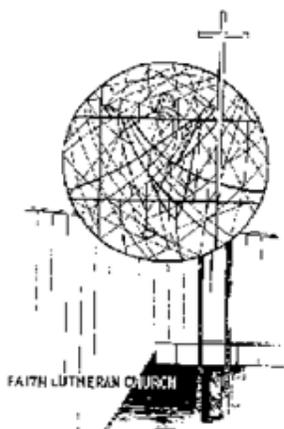


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**The Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church**

SEPTEMBER 2015

Day by Day



By now, most of you know, I have been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Believe me; no one was more shocked than I was to receive such news. First realized in mid July, I can tell you with no uncertainty, such information takes a while to digest. So many of you can relate, as you too have received an unwelcome diagnosis; or known someone close to you who has. You, too, know that we eventually gather ourselves up, put ourselves into the Lord's hands, seek help, and move forward come what may. I am no different. Therefore, I will share with you what I know to expect thus far and plan to do. My cancer is somewhat difficult, but treatable. Treatment will entail the administration of chemo and radiation combined for a six week period. Following a time to rebuild my strength, I will be scheduled for surgery. There will be about a six week recovery period following surgery. Needless to say, the churches will require ministerial help from "pastoral types" other than me during that recovery time. Rest assured, you will be in good hands... as I too, expect to be in good hands.

Times like these cannot help but become a version of what I would call a *wakeup call*. In my

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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)
Elizabeth King (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Diana Reiker (Stewardship)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)**

case, I am particularly reminded that life is a daily process. We do what we can, while we can. Or to borrow a principle that St. Paul presents in Ephesians 5, "Wisdom requires us to make the most of our time." I intend to do just that, make the most of time. For now, part of that time will require me to put up a battle against this disease. I plan to give it the fight of my life! With God's help and your good support, I expect to heal and recover for whatever good I can yet be. What more can we ask for? Day by day... you never know what's in a day!

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Finally, so many have asked what you might do. First and foremost, I ask that you simply be yourself. Believe me, I know first-hand how difficult it can be to want to say the right word or do the right thing. Even pastors worry about such matters. Such concerns can make it difficult to say or do anything at all. Please, just be yourself. I plan to be myself, so you do the same. Be yourself, no more, no less. I promise; we'll do just fine. Beyond that, I ask for your prayers. We can rely on prayer to change our attitudes as well as the perspective of the ones we're praying for. Certainly, remember all the sick and recuperating, yet please don't forget those to whom they are so closely related. Sometime we forget the anxieties of those who are connected to people like me. If you would, remember my family and all such families?

In closing, I'll repeat what I said that Sunday late in July when I shared my predicament, "I count it a great privilege to serve as your pastor and experience your beautiful witness. Let us continue to be good troopers in the Lord.... and keep smiling!" After all, smiles make for pretty good medicine.

Pastor Steve

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating:

Mildred Lalanne continues to convalesce at home following extensive vascular surgery. **Nancy Johansen** recently spent several days at Samaritan Hospital recuperating from delicate foot surgery. She then did some rehabilitation at Sunnyview. **Paul Molesky** recently had his hip replaced at Albany Med. He is now home but cannot bear weight on his leg for six weeks. **Joe Zepf** continues to remain in good spirit, despite his illness, as he remains a resident of Albany County Nursing Home. **Pastor Steve** is scheduled to begin chemo and radiation for his esophageal cancer August 24th. Please keep all these and every one seeking healing in your prayers.

Wedding: Aaron Cordes and Jingyuan Yao were married on July 11th in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albany. Congratulations!

Deaths: Robert Gibson died suddenly on July 3rd following a serious stroke. Bob was president of just about every organization he was a part of, which consisted of many, including President of the Church Council. He had a tremendous voice for speaking and singing. He participated in the Church Choir and Mendelssohn Club. Bob will be greatly missed within the church. **Roger Veiga** died July 6th following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 50 years old. Roger is survived by his three daughters, a grandson, his wife Jackie, and both his parents. **Bernie Coleman** died August 11th following a brief illness. He was 84 years old and had served as a teacher, counselor, and assistant principal in the Lansingburgh Central School system. He is survived by his children Dr. Lawrence Lansing, Warren Lansing, and Stephen Lansing. We extend our Christian sympathy to the families and friends of these beloved saints.

MISSION ACTIVITIES OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of September will be in support of Habitat for Humanity Rensselaer County (HfHRC).

Habitat for Humanity Rensselaer County was formed in 1997 because of the need for affordable housing for hard-working, lower-income Rensselaer County families who lived in substandard conditions.

Much of the support for HfHRC comes from churches, schools, and civic groups. Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build houses. Selected families contribute 400 hours toward construction and pay the full cost of their mortgages, insurance, and taxes. Loans are interest free.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Carol Perrott, Missions

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COUNCIL SUMMARY

Council has received 3 estimates for the repairs to the Cross on top of the church and we are waiting on another estimate.

New windows have been placed in Pastor's office and the main church office.

The dishwasher in the kitchen is to be removed.

We are considering placing bins and/or boxes in the kitchen for recycling.

Council received a report that several checks have been sent out for our missions.

A combined August-September Council Meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2015.

The following meeting will be held October 5, 2015.

Joyce Duncan, Secretary



I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and relaxing in preparation for the upcoming school year. I am looking forward to another successful year for our Sunday School students and parents.

Currently, the plan is to start Sunday School with a welcome date of September 20th. I am in the process of reviewing some of our curriculum choices and will make a decision based on what is best for our varying age groups this year.

If you know any families that may be interested in their children attending Sunday School, please let me know and perhaps I could contact

them about trying it out. My email is sarajohnmartin@gmail.com.

Have a great few weeks before the end of the summer, see everyone in the fall!

Sara Martin, Education Director

SERVING FAITH in SEPTEMBER

Sept 6 th	Altar	Pam Perras and Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Dave Truland Bill Speanberg and Ron Moss
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull
Sept 13 th	Altar	Pam Perras and Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jerosz Donna Truland and Family
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jerosz
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
Sept 20 th	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Errol and Ryland Bull
	Counters	Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Donna Gibson

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Sept 27 th	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Dave Truland
	Ushers	Barbara Boord and Irene Pagel
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

*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*

FLOWERS for JUNE

- Sept. 6th To the Glory of God
- Sept. 13th To the Glory of God
- Sept. 20th In Memory of Cecelia Boomhower
Given by Joyce and Robert
Duncan
- Sept. 27th In Memory of Cay Moss
Given by Ron Moss

CHOIR REHERSAL

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



WELCA morning group are returning from the summer break and will be meeting Tuesday, September 15th at 10:00 am. A new bible study will begin in September. Over the Summer the food pantry items were delivered to Unity House. Thank you to all who participated and a reminder to bring your food donations to refill our box here in the Narthex. School supplies may be put in the basket which will be delivered to an area school for children in need.



DINNER CLUB

Oktoberfest 2015

When: Saturday September 12th, 2015
Where: Faith Lutheran Church

In place of our annual Hog roast, this year, Dinner Club is hosting an Oktoberfest!

Bring your steins and break out your German attire if you have it.

Get ready for some German food, beverages, and fun!

Brats – frankfurters – pulled pork – potato salad – and all the fixings

Doors open at 1:00pm dinner will be served at 4:00pm

Adults \$7.00 Children under 16 Free (German beverages at additional cost)

Friends and family are welcome.

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Please make your reservations with the St. Johns @274-3539 or any committee member (Jarosz, Lansing, Niles, Walsh)

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The October newsletter deadline is Monday September 21st. Please email your articles to barbboord@hotmail.com.

Assistance with the compiling and distribution of the Newsletter is always appreciated. Anyone that can give some time to this joint effort is encouraged to contact me at the above e-mail address.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9 Speigle Elders 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM	10 CHOIR 7:00 PM	11	12 OKTOBERFEST 1:00 PM DINNER 4:00 PM
13	14	15	16	17 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	18	19
20	21 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	22	23 Speigle Elders 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM	24 CHOIR 7:00 PM	25	26
27	28	29	30			