



The Transformer

October 2013

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Friedens Lutheran Church, 301 W. Washington Ave., Myerstown, PA

Okay folks; let's see how many of you really know your Bible. Ken

Can You Find 16 Books of the Bible?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you compete. Relax now for there are really sixteen names of books of the Bible in this story.



SHUT-IN BIRTHDAYS

October 16
 Mr. Isaac Villanueva
 215 S. Cherry St.



Women of ELCA will continue our study of “Listening to God” through presentation, praying attention, studying and discernment. Lola Kline and Sally Sholley will lead the session on October 21 at 7 P.M. in the parlor. All women are encouraged to attend.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



The church office is open from 9 AM— 1 PM Monday-Friday.

OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

August 2013

					% of Budget
Current Budget	Goal	\$26,802.00	Goal to Date	\$214,416.00	84%
\$321,625.00	Rec'd	\$18,328.00	Rec'd to Date	180,328.00	
Spang Crest	Rec'd	25.00	Rec'd to Date	414.00	
Hunger	Rec'd	245.00	Rec'd to Date	2,020.00	



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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

is continuing to search for a person or persons to serve as CHAIRMAN OF CEMETERY BOARD. Please connect with a council person if you or some one you know would enjoy using their gifts in this important ministry area. Council Persons names/ pictures are posted on the bulletin board outside the Parlor



COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP

Ever wonder how coffee gets magically made in the morning for you nearly every Sunday? Well, all it takes is a few minutes of someone's time and a desire to help keep our social hour lively. Members of the coffee hour committee are seeking helpers who are willing to volunteer to make it happen...we can't do it all ourselves! Coffee, cookies and munchies are all purchased and waiting for someone each Sunday to pull together. We even have a new coffee pot! **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BAKE OR PURCHASE TREATS BY YOURSELF.** Sign up on the list in Stauffer Hall or talk with Susan Harper, Carmela Deck or Annette Beamesderfer. Your help is appreciated by coffee drinkers everywhere!



Food Collection

On Sunday, October 6, food will be collected for the Lebanon County Food Bank. All gifts are welcomed. There is a need for instant mashed potatoes, 5 oz. canned chicken, canned luncheon meat, jelly, 18 oz & 32 oz., complete pancake mix, hamburger helper, shampoo, bath soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toiletries.



The volunteer cleaning team will remain in action for 2013. Because of our budget deficit, nothing was proposed for professional cleaning service again.

I want to thank all the members who helped to keep our facility clean this year. We hope that others might join in whenever they can.

Please call Barb or Gene Lessig, at 866-2291 if you would like to help.



Lebanon Fall Cluster Women of ELCA will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 200 E. Main St., Annville, on October 26. Registration at 8:30; brunch served at 9. A brief business meeting will precede the program. Elva Hurst, a professional artist from Lancaster county, will present a chalk talk. Notify Phyllis Rohland, 273-3676, before October 21 or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Searching for a New Pastor



CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Tad Achenbach
- John Flesher
- Chris Heft
- Sister Janice Ruch
- John R. Smith
- McKenna Achenbach

OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:45 PM - Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Ensemble	4	5
6 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service	7	8 7 PM—Property Committee	9 9 AM—Women Sew 6:45 PM - Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Ensemble	11	12
13 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service	14  <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 	16 6:45 PM - Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal	17 6:45 PM—Church Council 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Ensemble	18	19
20 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service	21	22	23 9 AM—Women Sew 6:45 PM - Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal	24 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Ensemble	25	26
27 9 AM—Contemporary Service 10:30 AM—Traditional Service	28	29	30 6:45 PM - Praise & Worship Band Rehearsal 7:30 PM—Adult Choir Rehearsal	31 7 PM—Heavenly Metal Handbell Ensemble		



I was overwhelmed by the reception, cards and gifts received in recognition of my 20 year Anniversary celebration as a Lutheran deaconess. A very sincere thank you for your love and kindness. May God bless you.

Sister Janice Ruch

Thank you for all the cards, food, visits, and especially your prayers. Thanks to Pastor Kehrlı and Pastor Ken for their visits.

Clara Grumbine

Thank you to everyone who celebrated my 50th anniversary of ordination on Sunday, September 22. The wonderful music, delicious luncheon, good wishes, cards, and gifts are all very much appreciated as was the warm fellowship we enjoyed. Thanks to Janice DuBois and Jim Biever for organizing the day and their helpers. Elaine Lasch, Michelle Biever, Sharon Hoffman, and Pastor Ken Osborne. It was a very special day to be remembered!

Pastor Kehrlı

CAPITAL FUND APPEAL

Goal: \$121,00.00

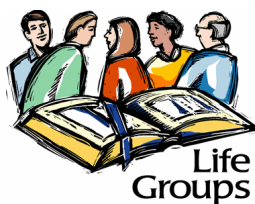
Committed: \$87,300.00



QUILTS

“Quilts! They send quilts to people overseas, people in refugee camps or those who have lost everything in a disaster. People who need to feel God’s Love.” This is a comment made by John A. Nunes, past president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief. Quilting is a proud tradition that began at LWR’s founding in 1945, when quilts comforted European refugees left homeless by the ravages of World War II.

Today Friedens still has a small group of women who meet twice a month to work on quilts for LWR. They use donations of fabric, used sheets and blankets to make the quilts. More volunteers are needed to help sew and knot these quilts. This year we will have about 50 quilts to send to LWR. If you need more information or want to help, please contact Lola Kline.



WWJD? Join the 3 amigos; Jon (Koller), John (Flesher), and Jan (DuBois) for a look at today's issues and a Biblical based perspective on Jesus' approach to such issues.

We will be offering a fall Life Group that will meet Tuesday nights between 7pm and 8:30ish in the church parlor from October 15th until December 17th. We will be using the book "What Would Jesus Do Today" by Mike Cope and Rubel Shelly. Below is a short excerpt from the book jacket describing the book. “The question is often asked-as if the answer were obvious- "What would Jesus do?" The answer is not always simple. Offering solid principles and biblical direction, explore contemporary issues facing Christians today based on scripture. Topics to include: sexuality, stress, money, competition, honesty, death, injustice, poverty, religion, confusion, commitment, the world.”

Sign ups will start September 29th and close October 13th. The sign up sheet will be located in Stauffer Hall. We hope you will consider joining us.

Life Groups....Connecting you with God and others.

09/11/13 – Pastoral Search - Update from Council

Previous Pastor

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Interim Pastor

Pastor Ken Osborne's first Sunday with us was on February 3, 2013.

Pastoral Search Team (Call Committee)

This team was approved at a congregational meeting on May 19, 2013:

Tad Achenbach, John Flesher, Chris Heft, Sister Janice Ruch, John R. Smith, McKenna Achenbach

Ministry Site Profile

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The Council and the Call Committee also completed and sent electronically to the Synod the "Seven Reflections on Ministry and Context" form.

On September 25, 2013, the Council and the Call Committee will meet with Pastor Thomas McKee, Assistant to the Bishop and Pastor Andy Evenson, Dean of Lebanon Conference to review the Ministry Site Profile.



Friedens is grateful to those who helped with items for Lutheran World Relief. These items-quilts, fabric kits, and personal health kits-will travel around the world to areas of war, poverty, and natural disaster.

If you would like to donate to the **significant cost** of shipping and handling incurred by Lutheran World Relief, simply place a donation in the envelopes provided in baskets near the quilt display and drop the envelope into the offering plate by the end of October. Envelope number is optional.

Interesting costs: \$2.25 for shipping/processing of 1 quilt.

\$2.65 for 1 personal care kit

\$1.00 for 1 fabric kit

Checks should be made payable to: **LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD.**

All donations will be sent by October 27, 2013.

Friedens (Peace) Lutheran Church, Myerstown, PA
Church Council Meeting
September 19, 2013

Jeff Gumpert, President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Present: Jody Appleby (Vice President), Frank Armstrong, Jeff Gumpert (President), Chris Heft, Joanne Maurer, Ken Osborne (Interim Pastor) and Sharon Riegel (Secretary). Excused: Denise Noll, Elaine Lasch (Treasurer)

1. Opening Prayer: Sharon Riegel opened the meeting with prayer. Scripture: Psalm 127. Discussion followed.
2. Minutes/Reports/Communications:
 - a. Frank Armstrong made a motion to accept the July 18, 2013 Church Council Minutes. Joanne Maurer seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Frank Armstrong made a motion to accept the August 15, 2013 Church Council Minutes. Joanne Maurer seconded. Motion carried.
 - c. Joanne Maurer made the motion to accept the July Financial Secretary's Report. Frank Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Jody Appleby made the motion to accept the August Financial Secretary's Report. Chris Heft seconded. Motion carried.
 - e. Frank Armstrong made a motion to accept July Treasurer's Report. Joanne Maurer seconded. Motion carried.
 - f. Jody Appleby made a motion to accept August Treasurer's Report. Chris Heft seconded. Motion carried.
 - g. Ken Osborne shared a copy of his Pastor's Report for August 2013. Frank Armstrong made a motion to accept the August 2013 Pastor's Report. Chris Heft seconded. Motion carried. Pastor Osborne has scheduled New Members Classes on September 22 and 29, 2013. Pastor Osborne will be off October 14-16, 2013. Pastor Osborne will be taking Continuing Ed from March 21-29, 2014 to serve with a mission team in Argentina.
 - h. Thank you letter from Wade Salem and ELCO United Girls 2015 Italy Tour Team Members for the recent use of chairs and tables from pavilion.
 - i. Thank you letter from LutherCare for recent gift of \$105.00 to Spang Crest.
 - j. Thank your letter from Global Mission Committee of Lower Susquehanna Synod for sponsoring David & Mary Kuck, missionaries, with a contribution of \$6,000.
 - k. Thank you letter from Elsa Quanbeck, Coordinator, Lebanon County Choral Society Children's Chorus for the recent use of the Social Hall for their day camp.
3. Jeff Gumpert gave a report of the September 10, 2013 Finance Committee. Jeff Gumpert made the motion to send a second mailing update for the Capital Fund Appeal. Joanne Maurer seconded. Motion carried.
4. Joanne Maurer gave a report of the September 10, 2013, Property Committee meeting.
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5. Jeff Gumpert gave an update on the Pastoral Call Process. A detailed update on the call process will continue to be placed on the Council Bulletin Board and in the Transformer. An abbreviated update will continue to be placed in the Weekly Announcement Sheet. A Special Council Meeting with Pastoral Search Team and Pastor Thomas McKee, Assistant to the Bishop and Pastor Andy Evenson, Dean of Lebanon Conference to review the Ministry Site Profile will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at 7:00 pm.
6. Council continued the discussion of the Director of Discipleship position. Further discussion will continue at the October Council Meeting.
7. Council discussed the continued need to find a person to serve as Chairman of Cemetery Board.
8. Council continues to search for persons willing to serve on Council with 3-year terms beginning in 2014.
9. Mike Youse of Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA will meet with Pastor Osborne to discuss "Seeding The Future" campaign.
10. Discussion and thoughts were shared regarding Ministry Teams/Committees.
11. Discussion and thoughts were shared regarding Confirmation and Youth Group.
12. Council agreed to add Sound Tech and Video Tech to the Fee Schedule of the Wedding Guidelines church handout. Sound Tech fee \$50 to \$125 (to be determined based on services needed). Video Tech fee \$50 to \$125 (to be determined based on services needed).
13. Council agreed to allow the Singing Cedars Chorus to practice in our building for dates to be determined in October.
14. Next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6:45 pm.
15. Jody Appleby made the motion to adjourn. Chris Heft seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Meeting closed with prayer lead by Pastor Osborne.

Respectfully Submitted
Sharon Riegel, Council Secretary



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Pastoral Search Team (Call Committee) Present:

Tad Achenbach, John Flesher, Chris Heft, Sister Janice Ruch, John R. Smith.
Excused: McKenna Achenbach

Special Guests: Pastor Thomas McKee, Assistant to the Bishop and Pastor Andy Evenson, Dean of Lebanon Conference

1. Jeff Gumpert, President, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Chris Heft opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. The Call Committee, Church Council, Pastor McKee and Pastor Evenson reviewed the Ministry Site Profile. All those in attendance shared thoughts. The group agreed to make a few changes to the Ministry Site Profile. The Synod will now refer pastoral candidates to the Call Committee for consideration.
4. Pastor McKee strongly recommended we create a “Parental Leave Policy”.
5. Pastor McKee and Pastor Evenson mentioned the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, James Dunlop, would welcome an invitation to visit Friedens. Bishop Dunlop may be reached at 717-652-1852, extension 106.
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