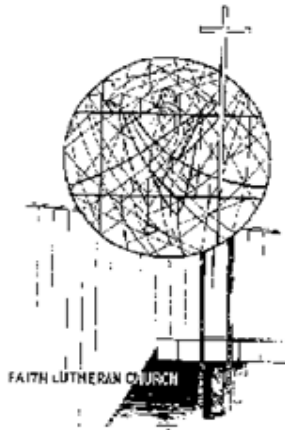


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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FOLLOWING FAITH

OCTOBER 2017



GOOD BYE!

We have come to the end of our brief relationship with each other. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve Evangelical and Faith during this time of pastoral transition and much change and not a little anxiety. My prayer is that I have been a blessing to you as you have been to me.

I have appreciated your willingness to experience different worship and sermon styles and your generous feedback. I have been impressed with your pursuit of covenant relationship and pray that the completion and filing of your Ministry Site Profile will result in a capable and inspired candidate for pastor.

Now it is time to say, "Good bye." Donna Van Zandt didn't want to, until I told her that Good bye is actually a contraction of the Old English "God be with ye." In preparing for the next adventure that my wife and I will share, I am reminded that the Germans like to say, "Auf wiedersehen," which means "until we see again." That's a pretty nice way, both in finite and infinite terms to profess that someday we will all see each other again.

Following a month in Germany visiting relatives and celebrating the Reformation, we will then make our way to Las Vegas to spend the winter months with our daughter, Rebekah, and her son, Slater. We are very much looking forward to that time together.

Pastor Jo Page, Dean of the Hudson/Mohawk Conference will be working on a new transitional pastor to serve you and I have arranged for worship supply coverage for the first three Sundays in October.

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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)
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Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Diana Rieker (Secretary)
Michele Howard/
Pam Perras Financial Secretaries)**

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

I wish to leave you with a word of "thanks be to God" and a Good Bye, that means, in the words of the old-time religion hymn, "God be with you until we meet again."

*Alive in Christ,
Pastor Jim (Now Fully Retired)*

GOOD BYE (GOD BE WITH YOU) PASTOR SLATER

September 24 was Pastor Slater's last Sunday with us. We have been blessed for the past 5 months to have him as our Transitional Leader and for the past 3 months to have him as our worship leader too.

In October, he and Mrs. Slater will be in Germany, culminating their trip at the end of October in Wittenberg celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in the place where it all started.

We wish the Slaters God's Blessing in a healthy, happy, and productive retirement.

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.

COVENANT AGREEMENT APPROVED AT SEPTEMBER 24 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our new covenant agreement with Evangelical – Poestenkill was discussed at an informational meeting on September 10 before Worship service. At the September 11 council meeting the proposed agreement was discussed further and unanimously recommended for approval to the congregation. On September 24, we held our Special Congregational meeting, where a version that had been slightly modified, as the result of input from the congregation, was considered, discussed and ultimately approved by all present.

Evangelical has scheduled their Special Congregational Meeting for October 8. We expect that they too will ratify the agreement.

The new agreement embodies many of the elements of our existing agreement. Its stated purpose "... is to allow the member congregations

the fullest extent of cooperation in the ministry of the Gospel, while permitting them to maintain their respective identities and heritage." It defines an eight-member Covenant Council consisting of 3 representatives from each congregation's council plus their respective treasurers, worship service scheduling parameters, and how we work together to jointly call, compensate, and share a Pastor.

A copy of the approved agreement is posted on the bulletin board. We will make one for you upon request.

Fred Howard
President

COUNCIL SUMMARY

The Council thoroughly reviewed the proposed Covenant Agreement. The resolution to approve the revised agreement will be presented at the upcoming congregational meeting on Sep 24th. The proposed Covenant Agreement includes the need for an 8 person call committee (4 members from each congregation).

Work on the Ministry Site Profile has begun. Most of the components have been created. Several members of the Council have volunteered to meet 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 October 2nd, 2017 at 7pm.

Diana Rieker,
Secretary

OUR FAITH at WORK

Our mission for the month of October will be in support of St. Paul's Center located in Rensselaer, New York.

St. Paul's Center provides emergency and transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children. To assist the residents in moving on to independent living, they receive support and

services in the following areas: counseling, parenting, homemaking, budgeting, literacy, pediatric and maternal health care, mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence education, job training and placement, and permanent housing.

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.

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



The summer is over and we are back to school and therefore back to Sunday School. Sunday School classes started on September 17 with little fanfare, but great attendance, 11 students in all. It was a truly wonderful start to what we hope will be a successful year. The kids started to learn about Martin Luther and the Reformation. We hope to have something to show to the congregation about these topics later in October.

Currently, we are planning on keeping our routine the same as last year, 3 Sundays the kids will attend Sunday School, with the 4th Sunday left open for the kids to attend the entire church service. One major change we have planned for this year is the transition to mostly electronic/online curriculum. The Council has approved the purchase of a “Smartboard” system so that our Sunday School can “get with the times” and take advantage of all the awesome resources available in this format. Hopefully by the time the next newsletter comes out we will be utilizing this system to it’s fullest extent.

Happy fall!

Sara Martin
Education Director

FLOWERS for OCTOBER

- Oct. 1st In memory of Harold A. Behrens, Jr.
Given by the Behrens Family.
- Oct. 8th In memory of Gwenlillian Lynch.
Given by Janet Walsh.
- Oct. 15th In honor of David and Rebecca's Birthdays.
Given by the Truland Family.
- Oct. 22nd In honor of Molly's Baptism.
Given by the Martin Family.
- Oct. 29th To the Glory of God

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group will be meeting at Poestenkill on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. during the month of October. Everyone’s presence is welcome.

Please contact Michele Howard with any questions or for directions



The women of the church met Tues. Sept. 19 after their hiatus of the summer. The group chose to begin this fall with the bible study of the Apostles' Creed. A version of the Apostles' Creed printed in 1919 was read, as well as, the Apostles' Creed from our current red hymnal. A discussion followed comparing the similarities of the two versions.

Saturday, October 21st there will be a quilting workshop from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The quilts started in the spring will be finished and readied for shipment to Lutheran World Service. We hope you'll plan to join us for this mission. Once again, we'll bring our own lunch and perhaps something to pass around and share. The old adage "many hands make light work" really hits home with this project. Don't sew? No problem there is lots to do!!

SERVING FAITH in OCTOBER

Oct. 1 st	Altar	Donna St. John and LouAnne Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Carol Karpjen Errol and Ryland Bull
	Counters	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
	Coffee Hour	Kathy and Doug Adamek
Oct. 8 th	Altar	Donna St. John and LouAnne Behrens
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Jarosz Donna and Dave Truland
	Counters	Michele and Fred Howard
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull

Oct. 15 th	Altar	Karen Cordes and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Bill Maloney Pat Brundige and Katie Bonnier
	Counters	Donna Gibson and Linda Hulihan
	Coffee Hour	Carolyn Rouse and Donna Gibson
Oct. 22 nd	Altar	Karen Cordes and Stephanie Wagar
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Pat Turcotte Barbara Boord and Mike Morosky
	Counters	Evelyn and Bill Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Janet Walsh and Marilyn Niles
Oct. 29 th	Altar	Donna Gibson and Evelyn Jarosz
	Lay Assistant Ushers	Dave Truland Pat Brundige and Katie Bonnier
	Counters	Rich and Diane 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*

CHOIR

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY SPECIAL CELEBRATION

A special combined worship service in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be held on Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 PM at Evangelical in Poestenkill.

A "Common Liturgy" created by the Lutheran World Federation will be followed. Pastor Jim Hulihan will be the Lutheran clergy representative and Father Tom from St. Henry's in Averill Park will be the Roman Catholic representative.

A combined choir will sing and all the Lutheran congregations in Rensselaer County will be invited to attend and participate. We hope that you will be part of this special celebration.

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,
LouAnne Behrens
Pat Turcotte**

YOUTH GATHERING 2018

The closing day of the Synod Assembly in Rochester Pastor Scott Hannon presented an inspiring video of a youth gathering for 2018 to be held in Houston, Texas

Imagine the opportunity to be among thousands of Lutheran high school students all on a journey to embrace their faith.

The theme of the week of June 27th through July 1st will be "This Changes Everything". Check out the Gathering web site [www.elca.org /Youth Gathering](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering) to learn more about the week. You'll be able to see videos and testimonials from previous Gathering attendees.

Your church council would like to speak with any of our high school students that would be interested in attending a week which will be full of fun and adventure. Time is of the essence. To be among your peers, you must act now for Faith is a bit late in getting ready for this event. So, check the web site out, become excited about the opportunity of Faith sending you to the 2018 Youth Gathering and let the council know you want to go!



DINNER CLUB

September 9th Oktoberfest was celebrated with the best "Wurst" dinner. The day was hosted by Donna and Eugene St. John, Carolyn Coleman, Chris Lansing and Michele and Fred Howard. The committee planned a lovely day of social activities and music.

The host committee for the October 14th gathering of dinner club will be Ron and Carol Karpfen, Sharon Morris, Eleanor and Russ Lastrup. Make a reservation with anyone of the committee members so you won't miss out on the culinary delights for the evening. Appetizers 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.faithlutherantroy.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 November newsletter deadline is Monday October 22nd

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

barbboord@hotmail.com or call (518) 982-1250.

UP-COMING SPEICAL EVENTS SAVE THE DATES

SEPTEMBER 29 - DINNER AND LUTHER MOVIE

As part of the 50th Anniversary of the Reformation celebration, Evangelical Poestenkill has invited us to a buffet style dinner of knockwurst, sauerkraut and German potato salad, at 6 PM Friday, September 29th. A movie about Martin Luther will follow at 7 PM. A good will offering will be taken to help cover the costs. Reservation would be appreciated, but not necessary, for anyone from Faith who would like to attend. Please call the Evangelical office phone (518) 283-6045 and leave a message if you are planning on attending!

OCTOBER 2 - 7:00 PM COUNCIL MEETING - OBSERVERS WELCOME

OCTOBER 29 3:00 PM - 500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY EVANGELICAL POESTENKILL

OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>CREATIVE THREADS 10:30AM</i>	3	4	5 Home Bureau 1:00 to 3:00PM	6	7 <i>DINNER CLUB 6:00PM</i>
8	9 <i>CREATIVE THREADS 10:30AM COUNCIL 7PM</i>	10 WELCA	11 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	12 <i>CHOIR 7:00PM</i>	13	14
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22	23 <i>CREATIVE THREADS 10:30AM NEWSLETTER ITEMS</i>	24	25 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	26 <i>CHOIR 7:00PM</i>	27	28
29 <i>500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY EVANGELICAL POESTENKILL</i>	30					