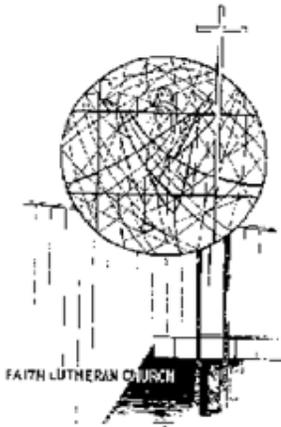


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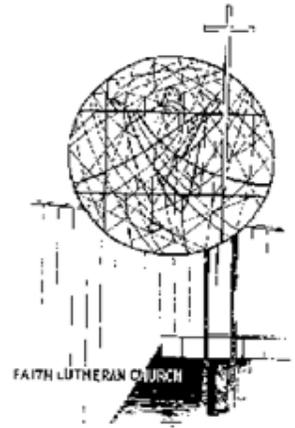


Following Faith

March 2018

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Please pause for a moment during your busy day and remember our Brothers and Sisters in Faith who are still recovering. Fred Howard is doing well after his heart surgery. Rev. Dietrich, continues to heal after her ankle surgery. She had a slight setback after putting too much weight on the ankle during her move but continues to improve. Rev. Hempel is returning to serve as interim pastor for Faith and Evangelical in March. Rev. Wegter-McNelly, continues her cancer treatment while Paul Molesky, Dave Cerrone and Larry Boord progress.



OUR FAITH at WORK

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

Through our donations Literacy Volunteers can provide tutoring in Reading/Basic Literacy and in English as a Second Language to approximately 250 teens and adults. A new program has been added as well, the Literacy Study Circle that provides literacy support for those students on the waiting list for a tutor. All these services are provided at no cost to their students by a staff and trained volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent, there are always tutor and non-tutor opportunities for you to check into. For information on becoming a volunteer you can call the office at 518-274-8526.

The Bread of Life food pantry is most appreciative of our continued support.

The list of food items needed for the month of March has been distributed. These items include: Mac & Cheese (boxed), Canned Fruit, Sugar (box or bag), Mustard & Ketchup, Chili & Hash, Cereal, Soup & Stew. Non-food items: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes, deodorant. The pantry has a current overstock of: Peanut butter, Jelly/jam, Tuna fish, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce and Ramen Noodles.

Please remember the "Pull Tab" ministry. One five-gallon container has been filled and the second one is almost there.

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

Rev. William Hempel, Interim Pastor

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Rob Hayward
(Office Oversight/Admin)
Linda Hulihan
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)
(Missions)
Mike Moroskey (Property)
Sharon Morris (In Reach/Out Reach)
Ben Wagar (Property)**

SERVING FAITH in MARCH

These containers will go to Synod in the spring to be added to containers from other congregations in our Synod for missions throughout our Synod. Last year Faith donated one container. We have already surpassed last year but let's aim for three containers this year!

Evelyn Jarosz, Missions



As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Sunday School has purchased some new equipment to provide a more interactive and up to date experience for students and teachers. Although we haven't learned about all of the features of our new technology, we have started to use the equipment and it has been great! We have been able to search and present current information about topics that we discuss in Sunday School and the kids have loved the "new stuff". We will continue to explore all the new technology has to offer and will keep you posted.

We haven't decided yet on this year's Sunday School Easter activities, with Easter coming so early it kind of snuck up on us. Hopefully we will think of something new and interesting for the kids to work on, stay tuned.

Thanks again for all your support.

Sara Martin, Education Director

Mar. 4 th	Altar	Joyce Duncan and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Errol Bull Carol Perrott and Mike Moroskey
	Counters	Pat Brundige and LouAnn Behrens
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
Mar. 11 th	Altar	Joyce Duncan and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin
Mar. 18 th	Altar	LouAnn Behrens and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Barbara Morgan and Brenda Stevens
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Kathy and Doug Adamek
PALM	SUNDAY	
Mar. 25 th	Altar	LouAnn Behrens and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Dave Truland Errol and Ryland Bull
	Counters	Joyce Duncan and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Dana and Dave Cerrone

MAUNDY Mar. 29 th	THURSDAY Altar	Pam Perras and Donna St. John
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Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Donna and Dave Truland
Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward



At our meeting on February 20th the discussion on the Apostle's Creed was completed. A new study, to be determined, will begin at the March 20th meeting.

A special thanks to everyone that baked cookies for our special care persons.

The spring mission sponsored by WELCA will be part of the Lutheran World Relief organization. We will be collecting items for Fabric Kits. Janet Walsh will have a sample kit on display in the Narthax. Each kit will contain three yards of cotton fabric (42 – 44 wide), a package of ten to fifteen needles for hand sewing, two spools of matching general-purpose thread and six to ten average size matching buttons (1/2" to 3/4" preferred). These items can be placed in the basket in the Narthax. If you're able to help, please bring the items to church no later than April 21st. so the kits can be brought to the Lutheran World Relief truck in Clifton Park.

The next meeting of WELCA will be March 20th at 10:00 a.m. here at church. All are welcome to join us in fellowship.

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*

FLOWERS for MARCH

March 4 th	To the Glory of God
March 11 th	To the Glory of God
March 18 th	To the Glory of God
March 25 th	To the Glory of God Given by the Howards

ALTAR FLOWERS

Alter Flowers in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion can be ordered for \$19.00 per bouquet. The sign up is on the calendar hanging in the Narthex.

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.



DINNER CLUB

Saturday, February 10th Dinner Club gathered for a meal and fellowship. The evening was hosted by the club officers with a catered dinner from Testo's Restaurant. Presidents Evelyn and Bill Jarosz thanked the officers of 2017 for all their support over the last year and the officers for 2018 were introduced.

They are: Presidents: LouAnn Behrens and Donna Gibson, Secretaries: Joyce Duncan and Stephanie Wager, Treasurers: Linda and Jim Hulihan.

Saturday, March 10th is the next dinner to be hosted by LouAnn Behrens, Pat Goyer, Mary Slocum, and Janet Walsh. Reservations may be made with anyone on the committee.

All are welcome to come and enjoy an evening out with friends. Where else can you go for \$7.00 a person for a meal that includes everything from appetizers, salad, main course, dessert, beverages and entertainment to boot! Hope to see you there.



A few members of the Prayer Group continue to meet for prayer. We will be meeting at Faith on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. during March. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you decide to join us, please contact Michele Howard at 518-753-4288.

VISION MISSION TO HONDURAS

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili (near Rochester) will be missioning to rural Honduras mid-March 29018. This 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.

BARBARA BOORD 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 April newsletter deadline is Monday March 19th. 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	2	3
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
4	5 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 A.M. COUNCIL 7 P.M.	6	7 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	8 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	9	10 Dinner Club 6:00 PM
11	12 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 A.M.	13	14	15 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	16	17
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
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25 PALM SUNDAY	26 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 A.M.	27	28	29 <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	30	31



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 26th.

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.

Thank You