

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER 2014



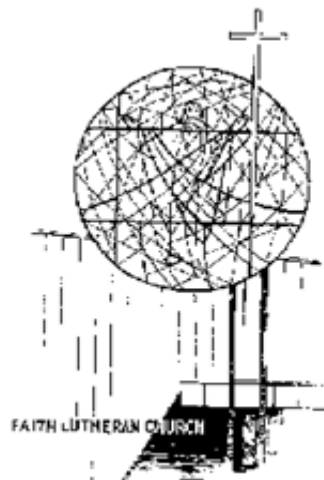
A Message Worth \$20... or More?

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of two hundred, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 bill to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the \$20 bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To God, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are always priceless. The cross has a way of doing this!"

I sometimes wonder who it was that finally obtained the \$20 bill, because after hearing a message like that, who would really care? To hear and believe a message like that makes you feel like a million dollars... and even more... much, much, more!

Pastor Steve



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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)
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Sara Martin (Education)
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Carol Perott (Missions)
Carolyn Rouse (History)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (In Reach/Out Reach)**

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: **Doug Kurick** is now home and receiving 24 hour care from visiting health aids. He is feeling much better and is generally up for a visit. **Mildred Lalane** continues to receive treatment from the wound center, making slow but improved progress. **Vicky Steele** has moved to Altamont Nursing Home in Altamont. **Bob Gibson** is feeling much better after completing radiation treatments to relieve pain in his back. **Joe Zepf** has been diagnosed with lung cancer and for now will continue to live out his days at Albany County Nursing Home. **Dorothy Benziger** has returned home after spending months in the hospital and rehabilitation in Florida due to cardiac and respiratory problems. **Merilyn Niles** has recently been working with doctors in order to get her blood pressure back to a normal range. **Donna VanZandt** underwent foot surgery and as a result will be using a scooter devise to help with her mobility for some time. **Ben Wagar** is currently receiving treatments for bladder cancer. **Beverly Lanteigne** anticipates surgery after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer. **Helen Muchow** (Carol Karpian's mother) has moved to an assisted living facility out in the Buffalo area. **Earl and Louise Boisen** have moved into Van Rensselaer Manor.

New Born: **Owen Michael Donohue** was born July 22 to Michael and Leslie (Peysen) Donohue. He is the grandson of Mary and Glen Peysen and has many aunts and uncles throughout the church. Owen weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 oz. Rumor has it that as of birth, he was immediately signed to the Dallas Cowboys as a future draft pick. Congratulations!

Married: **Brad Maloney and Angelina Bergin** were joined together in marriage on August 2 at a wedding ceremony in Saratoga Springs. Congratulations to Angelina and Brad!

Baptized: **Joshua Matthew Bechand**, born November 9, 2013, was baptized August 16. Joshua is the son of Shawn and Tiffany Bechand. His god parents are Sabrina Hammonds and Rick Nadeau.

Death: **Mary Ann Boord**, Larry Boords' Step Mother entered the kingdom of Heaven on August 16th.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Property Committee will be finalizing its' research into the cost of a new furnace and water heater. A presentation to the Congregation is planned for September at which time the cost of the project will be detailed and the Council will seek approval for the project.

Donna VanZandt presented information on purchasing a defibrillator to the Council. She will be sharing the information with the Congregation at the meeting planned for this month.

The Property Committee completed the work on the South wall of the church.

For any concerns or problems please advise us. We will discuss and address the issues at our next meeting. Our next meeting will be Monday October 6, 2014.

Joyce Duncan, Secretary

OUR FAITH AT WORK

Habitat for Humanity Rensselaer County (HfHRC) was formed in 1997 because of the need for affordable housing for hard-working, lower-income Rensselaer County families who lived in substandard conditions. The County had both families who needed better housing and low-cost land/inexpensive housing which could be used for new homes and rehabs. Since 1997, HfHRC has built 17 houses, including three rehabs.

Much of the support for HfHRC comes from churches, schools, and civic groups. Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build houses.

Habitat for Humanity has made a difference in the lives of many families throughout Rensselaer County. Selected families contribute 400 hours toward construction and pay the full cost of their mortgages, insurance, and taxes. Loans are interest free.

Your continued support for this worthy mission is greatly appreciated

Carol Perrott, Missions



Summer is over, time for school once again. Due to everyone's busy schedules at the beginning of September, Sunday School will start this year at the end of September, either the 21st or the 28th.

Hopefully, prior to the Sunday School year actually starting, we will have a parent/teacher meeting in order to discuss scheduling, curriculum and other important points.

As always, if you feel that you can help out in any way, please let me know by calling (765-0129) or emailing sarajohnmartin@gmail.com

See everyone soon!

Sara Martin, Education Director

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sept 7** To the Glory of God
- Sept 14** To the Glory of God
- Sept 21** In memory of Ceil Boomhower
Given by Joyce and Bob Duncan.
- Sept 28** In memory of Cay Moss
Given by Ron Moss.

CHOIR REHERSAL

Fall is just around the corner which means it is time to start gathering all singers and begin choir rehearsals. Our first choir rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Generally rehearsals are every Thursday lasting about an hour.

Come and join the fun while singing to our Lord. ALL are WELCOME!

SERVING FAITH SEPTEMBER

Sept 7	Altar	Pam Perras and Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bob Gibson Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Donna and Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	Sara & John Martin
Sept 14	Altar	Pam Perras and Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jarosz Errol Bull and Bill Speanburg
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Gene & Donna St. John
Sept 21	Altar	Karen Cordes and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpian Donna Truland and Family
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
Sept 28	Altar	Karen Cordes and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Barbara Boord, Irene Page!
	Counters	Donna and Bob Gibson
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson

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

The Women of the ELCA will resume their regular monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 16 at 10 AM at the church. Donna will give a report of the 9th Triennial Gathering held in Charlotte, NC in July and we will start the new Bible Study: Transforming Life and Faith. The first session is titled "Transformation and Conversion". Come join us as we begin this new study. Unlike many of the studies we have used this one follows a theme through several books of the Bible, rather than concentrating on just one book or chapter.

As a result of the backpack making day in June, we filled 16 back packs and included the extra items for the students during the year with the packs filled and delivered to the Boys and Girls club. A big thank you to everyone who contributed items for the kits. We also enjoyed the annual picnic supper at Evelyn's in June.

The Triennial Gathering in Charlotte was an inspiring event. There were so many dynamic speakers, including Bishop Eaton—the first woman Bishop of the ELCA. Worship with 2800 people is just slightly different from worship at Faith. The choir was huge and the band that led music throughout was just great. They taught songs in many different languages from all corners of the globe. Featured speakers Rev. Susan Sparks (a stand-up comedian and Pastor of Madison Ave. Baptist Church in NYC had us laughing and helped us to see ourselves in a lighter way); and Becca Stevens, (founder of Magdalene & Thistle Farms, a community and social enterprise that stands with women recovering from violence, prostitution, addiction and life on the streets) shared stories of some of those women.

The Fall Assembly will be held on Saturday, September 20, 9 AM - 3 PM at Zion, Athens. Registration is \$7 and includes coffee and refreshments upon arrival and lunch. Pastor Dietrick weill lead the "Daughters of Z" Bible study. We will also hear about Triennial convention from Marilyn Dyer.

Upstate NY WELCA annual convention is being held in Syracuse, October 3-5, 2014. The theme for the convention is "Called to Mission". Rev. Judith VanOsdal is the keynote speaker. Former St. John's members may recall her as a summer intern in Rensselaer County Lutheran Parish several years ago while she was a seminarian. The event will be at the Best Western Hotel, Carrier Circle, Syracuse. Donna has registration materials if you need them.

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 any time and see the newsletter there.

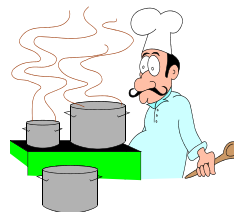
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At your request, we will be happy to send you a copy via the USPS.

Volunteers to assist with folding, sealing and mailing are needed. If you can help contact Barbara, or if you have information to get into the newsletter, her email address is: barbboord@hotmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The October newsletter deadline is Monday September, 22nd. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office, or email them to barbboord@hotmail.com by Monday morning.



DINNER CLUB

August Dinner Club

Dinner club members and guests enjoyed a great evening out on August 6th at the Park Playhouse performance of Oliver

The annual Hog Roast will be held on September 13th at the Howard Farm. This is always a fun day of fellowship and feasting beginning at 3:00 PM with dinner following. Everyone is invited to attend and to stay for an evening bonfire. Reservations can be made by contacting the Howards, Lansings, Perrases, or the St. Johns. This event is a great time to meet fellow members of Faith and their guests. A wonderful time is had every year with good food, fun and fellowship. Young and old alike are welcome, so plan on spending this afternoon and evening with your friends from Faith!

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 1 Labor Day	2	3	 4 7:00 PM	5	6
				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
7	8	9	10	 11 7:00 PM	12	 13
Special Council Meeting			Speigle Elders 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM			Hog Roast 3:00 PM Join The Fun
14	15	16	17	 18 7:00 PM	19	20
		WELCA 10am		Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		WELCA Fall Assembly
21	 22	23	24	 25 7:00 PM	26	27
	Fall Begins Newsletter Articles Due		Speigle Elders 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM			
28	29	30				

