

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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The Newsletter of  
Faith Lutheran Church

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## PROFESSING THE PROFESSIONALS

There is an amusing story about a woman who had to leave work early having received the news that her daughter was home sick with a fever. Stopping by the pharmacy to pick up some needed medication, she ended up locking her keys in her car. Desperate to get home, she searched for a coat hanger, remembering someone telling her that she could use such an instrument to unlock her car. Lo and behold, she found an old rusty hanger on the ground. However within seconds, she realized she had no idea what to do with it.

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some help. Within a minute, an old rusty car pulled up, with a dirty, greasy bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "Great God. This is what you sent to help me?" But she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got out of his car and asked if he could help. Explaining her situation at home and the predicament of her lock out, the despairing woman gestured her rusty hanger toward her potential liberator. Willingly and confidently, he accepted the rusty tool, and in less than a minute he had her car unlocked. She hugged the man and through her tears she exclaimed, "THANK YOU SO MUCH... You are a very nice man!"

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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)

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was incarcerated for car theft. The woman hugged him again and cried out loud, "Thank you, God, for sending me a professional!"

In her recent book entitled, Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People, Lutheran Pastor, Nadia Boltz-Weber, describes the unique ministry she has found in welcoming what would amount to today's outcasts.

The name of her house of worship is The Church of All Saints and Sinners. Her church is filled with very different people to say the least. Her experience is not unlike the woman in the story. She too, thanks God for sending her the professionals, the professional sinners... of which we are all included. For out of great need, comes more than enough mercy. It's at the heart of who God is. It's at the heart of who we are... one to another. Thank you God for saving us professionals... and now sending us ALL professionals!

**Pastor Steve**

## **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

### **Sick and Recuperating:**

**Beverly Lanteigne** has chosen not to receive any further cancer treatments. However, she would also like everyone to know that she will undoubtedly see her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Good for you Bev! **Mildred Lalanne** continues to convalesce at home following extensive vascular surgery. **Nancy Johansen** is currently in St. Peters Hospital receiving continued attention following her previous foot surgery. Following his recent hip replacement, **Paul Molesky**, is finally able to bear limited weight on his leg and is getting around a little easier. **Joe Zepf** continues to remain in good spirit, despite his illness, as he remains a resident of Albany County Nursing Home. **Pastor Steve** is scheduled to end his chemo and radiation treatments October 1<sup>st</sup>. He has tolerated the treatment with very little side effects. Speaking on behalf of all those ill and recuperating, Thank You to Everyone for your continued prayers and good wishes!

## **OUR FAITH at WORK**

Mission offerings for the month of October will be in support of seminarian Rebecca Truland, a student at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Rebecca has started her internship in Emerson, NE as a candidate for ministry with the ELCA. Rebecca has shared her experience with us in the following update.

**Carol Perrott, Missions**

Grace and peace from Emerson, NE!

The drive to my internship site took three days on the road with overnight stops in Ohio and Chicago, and everything went smoothly. Congregation members from St. Luke and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches--where I am serving this year--helped me move into my new apartment, although it didn't take very long since I was only traveling with what I could fit in my car!

Living in a small, rural town with a population of about 800 people has been quite an adjustment after living in Chicago for the past two years, but everyone in the community has been kind and welcoming. We're quickly approaching harvest season, and I'm looking forward to joining some of our farmers on their combines as they bring in the corn and soybeans. (I have also already received invitations to assist with calf and lamb birthing, come spring--we'll see.)

In the three weeks since I arrived, we have already had baptisms and funerals, the beginning of Sunday School and Confirmation classes, special council meetings, and more. It is an honor to join this community in all their joys and their sorrows, but know that I think of you all often and am so grateful for your prayers and support.

Peace and blessings,  
Rebecca

## **COUNCIL SUMMARY**

Estimates for the repairs to the Cross on top of the church have been received. In accordance with church bylaws this project will be addressed at the Annual Congregational meeting in January 2016.

Recycling at the church is a work in progress with Carolyn Rouse and Donna Van Zandt getting it started.

New rods and curtains will be installed in the office and Pastor's office.

David Truland has agreed to become the Administrator for the church web site.

Please share concerns or questions with any council member.

The November council meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Joyce Duncan, Secretary**



Sunday School is back in session! The first official day of Sunday School was Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We had 11 students in attendance, a pretty good turnout.

The Sunday School “plan” is basically the same as last year. The students will come to Sunday School at 10:30, complete their lesson, and then join the Congregation after the offering. Once again, Sunday School will be held 3 Sundays a month (schedule to be announced). Our teachers for this year will be Sara Martin, Dave and Dana Cerrone and Heather and Errol Bull. We will be using a new curriculum from Augsburg Fortress called Whirl. It looks like a lot of fun.

We are looking forward to a great year.

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

**Sara Martin, Education Director**

### SERVING FAITH in OCTOBER

Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpien Rikki Franklin and Ron Moss
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Gene and Donna St. John

Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Roberta and Rob Hayward
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Stephanie Wager and Joyce Duncan
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Pat Turcotte Beth and Joe King Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Stephanie Wager and Joyce Duncan
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Errol Bull Nadeen Thompson and Mike Moroskey
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Irene Pagel and 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*

### OCTOBER FLOWERS

**Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>** In Memory of Harold Behrens, Jr.  
Given by the Behrens Family

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** In Memory of Gwenllian Lynch.  
Given by Janet Walsh

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** In Honor of Rachel and David  
Truland's Birthday  
Given by the Truland Family

In Honor of Mildred Christensen's  
Birthday  
Given by Cara Fenstemacher

**Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>** In Honor of the Marriage of Lauren  
Brauchli and Michael Dickens  
Given by Janet Walsh

In Honor of Molly Martins Baptism  
Given by the Martin Family

## **CHOIR REHERSAL**

Choir rehearsals are generally held every Thursday at 7:00 PM for about an hour. Everyone is welcome to join our choir and raise your voice in joyous praise.



WELCA ladies met Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that the school supplies collected over the last few weeks were delivered to Tamarac Elementary School and Hoosick Falls Elementary School. Looking forward, our fall project will be collecting knitted or crocheted hats and mittens which will be delivered to local appeals. You are able to participate with the hat ministry by knitting, crocheting or donating yarn for others to use. Watch the newsletter for further details. It was decided the fall bible study will be Slow Faith from the September issue of the Gather Magazine. Plenty of copies of the bible study will be available for anyone that does not currently receive the magazine. Save the date of October 20<sup>th</sup> for WELCA's next

meeting. All the ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to join us.



## **DINNER CLUB**

October dinner club is set to be enjoyed on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM with dinner served at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to join the group for an evening of great food and fellowship. Please contact Gene and Donna St John, Fred and Michele Howard, Larry and Chris Lansing or Carolyn Coleman if you are interested in an enjoyable evening.

## **NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION**

The following was received from Samantha Rossi, coordinator for the Rensselaer County Lutheran Strategy Team. I was asked to share the information with my fellow congregants at Faith.

Did you know that in Rensselaer County there are currently 8 ELCA congregations and only 2 called pastors? The congregations without a called pastor are being served by Transition Pastors and Mission in Transition Teams. At this time, pastors, laity, Mission in Transition team members and Synod Staff meet regularly to discuss the future of the ELCA in this county. 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 place. If you have any questions or ideas, you can speak with: Pastor Steve, Diana Reiker or Barbara Boord members of the team. Anyone interested in attending a meeting is encouraged to do so. The next meeting is at Evangelical Lutheran in Poestenkill on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

As the person responsible for the Newsletter I was also asked to share the following

suggestion from the Strategy Team to reach out and meet our fellow Lutherans within the county.

Share your newsletters with each other, as well as any upcoming events! Having a chicken barbeque? Let the whole county know! Does your congregation have a big ministry project and you could use some help? Call in reinforcements from your fellow Lutherans across the county!

**BARBARA BOORD  
ACTING 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.

You may go to the web site at:  
[www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com](http://www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com) any time and see the newsletter there.

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 November Newsletter deadline is Monday October 19th. Please e-mail your articles to [barbboord@hotmail.com](mailto: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
				<b>1</b> CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> CHOIR 7:00 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM Arrival 7:00 Dinner
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> COLUMBUS DAY	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Speigle Elders 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM	<b>15</b> CHOIR 7:00 PM Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	<b>20</b> WELCA MEETING	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> CHOIR 7:00 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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