

Walk With Faith January 2019 Newsletter



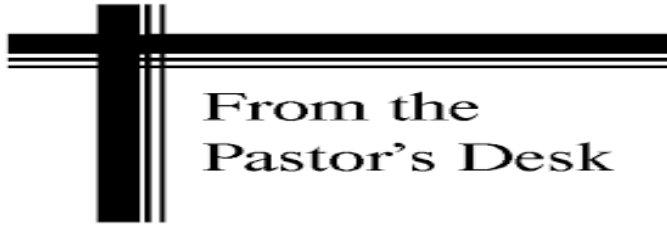
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the Pastor's Desk



The New Year is celebrated around the world: fireworks, loud cheers, parties, dancing, liquid spirits. I'm not quite sure if all of this is pessimism or optimism. Are we glad to finally put the old year behind us, branding it as miserable? Or, are we cheerful about the prospects of what is ahead? Perhaps it's a little bit of both. Christians have every reason to be positive about what is ahead. We see the coming year as a year in God's hands. The past is in God's hands as well. 2019 like 2018 are years of God's grace in Jesus Christ.

I look forward to the coming year at Faith Lutheran Church. God continues to bless us and give us the task of being a light in our community. I'm reminded of our church motto, "**A heart from God...A heart for others.**" 2019 will bring new opportunities to both receive from God and show forth what we are in Jesus Christ. Don't forget our health fair on the 12th of this month. What an opportunity to greet people from outside the church in our own facility.

I found a poem that encapsulates the Christian outlook for the New Year. God's blessings to all in 2019.

Pastor

Another year is dawning.
Dear Master, let it be,
In working. Or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.

--Francis Ridley Haverga

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

Happy New Year! January is now here and the year 2019 has begun. As each new year starts, we are always filled with mixed anticipation. What will the new year bring? We would always hope for the best, but we know there will be difficult times as well as good ones. As Christians we know that God is always with us especially when we are struggling. His love for us and our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior gives us eternal life. Which is the joy and happiness we truly need.

As this new year begins, I would urge all of you to reach out to your neighbors and friends. Invite them to join us in worship and in the many activities we have each year. Volunteer when possible so that we can continue doing all the events that we all enjoy so much. A special thanks to all those who volunteered last year and the many years before to make Faith the wonderful church it is.

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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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped me with the Advent potlucks and for all the delicious food everyone brought.

Maxine Crogle

J C L JAR

For the month of November, we received \$100 towards paying off the new alarm system in the fellowship hall. Combined with the pig roast proceeds, we have contributed \$1,152 thus far. That leaves \$5,848 to reach our goal. We always like receiving \$1.00 bills with the letters J C or L on them but any bill or check is appreciated.

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Week of:

January 6 Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
January 13 Marilyn Richards

January 20 Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
January 27 Marilyn & Keith Jones



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,

As we enter the month of January, I wish each of you a Happy New Year with God's continued blessings.

The January worship schedule is as follows:

January 05 12, 19, 26 Regular Saturday Services with Holy Communion on 12, 26
January 06, 13, 20, 27 Regular Sunday Services with Holy Communion on 06, 20

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all our Elders this past year for their hard work and support. With that being said I have a few more people to thank starting with Ellen Davey for serving as chairwoman on the Altar Guild, the Council members for their service and to Jane Van Orden and the Trustees for the great job they do.

I thank all the volunteers that we have at Faith that lend their time and talent which is greatly appreciated. However, we always need more volunteers. The annual Time & Talent form will be initiated this month and I pray that God will guide you to volunteer your time and talent at Faith Lutheran Church.

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

Fred Crogley
Board of Elders Chairman

2019 ASSIGNED SUNDAY USHERS

Due to numerous changes to members assigned to be an usher at the Sunday worship services, an updated 2019 Sunday Usher schedule is listed below. Please mark it on your calendar when you are scheduled. If unable to usher on a specific date, please find a substitute, if possible.

JANUARY, MAY & SEPTEMBER

CHUCK DAVEY, Joanne Fetzer, Judy Hill, Carla Nicklas

FEBRUARY, JUNE & OCTOBER:

BILL MOELLER, Ray & Naning Bangel, Sylvia Decker, Betty Marquette, Marlene Nordquist, *Jerry Marquette (June Only)*

MARCH, JULY, NOVEMBER

FRED CROGLE, Maxine Croggle, Jack Ryan, Madolyn Sabo, Willis Staller, David Trout, *Fred Klovach (July only)*

APRIL, AUGUST & DECEMBER

JERRY GNECKOW, Pat Gneckow, Mike & Diane Hammel, Paul Mantey, Gary Wyggle, *Gloria Schultz (August only)*

Head Usher is in bold print.

We need at least one more Usher for the three months noted with Chuck Davey's team and at least one more Usher for each team during the months of June, July, August and September. Please contact Fred Croggle if interested.

STITCH N'TIE

We close 2018 with a feeling of satisfaction because we were able to meet our mission goals and look forward to doing the same in the year to come. We can have this hope because our closet is supplied with supplies, we need to do this.

Our thanks goes to the many who have given us beautiful fabric to use to make our big and small quilts. Someone was generous and left us a large amount of fabric. We are very thankful to that anonymous person.

The 47 quilts have been delivered to the seven facilities in our area who help people in need for a variety of reasons. The persons accepting our mission gifts are sincere with their thankfulness on behalf of their people. That makes our efforts worthwhile.

Our group gathered at a nearby restaurant for a holiday get together and decided to take a Christmas and New Year's break with the date of January 4th for our next quilt meeting. We always will welcome anyone who comes to our group meetings. Our hope for you is for a blessed New Year.

Marilyn Richards

OUTREACH

We have put together a number of outside Organizations to participate in the Health Fair for Saturday January 12th from 9am until 3pm. As previously mentioned, Blood mobile Bus and Sertoma Van addressing hearing issues and also entertainment for children. Others to set up inside our Fellowship Hall; Britney Visiting Angles; The VA Services for Veterans; Crystal River Lions Club, with vision testing; Nature Coast Therapy Dogs; Citrus County Health Dept with Blood pressure checks, Nature Coast Free Dental Clinic information; Dementia Assistance Group; as well as our own Hearts of Faith Group. We expect other Organizations to be finalized soon. Of Course, help is needed inside and out as well as the kitchen with; cookies, brownies, coffee and juice for anyone, and light lunch items for the various participating Organizations and our own Church workers around the noon time. Many have come forth to assist and more help is welcomed. This is a great opportunity for Faith Lutheran Church to Reach out to our Community. The Chronicle Newspaper is expressing interest and will have articles, JOY-FM Radio will have announcements, and WYKE local TV channel will also have announcements. Flyers via email are also used. We hope to have many from the Citrus County Community, and many from our own Church Family to show up. An information table will be set up regarding Faith Luther Church.

A special Thanks to those who have put forth time and talents, too many to name at this time.

Pray that this is a success for the Glory of our Triune God and we reach out to all who attend.

Ray en Naning Bangle

Altar Guild

January schedule:

Saturday- 6PM: Shirley Janisko
Sunday -9:30 AM: Ellen Davey

Altar Guild Needs: "Hand Maidens of the Lord" for Saturdays in February, April, September, and October.

Please respond Ellen Davey 352-382-1526

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith did not have a regular meeting in December. However, we did enjoy our Christmas party at Citrus Hills. Some of the spouses attended, as well. We had a delicious lunch, played two Christmas games, and sang some Christmas carols, directed by Marge Sawyer. The wonderful party was planned by Marge Sawyer and Marjorie Lane. Volunteers helped them make our "favors." We thank the ladies for such a festive celebration.

We were saddened by the loss of Gail Schielke and Donna Miller, such lovely women.

Our next Ladies Of Faith Meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. We will be discussing plans for our February 15 and 16 Rummage Sale. All ladies are welcome to attend our meetings.

We hope that everyone had a nice Christmas.
Happy New Year,
Carla

STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

At the December 16, 2018 semi-annual meeting of the Faith Lutheran Church Congregation I was elected to the office of Stewardship Chairman for 2019-2020. I thank you for your vote of confidence and I wish to assure you that I will do my best to keep the subject of Stewardship foremost in the minds and hearts of our members. I have already chosen a theme for the 2019 Stewardship campaign, and I will be submitting my theme and my plan of action to the Council for information and approval at the January meeting. Much of the focus of Stewardship for 2019 will be on 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.

Soon you will be receiving your annual statement of financial contribution from the Financial Secretary. Keep this statement for your personal records and as a potential tax credit. 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.

Thank you to all those who helped decorate the sanctuary and narthex for Christmas. We have received many compliments from visitors about the beauty of our church building.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

January 14th at 9:00 am, All men are invited to share in a bountiful breakfast and a time of prayer and fellowship. We also will be planning for our next fundraiser to support the seminary food banks. See you there!

PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars for February 8th at 5:00 p.m. for our annual Pizza and Movie night. This, is a fundraiser for the Men's Prayer Breakfast to fund our seminary food banks. This year's movie is entitled "THE WOODCARVER" starring John Ratzenberger, who starred in the tv series "Cheers". This, is a heartwarming film dealing with faith, family and friendship. You won't want to miss this event - Great pizza, great fellowship and a great movie!!

David Haas

Thank You

Thank you for all your prayers given for Russ's recovery from brain surgery. He has been cleared to drive again. It's been a long road to recovery 1 ½ years. The next challenge is knee replacement surgery in April. Thank you for all the prayers for my friend Shirley. She died after a 5 year battle with cancer. She was so appreciative of your prayers. She said, "it's what keeps me going." We are a caring congregation. Thanks again. Carol Dewing

January Birthdays

Gladys Percival	1/1
Gloria Marquis	1/3
Marilyn Richards	1/4
Corey Janes	1/8
Majorie Lane	1/8
Lester Miller	1/8
Naning Bangel	1/9
Fran Heinhold	1/10
Heather Dunmire	1/15
Anna Lane	1/20
Louis Lott	1/20
Fred W. Snook	1/21
Ann Zielke	1/21

January Wedding Anniversaries

Willis & Linda Staller	1/10
Lynn & Jean DuBose	1/12
Ed & Lois Stern	1/22
Kurt & Joanne Johnson	1/23



Faith Lutheran Church Out Reach

This is a picture of the check in the amount of \$2250 that was given to Living Water Church at the Beach in Mexico Beach, Florida by Faith Lutheran Church congregation. Pat and Jerry Gneckow also gave a generous gift of the travel trailer to the church. We pray for their well being and recovery from the devastation of the hurricane.



Christmas Time at Faith Lutheran Church

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2 10:30 am LOF 3:00 PM Choir	3 8:00 am Workshop 10:30 Hearts of faith 3:00 PM Bell Choir	4 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	5 6:00 pm Worship
6 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm.	7 10:00 am Outreach	8 1:00 pm Bible study	9 3:00 PM Choir	10 8:00 am Workshop 3:00 PM Bell Choir 3:00 PM Elders	11 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	12 9:00 am Health Fair 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
13 9:30 am Worship 2:30pm Life Care	14 9:00 am Men's Breakfast	15 1:00 pm Bible study	16 3:00 PM Choir	17 8:00 am Workshop 3:00 PM Council 3:00 PM Bell Choir	18 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	19 6:00 pm Worship
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