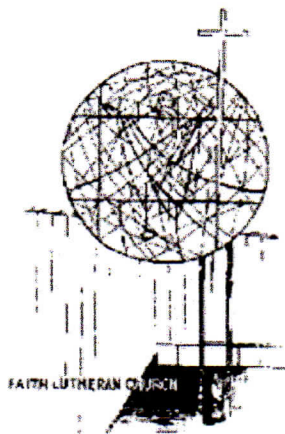


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
50 LEVERSEE ROAD
TROY, NEW YORK 12182



Following Faith

NOVEMBER 2019

THE LONG WAIT IS OVER!

On Sunday October 27, 2019, the Evangelical Lutheran – Poestenkill and Faith Lutheran – Troy, at specially called congregational meetings, each voted to Call Pastor Judith Converse to be our new shared Pastor. The required paperwork was completed on October 28, and forwarded to the Upstate Synod Bishop. Pastor Judy is beginning her assignment immediately.

Her first Pastoral letter follows.

We pray for God's blessing on Pastor Judy and for our churches as we go forward in this new relationship together.

Fred

GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JUDY

Dear new (!) friends,

How excited I was to hear after the congregational votes of your decision to call me as your pastor! I have been waiting for a while to receive a new call – and I know that you have been waiting a long time to call a pastor. And so now – we get to begin again – together!

We come together as pastor and people for the first (official) time in this month of November. These are the final four weeks of the church year and a time in which we take intentional time to recognize both our human mortality as well as the gracious gift of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our first Sunday together is All Saints' Sunday – a day to honor and give thanks for the lives of those we knew and loved – those who now rest from their earthly labors in the bright light of God's presence. By the end of this month, we will have moved through the 'end times' and will celebrate the Reign of Christ/ Christ the King Sunday. Later that week we give thanks for God's bountiful blessings – before we turn the calendar page to . . . Advent!

As we begin, I want to make sure that you know of ways to be in touch with me other than calling the church phone number:

**Faith Lutheran Church
50 Leversee Road
Troy, New York 12182
(518) 237-4641**

www.faithlutherantroy.com

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

Church Council Officers:

**Fred Howard (President)
Doug Adamek (Vice President)
Barbara Boord (Treasurer)
Evelyn Jarosz (Secretary)
Rich Anderson (Financial Secretary)**

Council Members

**Doug Adamek (Education)
Rob Hayward (Office Administration)
Linda Hulihan
Evelyn Jarosz
Mike Moroskey (Property)
Diana Rieker (Missions),
Fred Howard (Stewardship)
Ben Wagar (Property)**

Newsletter Editor, Barbara Boord

- I have a cell phone with me all the time – 978 808 6780. That can be used for telephone calls and for texting.
- I have an email address that I check regularly – judyconverse@gmail.com
- And I am pretty active on Facebook at Judy Patzloff Converse. Please 'friend' me and message me as you want!

- Lastly – Steve and I have an address that we just moved to – 404 Brunswick Drive, Apt. 12, Brunswick, NY 12180 – a lovely apartment with ‘a view!’

I am excited to get to know you all – and to see where God is calling us to do His work in the world!

Blessings,
Pastor Judy

AFTER SERVICE NOVEMBER 17TH

Pastor Judy would like to meet with any interested members to discuss our how we hold our Sunday worship service, what settings that we use, and any other items that affect our normal service and schedule. Anyone and everyone invited!



OUR FAITH at WORK

The featured mission for the month of November is Joseph's House located in downtown Troy. Joseph's House provides emergency shelter and/or support services to an average of 1,000 men, women and children yearly. Central to Joseph's House mission is to provide non-judgmental services to end homelessness. Treating each person with dignity & respect, and promoting self-determination empowers guests and tenants to make healthier choices.

The Bread of Life Food pantry is asking for the following items this month: Fruit juice (low sugar), canned fruit (in own juice), boxed pasta, cereal for kids, baked beans (like Bush's), sugar, flour and cooking oil, snacks and granola bars, canned vegetables, mayo, mustard and ketchup. The following non-food items are always needed: laundry soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, toothbrushes (adult), toothpaste, soap, shampoo and deodorant.

Your continued support of the “Pull Tab” and “Box Top” missions is most appreciated. Both missions

are receiving donations from the congregation each week. You will find the collection containers on the table in the Narthex.

The Bread of Life Food pantry collection box is in the Narthex. Food items that the pantry would be most appreciative to receive this month are listed on the box. Please be generous with your donation.

Diana Rieker, Missions

AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers of healing and comfort for Stephanie Wagar who continues with a course of chemo therapy.

Larry Boord who is in Schenectady Center Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady after a fall at home. Kay Young who suffered a stroke this past week.

Helen Inglis who is continuing to work hard at rehabilitation after suffering a stroke. Helen is now living in the Guilderland Atria, 300 Mill Rose Court, Slingerlands, NY 12159. She can receive cards there. She is also able to have visitors. We are pleased with Helen's progress!

Prayers of encouragement for Pastor Judy and the Councils of Faith and Evangelical as they lead our congregations into a new journey of Faith.



JOINT PRAYER GROUP

Faith Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran have a Joint Prayer Group that has been active since June 2016. There are approximately 12 of us that pray on a regular basis for our churches, for our new Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

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Most of our group prays at home although several of us have been meeting together at Evangelical or Faith on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm to pray together.

Pray for spiritual revival in this area. Pray also for the churches in this area that are struggling and in need of pastors.

If you, a loved one, or someone you know would like to be included on the specific list for prayers, please let me know

Michele Howard, mcvh44@aol.com, 518 753 4288, or in person on Sunday Morning

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS BASKETS 2019

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

As in past years, we will be collection 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. Together we can make it happen. We are ALSO posting a list of needed items in the narthex for anyone who would rather shop. This will make it much easier for us to organize and distribute. We will do it again at Christmas including clothes and some toys for children.

Pat Turcotte and I welcome anyone wishing to help with shopping or distribution of the food and gifts, so please touch base with one of us if you would like to help out.

Thank You,
Lou Ann Behrens

SERVING FAITH in NOVEMBER

Nov. 10	Altar	Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant	Donna Gibson
Nov. 10 -	Ushers	Errol Bull and Ron

cont	Counters	Turcotte
	Coffee Hour	Pat Brundige and Joyce Duncan
		Dinner Club Committee
Nov. 17	Altar	Donna St. John
	Lay Assistant	Bill Jarosz
	Ushers	Diana Rieker and Jim Peters
	Counters	Bill and Evelyn Jarosz
	Coffee Hour	Heather and Errol Bull
Nov. 24	Altar	Roberta Hayward Karen Cordes
	Lay Assistant	Mitch Cieminski
	Ushers	Roberta and Rob Hayward
	Counters	Fred and Michele Howard
	Coffee Hour	David and Dana Cerrone
Dec. 1	Altar	TBA
	Lay Assistant	Carol Karpier
	Ushers	Mike Moroskey and Katie Bonnier
	Counters	Diane and Rich Anderson
	Coffee Hour	Fred and Michele Howard

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.

Worship Chairperson, Roberta Hayward, Altar Guild, Fred Howard, Coffee Hour



FLOWERS for NOVEMBER

- Nov. 10** **In Memory of Donna Brombacher
and Dick Walsh by Janet Walsh**
- Nov. 17** **In Memory of Bill Maloney by
Karen and Gary James and family**
- Nov. 24** **In Memory of Tim Dorsey, given
by Joyce and Robert Duncan.**
- Dec. 1** **To the Glory of God**

CHOIR

Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. All voices are welcome. New voices are needed!

If you would like to be participate, please speak to Donna Van Zandt or to any choir member.

NEWSLETTER 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.faithlutheranchurchtroy.com any time and view the newsletter.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Barbara at:
barbboord@hotmail.com.

Finally, at your request, we will be happy to send you a copy via the USPS.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the December newsletter is Monday: November 18th. Please email your articles to: barbboord@hotmail.com.

The Lord's Prayer

The Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	7 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM <i>COUNCIL</i> 7:00 PM	8	9	10 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	11	9 DINNER CLUB 6:30 PM
10	11 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	12	13 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	14	15	16
17	18 NEWSLETTER Articles Due <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	19	20	21 Home Bureau 2:00 to 4:00 PM	22	23
24	25 <i>CREATIVE THREADS</i> 10:30 AM	26	27 Speigle Elders 10:30AM-2:30PM	27 THANKSGIVING	29	30