

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
TROY, NEW YORK 12182



Following Faith

JULY 2017

CALL PROCESS

The joint Pastoral Discernment Committee, consisting of members from both of our Parish congregations, completed their work at a meeting at ELC-Poestenkill on June 13. The committee concluded that what each congregation wants and needs in a new Pastor is similar and compatible, which is important since we will be making this new call jointly. On June 20 Ruth Frazee, President ELCP, Pastor Slater, Pastor Jo Page, our Conference Dean, and I met to discuss our next steps in the call process.

A document called a Ministry Site Profile that describes our Parish – the two congregations – must be completed for Synod. Between the membership surveys and analysis conducted last year (CAT and COW) and the work of the Pastoral Discernment Committee, the background work for completing significant sections of the Profile is available. The Faith and ELCP councils now must work together on a revised Covenant Agreement that spells out how the Parish will share and support our new Pastor. In addition, there is information relating to community demographics, membership, attendance and budget that must be reported.

Once these tasks have been completed, and approved by the two councils, we will have a special congregational meeting where the congregation will consider what is being proposed and take action on it. Our intent is to keep you posted on progress through the newsletter and to have an informational meeting the week before the actual congregational meeting to provide the opportunity for discussion prior to voting on the measures.

Fred Howard
President

Pastor Portrait Summary

Faith and Evangelical Poestenkill Pastoral Discernment Committees met on June 13 to discuss the pastor portraits developed by each church. It was clear that the two portraits were similar as both congregations shared many goals and concerns. As well, it became apparent that the few differences could be reconciled. Pastor Shannon Vance Ocampo expedited the process by



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

The Rev. James Slater, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

Fred Howard (President)
Evelyn Jarosz (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Diana Rieker (Secretary)
Michele Howard/
Pam Perras (Financial Secretaries)

Council Members

Doug Adamek (Education)
Errol Bull (Property)
Donna Gibson (Stewardship)
Rob Hayward (Stewardship)
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)
Sharon Morris (Worship)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Pam Perras (In Reach/Out Reach)

merging the two documents. The resulting document summarizes desired characteristics in four categories: Personal, Leadership, Social, and Faith.

Personal describes how a candidate relates to individuals of varying ages and groups.

Leadership describes qualities relating to innovative approaches, communication skills, inter-congregational and synod relationships.

Social describes qualities relating to individual and community connections.

Faith describes qualities that would bolster and encourage faith in action.

Note: It is assumed that candidates will possess required education and training and be ordained.

**Respectfully submitted,
The Pastoral Discernment Committee**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Kevin Morgan, husband of Barbara Speanburg Morgan, passed away suddenly on the morning of June 19, of an apparent heart attack. He was 57 years old, in good health, with no history of heart trouble. Our sympathies are extended to Barbara and the entire Speanburg family in this time of grief. Calling hours will be from 10-12 noon on Saturday, with Pastor Slater conducting the funeral service beginning at noon.

Ben Wager spent several days in the Albany VA Hospital for observation and control of possible infection related to the BCG treatments that he is being given. He was released and is now home. He is in good spirits and looks well. Please keep him and Stephanie in your prayers.

Jennifer Wegter-McNelly now has her CaringBridge web page set up (CaringBridge.org). She has posted periodic updates and pictures describing her treatment journey. For those without computer access to this site, printed copy of her most recent post is found on the counter in the Narthex.

Pastor Bill Hempel continues his chemotherapy treatments and Dave Cerrone is continuing his recovery process with a second round of treatments.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Preliminary discussions have occurred between Faith and Evangelical to outline a schedule and strategy to prepare the Ministry Site Survey. This will be used by Synod to initiate the call process for a new pastor.

Additional desirable traits for the new pastor were identified and communicated to the Discernment Committee. These include continuation of ecumenical activities and able to reach out to the elderly and homebound.

A motion was made and approved to appoint members to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be comprised of 3 members plus the treasurer of both Faith and Evangelical. The first task will be to work with Evangelical to review and update our joint agreement.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday July 10th, 2017 at 7 p.m.

*Diana Rieker,
Secretary*



School is out for the summer! Guess what? So is Sunday School. As we head into summer, we will be taking some time off from our "formal" church education, but as always, we can continue to encourage our kids to learn more about God and the love he has for us.

Congratulations to our 2017 First Communion Class: Vivian Bull, Maille Maloney, Molly Martin, Blake Wood, Gavin Wood and Riley Wood. We know that they will continue to learn and grow in Jesus' love. Thank you to all of you that helped out with the First Communion, especially Donna VanZandt, Fred and Michele Howard and Pastor Shannan, but also to the parents and grandparents of the children. It was wonderful to see so many of

you at the reception afterward, thank you for your continued support of the congratulations youngest members.

As you know, the kids have created "Kid's Council", a group that meets after church and discusses how to help others in our community. With your help, the children collected \$120 that they decided to use to purchase items from ELCA's Good Gifts catalog. They have purchased 10 chicks, one pig, a box of water tablets, a fruit tree, a clinic visit, a vaccine and school supplies. These items are used to fight hunger and transform lives where it is needed the most. The kids will be presenting this information in the fall as part of Rally Day. For more information about Kid's Council, see the brochures in the back of the church that the kids created.

To close out the Sunday School year, the kids made some get well cards for Pastor Jennifer and were able to listen to some special children's lessons during the church service. Currently, we plan to start Sunday School back up again on September 17th. Once again, we will be looking for people to help out as we transition into the older ages and move ahead with the Christian education.

Have a great summer! Hope to see you at the congregational picnic.

Sara Martin,
Education Director

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of July will be in support of the work of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of the Greater Capital Region (GCR).

The YWCA is the oldest and largest multicultural women's organization in the world. They have a long, rich history as a provider of services for women and their families. Local associations work to eliminate racism, empower women, and meet community needs through programs, services, and advocacy.

A statement on their website says it all: "Women come to the **YWCA-GCR** in times of crisis, for safe and affordable housing, help with basic needs, such as food and clothing, victim advocacy, help

with addiction, job training and career counseling, and case management. Some stay for just a few weeks, some for many years. We give women and women with children a second chance and a fresh start, by providing transitional and permanent housing combined with 360° of Support to empower them to be able to achieve their goals and to become self-sufficient."

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Carol Perrott, Missions

JULY 23rd SPECIAL BEATLES LITURGY

Donna Van Zandt will be away July 23rd on a rare Sunday off. Pastor Slater is going to provide music for worship. We will experience a special "Beatles" liturgy that he has done in other churches where the Beatle's music is used for the liturgy. When this was considered by Council, it was unanimously and enthusiastically approved. We hope that you will be sure to attend this special service that will be inspiring and entertaining in a new, non-traditional format.

FLOWERS for JULY

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| July 2nd | To the Glory of God |
| July 9th | To the Glory of God |
| July 16th | In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bohatec
Given by Larry and Barbara Boord |
| July 23rd | In Memory of Margaret Speanburg
Given by Barbara Morgan
In Memory of Marilyn Howard
Given by the Howard Family |
| July 30th | In Memory of Dorothy and Leo Perras
Given by the Perras Family |

SERVING FAITH in JULY

July 2 nd	Altar	Polly Hayward and Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Errol Bull B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	In Summer Recess
July 9 th	Altar	Joyce Duncan and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Pat Brundige and Katie Bonnier
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	In Summer Recess
July 16 th	Altar	Joyce Duncan and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Carol Perrott and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	In Summer Recess
July 23 rd	Altar	Donna Gibson and Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Bill Speanburg and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
	Coffee Hour	In Summer Recess

July 30 th	Altar	Donna Gibson and Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpier Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	In Summer Recess

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.
Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras
Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull*

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will be meeting at Faith in July on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. The only exception being July 4th. Perhaps we can all pray for our country on that day.

Please consider being a part of this group? We would appreciate your presence with us even on an occasional basis. Your presence would be most welcome.

Please contact Michele Howard with any questions or for directions.



DINNER CLUB

The annual picnic will be the dinner club event for July, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Brunswick Town Park. Details of this event are posted below. The St. John's and the dinner club officers will be hosting.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL PICNIC**

July 15, 2017 - Rain or Shine

**The church picnic this year will be held
at the Brunswick Beach Pavilion.**

**Come hang out and enjoy the day,
starting at 11:00 a.m.**

Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

**Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, chips, pickles,
ice tea & lemonade will be provided by
the Faith Lutheran Church Dinner Club.**

Please bring a dish to share.

Additional drinks available at cost.

**A GOOD WILL OFFERING will be collected
to defray the cost of pavilion rental &
food.**

**We hope to see you there,
Donna St. John**

**NEWSLETTER
EDITOR/COORDINATOR**

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

You may go to the church web site at:
www.faithlutherantroy.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 August newsletter deadline is Monday July 24th.

Anyone with items of interest or submissions for Among Our People please email your articles to:

barbboord@hotmail.com or call (518) 982-1250.

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2	3 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6 Home Bureau 1:00 to 3:00 PM	7	8
9	10 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM Council 7:00 PM	11	12 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	13	14	15 ANNUAL PICNIC 11:00 AM - TIL
16	17 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM	18 WELCA	19	20 Home Bureau 1:00 to 3:00 PM	21	22
23 BEATLES LITURGY	24 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM Newsletter Items	25	26 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	27	28	29
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