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MAY 2022

***May the Joy of the Risen Lord
Bless you this Easter Season!***

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(Observes Sabbath 9:00 PM Thursday thru Friday)
(In an emergency call the number above)

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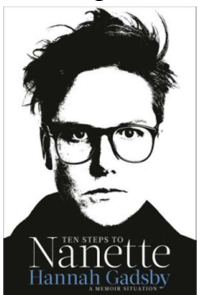
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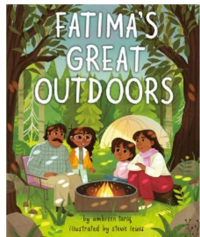


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Invitation to Helen Inglis' Memorial Service and Luncheon

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Memorial service: (No Reservations Required)

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Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 50 Leverssee Rd., Troy, NY

Luncheon: (Reservations Required)

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RSVP: For planning purposes, if you will be attending the luncheon, RSVP, with a headcount, to Nancy Russell, at russellpc@aol.com, or call her at 518-783-7881 NOT LATER than May 8.

Evangelical Chicken BBQ

On May 7, Evangelical will be holding their semi-annual Chicken BBQ. Complete dinners (which generally are generous enough for two meals) will be available for pickup between 4:30 and 6:00 pm at the church. Take out only; choice of cherry or lemon meringue pie for dessert. Cost \$15.00 per meal. Call 518 283 1447 for reservations which are recommended.

Sand Lake Center for the Arts

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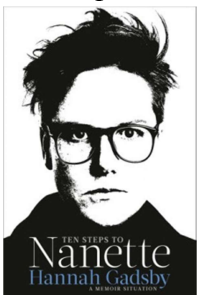
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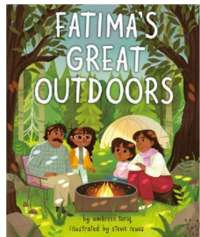


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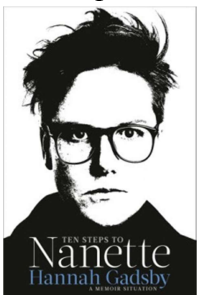
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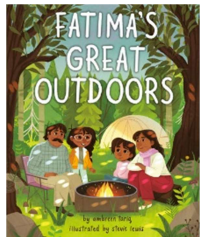


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----- *end of council meeting highlights* -----

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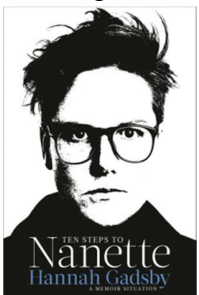
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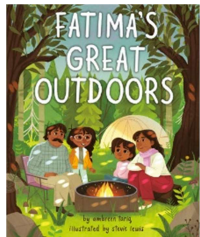


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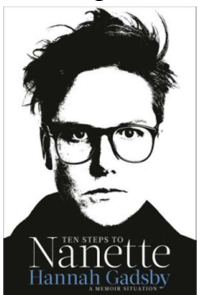
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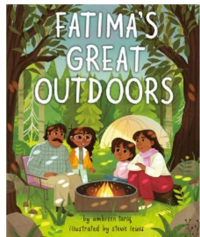


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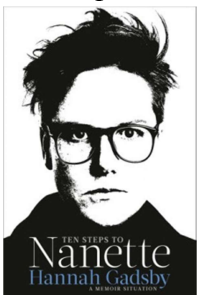
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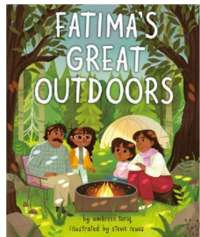


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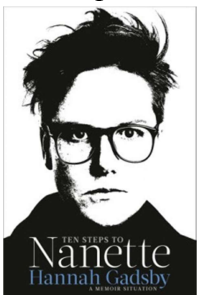
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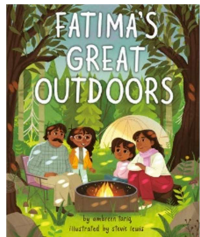


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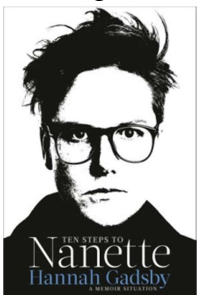
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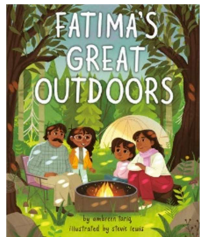


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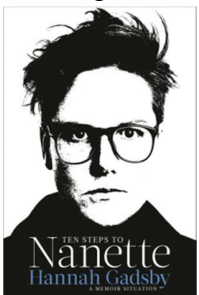
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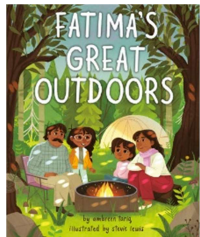


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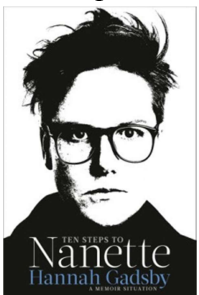
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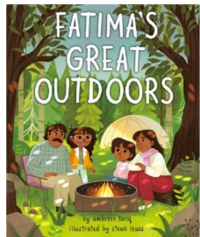


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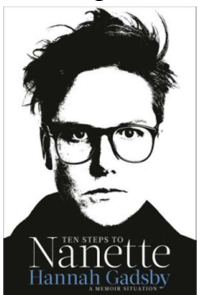
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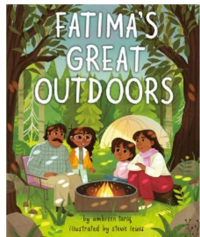


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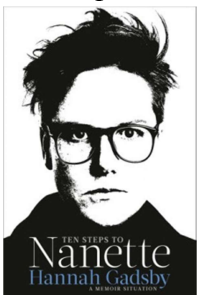
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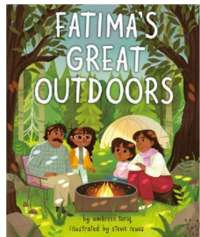


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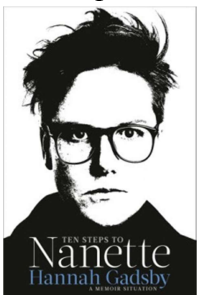
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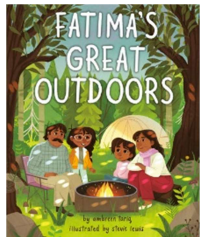


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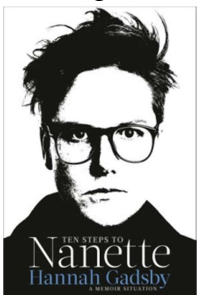
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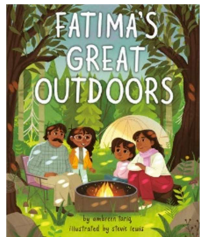


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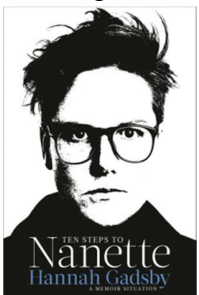
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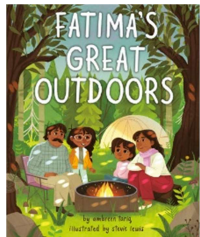


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In Person and Zoom
10:30 AM at Faith

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Donna St. John, President (Altar Guild, Dinner Club)

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I'm going to continue offering "virtual" office hours for anyone who wants to "drop-in" and have a casual chat. This is an opportunity for me to get better acquainted with you and you with me. If you want something more "formal" or at a better time for you, reach out by phone, text, or email and we'll make it happen.

Topic: Pr. Kate's Virtual Office Hours

Time: Tuesdays, 10am-12pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117569411?pwd=elJVZzdhdhOTBjMU4xR1JibERITEU0QT09>

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Pr. Kate takes a vacation!

Mon. May 9 – Sun. May 15. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pr. Lowell Chilton, interim at First, Albany (518-463-1326).

From the Pastor's Desk...

Jesus the Christ is risen! Alleluia!

If you heard this past Sunday's sermon, you know that I'll be spending most of the season preaching from the Acts* reading (our first reading). The big reason for this is to focus us on the post-resurrection work of the early Church. Jesus rose, made some selective appearances, and then took off promising to return. The resurrection was world-changing; we live now in the hopes and promises of new life. But the resurrection didn't change the world; there is still violence, poverty, oppression, and injustice. The work of the Church is not just to share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection and how we share in that through baptism; we are to also work to realize the Divine Realm by ending violence, poverty, oppression, and injustice with compassion, mercy, and grace. These are the things Jesus taught and preached in Galilee, on the way to Jerusalem, and in the Temple. After his resurrection and ascension, the apostles** were charged with continuing this Divine work.

The Acts of the Apostles is the second part of the Gospel of Luke and tells the continuing, post-ascension story. These are the people who proclaimed the resurrection, and in the book of Acts give several witness statements to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, including multiple times before the high priest and council of elders. The book gives an account of the early Church and its expansion from a tiny group of followers into a movement spreading throughout the Roman Empire as they followed the risen Jesus' directive to be "witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (1:8). While it is ostensibly about all the apostles, it focuses primarily on Peter and Paul. The narrative unfolds in two main parts: chapters 1-12 is primarily concerned with activities in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. Peter is the central figure delivering speeches, performing healings, and baptizing Cornelius, the first Gentile convert (chp. 10). Chapter 13 begins a shift in focus to Paul and his missionary activity in present-day Turkey and Greece, his arrest, and journey to Rome.

Jesus the Christ is risen! But the story is far from over. Nearly two thousand years later we gather to hear it, to tell it, and to be part of writing the next chapter. Alleluia!

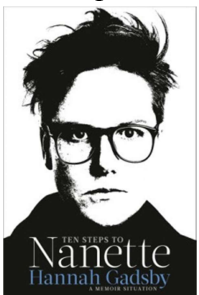
*If you've never read Acts from start to finish, I recommend you do. Be prepared for a lot of repetition and for it to feel like a bit of a slog to get through.

**What's the difference between "disciple" and "apostle"? Basically, disciple is a word meaning "student," or otherwise referring to a follower or learner. Apostle come from a Greek word meaning "send forth" or "one sent off." In our Gospels and Acts, the disciples are a large group of people following Jesus and learning from him; the apostles are the ones appointed to "go forth" to spread the Good News (e.g.: The Twelve, Mary Magdalene- the first to be sent to proclaim the resurrection, and Paul).

Reading

Memoir

Ten Steps to Nanette: A Memoir Situation (2022) by Hannah Gadsby.

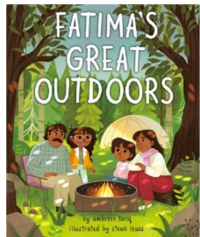


In her 2018 show, *Nanette*, Australian comedian Hannah Gadsby quit comedy. I watched the one hour special on Netflix- twice- and talked about it in my final sermon at Hope that Sunday (my internship congregations were Hope and Joy), especially the bits about the difference between humility and humiliation, and storytelling. Gadsby didn't so much quit comedy as much as she quit the old rules of self-deprecation and humiliation to tell her story. She talks more about these and other things in her 2020 follow-up, *Douglas*, which I also love. I pre-ordered this book months ago, and when it arrived last month began reading it right away. I

didn't get far then but sitting in a veterinarian ER waiting room because of a sick cat gave me the chance to read a fair amount about her growing up the youngest of 5 in a small Australian town and laugh at her mum's response to being asked what she was like as a kid. I feel a sort-of-kinship with her, the way she wanted to be a dog and me a cat.

Children's

Fatima's Great Outdoors (2021) by Ambreen Tariq (illustrated by Stevie Lewis).



My children's book subscription just arrived with the theme "Celebrating Muslim Creators" for the lunar month of Ramadan, happening now (April 2 – May 1). Ambreen Tariq is a co-founder of Outdoor Muslims, a community of Muslims and allies in the DC area who enjoy exploring the outdoors together. When reflecting on the lack of diversity in outdoor spaces she says, "In my faith, Islam, every major revelation from a prophet or a holy person happens in spaces that are remote, natural, and separate from our very developed city lives. We can't just tell people to get outside. We have to think about what are the privileges that enable me to be out there, obstacles that others do not overcome, cannot overcome...." In this semi-autobiographical book, Fatima shakes off a frustrating week at school, where the kids think she's weird, as she and her family have their first camping adventure. (I'll be taking a mini-camping vacation in May, but I plan on hitting a campground a few more modern amenities than Fatima and her family enjoy on their trip.)

Contact info and virtual office hours:

Youth of Faith!

Our next get-together will be May 22 after worship (c. 11:45am – 1:15pm). Join us for lunch, a craft of some sort, and conversation. Exact "topic" tbd (maybe Pentecost? Or make a request!).

Faith Lutheran Technology Upgrade

Volunteers are still needed to run and monitor the Zoom service on Sundays. It is a simple process now. Basically, turning on and turning off the zoom service.

Please let me know if you are interested in being part of the Zoom Team. Thank you!

Donna St. John, President 518-526-2545 cell

Our Faith at Work

The featured mission for the month of May will be in support of the work of Unity House.

Unity House is a nonprofit organization that provides a wide range of services to meet the otherwise unmet needs of people in our community. Unity House assists those who are living in poverty, adults living with mental illness or HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, and children with developmental delays.

----- Council Meeting Highlights April 4, 2022 -----

Committee Reports

Review and appoint committee chairs for 2022

- **Inreach/Outreach** – Katie Bonnier & Doug Adamek have volunteered to co-chair this committee as well as Missions.

- **Office Administration** – No report
- **Missions** – Katie Bonnier & Doug Adamek
Linda Hulihan will continue to help until Bonnier is comfortable with the process.
- **Education** – Sara Martin, Dave Cerrone
Pastor will meet with youth after church once a month. The Education Committee will meet with Sue Decker from ELCP to discussion cooperative education opportunities for all ages. Pastor reported the Lenten bible study is going well.
- **Stewardship** – Carol Karpfen and council collaboration. Information is needed for quarterly Stewardship newsletter article
- **Property** – Errol Bull, Bill Jarosz, and Doug Adamek
Bill Jarosz reported that the fire extinguisher inspection was completed and the missing shingles have been replaced. Plans are being discussed for painting the church late summer or early fall. A spring cleaning up will be scheduled.
- **Worship**– Donna VanZandt and Pastor Kate are working with ELPC on scheduling Holy Week Services. The liturgical setting will change after Easter.
- **Partnership Council** - Carol Karpfen, Roberta Hayward, Bill Jarosz, Donna Van Zandt
- Readings were chosen for Pastor's installation on May 1. Service time options for installation Sunday were discussed. It was decided that the worship service at Faith on May 1 will be at 3:00 pm rather than at 10:30. The service will include the formal installation of Pastor Kate Drefke

Business at hand

- **Synod conference June 5-6**
We need to finalize who will represent the congregation at the synod (June 5-6) assembly. Donna Van Zandt has volunteered to represent us. Pastor Kate will be going. A male delegate is still needed.
- **Installation of Pastor Kate**
May 1st, 2022 Volunteers are needed to work with ELCP to prepare a reception. A chair to work with ELCP is needed. Several council members offered to help with reception.
- **Renewal of Zoom and Sundays and Seasons accounts.** Both have been renewed.
- **Media and web presence - Sara Martin** volunteered to write a newspaper article.
- **Technology upgrade Project team report**
GE Elfun computers have arrived. One computer was sent back as it was not working and will be replaced. Thanks to Glen Peyser for transferring software. Thanks to Eugene St. John and his coworker Chris, Pastor Lowell and Pastor Kate for setting up the Zoom Computer, webcam and Blue Yeti microphone. Zoom is working better. **A huge thank you to all!**
- **Policy writing team** -Hall Rental and Memorials gift agreements - Karpfen and Van Zandt volunteered to work on agreements.
- **Hiring part time administrative staff - Tabled** after discussion of financial impact. Will be reassessed in 6 months.
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