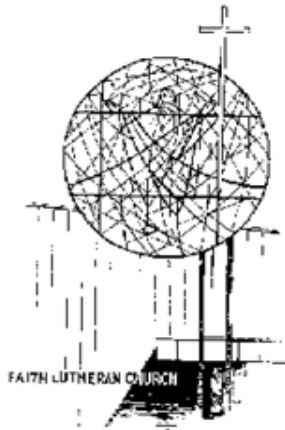


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
TROY, NEW YORK 12182



Following Faith

October 2016



Dear Church,

I have come to know the route between my home in Niskayuna and Faith Lutheran Church in Troy quite well now. There are days when I just want to get where I am going. But there are other times, especially as the season changes, that the drive along the Mohawk River and then across the Hudson is strikingly beautiful.

The first maple trees have begun to catch fire in their rich oranges and reds – early signs of the season. The sumac pods are a velvety garnet and the mountain ash leaves are putting on a vibrant yellow-green. They are like bright banners among the many still-green trees.

It reminded me of the signs of harvest time and God's abundance from Psalm 65. Here are a few verses:

People everywhere
stand amazed at what you do,
east and west shout for joy.

You tend and water the land.
How wonderful the harvest!

You crown the year with riches.
All you touch comes alive:
untilled lands yield crops,
hills are dressed in joy,

flocks clothe the pastures,
valleys wrap themselves in grain.
They all shout for joy
and break into song.

(These verses are quoted *The Psalter* produced by the Committee for English in the Liturgy. It's a more poetic translation of the psalms than the more literal Bible translation we usually use in the worship service.)

I hope that we can share our joy and gratitude this season – in the beauty of the earth, each of our lives, and God's blessing of our church, some highlights of which are in these pages.

***Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jennifer***

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**Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: 9:15 a. m.
Sunday School: during worship**

The Rev. Jennifer Wegter-McNelly, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

**Donna VanZandt (President)
Sara Martin (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Diana Rieker (Secretary)
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)**

Council Members

**Errol Bull (Property)
Dana Cerrone (In Reach/Out Reach)
Elizabeth King (In Reach/Out Reach)
Evelyn Jarosz (Worship)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Pam Perras (Stewardship)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Ben Wagar (Property)**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Pastor Bill Hempel continues to recover and will serve Faith on November 13th. I'm sure we will be happy to welcome him. Dave Cerrone is progressing with his new therapy. He will be receiving several weeks of the new therapy which will contribute to his progress.

CHOIR REHERSAL

Choir rehearsals have resumed and are generally held every Thursday at 7:00 PM for about an hour. No formal training is required. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come and enjoy singing our praises to the Lord.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Final discussion was held and planning completed for the launch of the Church Assessment Tool (CAT) project. Participants will have the option to fill out the assessment electronically or on paper. Instructions for completing the assessment were provided to the congregation after service on Sept 18th, as part of the annual Rally Day. The tool will be used to anonymously collect information on areas of church satisfaction/dissatisfaction, areas of importance and priorities for the church.

Repair of the church steeple has been completed. As part of this project, the cross was also painted. The Council discussed the recent problem with the lawn tractor motor and options for resolving the issue.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Tuesday October 3th, 2016 at 7pm.

Diana Rieker, Secretary



**WE CAN'T WAIT MUCH
LONGER!
C.A.T.
(Church Assessment Tool)**

If you haven't taken the CAT yet, now is the time. We need YOU, and your unique combination of experiences and perceptions at Faith Lutheran Church. The anonymous answers that you provide will help us in gathering information to guide our decisions for our future. Please don't depend on others to share your feelings. We want to hear from ALL congregants of Faith.

You have the choice of going on line to share your anonymous answers or you can fill out a hard copy of the assessment which will also be anonymous.

If you choose to fill out the assessment on line, type in the following link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/FaithLCTroyNY

If you prefer to fill out a hard copy, you may pick one up at church or one can be mailed to you. (If you would like one mailed, please contact me immediately.)

The deadlines for completing and returning the assessment are:

On line - end of day Monday, October 10th.

By mail - postmarked by Tuesday, October 11th

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Van Zandt at dvz515@hotmail.com or call 518-496-8935 and leave a message.

Your response is very important to us and is greatly appreciated.

Peace,

Donna Van Zandt, Council President



Rally Day was a success!!! We had 13 kids attend the kickoff for Sunday School, certainly a good turnout. The kids enjoyed an interactive story with Pastor Jennifer and introduced themselves to the congregation. We had 3 new children in attendance – what a joy! After church, the kids enjoyed a snack (their favorite part) and collected some cool handouts that will remind them of their faith in God.

We are planning on staying with the same basic type of schedule this year for Sunday School, with 3 Sundays a month in Sunday School and one Sunday a month the kids can be in church for the whole time. On the Sunday that they are in church,

Pastor Jennifer will present a special kids story for them to learn from and enjoy. A schedule will be forthcoming.

As many of you know the Cerrone family has been a great help to us during Sunday School. We now are hoping to be a great help to them. We are so lucky that Marlene and Dimitiri will be able to attend Sunday School and we are looking to support them in any way we can.

Let's make 2016-2017 a banner year for Faith Lutheran Church Sunday School!!

Sara Martin, Education Director

HELP WANTED

Have you ever been an acolyte?

Maybe you remember helping out in church as a kid?

Do you enjoy working with the littlest part of our congregation?

Do you have lots of good stories to share?

If so, a "job" with the Sunday School might be right for you.

Seeking:

Fun, energetic, caring people to help out with anything that you think you can add to our program.

- teaching assistance
- acolyte training
- worship assistant training
- general support of the program

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our Mission for October is for Rebecca Truland. Rebecca has completed her formal studies and internship with the ELCA and will be ordained in the near future. Faith has shared her and supported her endeavors to fulfill her calling. We would like to honor her dedication with our final gift.

Carol Perrott, Missions

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS' MEETING, OCTOBER 23RD

If you are a parent of a child from pre-school up through Middle School age who may be participating in church activities this year, please try to attend a meeting after the worship service on Sunday, October 23rd. Sara Martin will share some suggestions, present a draft calendar, and seek your input. Some topics include Sunday school, First Communion, Christmas pageant, possible Acolyte training, and Middle School student ideas. Pizza will be available for kids and parents. A movie will be shown for younger kids who find that planning meetings make them wiggly. Speak to Sara Martin or Pastor Jennifer with questions or suggestions.

FLOWERS for OCTOBER

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| Oct. 2 nd | In memory of Harold Behrens, Jr. Given by the Behrens Family |
| Oct. 9 th | In memory of Gwennlian Lynch. Given by Janet Walsh |
| Oct. 16 th | In honor of Rachel and David Truland's Birthdays. Given by the Family |
| Oct. 23 rd | In honor of Molly's baptism. Given by the Martin Family |
| Oct. 30 th | To the Glory of God |



The ladies of the ELCA held their first fall bible study and business meeting Sept. 20th. The bible study on prayer was led by Donna Gibson. October 8th the ladies will be attending the fall mini conference at the Kateri Tekawitha Shrine in Fonda for a bible study including the history of the Shrine and Native American Christianity. Anyone interested in attending please make a reservation with Donna Gibson. Our fall mission will be making hats and mittens to be distributed to St. Paul's Center and the Troy YWCA. We are asking all our knitters to help. The October bible study and meeting will be held Tuesday Oct. 20th at 10:00 a.m.

SERVING FAITH in OCTOBER

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| Oct. 2 nd | Altar | Evelyn Jarosz and Stephanie Wagar |
| | Lay Assistant Ushers | Rich Anderson Errol and Ryland Bull |
| | Counters | LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh |
| | Coffee Hour | Sara & John Martin |
| Oct. 9 th | Altar | Donna Gibson and Nadeen Thompson |
| | Lay Assistant Ushers | Aaron Cordes Barb Boord and Ron Turcotte |
| | Counters | Joyce Duncan and Pat Brundige |
| | Coffee Hour | Janet Walsh & Marilyn Niles |
| Oct. 16 th | Altar | Donna Gibson and Nadeen Thompson |
| | Lay Assistant Ushers | Donna Gibson Rikki Franklin and Ron Moss |
| | Counters | Polly and Bob Hayward |
| | Coffee Hour | Nadeen Thompson |
| Oct. 23 rd | Altar | Pam Perras and Polly Hayward |
| | Lay Assistant Ushers | Dave Truland Roberta and Rob Hayward |
| | Counters | Michele and Fred Howard |
| | Coffee Hour | Carolyn Rouse |

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| Oct. 30 th | Altar | Pam Perras and Polly Hayward |
| | Lay Assistant Ushers Counters | Fred Howard Beth and Joe King Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan |
| | Coffee Hour | Carolyn Rouse |

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

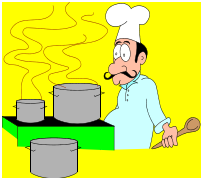
PRAYER GROUP NEWS

Members of the Faith Lutheran Church and Evangelical/Poestenkill Prayer group meet regularly on Monday mornings at 10:00 am. **Faith Lutheran Church will be the site of meetings during the month of October.**

All are welcome. For further details, contact Michele Howard at 518-4288.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

This year, we will be celebrating All Saints during our Sunday service with a solemn reading of names and tolling of a bell for those dear to us who have died. There will be opportunities to contribute the name of a loved one at church on October 30 and before the service on November 6. If you would like to add a name to the list but will not be present on either Sunday, feel free to mail a note to the church office, email Pastor Jennifer at jenniferwm@verizon.net, or leave a message on the church answering machine.



DINNER CLUB

The OctoberFest was an enjoyable evening for all who attended. The weather was perfect. There was music, endless food and a trivia presentation pertaining to Martin Luther. The committee once again outdid themselves.

Saturday, October 8th dinner will be hosted by Carol and Ron Karin, Michele and Fred Howard, and LouAnn Behrens. All are invited. Make your reservation with any of the committee members. Cocktails are served at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30.



PULL TAB COLLECTIONS

Cole Franklin will now be collecting the pull tabs once saved and given to Bob Hayward. Bags of tabs can be left in the kitchen at church.

BARBARA BOORD ACTING NEWSLETTER EDITOR/COORDINATOR

Hard copies of the Newsletter are 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 her email address. At your request, we will be happy to send you a copy via the USPS.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The November newsletter deadline is Monday October 24th. Please email 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.

**FALL WITH ALL ITS' BEAUTY HAS
ARRIVED. ENJOY THE WONDERS
THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US.**

October 2016

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