUARY WHEN THE WHOLE COUNCIL IS PRESENT.**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE REVIEWED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY JEFF SMITH AND SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING TO ACCEPT THEM AS SUBMITTED. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**THE TREASURER'S REPORT WAS REVIEWED WITH CHARLES BUEHLER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY LOU GEARY AND SECONDED BY LEE MILLER TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS SUBMITTED SUBJECT TO AUDIT. A COPY OF THE REPORT IS ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A) YOUTH & FAMILY – REPORT ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES**
- B) CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- C) HELPFUL HANDS – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- D) CHILD CARE BOARD – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- E) STEWARDSHIP – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- F) EVANGELISM – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- G) PROPERTY – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- H) PERSONNEL – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- I) WORSHIP & MUSIC – REPORT ATTACHED TO OFFICIAL MINUTES**
- J) SOCIAL MINISTRY – NO REPORT AVAILABLE**
- K) CEMETERY – REPORT ATTACHED TO OFFICIAL MINUTES**
- L) EXECUTIVE – NO MEETING WAS HELD**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) THE COMMUNITY MEAL REMAINS ON HOLD. COUNCIL WILL HAVE ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT PUT IN THE BULLETIN LOOKING FOR A COMMITTEE LEADER TO TAKE OVER ORGANIZATION OF THIS EVENT.
- 2) THE CALL COMMITTEE HAD THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH PASTOR SHANKWEILER AND SETUP TIMES TO COMPLETE THE MINISTRY SITE PROFILE. CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE JONATHAN VALORI (CHAIRPERSON), ALLEN GREENWALT, GARY REAGER, CHERYL FEESER, PAT JOHNS (COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE & SECRETARY), AND AUBREY WERLEY.
- 3) THE CHURCH'S OFFICIAL NONPROFIT STATUS PAPERWORK WAS SHARED WITH A MEMBER LOOKING TO SEE IF US MILITARY DONATIONS FROM CLOSED FACILITIES COULD BE USED IN THE BUILDING.
- 4) THE CHURCH CHANGED WORKMAN COMPENSATION INSURANCE PROVIDERS. OUR PREVIOUS PROVIDER DROPPED US DUE TO A HIGH NUMBER OF CLAIMS FROM THE CHURCH AND DAYCARE.
- 5) OVER THE HOLIDAYS A FEW MEMBERS NEEDED ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD AND BILLS. \$90 WAS SPENT OUT OF THE DISCRETIONARY FUND AND SOME OF THE COMMUNITY MEAL FOOD WAS PROVIDED TO TWO FAMILIES.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) COUNCIL HAD TO FILL A 1 YEAR TERM LEFT OPEN BY THE RESIGNATION OF MICHELLE ZIMMERMAN. GARRIN LEYMEISTER WAS NOMINATED BY LOU GEARY AND SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING. GARRIN ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION VIA PHONE. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE SO THE MOTION CARRIED TO ELECT GARRIN TO A 1 YEAR TERM.
- 2) COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION FOR 2012. THE UPDATED LIST IS ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.
- 3) COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR DEVOTIONS/TIMEKEEPER FOR 2012. THE UPDATED LIST IS ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.
- 4) THE MINISTRY SITE PROFILE WILL BE REVIEWED BY COUNCIL AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IN FEBRUARY.
- 5) A MOTION WAS MADE TO MAKE THE PURSE SALE AN ANNUAL FUND RAISER FOR THE YOUTH BY PAT JOHNS AND SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING. THE MOTION CARRIED.
- 6) CORRESPONDENCE WAS REVIEWED AS FOLLOWS. A REQUEST FOR A NON-PROFIT GROUP TO USE THE SOCIAL HALL FOR A TRAINING SEMINAR WAS APPROVED FOR THE NORMAL RENTAL FEE. A BLOOD DRIVE REQUEST FOR THE SOCIAL HALL FOR FEBRUARY 25TH BY DON NETTLES WAS APPROVED, BUT MARIE WILL CHECK IS A DIFFERENT DAY THAN SATURDAY WOULD WORK. THE GIRL SCOUT TROOP REQUESTED TO USE THE SOCIAL HALL AND KITCHEN ON MARCH 20TH FOR A BANQUET. THE SOCIAL HALL USE WAS APPROVED, BUT THE KITCHEN USE WAS DENIED UNLESS A CHURCH GROUP (HELPFUL HANDS) WOULD RUN. A REQUEST FOR A WEDDING IN THE SANCTUARY FOR OCTOBER 6TH, WITH REV. HAROLD HAND PRESIDING WAS APPROVED. A PERSON INTERESTED IN OUR PASTORAL OPENING WAS REFERRED TO THE SYNOD TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION. A NOTE OF APPRECIATION WAS RECEIVED FROM MARIE FOR HER SERVICE ANNIVERSARY GIFT PROVIDED FROM THE COUNCIL FLOWER FUND.

**COMMUNION USHERS**

<b>JANUARY 15 –</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>CHRIS EBLING TBD</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>LOU GEARY HUGH DAULLARY</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 5 –</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>JEFF SMITH TBD</b>
	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>LOU GEARY DAVID BRESSLER</b>

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER ON A MOTION MADE BY JEFF SMITH AND SECONDED BY CHRIS EBLING.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
DAVID BRESSLER  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS - 2012

1 <sup>ST</sup>	PHIL KEIL		LYNN MORGAN	19 <sup>TH</sup>	DONALD HANCOCK
	DAVID RICHARD, JR.	10 <sup>TH</sup>	HAYLEY MOYER	20 <sup>TH</sup>	ABIGAIL JEFFERSON
2 <sup>ND</sup>	PAT JOHNS		JEFF DUDLEY		JOLYNN ROSS
3 <sup>RD</sup>	ROSEMARY BIEVER	11 <sup>TH</sup>	KALEIGH WOLESCHOK	21 <sup>ST</sup>	SUE GEHRIG
5 <sup>TH</sup>	HEIDI TOBASH		MEGAN DITZLER		CASSANDRA BROZANA
	BRETT RENNINGER		KATHY HOWELL		STEPHANIE MINTON
6 <sup>TH</sup>	THOMAS SCOTT	12 <sup>TH</sup>	ALYSSA ARNDT		CLARENCE ZWEIZIG, SR.
	JORDAN		DOROTHY URFFER	22 <sup>ND</sup>	HARVEY COOPER
	McCLINTOCK				
7 <sup>TH</sup>	TYLER ALLAN		DIANE BUFFINGTON	23 <sup>RD</sup>	EDWARD MOYER
	NANCY COOPER		LINDA COLLINS		SUE EBLING
	SHARI PHILLIPS		PEG PENNYPACKER	24 <sup>TH</sup>	JULIE WILMAN
	KAREN DUDLEY	13 <sup>TH</sup>	DEANNA CARL		LESTER AUNGST, IV
	KEVIN COLEMAN	14 <sup>TH</sup>	SHARON MOORE		CHRISTOPHER BLUGIS
8 <sup>TH</sup>	DOROTHY REBER		JESSICA NAGLE	25 <sup>TH</sup>	RYAN PHILIPS
	SHIRLEY LENGEL		SHANNON	27 <sup>TH</sup>	LEW WATKINS
			NEISWINDER		
	BRUCE MARSHALL	16 <sup>TH</sup>	NANCY BLANK	28 <sup>TH</sup>	KATIE HAUSENAUER
9 <sup>TH</sup>	HELEN NOECKER		NATHAN AUGUSTINE	29 <sup>TH</sup>	JOHN CHALLENGER
	BERYL SCHAEFFER	17 <sup>TH</sup>	RACHEL KEHRER		
	BETH BRESSLER	18 <sup>TH</sup>	CAROL SCHWEIGERT		
	KIMBERLY ZULICK		CINDY HECKROTE		

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS - 2012

1 <sup>ST</sup>	ALLEN GREENAWALT	11 <sup>TH</sup>	JANEL BENSINGER	18 <sup>TH</sup>	RAELINN ECKERT
	DALE ZULICK	12 <sup>TH</sup>	MARIA FITTOS		JOSHUA STOYER
2 <sup>ND</sup>	BRADLEY ALLEN		RANDY HILLBISH	19 <sup>TH</sup>	SHANE MOYER
	SARAH PERSONETTE		JACQUELINE FINK	22 <sup>ND</sup>	LINDA BADGER
3 <sup>RD</sup>	WAYNE YEAGER		CRAIG HOWELL		KELSI PFLUEGER
	AUBREY WERLEY	14 <sup>TH</sup>	ALISHA EBLING		EMILY HEYDT
	KRISTA SAUSSER	13 <sup>TH</sup>	OLIVER LAUBENSTINE		BILL ARDNT
4 <sup>TH</sup>	KRISTINA LEHMAN		JOY HEFFNER	25 <sup>TH</sup>	RUTH MENGEL
5 <sup>TH</sup>	MIKE SAUSSER	15 <sup>TH</sup>	CYNTHIA RHEN	26 <sup>TH</sup>	LINDA SMITH
6 <sup>TH</sup>	JEFF BROMWELL		LISA BERNADYN	27 <sup>TH</sup>	MARLA FREIWALD
	JACOB EDWARDS		TAYVON CAMPBELL		ROBERT BRISH
7 <sup>TH</sup>	LAURA MILLER		MICHAEL LEPERA	28 <sup>TH</sup>	LUKE SMITH
	WANDA HILLBISH	16 <sup>TH</sup>	JOHN WOLESCHOK		VICTORIA MOYER
	KEITH COLLER	17 <sup>TH</sup>	KATHY BROMWELL		JAYDEN EUBANKS
	CHARLES STOPP		VICTORIA TROUT	30 <sup>TH</sup>	TABITHA KARPOVICH
	BARBARA STOPP		ANDREW FINK		MARIE SCHULTZ
9 <sup>TH</sup>	JODI TRAPANI		TABITHA BOWEN	31 <sup>ST</sup>	ANN SCHRACK
11 <sup>TH</sup>	JOHN MILLER, JR.		BETH BIEVER		ABAGAE WOLESCHOK



## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES - 2012**

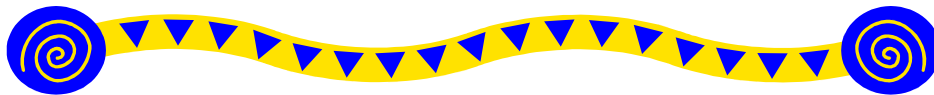
1<sup>st</sup> JOHN & BEVERLY GRADWELL  
2<sup>nd</sup> DAVID & JANENE DITZLER  
6<sup>th</sup> SCOTT & KRISTEN GREENAWALT  
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27<sup>th</sup> KEITH & CHRISSEY SCHWEIGERT

## **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES - 2012**

4<sup>TH</sup> GLENN & JANET SATTIZAHN, JR.  
6<sup>TH</sup> DAVID & ANGELA WEISER  
6<sup>TH</sup> RICHARD & WALLY FOOSE  
6<sup>TH</sup> PHIL & MARY KEIL

8<sup>TH</sup> BRUCE & REBECCA MARSHAL  
13<sup>TH</sup> ANDREW & SANDRA KAWCZYNSKI. II  
30<sup>TH</sup> ROBERT & KAREN BAESSLER



### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

IF THERE IS ANYONE WHO HAS A NEED FOR THEIR YEARLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2011, PLEASE CALL KAREN OCHENRIDER AT 385-2719 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 385-2657 .

#### **HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS**

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE UP CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS AND NEEDY. ITEMS REQUESTED ARE PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, SALTINES, GRANOLA-BARS, POP-TARTS, SOCKS, GLOVES, HATS, BLANKETS, SCARVES. ETC. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL HEATHER MOON AT 573-6096 OR 385-3836.

#### **BEARS OF LOVE CRUSADE**

THE "BEARS OF LOVE CRUSADE" BEINGS NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. DONATIONS OF **SMALL** STUFFED BEARS, TOILETRIES AND BAGS OF HARD CANDY ARE TO BE PLACED IN THE PEWS AND THEN THEY WILL BE DONATED TO OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS. WE MUST ALWAYS TRY TO SHOW HOW MUCH WE CARE.