

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 2013



SHARING THE LAMB OF GOD

A Christian farmer raised and managed a rather plentiful flock of sheep. Success rewarded him for years until a new neighbor moved in next door. Soon it became apparent, the neighbor owned several large dogs which were allowed to run free from time to time. It was during those times that the dogs managed to maim and kill several of the farmer's flock. In spite of making the owner of the dogs aware of this serious problem, the neighbor continued to allow his dogs to run. Considering his options, which included defending his livestock with a gun, the farmer hoped to discover a solution that would exclude hostility and hard feelings.

After prayerful consideration, the farmer decided what he would do. The next morning he went out to his sheep. He selected two baby lambs. He took those two lambs to his neighbor's house and gave them to his neighbor's daughters as pets. The girls were thrilled. His neighbor was thrilled as well, because his daughters were happy. Best of all, now that the neighbor had sheep of his own to protect, he started controlling his dogs.

Sometimes that's the way Love works. Once we discover it, once we experience it, we have every reason to lay hold of it. Then best of all, there comes that trying but unmistakable time to share it. That's when the real wonder becomes apparent, and once again we get to behold, and once again we get to say, "Thanks be to God!"

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:

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Beth King (Vice President)
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Diana Rieker (Secretary)
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Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (Stewardship)

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: **Gunther Pagel** is returning from a bout with pneumonia and also recuperating from a broken hand suffered from a fall.

Mark Lastrup continues his physical therapy sessions at Sunny View Rehabilitation in Schenectady. **Mildred Lalane** is slowly improving from a neck problem involving substantial pain.

Doug Kurick is scheduled to receive injections for pain in his back which has caused severe immobility.

Deaths: **Catherine (Cay) Moss** died rather suddenly in Samaritan Hospital September 25. Her life was remembered and celebrated by many from the church and community on September 28 as her funeral service was conducted from the church. Cay loved her church family and always gave special attention to the children of this congregation and the youth in our community at large. She will be greatly missed! Word has been received that **Mary D'Jernes**, mother of Jeff D'Jernes, died recently in North Carolina. Jeff is a missionary and Bible translator in Papua New Guinea who we support in our mission ministry. We extend our Christian sympathy to all the family and friends of these beloved saints

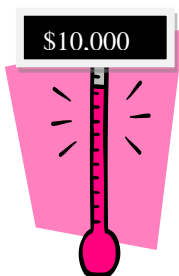
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year's Thanksgiving Eve Service is tentatively scheduled for 7 pm at Transfiguration Church on Wednesday, November 27th. Check the Sunday bulletins for confirmation

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class has begun a study of Proverbs. We meet on Sunday at 9:15 AM in the fellowship hall. Come and join us.

RESTROOM PROJECT FUND DRIVE



Our fund drive has passed the \$7,500 mark. As of October 13th, contributions total \$7,504.50 towards our \$10,000 goal. Thanks to our WELCA ladies for the food & bake sale - it raised \$328 for the fund. Special envelopes are still available.

FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 3: To the Glory of God

Nov. 10: In memory of Donna Brombacher and Dick Walsh
Given by Janet Walsh

Nov. 17: In memory of Tim Dorsey.
Given by Joyce and Bob Duncan

Nov. 24: In memory of Kenneth and Ruth Ross
Given by Leo and Pam Perras

SERVING FAITH

Nov 3	Altar	Helen Inglis, Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant	Carol Karpien
	Ushers	Donna Truland, Mike Moroskey
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens, Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
Nov 10	Altar	Helen Inglis, Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant	Bill Maloney
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Bob & Donna Gibson
Nov 17	Altar	Kay Young, Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant	Bob Gibson
	Ushers	Diana Rieker, Jim Peters
	Counters	Joyce Duncan, Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	John & Sara Martin
Nov 24	Altar	Kay Young, Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Rikki Franklin, Ron Moss
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Gene & Donna St. John

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



We are off to a great start with Sunday School for this year. Attendance has been awesome and as always our teaching staff has really stepped up to the plate. In October, the annual Rally Day was held and it was a complete success. The students were able to introduce themselves and show the congregation a little about what they have learned by talking about walking in Jesus' footsteps. A big thanks to Heather and Errol Bull for coordinating the presentation.

Since it is November already, we are starting to plan our Christmas events. Tentative dates for this year's Christmas Party and Christmas Program are Saturday, December 14th and Sunday, December 15th. Please mark these dates on your calendar and more specific information will be forthcoming. In addition, the Sunday School plans to sponsor the Operation Christmas Child fundraiser again this year, so be on the lookout for more details regarding this program.

Finally, if you are one of the many that uses Facebook, please don't forget to "like" our page, Faith Lutheran Sunday School. Pictures, event details and other information are posted there.

If you are interested in providing any kind of assistance (donations, time, ideas, etc.) or know of a new family I should contact, please email me at s.martin@hvcc.edu or call me at 765-0129.

Sara Martin
Education Director

STEWARDSHIP

Here again we're fast approaching the holiday season! As we think of all the planning and work that needs to be done, we must also think about our church. Included in this month's newsletter is the pledge form for 2014. Please take the time to think about your gift giving for next year. This way we can plan for the expenses of the church and the work for God that we would like to accomplish.

Stephanie Wagar,
Stewardship Chair



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

This month's session of the Bible study of Mark was entitled "Tough Questions". We will complete that section at the November meeting on November 19 at 10 AM at church. The annual Thankoffering will be received and Merilyn will lead the Thankoffering Devotion.

We will begin a new project that day—knitting or crocheting Prayer Blocks. If you like either of these crafts, come join us. Bring needles and yarn if you have them—if not, come anyway. We'll have both to share.

The Hudson-Mohawk Fall Assembly was held at Prince of Peace in Clifton Park. Watch for next month's newsletter for the report.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for the annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 7 at noon at church. There will be an Advent/Christmas program plus lots of good food. Plan to attend.

The food and bake sale was successful and yielded a profit of \$328 which was contributed to the Bathroom project. Many thanks to everyone who provided the food and all who purchased goodies. Watch for the next opportunity.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you from Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County for hosting our fall evening tutor training. The fellowship hall makes a great venue for this training. The handicapped accessibility and convenient parking are added pluses for us. We look forward to coming back in the future. Thank you Pastor Steve and the entire congregation for your commitment to our literacy program.

DINNER CLUB

The October was hosted by the Gibsons, Jaroszes, Karpiens and Nadeen Thompson and featured Bob Gibson narrating his slide show of their cruise through the Panama Canal in February.

The November get-together will be hosted by Bob & Piolly Hayward, Pauline Lupo, Gene & Donna St. John, and Bev Lanteigne. Join us for an evening of fun and good food on Saturday, November 9. Make your reservation with any one of the committee by Wednesday, November 6.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **DECEMBER** newsletter deadline is **Sunday, November 24**. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday Nov. 24, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning

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FAITH PROMISE CARD FOR 2014

Remembering the material blessings that God has given to me, I plan to support the Ministries and Programs of Faith Lutheran Church in 2014 as follows:

**Frequency
(Circle one)**

Current Expenses \$ _____ per **week**
(These contributions support church operations at Faith Lutheran) **month**

Benevolences \$ _____ per **week**
(A portion of the 7.5% of income forwarded to Synod for Lutheran programs) **month**

Missions \$ _____ per **week**
(These contributions are paid directly to the designated Mission of the month) **month**

Service _____
(I feel called to offer my presence and energy in the following way.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail or phone _____

Please return this card with your offering or by mail by December 15th.
Remember, if your financial circumstances change during the year, giving can be adjusted accordingly!