



The Transformer

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New Year's Resolution List

Jesus said, *Love one another...* (John 13:34).

It is not uncommon for many people to make a New Year's resolution list. Have you made your list yet for 2012?

As we begin a new year we tend to seek ways to better ourselves in order to make the next year a little better (or a lot better) than the previous year. The beginning of the year brings hope and possibilities for a fresh start and a new beginning in so many ways.

Making a New Year's resolution list and committing to doing what's on that list, can help make us better people and make the people around us better too. What's on your list for 2012?

According to TIME Magazine, the most commonly broken New Year's resolutions include:

- Lose Weight and Get Fit
- Quit Smoking
- Learn Something New
- Eat Healthier and Diet
- Get Out Of Debt and [Save Money](#)

So I would suggest avoid putting any of these on your list this year... or if you do, realize the challenge you have set for yourself may work against you.

Clint Arthur who wrote "The Last Year of Your Life: Personal Transformation Experience" offers a *5-Step ALIVE Formula* for making amazing New Year's resolutions:

Awareness of what behavior or trait you want to eliminate and/or create.

Let Go of past mistakes – don't beat yourself up, rather focus on positive results.

Inspire yourself with an exciting and creative goal that will guide you.

Visualize what it will take to achieve your goal.

Energize for the journey to your goal with 3-D Energy: physical, mental, emotional.

For more tips, visit [Clint online](#) at: http://www.thelastyearofyourlife.com/The_Last_Year_Of_Your_Life/Welcome.html

As you consider your New Year's resolution list for 2012 consider this list of famous New Year's resolution quotes:

- Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. ~Benjamin Franklin
- Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850
- For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await an other voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning. ~T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"
- Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.
~Oscar Wilde
- I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the year's ~Henry Moore
- Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. ~Bill Vaughan

- Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average ... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution. ~Jay Leno
- The old year has gone. Let the dead past bury its own dead. The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months! ~Edward Payson Powell
- Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right. ~Oprah Winfrey

For more checkout the Webpage: <http://www.123newyear.com/newyear-resolutions/>

Well... I re-read over this list of famous quotes and I suddenly realized that I haven't made my New Year's resolution list yet. So I need to go now and work on my list of resolutions for 2012...

As we say, "Goodbye" to 2011 and "Hello" to 2012 may God bless you in countless ways this year. And whatever list you live by, may you be inspired to live by the ways of Christ Jesus our Lord. He lived by a one word list – *love*.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Miller



Congregational Meeting

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 8 at 10 A.M. in the sanctuary for approval of 2012 Congregational Spending Plan. Copies are available outside the church office. A narrative budget will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, February 12. Committee chairpersons annual reports are due in the church office by **FEBRUARY 1**.

On January 1, 2012 you can tune in to WLBR to participate in worship via our radio ministry. We format broadcast on the 9 A.M. contemporary worship.



JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 AM— Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM— Traditional Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 7 PM—Adult Choir	5 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir	6	7
8 9 AM— Contemporary Worship 10 AM— Congregation Budget Meeting 10:30 AM— Traditional Worship	9 7 PM—Property Committee	10	11 9 AM—Women Sew 7 PM—Adult Choir	12 6 PM—Youth Par- ents Info Meeting 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir	13	14
15 9 AM— Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM— Traditional Worship	16 Deadline for newsletter articles 7 PM—Women of ELCA—Parlor	17	18 7 PM—Adult Choir	19 6:45 PM—Church Council 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir	20	21
22 9 AM— Service of the Word 10:30 AM— Traditional Worship	23	24	25 9 AM—Women Sew 7 PM—Adult Choir	26 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Choir	27 6:30 PM— Children’s Ministry Dinner—Fellowship Hall	28
29 9 AM— Contemporary Worship 10:30 AM— Traditional Worship	30	31				

DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP

For some of us, the approaching New Year's holiday may prompt us to take stock of all we've accomplished (or not accomplished) during the previous year. Others may use the holiday to think about all the things they hope to achieve in the coming year. No matter what your approach to the holiday is.... we are reminded that New Years symbolizes rebirth and renewal. The road to rebirth and renewal is part of our life's journey.

In Titus 3:5

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy, he saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit"

I find true hope and direction in these words and know that because of His love for me and His mercy my year will have direction and promise. Wishing you and your family a very Happy New Year!! May He bless you with peace, hope, and love in the coming 2012 year.

Christ's Peace

Valerie

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, who unto this son hath given, while angels sing with tender mirth, a glad new year to all the earth". ~Martin Luther

Thanking God for you....and for what you've done! We are so grateful for the cards, food, visits and kind gestures shown to us during the recent death of my mother, Doris Hauck.

May the Lord repay you for what you have done.

Ruth 2:12.

Many Thanks; Robert & Valerie Hauck



On Sunday, January 1, food will be collected for the Lebanon County Food Bank. All gifts are welcomed. There is a need for instant mashed potatoes, canned potatoes, cold cereal, 18 oz. jams & jellies, 5 oz. canned chicken, 12 oz. Spam, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toiletries.



Do you know anyone coming home from the hospital at Friedens, who will be homebound for one or two weeks and in need for meals? Please call Joanne at 717-628-1211 to schedule the meals. THANKS!

Thank You

Dear Friedens Family,
I recently had rotator cuff surgery and besides my wonderful family I received great help from you, my church

family. I am so blessed. Thank you for your visits, cards, food, calls and transportation. A special thank you to Pastor Rob for your visit. Also, thank you to Sister Janice for giving me a Prayer Shawl and I thank the person who made it.

Prayerfully,
Lola Kline

OUR GIFT to Nueva Esperanza was sent recently. Friedens' congregation generously gave \$2,515.00 for school tuition for our sister parish there. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause. Anyone who still wishes to contribute may do so by marking an envelope or check with "El Salvador tuition". A monetary gift will again be sent in spring of 2012.

SHUT-INS BIRTHDAYS

January 13
Mrs. Arlene Billman
1009 Horseshoe Circle
Lebanon, PA 17042

January 20
Mrs. Elsie Troutman
Cornwall Manor
1 Boyd Street
Cornwall, PA 17016



JANUARY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DINNER

Friday, January 27, 6:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Once again we will gather for sharing and fellowship. We plan to

discuss curriculum ideas.

All current teachers, helpers, nursery and those interested in serving in this great mission are invited! Bring your ideas and appetites.

Please RSVP by January 20th to Lynn Appleby at appleby@comcast.net or 717-304-9580.



OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

November 2011

				% of Budget
Current Budget	Goal	\$29,428.00	Goal to Date	83%
\$353,139.00	Rec'd	\$26,501.00	Rec'd to Date	
Spang Crest	Rec'd	88.00	Rec'd to Date	761.00
Hunger	Rec'd	295.00	Rec'd to Date	3,783.00



WORSHIP SERVICES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2012

We've been blessed to be a blessing. Having been changed by the love of God through the gospel, it is our duty and our delight to share that love with our neighbor. Faith is more caught than taught, and genuine relationship is God's method of furthering the Kingdom.

January 8: *Think Again* Matthew 28:18 - 20

Evangelism is one of the most misunderstood words in the Christian vocabulary, and some of our misunderstandings keep us from ever giving it a try. We'll dispel the myths and discover that evangelism is more engaging and mysterious than we ever imagined.



January 15: *Dig Deep* Ephesians 2: 1-14

We could just do it because Jesus told us to, but God longs for our heart more than our obedience. The truth is, we won't spread God's love until we discover the delight of faith in our own lives.

January 22: *Look Around* Mark 1:16-20

You'd like to share the good news, but you don't know anyone who isn't a Christian already? Look through these lenses and you'll discover you're surrounded daily by people Jesus died to reach through you.

January 29: *Reach Out* John 15:12-17

More often than not, faith is caught, not taught, through a relationship. Genuine friendships are bridges to the faith.

February 5: *Open Up* Acts 9:1-18

We all have a story to tell about what God has done in and through us in life, but not all of us believe that our stories carry God's power. Our lives are the canvas upon which God's story is painted for others to see. This good news that Jesus came to proclaim sets all people free for abundant, joyful living right here and right now!

February 12: *Take a Breath* 1 Corinthians 3:6-11

Faith is built in God's time, not ours. That's part of the mystery. Patience, prayer, and love are the labor of those who partner with God in building the Kingdom.

February 19: *Live It* John 15

How does knowing what I know about God's plan for the world affect my daily lifestyle? How do I maintain and sustain living out a vital faith that makes a difference in the world? We'll consider how we live the faith.



JANUARY EDITION OF FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH OF YOU ARE THERE:

Vol. 34, No. 1 January 1, 1961: Pastor George Felder, Jr. of New Cumberland will officiate at our communion Service today. He has conducted services in the old building but this will be among the first of his services in the new edifice. We welcome him most heartily.

The Annual Service for the burning of the greens in Myerstown will be held this coming Saturday, January 7, 1961 at 6:15 P.M. at the recreational area as in former years. The Rev. Alan Whitacre pastor of the Brethren church will be the speaker.

Vol. 34, No. 2 January 7, 1961: The acolyte today is Norman Garlin. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Tuesday evening January 24 and will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 o'clock. Please encircle the date upon your calendar and plan to be present. Treasurers of the organizations associated with Friedens are requested to hand in their reports to the Pastor by January 16. The leader of each organization is also reminded to be prepared to give a very brief report.

The Treasurer, Henry F. Albert reported that the contributions to the Building Fund last week totaled \$1,214.65.

Vol. 34, No. 3 January 15, 1961: Calendar for the Week, Today, 6:30 P.M. Luther League Meeting in the Young People's Room. The topic will be presented by Sylvia Yeakley.

The Mission Rally for the Luther League of the Eastern Penna. Conference will be held next Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 in Shell Lutheran Church, Shellsville. Dr. Luther Gotwald will be the speaker. We trust that Friedens will be represented at this rally.

Vol. 34, No. 4 January 22, 1961: Friedens Men were well represented at the recent quarterly meeting in St. James Lutheran Church, Lebanon, by the following: Claude Heilman, Arthur Heilman, Richard Hardy, Henry Heffelfinger, Wayne Heffelfinger, John Marks, Walter person, Earl Yeakley, Clafron Fink, Harry Miller, Mark Heberling, Stanley Garrett, Wayne Gassert, Clarence Kline, Harry Yiengst, Walter Dreibelbis, Charles Lindermuth, Harold Noll, Alvin Spangler, Raymond Spangler, John H. Smith, John R. Smith. One of the items of business was the election of county officers of the county organization. The president of our local group, John H. Smith was elected 2nd Vice president. The new president is Joseph Phillips of 7th St. Lutheran, Lebanon.

Vol. 34, No. 5 January 29, 1961: The Acolyte today is Philip Heilman.

Tonight it is our privilege to travel through some parts of the Holy Land by way of slides which will be shown by Mrs. Martha Albert Putnam. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam reside in Saudi Arabia and are at present in the States on vacation. Mr. Putnam is a supervisor for a Trans Arabian pipeline. The pictures will be shown in the Fellowship Hall.

At the Annual Congregational Meeting last Tuesday evening the following were elected to serve on Church Council for a term of three years: Henry Reppert, Samuel Ruoss, Raymond Henry, Warren Bucher, Richard Hardy, and Merlin Wise. The constitution provides for their installation into office, the Sunday following their election. Accordingly after the anthem this morning they will be installed by the Pastor.

**Special Council Meeting, December 1, 2011
Friedens (Peace) Lutheran Church, Myerstown, PA.
6:50 PM**

Present: Jody Appleby, Frank Armstrong, Greg. Gardner (Vice President), Jeff Gunpert, Bruce Kauffman (Acting President), Dottie Kemble, Joanne Maurer (Secretary), Pastor Miller, Denise Noll. Excused: Bob Hauck (President), Elaine Lasch, (Treasurer).

Church Council received copies of "Strategic Dreaming Trumps Hard Times," by Bill Easum & Tenny-Brittian, from Pastor Miller. We discussed strategic dreaming and how to budget accordingly for 2012 in preparation for our next council meeting, scheduled for December 15, 2011.

Closed with the Lords Prayer
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Joanne Maurer, Council Secretary

**Friedens (Peace) Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting, December 15, 2011**

Bruce Kauffman, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Present: Jody Appleby, Frank Armstrong, Greg. Gardner (Vice President), Jeff Gumpert, Bob Hauck (President), Bruce Kauffman, Dottie Kemble, Elaine Lasch (Treasurer), Joanne Maurer (Secretary), Pastor Miller, Denise Noll.

Pastor Miller had an opening prayer and led a devotional reading from Psalms 66.

1. 2012 Budget, a discussion on the Proposed Spending Plan took place. Jeff Gumpert motioned to accept the Proposed Budget for 2012, for the congregation. Dottie Kemble seconded. Motion carried.
2. Financial and Treasurer reports from November 17, 2011 reviewed. Denise Noll motioned to accept reports. Dottie Kemble seconded. Motion carried.
3. Congregational Budget Meeting is planned for January 8, 2012. Joanne Maurer motioned to accept the date. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.
4. Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for February 12, 2012. Bob Hauck motioned to accept date. Dottie Kemble seconded. Motion carried.
5. Minutes/Reports:
Greg Gardner motioned to accept Minutes and Reports. Jeff Gumpert seconded.
Motioned carried.
Communication:
Thank you letter from "Gettysburg Seminary," for a gift of \$2000.00.
6. Closed with prayer by Bruce Kauffman and The Lords Prayer.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Maurer, Council Secretary



*Thank
You*

LUTHERCARE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

Dear Members of Friedens Lutheran Church,

LutherCare would like to say thank you so very much for the presents that the congregation purchased for families who attend the LutherCare day care centers. What an incredible amount of presents that were purchased again this year by the members of Friedens! Many families from LutherCare will benefit from the generosity of your wonderful gifts. Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year for giving to others.

LutherCare also wants to thank Tammy Koller for all the work she put into coordinating this project again this year. She took time out of her busy schedule to contact me for the wish list. Tammy's husband and daughter were kind enough to help deliver the presents the other day, also. It was very thoughtful of them to spend their morning delivering presents.

LutherCare hopes that everyone at Friedens Lutheran Church has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Once again, thank you for all the kindness and generosity you showed to help LutherCare provide a wonderful Christmas to many of the families.

Sincerely,
Lisa Knerr
Billing Clerk

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. How much time did Jonah spend in the belly of the whale?
2. The name of God is not mentioned in only one book of the Bible. Which one?
3. What kind of wood was used to make Noah's Ark?
4. How old was Moses when he died?
5. How tall was Goliath, the Philistine giant slain by David with a stone hurled from a sling?
6. How many books of the Bible are named for women?
7. What bird is named for the apostle Peter?
8. Who is the only woman whose age is mentioned in the Bible?

Answers

1. Three days and three nights.
2. The Book of Esther.
3. Gopher wood, according to Genesis 6:14.
4. He was 120 years old, according to the Bible (Deuteronomy 34:7).
5. "Six cubits and a span,"
6. Two - Ruth and Esther
7. The petrel, from a diminutive form of Petrus, or "Peter," in Latin.
8. Sarah