

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
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Following Faith

March 2017

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Dear Church

Join us in celebrating a Holy Lent at Faith Lutheran Church.

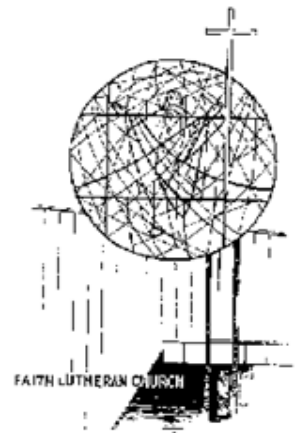
The forty days before Easter are a special season for Christians. We are invited in to walk more closely with God as we consider the life and ministry of Jesus.

Through Christian history, there have many ways that people of faith have chosen to find spiritual meaning in the journey. Some people follow special ways of eating or spending their time or money, fasting from familiar things to lead to greater awareness. Others add in times of study, prayer, or meditation. Small groups may enter together on courses of study or plans for service to others.

What might it mean for you to walk more closely with God during the forty days of this season? What might help reset your spirit in the way that you need right now?

The answer will be different for each one of us, but there are also some congregational plans we invite you to consider:

- Ash Wednesday Service, March 1, 7:00 PM
- On this first day of Lent, join in a worship service with songs, readings, and the receiving the symbol of ashes to begin our journey
- Each day – at a time that works for you – read and reflect on the daily readings and prayer in the book *40-day Journey with Martin Luther*. Copies are available at church.
- Weekly, attend one of the small groups that will be discussing and sharing our impressions of the *40-day* book.



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

**The Rev. Jennifer Wegter McNelly,
Pastor**

Church Council Officers

**Fred Howard (President)
Evelyn Jarosz (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Diana Rieker (Secretary)
Pam Perras/Michele Howard
(Financial Secretaries)**

Council Members

**Doug Aradek (Education)
Errol Bull (Property)
Donna Gibson (Stewardship)
Rob Hayward
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)
Sharon Morris (Worship)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Pam Perras (In Reach/Out Reach)
Ben Wagar (Property)**

- Groups are scheduled for Sunday afternoons at Faith and for 7:00 PM on Tuesdays in Poestenkill. One or two more groups will be added as we get a sense of what times are most desired. (Let me know your suggestions, please.)

If you are having an especially crazy time this winter and cannot make many plans, then my prayers are especially with you. We all have those seasons in our lives. In that case, remember that God is always walking with you even when you aren't able to make special plans to go looking for God.

Wherever our individual paths may take us this Lent, may God's Spirit unite us on a holy and grace-filled journey.

*Peace in Christ
Pastor Jennifer*



**SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER
AND PRESENTER ON MARCH 5th**

On Sunday, March 5th, Faith will welcome Pastor Gregory Tennermann to share through preaching and a time of teaching and discussion after the worship service. Please make plans to stay after that day to participate if you can.

The Council has invited Pastor Greg to share from his extensive experience with congregations like ours in important times of transition. He had a long settled ministry in a vital congregation in New Windsor, New York. Later, he went on to serve as an interim pastor, Synod staff person, and consultant. His special areas of expertise and interest include dynamics within congregations (known as Family Systems theory), healing after conflict or difficulty, and transition times in churches. He and his family have lived in this area for a number of years of his ministry, including

serving as Interim Pastor for some churches in Rensselaer County. Though he officially retired in 2016, he continues to be busy serving as part-time director of natural systems for the Upstate Synod, which includes teaching, coaching, and consulting in the synod.

We hope that many in our congregation will take advantage of the opportunity to hear and ask questions of Pastor Tennermann. His experience, skills, encouragement, and sense of humor are a great resource for Faith as we find our way through our own time of transition.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

New Council members were welcomed and provided with an overview of the format of Council meetings and monthly financial reports. Nominations and appointments to Council officer positions were conducted. They are: Fred Howard, President; Evelyn Jarosz, Vice President; Diana Reiker, Secretary; and Barbara Boord, Treasurer. Ministry committee assignments were also determined. Council members will be reaching out to the congregation for assistance with their various areas of responsibility.

The Council continued to discuss the change in service start time to 11:00 PM and feedback received from members of the congregation. The Council discussed options to provide the congregation with opportunities to hear feedback and concerns regarding the change.

Conversations with members of Faith and Evangelical regarding the search for a new pastor will continue. This will include formation of a committee with members from both congregations to lead this effort.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday March 6th, 2017 at 7 PM.

Diana Reiker, Secretary



OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of March will be in support of the work of Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County.

Did you know that there are 30,000 teens and adults in Rensselaer County alone who cannot complete a job application, write a letter to a child's school, or read the directions on a bottle of cough syrup?

Adult Education programs work with these individuals to help them learn English and obtain the skills needed to become employed, retain a job, get a promotion, read to their children, obtain the skills necessary to succeed, and achieve economic self-sufficiency for themselves and their families.

By donating to Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County, we can make a difference.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talent, there are always tutor and non-tutor opportunities awaiting you. For information on becoming a volunteer you can call the office at 274-8526.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Perrott, Missions

The time between Christmas and Easter is sort of a down time for Sunday School. This time of year, attendance depends on the weather, February break vacations and the "winter blues". Never fear though, if you do make it to Sunday School, it will always be a lot of fun!

As we begin preparations for Lent and Easter and spring begins, everyone seems to get back in to the swing of things. With the help of Kid's Council we are going to start planning our Easter fundraiser. Some of the ideas include a local charity, or buying a farm animal for a village in need. Soon, the kids will be talking to all of us about what has been chosen and how you can help.

With the transition to the 11:00 service, Sunday School will also begin at 11:00. This time should allow everyone plenty of wiggle room to arrive and get the day started.

Enjoy the last part of winter!

Sara Martin, Education Director

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.

FLOWERS for MARCH

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| Mar. 5th | To the Glory of God |
| Mar. 12th | To the Glory of God |
| Mar. 19th | Everett and Eugene Boomhower
Given by Bob and Joyce Duncan |
| Mar. 26th | To the Glory of God |

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Office Assistant(s) with word processing, filing, and scanning skills.

Tech savvy persons interested in being part of a committee to study and propose updates to our office systems.

If you are interested in helping on either of these, please let Fred Howard or any council member know.

SERVING FAITH in MARCH

Mar. 1 st	Altar	LouAnn Behrens and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Rob and Roberta Hayward
	Counters	Bob and Polly Hayward
Mar. 5 th	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jarosz Mike Moroskey and Diane Dyers
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin
Mar. 12 th	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpjen Rikki Franklin and Ron Moss
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Merilyn Niles and Janet Walsh
Mar. 19 th	Altar	Karen Cordes and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Katie Bonnier and Barbara Boord
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull

Mar. 26 th	Altar	Karen Cordes and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Dave Truland Rob and Roberta Hayward
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Carolyn Rouse and Donna Gibson

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.

Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras

Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull



Women of the ELCA thank everyone who contributed cookies for the annual Valentine's cookie delivery to Faith shut-ins. Packing did get delayed a week due to the snowstorm, but everyone appreciated receiving them even though it was a week later than usual.

In February our Bible study focused on Moses Mother, Jochebed, and her action to save his life. Floating him in a basket in the river to be found by the Egyptian Princess insured his survival to lead his people into a new life. We need prayer followed by wisdom and work to achieve goals in life. The study for March centers on Ruth. The meeting will be on Tuesday March 21st at 10:00 am at church. Please join us.

We will be gathering soap (bath size in original wrapper) for Lutheran Work Relief. Place your contributions in the basket in the narthex. Also, mark your calendar for a quilt making day on Saturday June 3rd. Anyone who has cotton fabric that can be used, please contact Evelyn Jarosz or Donna Gibson. We appreciate your gifts.



DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club enjoyed the annual banquet at church on February 11th. The Italian Dinner was catered with appetizers and dessert provided by the officers.

The following were installed for the coming year:

Bill and Evelyn Jarosz – Presidents

LouAnn Behrens and Donna Gibson – Secretaries

Joyce Duncan and Stephanie Wagar – Treasurers

The March meeting will be Saturday March 11th at church with Hele Inglis Bill and Evelyn Jarosz, Marilyn Niles and Pan Zeph hosting. Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and good food, Make your reservation with one of the committee members.

Social hour begins at 6:00 PM with dinner served at 6:30.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR/COORDINATOR

Barbara Boord is coordinating the Newsletter efforts. 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 shown below.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The March newsletter deadline is Monday March 20th. Please email your articles to:

barbboord@hotmail.com.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM	2 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	3	4
5	6 COUNCIL 7:00 PM	7	8 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	9 CHOIR 7:00 PM	10	11 DINNER CLUB 6:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	21 WELCA 10:00 AM	22 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	23 CHOIR 7:00 PM	24	25
26	27	28				

