

The Messenger

September 2011

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, September 4, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. Please bring a dessert to share during Coffee Hour after worship.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School program starts up again on September 11. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 am for gathering time and then split up into groups for lessons, games and crafts.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

RALLY DAY !!!!

Rally Day has been rescheduled to September 18. We'll begin with Sunday School at 9:00 am. The Sunday School will play a major part in our worship at 10:30 am as they present a Back to Basics theme filled with songs and Bible stories we all know and love. Then we'll head out back for a picnic and games to celebrate the start of our new Sunday School year. More information is inside this issue.



AUGUST 16 – “REVISITED”

SpiriTed CONCERT

The reviews are in and the consensus is that the concert by SpiriTed was an absolute winner!! Everyone who attended was extremely happy with the music and musing of Jonathan Richard Cring and Janet Clazzy. They were superb in their talent and uplifting with their monologues and stories. We were fortunate to host such an artistic duo to present God's word through their gifts of wit and melody. Mr. Cring's delivery of life's story, sprinkled with humor, encouraged infectious laughter and a sense of well-being, while Ms. Clazzy's performance on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine was impeccable as her tunes inspired awe at her ability to bring God's good gifts to fulfillment. For those of us who missed this event, we can only hope that Mr. Cring and Ms. Clazzy will be available to perform for us again in the future.

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From The Pastor's Desk

The Sacrifice Play (parts of this inspired by Brett Blairt)

Sacrifice is not a word we use much these days, is it? When was the last time you used it or thought about it in terms of your own life? When was the last time you sacrificed anything for anybody? Come to think about it, there's only one sport as far as I know where the term is actually used. Do you know which sport that is? You can almost hear Harry Cary announcing it over the radio, "And there it goes, a long fly ball to left; easy out, but the man on third tags up and trots home. Sacrifice fly."

What a great idea – "sacrifice"! You're about to read some of the contrast between the hardness of football and the softness of baseball according to George Carlin. He says:

"Baseball is a nineteenth-century pastoral game. Football is a twentieth-century technological struggle.

"Baseball begins in the spring, the season of new life. Football begins in the fall, when everything's dying.

"Baseball is played on a diamond, in a park. The baseball park! Football is played on a gridiron, in a stadium, sometimes called Soldier Field or War Memorial Stadium.

"In baseball, during the game, in the stands, there's kind of a picnic feeling; emotions may run high or low, but there's not too much unpleasantness. In football, during the game in the stands, you can be sure that at least twenty-seven times you're capable of taking the life of a fellow human being.

"In football you Tackle! In baseball, you "catch flies..."

"In football the object is for the quarterback to be on target with his aerial assault, riddling the defense by hitting his receivers with deadly accuracy in spite of the blitz, even if he has to use the shotgun. With short bullet passes and long bombs, he marches his troops into enemy territory, balancing this aerial assault with a sustained ground attack that punches holes in the forward wall of the enemy's defensive line. In baseball the object is to go home! And to be safe! - I hope I'll be safe at home!

"Football has hitting, clipping, spearing, piling on, personal fouls, late hitting and unnecessary roughness. Baseball has the sacrifice. Baseball may be the only sport where you actually can hear this word..."

As I have been watching the Little League World Series I have pondered this monologue. Are we willing to sacrifice to make it safe to home? These 12 and 13 year old kids have shown such sportsmanship and friendship for one another. It has been a real inspiration to watch them all from all over the world. Everyone could learn something from watching them. Watch them making lifelong friends from different cultures, all with the same goal – to win. But they can be happy for each other when the other team wins.

We all want to win but in doing so many times others get stepped on who get in our way. Even as Christians we don't always wish the best for others. How willing are we to make sacrifices for the good of others. Just like in baseball our goal should be to make it home and to help others meet the same goal. And the way to do that is to follow Jesus to the cross.

Play ball! and God Bless!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

The following letters are posted
on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Thank you letters were sent by Lancaster Theological Seminary and Bethany Children's Home for our continued support of their missions.

We would like to thank everyone who donated toward purchasing the new lightweight tables for the Fellowship Hall. Fifteen were purchased to replace the older heavier

ones which will be stored for occasional use, such as outdoors for yard sales (they are sturdier for those uses). The new ones will make it much easier to rearrange the hall for different events and set up for Sunday School.

Our Sympathy

We offer our condolences to Dave and Barb DeLuca on the passing of his sister-in-law, Rose DeLuca. May our loving God keep you and strengthen you in your time of sorrow.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and spend some time with us. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

RALLY DAY!!

RESCHEDULED TO SEPTEMBER 18

On September 18, Rally Day will start at 9:00 am with Sunday School. We continue to celebrate during our worship service at 10:30 am with the theme "Back to Basics". After worship, we will have a covered dish lunch with hot dogs and chicken fingers provided. Then, its time to play. We can toss bean bags, play kickball, yell "bingo" (if you win) and play lots of other games. If you are really energetic, you can bounce in the Moon Walk. All in all, a great time is planned and we are looking forward to seeing everyone having a fun as we return to our fall routine.



PRACTICE FOR RALLY DAY

Come on out on Friday, September 16, for practice and pizza!! You can see



Denise to get reading parts for our Back to Basics program. These will be Bible stories and verses that our choirs will highlight with songs. Anyone in Sunday School or the choirs can be part of this program. After practice, there will be a pizza party so we can celebrate and have fun.

YOUTH GROUP

THIRD WORLD COUNTRY LIVING

The Youth Group is still finalizing plans for their annual overnight mission. In the past, they've participated in the 30 Hour Famine, but this year they wanted to do something on their own. Keep watching for more information and thanks for your support.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Thanks to everyone who purchased Weis cards, and please keep signing up. Marc is also talking to Carone's and setting up a similar program with them.

**Thank you for supporting us –
Also, thanks for your fundraising ideas –
we are looking more!**



FOR YOUTH GROUP

As you can see by the previous article, our Youth Group is alive and well. We are having a great time as we plan our activities and find really cool ways to serve God. Some things we have done for many years, like the road clean up, and other ways like the Mission Project are new. We also plan fun stuff like going to the movies and bowling. Come and join us so we can plan bigger and more exciting ways to show what **real teen Christians** are like! *We'd also like some more adults to get involved with us.* Show us what **real adult Christians** are like!!

Youth Achievements

Luzerne County Community College published its honor rolls recently noting these members as qualifying to the Dean's List: Sam Dauber, Marc Davis and Kelly Sufrinko.

Wilkes University's included Stacy Prelewicz as one of the students who made its Dean's List.

CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church is in need of volunteers who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and get the dirt out. Unlike many churches, we do not have a paid janitor. We have taken care of the weekly cleaning of Emmanuel for many years through the dedication of volunteers. At this time, though, there are only enough volunteers to clean twice a month. (Two crews per week) That leaves two weeks that our church does not get cleaned. Dave Myers can tell you all about how you can serve God by keeping His house clean and shiny. Just a couple hours a month and Emmanuel will be sparkling. Please see Dave and help Emmanuel to look its best.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the October Messenger is Monday, Sept. 19. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

October 2 – CROP Walk

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

The Times Leader, among other papers, ran an article promoting our hosting of SpiriTed on August 16. They certainly are a talented duo and we hope that they will bring their message to our area again.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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September 4

Greeters: Frank and Joan Partington

Liturgist: Dave Myers

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Greeters: Connie Myers and Judy Cybulski

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Hymns that Make You Smile

Enjoy - When you go to Church be sure to smile as you go through your Hymnals!

Dentist's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Weatherman's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Contractor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation
The Tailor's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Golfer's Hymn	There Is a Green Hill Far Away
The Politician's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
Optometrist's Hymn	Open My Eyes That I May See
The IRS Agent's Hymn	I Surrender All
The Gossip's Hymn	Pass It On
The Electrician's Hymn	Send The Light
The Shopper's Hymn	Sweet Bye and Bye
The Realtor's Hymn	I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop
The Massage Therapist's Hymn	He Touched Me
The Doctor's Hymn	The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

45mph	God Will Take Care of You
65mph	Nearer My God To Thee
85mph	This World Is Not My Home
95mph	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100mph	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Alecia Myers	12 Gary Eigenbrod, Sr.	20 Michael E. Heller
2 John R. Walck	14 David J. Myers	22 John Lesh, Jr.
2 Robert Duffy, III	15 Bradley Kotarsky	23 Kristen Kania
2 Brian Kramer, Jr.	16 Leah Dietrich	23 Jim Dean
4 Matthew Farrell	16 Deborah Mellas	27 Orceil Bloss
4 Lois Eigenbrod	16 Holly Hoffman	27 Eric Walck
4 Kristina Walck	16 Peter Dickson, Sr.	28 Amy Polashenski
8 Rhonda Keller	18 Ivan Hoyt	28 Martha Grosz
10 Erin Kamowski	19 William Schabener	30 Mark Sufrinko
11 Brian A. DeLuca	19 Marc J. Davis	30 Brian DeLuca
11 Hunter Rinehimer	20 Joshua Kishel	30 Paula Rinehimer

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 3, 1997.....Fritz and Gloria Schreyer
 Sept. 4, 1993.....Bob and Ellen Newell
 Sept. 5, 1945.....Lex and Anna Mae Koons
 Sept. 10, 1983.....Jeff and Tammy Dauber
 Sept. 12, 1970.....Bill and Patti Heller
 Sept. 14, 1973.....Tim and Connie Miller
 Sept. 24, 1960.....Pete and Betty Dickson
 Sept. 24, 1977.....John and Donna Walck
 Sept. 24, 1994.....Jeff and Joann Kotarsky
 Sept. 26, 1998.....David and Caroline Cronce
 Sept. 27, 1975.....Rich and Jayne Rotski

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I have made a "2011 Volunteer Schedule" sign-up sheet for those who would like to be Greeters, Liturgists and Acolytes. Please pick a date or two (or three). This way you can choose the dates when you are available, instead of having them assigned by me. Some of the dates are already filled in (Hooray!!). For the liturgists, I will provide a copy of the bulletin either by paper for you to pick up or via e-mail, so that you can review it before Sunday morning. Thanks. Denise

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