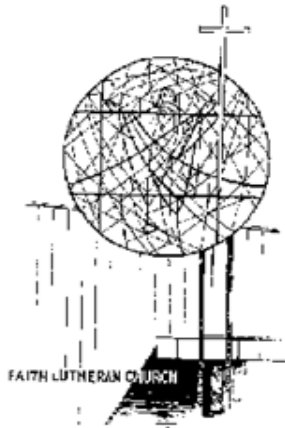
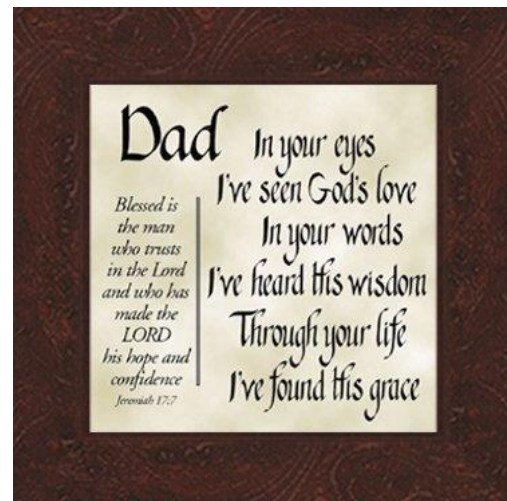


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Following Faith

JUNE 2020





Dear friends,

I continue to be so very grateful for a number of things each day:

- that I was called to serve Evangelical and Faith BEFORE this pandemic got started! Although it was only a few month, I'm glad that I got to know many of you in-person. It makes this NOT-in-person time a bit easier.
- that we have technology that allows us to be together on Sunday morning – and other times!
- that **so many** of you call in or login on Sunday to 'gather virtually' and hear God's word, sing, and pray together!

As we continue our journey together in this way, I look for spiritual guidance found in voices from the past. I have long been a 'fan' of St. Francis of Assisi who is credited with the Serenity Prayer (Lord, make me an instrument of your peace . . .) So I was happy to come across this prayer of his last week that speaks to my (and maybe your) need today.

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily,
To lean upon Thy great strength, trustfully,
restfully.

To wait for the unfolding of Thy will, patiently,
serenely.

To meet others, peacefully, joyously.

To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

- St. Francis of Assisi

Praying with and for you in these days,

Pastor Judy

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Roberta Hayward (Treasurer)
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and C. Karpien (Partnership Council)**

Barbara Boord, Newsletter Editor

**ELECTRONIC SERVICES WILL CONTINUE
TO BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AS
WELL AS SERVICE MATERIALS WILL BE
SENT BY EMAIL AND BY US MAIL.**

**SEE DINNER CLUB SECTION BELOW FOR
REOCCURRING MEETING CONTACT
INFORMATION.**

Coronavirus Thoughts

When we first closed our church doors in mid-March due to the coronavirus, I believed that it would be for just a few weeks. There was talk of being together again in our beautiful sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Now we know that this virus and the sometimes deadly disease that it causes are not going away. We can only hope to slow its spread, AND we are going to be doing things differently for a very long time.

At the May Faith Lutheran Church Council meeting – held virtually using Zoom - I shared a recent letter from our Bishop. In it he has recommended that we not reopen our buildings until we can do so safely. Additionally, there are a large number of questions that the leadership of the congregation will need to answer and make plans for once we do decide to invite people ‘back to church.’

Some of those questions revolve around the building: cleaning and safe movement. Some of those questions deal with our worship service: seating, masks, singing, and the practices involved in distributing the elements of Holy Communion. There are additional questions about funerals and other group events.

In short, we have a LOT to think about, talk about, and plan for. I request your prayers for our church leaders more than ever during these upcoming months as we try to discern what is safest and best for our family of faith.

Finally, remember that if there is a particular hymn that you’d like to sing/ hear on Sunday morning during our worship service, please let me (978 808 6780 or judyconverse@gmail.com) or Donna VanZandt (518 496 8935 or dvanzandt@brunswickcsd.org) know. And if you would like to talk with me about anything, use the contact information above and we can communicate using voice only or voice with video.

Pastor Judy

Remembering Helen Inglis

To all the members of Faith Lutheran Church:

I wanted to add my thanks for all the cards, visits, emails and especially prayers you sent to our mother, Helen Inglis, over the past 8 months, but especially those over these last weeks of "quarantine". Each and every one of them meant so much to her, and in turn, to each of us, her children. In our last conversation with her before she passed April 18th, she wanted to make sure we told EVERYBODY how much she appreciated each and every one of them and how they were all read to her by the staff and that she knew that others were keeping her in their prayers. She was a faith-filled woman (with a good deal of spunk) who knew she was loved by all of you and the Lord and is now resting in peace.

Thank you all so much. Your kindnesses will never be forgotten and we look forward to being able to celebrate mom's life with all of you when appropriate.

Peace,

Mary Chris (Inglis) Brauchli, on behalf of all of Helen's family

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers for Paul Haas who is doing well at Van Rensselaer Manor. While he cannot have visitors, he does have his cell phone 518-892-2231 and enjoys telephone calls from his friends.

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

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.

And finally prayers for our country and our world in these times of COVID-19 pandemic and turmoil and unrest.



OUR FAITH at WORK

Bread of Life Food Pantry.

Our mission of the month is the Bread of Life Food Pantry which is located next to Evangelical Church in Poestenkill. It is a nonprofit organization helping families supplement their food needs. Our church has been supporting the food pantry with food donations left in the collection box in the Narthex. While the church is closed, the need continues. You may choose to bring donations directly to Evangelical Church in Poestenkill. You may drop off your donations during the daytime. Volunteers will check Monday, Wednesday, Friday. If you wish, you may leave a message at the church office number (518) 283-6045 to let them know when you will be dropping off a donation and they will look for it.

“BREAD OF LIFE” Food Pantry STAPLE FOOD SUGGESTIONS TO SHOP FOR OR DONATE – ELCP Poestenkill, NY

Meat Items: hamburger (1lb.) bacon (1lb.) hot dogs, frozen chicken (tenders, nuggets, patties) Frozen fish (sticks, fillets)

Eggs, American cheese slices, butter (1 lb.), bread & rolls

Canned or jarred items: Vegetables (green beans, corn, peas, potatoes, beets, carrots) Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, **fruit cocktail**,

Mandarin oranges, applesauce)

Pork & Beans, any like Bush’s baked beans, canned pasta (ravioli, beef-a-roni, spaghetti)

Peanut Butter, jelly (**strawberry**, grape, others), fruit juices (apple, cranberry, other varieties) snack items (cookies, bars, pudding, fruit cups, cake & baking mixes, any others)

Canned Tuna, Stew, Chili or **Hash** – Soups (chicken noodle, tomato or any kind) -Spaghetti sauce – Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup

Coffee (instant or ground) Tea bags, Sugar, Flour, cooking oil, dried pasta (any kind) Pancake or Baking Mix, rice (white or brown), Pancake syrup Stuffing Mix, dried Potato Mixes, Mac & Cheese, Ramen Noodles

Cereal (cold or hot) Oatmeal, Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Mini-Shredded Wheat, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Cinnamon Life, Honey Nut Cheerios, Life, Raisin Bran, Chocolate varieties, Froot Loops, Lucky Charms

Personal Items: Bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brush, shampoo, **dish soap, laundry soap**, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues

Fresh Produce: Potatoes, carrots, onions, oranges, apples, garden abundance in summer **THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Call (518) 283-6045 for shopping list or to drop off at the church.

Donna St. John, Missions

DINNER CLUB - Get your cocktail and snack ready!

Dinner Club members – visitors always welcome!

On Saturday June 13, 2020, beginning at 6:00pm, we are holding a ZOOM meeting in place of our normal Dinner Club cocktail hour.

Get your beverage and snacks ready. Let’s get ready to socialize! Just a little opportunity to catch up and visit. We will do another “go-around” where I will ask each one of us share. Until we meet, **let’s think about when we were young. Who were the blessings in our life that guided and nurtured us?** Plan to share a quick thought or memory of your Dad, Mom, or someone else special in your life.

We will be using the reoccurring meeting sign in used for our Sunday worship service, so don’t get nervous when you see that is the name of the meeting.

Dial-in: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 837 7245 4374
Password: 049977

Login:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772454374?pwd==ZVJDL3FxrjZSN2ZHtTFIUGo3TVVmdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772454374?pwd=<u>=ZVJDL3FxrjZSN2ZHtTFIUGo3TVVmdz09</u>)

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Call in on your house phone, cell phone, or log in on your computer.

If you are on a smart phone or computer, make sure to share video as well as audio so we can all see you. Please only sign in with one device per household.

If you have any issues please call Donna and Eugene at 518-274-3539 or 518-526-2545.



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

Pray for wisdom for our church leaders as we plan how we as congregations will worship together in the future.

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.

NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Barbara Boord is coordinating the Newsletter efforts.

Newsletter copies may be viewed on the church web site:

www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com

at any time.

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

barbboord@hotmail.com.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the July 2020 newsletter is Wednesday July 24. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.



