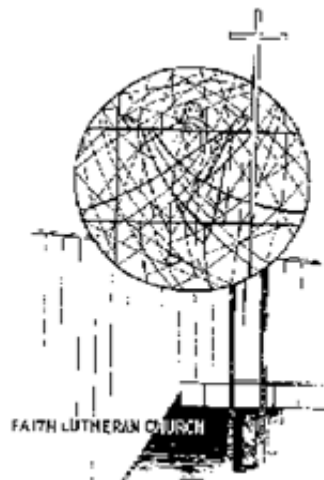


Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

November 2012



**"I Remember You,
Charles. . .
An Anonymous Guest**

A room-service waiter at a Marriott hotel learned that the sister of a guest had just died. The waiter, named Charles, bought a sympathy card, had hotel staff members sign it, and gave it to the distraught guest with a piece of hot apple pie.

"Mr. Marriott," the guest later wrote to the president of Marriott Hotels, "I'll never meet you. And I don't need to meet you. Because I met Charles. I know what you stand for. . . I want to assure you that as long as I live, I will stay at your hotels. And I will tell my friends to stay at your hotels."

I do not know Charles, and then again, I do know Charles. I will probably never meet Charles, however I have already met Charles. I do not know if Charles knows he ever met Jesus, however I know he has met Jesus.

With Someone else in mind, one could easily revise a similar letter to read: "Dear Jesus, One could say I've never actually met you. I don't need to meet you. Because I met Charles. I know what you stand for... I want to assure you that as long as I live, I will look for your people. And I will now tell my friends to visit wherever they see your name."

I bet you know a Charles. I bet you are a Charles. You just go by a different name! Blessed All Saints.

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

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Beth King (Vice President)
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Bill Jarosz (Property)
Beth King (OutReach/InReach)
Sara Martin (Education)
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. **Glen Peyser** continues to heal from a recent motorcycle accident, however not nearly as sore from his broken collar bone and broken ribs. **Gladys Zepf** fell at home and suffered a broken hip and a broken wrist. Following surgery at Samaritan Hospital she is now doing physical therapy at Van Rensselaer Manor. **Polly Hayward** is now back in the mainstream following her recent hip replacement. **Nadeen Thompson** is at home recuperating from a recent knee replacement. She is receiving physical therapy at home while under the good watch of her brother and sister-in-law from Wisconsin.

Births: **Carissa Maloney** gave birth to Riley Gregory Hume on October 17. Riley weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 oz. **Tiffany Fredericks**, granddaughter of Beverly Lanteigne, gave birth to Maxwell Thomas on October 1. Max weighed in at only 3 lbs. 2 oz. and therefore will need to stay at Albany Medical for the time being in order that he receive some special support and medical attention, however he is progressing along nicely!

Moving: **Ethel Lennek** will be moving shortly to Hawthorne Ridge, East Greenbush where she will be near to one of her daughters.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

At the October meeting of the Council, Dakota Franklin gave a presentation to the Council about his Eagle Scout project, which would result in a Meditation / Memory Garden Area on our property near the creek & playground. Other reports included a proposal for repair of windows, our annex property, and a meeting with representatives of Evangelical, Poestenkill that included some discussion of the financial future of both of our congregations. The schedule of services for the holidays was approved. Faith will host the shared Thanksgiving service with Transfiguration Parish on Wednesday, Nov. 21st at 7pm. Donations of canned food or money from that service will be given to our local food pantries. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7pm and will include a children's message, communion, and candlelight. Based on recent attendance numbers, especially the attendance at Christmas Day service last year versus attendance at the late service the year before, it was decided to do a Christmas Day service at 10:30 am and have one service on Christmas Eve. Poestenkill will be invited to join us for the Christmas Day worship.

Other reports to the Council included an update in the format for Sunday School that now holds a class

for older students at the beginning of the service and then a class for younger students after the Gospel. The Sunday School is planning a short presentation for the congregation at worship service on December 16th. Stewardship activities are being organized for this fall, which will conclude on Dec. 16th. As usual, an update was provided on the various property committee projects.

Bob Gibson, President

SERVING FAITH

Nov. 4	Altar	Joyce Duncan, Donna Gibson, Pat Turcotte
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Beth & Joe King
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse
Nov. 11	Altar	Joyce Duncan, Donna Gibson, Pat Turcotte
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
	Ushers	Pauline Lupo, Nadeen Thompson
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	The Speanburgh Family
Nov. 18	Altar	Lou Ann Behrens, Pam Perras, Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant	Bob Gibson
	Ushers	Irene Pagel, Carol Perrott
	Counters	Joyce Duncan, Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	Women of the ELCA
Nov. 21	Altar	Donna Gibson
Thanks.	Lay Assistant	Not needed
Eve. 7pm	Ushers	Ron Moss, Bill Speanburg
	Counters	Not needed
	Coffee Hour	Reception hosted by Faith
Nov. 25	Altar	Lou Ann Behrens, Pam Perras, Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant	Fred Howard
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Donna & Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	Heather & Errol Bull

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Thanksgiving Eve service with Transfiguration Parish will be hosted by Faith on Wed., Nov. 21 at 7 pm. An offering of canned goods or money will go to local food pantries. Goodies to share are needed for the reception following the service.

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 4: To the Glory of God

Nov. 11: To the Glory of God

Nov. 18: In Memory of Dick Walsh &
Donna Brombacher
Given by Janet Walsh

Nov. 25: In memory of Kenneth & Ruth Ross
Given by Pam & Leo Perras



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The Women of the ELCA continued the Bible study of Mark at the October meeting. This session focused on Power and Authority and looked at Jesus' teaching with Parables.

Reservations were made for the Hudson Mohawk Conference Assembly on Nov. 3rd. "**Rejoice! – We Have a Voice**" will be held at St. Timothy in North Greenbush.

WELCA will host a special coffee hour after worship on November 18 to honor Mary Frazer, who will be moving to Glens Falls on December 1. Please join us in wishing Mary all the best in her new location.

The November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm at church when the program will be the annual Thankoffering presentation. Mark your calendar now for the Annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 15 at noon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



As the holidays approach, there will be a lot going on at Faith Lutheran Sunday School. We are planning some activities and also will be working on a project to collect items for those in need.

This year the Sunday School students will be helping out with **Operation Christmas Child**. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with local churches, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Students will be explaining the project to the congregation and collecting the items throughout the month of November.

December will also be an active month for the Sunday School. The annual Sunday School Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 15th at 4:30 pm at the Church. All pre-school and school age students and their families are invited to attend. In addition, on Sunday, December 16th, the students will be presenting a short Christmas program during the service for the enjoyment of the congregation.

Since the holiday season is such a busy time for all of us, the Sunday School schedule will be as follows:

November 25 – No Sunday School, Thanksgiving Weekend

December 23 – No Sunday School, Christmas Weekend

December 30 – No Sunday School, New Year's Weekend

We are continuing to "experiment" with the educational program by having the older children come in first thing on Sunday morning for an age appropriate lesson, and then having the younger children come in following the Gospel. This seems to be adequate for now, but we will continue working on streamlining the process.

I am still looking for volunteers to help out, especially the teens in the church. Depending on how the new plan works, we may need assistance with the younger children in getting them started on their lesson. If you are a teen (or the parent of a teen) and are interested, please let me know. You can contact me at 222-8566 or s.martin@hvcc.edu.

Looking forward to a blessed holiday season!

Sara Martin
Education Committee Chair

CHURCH HISTORY

The articles and photographs on display last month were a very, very small selection from the files.

We're always happy to get new items with names and dates if possible. Anyone interested in helping to sort it all out, please let me know.

Carolyn Rouse Historian



DINNER CLUB

Guests enjoyed a delicious pork dinner with all the trimmings in October. Yummy appetizers preceded

the meal and mouthwatering apple cake and ice cream finished the evening. Many thanks to hosts: Bob & Polly Hayward, Bill & Evelyn Jarosz, Janet Walsh, and Pastor Steve.

The November dinner will be on Saturday, November 10 at church. Hor d'oeuvres at 6:30 with dinner served at 7. Make your reservation by Wednesday, Nov. 7 with one of the committee: Joyce & Bob Duncan, Bev Lanteigne, Marilyn Niles, Helen Inglis, and Arlene Hunziker. Come and join in the food, fun, and fellowship. All are welcome.

COFFEE HOUR TO HONOR MARY FRAZER ON NOV. 18

The Women of the ELCA will be hosting a special coffee hour to honor Mary Frazer, who will be moving to Glens Falls as of December 1st. Please plan to join us as we give thanks for the many years of service Mary has given to our church.



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 continued support.

David Truland, Missions Chair

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BASKETS

It's that time again. Time to begin our collection for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and it always makes me laugh. There are no baskets! In years past we give such a bounty of food to those less fortunate that we deliver bags upon bags of

food. Those of us that take part in this tradition end a day of deliveries totally exhausted yet so fulfilled. Then we do it all over again for Christmas, and top it off with clothes and toys for the children. Still no baskets!

I come to you again, palms up, looking for donations, provide Thanksgiving dinner and a bounty of additional food items to local families. Collection envelopes are located in the back of the church. LouAnn Behrens and myself are happy to accept your donation in person, or you may place your envelope in the church offering. Together we can make a difference. Also, anyone wishing to help with the shopping or distribution of the food and gifts, please touch base with one of us; we welcome the help.

Thank you,
Donna St. John

EVENTS for NOVEMBER

Thurs	Nov. 1	Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
Sunday	Nov. 4	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School (during worship)
		Coffee Hour after worship
Mon	Nov. 5	Council @ 7pm
Thurs.	Nov 8	Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
Sat.	Nov 10	Dinner Club @ 6:30pm
Sunday	Nov. 11	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School (during worship)
		Coffee Hour after worship
Tues	Nov. 13	WELCA @ 7pm
Thurs	Nov. 15	Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
Sun	Nov. 18	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School (during worship)
		SPECIAL Coffee Hour
Wed.	Nov. 21	Joint Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm
Sunday	Nov. 25	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School (during worship)
		Coffee Hour after worship
Thurs	Nov. 29	Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The December newsletter deadline is Sunday, November 18. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning.