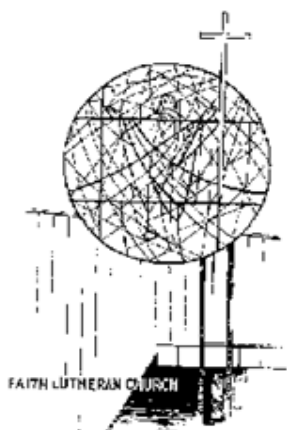


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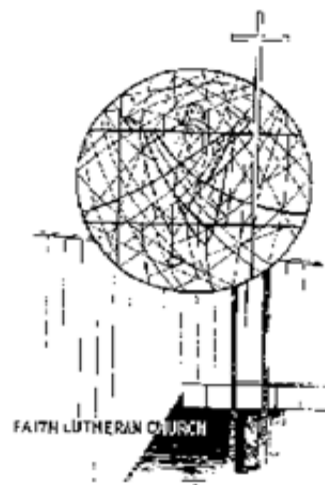
Happy New Year! Always seems to evoke some very mixed feelings. Happy New Year! How wonderful – again, 365 more days of grace, hope and possibility stretch before each of us – what a blessing – almost enough to make you throw off the comforter, bound out of bed and run to meet the coming year!

But then there comes that insidious cloud of gathering intensity formed from one single world: “resolution”! It comes marching into our consciousness accompanied by martial music and a growing sense that “I CAN DO it – this year will be different!”

Yeah - - - Right! The skeptics and truth-tellers in your life start waving the flag of history trying to keep you from heading down a well worn, disappointing path littered with lists of previous high-minded intentions.

Still, there is the sense that a new year does offer an opportunity to reset the game. There is rightly an appreciation that this is a moment, a Biblical “*kairos*”, an opportunity to orient ourselves and to recoup our bearings.

Perhaps this is the time for a Christian orienteering. That’s right – Christian Orienteering. For those bold enough to utter an evangelical “*HUH?*” . . . “*What’s he talking about?*” Orienteering is “a race in wilderness navigation using a map and compass. It’s easy and a fun way to exercise your body and mind as you enjoy the outdoors.” There are those who push the envelope by actually “running” the



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

The Rev. William Hempel, 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)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carol Perrott (Missions)
Carolyn Rouse (History)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)

course (as distinct from walking – even though it does have some Pauline overtones!) Some pursue orienteering on mountain bikes and with

skis. At an earlier age, some of that might have interested me, but now I'll happily walk the course.

Orienteering has been described as: "a sport of decisive map-and-compass utilization, teaching the finest points of personal navigation. Pinpointing your place on a detailed topographical map — reading land features, translating distance to scale, sensing your surroundings from a printed page" — that's all tantamount to truly knowing your place in this world.

I like that. Imagine - if believing Christians would, in this coming year, orient themselves - truly seek to know their place in this world. Do it the old-fashioned way – with just a map and compass – scripture and worship - nothing digital, battery powered or even possessing a touch screen! Leave the GPS at home.

In this year engage in some personal, Christian navigation. Pinpoint your place on a realistic map — reading the scriptural lay of the land, translating distance and faith to the scale of human beings around us, sensing your surroundings from a printed page of God's Word — That's truly knowing your place in this world. It could help make the New Year both Happy and Blessed.

Pastor Bill

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating:

Beverly Lanteigne has been admitted to the hospital and is under Hospice care. **Dr. Larry Lansing** received an encouraging report from his doctor after completing his regimen of treatment. **Bob Hayward** continues to steadily improve after his knee surgery. **Mildred Lalanne** is improving from her circulatory related wounds. **Nancy Johansen** is recuperating from extensive foot surgery. **Paul Molesky** has progressed steadily after his hip surgery. Please keep them all in your prayers.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

I previously reported the gutters over the office and Pastors window were installed; they were not but will be another project for 2016.

When doing the shed the property committee found bluestone pieces, cobblestone and bricks. If any member of the Congregation is interested in these please contact the committee. The committee suggested a donation be made to the church for these items.

Many Congregational members have asked if the new furnace is saving us money. Barbara Boord stated that it has saved the church a decent amount over the prior year.

The next scheduled Council meeting is January 4, 2016.

The Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24, 2016 will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the Worship Service.

February 1, 2016 Council Meeting will be an Organizational Meeting for Newly Comprised Council.

Joyce Duncan, Secretary

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



Another successful Sunday School Christmas program is under our belts! This year, we had the students read a story called "Henry the Christmas Cat", about a cat that ended up become part of a Nativity Pageant. After the story the kids sang "Silent Night, Holy Night". Everyone loved the show and enjoyed some pizza and snacks afterwards.

There will be no Sunday School on December 26th or January 3rd. Sunday School will resume again on January 10th.

The schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

January 10, 24 and 31
February 7, 21 and 28
March 6, 13 and 20
April 3, 10 and 17
May 8, 15 and 22
June 5 and 12 (picnic?)

Happy New Year!!

Sara Martin, Education Director

FLOWERS for JANUARY

January 3rd To the Glory of God

January 10th In Memory of Marilyn Howard
Given by Fred and Michele Howard

January 17th To the Glory of God

January 24th To the Glory of God

January 31st In honor of Rebecca Truland's birthday
Given by the Trulands

ALTAR FLOWERS

The new 2016 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the Narthex. If you would like to offer flowers for the altar for any particular Sunday, please sign your name on the calendar. Also provide the name that the flowers are being given in honor of or in memory of, and by whom. The cost continues to stay at the rate of \$19.00 per bouquet.

Checks may be made out to WELCA and given to Donna Van Zandt at the time you have designated. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Donna at church.

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of January will be in support of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.

The Regional Food Bank provides food assistance to over a 1,000 charitable agencies serving the hungry and disadvantaged, including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, youth programs, senior programs, and programs for the disabled.

Your thoughtful contributions will help feed the hungry and provide peace of mind to thousands of individuals and families who live in the shadow of hunger and food insecurity on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Perrott, Missions

SERVING FAITH In JANUARY

Jan 3rd	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Pat Turcotte Rikki Franklin and Ron Moss
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Errol and Heather Bull
Jan 10th	Altar	LouAnne Behrens and Pam Perras
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Dave and Dana Cerrone
Jan 17th	Altar	LouAnne Behrens and Pam Perras
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Roberta and Rob Hayward
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin
Jan 24th	Altar	Polly Hayward and Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Donna Gibson Beth and Joe King LouAnne Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Donna Gibson

Jan 31st	Altar	Polly Hayward and Marilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers	David Truland Carol Perrott and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	Joyce Duncan and Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	John and Sara 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*



**WOMEN
OF THE
ELCA**

Women of the ELCA enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon on December 5th with a delicious repast. Joyce Duncan and Stephanie Wagar led the program after which cookies for the shut-ins and gifts for the Maritime ministry were packed. Thank you to everyone who baked and contributed gifts. You all helped make a brighter Christmas for our neighbors. The hats and gloves which had been knitted, crocheted and purchased were delivered to students at Hoosick Falls and Tamarac Elementary Schools. Our Monday seamstresses continue to make quilts for St. Paul's center each week.

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 10:00 AM at church. We will resume our monthly Bible Study. Please join us.



DINNER CLUB

Decembers Dinner Club was the highlight of the year as usual with everyone enjoying an excellent dinner prepared by the committee and once again delighting in singing the 12 Days of Christmas. The exchanging and stealing of Secret Santa Gifts was once again a hit. I am quite sure that everyone went home with happy hearts.

Dinner Club is looking forward to a great year in 2016. The January date is the 9th at 6:00 with dinner served at 6:30. Lets' start the New Year off right. Come join in an evening of Good Food and Great Fellowship. The committee hopes to extend invitations personally. If you can join the group please be sure and let them know. It is always great to welcome new members to the group.

BARBARA BOORD NEWSLETTER EDITOR/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.

If you prefer you may go to the web site at: www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and see the newsletter there.

You can receive a copy by email if you send your email address directly to Barbara at her email address: barbboord@hotmail.com.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The February newsletter deadline is Monday January 18th. Please email your articles to barbboord@hotmail.com by Monday morning.

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 her using her email address.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Council Meeting 7:00 PM	5	6	7 Choir 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00PM - 4:00PM	8	9 Dinner Club 6:00 PM
10	11	12	13 Speigle Elders 10:30AM - 2:30PM	14 Choir 7:00 PM	15	16
17	18 M L King's Day Newsletter Items Due	19	20	21 Choir 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00PM - 4:00PM	22	23
24 Congregational Meeting	25	26	27 Speigle Elders 10:30AM - 2:30PM	28 Choir 7:00 PM	29	30
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