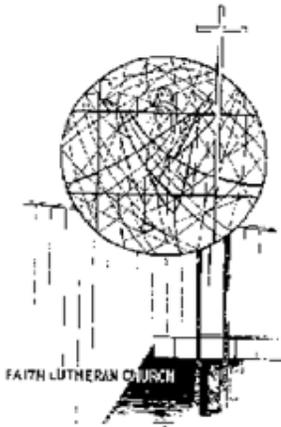


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Following Faith

MAY 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.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Happy Mother's Day

In the name of
JESUS CHRIST,
we lift up all
MOTHERS today.



We thank them for their
sacrifices so that we can
have a life of contentment.
Grant them favour, Lord
and may they have a
wonderful place in existence
in Your heart of **GRACE**.

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Dear friends,

We're nearing the end of this first whole month of our different way of being church that has been brought on by the coronavirus. I know that we've had our share of technology 'hiccups' along the way, but I also have to say that I have been so pleased to know that many people are 'attending' our worship services, that Council 'meetings' and the work of our church leaders continues to take place, and that important ministries are not ended.

It's different – it's hard, sometimes – it's not what we're used to or the way we want it to be - - - but we are still being the church together!

All of this is causing me – and others, I would guess, too – to think about how we could/ should adapt our church as we look to the future. Maybe we don't return to things 'just as they were.' Maybe we can use some helpful technology to continue to reach others who aren't able to gather in one place on Sunday mornings for worship. Maybe - - -? (You can add to this list too!)

Please know that I continue to pray for you. I pray that you are safe now, and that you are patient in waiting for safety in our wider community. I pray that you know God's presence with you where you are now and wherever we go in the days ahead.

Pastor Judy

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Sunday School: during worship**

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Roberta Hayward
Fred Howard (Special Assignments)
Linda Hulihan (Stewardship)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Carol Karpien
Sara Martin (Education)
Carol Perrott (Inreach/Outreach)
Donna St. John (Missions)**

**R. Hayward, F. Howard, B. Jarosz,
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Barbara Boord, Newsletter Editor

ELECTRONIC SERVICES WILL BE HELD DURING MAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS SERVICE MATERIALS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL AS WELL AS BY POSTAL MAIL. PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JUDY OR ROBERTA HAYWARD.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

It is with great sadness that I share the passing of two wonderful women that were a great part of our Faith Lutheran Family. Stephanie Wagar and Helen Inglis passed away in April. They will sorely be missed. Prayers for their families are requested during this time of their sorrow.

Prayers for Paul Haas was moved to Van Rensselaer Manor. He is acclimating to his new residence. Once the craziness of the world ends and he can accept visitors, I am sure he would love to see people. he does have his cell phone 518-892-2231 please feel free to give him a call.

Prayers for Larry Boord who is now home 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.



OUR FAITH at WORK

The featured mission for the month of May will be in support of the work of **Unity House**.

Unity House is a nonprofit organization that provides a wide range of services to meet the otherwise unmet needs of people in our community. Unity House assists those who are living in poverty, adults living with mental illness or HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, and children with developmental delays. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Bread of Life Food Pantry.

Bread of Life Food Pantry 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.

Donna St. John, Missions

Donna Van Zandt will gladly come to people's homes to pick up their donations and will check at Faith, so everything gets to Evangelical in a timely manner.



As I sat down to write this newsletter article, I was unsure of what I could include as there was really nothing to report, however just as I was about to write something about our plans for the future I received an email that spurred me on to instead write something about the past. I know all of us are concerned about an unsure future, so bringing up something from the past seemed like a good idea. One year ago, on April 18, five of our youth received their first communion. What a special and joyous day for the kids, their families and the congregation. The email I received was a reminder from Google Photos about the pictures I had taken one year ago on this day. Just looking at the photos of the kids and the church made me happy. There were fancy outfits, flowers, cake and fellowship. I certainly miss seeing everyone in person, but just this one reminder of the good things that have happened and the good things that are yet to come made my day. I hope that all of you are able to find a few things in your day that give you this feeling.

Looking forward to taking the next steps in their faith journey with all the kids, whatever that may be. Peace, love, joy and strength. We, and our kids, will get through this. "See" you in Zoom church!

Sara Martin
Education Coordinator



MAY

- May 3 **To the Glory of God**
- May 10 **In Memory of Bob Gibson**
 Given by Donna Gibson
- May 17 **In Honor of Timmy Martin's**
 Baptism
 Given by The Martin Family
- May 24 **To the Glory of God**
- May 31 **To the Glory of God**



In these uncertain times, we all are feeling angst about our health, the health of our families and friends, and our ability to cope with new rules about how we interact as a society. For retirees, perhaps the decline in the value of IRAs and other retirement savings are a concern. For working people there are many uncertainties related to the economy going forward with furloughs, layoffs, and terminations being the order of the day. Each of us has our own financial situations and concerns.

The expenses of our congregation and the needs of the missions that we support as a body are ongoing. If you are able, mailing your normal contributions to the church during the shutdown period when health concerns keep us from gathering physically on Sundays is important if we are to remain a viable institution. A number of you have established a pattern of automatic monthly payments from checking accounts, through VANCO or from a Credit Card which is greatly appreciated. In any event we ask that – as you are able that you do continue to forward your financial support for Faith's Ministries as we move forward together in the days ahead.

In Christ's Love,
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.



DINNER CLUB

Get your cocktail and snack ready!

In place of our monthly dinner club, let's get together through Zoom:

1/2 Hour Happy Hour in the comfort of your our home.

Saturday- May 9th 6:00pm - 6:30pm

(more information to follow

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 JUNE 2020 newsletter is Friday MAY 22, 2020. Please email your articles to:barbboord@hotmail.com.



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