

Walk With Faith February 2019 Newsletter



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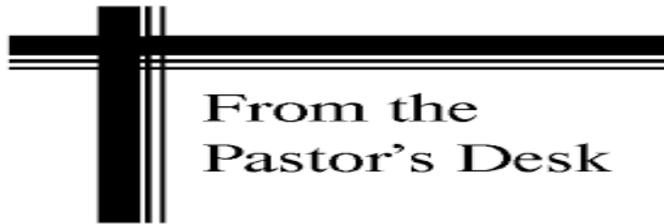
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the
Pastor's Desk



As this February Newsletter reaches you, we are now well into the season of Epiphany. The different seasons of the church year have different emphases and messages for us to consider. Epiphany means “to give light” or “to shine.” The light manifests itself in the darkness. God reveals Himself in Jesus, and the glory of God is seen in Jesus.

There is one emphasis of the Epiphany Season which I especially wish to call to your attention. Epiphany is about witness. It is the time for telling the good news, the spreading of the light of Christ in a dark world. Christ is the light and Christians reflect that light in the world. They are light-bearers, and they are to go through life lighting candles. Here at Faith Lutheran Church we must always be about witness. I believe that God not only equips us for this task but strengthens us and causes us to grow through the whole process.

Epiphany begins with the story of the wise men visiting the baby Jesus. We are told they were from the East. They were certainly Gentiles. These Gentiles bearing gifts for the baby Jesus were a prelude to the final words of Jesus spoken in the Gospel of Matthew after his Resurrection. **“Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all that I command you: and, lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-29)**

How great it was to see so many visitors in our church services. What a start to the Epiphany Season! Let's keep it up. Let that light continue to shine. The Epiphany season will continue to build, revealing to us in the Scripture readings during our worship services different aspects of Christ shining His light into our world. Finally, on March 3rd we will reach the end and climax of Epiphany, the Transfiguration of our Lord. Jesus shone brightly on a mountaintop in front of Peter, James, and John. Then we begin Lent—the season where we consider the meaning of the cross.

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16)

Pastor

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

February is here already. This is a month probably most remembered for gifts of candy and flowers for our valentines. As Christians amongst all the turmoil that is around us, we should keep in mind that God's love for us may not come in a heart shaped box in February, but it is true love not once a year but all the time. He gave us all the gift of His Son for our salvation.

Once again, I would ask all of you to take a moment and see if you can find some time that you can help as a volunteer. I know I have said this before, but the need is still here. One area that is in need is the trustees. They are always in need of help sometimes they go unnoticed, but they are a small group of people who are working in the background often to keep our church running. Please take time to consider if helping here at Faith Lutheran is possible for you.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

Dale Schluckbier	President	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
Jerry Marquette	Vice President	Joanne Fetzer	Co-treasurer
Jerry Gneckow	Stewardship	Carol Wygle	Financial Secretary
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Dale Schluckbier	Newsletter	Melissa Climer	Publicity

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED FEBRUARY DONATIONS ARE PASTA, CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE, MAC & CHEESE, AND RICE

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

For the month of December, we received \$112 in the J C L jar which goes towards paying off the new fire alarm system in the fellowship hall. Thus far, we have contributed \$1,264. We still have \$5,736 to go. Let's see if we can double the monthly amount of the bills put into the jar. We always like receiving \$1.00 bills with the letters J C or L on them (Jesus Christ our Lord) but any bill or check, payable to Faith Lutheran Church is appreciated.



Elders

Fred Crogley, Chairman	Paul Mantey
Chuck Davey	Jack Ryan
Jerry Gneckow	Ed Stern
Walter Gergely	Jerry Marquette
David Haas	

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

The February worship schedule is as follows:

February 02, 09, 16, 23 Regular Saturday Schedules with Holy Communion on 09, 23
February 03, 10, 17, 24 Regular Sunday Schedules with Holy Communion on 03, 17

I would like to share an experience I had while bowling in my league at Parkview Lanes in Holder on January 14th. When we are bowling, we generally have country western and 50's music playing in the background. After we finished bowling, many of us were gathered in small groups discussing our scores and how we could have done better. Suddenly, I heard one of my favorite hymns playing over the intercom. The words and tune caught my attention immediately. The hymn was "How Great Thou Art." Remember, this is a public facility with at least 70 people present. The complete hymn was sung while we all listened. I have never experienced hearing a hymn played in a bowling alley before. What an awesome experience.

When we pray, we sometimes may be lost for the right words, but when we sing or hear these beautiful hymns, all the words we need to say are present in those hymns. ***"Then Sings My Soul, My Savior God to Thee, How Great Thou Art!"***

May the grace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you now and always.

Fred Crogley
Chairman, Board of Elders

2019 TIME & TALENT FORMS

If you have not completed your Time & Talent form yet, please do so now and drop it in the box in the narthex. If you have misplaced the form, there are extra ones beside the box. Even if you completed a Time & Talent form last year and nothing has changed, please complete one for this year. If you can, please volunteer. There are many opportunities.

Thank you

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Week of:

February 03 Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member

February 10 Gary Wygle

February 17 Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member

February 24 David Hass

STITCH N'TIE

Please note: February 8 and 15, 2019 there will be no quilt group.

Thank you
Marilyn Richards

OUTREACH

Our 'Health Fair 2019' certainly generated a lot of interest within our Congregation and among the Community. Excellent coverage was provided by the Chronicle newspaper, as well as Radio and TV stations. Many of our Folks here at Faith Lutheran pitched in to help in many ways. A Big thank you to all. Our Committee will have a hand out sheet available, with a brief survey considering the Health Fair. Everyone's input will be considered.

We have a number of projects to deal with in our next meeting which is at 10am Monday February 4th. Replenishing the "Thank You" Baskets, scheduling volunteers for the Welcome desk in the Narthex at Services, are just a few of items on the agenda. Please consider joining us at our meetings, and also remember we conduct Services at Life Care Center on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:30pm. A great opportunity to represent our Church to the shut-ins.

Ray en Naning Bangle

Red Sox Collection

A big thank you goes out to Chairperson Marlene Nordquist and David Trout for securing \$250 from Thrivent. With that and the generous donations from our members we had \$739.64 to purchase 9 bicycles and helmets. Carol and Lou Clayton, Anita Trout, Noreen Weakland (Marleen's sister), and myself, made the purchase and delivery to CUB. They were most appreciative.

Margery Sawyer

Altar Guild

February schedule:

Saturday- 6PM: Debbie Latang
Sunday -9:30 AM: Maxine Crogle

For retired persons;

Heavenly Father, fill those who are retired with peace and contentment. Use their retirement as an opportunity to be used in Your service, in whatever capacity You will. You have prepared beforehand good works for them to do for Your glory and the benefit of their neighbor. Let them be Your instrument now. Grant them rest, and sustain them in weakness and frailty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Submitted by Ellen Davey

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith met Wednesday, January 2. The main focuses of the meeting were planning the spring rummage sale, which is being held February 15 from 9-2 and February 16 from 9-1. and the Health Fair. Because of the rummage sale, our next Ladies Of Faith Meeting is Wednesday, February 13 at 10:30 A.M. Following this meeting, we will begin setting up for the rummage sale. We will accept gently used donations Wednesday and Thursday the 13th and 14th and baked goods on the 14th. Kathy Walker is the rummage sale chair.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Health Fair January 12. We had many vendors and good attendance from the community.

All 'ladies of the church are welcome at our Ladies Of Faith meetings. Remember that we will meet next on February 13 at 10:30 A. M. and not Feb. 6.

Thank you,
Carla Nicklas

Rummage Sale

Guess what's coming to Faith Lutheran church February 15th and 16? It is the Spring Rummage and Bake sale. Items needed for the sale include "gently used clothing", shoes, jewelry, housewares, small furniture items, tools, kitchen utensils, linens, books, etc. Please no large items because our space is limited and so are our senior staff. Items can be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Please drop off your baked goods Thursday. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex for baked goods and volunteering. Although this is a Ladies of Faith function, we need everyone who is able both men and women to help with the sale. Please contact Kathy Walker (352-419-4648 or 719-429-4968 CP) or other Faith Ladies if you have any question. The money raised supports seminarians, missionary work, local charities such as the Path not to mention Faith Lutheran needs. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Kathy

Stamps

Have you ever noticed the box marked stamps? On the right side of the church as you enter, there is a box asking for cancelled stamps to be placed inside. We ask that you allow a margin around the stamp of 1/4th inch. This is an important LWML Mission Project. It may seem small to many of us, but many small make one great.

Jane Mantey has taken on this project and forwards the ones in the box to the lady in charge for this for the Mission District. She then sends them to three different dealers. Most are sold by the pound. At the last report she had received \$15,600.00 over a period of time. The money is forwarded to LWML Mission Fund for our Mission District. What an easy way to donate to Missions.

STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

The theme that I have chosen for Stewardship for 2019 is "Grateful Giving." It will focus on sharing your time, talent, and resources. To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Stewardship includes much more than financial giving. It also includes sharing of time and talent.

During 2019 I will be asking you to contribute your time and talent to the many areas in which our church needs volunteers. At the same time, I want to again make sure that those who have served or are serving are given the proper recognition and credit for their selfless contributions.

Most of you have received an annual statement of financial contribution from the Financial Secretary. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and all of the members of Faith Lutheran Church I want to say "thank you" for your generous donations, without which we could not operate this church facility, pay our employees, and continue to support missions locally and abroad. Please continue to support our efforts through generous offerings in 2019.

Recently you also received a Time and Talent Sheet that gives you information about the opportunities that exist at Faith Lutheran Church to share your time and talent. If you have not already done so, please fill out the sheet and return it to Maxine Cogle.

Father, give us hearts that gratefully share. Amen.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

PIZZA & MOVIE

Presented by Men's Prayer Breakfast Ministries

Help support our seminary food banks by purchasing ticket for our annual Pizza & Move night on Friday Night Feb. 8th, starting at 5:00.

This year's movie entitled "WOODCARVER" starring John Ratzenberger, will be enjoyed by all.

As usual we will be having great food, fellowship and viewing a great movie. See you there.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Monday morning 9:00 on Feb. 11th. All men are invited to attend, we meet in the fellowship hall - great food, fellowship and a time of prayer.

Thank You
David Hass

Newsletter

As you know I do the newsletter sent by email. So, for those who don't know or have forgotten the email I use for our newsletter is dale3918@brighthouse.com. Please send any articles for the news letter to that email address. You can type it in your email or attach it in a word document. I cut and paste these articles from them. Please don't hand write articles or pages as I am working now, and it is very time consuming to rewrite them. Plus, my typing skills are not the greatest.

Thank you, Dale Schluckbier

February Birthdays

Melissa Climer	2/4
Anna Grissino	2/5
Ed Stern	2/6
Karen Wille	2/6
Connie Weiss	2/11
Charles Countryman	2/12
Jeanette Rovner	2/13
Pete Loe	2/20
Gust Cougias	2/22
Richard Pruefer	2/24
Bill Scott	2/26

February Wedding Anniversaries

Don & Madalyn Sabo	2/11
Chris & Henry Striegl	2/14
Jake & Marcia Jacobek	2/25



Health Fair

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	2 6:00 pm Worship
3 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm.	4 10:00 am Outreach	5 1:00 pm Bible study	6 3:00 PM Choir	7 8:00 am Workshop 10:30 Hearts of faith 3:00 PM Bell Choir	8 5:00 pm Pizza and Movie	9 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
10 9:30 am Worship 2:30pm Life Care	11 9:00 am Men's Breakfast	12 1:00 pm Bible study	13 10:30 am LOF 3:00 PM Choir	14 8:00 am Workshop 10:30 Hearts of faith 3:00 PM Bell Choir Valentine's Day	15 9:00 am Spring Sale	16 9:00 am Spring Sale 6:00 pm Worship
17 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm.	18 Presidents' Day	19 1:00 pm Bible study	20 3:00 PM Choir	21 8:00 am Workshop 3:00 PM Council 3:00 PM Bell Choir	22 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	23 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
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