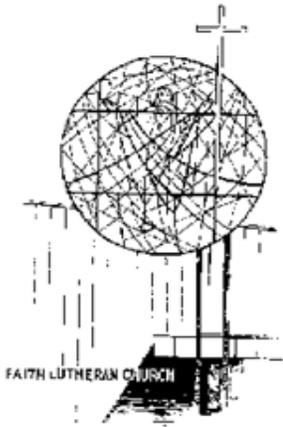
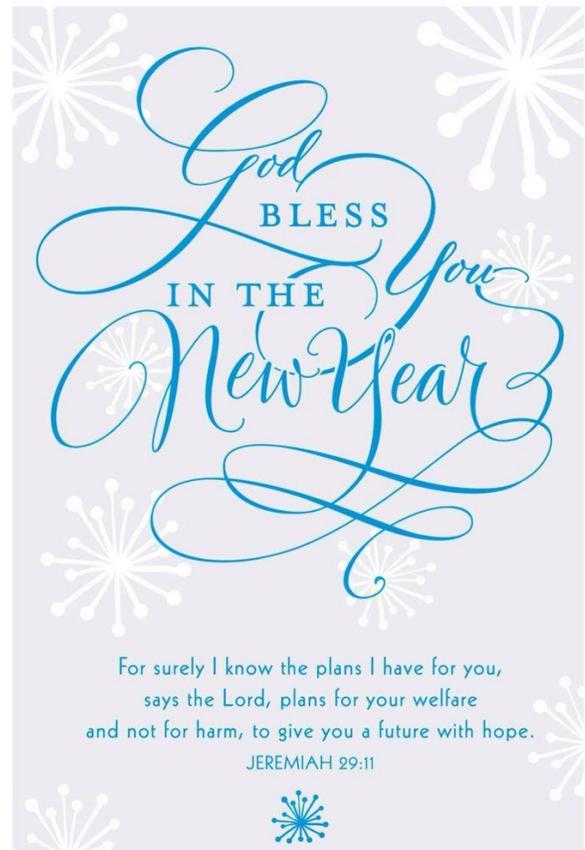


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# ***Following Faith***

***January 2021***





Dear friends,

As sad as I often am to finish up my favorite church year season of Advent, it's always fun to get to the even shorter season that lasts only twelve days – the Christmas season. But all too soon, that is over also – and we move into the Time after Epiphany. This is the first part of what is known as Ordinary Time – when the Sundays are numbered through this season and continue throughout the much-longer Time after Pentecost which takes up most of the summer and fall.

This year we'll hear most often from the book of Mark for our Sunday gospel reading. I have long appreciated the direct, action-oriented voice of Mark who is apt to use words like NOW and IMMEDIATELY quite often. Through the season and up until Lent begins, we'll be hearing about Jesus' early ministry – and his invitation to follow him. It is my hope that our own discipleship will be strengthened in this time.

Grateful for our journey together through these days,

**Pastor Judy**

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**Sunday morning virtual worship: 9:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Judith Converse, Pastor  
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**Church Council Officers:**

**Diana Rieker (President)  
Bill Jarosz (Vice President)  
Carol Karpfen (Secretary)  
Roberta Hayward (Treasurer)  
Rich Anderson (Financial Secretary)**

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**Errol Bull (Property)  
Fred Howard (Special Projects)  
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Bill Jarosz (Property)  
Sara Martin (Education)  
Carol Perrott (Inreach/Outreach)  
Donna St. John (Missions)**

**R. Hayward, F. Howard, B. Jarosz,  
and C. Karpfen (Partnership Council)**

**Barbara Boord, Newsletter Editor**

Dear Faith Lutheran Congregants:  
Due to the increase in COVID 19 infections, in person worship has been suspended. Faith Church Council will discuss the reinstatement of in person worship at the March Council meeting. Virtual worship services will continue to be offered.

The Annual congregational meeting will be held via Zoom on January 31st immediately following the virtual worship service. Meeting materials will be mailed to congregants shortly.

Please see the attached worship bulletin for this week's virtual service that will begin at 10:30 a.m..

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## OUR FAITH at WORK

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### JANUARY MISSION

The featured mission for the month of January is in support of the **Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York**. The Regional Food Bank provides food assistance to many charitable agencies serving the hungry and disadvantaged, including food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, youth programs, senior programs, and programs for the disabled. Many of our neighbors continue to struggle with hunger and food insecurity. Our support helps make the Regional Food Bank a better and stronger organization that improves the lives of hungry people throughout the Capital Region. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

#### Ongoing Missions:



We continue to collect the pull tabs off soda or beer cans. Donated pull tabs will be periodically dropped off to the Ronald McDonald House, in

Albany. You will find the collection containers on the table in the Narthex.



Also, thank you for your ongoing support for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Food donations can be left in the collection box in the Narthex or dropped off directly to Evangelical Church in Poestenkill.

*Donna St. John, Missions*

### AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Prayers for Larry Boord who is scheduled to see the Urologist on January 12th as he may have Prostrate Cancer and is receiving special physical therapy for his lymph edema in his legs. Please include Barbara as well.

Please pray for Susan Hanna Christian, and her family.

Susan was recently diagnosed with terminal breast cancer which has already metastasized to her entire body.

Let us pray for the strength needed by Susan and her family as they move through this unfortunate challenge, and for all their necessary healing.

Please continue prayers for Dave Tomlinson.

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

And finally, prayers for our country and our world in these times of COVID-19 pandemic and turmoil and unrest.

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THANK YOU

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Thank you to all the cookie bakers and helpers that made the annual cookies for the shut ins possible. Lets face it, this season we are all shut in. How wonderful that even in this challenging time we assembled and delivered 30 plus tins of cookies.



### 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 Pastor and for healing for our members and others in need of prayer.

Pray for wisdom for our church leaders as we plan how we as congregations will worship together in the future.

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](mailto:mcvh44@aol.com), (518) 753-4288.



### DINNER CLUB

### NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Fred Howard is coordinating the Newsletter efforts starting with the February Newsletter.

Newsletter copies may be viewed on the church web site: [www.faihlutheranchurchtroy.com](http://www.faihlutheranchurchtroy.com) at any time.

We will email you a copy if you send your email address directly to Fred at [farmerfred169@aol.com](mailto:farmerfred169@aol.com).

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

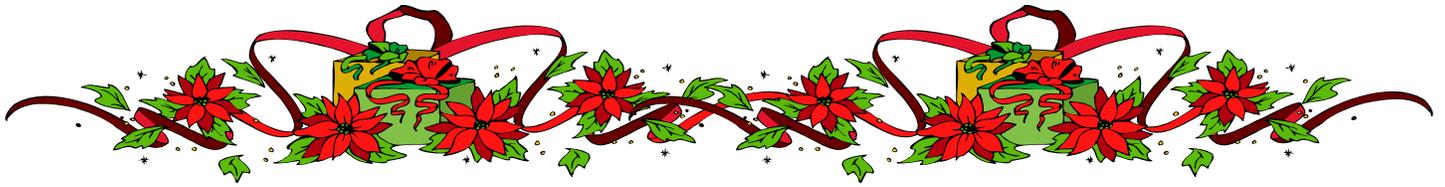
### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter item deadline for the February 2021 newsletter is Friday January 22nd. Please email your articles to: [farmerfred169@aol.com](mailto:farmerfred169@aol.com).



### ELCA Prayer for Times of Public Health Concern: COVID-19/Coronavirus

God, our peace, and our strength, we pray for our nation and the world as we face new uncertainties around coronavirus. Protect the most vulnerable among us, especially all who are currently sick or in isolation. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Guide us as we consider how best to prepare and respond in our families, congregations, workplaces, and communities. Give us courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**POINSETTIAS  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2020**

- In loving memory of Roland and Helen Anderson. Given by Rich and Diane Anderson.  
In loving memory of William H. Eccles, Jr. Given by Katie Bonnier.  
In loving memory of our loved ones. Given by Dave and Dana Cerrone.  
In loving memory of Pastor Cordes. Given by Dave and Dana Cerrone.  
In loving memory of Stephen D. Lansing. Given by Carolyn Coleman.  
In loving memory of Nancy Converse. Given by Pastor Judy and Steve Converse.  
In loving memory of Guy Patzloff. Given by Pastor Judy and Steve Converse.  
In loving memory of Mariel Patzloff. Given by Pastor Judy and Steve Converse.  
In loving memory of Stephen Cordes and Helen Smuss. Given by Karen and Austin Cordes.  
Christmas Blessings to All Members of Faith Lutheran as we celebrate Christ's Birth.  
Given by Karen and Austin Cordes.
- In loving memory of Sharon Benson. Given by Doug, Diane, and Brittany Dyer.  
In loving memory of Douglas Dyer, Sr. Given by Doug, Diane, and Brittany Dyer.  
In loving memory of Clarence and Eleonora Momrow, Jr. Given by Doug, Diane, and Brittany Dyer.  
In loving memory of Martin Fane, Jr. Given by the Family  
In loving memory of Martin and Mary Fane. Given by the Family.  
In memory of Missy Fane. Given by the Family.  
In memory of Harold and Rita Fane. Given by the Family.  
In memory of Stanley and Agnes Fane. Given by the Family.  
In memory of Anna and Sophie Happ. Given by the Family.  
In loving memory of Beverly Best. Given by the Family.  
In loving memory of Tom and Vira Best and Lila Powell. Given by the Family.  
In loving memory of Herbert Mason and Irene Mason. Given by the Family.  
In loving memory of Anna Niles, Burnett Niles, and Florence Niles. Given by the Family.  
In loving memory of the Hayward Family. Given by Bob and Polly Hayward.  
In loving memory of the Ruchel Family. Given by Bob and Polly Hayward.  
In loving memory of Helen Inglis. Given by the Inglis Family.  
In loving memory of Harry F. Inglis, Jr. Given by the Inglis Family.  
In loving memory of Loved Ones. Given by Bill and Evelyn Jarosz.  
In loving memory of Eric Johansen. Given by Nancy L. Johansen.  
In loving memory of Cay Moss. Given by Nancy L. Johansen.  
In loving memory of Genevieve and Joseph Karpfen and William Muchow.  
Given by Ron and Carol Karpfen.
- In loving memory of Bob Laustrup. Given by Elinor Laustrup  
In loving memory of Mark Laustrup. Given by Elinor Laustrup.  
In loving memory of Russ Laustrup. Given by Elinor Laustrup.  
In loving memory of Harold Mathis. Given by Alan and Carol Fike  
and John and Sara Martin.

