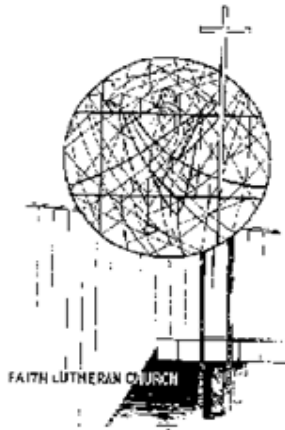


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Following Faith

September 2018



A Prayer For Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we thank You for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask for Your guidance and hope for everyone seeking employment. We ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of all of us.
Amen.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened, And I shall give you rest."

Matthew 11:28-30



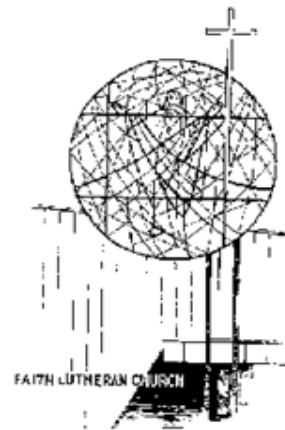
AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Our thoughts and prayers to Diane Dyer and her family on the unexpected loss of Diane's sister in August.

Our prayers and best wishes continue for Rev. Wegter-McNelly, Rev. Bill Hempel, Paul Molesky, Ben Wagar and Larry Boord as they continue their respective health journeys.

The Family of Ralph G. Erickson wishes to thank the congregation for their kind expressions of sympathy and love. We so appreciated the use of the church and fellowship hall along with the refreshments provided. We are truly blessed with the many wonderful people in our lives.

Ralph was a former congregant at Faith for many years who passed away on July 22nd. I am sure he will be missed.



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Sunday morning worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: during worship

Rev. William Hempel, Interim Pastor

Church Council Officers:

Fred Howard (President)
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Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Donna Gibson (Secretary)

Council Members

Doug Adamek (Education)
Donna Gibson (Stewardship)
Rob Hayward
(Office Oversight/Admin)
Linda Hulihan
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)
(Missions)
Mike Moroskey (Property)
Sharon Morris (In Reach/Out Reach)
Ben Wagar (Property)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the Summer and are looking forward to the coming Fall season.

We have had information from Synod regarding possible Pastor Candidates for call, but to date there has not been a candidate who has been proposed for our two congregations. As noted in the July newsletter, there is a shortage of qualified candidates right now. Please continue your prayers for guidance in this process leading to a successful call in the future.

In the meantime, we continue to do for ourselves as best we are able. We have expanded our lay visitations to members who are not able to make it to service. We have trained a group of lay persons to administer the Sacrament of Communion, with pre-consecrated bread and wine taken from our Sunday Table, which can be offered by lay persons when they visit. We will continue this program in the future as it is a blessing for all involved – both the lay caller and the recipient.

Fred Howard
President
518 421 4576



OUR FAITH at WORK



Our featured mission for the month of **August** has been the Ebenezer Foundation. The foundation continues to advance its mission of providing shelter, food, and medical care to the orphans of Livingston, Zambia. A goal of the foundation is to make a difference in the lives of the children. Our donations will help to continue children’s access to education, health, and medical services.

Habitat for Humanity Rensselaer County is the **September** featured mission. Habitat for Humanity Capital District has been providing home opportunities for families in need of decent housing for more than twenty-five years. Our support helps many families obtain their own home, which goes a long way toward building stability and independence in their lives.

The Bread of Life Food pantry collection box is in the Narthex. Food items that the pantry would be most appreciative to receive this month are listed on the box. Please be generous with your donation.

The pill bottle project, Matthew 25, continues to go well more bottles are dropped off each week.

The “Pull Tab” ministry continues, although, a charity has not been chosen to be the recipient. If anyone has a charity they would like supported with the pull tabs, please let the Council know.

The container for the “Box Tops for Education” is on the table with the other collection containers. The label for the box tops is on many food items. They are easy to clip and bring for your donation to our area school.

Evelyn Jarosz, Missions

As am sure you can imagine, all of us at Faith Lutheran Sunday School are looking forward to summer! Thanks to all the kids, parents and grandparents, along with the congregation for your continued support.

The Kid’s Council’s hard work on collecting money and determining how to best utilize it paid off and they received a lovely thank you note from the ECLA churchwide ministries thanking them for their support and donation to the “Good Gifts” program. Your generosity helped make this possible, and the children were proud to be able to help those in need.

We do not have any solid plans yet for the fall, it depends on how things play out, but we do hope to have our next first communion class begin during the 2018-2019 Sunday School year.

***In peace,
Sara Martin
Education Director***



The women of the congregation will meet Tuesday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. After a summer of rest the ladies are resuming their morning cup of tea and bible study. Everyone is welcome to join the group in the mission planning and fellowship.

SERVING FAITH in SEPTEMBER

Sept 2nd	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Roberta & Rob Hayward
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Unavailable
Sept 9th	Altar	Evelyn Jarosz and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Barb Boord and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Unavailable
Sept 16th	Altar	Donna St. John and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jarosz B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Unavailable
Sept 23rd	Altar	Donna St. John and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Unavailable at printing
	Coffee Hour	Unavailable

Sept 30th	Altar	Karen Cordes and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Unavailable at Printing
	Coffee Hour	Unavailable

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.

Sharon Morris, Worship Chairperson.

Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild

Heather Bull, Coffee Hour

FLOWERS for SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2nd	To the Glory of God
Sept. 9th	To the Glory of God
Sept. 16th	In Memory of Ceil Boomhower Given by Joyce and Bob Duncan
Sept. 23rd	To the Glory of God
Sept. 30th	To the Glory of God

CHOIR

To all congregants who enjoy singing to the Lord. Faiths' Choir is about to begin again. If you would like to join the choir this year, we would love to have you! Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. The first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, September 13th. Hope to see you there!



JOINT PRAYER GROUP

Faith Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran have a Joint Prayer Group that has been active since June 2016. There are approximately 12 of us that pray on a regular basis for our churches, for a new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Most of our group pray at home although several of us have been meeting on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. We will be meeting at Faith Lutheran during the Month of September. We would love to have new members.

Please contact Michele Howard for further information. (518-753-4288)



DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club will be held on September 15th the third Saturday of September. All are invited to participate. Reservations can be made with the Howards, the St. Johns, and Janet Walsh.

VISION MISSION TO HONDURAS

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili (near Rochester) will be missioning to rural Honduras mid-March 2019. The issue at hand in the community is lack of vision care with reports of children dropping out of school because they cannot read the board nor their books. Their needs are listed as: a mobile Autorefractor and Phoropter, lenses, glasses, eye patches and lensometer. If anyone would like to donate any of these items, there will be a box stationed in the Narthex.

NEWSLETTER 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 church web site at:

www.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and view the newsletter.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at:

barbboord@hotmail.com.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the October newsletter is Monday September 17th. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.



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