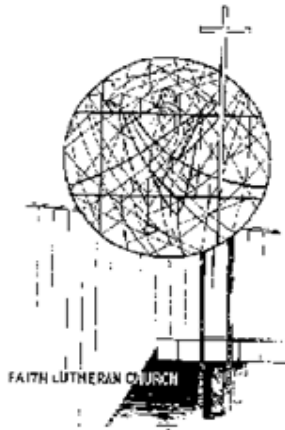


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
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Following Faith

OCTOBER 2019

IS THE LONG WAIT OVER?

On Sunday September 8, the Joint Faith/Evangelical call committee observed our call candidate conduct a service in a local church. Afterwards they met with her and discussed her background and our congregations. Later that day they voted unanimously to recommend her for call. The two call chairs reported the committee recommendation to a joint meeting of the Faith and Evangelical councils on September 10.

On September 16 the candidate, Pastor Judith Converse and her husband Steve Converse, spent the afternoon being shown around both church buildings and seeing our facilities firsthand. Interestingly, Converse's daughter, who as an RPI student had worshiped with us occasionally, was married in Faith in 2010. She and Pastor Cordes conducted the service together, so in fact she has occupied our pulpit on one occasion in the past.

Following the Faith walk around, both councils met at Faith for supper and a joint meeting with Pastor Judy and Steve. Following this time together with the Converses, the Joint Councils resolved unanimously to recommend this Call Candidate to the two congregations to be our next Pastor.

So, what are the next steps?

1. On Saturday, October 19 there will be a Meet and Greet session at Evangelical in Poestenkill. This is an opportunity for informal interaction with Pastor Judy. While it is being held at Poestenkill, members of Faith are welcome to visit there also.
2. On Sunday, October 20 Pastor Judy will conduct services at both churches on a normal Sunday Schedule. Following our service, there will be an opportunity to Meet and Greet her at an extended Coffee Hour. Members of Evangelical will be welcome to participate here.
3. Reformation Sunday, October 27 each congregation will hold a special Congregational Meeting to vote on whether or not to call Pastor Judith Converse. Our meeting will follow an abbreviated worship service and will be an opportunity to discuss

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**Sunday morning worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: during worship**

Church Council Officers:

**Fred Howard (President)
Doug Adamek (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Evelyn Jarosz (Secretary)**

Council Members

**Doug Adamek (Education)
Mitch Cieminski
Rob Hayward (Office Administration)
Linda Hulihan
Evelyn Jarosz
Mike Moroskey (Property)
Sharon Morris (In Reach/Out Reach)
Diana Rieker (Missions),
(Stewardship)
Ben Wagar (Property)**

4. our future together. There will be a motion to Call followed by a vote by secret ballot.
5. If both congregations vote to call, Pastor Judy will begin serving us in November.

We truly need for all of our members (friends are welcome too) to participate in this decision. The road that we have been on for the last 4 years has been a rocky one with numerous potholes. I, for one, look forward to a new day dawning for our Congregations as we go forward together.

Finally, on behalf of our congregation, I want to thank the members of the Faith call committee - Bill Jarosz, Chairperson with Roberta Hayward, Doug

Adamek, and Sara Martin – for the time and effort that they spent in bringing us to this point. I pray for wisdom, guidance and understanding as we move forward in this new chapter of our journey together.

**Fred Howard
518 421 4576**



OUR FAITH at WORK

Our Mission for the month of October is in support of St. Paul's Center located in Rensselaer, N.Y.

St. Paul's Center provides emergency and transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children. To assist the residents in moving on to independent living, they receive support and services in counseling, parenting, homemaking, budgeting, literacy, pediatric care, mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence education, job training and placement and permanent housing.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The Bread of Life Food pantry collection box is in the Narthex. Food items that the pantry would be most appreciative to receive this month are listed on the box. Please be generous with your donation.

Diana Rieker, Missions

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

It is with sadness that I share that Sally Davis has passed on October 6th. It has been several years since she was able to attend services, but I remember her well as a faithful, participating member of our congregation.

Prayers of healing for Stephanie and Ben Wagar as Stephanie received bad news after having a cat scan. She has an enlarged liver, mass in her side, cancer in lung plus other issues, Larry Boord who is in Schenectady Center Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady after a fall at home. Kay Young who suffered a stroke this past week. Paul Haas who received a pacemaker last week, Janice Erickson who is facing an infection found after a recent fall, Russ Laustrop recovering from a broken hip, Peter Edelman treatment for heart issues and cancer and Helen Inglis who is working hard in a rehabilitation center after suffering a stroke.

Continued Prayers are requested for Tom Martin (John Martin's Brother) who has Leukemia, John Hostettler as he continues his recovery and Pr. Prayers of Thanksgiving for Pastor Jennifer Wegter-McNelly and her family for the "Clinical Plateau" that she is experiencing in her courageous battle with Cancer. and Paul Molesky who continues his health progress.

Prayers of encouragement for the Councils of Faith and Evangelical as they lead our congregations into a new journey of Faith.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE AND COVERAGE

We look forward to seeing beloved, familiar faces in the Pulpit as well as a welcome new addition.

Oct. 6 Rev. Rahel Hahn – Final Service

Oct. 13 Rev. Andrew Nelson - Final Service

Oct. 20 Rev. Judith Converse

Oct. 27 Short Service followed by the Congregational vote for Pastor Converse

SERVING FAITH in OCTOBER

Oct. 6

Altar

Evelyn Jarosz and
Roberta Hayward

	Lay Assistant Ushers	Errol Bull Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Fred and Michele Howard
Oct. 13	Altar	Polly Hayward and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Donna Gibson Carol Perrott and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Dinner Club Committee
Oct. 20	Altar	Polly Hayward and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Roberta and Rob Hayward
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin
Oct. 27	Altar	Donna Gibson and Sharon Morris
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Barb Boord and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Doug and Kathy Adamek



FLOWERS for OCTOBER

**Oct. 6 In Memory of Gwennlian Lynch
Given by Janet Walsh**
In Honor of Pastor Rahel and her
Family Given with gratitude and
appreciation by the members of Faith.

**Oct. 13 In Honor of Molly Martin's Baptism
Given by her Family**
In honor of Pastor Andrew
Given with gratitude and appreciation
by the members of Faith

**Oct. 20 In memory of Harold Behrens
Given by the Behrens Family**

Oct. 27 To the Glory of God

CHOIR

After a summer break, the Choir will be starting up again in the near future. Stay tuned for an official start date.

All voices are welcomed. Generally, practices are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. Any questions??? Speak to Donna Van Zandt.



JOINT PRAYER GROUP

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.

Worship Chairperson.

Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild

Coffee Hour

Faith Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran have a Joint Prayer Group that has been active since June 2016. There are approximately 12 of us that pray on a regular basis for our churches, for a new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Most of our group pray at home although several of us have been meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Pray for spiritual revival in this area. Pray also for the churches in this area that are struggling and in need of pastors.

Below is a current list of people we should be praying for: Please advise me of additions or deletions. PLEASE KEEP ALL THESE NAMES WITHIN OUR PRAYER GROUP CIRCLE.

From Evangelical/Poestenkill:

For the Council: Steve Keller, President, Stacy Film, Secretary, Ed & Jill Gresens, Sue Wagner, Conni VanSlyke, and Barbara Madsen

For Food Pantry, and for Sue, who teaches the Sunday School twice a month

For Ruth Frazee for ongoing health issues
Toady Smeland (in a Nursing Home) and Louise Wagner

Alice's granddaughter, Sierra, 5 yr. old, with serious health issues

A Male member struggling with prostate cancer
Sue Decker's niece dealing with cancer
Sue Decker's son and his friends effected by opioid epidemic. Pray for their protection and healing of grief over the loss of friends

Cathy Sagendorf - continuing chemo for ovarian cancer - trying new meds,

Ed & Jill Gresens' grandson, Everest. God's healing intervention in any future medical needs

Bob Lynch - for continued recovery after bad auto accident - Doing well

Donna Hurteao, and her Mom, Janet Erickson, home from hospital / for healing

June Wetherwax - dealing with pancreatic cancer/ for healing
Willia 8 yr. old daughter of friend of congregant - brain tumor

From Faith Lutheran:

For the Council Members: Doug Adamek, Rich Anderson, Barbara Boord, Donna Gibson, Rob Hayward, Fred Howard, Linda Hulihan, Evelyn Jarosz, Mike Morosky, Sharon Morris, and Ben Wagar

For the Sunday School and those involved in working with

the children/teens.

Ben and Stephanie Wagar as she battles cancer
Larry Boord - At Schenectady Rehabilitation Center after a fall at home

Peter and Amy Karpjen's son, Henry, 10-year-old with autism for continued progress and for times rest for the parents. Pray that he might be able to speak

Peter Edelman - treatment for heart issues as well as cancer treatment

Ron Turcotte - dealing with health issues

Jimmy Turcotte - recent heart attack, (and money issues due to being self-employed)

Russ Laustrup - broken hip; receiving rehab at home, pray for healing and mobility

Kay Young's son, Larry - surgery for both legs, pray or healing

Helen Inglis - working hard in rehab (Our Lady of Mercy, Guilderland) to regain mobility after a stroke

John Hostettler, Dana Cerreone's relative: His ribs were shattered in an auto accident some time ago. Continued prayer for healing to facilitate his ability to breath without pain.

Paul Molesky

Pastor Jennifer and her family - Thanksgiving for the "clinical plateau" she is currently experiencing and for continued protection from the cancer

For all the Caregivers working with our church members at the Eddy and elsewhere

For our Nation and the World

Please contact Michele Howard for further information. (518-753-4288)

NEWSLETTER 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 church web site at:

www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and view the newsletter.

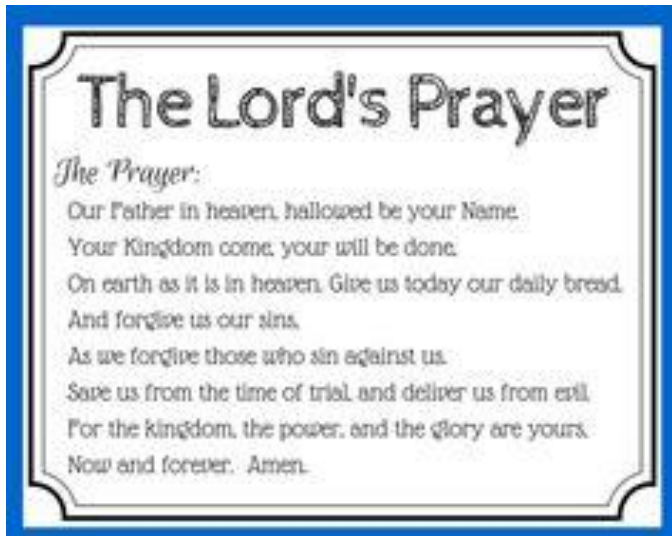
We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at:

barbboord@hotmail.com.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the June newsletter is Monday: September 19th. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.



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				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
6 Rev. Rahel Hahn	7 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	8	9 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	10	11	12 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM
	COUNCIL 7:00 PM					
13 Rev. Andrew Nelson	14 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	15	16	17 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	18	19
20 Rev. Judith Converse	21 NEWSLETTER Articles Due	22	23 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	24	25	26
MEET AND GREET AFTER SERVICE	<i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM					
27 Congregational Vote PLEASE COME!	28 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN		