



Following Faith

JULY 2021



America.... God Shed His Grace on Thee!

In Person Services Resume

In-person services returned to their pre-pandemic times on **June 20, 2021** with singing and communion.

Poestenkill: In person at 9:00 am.

Faith: In person and simultaneous Zoom at 10:30 am

Right now masks are not required for vaccinated people attending in- person worship. Social distancing is strongly recommended. Please keep in mind that things may change in regard to Covid protocols and requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Council members. Let us go forward together with The Lord's guidance and blessing.

Virtual Service Connection Data 10:30 am

Dial-in Voice: +1 646 558 8656

Meeting ID: 837 7245 4374 Password: 049977

Electronic Login:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83772454374?pwd=ZVJD L3FhRjZSN2ZHTTFlUGo3TVVmdz09>

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**Sunday morning worship – In Person and Zoom
10:30 AM at Faith**

Church Council Officers:

**Donna St. John (President)
Bill Jarosz (Vice President)
Carol Karpien (Secretary)
Roberta Hayward (Treasurer)
Rich Anderson (Financial
Secretary)**

Council Members/Committee Assignments

**Rich Anderson (Stewardship)
Errol Bull (Property)
David Cerrone (Education, Worship)
Diane Dyer (Office Administration)
Roberta Hayward (Stewardship)
Linda Hulihan (Missions)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Carol Karpien (Stewardship)
Sara Martin (Education)
Diana Rieker (Inreach/Outreach)
Donna Van Zandt (Worship)**

**R. Hayward, B. Jarosz, C. Karpien,
and D. Van Zandt (Partnership
Council)**

Fred Howard, Interim Newsletter Editor

Leading us in Worship this July

July 4, 2021 - Pastor Christopher Hoyer
July 11 - Service of the Word
July 18 - Deacon Jim Netzer
July 25 - Pastor John Knarvik

The Joint call committee

As council president and co-chair of joint call committee I will be communicating our status for finding a new pastor.

The joint call committee has met and reviewed the interview questions. I want to thank everybody that was on the last call committee for doing such a great job on the questions. It made our job a lot easier this time around.

Synod has sent us a candidate name already. The candidate will also be interviewing with other churches, so we will stay optimistic but not get too excited yet.

Donna St. John

Worship

I am happy we are again able to worship together. I continue to on the zoom service. I realize we have some issues with sound. Anyone knowledgeable with zoom that is available to assist would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone for their support and patience now and moving forward.

Donna St. John

Lay Assistants and Ushers

Welcome back to indoor services!!!

Now that we are allowed to hold our weekly church services indoors we are in need of your help. The church is looking for volunteers to help during the service as a lay assistant and/or an usher.

The job description for each is quite simple. Lay Assistants will read the two lessons and psalm as well as assisting the Pastor with communion. (For the time being, we will be trying a slightly different way of serving everyone and you will find it to be quite easy!) The job of the usher is easy as well. Greet people as they enter the church and hand them a bulletin. During communion direct people towards the minister to begin the process.

If you are willing to help please contact Donna Van Zandt who will be coordinating the schedule.

See Donna at church or send her an email. dvz515@hotmail.com

Flowers for the Altar

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar at any time during the remainder of 2021, please fill in the flower chart hanging in the Narthex. Your name along with who the flowers are in memory of or in honor of would be helpful. The cost continues to be \$20.00 per bouquet.

Cash or check made out to WELCA is accepted. See Donna Van Zandt for questions and/or payment.

July Mission of the Month

The featured mission for the month of July will be in support of the **Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of the Greater Capital Region (GCR)**. For over 100 years, The YWCA-GCR has been the start of positive change for thousands of local women and children. Programs offered by YWCA-GCR are designed to help women prepare for school and employment through economic advancement programs. It provides affordable, safe and supportive transitional and permanent housing, food, security services, homelessness prevention and advocates for gender and racial equity. Our donations will join others in efforts to continue building a healthy and strong community in downtown Troy. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

June 7, 2021 Council Meeting Highlights

The Council welcomed Pastor Dan May, who will be our transitional leader during our call process. . He will attend council meetings, make hospital visits and help maintain connections with shut-ins. Pastor Dan did an in-person service at Faith on June 20. He will be with us until we get a pastor. His contact information is available on the first page of this newsletter.

Income this year is down from last year. In part this is due to the Payroll Protection Plan that provided significant income last year. The Stewardship Committee will publish a quarterly report next month.

Our Ministry Site Profile was completed and submitted. Call committee was finalized; members include Donna St. John, Donna Van Zandt, Heather Bull, and Bill Jarosz. Synod informed us that there is an interested candidate, but the candidate is also looking at other placements.

Eight young people were confirmed and 2 babies were baptized.

Office Administration – Diane Dyer will coordinate with the Haywards, Bill Jarosz, and Donna Van Zandt to get bulletins printed and mailed. We need to decide if we will use the “Celebrate” insert or another source for readings.

Worship– Donna Van Zandt Summer months are covered for supply pastors with the exception of July 11. We will have a service of the word that day if a supply pastor cannot be found.

Volunteers are needed for zoom, reading, singing, ushering, & altar. Services are now inside with readings, communion, and singing. Donna Van Zandt is scheduling readers, and singers. Donna St. John is in charge of altar, etc.

TSL Adventures Camp / Preschool Inquiry.
Considering the many demands and issues the

church faces with calling a new pastor, it was agreed that this project was not doable at this time.

Monday Quilt Group

We are back sewing together on Mondays after a hiatus during COVID. The virus may have kept us from sewing together but didn't stop us from quilting. We are busy tying quilt tops made over the last year; making them ready to be delivered to St. Paul's Center.



Pictured are Donna Gibson and Janet Walsh tying a quilt pieced by Diana Rieker. We would love for you to join us.

Easy to do by getting in touch with Janet or Donna.

Altar Guild

With regular church services resuming on 6/20/2021, we are looking forward to the weekly in person services - to pray, celebrate, and gather for communion. Until others feel comfortable setting up communion, I will continue to prepare the altar for Sunday services.

We would like to set a schedule for altar volunteers. It is time to get back to our routines.

- You may have served in the past and would like to continue.

- Or maybe you do not feel comfortable at this time, and that's ok.
- Maybe you can assist with setting up on Saturday.
- Or are only available to help with the clean up after service.
- You might just want to hear more on what we do behind the scenes.

If you are interested in continuing to serve on the altar guild or would like more information, please contact me at 518-526-2545 or 518-274-3539.

Thank you,
Donna St. John, Altar Guild Leader

St. John's Cemetery – Melrose

The St. John's Cemetery in Melrose (Schaghticoke) is a cemetery that was 'used' by St. John's Lutheran Church, most recently sited in Melrose. Since that church closed in 1969, the cemetery has not been cared for, and it has become overgrown and unsightly. Since the last members of St. John's joined Our Savior's Lutheran (a church that then formed Faith Lutheran), there seems to be some connection with Faith Lutheran.

Cleaning up and learning more about the restoration of the cemetery is a project that Pastor and Steve Converse are coordinating through the summer and into early Fall. They are hoping to spend a day/week clearing the overgrown areas and removing fallen limbs, etc. They, along with the St. Johns, are also coordinating a monthly work day for those from Faith or other groups who are interested in helping. They will be at the cemetery on the third Saturday of the month between 9 and 2 to work.

Remaining planned summer Saturday work days:
July 16, August 21, September 18

Pastor Judy and Steve (978) 808-6780.

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers of Joy and Thanksgiving for Bob and Polly Hayward who celebrated their 72 wedding anniversary recently. Congratulations on this significant milestone!

Congratulations to the Speanburg Family upon the Baptism of Alexander James Speanburg Myers who was baptized by Pastor Jo Page, a daughter of the congregation of Faith Lutheran on June 3, 2021. Prayers for support of his parents Molly and Dan as Alexander grows in his life in Christ.

Remember Paul Haas who is doing well at Van Rensselaer Manor. While he cannot have visitors, he does have his cell phone 518-892-2231 and enjoys telephone calls from his friends.

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

And finally, prayers for our country as we celebrate our Independence Day and our world in these times of COVID-19 pandemic and turmoil and unrest.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the August 2021 newsletter is Monday, July 26, 2021. Please email your articles to: farmerfl69@aol.com. If you would like a special joy or concern shared, you can also contact him by phone at 518 421 4576.