

Following Faith

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Faith Lutheran Church

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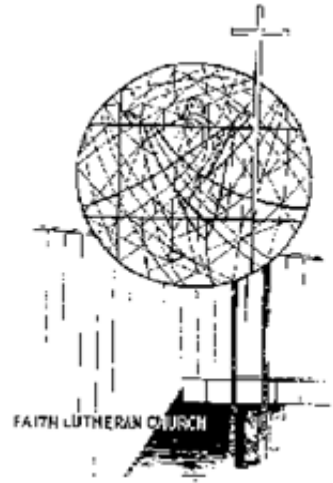
Who Are You Carrying?

A group of refugees were about to flee a war zone by hiking over some of the most rugged terrain in their country. As they were about to leave, they were approached by a frail, old man and a sickly mother who carried an infant. The leaders of the group agreed to take these rather weak and risky refugees along, only under one condition. The men agreed to take turns carrying the baby, however the mother and the old man would have to make it strictly on their own.

Several days into the journey the old man fell to the ground, saying he was too exhausted to continue. He pleaded to be left behind to die. Facing the harsh reality of the situation, the leaders of the group reluctantly decided to do just that. Sensing the crucial moment, immediately the young mother placed her precious baby into the arms of the old man. Claiming it was his turn to carry the child, she walked away with the group of men. It was several minutes before she allowed herself to look back. However, when she did, she saw the old man stumbling along the trail with the child in his arms.

Whenever we have a purpose in life, we discover a wellspring of strength and courage. If we are involved in a cause we really believe in, we find the energy to see it through. Or, as the author of the Letter to the Hebrews says it in chapter 12, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." As I like to say, "Keep at it!"

Pastor Steve



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: on summer recess.
Sunday School: during workshop (starting
Sept. 22)

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)

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Joyce Duncan (InReach/OutReach)
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David Truland (Missions)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (Stewardship)

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: **Mark Lastrup** is home following some physical therapy in the Kingston area. As Mark continues to make daily improvement, plans are to continue as an out patient over the next several weeks at Sunny View Rehabilitation in Schenectady. **Vicky Steele** is currently in Albany Medical Hospital dealing with some vascular issues. **Paul Molesky**, Joann's husband, came through back surgery quite successfully and continues physical rehabilitation. **Lonny Lanteigne**, Beverly's husband, had corrective surgery on his carotid artery and is doing quite well.

Married: **Melissa Gilbert** was married to **George Monokroussos** on July 4, at a ceremony in Yaddo Gardens in Saratoga, NY. In the meantime, George, the economist, has accepted a job near Milan, Italy, for the next three years. The church had an opportunity to bid farewell on Sunday, August 18, to Melissa, George, Keegan, and Jack during a special Coffee Hour in their honor. We wish them the very best on their new and exciting venture across the pond!

Baptisms: **Jacob Roy Lundy**, was baptized on June 19. Born April 22, 1992, his godparents are Kelly Hostettler and David Cerrone. **Sabastian Chase Lanteigne** was baptized June 22. Born October 16, 2012, his godparents are Alicia Watson and Jacob Fredericks. Welcome into the family and mission we share in and through Christ!

Died: **Loraine Rexford**, sister of Arlene Hunziker, died recently. Our Christian sympathy is extended especially to Arlene and her family.

On Their Way: **Rebecca Truland** is off to Chicago where she will be attending Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in preparation for the ordained ministry. **Alyssa D'Aloia** is off to Buffalo University where she plans to study Chemical Engineering. We wish them both Godspeed and much success in their endeavors!

ENJOY SINGING?



Choir Rehearsals will begin their new season with a rehearsal on Thursday, September 5th beginning at 7 pm. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join in the fun!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Council did not meet in July. A summary of the August 19th meeting will appear in the October newsletter

Diana Rieker, Secretary

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1:** To the Glory of God
- Sept 8:** To the Glory of God
- Sept 15:** In memory of Ceil Boomhower
Given by Joyce & Bob Duncan
- Sept 22:** In memory of Paul Stilson
Given by Dean & June Rysedorph
- Sept 29:** To the Glory of God

BISHOP MARIE JERGE TO SPEAK

Upstate New York Synod Bishop Marie Jerge will speak at the Protestant Campus Ministry Patron's Dinner on Thursday, September 26th. Be a part of the celebration of this ministry at the University at Albany and the long –standing support by our synod.

Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry seeks to bring Christians together at the University at Albany so they can make a difference in the world. It is a ministry of worship, learning, service, outreach, and relationship building. Bob Gibson serves as the current president of the Protestant Campus Ministry Board. Speak to Bob if you are interested in attending.

Thursday, September 26, 2013
Protestant Campus Ministry Patrons' Dinner

First Lutheran Church,
181 Western Avenue, Albany NY

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction
7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program
Featuring: Bishop Marie Jerge
Upstate New York Synod, ELCA

SERVING FAITH

SEPT. 1	Altar	Janet Walsh, Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Fred Howard
	Ushers	The Truland Family
	Counters	Irene Pagel, Carolyn Rouse
	Coffee Hour	Nadeen Thompson
SEPT. 8	Altar	Kay Young, Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant	Carol Karpfen
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	John & Sara Martin
SEPT. 15	Altar	KayYoung, Nadeen Thompson
	Lay Assistant	Robert Gibson
	Ushers	Diana Rieker, Jim Peters
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens, Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Gene & Donna St. John
Sept. 22	Altar	Karen Cordes, Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Bill Maloney
	Ushers	Rikki Franklyn, Cay Moss
	Counters	Joyce Duncan, Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh, Marilyn Niles
Sept 29	Altar	Karen Cordes, Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Roberta & Rob Hayward
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Donna & Bob Gibson

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



I hope that everyone has been enjoying their summer, it doesn't seem like we should already be talking about the start of the Sunday School year, but here we are!

Sunday School will start for the year on Sunday, September 22nd. We are still planning on having Sunday School take place during the church service with the children leaving for the classroom immediately after the reading of the Gospel. We are also planning on holding a Sunday School Rally day in October, either October 6th or the 13th depending on student/church availability.

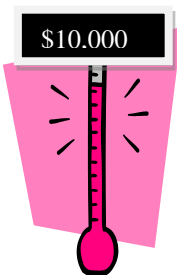
As always, we are always looking for new families, students and volunteers. We will be having a parent/teacher meeting before the start of the Sunday School year to discuss teaching options, curriculum, etc. We have a tentatively scheduled date of Thursday, September 12th. If you are interested in attending or helping out or know of a new family I should contact, please email me at s.martin@hvcc.edu or call me at 765-0129.

Finally, I wanted to update everyone on the March of Dimes fundraiser the Sunday School sponsored during the Easter season. We collected a total of \$191.27 in the plastic eggs, \$155.00 of which were dimes. Thank you again for all of your continued support.

See everyone soon!

Sara Martin
Education Director

RESTROOM PROJECT FUND DRIVE



Our fund drive has passed the \$6,000 mark. As of August 11th, contributions total \$6,078 towards our \$10,000 goal. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. Special envelopes are still available.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Faith's Women of the ELCA will resume their regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, September

17 at 10 AM at the Church. The Bible Study of Mark will resume. Session 6—*Tough Questions* which is in the March 2012 Gather magazine. Bring your copy if you have it.

The annual Upstate Women of the ELCA convention is being held at Camp-of-the Woods September 13-

15. Marilyn Niles, Evelyn Jarosz and Donna Gibson will represent Faith at the gathering. Our unit has made credit card wallets as favors for the attendees at convention. We will be packing the Personal Care kits that the congregation has helped us collect soon, so we can report the number made at the convention. The report of the convention will be presented at the September 17 meeting.

Upcoming dates include: Sunday, October 6—Bake Sale to benefit the new bathrooms

Saturday, October 19—Hudson-Mohawk Fall Assembly in conjunction with Foothill Conference at Zion Lutheran Church, Cobleskill, 1 – 4 pm. Amy Hartman, National Director of “Cherish Our Children” will be the guest speaker for the afternoon

Mark your calendars for these special days .

Backpacks again were delivered to Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club for children who need these items for school. The quilts that were made at the Quilting Day in the spring will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Quilting for St. Paul’s Center continues weekly.

We look forward to seeing you at our October 17 meeting. Come join us!

OUR FAITH AT WORK

Our mission for the month of September will be Habitat for Humanity of Rensselaer County (HFHRC). Founded in 1997, HFHRC is one of 1,600 Habitat affiliates throughout the country. Since 1997, HFHRC has strived to build one house per year and, with the help of volunteers and donations, hopes to increase that number to three houses every two years.



Partner families are selected on the basis of need, ability to pay for their homes and a willingness to participate in the construction of the homes. The incomes of partner families is usually between 40 and 70 percent of the median income for the area. A selected family contributes 400 hours toward the construction and pays the full cost of their mortgage, insurance and taxes.

HFHRC receives support from churches, schools and civic groups. Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build the homes.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

In October, we will once again be supporting the “Feed the Roots” campaign of our Upstate New York Synod. This is the final year of “Feed the Roots”, a capital appeal to benefit Outdoor Ministry, Campus Ministry and Seminary Education.

You can visit web pages dedicated to those stories and other details of the campaign at <http://www.upstatenysynod.org/capital-campaign> .

David Truland, Missions Chair

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

ANNUAL HOG ROAST

The Dinner Club sponsored annual hog roast/fall outing will be held at the Howard Farm on Saturday, **September 14**.

Arrive any time after 3:00 PM for relaxing and fellowship together, walking around the farm, playing lawn games and watching the dinner preparation. At 4:00 PM the afternoon hayride departs and dinner will be served 5:00 PM ish.

Later there will be a bonfire, samores, and an evening hayride. We expect to be celebrating a very special wedding anniversary for one of our families as part of this day.

We hope that you can join us for this afternoon and evening of fun!

Cost - \$7.00 per person with children under 16 free. Make reservations with Fred and Michele Howard (753 4288), Donna or Eugene St. John, or Pam or Leo Perras.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **OCTOBER** newsletter deadline is **Sunday, September 22**. Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday Sept. 22, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning