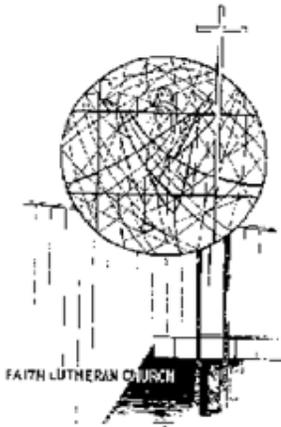


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
TROY, NEW YORK 12182



Following Faith

MARCH 2020

The Lord's Prayer

The Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done.

On earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours.

Now and forever. Amen.



Dear Friends,

We're now closing in on the end of this little-bit-shorter month of February and will begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. The five Sundays of March are also the five Sundays of Lent – our time to make use of the color purple and consider an emphasis on prayer, giving, and fasting.

Even among those who are generally unfamiliar with 'church-y' things, Lent carries some meaning. Often people associate Lent with 'giving up' something – typically chocolate or another favorite food – sort of fasting from or depriving oneself of something one enjoys. Other usual Lenten practices involve a renewed sense of daily prayer or doing something to serve or benefit another person/ group.

In recent years, I've heard stories of Lenten practice which involved, not a 'giving up,' but instead a 'taking on' of something new or challenging. One friend wrote and mailed a short note of thanks to someone each of the 40 days of Lent. Another found 40 unused or little used items at home and gave them away to a place or person who could use them better. Reading a devotional or sitting quietly to listen each day are other ways to observe this period of the church year.

In our worship during Lent, we'll take a bit more time for silence between parts of the service and use some liturgy pieces that are suggested for this time (no 'alleluias'!)

I am looking forward to our Lenten walk together.

Pastor Judy

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

**Rev. Judith Converse, Pastor
(Stewardship)**

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Rich Anderson (Financial Secretary)**

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Carol Karpien
Sara Martin (Education)
Carol Perrott (Inreach/Outreach)
Diana Rieker (Missions)
Donna St. John**

**R. Hayward, F. Howard, B. Jarosz,
and C. Karpien (Partnership Council)**

Barbara Boord, Newsletter Editor

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers for healing encouragement, and comfort for Stephanie Wagar who continues with a course of chemotherapy. Please include Ben as well.

Prayers for Larry Boord who is in Schenectady Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing after a fall at home. Please include Barbara as well

Prayers of encouragement for Helen Inglis who is continuing to work hard at rehabilitation after suffering a stroke. Helen is now living in the Guilderland Atria, 300 Mill Rose Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159. She can receive cards there. She is also able to have visitors. We are pleased with Helen's progress!

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.

Inclement Weather

As the winter season is upon us, we need to prepare for the possibility that church services might be cancelled due to severe weather. If the weather is poor, please call the church office at (518) 237-4641.

If church services have been changed or cancelled, the message on the church answering system will be updated. Otherwise, church services will be as regularly scheduled. We sure don't want anyone driving to church in severe weather only to find out that the service has been cancelled.

We will be updating everyone's contact information in the coming weeks in order

to further enhance communication with the congregation.



OUR FAITH at WORK

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

Through our donations, Literacy Volunteers provide tutoring in Reading/Basic Literacy and in English as a Second Language to approximately 250 teens and adults. One-to-One and Small Group Tutoring help individuals learn to read, to write, and to speak English, and to improve their math skills. Tutoring is free and confidential. Students and tutors work together for an average of 2 hours per week to meet students' goals.

The Bread of Life Food pantry is asking for the following items this month: Fruit juice (low sugar), canned fruit (in own juice), coffee (instant or ground), baked beans (like Bush's), sugar, oil, salt & pepper, spaghetti sauce & parmesan, plain soups (chicken, vegetable and tomato), cereals for "kids", The following non-food items are always needed: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes (adult), toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

Diana Rieker, Missions

CHOIR

Choir has resumed its' rehearsal schedule. All voices are welcomed. Generally, practices are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any questions??? Speak to Donna Van Zandt.

SERVING FAITH in MARCH

Mar. 1	Altar	Polly Hayward and Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Carol Perrott and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Dana and Dave Cerrone
Mar. 8	Altar	Polly Hayward and Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpfen Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Dinner Club Committee
Mar. 15	Altar	Karen Cordes and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Barb Boord and Mike Moroskey
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Michele and Fred Howard
Mar. 22	Altar	Karen Cordes and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Mitch Cieminski B. Morgan, B. Speanburg and B. Stevens
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

Mar. 29	Altar	Sharon Morris and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Donna Gibson Errol Bull and Carol Perrott
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
	Coffee Hour	Merilyn Niles and Janet Walsh

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.

Worship Chairperson.

Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild

Coffee Hour

FLOWERS CALENDAR FOR 2020

The 2020 flower calendar has been posted on the bulletin board in the back of the Narthax. If you would like to place flowers on the Altar in 2020, please place the following information on the appropriate date.

In memory or honor of _____. Given by _____

The price of each bouquet continues to be \$19.00. Any questions and/or payment should be directed to Donna Van Zandt. Checks made payable to WELCA.



FLOWERS for MARCH

Mar. 1 To the Glory of God

Mar. 8 To the Glory of God

**Mar. 15 In Honor of Isabel Myers
Birthday
Given by Brenda Stevens**



DINNER CLUB

**Mar. 22 In Memory of Everett and
Eugene Boomhower
Given by Joyce and Bob
Duncan**

**Mar. 29 In Honor of Michele's Birthday
Given by Fred Howard**



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

Most of our group prays at home although several of us have been meeting together at Evangelical or Faith on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm to pray together.

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, or in person on Sunday Morning

February's Dinner Club (Annual Banquet) held on February 8, 2020 was a great evening. A delicious Meal consisting of appetizers, salad, Turkey Dinner or Stuffed Shells and dessert was enjoyed by the attendees. A rousing game of Know Your Spouse (Newly Wed Game takeoff) was played by three couples (Fred and Michele Howard, Bob and Polly Hayward, and Bill and Evelyn Jarosz). The contestants were asked twelve questions about their spouse with the couple getting the most points winning the game and prize. As fate would have it the game ended in a three-way tie with all the couples winning a prize. The answers were very insightful in how well the couples knew each other and provided the audience with numerous laughs during the contest.

The March Dinner Club will be held at the Church on March 14, 2020 starting a 6:00 P.M. Please let the committee members know if you plan to attend.

We hope to see you there.

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 April 2020 newsletter is Monday: March 23rd. Please email your articles to:barbboord@hotmail.com.

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	COUNCIL 7:00 PM		Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	CHOIR 7PM		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM			CHOIR 7PM		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		DINNER CLUB 6:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM		Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	CHOIR 7PM		
				2:00 to 4:00 PM		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM			CHOIR 7PM		
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
29	30	31				
	CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM					