

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 2014

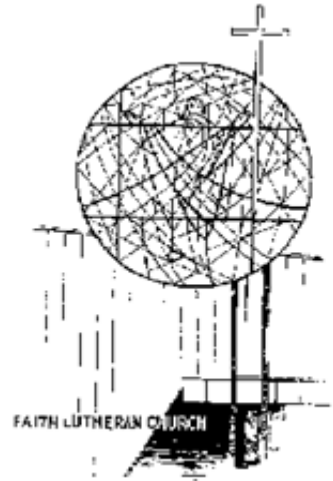


**God's Sweet
Revenge**

A young soldier was utterly humiliated by his senior officer. The officer had gone beyond the bounds of acceptable behavior in disciplining the young soldier and knew it, so he said nothing as the younger man said through clenched teeth, "I'll make you regret this if it is the last thing I ever do." A few days later their company was under heavy fire and the officer was wounded and cut off from his troops. Through the haze of the battlefield he saw a figure coming to his rescue. It was the young soldier. At the risk of his own life, the young soldier dragged the officer to safety. The officer said, apologetically, "Son, I owe you my life." The young man laughed and said, "I told you that I would make you regret humiliating me if it was the last thing I ever did."

That is God's kind of revenge. "Behold the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world..." The love of the cross keeps coming at us until we have no choice but to surrender to God's sweet revenge. And that, my friends, becomes the beginning of the end.... that end which leads to no more ends. How sweet it is. How sweet indeed!

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)
Joyce Duncan (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perrot (Missions)
Carolyn Rouse (History)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (In Reach/Out Reach)**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: Beverly Lanteigne has started a regimen of chemotherapy and is currently very active and feeling quite well. Following surgery, **Linda Hulihan** has returned home and is slowly but surely regaining her strength and comfort level. In spite of enduring lung cancer, **Joe Zepf** seems to be comfortable and continues to live out his days at Albany County Nursing Home.

Baptism: Carson Thomas Kelly was baptized on October 5th. Carson, son of Shane and Kayla Kelly was born April 4, 2014. His godparents are Erin Bink and Travis Gowie. We welcome Carson into the family and mission we all share in Christ!

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Refinance of the present mortgage with First Niagara Bank will be done in November 2014, at a new rate of 5.50 percent and a lower payment amount. Barbara Boord has been working with the newly formed Small Business team to complete the refinance.

New emergency lights will be installed.

A Special Congregational meeting was held on Sunday October 19, 2014

Motions were made and carried to "proceed with the purchase the new boiler and hot water system as presented to the Congregation" and to purchase a defibrillator.

Our next meeting will be December 1, 2014.

Joyce Duncan, Secretary



Everyone seems to be happy to be back to Sunday School. So far the new routine seems to be going well. There is not much to report for this month's newsletter but with the holiday season coming up, we do have some reminders for all.

The "annual" Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on December 14th. It is sure to be an entertaining day and each year the kids look forward to performing for everyone. This year the Sunday School Christmas party will be held after church on December 14th. There will be snacks, pizza and holiday crafts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Sunday School will also be sponsoring the Operation Christmas Child program again this year. Boxes for collection will be available at church and will be due back by Sunday, November 23rd. This is a great opportunity to provide for children in need while teaching our kids about the importance of giving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

November 2, 9 and 16

December 7, 14 and 21 (The 14th will be the Christmas Program and Party)

The January and February schedule will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Sara Martin, Education Director

OUR FAITH AT WORK

Our mission offerings for the month of November will be sent to Joseph's House and Shelter. Joseph's House is a Troy-based, not-for-profit corporation whose purpose is to prevent and alleviate homelessness. They offer emergency shelter, permanent housing, support services, hospitality and guidance to homeless individuals, youth and families. Each year Joseph's House and Shelter serves nearly 800 homeless adults, children and families in our community. Our contributions help make that possible.

Thank you for your support.

Carol Perrot

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2** To the Glory of God.
- Nov. 9** In memory of Dick Walsh and Donna Brombacher.
Given by Janet Walsh
- Nov. 16** In memory of Bill Maloney.
Given by Karen and Gary James
- Nov. 23** In memory of Tim Dorsey.
Given by Joyce and Bob Duncan.
- Nov. 30** . In memory of Kenneth and Ruth Ross.
Given by Leo and Pam Perras.

CHOIR REHERSAL

Choir rehearsals are generally held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m for about an hour. Anyone interest in joining is welcome to come and enjoy singing our praises to the Lord.

SERVING FAITH NOVEMBER

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| Nov. 2 | Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour | Donna St. John and Marilyn Niles Fred Howard B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens Polly and Bob Hayward Rikki Franklin |
| Nov. 9 | Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour | Donna St. John and Marilyn Niles Bob Gibson Carol Perrot and Stephanie Wagar Donna and Bob Gibson Bob and Donna Gibson |
| Nov. 16 | Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour | Pat Turcotte and Donna Gibson Carol Karpian Diana Rieker and Jim Peters Michele and Fred Howard Sara and John Martin |
| Nov. 23 | Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour | Pat Turcotte and Donna Gibson Bill Maloney Bill Speanburg and Ron Turcotte Evelyn and Bill Jarosz Gene and Donna St. John |

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| Nov. 26 | Thanksgiving Eve Service | |
| Ushers | The Truland Family | |
| Nov. 30 | Altar | |
| Lay Assistant | Pat Turcotte | |
| Ushers | Barbara Boord and Irene Pagel | |
| Counters | Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse | |
| Coffee Hour | Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles | |

*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.
 Donna Van Zandt, Worship Chairperson.
 Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras
 Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull*



**WOMEN
OF THE
ELCA**

WELCA has resumed regular meetings and has several projects lined up for the fall. We began the Transforming Faith and Life Bible Study which focuses on various themes on this topic throughout the Bible rather than on a single book of the Bible. The group decided to contribute \$25 to the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The annual Advent Luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 6th starting at 12 noon at church. Gifts for the residents at Kenwood Manor will be collected that day so they can be delivered to the home in time for their Christmas party. Tags will be available soon for the gifts. We will also pack Christmas cookies to be delivered to the shut-ins on that day as well. Donations of cookies will be appreciated.

The Region 7 WELCA Spiritual Gathering will be April 17 – 19, 2015 in West Hartford, CT. This is a soul renewing retreat with women from Maine to Pennsylvania and everywhere in between attending. Mark your calendar now. More information will be coming next month. Also mark your calendar for next year’s Synodical Unit convention in Buffalo at the Millennium hotel September 25 – 27, 2015. The theme is “Called to Be

This year’s Synodical Unit convention was held at the Best Western hotel in East Syracuse with the theme “Called to Mission”. Rev. Judith Van Osdol was the keynote speaker and Sunday Preacher, and Rev. Gail Wolling the Chaplain and presider of worship. Opportunities for mission both on-site and off were available. Some women went to Vanderkamp to help with needed fall cleaning and others worked on various projects at the hotel: tying quilts, making fleece blankets, prayer beads, among others. Outings to several local sites were also available for those who were interested. Workshops centered on missions were also offered. Opening and closing worship were highlights of the convention. The Friday service was a healing service and Sunday was a festive Communion service. Attendees were renewed and restored. Board members and Vice President were elected. A vacancy exists for Secretary. (The Secretary completed her Doctorate and accepted a position out of the area just prior to convention) Someone will be appointed to serve until next year.

WELCA will be collecting hats and mittens for distribution to people in need for Christmas time. They can be purchased or hand made for children or adults. Any contributions may be placed in the wicker basket in the Narthex. We'll help keep someone warm during the winter.

The quilt raffle will continue until the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23, 2014. The drawing will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Get your tickets from any of the Quilting group. Price is \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three tickets. The proceeds will purchase supplies to make more quilts for St. Paul's Center.

Come join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 AM at church for our Bible study and meeting. We look forward to having you with us.

A DELEGATES' THOUGHTS

Joyce Duncan and Donna Gibson attended the Twenty Seventh Annual Convention of Women of the ELCA Upstate New York Synod held in Syracuse NY October 3-5, 2014.

The theme was "Called to Mission" with keynote speaker Pastor Judith Van Osdol and Chaplain Pastor Gail Wolling.

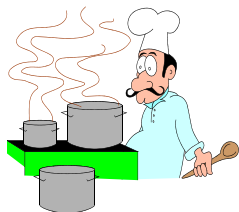
Pastor Judith Van Osdol's service was on Healing and there was a "Laying Hands on for Healing". during the event.

Pastor Gail Wolling spoke on Bible study.

Several Board members were elected at the business meeting held during the convention..

These Conventions are very spiritual and very up lifting to me personally.

Joyce Duncan, Delegate from Faith, Hudson Mohawk Conference



DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club members were treated to an old fashioned Octoberfest dinner that included Bratwurst and Potato Pancakes. The evening entertainment took diners on a trip to South America courtesy of The Karpiens. Thanks for sharing your adventure.

Novembers Dinner Club will be on the 11th at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:00. Please let the Wagers, Duncans, Pastor Steve or Pauline Lupo know if you can attend.

BARBARA BOORD ACTING NEWSLETTER EDITOR/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 web site at:
www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and see the newsletter there.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at her email address shown below.

At your request, we will be happy to send you a copy via the USPS.

Volunteers to assist with folding, sealing and mailing are needed. If you can help contact Barbara, or if you have information to get into the newsletter, her email address is: barbboord@hotmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The December newsletter deadline is Monday November 23rd. Please email your articles to barbboord@hotmail.com by Monday morning.

November 2014

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| 2 | 3 Council Meeting 7:00 PM | 4 Election Day | 5 | 6  7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00PM - 4:00PM | 7 | 8 Dinner Club 6:30 PM |
| 9 | 10 | 11 Veterans Day | 12 Speigle Elders 10:30AM - 2:30PM | 13  7:00 PM | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 WELCA 10 am | 19 | 20  7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00PM - 4:00PM | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Speigle Elders 10:30AM - 2:30PM | 27 Thanksgiving Day | 28 | 29 |
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