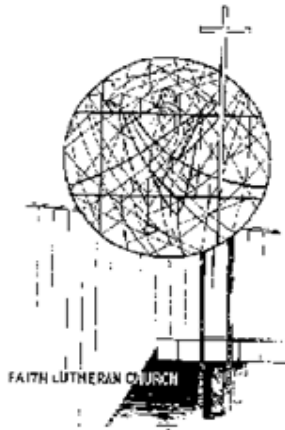
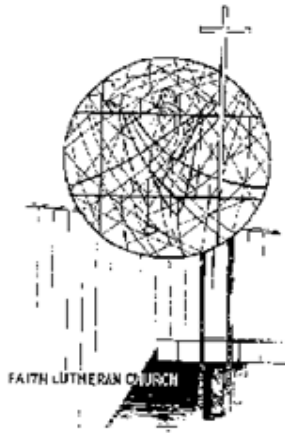


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# ***FOLLOWING FAITH***

***NOVEMBER 2017***



## **NEW TRANSITIONAL LEADER**

Our new Transitional Leader will be joining us as of November 1. She is Pastor Laretta Dietrich who has been serving the Athens-Oak Hill congregations in Columbia County. She will be serving as our Supply Pastor each Sunday morning as well. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Dietrich this month and working with her as we wend our way through the final steps in initiating our call process.

## **CALL PROCESS**

The Congregations at both Faith and Evangelical have approved our new Covenant Agreement and it has been forwarded to the Bishop for his approval. A sub committed from our council has been working on completing this report using materials from our Congregational Assessment Tool Survey and the work of the Faith/Evangelical Discernment Committee. It is expected that each congregation will complete its Ministry Site Profile report, which must be submitted prior to initiating the call process, this month. While each congregation will submit its own profile, the profiles will be coordinated locally to ensure that they are consistent. Perhaps this will put us in a position to begin consideration of Pastoral Candidates shortly after the New Year.

***Fred Howard, President***

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

**The Rev. James Slater, Pastor**

### **Church Council Officers:**

**Fred Howard (President)  
Evelyn Jarosz (Vice President)  
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)  
Diana Rieker (Secretary)  
Michele Howard/  
Pam Perras Financial Secretaries)**

### **Council Members**

**Doug Adamek (Education)  
Errol Bull (Property)  
Donna Gibson (Stewardship)  
Rob Hayward (Office Oversight/Admin)  
Evelyn Jarosz (In Reach/Out Reach)  
Sharon Morris (Worship)  
Carol Perrott (Missions)  
Pam Perras (In Reach/Out Reach)  
Ben Wagar (Property)**

## **AMONG OUR PEOPLE**

Pastor Bill Hempel, Pastor Jennifer Wegter-McNelly, and Dave Cerrone continue their road to recovery. Please remember them in your prayers for healing. Helen Inglis continues to recover from her recent surgery. It was great to see her at church on Sunday. Helen would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and cards she has received in the hospital and now as she recuperates at home.

## COUNCIL SUMMARY

The proposed Covenant Agreement was presented and approved by members of Faith at a special congregation meeting. Members of Evangelical will be voting on the Covenant Agreement soon. The proposed Covenant Agreement includes the need for an 8-person call committee (4 members from each congregation). A section was also added to allow the service start time to flex in the future, if so decided.

Work on the Ministry Site Profile is in progress. Most of the components have been created. Several members of the Council will be meeting soon to review and assemble the pieces into a final product. Completion of the Ministry Site Profile is an important step in the pastor call process.

For any concerns or problems, please advise us. We will discuss and address issues at our next meeting on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm.

***Diana Rieker, Secretary***

## OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of November will be in support of Joseph's House and Shelter located in downtown Troy.

Joseph's House is a non-profit organization and an essential part of our community. They offer emergency shelter, street outreach, and support services to homeless and formerly homeless adults, children and families. Our contributions help to make these services possible.

Your continued support is appreciated.

***Carol Perrott, Missions***

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

If you are looking to donate to help the families affected by the recent hurricanes, you can do so online through the Lutheran Disaster Response – Evangelical Church in America website.

*Checks are also accepted and should be made payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. If you*

*want your donation designated to a specific disaster, indicate so on the memo line of your check. Mail your check to the following address:*

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



Sunday School has been somewhat hit or miss the past month or so, due to busy schedules and unexpected issues coming up, we haven't been able to meet all together regularly, but there has been some activity. New curriculum on Martin Luther was ordered and we have a lot more to learn about him, his family and the Reformation.

We are still waiting for the final purchase decision on the Smartboard/SmartTV, but are definitely looking forward to using it and shaping our curriculum around all that it has to offer.

We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year once again, material will be distributed or can be picked up at Church, let us know if you have any questions.

***Sara Martin  
Education Director***

## FLOWERS for NOVEMBER

**Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** In memory of our Grandparents, Arthus and Hedwig Ude.  
Given by their Granddaughters,  
Barbara Morgan, Bonnie Speanburg  
and Brenda Stevens.

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>** In memory of Donna Brombacher and Dick Walsh.  
Given by Janet Walsh.

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** In memory of Tim Dorsey.  
 Given by Joyce and Bob Duncan.  
 In loving memory of the Rev. Steve Cordes.  
 Given by Karen and Austin.

**Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** In memory of Kenneth and Ruth Ross.  
 Given by the Perras Family.



The monthly meeting of WELCA was held Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The second lesson on the study of the Apostles Creed was led by Donna Gibson. A question for the day was “What would you change in the Apostles Creed? This was quite thought provoking and lead to a lot of discussion. This study will continue at the next meeting of WELCA the third Tuesday of November 21<sup>st</sup>.

The upcoming mission projects were discussed. There will be the Thank Offering on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The annual Christmas potluck luncheon (all women are invited) will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon. Helen Inglis is coordinating the Mariner’s Box mission and following lunch, December 2<sup>nd</sup>., the Mariner’s Boxes will be packed and readied to be delivered to the Port of Albany. Items needed to be donated for the boxes are: socks, hats, gloves, note paper, stamps, candies and other “snack goodies”. These items can be brought to church any time prior to December 2<sup>nd</sup> and placed in the basket in the Narthex. All donations are most welcome.

Merilyn Niles will be collecting donations of Christmas cookies to be boxed up Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> following service. The Christmas cookie mission is one that is looked forward to each Christmas season. The bakers love to bake and the recipients love to eat. Lets’ outdo ourselves this year with a record number of cookie donations.

The WELCA group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at church in a Sunday School room. Each month there is a bible study and a short business meeting. The women of

WELCA are very mission oriented and would encourage your involvement. All women are cordially invited to join the group.

## **CHOIR**

Choir will resume Thursday rehearsals started. New voices are welcome. Please consider joining in raising our voices to the Glory of God.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group will be meeting at Faith Lutheran on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. during the month of November. All are welcome.

Please contact Michele Howard with any questions or for directions

## **SERVING FAITH in NOVEMBER**

Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Donna Gibson and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant	Errol Bull
	Ushers	Carol Perrott and Stephanie Wagar
	Counters	LouAnn Behrens and Janet Walsh
	Coffee Hour	Carolyn Rouse and Donna Gibson
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Pam Perras and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant	Rich Anderson
	Ushers	Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Polly and Bob Hayward
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull

Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Pam Perras and Polly Hayward
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Aaron Cordes B. Morgan, B. Speanburg, B. Stevens
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Merilyn Niles
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Altar	Janet Walsh and Merilyn Niles
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Fred Howard Bill Speanburg and Ron Turcotte
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Sara and John Martin

*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.  
Schedule for Altar Guild by Pam Perras  
Schedule for Coffee Hour by Heather Bull*

## **CHURCHTRAC ONLINE SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE**

Faith Church Council has purchased a license for ChurchTrac software that will be used as a database for congregation members, Church teams and groups; maintaining an electronic calendar of church events; and other features to assist in the management of our Church.

Congregation members may access the ChurchTrac website at:

<https://churchtraconline.com/memberaccess.php?church=5182374641> .

To sign in, each member will need to enter their email address and a passcode. The first time a member signs in they will need to click the area on

the web page "I do not have a passcode". A unique passcode will be sent to the member's email address. The member may then return to the website and sign in using the passcode provided.

ChurchTrac allows members to view and edit their member profile information and information of other members in their household. In addition, members may view the online Faith Calendar and access a directory of Church members including addresses and phone numbers.

Members are encouraged to visit the website to ensure their profiles are correct and make updates as needed.

If you have questions regarding the website, please contact Rob or Roberta Hayward at 674-3019 or [Rhayward@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Rhayward@nycap.rr.com)

## **THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2017**

**As we begin our preparation for Thanksgiving and the Christmas season, let us thank God for all his gracious gifts and pray for those who struggle through this difficult financial time.**

**As in the past we will again collect donations to help families during the Holidays. Donation envelopes will be available in the back of the church if you choose to donate through our church offering, OR, we are happy to accept them personally. Any amount is acceptable.**

**Together we can make a difference. Your donation will provide Thanksgiving Dinner and a bounty of additional food items to a few local families. Then, we do it again for Christmas, and top it off with clothes and toys for the children.**

**Thank You,  
LouAnn Behrens  
Pat Turcotte**



## DINNER CLUB

Dinner Club members gathered together on October 14th for a delicious baked ziti dinner hosted by the committee of Carol & Ron Karpian, Eleanor & Russ Lastrup, Stephanie Wagar, and Bill & Evelyn Jarosz. The evening commenced with appetizers and conversation at 6:00 p.m. The main course was served at 6:30 p.m. Following dinner, the Karpianes shared a slide presentation of their latest trip to Death Valley. The evening was enjoyed by all attendees.

November 11th will be the next gathering of dinner club. All are invited to come and join in on the evening. The committee hosting will be LouAnn Behrens, Donna Gibson, Polly & Bob Hayward, and Linda & Jim Hulihan. Won't you please come and enjoy an evening with your church family, just make a reservation with any of the committee members. Cocktails are served at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR/COORDINATOR

Barbara Boord is coordinating the Newsletter efforts. Hard copies of the Newsletter are available at church for pick up when you are present.

You may go to the church web site at: [www.faihlutherantroy.com](http://www.faihlutherantroy.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 December newsletter deadline is Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

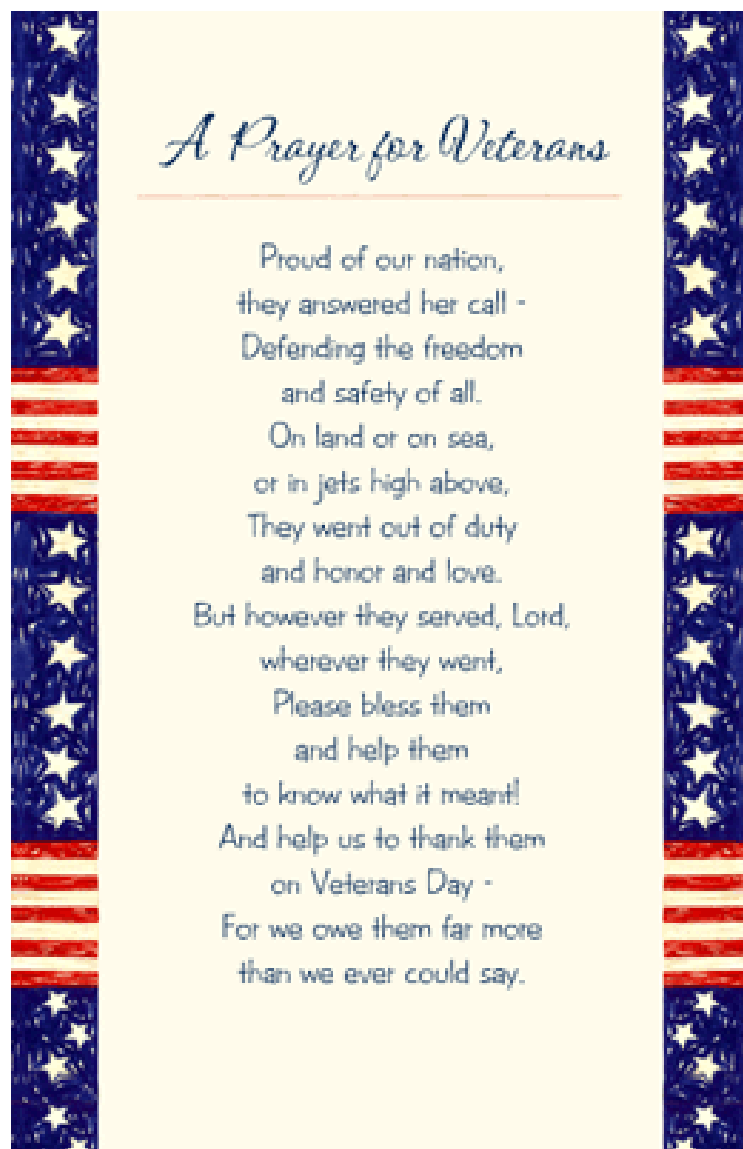
Anyone with items of interest or submissions for Among Our People please email your articles to:

**[barbboord@hotmail.com](mailto:barbboord@hotmail.com) or call (518) 982-1250.**

## UP-COMING SPEICAL EVENTS SAVE THE DATES

November 6, 7:00 PM – Council Meeting, Observers welcome.

November 19, 3:00 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service @ Transfiguration



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>CHOIR</i> <i>7:00PM</i> Home Bureau 1:00 to 3:00PM	3	4
5	6 <i>CREATIVE</i> <i>THREADS</i> 10:30AM COUNCIL 7PM	7 ELECTION DAY	8	9	10	11 VETEREN'S DAY <i>DINNER CLUB</i> 6:00PM
12	13 <i>CREATIVE</i> <i>THREADS</i> 10:30AM	14	15	16 <i>CHOIR</i> <i>7:00PM</i> Home Bureau 1:00 to 3:00PM	17	18
19 <i>Community</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Transfiguration</i> 3:00 PM	20 <i>CREATIVE</i> <i>THREADS</i> 10:30AM NEWSLETTER ITEMS	21 WELCA 10:00 AM	22 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27 <i>CREATIVE</i> <i>THREADS</i> 10:30AM	28	29	30 <i>CHOIR</i> <i>7:00PM</i>		

