

Walk with Faith April 2021 Newsletter



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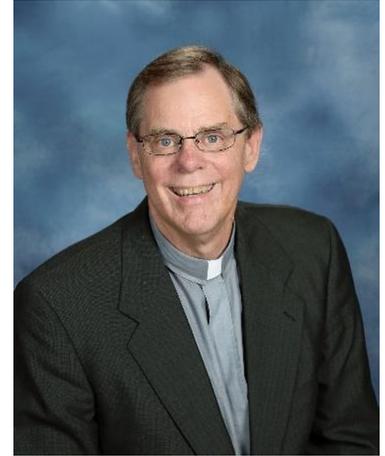


Our Mission Statement

"A HEART FROM GOD"

"A HEART FOR OTHERS"

From the Pastor's Desk



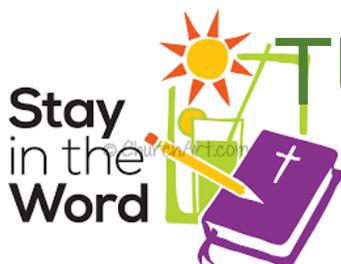
So many unanswered questions! I feel that way sometimes. Perhaps you do as well in these times that we live. Is it safe to venture out into public again? How active should I be? How is Faith Lutheran Church doing? How is my spiritual life at this moment in time? How is my health holding up? Perhaps I think I know, but don't. Life on this side of eternity always carries uncertainties and unanswered questions. It does seem like there are more than usual these days.

Even if I can't offer answers to each of the above questions for you, I can tell you of that which we can be certain. In this season of Easter, the Resurrection of Christ stands as a beacon of hope and assurance. **He is Risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!** Not only has Christ been raised but through our baptisms we have died to sin and been raised to new life in Him. Members of Faith Lutheran Church, stay confident and strong in your Savior.

We are slowly resuming our activities at Faith Lutheran Church. The Lord has seen us through the worst of the pandemic. We pray that things will continue to improve. I look forward to gradually reconnect with many of you who we haven't seen for a while. Our hope is that the on-line services have given you a chance to connect with us in a way. The Word of God can certainly be effective whenever and however we hear it. The Book of Hebrews tells us: ***"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*** Of course, church is also very much about community. St. Paul wrote these words to the church at Rome: ***"For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."*** I have missed some of that mutual encouragement but look very forward to the day that we can resume it with all of you. The day is coming. I am confident.

God's blessings to all of you in this blessed Easter season.

Pastor



TUESDAY BIBLE

1:30 p.m. Bible study this Spring will be on April 13. We will have finished Proverbs and will begin a new study in the Fall. Watch the Newsletter for the date.

The last meeting for the Tuesday

In Christ's Service,
Gloria Schultz



CHURCH COUNCIL



Dear Members of Faith,

Dear Members of Faith,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well, and anxiously awaiting Easter. I made it to church last Sunday and I have to say it was very nice to be there. It has been a while since I have been there, and it was good to be home among friends. I would assume that many have gotten their vaccinations and feel better about being around others. I feel as though we have turned the corner a little and soon, we will have our church filling up again. I would urge all to come to church if you feel up to it because it feels good. Holy Week is coming soon, and we will have many opportunities to worship. I hope to see you then. If you are unable to attend, please watch our live videos if it is possible for you to do so. I wish you all a blessed and Happy Easter.

In Christ's name, Dale

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May newsletter articles and updates will be due by April 28th. Please send them to Lu Ann Cooke at luann@tampabay.rr.com. Remember to view the calendar and make sure I have your meetings up to date.

Newsletter and weekly updates may also be found at our church web site.

Go to <http://www.faithlecanto.com/>



ELDERS REPORT



Greeting Christian Friends:

We have many worship services coming in April as we observe the Holy Week of Easter. Our Holy Week schedule is as follows: April 1st — Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion. April 2nd — Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. April 3rd — Saturday Easter service at 6:00 p.m. April 4th — Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. April 4th — Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. with Holy Communion. For those unable to attend these services, there will be live videos of our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services on our webpage. The rest of April will see normal worship services: Saturday 6:00 p.m. service on the 10th, 17th, and 24th, with Holy Communion on the 10th and 24th. Sunday 9:30 a.m. service on the 11th, 18th and 25th with Holy Communion on the 18th. For those attending our worship services a big “Thank You” for observing our COVID-19 procedures. We will continue to do our best to provide you with a safe worship experience.

David Hass
Board of Elder, Chairman

YOUR ELDERS

David Hass, Chairman	Fred Cogle
Chuck Davey	Jack Ryan
Jerry Gneckow	Ed Stern
Walter Gergely	Jerry Marquette
John Lehmann	



“Faith Lutheran Church needs a Stewardship Chairman. Not a hard job, just needs a willing volunteer.”

Scripture Lesson readers are always needed. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Copies of the readings are always printed out ahead of time for your convenience, found in a holder on the membership tag table in the narthex.

We can always use more hands to help with the upkeep and cleaning of our church.

If you have any questions about any of these jobs or would like to use your skills in another manner, please let one of our elders or Pastor Lane know.



There were only six members at the March Ladies of Faith meeting. Maxine Crogle, Acting Secretary was not at the meeting due to a death in her family, and Carla Nicklas volunteered to fill in as Acting Secretary.

We enjoyed the devotion of Vice-President Nita Haas. She talked about the "garden of daily living." "Planting our garden " will bring peace of mind and is good for our soul. Nita read corresponding Bible verses and concluded with the hymn "Abide O Dearest Jesus."

Treasurer's Reports were read and are available for audit. \$330 will be sent in March to our Seminarian.

Carla asked for a Nominating Committee to ask candidates to fill the positions of President and Secretary in May. Lydiann Hoffman volunteered to serve on this committee. She has been asking members to fill these positions.

We talked about the possibility of fundraising in the fall. Since there were few members in attendance, we will discuss this again at the April meeting. We will continue the project of saving stamps for missions.

The Zone Spring Rally is Saturday, April 24 at Our Redeemer, Ocala. We will discuss at the April meeting.

We thank Elder John Lehmann with helping us get a new coffee pot h in the kitchen.

Our next Ladies of Faith Meeting is Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Happy Easter.
In fellowship and God bless,
Carla Nicklas, President of Ladies of Faith

Stitch and Tie Quilt Group

We met in March with a good attendance, and many had been sewing at home. They brought their quilts, and we were able to carry on with our process at the meeting. It was good to be together again and we're hoping the few that have not come back will be able to do so soon.



Our meetings for April will be the 9th and the 23rd. If you can join us, please come at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Treats and fellowship are part of the quilting time.

Marilyn Richards, Member



Outreach/Mission Project Mexico Beach, FL

Shortly after Hurricane Michael devastated Mexico Beach, Florida and the surrounding Gulf Coast areas, the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church decided to reach out to members of Living Waters Church of Mexico Beach in order to help them in their time of need. \$2,250 was collected and subsequently donated to Pastor Gieseke of Living Waters Church to assist with the establishment of a new church building in Mexico Beach. In addition, Jerry and Pat Gneckow donated and delivered their 21 foot long travel trailer for use by Living Waters Church. Church members decided to allow one of their members, Joan Lovelace, to use the travel trailer while her home was being torn down and replaced.



After living in the donated trailer for 2.5 years, Joan Lovelace was finally able to move into her new home in March 2021. She was quick to thank God and the folks from Faith Lutheran Church for making it possible for her to have a place to stay while her house was being rebuilt.



CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED APRIL DONATION IS CEREAL

Watch for those BOGO ads (buy one, get one free) for cereal. Consider keeping one box for yourself and the other for CUB. Drop your donated items in the garden cart in the Narthex. Any non-perishable donation is appreciated. (You don't have to give every month. Please give when you can, what you can.) **Thank You!**

J C L JAR



Please remember to put your \$1.00 bills with the letters J C or L on them (Jesus Christ our Lord) in the J C L jar, but any bill or check payable to Faith Lutheran Church is appreciated. The money put into the jar is going towards a new roof for the fellowship hall.



I am not feeling particularly patient these days. When are things going to get back to “normal”? I am more of a “get it done now” kind of person, which can have both good and not-so-good outcomes. There are many Biblical verses about patience, so I took a moment to read some. BibleStudyTools.com provided the introduction below to a list they put together in August, 2020.

We all face moments where our patience wears thin - either with others, with ourselves, or to be honest, with God's plan. According to Scripture, patience is a virtue and a fruit of the Spirit, a sign of someone who trusts in God. According to 1 Samuel "lack of patience can cause you to miss blessings." Being patient is a vital part of trusting in God as our life circumstances are not always what we'd prefer. There are many well-known Bible verses that discuss the importance of patience and appreciation for the present moment regardless of what we are facing. There are also plenty of Scriptures about how we can love others and be patient in our relationships. You can turn to God for strength to wait on His timing and plan in every area of life.

Our Outreach Committee will not meet in April. We are available to assist with any current activities and look forward to finding new projects to take on!

If anyone has thoughts or ideas for outreach, please feel free to speak with me or Pastor Lane.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Panas



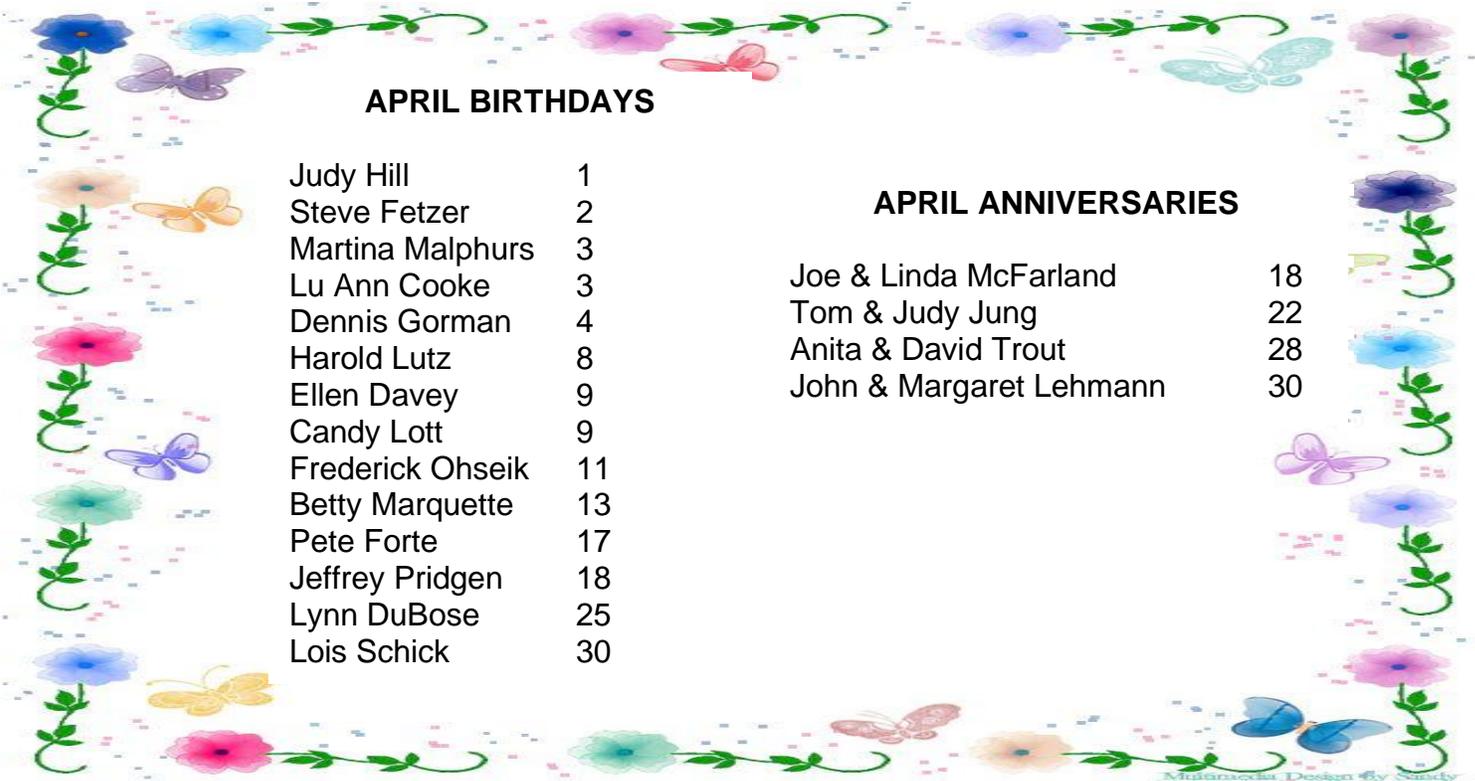
LIVE FLORAL EASTER CROSS

It is a tradition at Faith Lutheran Church on Easter for the congregation to pick flowers from the yard or purchase fresh cut flowers to put on the cross that is in the narthex at Easter worship services. Everyone please bring fresh flowers and fill up the cross. What a beautiful and joyous way to celebrate Easter.



Our thoughts and prayers for the friends and family of Sara Snook upon her passing. Her memorial is planned for March 8th at 11:00 a.m. here at Faith.

Also, our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of: Ginger Jefferies and Geraldine Dunmire who recently passed away.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Judy Hill	1
Steve Fetzer	2
Martina Malphurs	3
Lu Ann Cooke	3
Dennis Gorman	4
Harold Lutz	8
Ellen Davey	9
Candy Lott	9
Frederick Ohseik	11
Betty Marquette	13
Pete Forte	17
Jeffrey Pridgen	18
Lynn DuBose	25
Lois Schick	30

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Linda McFarland	18
Tom & Judy Jung	22
Anita & David Trout	28
John & Margaret Lehmann	30

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime. She would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us from E-mail."

SCHEDULES



ALTAR GUILD

APRIL

Saturdays - Ellen Davey
Sundays – Maxine Crogle

Thank you to all the seven ladies who have now taken the Martha or Mary role for setting the Lord's table. We are most grateful and I am sure the Lord is pleased. Ellen Davey, Altar Guild Chair



USHER SCHEDULE

APRIL

6:00 SATURDAY Kathy and Danny Walker
9:30 SUNDAY Jerry & Pat Gneckow, Mike & Diane Hammel, Gary Wygle

If unable to usher on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.

APRIL 2021



Lay Readers

Saturday

3 Madalyn Sabo
10 Walter Gergely
17 Tom Gottschalk
24 Madalyn Sabo

Sunday

4 Tom Gottschalk
11
18 Lu Ann Cooke
25 Nita Hass

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL



Week of:

April 04 Professional Cleaner
April 11 Keith & Marilyn Jones
April 18 Professional Cleaner
April 25 Jean DuBose



2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:30 a.m. Workday 7:00 p.m. Worship/com  Maundy Thursday	2 3:00 p.m. Worship  GOOD FRIDAY	3 6:00 p.m. Worship Service
4 7:00 & 9:30 a.m. Worship/com  Easter	5 3:00 p.m. Bible Study	6 1:30 Bible Study	7 10:30 a.m. LOF Meeting	8 7:30 a.m. Workday 3:00 p.m. Elders	9 9:00 a.m. Stitch N Tie	10 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Communion
11 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	12	13 1:30 Bible Study	14	15 7:30 a.m. Workday 3:00 p.m. Council	16	17 6:00 p.m. Worship Service
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