

Following Faith

The Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

MARCH 2015



ONE OF THOSE THINGS

There is a story about two caterpillars who are watching a chrysalis. A chrysalis is to a butterfly what a cocoon is to a moth. Suddenly the chrysalis bursts open to reveal a beautiful butterfly that stretches its wings and flies away. One caterpillar turns to the other and says, "You'll never get me up in one of those things." However, in one sense the caterpillar already is "one of those things"... because it already is a butterfly in the making. No matter what the caterpillar says, wants, or wills, he or she is on her way.

Our Christian faith informs of the same message. Some day we will become who we are truly meant to be, not of our own doing, but of God's. Some days we may not think it, or feel the significance of who we are becoming, but none the less, the promise has been made and God does not go back on his promises. That's the beauty of the faith that follows Jesus. He came to take us as we are, rather than for what we might accomplish or prove by ourselves. It's why we say we are saved by grace. We truly get to live as though we expect to get up in one of those things! How beautiful, exciting, and magnificent!

Once again, we prepare ourselves to hear those words, "He is not here. He has arisen. He has gone ahead of you!" Once again, we get to think of how it will be to "get up in one of those things," that which recreates us and sets us free to fly home, to eternity, to the home where we've always meant to be. Blessings in these coming days, as we journey to the cross (our chrysalis) and expect that which is still beyond. And please, "Get me up in one of those things!"

Pastor Steve



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

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

David Truland (President)
Sara Martin (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Joyce Duncan (Secretary)
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)

Council Members

Errol Bull (Property)
Joyce Duncan (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Elizabeth King (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Diana Reiker (Stewardship)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: Beverly Lanteigne has concluded her chemotherapy and is awaiting further consultation with the doctors. **Polly Hayward** continues to make improved progress with her mending ankle. She is out of her cast and wears a protective boot, while being allowed to apply minimal pressure for walking. **Russ Lastrup** has received a skin graft on an injured leg he suffered last September, while continuing to receive care through the wound center. **Mildred Lalane** also continues to receive treatment on her leg at the wound center. **Barbara Boord** is continuing her recovery with out-patient physical therapy after receiving a knee replacement at Albany Medical in early January. **Pat Turcotte** recently had a vascular stent re-positioned at Albany Medical just days after **Ron** had successful surgery to remove a tumor from his bladder. Both are recuperating well and taking some rest and relaxation in Florida. Following back surgery, **Carolyn Speanburg** returned to the hospital to discover blood clots had formed in one of her legs. She is now under treatment and feeling much better. **Ben Wager** is continuing to consult with doctors as they try to determine how to remedy his bladder condition. **Joe Zepf** continues to battle lung cancer while a resident at Albany County Nursing Home. He remains cheerful and positive. **Bob Gibson** is participating in a research study for a new cancer drug. This new immune therapy drug (PD-L1) has been successful with several types of cancer. Bob was accepted in the study last month and he receives an IV treatment every 21 days.

Sally Davis now resides at Atria Delmar Place, 467 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. 12154

Betty Regan now lives at St. Clare Commons #2604, 12469 Five Point Rd., Perrysburg, OH, 43551

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Officers for 2015 remain the same as in 2014.

New Council members Beth King and Diana Reiker will be doing Out Reach- In Reach and Stewardship respectively.

Defibrillator and wall mount are a work in progress. Donna Van Zandt stated she would like to purchase training manuals and CD's to help when she starts the training.

Furnace –hot water system has been checked by a Holbrook technician and 3 new circulators have been installed.

Repairs to the Church building that need to be made in the Spring were discussed.

Pastor Cordes stated that the Thrivent for Lutherans Action Team offers seed money to Thrivent members for various projects, the Thrivent member has to apply for the funds. A Council member will be checking into this.

Next scheduled meeting is April 6, 2015

Joyce Duncan, Secretary



Despite the cold wintery weather, students have made their way to Sunday School and are starting a new unit on the New Testament. As we move in to the Easter and spring seasons we will start to think about our annual Easter fundraising activity as well as plans for an end of the year celebration. We hope everyone continues to enjoy seeing the kids in church each Sunday. If you get a chance sit near the front sometime so you can hear them recite the Lord's Prayer. They do a great job. If anyone has any ideas for a fundraiser or for a late winter Sunday School activity, please let me know.

Have a great month, hopefully the snow will be gone by Easter so we can hold our much loved Easter Egg hunt!

Sara Martin, Education Director

FLOWERS for FEBRUARY

March 1st In memory of Muriel Thompson
Given by The Family

March 8th To the Glory of God

March 15th To the Glory of God

March 22nd In memory of Everett and Eugene Boomhower.
Given by Joyce and Robert Duncan.

March 29th To the Glory of God

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of March will be in support of the work of Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County.

Did you know that there are 30,000 teens and adults in Rensselaer County alone who can't complete a job application, write a letter to a child's school, or read the directions on a bottle of cough syrup?

Adult Education programs work with these individuals to help them learn English and obtain the skills needed to become employed, retain a job, get a promotion, read to their children, obtain the skills necessary to succeed, and achieve economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.

By donating to Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County, we can make a difference.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent, there are always tutor and non-tutor opportunities awaiting you. For information on becoming a volunteer you can call the office at 274-8526.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Perrott, Missions

SERVING FAITH in MARCH

Mar. 1 ST	Altar	Karen Cordes and Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Carol Karpien Beth and Joe King Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull
Mar. 8 th	Altar	Karen Cordes and Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Bill Maloney Nadeen Thompson and Barbara Boord Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Dave and Dana Cerrone
Mar. 15 th	Altar	Pat Turcotte and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Rich Andersen B Morgan, B Stevens and B Speanberg Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
Mar. 22 nd	Altar	Pat Turcotte and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Aaron Cordes Carol Perrott and Stephanie Wager LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Donna and Bob Gibson

Mar.29th	Altar	Janet Walsh and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
	Ushers	Diana Reiker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Donna and Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

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 REHERSAL

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.



**WOMEN
OF THE
ELCA**

WELCA met on February 17th and continues the Transformation Bible study. The Hudson Mohawk Conference Assembly (All Daughters of the King!) will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 1:00 PM at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Valatie. A tea party will follow. RSVP is due by March 7th to Sue Sundwall: 784-5104 or scsundwall@gmail.com. Registration is \$7.00 per person, payable at the door.

Registration forms are available for the Region 7 Spiritual Gathering. Speak to Donna Gibson if you would like one. The group, along with the Monday sewers, is thinking of making a group quilt. It will be one block in design and

everyone who would like can make one or more blocks to be joined with the others. Donna has the pattern and information. Please let Evelyn or Donna know if you would be interested in making a block or two.

WELCA will be sponsoring a food and bake sale on Sunday, March 22nd following church service. Profits will assist women to attend the Region 7 Gathering and the Upstate New York WELCA convention in September.



DINNER CLUB

Although Dinner Club's Annual Banquet was postponed until February 21st a catered dinner was enjoyed by all the attendees.

The March Dinner Club is scheduled for March 14th starting at 6:30 PM. Please contact the committee which is comprised of Duncans, Wagers, Thompson, Zeph and Pastor if you are interested in attending.

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 web site at: www.faihlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and see the newsletter there.

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 March 23rd. Please email your articles to 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.

EASTER PLANTS

Once again we will have a variety of spring plants adorning the Altar for Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a plant in loving memory of or in honor of someone please fill in the information below and return it to Donna Van Zandt no later than March 25th.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter Plant(s) at \$11.00 each in loving memory or in honor

Of _____

Given by _____

My plant(s) may be given to the sick or shut ins. _____ Yes _____ No

If possible please fill out a separate order form for each plant purchased.

Make check payable to WELCA.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Choir 7:00 PM	6	7
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
8	9	10	11 Speigle Elders 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM	12 Choir 7:00 PM	13	14 Dinner Club 6:30 PM
15	16	17	18	19 Choir 7:00 PM	20	21
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
22	23	24	25 Speigle Elders 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM	26 Choir 7:00 PM	27	28
29	30	31				