

Following Faith

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Faith Lutheran Church

OCTOBER 2013



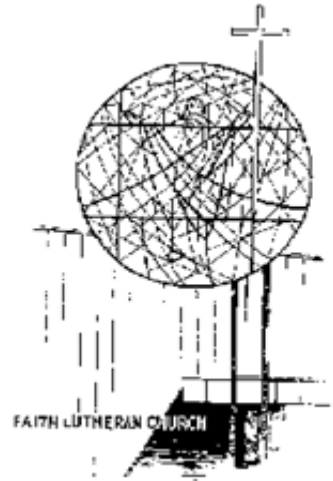
One Foot in Front of the Other

A father and son decided to attempt a 1,000 mile backpacking trip, the entire route through the western U.S. & Canadian mountains. Understanding the difficulty level of the journey and the low probability of even finishing such a venture (90% never make it), they resolved two things. One, they vowed that they would finish their quest no matter what happened, and two, they *expected* bad things to happen and agreed not to be surprised or dismayed.

So when the rains turned the trail into a quagmire, when black clouds of mosquitoes descended upon them, when bears appeared in front of them, and the crazy people came out of the woods, it didn't matter. They simply kept putting one foot in front of another until eventually they finished their journey. When asked how they had weathered through, they simply said that there was nothing they had never *expected*.

What a wonderful analogy of the Christian journey. We are never promised safe sailing, only a safe landing. Jesus will get us home. In the meantime need we be surprised at what may appear? One foot in front of the other. Who ever promised there would be no difficulties and detours? The *unexpected* is often the fuel for a great story. As long as we know the end of the story, we need not fear the *unexpected*. Enjoy the adventure!

Pastor Steve



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: on summer recess.
Sunday School: during workshop

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

David Truland (President)
Beth King (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Diana Rieker (Secretary)
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)

Council Members

Joyce Duncan (InReach/OutReach)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Beth King (OutReach/InReach)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
Sara Martin (Education)
Michael Moroskey (Property)
Carolyn Rouse (History)
David Truland (Missions)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (Stewardship)

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: Currently, as of this writing, **Cay Moss** is in critical condition in ICU at Samaritan Hospital. **Mark Laustrup** is home and continuing physical therapy at Sunny View Rehabilitation in Schenectady. **Vicky Steele** has returned to Barnwell Nursing Home in Valatie.

Death: Barbara Carl Branigan, formerly a member of St. Johns Lutheran of Troy, died August 25. She had resided in Vermont for much of her adult life. Her funeral was held August 28 out of the McNulty Funeral Home in Green Island, Pastor Cordes officiating.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class will resume for the fall on October 6th. They will begin a study of Proverbs. Please plan to join us.

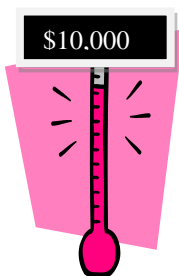
COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Council discussed various Property Committee topics at the last Council meeting. Replacement of the stained glass window located by the choir was revisited. A motion was made and approved to allow Bev Lanteigne to order a replacement window and have it installed. Several maintenance issues relating to the lawn tractor were discussed. There have been ongoing issues with the church's outdoor lighting. Mike Moroskey researched the problems and is recommending that new lights be purchased. The purchase of new lights is more cost effective compared to the high cost of parts to repair the existing lights. A motion was made and approved to allow Mike to go ahead and order the new outdoor lights.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday October 7th, 2013 at 7pm.

Diana Rieker, Secretary

RESTROOM PROJECT FUND DRIVE



Our fund drive has passed the \$6,000 mark. As of September 15th, contributions total \$6,528 towards our \$10,000 goal. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. Special envelopes are still available.

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

- Oct. 6 -** In memory of Gwenllian Lynch.
Given by Janet Walsh.
- Oct. 13 -** To celebrate the birthdays of Rachel and David Truland, and in memory of the birthday of Vita (Nana) Weckmuller
Given by The Truland Family.
- Oct. 20 -** In honor of the baptism of Molly Martin.
Given by The Martin Family.
- Oct. 27 -** In memory of Harold A. Behrens, Jr.
Given by The Behrens Family.

SERVING FAITH

OCT 6	Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour	Evelyn Jarosz, LouAnn Behrens Rich Anderson Beth & Joe King Polly & Bob Hayward Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse
OCT 13	Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour	Evelyn Jarosz, LouAnn Behrens Pat Turcotte Pauline Lupo, Nadeen Thompson Donna & Bob Gibson Janet Walsh, Merylyn Niles
OCT 20	Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour	Joyce Duncan, Roberta Hayward Donna Gibson Irene Pagel, Carol Perrott Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse Tracie Maloney
OCT 27	Altar Lay Assistant Ushers Counters Coffee Hour	Joyce Duncan, Roberta Hayward Fred Howard Ron Moss, Bill Speanburg Evelyn & Bill Jarosz Heather & Errol Bull

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please arrange to trade dates with another assistant. Thank you in advance



The Sunday School year has begun! It was great to see all the kids get back in to the swing of things for the fall and we hope that the good attendance continues. This year we are trying out a new curriculum called Holy Moly. It includes a DVD bible story and activities and readings to go along with it for each week. The first 10 weeks will concentrate on Old Testament lessons and it looks like everyone likes it so far.

As always, Sunday School will meet after the Gospel reading, this still seems to be like the best schedule for everyone. Please mark your calendars for the Sunday School Rally Day on October 13. The children will be introducing themselves and there will be a special presentation for the Congregation on that day, we hope you all can attend.

Some things to keep in the back of your mind include the Sunday School Christmas Party and the Sunday School Children's Program/Presentation and the annual Sunday School Christmas fundraiser. More information including dates and times on this to come in future newsletters.

Finally, we would like to say a fond farewell to Keegan, Jack, Melissa and George. They all were a integral part of our Sunday School and we will miss them, but wish them the best of luck. We will be keeping in touch with them and can't wait to hear about their new adventure in Italy.

As always, we continue to look for new families, students and volunteers. If you are interested in providing any kind of assistance (donations, time, ideas, etc.) or know of a new family I should contact, please email me at s.martin@hvcc.edu or call me at 765-0129.

Welcome Back!

Sara Martin
Education Director



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WELCA is back into full swing for the fall season. Evelyn, Marilyn and Donna attended the Upstate NY Synodical Women's Convention in Speculator in September. Inez Torres Davis from the churchwide organization was keynote speaker and workshop leader on Justice Issues for Women, highlighting various justice issues of concern to women globally, as well as nationally.

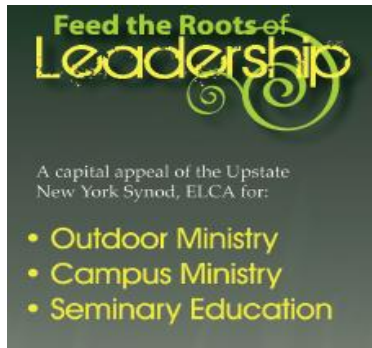
Our women let a workshop on making Little Dresses and Britches for children. There were opportunities for quilt tying and card making too. Bible study and worship were a significant portion of the time there. Marilyn Dyer, President and Barbara Morey were reelected for a second 2-year term. Phyllis Keeler, Linda Prohaska, Kathy Silverman and Melissa Wilber were elected to the Board. Marilyn will lead the Upstate NY Delegation to Triennial Convention in Charlotte, NC in July 2014. Barbara Morey, Susan Nalle, Linda Prohaska, Cindy Rivera and Missy Wilber will serve as delegates. Triennial Gathering follows the Convention (July 24-27) and is a wonderful opportunity to learn of the ELCA nationally and its global ministries. Uplifting worship opportunities abound as well as Bible Study, workshops and mission opportunities. Bob Gibson is joining Donna again for this event and they'd love to have others make the trip with them. Registration materials are now available. The Convention and Gathering Theme is "Of Many Generations"

On Saturday, October 26th, the Fall Hudson-Mohawk Conference Assembly will be held at prince of Peace in Clifton Park. Watch the bulletin for specifics.

October 19 Foothills Conference and Hudson-Mohawk will meet at Zion, Cobleskill to learn more about Cherish Our Children from Director Amy Hartman. The time is 1 – 4 pm. We hope to have some representatives attend.

OUR FAITH AT WORK

The Upstate New York Synod is a Resurrection People who Pray First, Walk Together, and Change Lives. Join us in 'feeding the roots of leadership' by supporting in the capital appeal of the Upstate New York Synod. This is the final year of our Synod's Feed the Roots campaign.

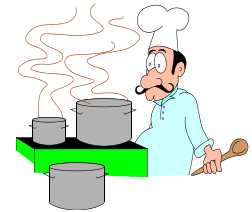


Feed the Roots supports sharing and growing our faith with young people through outdoor ministry programs offered at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Vanderkamp and the coordination of camping programs with various camps in the eastern area of the synod. The campaign will address significant capital and program improvements.

The campaign will 'feed the roots' of campus ministry programs across our synod as they nurturing discipleship among faith-filled students and seek to proclaim God's unconditional love to those who do not yet know Jesus Christ. Funds will strengthen campus ministries in Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany, and Ithaca, New York.

Feed the Roots campaign also supports Seminary Education at our ELCA seminaries as they identify, gather, teach, educate and nurture the church leaders of the future. Scholarship dollars will also support seminarians in our companion synods - the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (ELCZa).

David Truland, Missions Chair



DINNER CLUB

The Howard Farm was once again the perfect setting for the annual hog roast. Thanks to the Howards and the hard working committee who provided a delicious dinner of roast pig, corn-on-the-cob and baked potatoes. Hay rides and a special display in the night time sky made for a fun filled day

Dinner Club's next meeting will be Saturday, October 12th at 6:30 pm in the Church fellowship hall. Make reservations with any of the committee members, who are the Karpiens, Jaroszs, Gibsons or Thompson.

OCTOBER EVENTS

ALTAR GROUP MEETING

The Altar Group will have a meeting on Saturday, October 26th at 10:30 am to spruce up the altar area, polish the brass and silver, discuss new linens and generally how things are going. Lunch will be provided. Please join us. Contact Pam Perras at 235-1792 for any questions.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **NOVEMBER** newsletter deadline is **Sunday, October 20**. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday Oct. 20, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning