

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Following Faith

APRIL 2020





Dear friends,

I hardly know how to begin to write about what has happened in this last month – and what the next month might look like for us. The spread of the coronavirus in the past few weeks has brought so many changes to our lives – and also to our life together as a church family. While we do our best to stay healthy, protect those who are dear to us, and ‘flatten the curve’ of serious illness in our community, we have chosen not to gather for worship or other meetings.

This does not mean, however, that the work of the church has stopped. It has meant that a LOT more phone calls are happening – connecting members and keeping current on needs and information. It has meant that some meetings are taking place via a platform called Zoom – a way of connecting by audio (for those with phones) or by audio and visual (for those who have computers, tablets, or ‘smart’ phones with those capabilities.) That has challenged many of us to do something we’ve never done before!

Lastly, not gathering physically on Sunday mornings has meant that we can try to gather in a virtual way via Zoom. I hope that this technology will allow us to worship, pray, sing, listen, and BE together – giving thanks and praise to God as ONE.

Please know that I am praying a LOT during this unsettling time – for each of you, for our communities, for our country and world – with hope and trust in the God who is always with us through all the changes.

Pastor Judy

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**Sunday morning worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: during worship**

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Donna St. John**

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ELECTRONIC SERVICES WILL BE HELD DURING APRIL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS SERVICE MATERIALS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL AS WELL AS BY POSTAL MAIL. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JUDY OR ROBERTA HAYWARD.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers for healing encouragement, and comfort for Stephanie Wagar who continues with a course of chemotherapy. Please include Ben as well.

Prayers for Paul Haas was moved to Van Rensselaer Manor yesterday. Once the craziness of the world ends and he can accept visitors, I am sure he would love to see people. he does have his cell phone 518-892-2231 please feel free to give him a call.

Prayers for Larry Boord who is now home continuing his recovery process. Please include Barbara as well.

Prayers of encouragement for Helen Inglis who is continuing to work hard at rehabilitation after suffering a stroke. Helen is now living in the Guilderland Atria, 300 Mill Rose Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159. She can receive cards there. She is also able to have visitors. We are pleased with Helen's progress!

Prayers of encouragement for Pastor Judy and the Councils of Faith and Evangelical as they lead our congregations into a new journey of Faith in our communities.



OUR FAITH at WORK

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

Lutheran World Relief, LWR, provides aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. LWR partner with communities to build and grow rural economies and work to break the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive.

The Bread of Life Food pantry is asking for the following items this month: Fruit juice (low sugar),

canned fruit (in own juice), coffee (instant or ground), baked beans (like Bush's), sugar, oil, salt & pepper, spaghetti sauce & parmesan, plain soups (chicken, vegetable and tomato), cereals for "kids", The following non-food items are always needed: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes (adult), toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

Donna St. John, Missions



I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy! I am happy to report that the first meeting/class of our Confirmation class was a success. We had a full class and the kids were able to enjoy some snacks and work together to complete some projects with Pastor Judy. They all seemed to have a good time and got off to a great start. Unfortunately, the great start is now at an abrupt stop. With the cancellation of church services for the foreseeable future, Confirmation classes will also be cancelled. Although we hope to be back up and running as soon as possible, the reality is much less concrete. If we are unable to meet for a long enough period of time, some online faith education may be offered to help the kids stay on track.

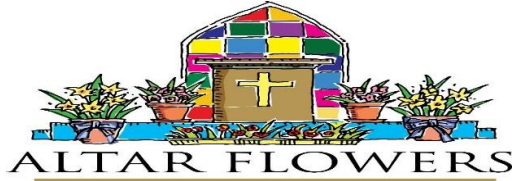
If any of you "liked" or were friends with Faith Lutheran Sunday School on Facebook, you may have noticed that the name of the page was changed to Faith Lutheran Church. The church is going to be using the Facebook page as one of the platforms to share information and updates. In fact, there are some pictures posted of the recent Confirmation class, check them out! If you are on Facebook and you haven't already "liked" our page, please do so ASAP. You can search *Faith Lutheran Church* and it should come up.

As our kids work through this difficult time, it is up to us to provide them support, faith and love. I know we can do it!

**Sara Martin
Education Coordinator**

CHOIR

Choir has resumed its' rehearsal schedule. All voices are welcomed. Generally, practices are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any questions??? Speak to Donna Van Zandt.



APRIL

- Apr. 5 In honor of Bonnie Speanburg's Birthday.
Given by the Speanburg Family.
- Apr. 12 Easter Flowers
- Apr. 19 To the Glory of God
- Apr. 26 To the Glory of God



Dear Faith Family,

First and foremost, I hope this note finds you all well.

Under normal circumstances you would find an order form for Easter Flowers in this newsletter. Unfortunately, I cannot say for sure when we will be able to physically meet at Faith or if we can enjoy the beautiful flowers Easter Sunday and beyond. Currently the Florist that I deal with is closed and like everyone else they do not know when they will be able to open. With the hope that they will be able to open prior to Easter Sunday, we will have

Easter Plants to share with you and your loved ones. With this uncertainty though, I have the decision not to take specific orders. As time progresses and we are directed as to what we can and cannot do, I will be in touch. I have a number of thoughts as to what could be done, but for the time being, we will just have to 'wait and see'.

**Stay Well and God's Blessings,
Donna Van Zandt**



JOINT PRAYER GROUP

Faith Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran have a Joint Prayer Group that has been active since June 2016. There are approximately 12 of us that pray on a regular basis for our churches, for our new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Most of our group prays at home although several of us have been meeting together at Evangelical or Faith on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm to pray together.

Pray for spiritual revival in this area. Pray also for the churches in this area that are struggling and in need of pastors.

If you, a loved one, or someone you know would like to be included on the specific list for prayers, please let me know

Michele Howard, mcvh44@aol.com, (518) 753-4288, or in person on Sunday Morning.



DINNER CLUB

DINNER CLUB IS CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS)

NEWSLETTER 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 any time and view the newsletter.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at:

barbboord@hotmail.com.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the MAY 2020 newsletter is Wednesday April 22nd. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.





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5 PALM SUNDAY	6	7	8	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
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