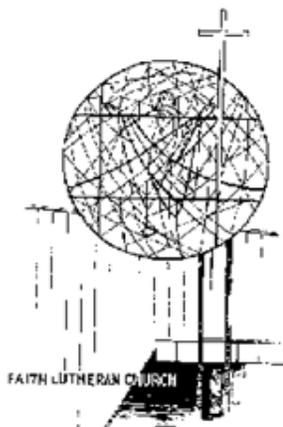


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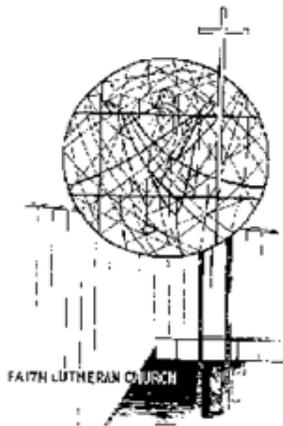
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For God

so *lo*ved the world,
tha *t* he gave his
only
be *g*otten
So *n*,
tha *t* whosoever
be *l*ieveth
*i*n him should not perish,
but have *e*verlasting life.



John 3:16



CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

January 27, 2019 was an eventful day. Pastor Andrew led us in worship and the Sunday School participated in the service, giving us an overview of their efforts this past Christmas. These included organizing the shoebox program and delivering the boxes for shipping. Then on Sunday December 16, the Sunday School put up the decorations in and around the church. This was followed by lunch at church and then Caroling to several church families in their homes and at their Beechwood residence. We so appreciate all that they did.

After a light luncheon, our Annual Meeting was held. A few key points include the election of Diana Rieker to a new two-year term on the council, and the reelection of Rob Hayward and Fred Howard to their second consecutive two-year terms.

As required by our Partnership Agreement with Evangelical Lutheran Church Poestenkill, we Renewed our agreement for the coming year and approved how we will share our Pastoral budget for the coming year.

Bill Jarosz, co-chair of the Joint Call Committee reported on activities during 2018. While it has been a long time since the Call Committee interviewed the first candidate for call, he suggested that we may be getting a second candidate in the not too distant future. The call committee had discussed the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) program.

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

Church Council Officers:

Fred Howard (President)
Evelyn Jarosz (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Donna Gibson (Secretary)

Council Members

Doug Adamek (Education)
Donna Gibson (Stewardship)
Rob Hayward
(Office Oversight/Admin)
Linda Hulihan
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)
(Missions)
Mike Moroskey (Property)
Sharon Morris (In Reach/Out Reach)
Diana Rieker
Ben Wagar (Property)

This was further discussed in the President's Report. What is RIC? Begun in 1983, Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is a program for Lutheran communities of faith to answer the inclusive call of the Gospel by welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Currently, there are over 850 settings of the Lutheran church on the RIC roster. These include congregations, campus ministries, synods of the ELCA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, one camp, other independent organizations, and colleges of the ELCA. Each year, the last Sunday in January is designated as RIC Sunday, a day that welcoming congregations celebrate what it means to live a

theology of reconciliation. RIC Sunday at Our Savior's is celebrated with members' personal stories of what being "Reconciled in Christ" means to them.

This has been a subject that has long been pondered by ELCA Lay Persons and Clergy. We may wish to provide an opportunity for our membership to study, pray, and examine how we as individuals and as a congregation feel about this. Locally there are a number of RIC Congregations including: Prince of Peace, Clifton Park; Good Shepherd, Loudonville; St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church, Colonie; First Lutheran Church, Albany; and Messiah Lutheran Church, Schenectady.

- A general emailing was sent to all congregants for whom we have a current email address.
- A message announcing the cancelation was placed on the church answering machine.
- Phone calls were made to the people that we knew did not use email.
- Notice was placed on the church web site.

In the future we will use similar methods if we must cancel. If the weather is questionable and you are uncertain as to whether the service is being held, call the church and listen to the message on the answering machine which will have an announcement if services are canceled.

And finally, if you did not receive email or phone notification please make sure that we have your correct phone number or email address. You can simply fill out one of the "Visitor" cards with your information and drop it in the collection plate and we will make sure that it gets into the proper church records.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations and God's blessing to Aaron and Jing Yuan Cordes on the birth of their twin boys, Adam and Joshua.

Prayers are needed for Peter Edelman as he recovers from surgery. Also, please pray for Carol Karpiens Mother as she recovers from hip surgery. Helen Smuss (Karen Cordes Mother) who is under Hospice care, Tom Martin (John Martin's Brother) who has Leukemia, John Hostettler (Dana Cerrone's relative) as he continues his journey to recovery and Pr. Jennifer Wegter-McNelly who continues her courageous battle with Cancer.

Continued Prayers are requested, Paul Molesky and Larry Boord, who is recovering from a severe leg infection in Capstone Rehabilitation Center, as they continue their health journeys.

Prayers of encouragement and for success of the joint Call Committee of Faith and Evangelical during their diligent search for a permanent Pastor.

SERVICE CANCELATION NOTIFICATION

It became apparent late in the week of January 15 that it would be appropriate to cancel Sunday Services on January 20 services due to the predicted weather. The procedures that were followed included:

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE AND COVERAGE

We look forward to seeing beloved, familiar faces in the Pulpit

February 3 - Pastor Andrew Nelson – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 10 - Pastor Andrew Nelson – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17 - Pastor Rahel Hahn – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 24 - Pastor Andrew Nelson – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

EPIPHANY SEASON

The Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) continues through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (Mar 5). The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter (Apr 21).

We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.



OUR FAITH at WORK



The featured mission for the month of February will be in support of the important work of Jeff and Sissie D'Jernes as Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc.

Wycliffe Bibles Translators in partnership with SIL International celebrated a milestone of the dedication of the 1000th New Testament translation! One hundred Thirteen scripture publications were completed which means more communities are now able to know the Scripture in a language and form that clearly understand.

Your continued support of the "Pull Tab" and "Box Top" missions are most appreciated. Both missions are receiving donations from the congregation each week. You will find the collection containers on the table in the Narthex.

The Bread of Life Food pantry sends the following list of needed food items this month: Fruit juice (low sugar), canned fruit, soups and spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, canned hash, stew, chili, baked beans, cereal, condiments, coffee/tea, sugar and cooking oil, condiments, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, tooth paste, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

Evelyn Jarosz, Missions

After a busy Christmas season, the kids came back to Sunday School trying to figure out how to start the new year. It was decided that we would use some of our new technology to create a presentation for the congregation that showcased all our Christmas activities. We presented a picture/slide show that the kids narrated on January 27 during the service, prior to the annual meeting.

Things are still a bit up in the air for the rest of the Sunday School year due to busy schedules and uncertainty about the minister position, but we are still hoping to have a first communion and confirmation class in the near future. We will keep you posted!

***Peace and Joy,
Sara Martin
Education Director***

SERVING FAITH in FEBRUARY

FEB. 3 RD	Altar	Polly Hayward and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
FEB. 10 TH	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Karen Cordes
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Errol Bull and Mike Moroskey
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan

FEB. 17 TH	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Karen Cordes
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
FEB. 24 TH	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant	Mitch Cieminski
	Ushers	Roberta and Rob Hayward
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard

on the appropriate line. Bouquets continue to be \$19.00 each. Should you have any questions, see Donna Van Zandt

CHOIR

To all congregants who enjoy singing to the Lord. Faiths' Choir is about to begin again. If you would like to join the choir this year, we would love to have you! Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.



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.

*Sharon Morris, Worship Chairperson.
Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild
Heather Bull, Coffee Hour*

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 a new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Most of our group pray at home although several of us have been meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Please contact Michele Howard for further information. (518-753-4288)



FLOWERS for FEBRUARY

- FEB. 3RD To the Glory of God
- FEB. 10TH To the Glory of God
- FEB. 17TH To the Glory of God
- FEB. 24TH To the Glory of God

BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION

Please post in the Faith newsletter that I am now collecting plastic bottle caps (water bottles, soda bottles, laundry detergent) and the pill bottles. I am donating these to Harmony Hills school in Cohoes.

Thank you,
Kathy Adamek

A new flower chart for 2019 has been hung in the Narthex. If you would like to place a bouquet of flowers on the Altar in honor of or in memory of someone during the year, please place your name and who will be remembered with these flowers

VISION MISSION TO HONDURAS

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili (near Rochester) will be missioning to rural Honduras mid-March 2019. The issue at hand in the community is lack of vision care with reports of children dropping out of school because they cannot read the board nor their books. Their needs are listed as: a mobile Autorefractor and Phoropter, lenses, glasses, eye patches and lensometer.

If anyone would like to donate any of these items, there will be a box stationed in the Narthex.

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 March newsletter is Monday February 18th. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.



FEBRUARY 2019

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3 Rev. Andrew Nelson <i>Council 9:45 AM</i>	4 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	5	6 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	7	8	9 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM ANNUAL BANQUET \$15.00
				<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		
10 Rev. Andrew Nelson	11 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	12	13	14 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	15	16
17 Rev. Rahel Hahn	18 NEWSLETTER Articles Due <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	19 WELCA 10:00 AM	20 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	21	22	23
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