

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

MAY 2013



Case Dismissed

Sometime back, a man in Australia was arrested on a charge for stealing a sheep. However, he protested the accusation, claiming he had only retrieved a sheep of his own after it had been missing for several days.

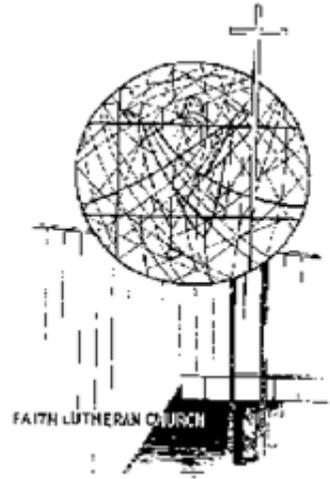
When the case came to court the judge did not know how to decide the matter. Finally the judge asked that the sheep be brought into the courtroom. He then ordered the plaintiff, the man who had accused the man of stealing the sheep, to step outside and call the animal. Upon hearing the voice, the sheep made no response except to raise its head and look frightened.

The judge then instructed the defendant to go to the courtyard and call the sheep. When the accused man began to make his distinctive call, the sheep ran toward the door and the voice. It was obvious that the sheep recognized the familiar voice of his master.

"His sheep knows him," said the judge. Case dismissed!"

Someday we can expect to awake to familiar voices from long ago, voices we will never forget. It will be our final call when we shall discover life to be the way life has always been intended. The voices will be the saints who have gone before us. And because we all have heard the voice of Love, we will know precisely where we are, and less we think differently, we too, will hear the resounding judgment, "Case dismissed!"

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)
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: **Julia Cannon** continues as a resident of Eddy Nursing Home with very limited mobility. She is currently under Hospice Care. **Glen Peyser** is back in the mainstream and has returned to work. **Mark Lastrup** is currently in Albany Medical Hospital following several subsequent surgeries to his original brain surgery. As Mark's strength and mobility returns, he is scheduled to spend some time in Boston for further radiation treatments. **Vicky Steele** is currently in Barnwell Rehabilitation Center in Valatie. She, too, is attempting to regain strength and mobility. **Carolyn Pearson** spent some time in CCU at Samaritan Hospital battling with a bout of pneumonia. She is currently out of CCU and doing much better.

Baptisms: **Riley Gregory Hume** was baptized March 24. Riley, son of Carissa Maloney and Tyler Hume, was born October 17, 2012. His godparents are Ivy Hume and Connor Maloney. **Maxwell Thomas Fredericks** was baptized March 30. Maxwell, son of Tiffany and Jacob Fredericks, was born October 1, 2012. His godparents are Sarah and Brian Keefer. **Robin Merry Buckley** was baptized April 7. Robin's sponsor is her husband, David Buckley. Their children **Noah Roger Buckley** and **Luke Lance McNeil Buckley** were also baptized on April 7. Noah was born January 25, 2005, and Luke was born July 5, 2007. Their godparents are Anna and Jason Feldman. We welcome all the newly baptized into the family and mission we all share in and through Christ Jesus!

RESTROOM PROJECT FUND DRIVE



CONSTRUCTION IS FINISHED !

The handicapped accessible family restroom, reconfigured men's restroom, and refurbished women's restroom are completed. Individual contributions for the project continue to come in and as of April 17th, a total of \$4,104 had been raised toward the \$10,000 goal. Fund raising will continue even though the construction is done. .

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The group continues the study of Exodus. Come and join in the study of the Scriptures.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Planning for the Brook's Barbecue continued. The Council is waiting for information on available dates from Brook's. Due to the popularity of these events, the Brook's Barbecue schedule has limited availability.

Construction of the handicap accessible bathroom is near completion. The Council discussed progress on the project, including financially, and whether expectations of the contractor for constructing the handicap accessible bathroom have been met.

The Council continued to discuss who will attend the Synod Assembly. A motion was made and carried for Dave and Rachel Truland to attend. Each year, in addition to Pastor Cordes, a male and female Synod voting member is sent to Rochester.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday May 6, 2013 at 7pm.

Diana Rieker, Secretary

FLOWERS FOR MAY

- May 5:** In memory of Bob Young
Given by Kay Young
- May 12:** In honor of Timmy Martin's Baptism
Given by the Martin Family
- May 19:** In honor of Gunther and Rolf Pagel's Birthday
Given by Irene Pagel
- May 26:** In memory of Gertrude Clickner
Given by Larry Lansing

FLOWERS FOR PENTECOST

Once again annual flowers will adorn the Altar on Pentecost Sunday (May 19th) and then be planted outside to beautify the grounds over the next few months. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to this cause, please see Donna Van Zandt.



SERVING FAITH

MAY 5	Altar	Donna Gibson, Janet Walsh, Pam Perras
	Lay Assistant	Pat Turcotte
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Gene & Donna St. John
MAY 12	Altar	Donna Gibson, Janet Walsh, Pam Perras
	Lay Assistant	Bob Gibson
	Ushers	Diana Ricker, Jim Peters
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh & Marilyn Niles
MAY 19 Pentecost	Altar	Pat Turcotte, Polly Hayward, Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant	Fred Howard
	Ushers	Rikki Franklin, Cay Moss
	Counters	Donna & Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson
MAY 26	Altar	Pat Turcotte, Polly Hayward, Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant	Carol Karpfen
	Ushers	Roberta & Rob Hayward
	Counters	Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Irene Pagel & Carolyn Rouse

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



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Women of the ELCA are sponsoring meals for Joseph House on Saturday, May 4. Many thanks to all who contributed food or cash to purchase needed items for that day's lunch and dinner for 40 people.

The Little Lutheran magazine has been ordered again this year for our age 7 and under children.

In September the annual Upstate New York Convention will be held at Camp-of-the-Woods in Speculator. Registration materials are now available. Speak to Donna Gibson if you'd like a copy. Our group will be making favors for the participants.

Personal care kits will be the ingathering item for convention this year. 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.

The **Quilting Bee** of April 20th was a big success. It was a day of cutting, sewing and tying with chatter and laughter sprinkled in during the day. A total of 4 quilt tops were pieced and will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Another Quilting Bee has been requested, so watch for future announcements

The next regular meeting of WELCA will be Tuesday May 21 at 10 am at church. The Bible Study of Mark will continue. Come and join us.



DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club members enjoyed a slide show of New Zealand from the trip the Karpfens and Howards took a couple of years ago. The show followed a huge appetizer and salad bar, and delicious chicken stroganoff entrée. Many thanks to the hosts: Bev Lanteigne, Janet Walsh, Carol & Ron Karpfen, Donna Van Zandt and Jim Peters. Donna gave a test to the group in which those who gave the best answer to the question were awarded one of the flower centerpieces.

The May club meeting and dinner will be Saturday, May 11th at church.. Joyce & Bob Duncan, Larry & Chris Lansing, Bill & Evelyn Jarosz, Pauline Lupo, and Bob & Polly Hayward will be hosts for the evening. Make your reservation with one of the committee and enjoy an evening of yummy food and good fun.



I am happy to report that all our Easter activities were a success! There were so many eggs and so much candy in the Easter Egg Hunt that I bet some of the kids are still eating it. In addition, we collected dozens of eggs for the March of Dimes, so many in fact that I haven't had time to count all of the money yet. I promise to have the collection results by next newsletter.

The Sunday School will be having a bowling activity night on Saturday, May 11. There will be pizza and friendly competition. Please check the Facebook page or information posted on the Sunday School bulletin board for the exact time and location, but I believe that it will be 5-7 pm at Hilltop Bowl. The entire congregation is invited, if you are interested in attending, please let me know.

Sunday, June 2 will be the date of this year's Sunday School Picnic. The picnic will take place immediately following the service. There will be picnic food and games and the children will have a special "presentation" for the congregation.

The last day of Sunday School for the year will be on Sunday, May 19th. This may seem early, but due to the Memorial Day holiday and picnic scheduling, this date worked out best.

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

Sara Martin
Education Director

OUR FAITH AT WORK

Our mission offerings for the month of May will be in support of the **Basics for Babies Pantry**, a street ministry program of Unity House. The pantry provides three-day supplies of food, diapers, formula and baby food to mothers in need. In addition, the program helps provide car seats, cribs and strollers to help struggling families provide for their children.



Donations of these items are also appreciated in addition to our financial support. More information on Unity House can be found on their web site at <http://www.unityhouseny.org/>.

David Truland, Missions Chair

MAY EVENTS

Sat	May 4	Meals for Joseph House
Mon	May 6	Council @ 7 pm
Sat	May 11	Sunday School Bowling at Hilltop Bowl 5-7 pm
		Dinner Club @ 6:30 pm
Sun	May 19	Sunday School ends for summer break.
Tues	May 21	WELCA @ 10 am

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC
Sunday, June 2, following worship

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The JUNE newsletter deadline is **Sunday, May 19th**. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday May 19, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning.