

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Running the Race

Years ago I had the occasion to officiate the marriage of a couple who both worked in the horse racing business. He was a jockey and she rode the **lead pony** (the horse assisting racers to the starting gate.)

After hearing all about the couple's vocational roles, I used for their wedding text, **1 Corinthians 9:24**, "Run that you may obtain the prize."

Some points to consider for those starting out are.

1. Some races are bigger than others, but a new race is run every day. Remember that you'll get another shot at it tomorrow. Let today's troubles be enough for today. And don't rest on your laurels too long because sooner or later you'll be back in the running.
2. We all have to run our own races. However, it never hurts to have a good **lead pony** who can coax us into the starting gate. We can't run the race if we can't find the starting line. Encouragement is especially helpful, particularly when the clock is counting down. All of us can use and be good lead ponies.
3. Once in the thick of a race, things can happen that are out of our control. One can get boxed in, pushed and shoved, run out of steam. Learn to accept things that are

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

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

David Truland (President)
Sara Martin (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Joyce Duncan (Secretary)
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)

Council Members

Errol Bull (Property)
Joyce Duncan (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Elizabeth King (In Reach/Out Reach)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Diana Reiker (Stewardship)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)

inevitably out of our control or beyond our power.

4. Learn to adjust that which is in our control. Experience can be a great teacher. Head off problems before the next turn. Adjust your style accordingly.

5. Finally, run to win. That's why we're in it. Run for the joy of running. How many times has the **dark horse** surprised us all? Give it your best, you never know. Perhaps I once offered some wisdom for those anticipating their lives together. Yet, as I have

grown older I realize that there is also application for those of us coming down the back stretch. Keep your eye on the goal. Remember *Who* has finished the race before us. Be mindful of the cloud of witnesses cheering us along our way. And finally remember... the Finish Line has now become the new Beginning Line. For surely Isaiah's image will come to fruition, "For they will run and not grow weary." Running for the sheer joy of running? Sounds like something worth running for!

Pastor Steve

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating:

Beverly Lanteigne recently received a blood transfusion and continues to power through life in spite of her bout with cancer. **Dr. Larry Lansing** was recently diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. He is currently undergoing chemo therapy, and thus far has responded well. There is still a lengthy road ahead, but initial signs for recovery are quite encouraging.

Bob Hayward received a knee replacement in early October and is doing remarkably well, demonstrated by his walking and dancing.

Mildred Lalanne is showing signs of improvement as she continues treatment for wounds caused by circulation problems.

Nancy Johansen is home following extensive foot surgery and a follow up visit to St. Peters Hospital. **Paul Molesky** is progressing slowly but surely following hip surgery. **Joe Zepf** continues to remain in good spirit, despite his illness. He remains a resident of Albany County Nursing Home. As of this time, **Pastor Steve** is scheduled for surgery in mid November. Exact dates and details are still to be determined; however he will be out of commission for at least six weeks. Preaching and pastoral care will be provided by various retired pastors. Speaking on behalf of all those ill and recuperating, Thank You to Everyone for your continued prayers and good wishes!

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of November will be in support of Joseph's House and Shelter located in downtown Troy. Joseph's House is an essential part of our community. They are there to shelter, feed and help find assistance for those in need. In addition to our monetary contributions, we occasionally call on our congregation to provide some weekend meals for the residents of Joseph's House. Joseph's House and Shelter serves nearly 800 homeless adults, children and families each year. Our contributions help make that possible.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Carol Perrott, Missions

COUNCIL SUMMARY

There will not be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving this year.

Beverly Lanteigne resigned her position on Council Because of health related issues. She has accomplished so much during her time of service on the Property committee including painting, installing windows and other repairs too numerous to mention. Bev has indicated that she will to continue kitchen duties.

The Council would like to thank Bev for her dedication to the improvement of Faiths' property.

Council voted to change workers compensation insurance providers from the New York State Insurance Fund to Hartford Insurance as recommended by our Insurance Agency Emery and Webb. Coverage will remain the same but will be at a better premium cost.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday January 24, 2016 after service.

Our next Council meeting is December 7, 2015.

Joyce Duncan, Secretary



Not much new to report this month. Sunday School has been in session for about a month now and the kids (and teachers) are starting to get back into the swing of things. Our current curriculum uses lessons that correspond to the readings that the adults hear in the service, so hopefully the kids can “compare notes” with their parents on what they have learned.

Soon it will be time to start planning the holiday events. We hope to have some sort of Christmas presentation for the congregation as well as our annual holiday party and fundraiser (Operation Christmas Child).

Thanks to all of those that have donated materials. We will do our best to put them to good use.

If you are interested in teaching; helping out, or should you have any questions, please contact me at sarajohnmartin@gmail.com or 765-0129.

Sara Martin, Education Director

NOVEMBER FLOWERS

Nov. 1 st	To the Glory of God
Nov. 8 th	To the Glory of God
Nov. 15 th	In Memory of Dick Walsh and Karen Brombacher Given by Janet Walsh
Nov. 22 nd	In Memory of Tim Dorsey Given by Joyce and Bob Duncan
Nov. 29 th	In Memory of Kenneth and Ruth Ross Given by Leo and Pam Perras

SERVING FAITH in NOVEMBER

Nov. 1 st	Altar	Donna St. John and LouAnn Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Errol Bull B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Dave and Dana Cerrone
Nov. 8 th	Altar	Donna St. John and LouAnn Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Carol Perrott and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull
Nov. 15 th	Altar	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Donna Gibson Diana Reiker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
Nov. 22 nd	Altar	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Dave Truland Bill Speanburg and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Donna Gibson

Nov. 29 th	Altar	Not Available
	Lay Assistant	Pat Turcotte
	Ushers	Donna Truland and Family
	Counters	Rich and Diane Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

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*

CHOIR REHERSAL

Choir rehearsals have begun and are held every Thursday at 7:00 PM for about an hour. Please consider joining our group and raising your voice in joyous praise. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join



Hudson Mohawk Conference of Women of the ELCA Fall Assembly will be held on Saturday, November 7th at St. Timothy's' in North Greenbush beginning at 9:30 AM. If you need a ride please call Donna Gibson 833-7471.

WELCA is collecting items for the Maritime Mission in Albany for Christmas again this year. Needed items include: hats, gloves and work socks, writing pads and pens or pencils. We ask for contributions to be turned in by Sunday,

November 29th so that we can pack the items on Saturday, December 5th. Place the items in the basket in the narthex. We will also collect hats and gloves for children, which will be distributed to local schools. Thank you all for your help with this annual project.

December 5th will be the annual Christmas luncheon and program at the church at noon. Please join us for a covered dish luncheon followed by the program and packing of the gift items listed above and cookies for the shut-ins. Contributions of Christmas cookies will be gratefully received. The shut-ins really enjoy receiving these goodies and the visit that goes with it.

The regular November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th at church at 10:00 AM. Marilyn Niles will lead the Thankoffering program. Don't forget to bring your Thankoffering boxes! If time permits we will continue the new Bible Study "Sabbath Keeping". We had the introductory session in October and had some interesting discussions on keeping the Sabbath. Join us for this interesting study.



DINNER CLUB

November dinner club will be held on the 14th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Fellowship is at 6:30 PM and Dinner is served at 7:00 PM with entertainment rounding out the evening. The Dinner Club group would love to see anyone that would like to enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship. Please let LouAnn Beherns, Donna VanZandt, Russ and Eleanor Lastrup or Jim Peters know if you are interested in joining the group for an enjoyable evening.

RENSSELAER COUNTY STRATEGY TEAM MEETING NOTES

The Rensselaer County Lutheran Strategy Team held a meeting on October 20th at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poestenkill. Pastor Cordes and Barbara Boord represented Faith at this meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the future of the 8 ELCA congregations in Rensselaer County. As stated in the October Newsletter the main priority of the Rensselaer County Strategy Meetings is to address the issue of the many congregations needing pastoral leadership and how we can best continue to do God's work in this county. Members attending this meeting were asked to provide the 2015 budget and actual spending for 2014 to the committee leaders to assist with the development of a comparison statement of the basic expenses other than Pastoral expenses.

All council and congregation members are welcome anyone that would like to attend these meetings. Additionally, any questions or ideas that you may have can be directed to Pastor Steve, Diana Reiker or Barbara Boord.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17th at Trinity in Castleton starting at 6:30 PM.

EDITOR/COORDINATOR

Barbara Boord continues to coordinate the Newsletter efforts. Hard copies of the Newsletter are available at church for pick up when you are present.

The computer savvy can go to the church web site at: www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and read the newsletter.

Additionally, an email copy of the newsletter will be sent to your email address if you send your email address to Barbara at her email address shown below.

barbboord@hotmail.com

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The November Newsletter deadline being changed slightly as Thanksgiving falls during the week that I would normally work on the Newsletter. If everyone could have their items to me by Friday November 20th it will give me two days to make up for the holiday time. I would like to thank everyone in advance for their assistance with the Newsletter and appreciate your consideration of this change for November. Please e-mail your 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00 PM	3 ELECTION DAY	4	5 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 - 4:00 PM	6	7 WELCA HUDSON-MOHAWK CONFERENCE FALL ASSEMBLY ST TIMOTHYS' 9:30AM
8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY Speigle Elders 10:00AM - 2:00PM	12 CHOIR 7:00 PM	13	14 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM
15	16	17 WELCA 10:00 AM	18	19 CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 - 4:00 PM	20 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	21
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