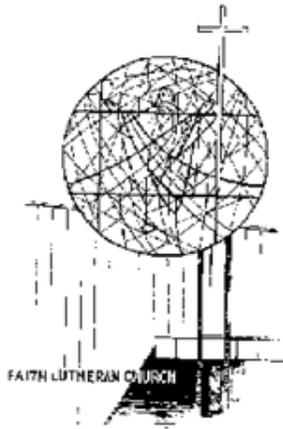


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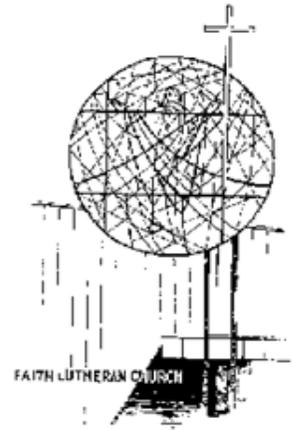
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The Newsletter of  
Faith Lutheran Church

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## FILL `ER UP!

Once upon a time, before gas stations became self-service mini-marts, people looked upon driving as "Happy Motoring". Some even believed that you could "trust your car to the man who wears a star". In those days, you could pull into a gas station; expect an attendant to come to your car. With money in your pocket, you would roll down the window and jauntily say: "Fill 'er up!" The attendant would then fill your gas tank to the top, clean your windows and check your oil.

"Fill `er up!" at a diner could also get you another mug of coffee - on the house. A dinner plate at family gatherings would be piled high simply by uttering the same phrase - "Fill `er up!" It was almost a magical expression.

As I looked at the church on a recent Sunday morning, that phrase came into my head -- "Fill 'er up!" It could happen! Easter saw us get closer to "Full" than we have in quite a while. It was great!

Did I hear someone ask "Pastor, you don't expect every Sunday to be like Easter ...do you?" Thanks for asking. The answer is -- Yes! That's what it's supposed to be. Christians are an "Easter people"; each Sunday is a new opportunity to celebrate the victory Christ won for us by his Death and Resurrection.

"Fill 'er up!" Wasn't that what the Risen Lord had in mind when he said we were to be his witnesses - to make disciples of all nations - to bring others into the fellowship of faith? "Fill 'er up!"

"I'm not an evangelist!" someone protests. Perhaps, but you are responsible for YOU!!! You decide if you'll join others each week for worship. Each of us, one by one, helps "Fill 'er up!"

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

The Rev. William Hempel, Pastor

### Church Council Officers:

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Carol Perrott (Missions)  
Ben Wagar (Property)

Ever feel like you were "running on empty"? Have

you had a day that you felt like you were "only half there"? It doesn't take too much. Who doesn't need a good word, an encouraging sign? Your presence each week at worship is a sign of hope for all the others.

So what happens if you do miss? -- the Gospel will still be there, others will still be lifted on wings of song and music of praise, old friends will still be there and meeting new people, Word and Sacraments continue to nourish and strengthen life, the freedom of forgiveness is still announced -- except it won't be as full as it could be with you present. There will be a certain emptiness --- in us --- and in you. Don't let us -- or you -- run on empty. Be certain that you're present for worship - - this week -- every week. **"FILL 'ER UP!"**

*Pastor Bill*

### **Among Our People**

Gladys Zeph passed away on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Van Rensselaer Manor. She was 92 years young. Also two people are officially joined our church family in March. Please welcome Ben Wagar and Sharon Morris in the Faith Community.

### **COUNCIL SUMMARY**

The latest update on the Rensselaer County Parish discussion is that two Rensselaer County parishes are looking to work with parishes in Columbia County. Prince of Peace is closing. West Sand Lake, St Timothy's and Gilead are planning to combine to form a single parish. Poestenkill and Faith will not be participating in the Rensselaer County combined parish and have committed to continue to work together.

A project is underway to create and maintain a single repository for the church directory that correlates with all of the church sub-lists (for example: newsletter distribution list, worship assistants, ushers, counters, giving records, etc.) An additional objective is to develop a process to keep all of the church lists current going forward.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday April 4th at 7pm.

*Diana Rieker, Secretary*



I can't believe that I am already writing about our Easter activities, or that by the time you read this, Easter will be finished! As always, this year the Sunday School planned the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Hopefully, the weather will be nice and the kids can have some fun looking for candy filled eggs.

The spring fundraiser we decided on for this year is called "Catch the Buzz". This is an ELCA sponsored program that raises money to help fight malaria in Africa. The kids learned about malaria and how we can help those affected by it. The money raised will provide bed nets, food and medicine to adults and children in areas where malaria is common. Unfortunately, one child dies every 60 seconds from malaria. The kids hope that we can lower that number with our contribution. Envelopes for the fundraiser can be found at the back of the church, they are labeled accordingly (Food = \$5, Bed net=\$10, Medicine=\$20). Envelopes can be given to any Sunday School family for collection. As of this publication, we have raised \$160 for medicine, \$90 for bed nets and \$40 for food. Thanks for you support!

Sunday School will continue until the first week in June. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Hope everyone had a blessed Easter.

**Sara Martin, Education Director**

## FLOWERS for APRIL

- April 3<sup>rd</sup>** In memory of Bob Lynch  
Given by Janet Walsh
- April 10<sup>th</sup>** In memory of Anna, Bobby,  
Brian, Dennis, Doug and  
Thelma  
Given by the St. John and  
Kurick Families
- April 17<sup>th</sup>** To the Glory of God
- April 24<sup>th</sup>** To the Glory of God

## 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**

## SERVING FAITH in APRIL

Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Altar	Nadeen Thompson and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard B Morgan, B Speanburg, B Stevens
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Pam Perras and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jarosz Carol Perrott and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Houlihan
	Coffee Hour	Gene and Donna St. John
Mar. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Pam Perras and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpfen Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Karen Cordes and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Pat Turcotte Bill Speanburg and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson

*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 REHEARSAL

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.



## DINNER CLUB

WELCA continued the study of the Sabbath in March and will continue it in April at the meeting on Tuesday, April 19. We are scheduled to provide dinner for the residents at Joseph's house on Saturday, May 21. A sign-up sheet will be posted two weeks before the date for interested folks to contribute items for the dinner. We will be preparing for 40-50 people.

The collection of soap for Lutheran World Relief will be taken to Prince of Peace in Clifton Park on Thursday, April 28. All donations need to be in the basket in the narthex by Sunday, April 24. Thank you again for all your help with our ingathering projects.

Upstate New York WELCA will be having regional retreats this fall instead of a convention. It will be a one day affair at Kateri Tekawitha Shrine, Fonda. Stay tuned for more details when the date gets closer.

Join us Tuesday, April 19 at 10 AM at church to join in the Bible Study and help plan upcoming events.

**A New Prayer Group** is forming for the purpose of praying for Faith Lutheran Church as we go through the process of obtaining an Interim Pastor and calling a New Pastor. We plan to get together in mid April to plan how the group will function. If you think prayer is important and would like to be a part of this group contact Michele Howard at (518) 753-4288. All are welcome.

Dinner Club was held at church on March 12<sup>th</sup>. A St. Patrick's Day Celebration was enjoyed thanks to the committee comprised of Ron and Carol Karpfen, LouAnne Behrens, and Pam Zepf. Pam also provided entertainment for the evening. A fun time was had by all.

The April Dinner Club is to be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM anyone interested in an enjoyable evening of fellowship and good food is invited to attend. Please see the committee (Fred and Michele Howard, Larry and Barbara Boord, Donna VanZandt, and Russ and Eleanor Laustrip)

Save the Date! Mark your calendars – The Summer picnic and swim will again be at Grafton State Park on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.

## 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 church web site at:

[www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com](http://www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com) any time and view the newsletter.

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 April newsletter deadline is Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please email your articles to:

[barbboord@hotmail.com](mailto: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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# APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <i>Council Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	5	6	7 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	8	9 <i>Dinner Club 6:00 PM</i>
10	11	12	13 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	14 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	19 <i>WELCA Meeting 10:00 AM</i>	20	21 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	28 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	29	30