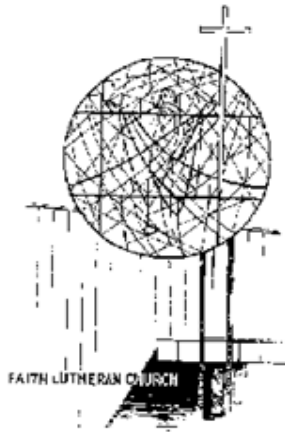


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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The Newsletter of  
Faith Lutheran Church

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**Thanks and Happy  
Mother's day!**

Now that the days are longer and the world is certainly trying really hard to turn the corner to "lush", tulips are blooming and grass needs to be cut - - - it must be coming up on "Mothers Day". There are a thousand over the top, sloppy sentimental "Hallmark" reasons why I'm not about to go there. I will, however, speak of grandmothers. I had two (not uncommon) and remember both well and warmly - - warts and all. Both were ample older "ladies" (to whom the term meant vastly more than gender). Curiously, they seemed to have but one pair of identical shoes - black, lace-up and clunky. That was where the similarities ended.

Lillian Giebelhaus Hempel was my paternal grandmother, the youngest daughter of a Harlem (NY) German baker and the mother of a single son. Grandma Lilly arrived every Friday for dinner, in a shiny new Chrysler New Yorker - chauffeured and attended by Grandpa Will. It was expected that all three grandchildren would be assembled to welcome her. No excuses - not fish biting, ball games nor bike rides; dare keep us from our proper expression of thankful appreciation for her presence. Strong willed and Germanic, she was very attentive to our progress in school. Her manicured finger could locate a single "B" amid a string of "A's" on the report card. "*Billy - if you can make a B, you can make an A.*" Reading the whole NY Herald Tribune daily kept her very quick mind sharp. Sadly, I had the feeling that, like her knees, her sense of humor was hobbled by arthritis.

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**Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study: 9:15 a. m.  
Sunday School: during worship**

**The Rev. William Hempel, Pastor**

**Church Council Officers:**

**Donna VanZandt (President)  
Sara Martin (Vice President)  
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)  
Diana Rieker (Secretary)  
Fred Howard (Financial Secretary)**

**Council Members**

**Errol Bull (Property)  
Dana Cerrone (In Reach/Out Reach)  
Elizabeth King (In Reach/Out Reach)  
Evelyn Jarosz (Worship)  
Sara Martin (Education)  
Michael Moroskey (Property)  
Pam Perras (Stewardship)  
Carol Perrott (Missions)  
Ben Wagar (Property)**

The knowledge that Latin teacher, Miss Pendleton, was her weekly bridge partner terrorized me through Junior High. If challenged about a stated desire or directive, Lilly's unerring response was: "Because I say so!"

Paulina (Pauli) Wich was my maternal grandmother, and the youngest daughter of an Italian jeweler whose work convinced a NY jeweler named Tiffany to hire him. She lived in New Jersey, nursing my Grandpa Fred. Cancer in the 50's seemed a very different disease. She arrived by bus and train bringing crumb cake until she finally got a very used Pontiac that brought her and Fred - - and the crumb cake from Jersey! She was a woman of deep, unwavering faith – a staunch fan of the Mets from 1962! During "the War" (II) I lived with them on the farm Grandpa Will owned in PA. She played football with me and showed me how to gather eggs each morning. When wet grass and a steep hill kept me from climbing home from the brook, she helped me laugh at myself. "*Billy, there's no point in being stupid - - - unless you act it once in a while!*" was one of her stated truths! A second like unto it was: "*Don't get mad - - you only have to get glad again!*" Mary Poppins may have popularized the notion: "Just a spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down!", but it was Grandma Pauli who was the role model personalizing that mantra.

The neat blessing in all this – an understanding I came to only after I they were gone – is connected with Pentecost, the birthday of the Church - the institution we have dubbed "Holy Mother Church". I was blessed with two strong women in my life that even before I ever thought about Sunday School or cared about the Catechism, they made "Law" and "Gospel" flesh and blood realities. They were preparing me to "get it" when it comes to Mercy and Truth. At least these two ladies gave me a head start on the deep stuff of Holy Mother Church. May you take a moment to remember those who have made it possible for you to "get it" along your faith walk. Thanks and Happy Mother's day!

***Pastor Bill***

## **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

Vicky Steele former choir director and fellow member of Faith passed away and a memorial service will be held 11:00 AM at Faith on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **INTENTIONAL INTERIM PASTOR**

Hello Everyone,

I would like to update everyone regarding the process and progress that both Faith and Evangelical of Poestenkill are currently at in terms of a call for an Intentional Interim Pastor. (IIP) The Upper NYS Synod did recommend someone to us, and a positive back ground check has occurred. Both Councils have met and have chosen representatives for the interview committee. Members of the interview committee from Faith are: Barbara Boord, Fred Howard, Sara Martin, Diana Rieker and Donna Van Zandt. The committee has met on two occasions to develop a variety of questions for the recommended candidate.

It is anticipated that a formal interview will take place in the near future with a representative of the Upper NYS Synod joining us. Following the interview, if both churches approve, the candidate's name will be presented to Synod for approval.

As this process continues to develop, members of Faith will be kept informed.

Peace,

***Donna Van Zandt***

**Faith Council President**

## **COUNCIL SUMMARY**

A combined Council meeting was held with both Faith and Evangelical Councils to discuss the process for interviewing and selecting an intentional interim pastor to serve both congregations.

Information on an intentional interim pastor candidate has been received from Synod. Four people were selected from each congregation plus the two Council presidents to serve as the intentional interim pastor interview committee. The committee will be meeting shortly to begin drafting interview questions and discuss the date/time and location for the interview.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday May 2nd, 2016 at 7pm.

**Diana Rieker, Secretary**



All reports state that the Easter Egg hunt was a success again this year. The weather was nice and the kids were very pleased with all the items they found in their eggs. Thanks to the Cerrone's and the Bull's for organizing and pulling off another great year. Also, thanks to the Pagel's for donating some great Easter surprises, chocolate bunnies and Easter workbooks that showed the kids the true meaning behind our Easter celebrations.

The total for our "Catch the Buzz" fundraiser ended up at \$450. Of this we collected \$60 for food, \$240 for medicine and \$150 for bed nets. Great work, thanks to the kids and the congregation for helping out. The money will be sent on to ELCA to help stop the spread and effects of malaria.

This month was a short month for Sunday School due to the school spring breaks, but we will be back on track for the month of May and beginning of June. We may be planning a Sunday School bowling or bouncing event, keep your eyes out for more information.

Enjoy the spring weather!

**Sara Martin, Education Director**

## **PENTECOST**

As we have done in the past, flowering plants will be bought and placed on the Altar for Pentecost. Shortly after, these plants will be planted outside to enhance the beauty of our Church grounds. If you

would like to contribute to this program please see  
Donna Van Zandt.

## **OUR FAITH at WORK**

Our mission for the month of May will be in support of the *Basics for Babies* campaign through Unity House in Troy.

Through community support, Unity House helps the youngest, most vulnerable victims of poverty - the children. Unity House provides families in need with items such as car seats, cribs, diapers, formula, bottles and baby food.

The Unity House Thrift Store located at 6<sup>th</sup> and Hoosick (just under the Hoosick Street Bridge) is open Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. to accept donations. Baby clothes, blankets, strollers and other baby items in new or gently used condition are always appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support

**Carol Perrott, Missions**

## **FLOWERS for MAY**

- May 1<sup>st</sup>** In memory of Bob Young  
Given by Kay Young and Family
- May 8<sup>th</sup>** In memory of Shirley Webster  
Given by Larry and Barbara Boord
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** In memory of Bob Gibson  
Given by Donna Gibson
- May 22<sup>th</sup>** In honor of Timothy's Baptism  
Given by the Martin Family
- May 29<sup>th</sup>** In memory of William Boord  
Given by Larry and Barbara Boord

## **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.

## SERVING FAITH in MAY

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Altar	Karen Cordes and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Donna Truland and Mike Moroskey
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Irene Pagel and Carolyn Rouse
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Joyce Duncan and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Errol Bull Errol Bull and Ryland Bull
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Errol Bull and Heather Bull
Pentecost May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wear Red Altar	Joyce Duncan and Janet Walsh
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Rich Anderson Barbara Boord and Irene Pagel
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Dave and Dana Cerrone
Holy Trinity May 22 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes Rikki Franklin and Ron Moss
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin

May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Roberta Hayward and Donna Gibson
	Lay Assistant Ushers Counters	Donna Gibson Beth and Joe King Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Donna Gibson

*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*

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**A New Prayer Group** has formed for the purpose of praying for Faith Lutheran Church as we go through the process of obtaining an Interim Pastor and calling a New Pastor. If you think prayer is important and would like to be a part of this group contact Michele Howard at (518) 753-4288. All are welcome.



## DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club members met April 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee comprised of Michele and Fred Howard, Eleanor and Russ Lastrup, Donna VanZandt, and Barbara and Larry Boord prepared a tasty repast for the attendees that consisted of Hor d'oeuvres, Roast Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Lemon Bars. After enjoying their meal diners participated in some rousing games of LCR.

The May Dinner Club will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. If you would like to spend an enjoyable evening of good fellowship and tasty food come join the group. Please contact Bob or Polly Hayward, Ben or Stephanie Wagar or Jim Peters.

**Mark your calendars – The Summer picnic and swim will again be at Grafton State Park on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited.**

## **BARBARA BOORD ACTING NEWSLETTER EDITOR/COORDINATOR**

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 her email address shown below.

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

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The June newsletter deadline is Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Please email articles to [barbboord@hotmail.com](mailto:barbboord@hotmail.com).

Assistance with the compiling and distribution of the Newsletter is always appreciated. Anyone that can give some time to this joint effort is encouraged to contact me at the above e-mail address.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Council Meeting</i> <i>7:00 PM</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Memorial For Vicky Steele 11:00 AM
<b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Dinner Club</i> <i>6:00 PM</i>
<b>15</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	<b>19</b> <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Holy Trinity</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Items Due</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<i>Choir 7:00 PM</i>		