

# Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Faith Lutheran Church

JULY - AUGUST 2013



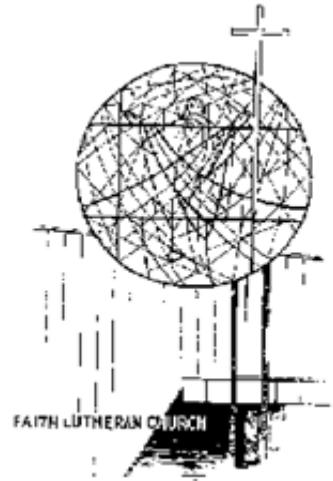
## SHE'S ONE OF OURS

As perhaps you read in the last newsletter, Rebecca Truland has been approved for Entrance into Candidacy for the ordained ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She plans to attend the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago this fall. Pursuing her seminary education is a beginning step toward responding to this call of vocation, in this case, to proclaim the Word we know as Gospel or "Good News" and to share the rich Sacramental Life of Baptism and Holy Communion. Her willing response to move toward this call is a true source of joy for us as a congregation! Our joy is twofold. Not only have we been privileged as a church to witness Rebecca's faith, receive her gifts of warmth, nurture, encouragement, but even more, by our own support and encouragement we participate in the same call which sends her beyond our particular community, into places we can only imagine, places that will be blessed by her unique presence and the Life she represents.

To say it simply, "She's one of ours!" We use that phrase endearingly, proudly, and joyfully. She's one of us. We watched her play Mary in the Christmas program, sing in the Sunday School, light the candles for worship, go to church camp, clown for Christ, lead the youth at Synod Assembly, go abroad to serve as a youth minister, serve on church council, assist in worship, be our friend. It is now time to encourage our friend, support our friend, and share our friend, all for the sake that she may make friends for our Best Friend. I speak for all of us when I say, "We are so proud that Rebecca is one of us"... because now she will uniquely represent the best in and of us, Christ our Lord. Godspeed Rebecca!

*Pastor Steve and the Congregation of Faith*

**We will have a special commissioning for Rebecca at the worship service on August 11.**



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**Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.**  
**Adult Bible Study:** on summer recess.  
**Sunday School:** on summer recess

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

### Church Council Officers:

**David Truland (President)**  
**Beth King (Vice President)**  
**Barbara Boord (Treasurer)**  
**Diana Rieker (Secretary)**  
**Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)**

### Council Members

**Joyce Duncan (InReach/OutReach)**  
**Bill Jarosz (Property)**  
**Beth King (OutReach/InReach)**  
**Bev Lanteigne (Property)**  
**Sara Martin (Education)**  
**Michael Moroskey (Property)**  
**Carolyn Rouse (History)**  
**David Truland (Missions)**  
**Donna VanZandt (Worship)**  
**Stephanie Wagar (Stewardship)**

## AMONG OUR PEOPLE

**Sick and Recuperating:** **Mark Lastrup** is out of the hospital and continuing to improve with physical therapy. His therapy has involved various approaches, including visiting therapists, extended stays at treatment centers, and out-patient programs. **Vicky Steele** continues her stay in Barnwell Rehabilitation Center in Valatie, proceeding with progressive physical rehabilitation programs. **Paul Molesky**, Joann's husband, is scheduled for back surgery on June 19 at Samaritan Hospital.

**Married:** **Leslie Peyser**, daughter of Glen and Mary Peyser, was married June 7 to **Michael Donohue**, son of William and Mary Donohue. Congratulations!

**Died:** **Julia Cannon** died May 21, following a long illness. She was 95 years old. Julia was especially fond of being a part of the Banner Ladies. She enjoyed sewing and cherished the camaraderie of the group. She was a "Lady" in every regard and will be greatly missed by her friends. **Carolyn Pearson** died suddenly May 29, following complications with pneumonia. Though not an official member, Carolyn attended Faith from time to time. Many of you from the church would know her as Connie Hoffmann's sister. She was 67 years old and leaves behind a son and two grandchildren. Our Christian sympathies are extended to all friends and family.

## THANK YOU

Sunday, June 3rd, the Banners Group displayed fourteen quilts designated for St. Paul's Center. These quilts were delivered on Monday, June 4th. We were told they were delivered just in the nick of time for their quilt closet was just about empty. A big thank you goes out to all who make this possible with donations of time, talents, fabric and cash donations. The Banners Group is very appreciative of the \$69.00 received June 3rd. It will go a long way to purchase supplies for more quilt projects.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Synod Assembly of the Upstate New York Synod was held in Rochester, June 7-8, 2013. David and Rachel Truland attended the Assembly as voting members from Faith.

The theme of the Assembly was "Transformed: Always being made new" with keynote addresses from Mr. Don Johnson, Associate in Ministry, Vice-President of Student Development at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia who spoke about the transforming power of listening to God's

voice and figuring out what we are called to do in God's name.

Bishop Marie Jerge led a time of Biblical reflection and conversation on Luke 24: 13-35 (the Road to Emmaus) as part of our prayerful discernment in moving forward in mission. At the Eucharist she called us to let go of all the pictures of what church "ought" to be, in order that God might create something new in and through us.

Our congregation here at Faith participated in the Assembly as our monthly mission offerings were presented to ELCA World Hunger at the Assembly. In addition, David and Rachel were asked to read the text for Bishop Jerge's Bible reflection and Rachel was installed as Lutheran Youth Organization Co-president, having been elected at their retreat at Vanderkamp in March.

*David Truland*

## FLOWERS FOR JULY & AUGUST

- July 7:** To the Glory of God
- July 14:** To the Glory of God
- July 21:** In loving memory of Margaret Speanburg  
Given by Barbara Morgan and the Speanburg Family
- July 28:** In loving memory of Leo and Dorothy Perras  
Given by the Perrar Family
- August 4:** To the Glory of God
- August 11:** To the Glory of God
- August 18:** In Honor of Nadeen Thompson's Birthday
- August 25:** In Honor of Halle's 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Given by her Family

## COUNCIL SUMMARY (June)

Dave and Rachel Truland are preparing to attend the Upstate New York Synod Conference in Rochester later this week. Dave shared that the agenda items did not appear to be 'earth-shattering'. Dave will give a more detailed report at the next Council Meeting.

It is the hope of Pastor and the Council that a Service of Commission will be held for Rebecca Truland prior to her departure to seminary. This will be held either in late July or early August.

Sara Martin continues to investigate the possibility of a Chicken Bar-b-que to help offset the monies needed for the Handicap Bathroom project.

The end of year Sunday School Picnic was well attended and very successful. The Sunday School had a total of 18 participants during this past year. Sunday School will resume in September.

At this time it is anticipated that Food for the Poor will be in attendance at Faith on September 14th.

A few adjustments have been made in the newly renovated bathrooms.

Discussion was held on the possibility of purchasing and placing a water cooler in the Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of a summer break our next Council Meeting will be August 19th.

*Donna Van Zandt*, Secretary Pro Tem



The Sunday School is on summer break.

Currently, our scheduled start date for the 2013-2014 Sunday School year is September 22<sup>nd</sup>

If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please let me know ([s.martin@hvcc.edu](mailto:s.martin@hvcc.edu), or 222-8566).

*Sara Martin*  
Education Director

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class has concluded its study of Exodus and will take a break for the summer. The group will resume for the fall on October 6<sup>th</sup> at which time they will begin a study of Proverbs



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The women enjoyed the annual picnic at Marilyn's in June, even though Mother Nature didn't see fit to provide brilliant sunshine and warm temperatures. A time of fellowship and good food was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be held on **September 17 at 10 AM** at church. We will continue the Bible Study on Mark focusing on Chapter 10 with "Tough Questions" as the theme. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us.

Items for Personal Care Kits are being collected over the summer. Items for the kits are:

- 1 light weight bath towel between 20"X40" and 52"X70"
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 2 bath size bars of soap (4-5oz)
- 1 adult size tooth brush

Contributions of these items will be gratefully accepted. Place them in the wicker basket in the Narthex. The kits will be packed at the end of August so they can be delivered and a report made at the WELCA Convention.

The Upstate New York WELCA annual convention is being held September 13-15 at Camp-of-the-Woods in Speculator. This is a wonderful spot on a lake in the Adirondacks. There should still be colored leaves by then! The weekend theme is "Let Justice Roll" with Inez Torres Davis, Director for Justice of Women of the ELCA in Chicago as keynote speaker. Registration forms are available from Donna Gibson or online at [www.upstatenysynod.org/](http://www.upstatenysynod.org/) and follow the link to Women of the ELCA. There will be several hands-on projects available to work on too. Help make Little Dresses or Britches for Africa or tie quilts. There will also be a 5K Walk, Roll and Run on Saturday morning to support a school in Zambia. A pledge form is available. Let's have a group attend.

WELCA will hold a **BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**, prior to and following worship. The proceeds will be given to the bathroom project. Come purchase some goodies for dinner!

## SERVING FAITH JULY

<b>JULY 7</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Pat Brundige, Donna St. John
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Fred Howard
	<b>Ushers</b>	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	<b>Counters</b>	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Janet Walsh, Marilyn Niles
<b>JULY 14</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Polly Hayward, Pam Perras
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Carol Karpfen,
	<b>Ushers</b>	Diana Rieker, Jim Peters
	<b>Counters</b>	Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Donna & Gene St. John
<b>JULY 21</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Polly Hayward, Pam Perras
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Bill Maloney
	<b>Ushers</b>	Rikki Franklin, Cay Moss
	<b>Counters</b>	Donna & Bob Gibson
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Nadeen Thompson
<b>JULY 28</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Marilyn Niles, Helen Inglis
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Rebecca Truland
	<b>Ushers</b>	Roberta & Rob Hayward
	<b>Counters</b>	LouAnn Behrens, Janet Walsh
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse

## SERVING FAITH AUGUST

<b>AUGUST 4</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Marilyn Niles, Helen Inglis
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Rich Anderson
	<b>Ushers</b>	Beth & Joe King
	<b>Counters</b>	Joyce Duncan, Carol Perrott
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Speanburg Family
<b>AUGUST 11</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Donna Gibson, Evelyn Jarosz
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Aaron Cordes
	<b>Ushers</b>	Pauline Lupo, Nadeen Thompson
	<b>Counters</b>	Polly & Bob Hayward
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tracie Maloney
<b>AUGUST 18</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Donna Gibson, Evelyn Jarosz
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Donna Gibson
	<b>Ushers</b>	Irene Pagel, Carol Perrott
	<b>Counters</b>	Michele & Fred Howard
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Heather & Errol Bull
<b>AUGUST 25</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Janet Walsh, Joyce Duncan
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Bob Gibson
	<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Moss, Bill Speanburg
	<b>Counters</b>	Donna & Bob Gibson
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Rikki Franklin

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange to trade dates with another assistant. Thank you in advance*

## DINNER CLUB

A birthday party theme greeted guests at the June Dinner Club meeting, complete with party bags for each one. Lasagna was the main course, followed by cake and ice cream cones. Party games followed with memory game and drop the clothes pin in the bottle. Some of us found out that our memory wasn't as good as it was during the childhood birthday parties—even though we worked in groups! Thanks to Ruth Goerold, Doug Kurick, Arlene Hunziker, and Gene and Donna St. John for the good food and creative ideas.

The next meeting will be the annual pool party, held at the Gibson's this year on Saturday, July 13. Come any time after 3 pm to swim and dinner will be served about 5:30 (we hope to beat the mosquito hour). Make your reservation with any of the committee: Donna & Bob Gibson, Irene & Gunther Pagel, Leo & Pam Perras, and Stephanie & Ben Wagar. Come join in the fun.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class has concluded its study of Exodus and will take a break for the summer. The group will resume for the fall on October 6<sup>th</sup> at which time they will begin a study of Proverbs.

## OUR FAITH AT WORK

Our mission offerings for the month of July will be in support of the work of the YWCA of the Greater Capital Region.



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

Women turn to the YWCA for job training, career counseling, child care, health and fitness. They gain a renewed spirit, new skills and stronger lives.

Please consider helping to support this worthy organization.

Our mission offerings for the month of August will be in support of the work of the Ebenezer Child Care Trust - Christian Orphanage in Zambia.

The Ebenezer Child Care Trust was founded in March 2001 and was initially a feeding program for children living on the streets in the town of Livingston, Zambia. Today, it has expanded into a school for orphans and also rents out three homes where orphans are given a sense of "family" while residing with a house mother.

Your continued support for this ministry is greatly appreciated.

*David Truland*, Missions Chair

## JULY-AUGUST EVENTS

<b>Sun</b>	<b>July 7</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>Dinner Club Pool Party At Gibson's – 3 pm (dinner at 5:30)</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>July 21</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug. 11</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am with commissioning service for Rebecca Truland</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Aug 19</b>	<b>Council Meeting @ 7 pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Worship @ 10:30 am</b>

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **SEPTEMBER** newsletter deadline is **Sunday, August 18**. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday August 18, or email them to [DSGLVA@aol.com](mailto:DSGLVA@aol.com) by Monday morning