

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

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This Way to the Dump

There is a simple book that has become very popular worldwide. It is titled, "The Law of the Garbage Truck: How to Respond to People Who Dump on You, and How to Stop Dumping on Others".

It seems that 20 years ago, David J. Pollay, a keynote speaker and psychologist, narrowly escaped a life-threatening automobile accident when a car--without warning--plowed into the taxi in which he was riding. The driver of the car, who was definitely at fault, shouted obscenities at the taxi driver. However, the taxi driver simply smiled and waved at the obscenity-shouting man and wished him well.

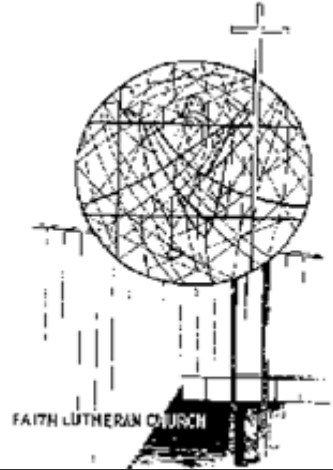
Mr. Pollay was impressed and asked why he had done that. The taxi driver explained, "Many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they look for a place to dump it. And if you let them, they'll dump it on you. So when someone wants to dump on you, don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Believe me. You'll be happier."

In his book Mr. Pollay asks, "What about you? What would happen in your life, starting today, if you let more garbage trucks pass you by? Here's my bet: You'll be happier."

Bible scholars often suggest that Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, was located right next to the town dump. Not a bad place to unload! Follow the sign. The cross will lead you to the very spot where you may do so. Spread the Word! Everyone will be happier!

Blessed Lent,

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)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perott (Missions)
Carolyn Rouse (History)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (Stewardship)**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: **Leo Parras** anticipates having knee replacement surgery some time in March. **David Cerrone**, having broken his leg will be in a cast and on crutches for about another month.

Mildred Lalane continues to deal with the pain stemming from her neck. **Doug Kurick** continues to contend with back pain and leg weakness, while receiving limited health care at home. **Paul Molesky** recently received laser treatments in order to help reduce pain in his back and legs.

FLOWERS FOR MARCH

- March 2 :** In honor of Brittany Dyers' Birthday.
Given by Doug and Diane
- March 9** In memory of Mark Turcotte
Given by Ron and Pat
- March 16** In memory of Eugene Boomhower
Given by Joyce & Bob Duncan
In memory of Jim Davis
Given by Mom and Family
- March 23** To the Glory of God
- March 30** To the Glory of God

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Highlights from the January 6th Council Meeting.

- The discussion on the cedar wood currently stored at Wiley's continued. The pro's and con's of keeping this wood were shared. The Property Committee was asked to speak to Larry Lansing about this as he has had some recent questions and concerns about this.
- The carillon is in need of repair in the near future. The Council recognizes this and will discuss this in greater length at future meetings.
- The Property Committee feels that we need to seriously consider the purchase of a new furnace. Although it is felt that the furnace will make it through the winter, it is felt we are on borrowed time. The furnace is 44 years old. Along with this one of the hot water heaters is leaking. The Property Committee will continue to watch both of these items and will pursue quotes for their possible replacements.
- MANY THANKS to Beth King and Diana Reiker for their years of service as Council Members.

Highlights from the February 3rd Council Meeting.

During the last Council Meeting held on Feb. 3, 2013 new members to the Council were welcomed. They are Errol Bull and Carol Perrott. Once again many thanks to Beth King and Diana Reiker ('retiring' council members) for their years of service.

The following people have agreed to hold an office on the Council:

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

Ministry Assignments are:

Education - Sara Martin
History - Carolyn Rouse
Missions – Carol Perrott
Outreach/Inreach - TBD
Property - Errol Bull, Bill Jarosz, Bev Lanteigne, Mike Moroskey
Stewardship - Stephanie Wagar
Worship - Donna Van Zandt

Delegates to the 2014 Upstate Synod Convention are:

Pastor Cordes, Robert Gibson, Donna Van Zandt

Business Meeting Highlights included;

- Two new coffee urns and a set of knives have been purchased for the kitchen.
- More estimates continue to be presented for the possible purchase of a new furnace.
- Discussion continued regarding the cedar currently being stored at Wiley's.
- Discussion of our monthly newsletter and bulk mailings are becoming quite expensive. Discussion on other possible alternatives to distribute the newsletter was held. Although the Donna and Bob Gibson would very much like to relinquish this job we do thank the Gibson's sincerely for the time and effort they put into this. If anyone is willing to take over this job (with helpful training from the Gibson's) please speak to any council member.
- Ash Wednesday Service at Faith will be held on March 5th beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Regularly scheduled meetings will continue to be on the first Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd.

Donna VanZandt, Secretary Pro Tem

SERVING FAITH

March 2	Altar	Donna St John, Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant	Pat Turcotte
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Speanburg Family
March 5	Altar	Polly Hayward, Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant	Carol Karpfen
	Ushers	Carol Perrott, Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	
March 9	Altar	Polly Hayward, Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant	Bill Jarosz
	Ushers	Diana Reiker, Jim Peters
	Counters	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Tracie Maloney
March 16	Altar	Joyce Duncan, Pam Perras
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Barbara Boord, Nadeen Thompson
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens, Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Heather & Errol Bull
March 23	Altar	Joyce Duncan, Pam Perras
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Errol Bull, Mike Moroskey
	Counters	Joyce Duncan, Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
March 30	Altar	LouAnn Behrens, Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
	Ushers	Rikki Franklin, Ron Moss
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Donna & Bob Gibson

Editors' note

The April schedule is posted on the web. From www.faithlutherantroy.com point your cursor to "Calendar" and click on Assistants for April.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Several Prayer Blocks have been made and prayers or Bible verses will be attached to them. Then they are ready to be given to the sick and/or shut-ins when we visit. We will again be ordering "The Little Lutheran" for appropriate aged Sunday School children.

Many thanks to all who baked Valentine cookies, helped pack and deliver them to the shut-ins.

April 5 is the date we will be providing meals for Joseph's House. There are about 40 people at the shelter. We will post a sign-up sheet for contributions of food for the menu and appreciate all the help you provide.

Evelyn Jarosz and Marilyn Niles will be co-coordinators for WELCA for this year. Kay Young – Treasurer and Donna Gibson – Secretary will continue.

Mark your calendar for our June picnic – June 17 at 5:30 pm. It will be held at Evelyn's home.

The March meeting will be Tuesday, March 18 at 10 am at church. Please join us.



OUR FAITH AT WORK

Mission contributions for the month of March will be in support of Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County. Literacy Volunteers aids the 30,000 teens and adults in Rensselaer County who can't complete a job application, write a letter to a child's school or read the directions on medicine bottles.

Adult Education programs help people learn the language skills necessary to obtain or retain a job, get a promotion, read to their children and achieve success and self-sufficiency for themselves and their children. Your monetary donation to Literacy volunteers can make a real difference.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, there are tutoring and non-tutoring opportunities available.

For information on becoming a volunteer call 274-8526, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM.

You can also discover more about Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County at their website, <http://www.lvorc.org>



In spite of the cold weather and snow, attendance has been great at Sunday School for January and February. Our curriculum for the second half of the year is based on New Testament stories, so far we have learned about the parable of the Mustard Seed, Jesus and the Children and the House on the Rock. Next month we will be exploring the stories of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

For the past two years the Sunday School has sponsored a fundraiser for a chosen charity during the Easter season. We have not yet decided on the recipient of this year's activity, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

I will keep you posted on any upcoming Easter or other Sunday School activities. Enjoy the snow!
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Sara Martin
Education Director



DINNER CLUB

The next Dinner Club gathering will be on March 8th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservations should be made by Wed. March 5 with any of the committee members who are Donna VanZandt, Joyce Duncan, LouAnn Behrens and Carol & Ron Karpfen.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Two options are available for Ash Wednesday Services. For those who prefer daytime travel, services will be held at Poestenkill at 4 pm. Service at Faith will be at 7 pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The April newsletter deadline is Sunday, March 16 Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning.