

JUNE 2026

# FAITH CHRONICLE

The monthly newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
**6142 State Route 31**  
**Cicero, NY 13039**



# Pastor's Page

## SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF FAITH CHURCH,

One question I answered years ago when I first logged onto Facebook was: “what is your favorite book?” The truth is I do not have one favorite book. I do not even have a favorite writer. My taste goes to the nonfiction side of the library and bookstore. Religion, theology, spirituality, and history books fill my shelves at home. I still have most (if not all) my poetry volumes from college back in the 1970's. I thinned out a collection of Methodist leadership and theology books to make room for their Lutheran equivalents over the last decade and a half. E-readers like Kindle allowed me to buy more books without adding more shelves to my study.

What is my favorite book? I filled the line in Facebook with the following statement:

“The book I am currently reading.” The book I was reading when I started to write this message was *The Power of Guilt: Why We Feel It and Its Surprising Ability to Heal* by Chris Moore. Moore teaches psychology at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia. I heard about the book on Canadian Broadcasting during my morning commute to Faith Church. Most books argue against guilt as anything good. Typical titles are *Let Go of Guilt* and *Healing Guilt and Shame*. Hearing the story that led into Moore's research into guilt and his conclusions convinced me to read this book. (This was not the first time a book interview on CBC led me to buy and read a book outside my usual range. Canadian broadcasts rarely disappoint me with their book reviews.)

Moore begins his book with an episode from his days at Cambridge University. A night at the pub after finals, a car “borrowed” by students too drunk to walk home, a crash into a pack of bicyclists, and the ensuing legal and moral questions caused Moore to review his life and actions. A period of time in jail for the regrettable night initiated a life of research into guilt, shame, and the power of forgiveness.

I doubt Chris Moore read much theology at Cambridge. His Catholic upbringing shapes his worldview, but I find a very Lutheran tone to his work. Martin Luther observed God's law sets out rules for living in this world. The same laws that bring order to a chaotic world prove we are unable to abide by those laws. The law is not bad by itself. It does convict us for our failure to fully obey the law. We feel guilt for the things we have done wrong and not done right. We feel shame for how we disappoint God and our loved ones. Luther realized that if all we have is the law, we remain stuck in a swamp of guilt and shame. The good news is God offers the way out of guilt through faith in Jesus. God uses our trust in Jesus to turn guilt into the path to forgiveness. Guilt is not the end. Guilt is a first step to freedom in Christ and a life filled with hope.

I plan to finish this book the way I usually finish the books I start. Judging from what I have read so far, Moore will not disappoint me in proving guilt's surprising ability to heal. He hints often how the night that changed his life (and its end to the life of a fellow student) ultimately led to something positive. In his case, the positive end of guilt is a career teaching psychology in a university. Lutherans come to a different conclusion. The positive end of the law (and the guilt we feel for our inability to fulfill it by our own effort) is trust in God's unending forgiveness through Jesus' love for all people. The answer to law is God's grace and a new life in Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you always!

*Pastor Allan*

## HAWAIIAN SHIRT SUNDAY

Starting in June, we'll be adding a little summer fun to our Sundays! On the first Sunday of each summer month, everyone is invited to wear Hawaiian attire to church. Bright colors, floral prints, and cheerful summer outfits are all welcome as we celebrate the season together in fellowship and joy!



## FLAG DAY DEDICATION

On June 14, we will gather for a special dedication of the flagpole in loving memory of Ben Foster. Though Ben's life was far too short, his memory continues to be cherished by many. We invite you to join us as we honor and remember him together.



## CONGRATULATIONS



We're happy to share that Bill Stevenson has completed the studies needed for Synod Authorized Minister status! We thank God for his hard work and dedication, and we look forward to supporting him as he continues serving in ministry.



Dr. Theresa Hahn has graduated from St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine! We celebrate her accomplishment and wish her joy and success in her veterinary career.

*Our mission: As a Community of Faith in Christ, we Live in Grace and Share the Gospel of Salvation.*

*Adopted by the Congregation, September 28, 2008*

## In Our Prayers

### OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Ayden (Diane Senzarino's grandson), Toni, Pat Green, Gary Schumacher, Arnold Hogan (Dawn Spink's father), Betty Craner, Ann Grim (Patty Carter's mother), Nick, Clara Long, Pamela Strohl (friend of Kathy Newcomb), Betty Winther, Jean Kelley, Joan and Lamont Hahn, Phyllis Harm, Phyllis and Francis Letizia, Ginny Gronozio, Doris Heath, Philomena and Garrett Bronner (Chuck Bronner's parents), Charlie Bullock, Alice, Lynda, Maria (Friends of Diane Monthie), Daniel Canastra and Quentin Canastra (Ri Ho's son and grandson, Don Richmond (Ralph Richmond's brother) Danny Whitney (Friend of Lynn Werner), Joe Krywalski, Katlyn Fleury and Carol Frey.



### MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

Leah Bratt (Sarah Bratt's sister), Sam (Leah's husband), Zachary & Daniel Rosney (Pat Green's great nephews), Jackie, Kenny and Isaac Bowne (Betty Gay's grandchildren), Eric Currier (Dan Currier's son), Sam Yonkers (friend of Barb & John Snyder)



**FLOWER CHART:** The Altar Guild has placed this year's Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We all love having live flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship. Please consider providing flowers for a memorial or special occasion. Sign up on the chart, then bring the flowers to church on Sunday morning or call Linda Keller or Diane Monthie for information or to make special arrangements. Also, you can request live flowers by placing a donation in an envelope with your name and information in the collection plate at least 2 weeks before your selected date. And, of course, we will be most grateful for any donation to the general flower fund.

*Our Guiding Principles: Jesus is Lord; We are a Community of Faith; We Invite All People to Share in God's Grace; We pray First; We Act on the Holy Spirit's Guidance; We Give Generously of Ourselves as God has given to us.*

*Adopted by the Congregation, September 28, 2008*



## **The Men's Breakfast Group will meet in June**

We gather to share a meal, build friendships, and grow in faith together. Look for a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board.

## **The Quilters Will Meet In June**

We enjoy not only sewing, but also wonderful fellowship together. We are happy to teach anyone—no experience needed. Come join us!



## **FOOD PANTRY**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

Sunday June 14: 11:30am -1:00 pm  
Monday June 15: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

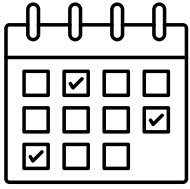


New federal SNAP (food stamp) rules, effective March 1, June affect about 6,000 people in Onondaga County. Adults ages 18–64 without children under 14 must work, volunteer, or participate in job training for 80 hours per month to keep benefits.

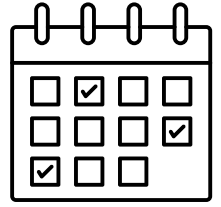
While the rules are now in place, impacts June not be felt until June. Some exceptions apply, including pregnancy and participation in treatment programs. Those affected should have received information from the county with next steps.

The food pantry always appreciates donations of nonperishable items.

If you can volunteer, please let Tracy know. If you might be interested in taking over this role of the Food Pantry coordinator, contact Tracy. She is willing to go over all that is involved with the Food Pantry.



## Calendar at a Glance



- 6/1 Mutual Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/7 Hawaiian Apparel Sunday
- 6/8 Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/14 Flag Day Flagpole Dedication
- 6/14 Food Pantry Distribution 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- 6/15 Food Pantry Distribution 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm



# Baptism



# THOSE WHO SERVE

**ALTAR GUILD**  
Linda Keller

**MUSICIANS**  
Lindsay Brown, Barb Schwartz

**TELLERS:**

**Week 1**

Linda Keller and Rose McCarthy

**Week 2**

Maria Scheuer and Barb Stevenson

**Week 3**

Ralph and Cassie Richmond

**Week 4**

Barb Stevenson and Maria Scheuer

## Financial Report for 2026

	April 2026	2026 YTD
Income	\$11,967.35	\$54,568.99
Expense	\$11,580.58	\$48,271.31
Totals	\$386.77	\$6,297.68

A copy of the monthly financial report to the Church Council is available in the Church office.

### 6/7 Service

Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Betty Winther
Cantor	Cassie & Ralph Richmond
Greeter	Diane Monthie

### 6/14 Service

Worship Assistant	Bill Stevenson
Reader	Rose McCarthy
Cantor	Lauri Hoover
Greeter	Lauri Hoover

### 6/21 Service

Worship Assistant	Arnold Hansen
Reader	Cassie Richmond
Cantor	Betty Gay
Greeter	Bill Azzoto

### 6/28 Service

Worship Assistant	Lorrie Monthie
Reader	Sharon Mirizio
Cantor	Rose McCarthy
Greeter	Linda Keller



<b>Madison Helmer</b>	<b>06/03</b>
<b>Andrew Snyder</b>	<b>06/05</b>
<b>Jeanne Bronner</b>	<b>06/05</b>
<b>William Grace Jr</b>	<b>06/08</b>
<b>Antonio Scheuer</b>	<b>06/08</b>
<b>Elizabeth Giamartino</b>	<b>06/09</b>
<b>Gianna Giamartino</b>	<b>06/09</b>
<b>Kathy Newcomb</b>	<b>06/22</b>
<b>Cheryl Borowski</b>	<b>06/30</b>

**Faith Lutheran Church Council Directory**

**CHURCH PHONE: 315-699-5224 flchurch31@gmail.com**

**Church Secretary: Rebecca Neider**

**OFFICERS:**

**President Bill Stevenson  
Vice President Patty Carter  
Council Secretary Barb Snyder  
Treasurer Kathy Newcomb**

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERS:**

**Pastor Allan Ferguson  
Financial Secretary Barb Stevenson  
Christian Education  
Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair Cassie Richmond  
Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair Chuck Bronner  
Mutual Ministry, Co-Chair Bruce Hahn  
  
Property Committee, Co-Chair John Snyder  
Property Committee, Co-Chair Jim Kelley  
Property Committee, Co-Chair Gary Winther**

**Congregational Life Diane Monthie  
Community Outreach/Evangelism Jeanne Bronner**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**COUNCIL NON-VOTING POSITIONS:**

**Superintendent of Sunday School  
Co-Chair Diane Monthie  
Co-Chair Lorrie Monthie  
Bookkeeper Maria Scheuer**

**If you need to reach any of the Council members, please contact  
the church office for the person's contact information**

Please call or email the office when you or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital.

If you have given up your land line telephone and would like your cell phone indicated in the church records. Please notify the office.

Please call or email the office if your telephone # or email address has or is changed.

The Church number is 315-699-5224 – email address is flchurch31@gmail.com



If you are unable to make it to the Sunday morning service stream the service on the Church's Facebook account on your computer and phone.

Service starts at 10am.

Facebook: @FaithLutheranChurchCiceroNY

You can also follow Faith Lutheran Church on Instagram: @FLC.Cicero



Do you have any news or notes you would like for the members of the Congregation to see in the July issue of the Faith Chronicle? Please have your submission into the office by June 20th. If you would like to see other things in the newsletter, please let the office know and we will see what we can do to get it in. Thank you.



**If you would like to unsubscribe to Faith Lutheran's newsletter or bulletin distribution. Please notify the office at flchurch31@gmail.com and we can remove your name from the lists.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 M&M meeting 7pm	2 Choir 6:30-7:30	3	4 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	5	6 Saturday Groups 11-3 7-8
7 Sunday Service 10 am 	8 Council Mtg 7pm	9 Choir 6:30-7:30	10	11 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	12	13 Saturday Groups 11-3 7-8
14 Sunday Service 10 am Fladpole Dedication Food Pantry 11:30-1:00	15 Food Pantry 4:30-5:30	16	17	18 Lakeshore Heights Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm	19	20 Saturday Groups 11-3 7-8
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