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# Faith Opens Doors



*From the Pastor's Desk*

*"And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
"See, I am making all things new."  
~ Revelation 21:5*

What are we hoping God will make new for us in this season? Students are beginning a new school year. Our church is preparing for new Sunday School students and an annual meeting where we will elect new council members and a new budget for our fiscal year. As we prepare for a return to different fall schedules than we are used to, many of us are tiring of travel restrictions, an abundance of extra school rules, and the daily drone of more bad news. As Christians, we cling to the hope we have in Christ and the promise that he will make all things new.

As we were about to begin publication of this newsletter, our school board and executive committee made the difficult decision to not reopen our Nursery School this fall due to unsustainable financial risk and volatility of student enrollment during this pandemic. Certainly, this is a pain and shock to many of you reading this, as the church has invested many hours of volunteer time as well as financial resources into supporting our school. We can be proud of our reputation in the community of providing quality, faith-based early childhood education for fifty-five years. Many of our staff members have served us faithfully for twenty years or more, not just for a livelihood but with a passion and as a calling from God. I ask that you please keep them in your prayers.

At the same time, I urge you in conversations with others, particularly with those in our community, to remember that God has a hopeful future in store for us! We do have plans to reopen our school again when the situation is more stable. **Our nursery school is not closing for good.** We have an opportunity in this waiting time to listen and respond to what our community needs at this time, exploring other ministry ventures. We are continuing to pursue opening a new English as a Second Language program to connect to new neighbors and inviting new young families moving into our community to our church, online or in-person. Because we are currently limiting singing in worship, our music director Travis Bloom is trying a "new" bell choir to enhance our worship services. I am excited to begin a new Saturday Bible study that will dig into the book of Revelation. This is a book that most of us skip over or read and scratch our heads, but in actuality, it contains a message of great hope in difficult times.

Although this year has been challenging on so many levels, we do not lose heart or give up hope that God will continue to guide us and lead us into a positive future. God is calling you to be a part of bringing this good news of hope in Christ to a hurting world. Perhaps as we consider what we want God to make new for us, we can also think about new friends to invite to church, online or in person, new neighbors to meet, and new opportunities to serve. Whatever the outcome, I look forward to continuing the adventure of being the church together with you as we see what God has in store for us next.

**Mission Statement**

***We preach, teach, and  
share God's love in Christ***



**Sunday Worship  
10:00 am**



### **Use Your Talent to God's Glory**

Have you heard about the school for animals that was set up in this forest? All the animals decided it was time

to set some criteria for who should be allowed to live in the forest, so a number of them came up with a curriculum that included tree climbing, swimming, flying, and running. They decided all animals must pass each of these classes in order to graduate.

Well, the first class was in tree climbing, which of course the squirrels passed with flying colors. The fleet-footed deer, however, flunked the course. When it came to running, the deer got straight A's, but the geese kept falling over frontwards. Now, in flying, the bald eagle flew circles around the squirrels, who kept falling off the branches onto the ground below.

The point, of course, is clear. God has given each part of his creation a talent according to their ability and that includes humans, as well. We are the ones who have decided that to be talented means that we excel in one of three or four areas and we are willing to pay enormous salaries to those who meet our criteria.

God's idea of talents, however, is based on their usefulness to others, not on the number of talents, nor how artistic they are. Not only will we be held accountable for using the talent we have been given, but as importantly, whether we have used it in God's kingdom.

#### ***The Grace to Share***

***Loving God, as the sower scattered seeds with the hope of an abundant crop, we commit these tithes and offerings to help grow your Word and ask that their impact in our world may grow a hundred, sixty or thirty times what is sown.***

***We know that our lives are full of weeds, planted by enemies of greed, consumerism and fear. As we commit these gifts to your ministry, help us to separate the first fruits in our lives from the weeds and all that is good in your name from all that which tempts away from you.***

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-43**



***In September we kick off our onsite and zoom Sunday School!*** Rally Day is September 13<sup>th</sup> where we will launch the "back to school" start of our program with the blessing of the backpacks, teachers and students. Weather permitting we will hold Sunday School outside on the

northern side of the Church – we have new children's picnic tables we can use! We are going to start our season with the creation story. We will use the next few months to read and discuss some of the best stories in the Old Testament. A Zoom session will be available for those who are not able to attend. Stay tuned for the Zoom information.

### **FAITH LUTHERAN NURSERY SCHOOL**



Sadly, the pandemic is preventing us from opening our Nursery School doors, but we remain hopeful for the spring season!

**Congratulations to our confirmands Alyssa Todaro, Ryan Barone, and Blake Donahue** who will be confirmed at Faith on Sunday, September 20 at our 10am in-person service. We will be offering this service on Facebook Live as well as posting the recording on our YouTube channel for those who can't physically join us for this celebration.

**Starting September 6<sup>th</sup>, our Musical Director, Travis Bloom** is planning to lead a socially distanced hand bell choir until we can resume a singing choir. If you are interested, please contact him at (570-269-9610).

**Like our Facebook Page**, Faith Lutheran Church at <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheransyosset/>. Also check us out on our **website** at [www.faithsyosset.org](http://www.faithsyosset.org). Our YouTube channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51lc5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A>.



**September**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Diane Abbott
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kayla Hickey
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pr. Rebecca Sheridan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Carl Juul-Nielsen
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nancy Baumann
- 15<sup>th</sup> Lois Martillo
- 16<sup>th</sup> Neal Burns
- 17<sup>th</sup> Helen Meyer
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jackson Bullaro
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Carly Dabal
- 25<sup>th</sup> Brian Rauch
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Sofia
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Wu



**September**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Everett & Linda Boccafolo
- 14<sup>th</sup> Robert & Lynn Janetschek
- 15<sup>th</sup> John & Kimberly Donahue



**Saturday Bible Study:** Starting September 12 at 10:30am, we will be diving into the book of Revelation.

This is the perfect book to study together in a group. We will meet again on September 19 at 10:30am as well, covering the first three chapters this month. All are welcome! We will be meeting in person in the church library, but you may also call in from a phone or connect via webcam:

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/543333293>

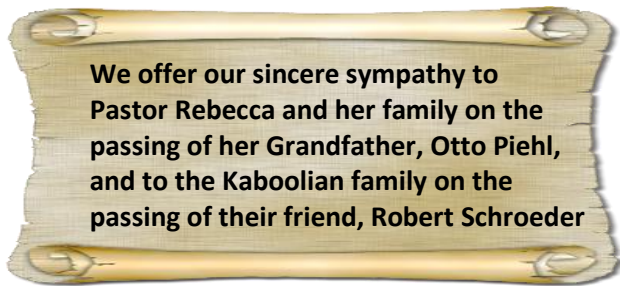
**You can also dial in using your phone.** United States: **+1 (312) 757-3121** **Access Code: 543-333-293**  
New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/543333293>

Faith's Council has established a running list of designated gift priorities for our church. If you would like to give a special gift in memory or in honor of someone, or simply to support our church's ministries outside of your regular offering, the current list is below:

1. Office Door Replacement
2. New Windows Fund
3. Fellowship Hall Lighting
4. Organ Fund
5. New long tables for Fellowship Hall
6. Landscaping and Biblical Garden upkeep

Please contact Linda Boccafolo, secretary, or Pastor Rebecca for further questions.



Don't forget! Our church is online as an option for charitable donations when you purchase orders through Amazon. For Faith to get .5% proceeds from your orders, you need to go to the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-1855652>. Or go to smile.amazon.com and search for Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Syosset.

You may register to give electronically on the front page of our website or mail in your offering. Thank you for remembering to support our church during this uncertain time!

**September worship: Starting September 6, we will be resuming in-person worship at 10am.**

Our online worship service will also be available at 10am with hymn-singing. All are welcome to join us for Zoom Coffee & Fellowship Hour at 11:00 am. Please contact Pastor Rebecca if you would like home delivery of communion or to arrange a pastoral care visit.

Sunday Coffee Hour - **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/794465609?pwd=Tk5wRUd6WWI2RUxZT0hmNHf6VDVPdz09>

Meeting ID: 794 465 609 Password: 005657

**One tap mobile**

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Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 794 465 609

Find your local #: <https://zoom.us/j/794465609?pwd=Tk5wRUd6WWI2RUxZT0hmNHf6VDVPdz09>

**Faith Annual Meeting:** Due to the pandemic, the council has postponed our annual meeting to Sunday, September 13 immediately following in-person worship at 10:30am. You may participate electronically or in-person, and all voting members' participation is essential for this meeting! We will elect new council members and adopt a 2020-2021 budget. The annual meeting report will be mailed in the coming weeks,

including a mail-in ballot to submit by Saturday, September 12.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/96951424528?pwd=NFI4VTZQUzI5SmhaUThOK2FMbHJyUT09>

mhaUThOK2FMbHJyUT09

Meeting ID: 969 5142 4528

Password: 595134

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**Congratulations and God's blessings to  
Joanna Laine and Vik Penna, who were  
married at Faith on August 9**



**PREPARING TO GO BACK TO CHURCH:**

The Council has been spending some time reviewing the preparation of the Church and how best to return to Church safely. We have agreed to the following at this time.

First of all, it is important that you think through whether returning to the physical Church is important to you and the potential impact on your health. All attending a physical Church service will be asked to sign a release. These will be available and given out the first time you come to Church

- Weather permitting, we will begin Church outside (north area of the church) on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- If rain, wind, or heat impairs the weather we will be in the Sanctuary for the Church Service which gives us maximum social distance space.
- We are going to ask all to bring their own chair (BYOC) when we have services outside. This will help limit the spread of germs.

**Prayer Concerns**

Ann Relyea (Janet Phelan's/Linda Moore's Aunt),

Anthony Martillo,

Barbara Cullin (Sister of Everett Boccafola)

Beth Jones (Sister of Lydia Kaboolian),

Beth Speiser,

Bill Schultz,

Ed Franc,

Eleanor Sandmeyer (Sister-in-Law of Margaret Schuffenhauer),

Elish Marquart (daughter of long-time friend of Ahlers family),

Evelyn Meyers,

Gary Guarnotta (in-law of Janet Phelan/Linda Moore),

Helen Kaboolian (Mother-in-Law of Lydia Kaboolian),

Helen Shannon (Mother of Tricia Shannon and friend of Lydia Kaboolian),

James Ahlers (Audrey Bullaro's Dad),

Jean Amols,

John (Jack) Caliolo,

Josie Shaw (granddaughter of Jan Krut, former member)

Kevin Moore (Linda Moore's brother-in-law)

Mary Rita Burns (Mother of Neal Burns, 99 years old),

Mary Cilibrasi, a dear friend of the Kaboolian family

Meredith Coleman,

Nic Mrakovic (son of a good friend of Kristine Bogovic, nursery school teacher),

Olivia Melia (Sister-in-law of Linda Boccafola),

Roberta Haska (friend of Margaret Schuffenhauer),

Shirley McLaughlin (Linda Moore's/ Janet Phelan's Mother),

Steve Fritz and his Family (Nephew of Everett & Linda Boccafola),

Ute Breese (Norma Burns' sister),

Zachary & Alexandra Thomas, and their daughter,

Eliana Melody (Son and granddaughter of Pam Freitag).

# September 2020



## Happenings at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 7 pm AA	3	4 7 pm AA	5
6 10 am Worship Zoom Coffee Hour	7	8	9 7 pm AA	10	11 7 pm AA	12 10:30 Bible Study
<b>Rally Day</b> 13 10 am Worship 10 am Sunday School Annual Meeting	14	15	16 7 pm AA	17	18 7 pm AA	19 10:30 Bible Study
<b>Council Meeting</b> 20 10 am Worship 10 am Sunday School Zoom Coffee Hour	21	22	23 7 pm AA	24	25 7 pm AA	26
27 10 am Worship 10 am Sunday School Zoom Coffee Hour	28	29	30 7 pm AA	1	2	3
4	5	<p><b>Reminder: Annual Member Meeting September 13, 2020</b>  <b>Online Worship:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51c5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz51c5Hy6URvNyVM-AEe0A</a>  <b>Zoom Coffee Hour:</b>  <a href="https://zoom.us/j/794465609?pwd=TK5wRUd6WW12RUxZT0hmNHf6VDVPdz09">https://zoom.us/j/794465609?pwd=TK5wRUd6WW12RUxZT0hmNHf6VDVPdz09</a>  <b>Meeting ID: 794 465 609 Password: 005657</b></p>				

Date	Acolytes	Communion Assistants	Lectors	Ushers	Counters
September 6th	Ushers Support, when needed	Not Required	Linda B	Carl, Richard H, Neal	Evelyn/Lydia
September 13th			Pam F	Neal, Richard H, Carl	Pam/Linda M
September 20th			Ivy	Carl, Richard H, Neal	Ivy/Norma
September 27th			Jeanne	Neal, Richard H, Carl	Jeanne/Lydia

**Altar Guild for the Month of September: Pam Freitag**

## Requirements for Use of the Faith Lutheran Church facility

Effective date: May 17, 2020

1. We strongly suggest that **individuals who are deemed vulnerable by the State of New York stay at home until all restrictions are lifted**. You can participate with the Church Services via social media. Should you need assistance in doing this please contact the Church office via 516-921-3330\*.
  - a. An in-person service, outside or inside Sanctuary Hall, will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday\*.
  - b. A YouTube service will be live streamed or uploaded and be available by 10am. Sunday\*.
  - c. The online services can be found and accessed via the faithsyosset.com website, "Media" tab and our Facebook page\*.
  - d. We will continue our Zoom Fellowship Hour at 10:45am on Sundays to nurture our community\*.
  - e. Saturday Bible study and meetings will continue online\*.
2. Take your temperature before coming to church, and stay home if you are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms including fever, coughing, diarrhea, loss of sense of smell or taste, fatigue, etc.
3. Please avoid using our church bathrooms unless you have a dire need.
4. All guests **must wear masks** while they are on the grounds or in the Church facility. You will be provided one as you enter if you do not come with one from home. Should you have difficulty with the Mask, the ushers should assist. Please use hand sanitizer provided as you enter the building and before you exit.
5. All guests **must use wipes** provided by the Church **to wipe down all areas they touched and their seats and seating area before and after their use**. In addition, our sexton will thoroughly clean all bathrooms and the sanctuary and narthex following worship.
6. All guests **must stay 6 ft or more apart** from everyone that does not live in their home. They should follow the rules of their home for their own family.
7. All guests should **enter the church through the sanctuary front doors or elevator entrance and follow the signs and requests of the ushers to proceed directly** to their seat for worship or meeting. All other doors will remain locked. An usher will escort you to your pew. Remain in your pew until an usher dismisses you.
8. During the Church service\*:
  - a. **Bulletins will be provided on a seat or available for you to pick up** - make sure that you and your family are at least 6 feet apart from anyone else at Church. Should you need more please raise your hand before the service begins.
  - b. **Communion wafer and plastic cup of wine will be found in your pew as well**. Because lifting a mask contaminates it, please wait to commune until after you exit the church building.
  - c. **Passing of peace** will be done by a wave, showing of praying hands or salute to each other from your seat location.
  - d. **An offering box** will be available as you exit the Church.
9. **There will be no coffee hour/food or any other social gathering** that will bring people closer than 6 feet together. Excepting the sanctuary, narthex, and bathrooms, the church building will be off limits at this time. Please avoid socializing and join us on Zoom for fellowship later.
10. **Sunday school will not be conducted, although coloring pages, crayons and stories will be supplied** and available in the Narthex when you first enter the Church. Take any materials with you after the service. The pastor will deliver a children's message with children remaining seated with their families.
11. **There will be no congregational singing for in-person worship**. Recorded or instrumental music will be provided. Those who would like to sing may sing along with our YouTube worship service.
12. **The readings will be completed by walking up the center aisle to the pulpit**. All areas of the Church that are used must be wiped down before and after use.
13. **Pastor will be making arrangements for those who cannot attend worship in person to receive Holy Communion**.

*\*these items are specific to the Faith Lutheran Church service*