

The Lutheran Contact

March 2020

Maria Knight, Editor

INSTALLATION



The Installation of the FELC Congregational Council took place on Sunday February 9, 2020.

Council Officers :

President- Nancy Slingerland,
Vice-President- Karen Butts
Treasurer-Kurt Bastian,
Financial Secretary- Chris Collins
Council Secretary- Bill Nicoll

Council Members:

Rosemary Compton, Will Frank, Alison Matos,
Adele Mauriello, Shirley Mowell, Sheri Polgrean

We thank our Council members for their willing service and pray God's blessing upon them.



On Transfiguration Sunday, February 23, special music was prepared for the service by music director Eric Hepp, with John Knight, flute and Will Frank, bass.

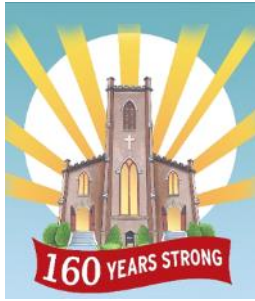


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education Teachers Shirley Mowell and Barbara Giangaspro warmly welcome our students to a monthly class of learning and growing in faith-with fun !

The next Sunday School Class will be held on March 8th.





First Evangelical Lutheran Church
325 Mill Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601



The Reverend Deborah Hafner DeWinter—Pastor

Deacon Peter Slingerland
Mr. Eric Hepp—Music Director
Mrs. Maria Knight—Office Administrator

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Pastor is always available in case of emergency.
Please call the church office or Pastor directly
to schedule an appointment or a home visit.

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Orders for Easter Lilies @\$15.00 each may be made by sending your request and payment to the Church Office by March 15th.

Please include:

- >Your Name and Address
- >How many Easter Lilies you wish to order
- >the dedication as you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletin.
- >and your payment



DEADLINE for ORDERING is March 15.

EASTER SUNDAY is April 12, 2020

Pastor's Message

***"The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.***

***Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."*** (–Isaiah 58: 12)

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are about to enter the liturgical **Season of Lent**. As early as the mid-fourth century, Christians have observed this time of preparation prior to the celebration of Easter, which marks the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. The number 40 is highly symbolic – reminding us of the 40 years that the Children of Israel wandered in the wilderness, learning to rely on God's faithfulness rather than upon their own reason or strength. We are reminded of Moses' 40-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28) and of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness following his own baptism (Matthew 4:2 & Luke 4: 1-2).

Lent is a season of simplicity, reflection, renewal and preparation. Stretching back to the beginning of the early Church, it was also a time of preparation for baptismal candidates, who were baptized during the **Easter Vigil**, which, in our context, will take place this year at St. Paul's Episcopal Church beginning at 8 PM on April 11th. Therefore the Season of Lent is also an opportunity to reflect on our *baptismal calling*, which is to participate in God's mission in the world –to be God's unconditional love and forgiveness, to be God's justice, to be the peace of Christ in all the hurting places and people we encounter day by day. Here is the *Good News*: we can rely on God's Holy Spirit to equip us to live out our baptismal calling, and we can rely on each other to encourage and inspire us on in that calling!

The text from Isaiah (*above*) which is the first lesson read during the **Ash Wednesday** liturgy, reminds us that God *has* been with us, renewing our faith and calling to ministry - enabling our own '*ancient ruins to be rebuilt,*' and giving us the gift of so many amazing forms of ministry and service that flow out from the sanctuary of this church building. These ministries happen through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and through the faithfulness of the members of God's family who claim the corner of Mill and Catharine Streets as their spiritual home and 'launching pad' to "*DO God's work, using our hands!*"

On Ash Wednesday, when we hear the words: "***Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return***" - and as the sign of the cross is made with ashes on our foreheads – we are affirming that God holds the whole world in God's hands!....That the work of our redemption *has* been accomplished through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection! We remember that the cross on our foreheads is the sign and symbol of our loving adoption as God's children, and of our faith in Jesus Christ. God has this! God has each one of us tight in God's embrace! We need not be afraid!

"For God does amazing things with dust and ashes. God brings hope out of despair, joy out of sorrow, life out of death." (–Rev. Janet Hunt)

In the unity of Christ,
Pastor Deborah

SPECIAL GIFTS

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Received 2/02-23/2020

BLANKET SEWERS

Lorna Davis

In memory of Marge Stoothoff

Diane Wood Miller

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of Ernie's Birthday

Elaine Frank

HABITAT FAITH BUILD

Diane Wood Miller

MEMORIAL GIFT

In Memory of Asta Linderholm

Sandy Braungard

ORGAN FUND

Kurt Bastian

Diane Wood Miller

THANK OFFERING

In Honor of Bill Polgrean with gratitude

Carol Reichert

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Contact the church office
with your request.

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SOCIAL ACTION

The March Donation request for St. Paul's
Food Pantry is pasta and sauce.

Thank you for your generous support !



LENTEN SOUP FUNDRAISER

Containers of delicious home
made meatless soup will be
available for a free-will donation,
in Fellowship Hall after services
on Sunday mornings from March 1-29 with proceeds
going to the FELC Development Fund.

Soup chefs will find a sign up sheet in Fellow ship Hall
with more information or contact Maria in the Office.



- 05— William Polgrean
- 09— Rikki Bobinger
- 12— Diane Wood-Miller
- 14— Kevin M. Goin
- 15— Victor Matos
- 16— Scott Compton
- 21— David Polgrean
- 24— Jean Vandenbrul
- 26— Jim Grey
- 27— Grete Liciis



LUNCH 'n LISTEN

On Wednesday February 5th, “**Souls United of the Hudson Valley** performed at Lunch & Listen. They are an interfaith gospel group, and their songs were uplifting.

The Hyde Park Chamber Ensemble will return to perform at L&L on Wednesday March 4th. The HPCE, comprised of Linda Rapp- Flute, Lory Frankel- Oboe, Russell Urban Mead- Clarinet , Craig Fryer- French Horn and our own John Knight- Bassoon will perform works for Woodwind Quintet by Ligeti, Reicha, Arnold, Ibert, and Fryer.

On April 1st, soprano Marta Elena Knapp will perform. Please join us for these entertaining concerts !

Many thanks to the faithful L&L team, which this month included Kurt Bastian, Joan Cohen, Lorna Davis, John and Maria Knight, Frieda Popp, Susan Russell, Pastor Deborah Hafner DeWinter, and Diane Wood Miller.

All L&L concerts are free, open to the public and begin at noon. Bring a lunch to eat in Fellowship Hall before the concert. Coffee and tea are provided. After the concert, all are invited to return downstairs for a reception to meet the performers and enjoy delicious home baked goodies.

See you March 4th and April 1st —Catch the Spirit ! **Carol**

The 34th season of free Lunch & Listen noontime concerts:

- 3/4/20 Hyde Park Chamber Ensemble
- 4/1/20 Marta Elena Knapp—Soprano
- 5/6/20 Kevin and Carol Becker with Rich Keyes- folk music
- 6/3/20 Helen Avakian and Terry Champlin - singer/songwriter/guitarists



Website: <https://firstlutheranpok.org/lunch-n-listen/>

Facebook Events page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/firstlutheranpok/events/?ref=page_internal

Weather Cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and HudsonValleyClosings.com

Musicales at Redeemer present: A Musical Celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 13th, 7:00 pm Redeemer Lutheran Church, 90 Route 32 South, New Paltz, NY



An evening of Irish music performed by Don Meade, Liam O'Neill, and Steve Stanne.

Many Irish bands come together in the give and take of the session, in which participants open the treasury of Irish music – its jigs and reels, hornpipes and polkas, songs and airs – and roam through its riches in swirls of melody and rhythm. At the same time, the players explore each other's musical personalities and develop partnerships that enable fuller expression of their approach to the tunes and songs.

Admission is \$15.00 / person (*suggested donation*). Light refreshments will be served during intermission.

For more info, please contact musicales@redeemernewpaltz.org

On behalf of the Muslim Community, all are invited to attend the 5th annual

“All for One and One for All-United We Stand, Divided We Fall”

Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 **Time:** 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

(Registration/Refreshments/Social hour from 1:30PM -2: 00 PM)

Fishkill Recreation Center, 793 Route 52

RSVP: Please email -Seema Rizvi,MD seema.rizvi1682@gmail.com

Please Join the representatives of various community organizations including Dutchess County Interfaith Council, Civic Leaders, Jewish Community, Mid- Hudson Islamic Association, Refugee Organizations, Educators, parents and children for a special program on peace, solidarity and inclusiveness.

The phenomenal success of this program reflects the ever-increasing dedication and support of people like you from our community. With each year, we see a huge expansion of turnout, support, and enthusiasm. This event continues to create awareness among children, parents, educators and the greater community at large

FELLOWSHIP THURSDAYS

Fellowship breakfasts are held every other Thursday morning, 9:00 a.m.at the **Acropolis Diner, 829 Main St., Poughkeepsie**
We will meet for Breakfast on March 12 and 26.

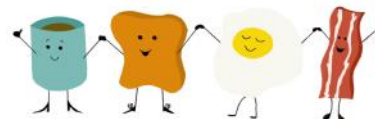


Table Talk/ Pub Night Thursday March 5, 19 and April 2 at 6:00pm
Location: Billy Bob's BBQ -35 Fairmont Ave. off Collegeview Ave., Poughkeepsie



Beverages and food are available for purchase.

Please join us and bring a friend!

Please RSVP by 2pm on Thursday if you plan to attend so we can make reservations, or notify you of last minute changes



All are welcome to come for fellowship in the tradition of Martin & Katie Luther who loved to have conversation with friends around the table.




MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2020 FELC DINNERS

Spaghetti – 4/25/2020 Sauerbraten—9/19/2020
Oktoberfest – 10/17/2020 Holiday Ham – 12/12/2020

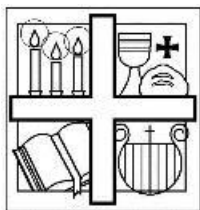
Please make your reservations a week in advance !

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship & Communion 10:00am@FELC <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 12:30-5:30pm	2 FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-1:00pm	3	4 <i>LCC Chapel</i> <i>Service @10:15am</i> L&L Concert 12:00noon Council Meeting 6:00pm Wetzel Hall New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-9:30	5 Pub Night @ Billy Bob's Café 6:00pm	6	7
8 Worship & Communion 10:00am@FELC SUNDAY SCHOOL <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P	9 FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-1:00pm	10	11 <i>LCC Chapel</i> <i>Service @10:15am</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-pm -9:30pm	12 Breakfast Fellowship @9:00am - Acropolis	13	14 Spoke Bike Rescue 9:30-12:30pm
15 Worship & Communion 10:00am@FELC LWR Quilters Sunday <i>Service of HC @LCC -2:00pm</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P	16 FELC Blanket Sewers 10:00am-1:00pm	17 	18 <i>LCC Chapel</i> <i>Service @10:15am</i> New Deliverance Church of S&P 7:30-pm -9:30pm	19 Pub Night @ Billy Bob's Café 6:00pm	20	21
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In SERVICE to GOD and YOU March 2020



Altar
Joan Cohen

Communion Assistant
Chris Collins

Date	Lector	Flowers	Refreshments
3/1 Lent 1	Shirley Mowell	Collins	FELC Hospitality
3/8 Lent 2	Danielle Menist	Rosemary Compton	Ginni Wagner
3/15 Lent 3 LWR Quilters Sunday	William Nicoll	Lorna Davis	LWR Quilt Recognition
3/22 Lent 4	Scott Compton	Linda Connors	>NEEDED<
3/29 Lent 5	Alison Matos	Collins	Collins

"Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." Martin Luther



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