

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
TROY, NEW YORK 12182



Following Faith

October 2018

A PRAYER TO CALL A PASTOR

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SLOW TO ANGER

James 1:19-20 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

"Slow to anger." count to ten. Take a deep breath. Channel the energy of your righteous anger (it IS righteous anger isn't it? Not sharing the misery someone else has dumped on you. Not the short temper of little sleep or a missed meal.) into constructive action. Yelling at situations and people can be satisfying...particularly while listening to news in the car with the windows up, but it rarely produces a solution or results in a change of heart. Decades ago in Massachusetts I remember a billboard campaign saying, "if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention." It's telling that I have no idea what that outrage was about.

There is plenty to be angry about. Outrage alone accomplishes as much as a car horn in a traffic jam (which is nothing). But righteous anger can be a useful motivator toward creative and constructive solutions. James doesn't say "don't get mad," but "be slow to anger."

How do we use this fire in our bellies constructively? Channel the rage. James suggests being quick to listen, slow to speak. Slow to speak is difficult. We are people of the Word. Conversation, monologue, tweets and sound bites define and shape our world. How are words - just subsets of 26 letters - sculpting your perspective? What kind of world are you shaping with your words?

Imagine abandoning words. When has a deed - silent companionship, an arm holding the door, some help with the groceries, a peaceful meal, an offered umbrella in the rain - made your day? When has a beautiful garden (someone's hard and loving work) full of butterflies eased a chaffing soul? And when have you felt most blessed? Was the blessing a result of your having all the best words and arranging them into a clever argument? Or were you doing something? Some act of service or maintenance? Being there. Caring. Listening. And blessed in your doing.

This Reflection is adapted from Midweek Musings by:

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

Rev. William Hempel, Interim Pastor

Church Council Officers:

Fred Howard (President)
Evelyn Jarosz (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Donna Gibson (Secretary)

Council Members

Doug Adamek (Education)
Donna Gibson (Stewardship)
Rob Hayward
(Office Oversight/Admin)
Linda Hulihan
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)
(Missions)
Mike Moroskey (Property)
Sharon Morris (In Reach/Out Reach)
Ben Wagar (Property)

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers and condolences go to Jim Peters for the loss of his Mother Ann who entered eternal rest on September 21st.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ben Wagar who will undergo Surgery on Friday September 28th.

Best wishes and prayers go to Polly Hayward for a speedy recovery from her recent fall. Additionally, prayers and good wishes go to Kathy Adamek who is recovering from Knee surgery.

Continued Prayers for Rev. Wegter-McNelly, Rev. Bill Hempel, Paul Molesky and Larry Boord as they face their respective health journeys.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE The New Program Year Begins

Summer vacation season is over, and the new school year begins. While most of us are well beyond the point where we are attending school, or have household members attending school, the flow of activity in our lives changes as the summer season ends and the fall season begins.

We continue to look for a new beginning in the not too distant future with a called Pastor to serve our congregations going forward. While we continue to get words of encouragement from our Synod Representatives, we have nothing concrete to report at this point.

We will be working towards resuming a regular coffee hour after morning service but are still in the process of getting this together. Dinner Club is committed to hosting coffee hour on the Sunday following their monthly dinner (usually held on the second Saturday of each month), and we are looking for other persons willing to host on a scheduled basis.

As we get into the fall season we will be talking about Stewardship. I hope that each of you will begin prayerful reflection as to the role that you can play in the financial support of our ministries in the coming year. There are many convenient ways that

each of us can use to make regular scheduled contributions that the church receives whether we are able to attend service during certain times in person or not.

Finally, as 2018 draws to a close we will be looking for candidates to serve on next year's council. If anyone has an interest in serving, please let me know and I will be sure that the nominating committee is given your name. Having new faces and new perspectives as part of the council mix is important. Please let me hear from you if you are interested!

Fred Howard
President
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COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order with a prayer by Fred Howard at 7:07 p.m.

Attendance: Doug Adamek, Linda Hulihan, Fred Howard, Evelyn Jarosz, Sharon Morris, Mike Moroskey
Excused: Rich Anderson
Absent: Barb Boord, Donna Gibson, Rob Hayward, Ben Wagar

The minutes of the July 9th meeting were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's report was received.
The Financial Secretary's report was accepted.

President's Report: The call process was discussed, and the council informed that the Call Chair Ruth is pursuing any action on available candidates. The status of our MSP Data might need to be reevaluated. It was noted that any changes to the MSP could send us to the "back of the line" for a candidate. Sunday, Sept. 16th, will be the last Sunday Sandy Allen will be with us. Fred and Michele will host a coffee hour in her honor prior to her move to CA.

No Pastor's Report
No Old Business

New Business: Pastor Jo Page Dean of the Mohawk Conference is requesting that the Hudson Mohawk Conference be included in our annual budget. The council directed Fred to be in touch with Pastor Page for more information prior to any action. A meeting with

the Covenant Council will be called for discussion of any support.

Committee Reports:

Inreach/Outreach: Feedback from visitations has been positive. Council requested a meeting be set for Oct. 7th following service with the purpose of evaluating the visits. (what works and what needs help)

Office administration: no report

Missions: Missions are going well. The congregation is supporting the various projects.

Education: Plans for Sunday School are not firm as of tonight's meeting. Doug will look into a Confirmation Class.

Stewardship: no report

Property: Mike is looking into the supply of silicone for the roof repair. The bushes will be trimmed in the fall. Mike will be starting renovation of the Carillon Tower in the fall.

Worship: no report

Next meeting: October 8, 2018

Joys and Concerns:

Kathy Adamek having knee surgery Sept. 14th. John and Sarah Martin need prayers regarding John's brother illness.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:10 p.m.

Our support of St. Paul's Center offers support to mothers and children who find themselves without a place to call home. Through our donation's moms can receive the help they need to make a better life for themselves and their children.

Internally, our group Creative Threads, make single size quilts to be donated to St. Paul's Center. Everyone staying at St. Paul's Center receives a quilt for their bed which they take with them when they can move into a home of their own. Each year Creative Threads sends an average for fifteen quilts to the center.

This past month the first shipment of pill bottles was sent to the central warehouse in Ohio. The second shipment will be going soon.

The pull tabs continue to be collected each week. They are growing in leaps and bounds.

Keep the Bread of Life food pantry as an item on your grocery list. This month requested items are low sugar fruit juice, canned fruit, sugar (4lb.), coffee, canned soups and crackers, flour, cooking oil, ramen noodles, and condiments. A non-food item in need is laundry soap.

The Box Tops for Education labels can be found on General Mills, Ziploc, Hefty, Kleenex and Scott products. Look for the label on the top or side of the box; just clip the label and drop in the container on the table in the Narthex.

Evelyn Jarosz, Missions



OUR FAITH at WORK

The featured mission for the month of October is the St. Paul's Center located in Rensselaer. The purpose of the St. Paul's Center is to provide a warm, nurturing home-like environment where each mother will have the opportunity to be become equipped and empowered to make a successful transition to independent living.

SERVING FAITH in OCTOBER

Oct. 7th	Altar	Karen Cordes and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Donna Gibson Errol and Ryland Bull
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Kathy and Doug Adamek

Oct. 14th	Altar	Sharon Morris and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpien Pat Brundige and Katie Bonnier
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Merilyn Niles

Oct. 21st	Altar	Sharon Morris and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

Oct. 28th	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Katie Bonnier
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Mitch Cieminski Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Dave and Dana Cerrone

***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.***

***Sharon Morris, Worship Chairperson.
Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild
Heather Bull, Coffee Hour***

FLOWERS for OCTOBER

- Oct. 7th** **In Memory of Gwenlillian Lynch
Given by Janet Walsh**
- Oct. 14th** **In Memory of Harold Behrens
Given by the Behrens Family**
- Oct. 21st** **To the Glory of God**
- Oct. 28th** **To the Glory of God**

CHOIR

To all congregants who enjoy singing to the Lord. Faiths' Choir is about to begin again. If you would like to join the choir this year, we would love to have you! Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.



JOINT PRAYER GROUP

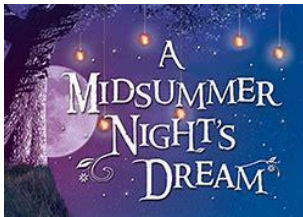
Faith Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran have a Joint Prayer Group that has been active since June 2016. There are approximately 12 of us that pray on a regular basis for our churches, for a new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Most of our group pray at home although several of us have been meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. We will be meeting at Evangelical in October. We would love to have new members.

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

VISION MISSION TO HONDURAS

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili (near Rochester) will be missioning to rural Honduras mid-March 2019. The issue at hand in the community is lack of vision care with reports of children dropping out of school because they cannot read the board nor their books. Their needs are listed as: a mobile Autorefractor and Phoropter, lenses, glasses, eye patches and lensometer. If anyone would like to donate any of these items, there will be a box stationed in the Narthex.



By William Shakespeare

Directed by: Phil Bruns

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Showtime: 8:00 pm

*Friday and Saturday: October 5th and 6th, and
October 12th and 13th*

Showtime: 2:30 pm

*Sunday Matinee: October 7th and 14th
Signing Interpretation Saturday October 6th*

Venue: The Brunswick Grange

Questions - call Ethel at (518) 237-6936

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 November newsletter is Monday October 22nd. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
				Choir 7:00 PM		
7	8 Council 7 PM	9	10 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	11 Choir 7:00 PM	12	13 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM
14	15 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM	16 WELCA 10:30 AM	17	18 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	19	20
21	22 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM	23	24 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	25 Choir 7:00 PM	26	27
28	29 CREATIVE THREADS 10:30 AM	30	31 Happy Halloween			