

Following Faith

The Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

APRIL 2015



IT'S TOO LATE

An Englishman by the name of Ebenezer Wooten had just concluded a preaching service in the village square. As the crowd dispersed, the weathered preacher was busily arranging himself for his continued journey. A young man approached him and asked, "Mr. Wooten, what must I do to be saved?" Sensing that the fellow was trusting his own righteousness Wooten answered in a rather unconcerned way, "It's too late!" The inquirer was startled, "Oh, don't say that, sir." But the evangelist insisted, "It's too late!" Then looking the young man squarely in the eye, he continued "You want to know what you must DO to be saved? I tell you its too late now or any other time. The work of salvation is done, completed, finished! It was finished on the cross." Then he explained how we can only respond in trust, in faith. One can only imagine the sigh of relief, followed by a countenance of joy upon realizing, indeed he was too late.

It's too late. I suppose that was what Jesus' followers were feeling so intensely on that Sunday morning following the cross. All seemed lost forever. And then the surprise of their life; those words at the empty tomb, "You're too late, He's no longer here. He'll meet you up ahead!" What they really discovered was that they were too late to do anything, because God had already done everything! The situation was far out of their hands. They were simply too late.

Did you ever think you could feel so good about being too late? When it comes to nailing down our future, we're just too late for that one. God



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 9:15 a. m.
Sunday School: during worship

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

David Truland (President)
Sara Martin (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Joyce Duncan (Secretary)
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)

Council Members

Errol Bull (Property)
Joyce Duncan (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Elizabeth King (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Diana Reiker (Stewardship)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)

has simply taken care of that which we cannot. God's nailed it to the cross. So stop worrying or over thinking what you have no power over. It's Easter! It's too late! You'll have to leave it to God after all. Alleluia, Alleluia! Could it ever be so wonderful to say, "It's too late?"

Pastor Steve

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: Along with her doctors, **Beverly Lanteigne** is continuing to explore some alternative therapies for her current cancer treatment. **Polly Hayward** has improved significantly with her walking. While wearing a protective boot to guard her mending ankle, she manages to get wherever she intends. **Russ Lastrup** has received some vascular surgery to improve blood flow to his lower legs and feet. Hopefully this procedure will remedy healing to some uncooperative wounds. **Mildred Lalane** is also in consultation with a vascular specialist in hope of helping with her similar ailments as well. **Barbara Boord** continues her physical therapy after receiving a knee replacement in January and is getting around well. Evidenced by post cards and email photos, **Pat** and **Ron Turcotte** seem to be recuperating nicely down in Florida. Following back surgery, **Carolyn Speanburg** is home improving day by day as she not only contends with her healing back, but must also monitor a blood clot problem that developed in one of her legs. **Ben Wagar** continues to watch and wait as he continues to consult with doctors trying to determine how to remedy his bladder condition. **Joe Zepf** continues to battle lung cancer while a resident at Albany County Nursing Home. He remains cheerful and positive. **Bob Gibson** is participating in a research study for a new cancer drug. It is still a bit early to determine if and how this possible remedy is working. We are all hopeful. Please keep these and all who seek healing in your prayers.

Died: **Rolf Pagel**, Gunther Pagel's twin brother, died March 6 down in Florida. Only two weeks earlier his wife, **Blanche**, died after suffering a severe fall. There will be a memorial service for both of them sometime this spring in

New Hampshire where they had lived for most of their lives. We extend our Christian sympathy.

Moved: **Irene and Gunther Pagel** have moved, from their home in Hoosick Falls, to The Beechwood Retirement Apartments of the Eddy located at 2218 Burdette Avenue, Troy 12180. Their new phone number is: 518-833-7494. Special thanks to the **Howards** for helping, and coordinating the volunteers for the major portion of their move.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Defibrillator and wall mount are a work in progress. Donna Van Zandt stated she would like to purchase training manuals and CD's for training purposes.

Repairs to the Church building that need to be made in the Spring were discussed.

Council members discussed the good work that Ernie, our new sexton, is doing in the church.

The Thrivent for Lutherans Action Team offers seed money to Thrivent members for various projects. The Thrivent member has to apply for the funds. Council is checking for information regarding this program.

Next scheduled meeting is May 4, 2015

Joyce Duncan, Secretary

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of April will be in support of Lutheran World Relief.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), individuals and parish groups involved in international relief, development, advocacy and social responsibility. They are an international non-profit organization working to

end poverty and injustice in some of the world's most impoverished communities. With partners in 35 countries, LWR seeks to promote sustainable development, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recovery from disasters.

Thank you for your continued support

Carol Perrott, Missions



Easter is already here, what a joyous, yet busy season. We will be holding our annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt following the church service on Easter Sunday. All children are invited to participate.

Although we normally participate in an Easter related fundraiser, this year time got away from us. We still hope to hold a fundraiser before the end of the year, most likely to benefit ELCA's malaria campaign. They sponsor a campaign called "Catch the Buzz" that provides mosquito netting and other resources to help countries trying to fight malaria. Be on the look out for more information.

The Sunday School is also planning a bowling party for April 18th at 4pm at Hilltop Bowl. All are welcome, last year we had a blast.

Happy Easter!

Sara Martin, Education Director

FLOWERS for APRIL

- April 5th** To Our Risen Lord
- April 12th** In memory of Bob Lynch
Given by Janet Walsh
- April 19th** To the Glory of God
- April 26th** To the Glory of God

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday worship will be held at Faith, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The service will include Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar. **Good Friday** worship will be held at Evangelical of Poestenkill on Route 351, at 7:00 p.m. This worship will end in darkness with the sound of the "strepitus", a loud echo depicting the closing of the tomb.

EASTER MORNING EVENTS: Easter morning will begin with a Pre-worship Coffee Hour 9:30 a.m. Following will be our Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday School will hold their traditional Egg Hunt immediately following 10:30 worship.

EASTER MORNING COFFEE HOUR: Easter morning the coffee hour will be held from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. There will be additional edible delights (provided by the Council) along with coffee tea, milk and juice. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a light brunch and an opportunity to share Easter greetings.

PARKING ON EASTER MORNING: If you have a chance and are willing, please consider parking in the Credit Union lot to the south or in Sanvidge's lot to the north. This will assure more parking spaces for what is always a crowded condition.

SERVING FAITH in APRIL

Apr. 2 nd Maundy Thursday	Altar	Evelyn Jerosz and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull
Apr. 5 th Easter	Altar	Donna St John and Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Donna Truland and Family
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jerosz
	Coffee Hour	Dave and Dana Cerrone
Apr. 12 th	Altar	Donna St John and Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jerosz Bill Speanburg and Ron Moss
	Counters	Joyce Duncan and Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
Apr. 19 th	Altar	Merilyn Niles and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carole Karpien Barbara Boord and Irene Pagel
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Donna and Bob Gibson
Apr. 26 th	Altar	Merilyn Niles and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Errol Bull and Mike Moroskey
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange to trade dates with another assistant.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Donna Van Zandt, Worship Chairperson.

Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras

Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull

CHOIR REHERSAL

Choir rehearsals are generally held every Thursday at 7:00 PM for about an hour. Anyone interest in joining is welcome to come and enjoy singing our praises to the Lord.



WELCA is continuing the Bible study on Transformation each month at our regular meeting.

We are looking for new resources for a magazine for the older Sunday School children who are past the age for The Little Lutheran.

After a long wait we have finally received the new Baptismal towels and they are in the Sacristy for use.

The Bake and Food sale was held on Sunday, March 22nd with lots of food and customers. A date has been set to provide dinner at Joseph's House for a Saturday in May. Watch for sign-up sheets after the April meeting, which is on Tuesday, April 21st. Come join us for our meeting.



DINNER CLUB

April 11th is the next dinner meeting. Please contact one of the following committee members: the Howard's, Gibson's Lanteigne, Hunziger, or Pagel's.

FELLOWSHIP HALL CHAIRS

The dinner club is buying new chairs for the fellowship room. We are about to order 40 or 50 chairs, we will need more, and the cost is \$20.00 each. Anyone who would like to purchase one or more chairs please contact Fred Howard or any club member with our thanks in advance.

DINNER CLUB FAMILY OUTING



WHEN: JULY 11TH

WHAT: FAITH DINNER CLUBS'
FAMILY FUN DAY

WHERE: GRAFTON LAKE STATE PARK

ALL ARE WELCOME - COME JOIN THE FUN

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

SO SAVE THE DATE

MARK YOUR CALANDER – JOIN THE FUN

Bob Hayward continues to collect can tabs for Ronald McDonald House any tabs collected can be left in the church kitchen and Bob will gladly pick them up. All metal tabs are accepted not just soda and beer tabs.



BARBARA BOORD ACTING NEWSLETTER EDITOR/COORDINATOR

Barbara Boord is coordinating the Newsletter efforts. Hard copies of the Newsletter will be available at church for pick up when you are present.

You may go to the web site at:
www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and see the newsletter there.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at her email address shown below.

At your request, we will be happy to send you a copy via the USPS.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The May newsletter deadline is Monday April 20th. Please email your articles to barbboord@hotmail.com.

Assistance with the compiling and distribution of the Newsletter is always appreciated. Anyone that can give some time to this joint effort is encouraged to contact me at the above e-mail address.

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5 EASTER	6	7	8	9 CHOIR 7:00 PM	10	11 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM
12	13	14	15 Speigle Elders 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM	16 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	17	18
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