

# Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of  
Faith Lutheran Church

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***It All Depends on  
Where You're Looking***

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top.

The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkable nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash.

A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom. It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself.

At certain times, one could make the case that humans are no wiser than the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! The escape route and the solution to so many difficulties is simply to look up... look up to the One who has already come down to make for us a way out forever. Knowing where to look makes all the difference in the world.

*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:**

**Robert Gibson (President)  
Beth King (Vice President)  
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)  
Diana Rieker (Secretary)  
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)**

#### **Council Members**

**Errol Bull (Property)  
Joyce Duncan (InReach/OutReach)  
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. **Cay Moss** continues to do well with her new dialysis treatment, however she has developed some heart problems which will be treated with medication. **Glen Peyser** was in a recent motorcycle accident resulting in a broken collar bone and several broken ribs. He will be recuperating at home for the next 4 - 6 weeks. **Polly Hayward** is coming along nicely following her hip replacement and should be back in the mainstream soon.

## COUNCIL SUMMARY

At the August/September meeting of the Council there was considerable discussion regarding arrangements for cleaning and lawn care for the church. Other agenda items included plans for various activities for the fall months and tasks needing the attention of our property committee.

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study class resumes on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. It will meet each Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall. The group has just begun the study of Exodus. Come and join in the study of the Scriptures.

## CHURCH HISTORY ON DISPLAY

On the last two Sunday in October, scrapbooks, directories, etc. will be displayed for you to look over during the Coffee Hour.

There will also be various photos that have members who need to be identified.

I hope you can take a few minutes to check these items out.

I'm always happy to add any additional items you might like to add to our collection.

*Carolyn Rouse*, Historian

## FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

**October 7:** In memory of Gwenllian Lynch  
Given by Janet Walsh

**October 14:** In honor of Rachel and David Truland's Birthdays  
Given by the Truland Family

**October 21:** In memory of Harold Behrens  
Given by the Behrens Family

**October 28:** In honor of the Baptism of Molly Martin  
Given by the Martin Family

## SERVING FAITH

<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Karen Cordes, Helen Inglis, Marilyn Niles
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Rebecca Truland
	<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Morosky, Donna Truland
	<b>Counters</b>	Donna & Bob Gibson
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Karen Cordes, Helen Inglis, Marilyn Niles
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Bill Maloney
	<b>Ushers</b>	Jim Peters, Diana Rieker
	<b>Counters</b>	Carolyn Rouse, Irene Pagel
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Pat Brundige, Kay Young, Polly Hayward
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Pat Turcotte,
	<b>Ushers</b>	Rikki Franklyn, Cay Moss,
	<b>Counters</b>	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>Altar</b>	Pat Brundige, Kay Young, Polly Hayward
	<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Rich Anderson
	<b>Ushers</b>	Roberta & Rob Hayward
	<b>Counters</b>	Mildred Lalanne, Janet Walsh
	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	

## STEWARDSHIP

Fall has officially arrived, cooler weather, changing leaves, and an occasional apple cider donut. We also like to think about the upcoming holiday season. All the personal and church family traditions make the season special. What's your favorite, the joint church services, children's programs, or is it the hymns? For me, it's all that and the gift giving and getting together with family and friends.

The other thought that crosses my mind in the fall is our annual pledge card drive. Last year, we had a very good response and this allows us to plan on anticipated giving. So we'd like you to give some thought as to what God has helped you with in this past year and what gifts you might be able to provide for our ministries in the coming year. Let's hope that we can meet and exceed last year's response.

Thank you all!

*Stephanie Wagar* - Stewardship



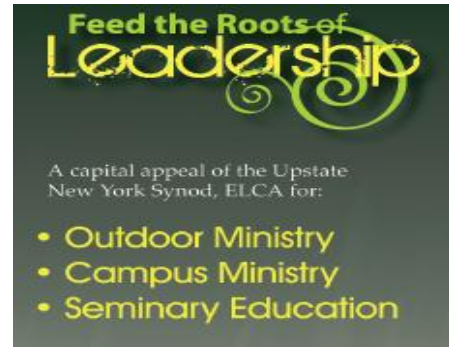
. Sunday School has officially started!! Our first day was September 16<sup>th</sup>, and we had a great turnout. We continued our start to the new school year with our official Rally Day on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children stood in front of the congregation and introduced themselves and told everyone what they were going to learn about in Sunday School. Some of the topics included caring, sharing, hope, love and giving. There were 14 children present for Rally Day, our best turnout ever! We ended Rally Day with a kid friendly coffee hour which was enjoyed by all. I hope that we can continue with the great turnout. It would be wonderful to see so many kids there each week.

Currently, the "pilot" plan for this year's education program is to have the older children (2<sup>nd</sup> grade and up) come in for an age appropriate lesson as soon as they arrive at church and then return to church before the service is over. The younger children (3 years to 1<sup>st</sup> grade) will continue to come in after the Gospel lesson and stay until the service is over. This will eliminate the need for more than one teacher, but allow for the older kids to engage in age appropriate activities. We are going to have to see how this works before we set this in stone, but at this point this seems like the most workable plan.

I am also continuing to look 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](mailto:s.martin@hvcc.edu).

Looking forward to a great year!

*Sara Martin*  
Education Committee Chair



## OUR FAITH AT WORK

The Upstate New York Synod is a Resurrection People who Pray First, Walk Together, and Change Lives. Join us in 'feeding the roots of leadership' by supporting in the capital appeal of the Upstate New York Synod.

**Feed the Roots** supports sharing and growing this faith with our young people through outdoor ministry programs offered at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Vanderkamp and the coordination of camping programs with various camps in the eastern area of the synod. The campaign will address significant capital and program improvements.

The campaign will 'feed the roots' of campus ministry programs across our synod as they nurturing discipleship among faith-filled students and seek to proclaim God's unconditional love to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. Funds will strengthen campus ministries in Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany, and Ithaca, New York.

Feed the Roots campaign also supports Seminary Education at our ELCA seminaries as they identify, gather, teach, educate and nurture the church leaders of the future. Scholarship dollars will also support seminarians in our companion synods - the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (ELCZa).

*David Truland*, Missions Chair

*Editor's Postscript: The campus ministry programs which can benefit from this fund include the Protestant Campus Ministry at the University at Albany where our own Bob Gibson serves as president of that campus ministry board.*



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Regular meetings resumed on September 18, continuing the study of the Gospel of Mark. In addition we packed the backpacks that were made over the summer for distribution to the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club and to Lutheran World Relief. Forty-eight bags were made. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed fabric and the supplies to stock the bags. These help students whose families can't afford to purchase the items to be prepared for school work.

Donna reported on the Upstate NY Women of the ELCA convention held in Mayville on the shores of Chautauqua Lake. The theme of the convention was "Rejoice" and featured the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of Women of the ELCA. Across the synod 499 backpacks were made and distributed by the units in the synod.

In order to allow more women to join in the fellowship of Women of the ELCA, we are asking each woman to indicate the time that would be best for her to attend. Forms will be distributed on Sunday, October 9. Please indicate your preference on the form and place it in the marked basket in the Narthex. The future meeting schedule will be printed in the November newsletter.

Hudson Mohawk Conference Fall Assembly will be held at St. Timothy, North Greenbush, on Saturday, November 3 with registration starting at 9 AM. The theme is "Rejoice—We Have a Voice." Registration fee is \$6 and includes lunch. Contact Donna Gibson if you need a ride. See flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Come join our study of Mark on October 16. We'd love to have you.

### HOG ROAST THANKS

A great big THANK YOU to the Howards for hosting the annual hog roast at their farm and to the many people who helped to make the event a big success. A lot of work goes into this event which was enjoyed by all.

## DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club will gather in the fellowship hall on Saturday, October 13. Appetizers are at 6:30pm and dinner is at 7pm. Make reservations with any of the committee members, who are the Bob & Polly Hayward, Bill & Evelyn Jarosz, Sally Davis, Janet Walsh, and Pastor.

### EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct 2</b>	Tutor Training 6-9pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 4</b>	Choir rehearsal @ 7pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 7</b>	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School (during worship) Coffee Hour after worship Council meeting - 11:50
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 9</b>	Tutor Training 6-9pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 10</b>	Speigle Elders 11:30-2:30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 11</b>	Choir rehearsal @ 7pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct. 13</b>	Dinner Club @ 6:30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 14</b>	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School Coffee Hour after worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 16</b>	WELCA @ 7pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 18</b>	Choir rehearsal @ 7pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 21</b>	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School Coffee Hour with Church history display after worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct. 23</b>	Tutor Training 6-9pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 24</b>	Speigle Elders 11:30-2:30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 25</b>	Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 28</b>	Adult Bible Study @ 9:15 Worship @ 10:30 Sunday School Coffee Hour with Church history display after worship

### PAINT DAY THANKS

A small but effective group of people participated in the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Paint Day. In addition to finishing the painting of the exterior wall around the rear entrance, some much needed bush trimming was accomplished. Thanks to all the painters, bush trimmers, other helpers and to those who provided a hearty lunch.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The November newsletter deadline is Sunday, October 21. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday, or email them to [DSGLVA@aol.com](mailto:DSGLVA@aol.com) by Monday morning.