

Following Faith

The Monthly Newsletter of
Faith Lutheran Church

JUNE 2013



You Can't Get Just One

The story is told of a man who made his first trip south of the Mason-Dixon Line from Chicago to Georgia. On his first morning in the South he went into a restaurant to order breakfast, and it seemed that every dish included something called grits...which, as all my southern friends tell me, is exactly the way God intended it. Not being familiar with this southern delicacy, he asked the waitress, "Could you tell me, exactly what is a grit?" Looking down on him with a mixture of compassion and condescension, she said, "Sugar, you can't get just one grit. They always come together."

John Wesley knew there was no personal holiness without social holiness, and Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Dillard says, "You can no more go to God alone than you can go to the North Pole alone." We Christians are just like grits... you can't get just one. Thanks to the Holy Spirit we are drawn together and stick with each other. Blessed unity and Pentecost to all!

Pastor Steve

DID YOU KNOW ?

The Monthly Newsletter is online. The current edition is posted to our website just before the paper copies are mailed. Prior newsletters are also available. Simply go www.faithlutherantroy.com and place your cursor over the column headed "News and Events", then scroll down to "Newsletters". The most recent edition will be at the top of the list and prior editions follow. Simply select the desired edition and it will open in a new screen for you to read or print. Due to increasing costs, we may need to reconsider our delivery methods for our newsletter, so give this option a try. *The editors*



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: on summer recess.
Sunday School: on summer recess

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)
Bill Jarosz (Property)
Beth King (OutReach/InReach)
Bev Lanteigne (Property)
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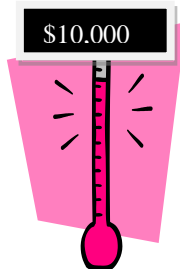
AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: **Julia Cannon** continues as a resident of Eddy Nursing Home with very limited mobility. She is currently under Hospice Care. She had her 95th birthday, April 26. **Mark Laustrup** is home following several surgeries and many weeks of rehabilitation at Albany Medical Hospital. Shortly he will be traveling to Boston area medical facilities where he will be further evaluated and is expected to receive radiation treatments. **Vicky Steele** is currently back in Barnwell Rehabilitation Center in Valatie, having been in and out of Southern Columbia County Hospital and Albany Medical Hospital. **Carolyn Pearson** returned home after spending time at Samaritan Hospital battling with a bout of pneumonia. However, she is currently back in Samaritan Hospital continuing her attempt to recover from respiratory difficulties.

Approved for Candidacy for the Ordained Ministry: **Rebecca Truland** was recently approved by the Upstate New York Synod Candidacy Committee to pursue her plans toward becoming an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Rebecca will begin her seminary education this fall by attending the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. We share in her joy and anticipation as she begins her journey towards this exciting endeavor. Please keep Rebecca in your prayers as we will explore and envision ways to support and encourage her as we are privileged to be her "home" congregation. God bless you, Rebecca!

Significant Birthday: **Gunther Pagel** turned 90 years old on May 19, the Day of Pentecost. Not only did we get to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit that day, but as well, the gift of Gunther's spirit (God's Spirit) which has uplifted and encouraged us all. Thanks to all who contributed toward the special Coffee Hour for the occasion. Happy Birthday Gunther!

RESTROOM PROJECT FUND DRIVE



WE ARE HALFWAY THERE !

Our fund drive has passed the halfway mark. As of May 19th contributions total \$5,578 towards our \$10,000 goal. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far. Special envelopes are still available.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class has concluded its study of Exodus and will take a break for the summer. The group will resume for the fall on October 6th at which time they will begin a study of Proverbs.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Council will research other options for hosting a barbecue fundraiser. The first available weekend dates for Brook's Barbecue are not until December. There are weekday dates available earlier but the Council is going to gather information from other caterers such as Giffy's, Old Daley Catering and Dinosaur Barbecue to determine if an earlier weekend date is possible.

The majority of the May Council meeting was focused on Property Committee updates. The Property Committee will coordinate a meeting with Fred Howard to discuss the status of any outstanding items relating to the handicap accessible bathroom project which has been completed. Other property items were discussed such as maintenance and repair of the church outdoor power equipment.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday June 3, 2013 at 7pm.

Diana Rieker, Secretary

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

- June 2:** To the Glory of God
- June 9:** In memory of Steven Lansing
Given by Larry Lansing
- June 16:** In memory of Paul Lynch
Given by Janet Walsh
- June 23:** To the Glory of God
- June 30:** To the Glory of God

SERVING FAITH

JUNE 2	Altar	Nadeen Thompson, Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Rebecca Truland
	Ushers	Beth & Joe King
	Counters	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Speanburg Family
JUNE 9	Altar	Nadeen Thompson, Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Pauline Lupo and Nadeen Thompson
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens, Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Tracie Maloney
JUNE 16	Altar	Karen Cordes, LouAnn Behrens
	Lay Assistant	Aaron Cordes
	Ushers	Irene Pagel, Carol Perrott
	Counters	Joyce Duncan, Carol Perrott
	Coffee Hour	Heather & Errol Bull
JUNE 23	Altar	Karen Cordes, LouAnn Behrens
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
	Ushers	Ron Moss, Bill Speanburg
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Sara & John Martin
JUNE 30	Altar	Pat Brundige, Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant	Bob Gibson
	Ushers	The Truland Family
	Counters	Michele & Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin

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



DINNER CLUB

May Dinner Club guests enjoyed a delicious meal and a rousing game of password. It had been some time since most of us had played that! Thanks to the Duncans, Haywards, Jaroszes, Lansings and Pauline Lupo for their good food and service.

The June meeting is Saturday, June 8 at 6:30 pm at the church. Hosts for the "Keeping it Simple" dinner are Burt & Dottie Benziger, Ruth & All Goerold,

Doug Kurick, Arlene Hunziker, Mary Frazer and Gene & Donna St. John. Make your reservation with one of these folks and come join in a fun and good tasting evening.



This is the last newsletter article of the school year, hard to believe!! It has been a banner year for the Sunday School, we accomplished so much and had a lot of fun doing it. As we wrap up this year and start looking forward to next year, there are just a few items to report on.

Our bowling activity night last month was a great success, about 35 students, friends and family members showed up for a private bowling party at Hilltop Bowl. We had pizza and soda and a lot of good competition. Everyone had a wonderful time and we all are excited about planning our next activity.

Sunday School is now over for the year, but the annual Sunday School picnic will be held on June 2 immediately following the church service. A sign up sheet for the picnic is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to bring any thing or help out. We are planning to pass out certificates, do a short presentation, play games and eat a lot of food.

Currently, our scheduled start date for the 2013-2014 Sunday School year is September 22nd, more details on plans for next year to follow in the upcoming newsletters.

Thanks everyone for a wonderful year, the students count on your support and assistance.

If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please let me know (s.martin@hvcc.edu, or 222-8566).

Sara Martin
Education Director



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Many thanks to everyone who made sloppy joes or chicken tetrazzini or brought other items for the meals served at Joseph's House on May 4. The food was very much appreciated by the staff and guests.

The quilting day in April yielded 2 completed quilts, 2 in progress and one more that is being done by the Monday Quilting group (formerly known as the Banner Group). These quilts will go to Lutheran World Relief to help reach the 500,000 goal they have for this year. Thank you everyone who was able to help out that day. If you'd be interested in make on at home, just speak to Evelyn Jarosz for the details.

Items for Personal Care Kits are being collected over the summer. Items for the kits are:

- 1 light weight bath towel between 20"X40" and 52"X70"
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clipper
- 2 bath size bars of soap (4-5oz)
- 1 adult size tooth brush

Contributions of these items will be gratefully accepted. The kits will be packed at the end of August so they can be delivered and a report made at the WELCA Convention.

The group completed the Confessing Christ session of the Mark Bible study at the May meeting. Tough Questions will be the topic for the September meeting.

The June meeting will be the annual picnic at Marilyn Niles' home on Tuesday, June 18. Come anytime after 3 pm to swim and socialize. Bring a dish to share for supper at about 5 pm. All women are welcome. Call Donna if you need a ride (279-3004). Come join us!

The Upstate New York WELCA annual convention is being held September 13-15 at Camp-of-the-Woods in Speculator. This is a wonderful spot on a lake in the Adirondacks. There should still be colored leaves by then! The weekend theme is "Let Justice Roll" with Inez Torres Davis, Director for Justice of Women of the ELCA in Chicago as keynote speaker. Registration forms are available from Donna Gibson or online at www.upstatenysynod.org/ and follow the link to Women of the ELCA. There will be several hands-on projects available to work on too. Help make Little Dresses or Britches for Africa or tie quilts. There will also be a 5K Walk, Roll and Run on Saturday morning to support a school in Zambia.

A pledge form is available. Let's have a group attend.

OUR FAITH AT WORK



Our mission contributions for the month of June will once again be in support of St. Paul's Center in Rensselaer, New York. St. Paul's Center provides emergency and transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children.

St. Paul's, Rensselaer was a congregation of the ELCA and merged with St. Timothy's, North Greenbush. The building in Rensselaer was converted to its current use. Residents at St. Paul's Center receive support and services and counseling in parenting, homemaking, budgeting, literacy, health care, job training and other education.

Once a family has moved on to permanent housing, the St. Paul's Center Staff continues to offer assistance and support for one year to help the family succeed in independent living through the Bridges Program and their full-time Transitional Client Advocate. For more information you can visit St. Paul Center's website at <http://stpaulscenter.com/>.

David Truland, Missions Chair

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our Monday quilting group continues to make quilts that are given to the women & children at the shelter to take with them when they leave. On **Sunday, June 2nd the quilts ready to be taken to St. Paul's will be on display.** Please stop in the Fellowship Hall to see the handiwork.

JUNE EVENTS

Sun	June 2	SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC following worship Council @ 7 pm
Mon	June 3	Dinner Club @ 6:30 pm
Sat	June 8	WELCA Picnic @ Niles 3 pm on with supper @ 5
Tues	June 18	

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **JULY & AUGUST** newsletter deadline is **Sunday, June 16.** Please place your articles in the box in the Church office by Sunday June 16, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning