

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
50 LEVERSEE ROAD  
TROY, NEW YORK 12182



# ***Following Faith***

***JUNE 2018***

**BLESSED INDEED IS THE MAN  
WHO HEARS MANY GENTLE VOICES  
CALL HIM FATHER**

## **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

Rev. Wegter-McNelly, continues her valiant fight. Fred Howard, Paul Molesky, Pat Turcotte, Ben Wagar and Larry Boord continue their progress.

## **ONGOING CALL PROCESS**

The call process is a lengthy one. Synodical safeguards that have been put into place to allow a congregation such as ours to grieve the loss of a long-term pastor require time. On top of the loss of Pastor Cordes, we have the heartbreak of Pastor Jennifer's condition that also brings us grief.

Most of you are aware that our joint call committee - 4 members from each of our two congregations, Faith Lutheran Troy (FLC), and Evangelical Lutheran Poestenkill (ELCP) - interviewed our initial pastoral candidate but did not feel that the candidate was a good match for our congregations. There was disappointment all around that this was the outcome, as we expectantly await a new spiritual leader to guide and shepherd us into the future.

The councils of both churches passed identical resolutions at their April meetings requesting a conference with the Bishop to discuss the availability of another candidate. Since the Bishop was not available for several weeks, we were referred to the Assistant Bishop responsible for Candidacy and Mobility.

The Assistant Bishop is located in the Rochester area and I discussed our concerns with her in a long telephone conversation. The thing that did impress me favorably was how much she knew about what the two congregations are going through. She was fully aware of the time frames involved, the sad fates of our Pastor and Intentional Interim Pastor, and the succession of transitional leaders who have shepherded us.

There is a potential candidate who is thinking about whether he/she is interested in being considered. The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop and our local Dean had discussed this candidate earlier in the week all felt that he/she would be a good match for our congregations. It is the Assistant Bishop's gut feeling that the candidate will want to proceed with next steps but would not speculate as



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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)  
Evelyn Jarosz (Vice President)  
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)**

to when our call committee would get the Rostered Minister Profile (RMP) from the Bishop.

It sounded to me as though it would be sometime by mid-June. Understanding the frustration that many of us are feeling with the long process, the Council invites any congregants who want to discuss where we are going to an informal feedback session at 10:15 AM, Sunday, June 3 in our Fellowship Hall.

The congregation did a lot of work in developing our site profile and there are things that we can do on our own to begin moving forward with toward some of our goals.

Finally, on a personal note, I send you my thanks for all the calls, cards, notes and prayers that were sent my way during my recent hospitalization and recovery. God Bless you all!

Fred Howard  
President  
518 421 4576

## **OUR FAITH at WORK**

Our featured mission for the month of June will be in support of the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

Bread of Life Food Pantry is located next to Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poestenskill. It is a nonprofit organization helping families supplement their food needs. Our church has been supporting the food pantry with food donations left in the collection box in the Narthex. Every other month a list of most needed items is supplied to us and has been listed in our newsletter and on the donation box. Food items that the pantry would be most appreciative this month are: mac & cheese, canned fruit, sugar (box or bag), mustard & ketchup, chili & hash, soup & stew. Nonfood items: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes, deodorant. The box is filling up but there will always room for your items.

The "Pull Tab" ministry has been receiving lots of pull tab donations. We are almost at our goal of sending multiple containers of pull tabs to Synod in June. One container is full and a five gallon pail is three quarters of the way.

The pill bottle project, Matthew 25, is going well. The container set aside to receive the bottles has been filling up each week. The most stated complaint heard is how hard it is to remove the labels and glue. Your perseverance in this effort is

most appreciated. We'll soon have enough bottles for our first shipment to the Matthew 25 warehouse in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The fabric kit collection for Lutheran World Service concluded in the beginning of May. Eleven kits containing three yards of fabric, two spools of thread, fifteen sewing needles and ten matching buttons were delivered to Lutheran World Service truck in Clifton Park. In addition, to the fabric kits two quilts constructed at the quilt workshops by the ladies of our congregations were also delivered. In honor of our school age children this month an additional mission is being added. "Box Tops for Education" will be collected to help our area schools purchase the things they might need but are not included in the school budgets. Box Tops for Education created in 1996 by General Mills has help support education and benefit schools. Since its inception the program has expanded beyond just General Mills products but has maintained the beginning goal. Today schools have received needed computers, playground equipment, books and so much more. Watch for the "Box Top for Education" container. It will be in the Narthex on the table right next to the containers receiving donations of pull tabs and medicine bottles.

*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**



Please note: there is a change in the date for the WELCA picnic to be held at Marilyn Niles' home. The new date is Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

Come any time after 3:00 P.M. to enjoy a day of fellowship together. and please bring a dish to share. Dinner will be served at 5:00 P.M.

All are welcome.

### SERVING FAITH in JUNE

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Altar	Sharon Morris and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Carol Perrott and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Donna Gibson
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Joyce Duncan and LouAnne Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpier Pat Brundige and Katie Bonnier
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull

June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Joyce Duncan and LouAnne Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jarosz Roberta and Rob Hayward
	Counters	LouAnne Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Kathy & Doug Adamek
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Sharon Morris and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Errol and Ryland Bull
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Michele and Fred Howard

*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*

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### FLOWERS for JUNE

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	To the Glory of God
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	To the Glory of God
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	In Memory of Paul Lynch Given by Janet Walsh
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	In Memory of Kevin Morgan Given by Barbara Morgan

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### CHOIR REHERSAL

Choir rehearsals are generally held every Thursday at 7:00 PM for about an hour. Anyone interest in joining is welcome to come and enjoy singing our praises to the Lord.

## **INREACH/OUTREACH VISITATION TEAM**

Our Faith congregation includes a relatively large number of members that are homebound. We'd like to reach out to these members to offer support and let them know that their friends at Faith have not forgotten them. To do this, we would like to create a number of visitation teams that would be able to work in pairs to visit a small number of homebound members. At some point in the future we'd like to find a way to offer communion also, but right now we'll focus on friendly visitation. If you'd like to be a partner in this visitation team initiative, please speak to Evelyn Jarosz (518-237-8545) or Sharon Morris (518-961-8221). As soon as we hear from some volunteers we'll meet as a group to share ideas and develop a plan of action. Please help if you can. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **SHEPHERDING PROGRAM**

As part of our member shepherding program, we will be having a training session for lay persons who are willing and would like to be able to take communion to our members who are unable to make it to church. Pastor Hempel will conduct the instruction on June 9 or June 10. If you are interested in participating in this program, please see Pastor Hempel or Fred Howard.

Thanks. Fred



## **DINNER CLUB**

Dinner Club will hold its' June event on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and good food. Everyone is welcome. Please let one of the group know that you are interested.

## **VISION MISSION TO HONDURAS**

The First Presbyterian Church of Chili (near Rochester) will be missioning to rural Honduras mid-March 29018. This 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](http://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](mailto:barbboord@hotmail.com).

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

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The July newsletter deadline is Monday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please email your articles to: [barbboord@hotmail.com](mailto:barbboord@hotmail.com).

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		
				<b>Home Bureau</b> 2:00 to 4:00 PM		
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<b>SHEPHERDING PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING</b>	<b>CREATIVE THREADS</b> 10:30 A.M. Council 7:00 PM		<b>Speigle Elders</b> 10:30AM-2:30PM	<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		<b>Dinner Club</b> 6:00 PM
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<b>FATHERS' DAY</b>	<b>CREATIVE THREADS</b> 10:30 A.M. Newsletter Items	<b>WELCA</b> 10:00 A.M.	<b>Speigle Elders</b> 10:30AM-2:30PM	<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		
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	<b>CREATIVE THREADS</b> 10:30 A.M.			<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		

