

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# ***Following Faith***

***AUGUST 2019***

## **5 Finger Prayer**

### *How To Pray:*

**Thumb:** The finger closest to you - Pray for those closest to you

**Index Finger:** The finger that points the way- Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal you

**Middle Finger:** The tallest finger - Pray for leaders and all who have authority

**Ring Finger:** The weakest finger - Pray for the weak, sick, and those with problems

**Pinkie:** The smallest finger - Pray for yourself



## WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SUMMER?

My two daughters, being preacher's kids, were pretty much in tune with the flow of the liturgical calendar of the church year. They understood that Advent was a preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, that Christmas was a season and not just a day, that Epiphany was the time when Jesus chose his disciples and taught them and performed miracles of healing, that Lent was a somber time leading up to the events of Holy Week with Palm Sunday, the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday and the crucifixion of Jesus on Good Friday. They knew that Easter was the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and that Pentecost remembered the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

But then came the long and dragged out season of the Sundays after Pentecost when it seemed like Jesus didn't do anything and there were no celebrations in the life of Jesus. So, they asked me: "Dad, did Jesus go on vacation during the summer?"

The Sundays after Pentecost are colored in green because they represent the growth of the Church. Jesus gives words of instruction to us as his disciples because now we are the ones who are supposed to be doing something. It is now our job to share the Good News of Jesus with the world. Yet, it is true that summer is a quieter time for the Church of today. School is closed, so we close our Sunday Schools. Perhaps we include a week of Vacation Bible School just to keep the kids on their toes. Committees take the summer off because people are traveling, and we all need a little break.

I was called to a church in the North Country that shut down for the month of August and insisted that I was supposed to take my vacation then. That was the first change I made in that congregation! For even though things may slow down, or be replaced with other types of activities, our worship of the Lord our God should never take a break. Jesus never goes on vacation from being our Lord and Savior. Are you traveling somewhere this summer? Jesus is going with you, you know. Go to worship there and bring back a bulletin to be able to share what happens in other congregations.

But more importantly, for Evangelical and Faith, there will be no summer break from the busyness of the Church. The Call Committee is preparing for meeting with and interviewing our Pastoral candidate early in September and observing the Candidate conduct a worship service. Our prayer is that soon thereafter each congregation will meet in worship to experience a candidate's leadership and preaching style and vote on calling a pastor to serve our congregations into the future.

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

### **Church Council Officers:**

**Fred Howard (President)**  
**Doug Adamek (Vice President)**  
**Barbara Boord (Treasurer)**  
**Evelyn Jarosz (Secretary)**

### **Council Members**

**Doug Adamek (Education)**  
**Mitch Cieminski**  
**Rob Hayward (Office Administration)**  
**Linda Hulihan**  
**Evelyn Jarosz**  
**Mike Moroskey (Property)**  
**Sharon Morris (In Reach/Out Reach)**  
**Diana Rieker (Missions),**  
**(Stewardship)**  
**Ben Wagar (Property)**

That's a busy summer! You've got a lot of work to do. Thank God, that Jesus doesn't go on vacation but will be there with you every step of the way to guide you by his Spirit in discerning the best possible choices for your future ministry.

*Alive in Christ,*  
*Adapted from Pastor Jim Slater's August*  
*2017 Message*

## AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers are needed for Peter Edelman as he continues his Cancer treatment

Continued Prayers are requested for Tom Martin (John Martin's Brother) who has Leukemia, John Hostettler as he continues his recovery and Pr. Jennifer Wegter-McNelly who continues her courageous battle with Cancer. Larry Boord who continues his Long journey back to health, and Paul Molesky who continues his health progress.

Prayers of encouragement for success of the joint Call Committee of Faith and Evangelical during their diligent search for a permanent Pastor.



## OUR FAITH at WORK

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

Your continued support of the "Pull Tab" and "Box Top" missions is most appreciated. Both missions are receiving donations from the congregation each week. You will find the collection containers on the table in the Narthex.

The Bread of Life Food pantry is asking for the following items this month: Fruit juice (low sugar), canned fruit (in own juice), boxed pasta, cereal for kids, baked beans (like Bush's), sugar, flour, cooking oil, snacks, granola bars, canned vegetables, mayo, mustard and ketchup. The following non-food items are always needed: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes (adult), toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

**Diana Rieker, Missions**



Summer time and the living is easy, or is it? It is a busy time for everyone over the summer enjoying all the beautiful and not-so beautiful weather God provides for us. As usual, Sunday School is on a break for the summer, but some of the families were able to enjoy some time together at the congregational picnic in July. It was warm, but a lot of fun.

We are not 100% sure of what our plan will be for September at this point, but will figure something out that is a good fit for everyone. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sara Martin  
Education Director

## MAY SCHEDULE AND COVERAGE

**We look forward to seeing beloved, familiar faces in the Pulpit**

**Aug. 4 Rev. Andrew Nelson**

**Aug. 11 Rev. Rahel Hahn**

**Aug. 18 Rev. Andrew Nelson**

**Aug. 25 Rev. Rahel Hahn**

## SERVING FAITH in AUGUST

Aug. 4	Altar	Janet Walsh and Karen Cordes
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpinen Carol Perrott and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Summer Break

Aug. 11	Altar	Janet Walsh and Karen Cordes
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Roberta Hayward and Rob Hayward
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Summer Break
Aug. 18	Altar	Polly Hayward and Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Barb Boord and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Summer Break
Aug. 25	Altar	Polly Hayward and Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Mitch Cieminski
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Summer Break



### FLOWERS for AUGUST

- AUG 4** To the Glory of God
- AUG 11** To the Glory of God
- AUG 18** In Memory of David Niles  
Given by Merilyn Niles
- AUG 25** In Memory of Margaret Speanburg  
Given by Brenda Stevens

### 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 will resume on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning in September.



### 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.

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

*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.*

*Worship Chairperson.  
Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild  
Coffee Hour*

### BOTTLE CAP COLLECTION

Please post in the Faith newsletter that I am now collecting plastic bottle caps (water bottles, soda bottles, laundry detergent) and the pill bottles. I am donating these to Harmony Hills school in Cohoes.

Thank you,  
Kathy Adamek

## 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.faihlutheranchurchtroy.com](http://www.faihlutheranchurchtroy.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](mailto: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 June newsletter is Monday: August 19th. Please email your articles to: [barbboord@hotmail.com](mailto:barbboord@hotmail.com).



# AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
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Rev. Andrew Nelson <b>Council 9:00 AM</b>	<i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM		Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM			<b>DINNER CLUB</b> 6:30 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Rev. Rahel Hahn	<i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM			Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Rev. Andrew Nelson	<b>NEWSLETTER</b> Articles Due <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	<b>WELCA</b> 10:00 AM	Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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