

Following Faith

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Faith Lutheran Church

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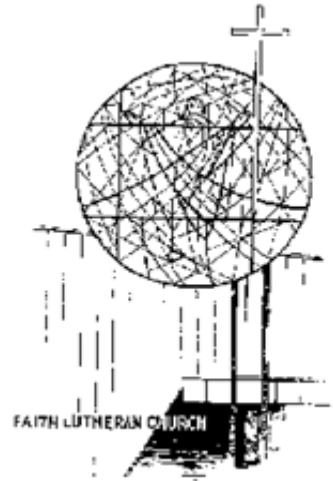
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The story is still told today of the unusual account of how the news of the Battle of Waterloo reached England. The report from the battle ground back in those days was first carried by sailing ship to the southern coast and then by signal flags to London. When the report was received at Winchester, the flags on the cathedral began to spell out the message, "Wellington defeated." Before the message could be completed, a heavy fog rolled in and with that heavy fog the gloom of a nation filled the hearts of the people. However, when the mist began to lift, it became evident that the signals of the Winchester Cathedral had really spelled out this triumphant message, "Wellington defeated the enemy!"

There can be no argument that our future is often colored by what we understand for the moment. Consider the experience of any crisis, transition, or conflict and how that immediate sense of reality influences our hopes and dreams for the future. Yet as Christians we believe the fog is still lifting. The message shall reveal itself ultimately, "Victory is ours!" St. Paul put it this way so many years ago when writing to the Corinthians, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. (1 Corinthians 13:12)

If St. Paul were to say it today, perhaps he would put it this way, "I may not know everything, but I always know just enough, to know I'll always be OK and that's enough for me!" That is the Gospel my friends. We can live, because we already know the end of the message. May that be enough for us all, always.

Pastor Steve



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Sunday morning worship: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

The Rev. Stephen L. Cordes, Pastor

Church Council Officers:

Robert Gibson (President)
Beth King (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Diana Rieker (Secretary)
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Council Members

Errol Bull (Property)
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Bill Jarosz (Property)
Beth King (OutReach/InReach)
Sara Martin (Education)
Carolyn Rouse (History)
David Truland (Missions)
Donna VanZandt (Worship)
Stephanie Wagar (Stewardship)

Sunday School is at 9:15 am (6th gr. – adult)
10:30 am (5th gr. & under)

Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 am

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Sick and Recuperating: **Julia Cannon** continues under Hospice Care at the Eddy Nursing Home. **Cay Moss** was in Samaritan Hospital for a couple of weeks due to respiratory problems. She is now home and adjusting to a new process for her dialysis care. **Lois Ambuhl** has responded very well to chemotherapy and for the time being will take a long awaited break.

Death: Ian Kelly died suddenly on May 12. Funeral services were held May 18. Ian was the son of Shawn and Tom Kelly, and brother to Thomas IV, Shane, and Caroline. He was 29 years old and married to Dayna Cebel. Their son, Liam, is 18 months old. Ian had served in the army from 2009 to 2011. He and his family lived in Lansingburgh. Ian was employed with Applied Robotics. Ian holds the distinction of acolyting more times at Faith than any other. We rest assured he continued throughout his life to light the way for many others. Please keep Ian's family and friends in your prayers.

COUNCIL SUMMARY

Research and analysis on financial options for the remaining annex mortgage balance was completed. A motion was made and approved to devote \$1,000 of the quarterly check from the Lutheran Foundation towards the annex mortgage principal. This motion would remain in effect when the funds are available and not required for another more immediate purpose.

Dakota Franklin attended the May Council meeting to discuss a proposed Eagle Scout project. The Council has accepted Dakota's proposal to build a reflection bridge over the creek as well as clean out the creek area. As part of the Eagle Scout project, Dakota is required to coordinate and complete the project and obtain sources of financing for the project.

A significant amount of money was received from the MacKenzie estate. The Council discussed how this money should be handled and the possibility of investing for the long term. Barbara Boord will research options offered by the ELCA Mission and report back to the Council.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday June 4, 2012 at 7pm.

Diana Rieker, Secretary

SERVING FAITH

June 3	Altar	Pam Perras, Sally Davis, Louann Behrens
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Beth & Joe King
	Counters	Carolyn Rouse & Irene Pagel
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh, Marilyn Niles
June 10	Altar	Pam Perras, Sally Davis, Louann Behrens
	Lay Assistant	Carol Karpian
	Ushers	Roberta & Rob Hayward
	Counters	Evelyn & Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Sunday School Picnic
June 17	Altar	Nadeen Thompson, Evelyn Jarosz, Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Bill Maloney
	Ushers	Rikki Franklin & Cay Moss
	Counters	Mildred Lalanne, Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Tracie Maloney
June 24	Altar	Nadeen Thompson, Evelyn Jarosz, Roberta Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Rebecca Truland
	Ushers	B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Polly & Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Rikki Franklin

FLOWERS FOR JUNE

June 3: To the Glory of God

June 10: In memory of Stephen Lansing
Given by Larry Lansing

June 17: In memory of Paul Lynch
Given by Janet Walsh

June 24: In memory of Ruth Ann Inglis
Given by Helen Inglis

EVENTS

Monday	June 4	Council @ 7pm
Saturday	June 0	Dinner Club @ 6:30pm
Sunday	June 10	Sunday School Picnic after worship
Tuesday	June 19	WELCA picnic @ Marilyn Niles 3pm

LIFETIME AWARD

On May 4, 2012, in a special ceremony at Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y., Irene Pagel received a Life-Time Achievement Award. She had retired after 30 years as a professor, having served as Acting Dean of the School of Nursing, Associate Dean, and taught in Undergraduate, Master and Ph.D programs



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

It has been a busy time for the Women of the ELCA. Four of us enjoyed the Spiritual Gathering in Speculator at the end of April. All the speakers showed us the Angels Among Us and gave many suggestions on how we can be angels for others in our lives.

Many thanks to all of you who contributed items for the Saturday meals at Joseph's House on May 5. Everything was at church as requested and we got the meals delivered in good time. Your efforts are much appreciated by the guests and staff.

The regular meeting was held at church on May 15. We started the second session of the Bible Study—*To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark*. Plans were also discussed for the June meeting which will be held at Marilyn Niles' home on June 19 beginning at 3 pm for swimming. The covered dish supper will be at 5 pm, followed by a brief meeting.

Saturday, May 19 five members met to sew backpacks. Thank you everyone who contributed fabric for our use. We completed a dozen bags that day and made several "kits" for take home sewing. We still have plenty of fabric to make more bags and will be happy to make up more kits for anyone who can help out with this project. The kits will be distributed both locally and to Lutheran World Relief. Items needed to fill a backpack are: four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½" (no loose leaf paper). One ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other. One pencil sharpener. One blunt scissors. Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers. Five ball-point pens (no gel ink). One box of 16 or 24 crayons. The basket in the Narthex is ready to receive contributions of these items.



The Sunday School year is coming to an end. Our last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, June 3rd. The end of the year Sunday School picnic will be held at the church on Sunday, June 10th immediately following the service. There will be plenty of great food and a bouncy house for the kids (and maybe some adventurous adults) and a party tent to keep us all cool. The kids and teachers will also be recognized for all the great work they do throughout the year. I will be posting a sign-up sheet in the church for donations and volunteer opportunities for the picnic, so please check it out.

The 2012-2013 Sunday School year will start on September 15th. As I have mentioned in previous articles, we will be looking to change the program to fit our children's needs for this fall so if any one has any ideas regarding this issue please let me know.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out with the children's education or the Sunday School picnic, please contact me at 237-7124 or s.martin@hvcc.edu.

Sara Martin
Education Committee Chair

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible class is taking a break for the summer months of June, July, and August. The group will resume its study of Exodus in September..



DINNER CLUB

May dinner club meeting consisted of comfort food: meatloaf and baked potatoes and a delicious strawberry dessert. Thanks to Pam Perras, Louann Behrens, June Goyette, and Bob & Donna Gibson. Entertainment featured Hoopla, a variation on charades.

The June meeting will be on Saturday, June 9 at 6:30 PM for hors d'oeuvres with dinner served at 7 PM. This will be a covered dish meal with the Bill & Evelyn Jarosz, Pauline Lupo, Nadeen Thompson, and Ben & Stephanie Wagar as hosts. Think about your specialty—appetizer, entrée, side dish or dessert. Plan to be part of the fun.



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. For more information you can visit St. Paul Center's website at <http://stpaulscenter.com/>.

The Upstate New York Synod continues it's Capital Campaign "Feed the Roots of Leadership". This campaign is designed to support outdoor and campus ministries and seminary education aimed toward our younger people.

You can learn more and take part in this ministry at a page on the synod's website at <http://www.upstatenysynod.org/capital-campaign>.

David Truland, Missions Chair

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The July/August newsletter deadline is Sunday, June 17. Please place your articles covering information for **both months** in the box in the Church office by Sunday, or email them to DSGLVA@aol.com by Monday morning.