

# Walk With Faith March 2019 Newsletter



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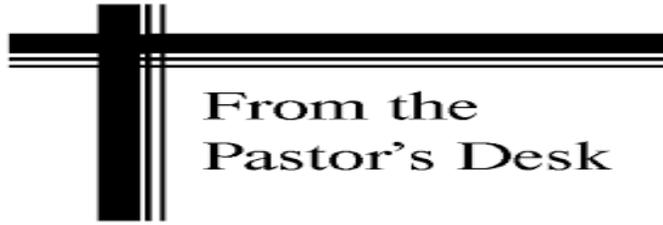
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## ***Our Mission Statement***

***“A HEART FROM GOD”***

***“A HEART FOR OTHERS”***



## From the Pastor's Desk



The calendar tells us that March 6<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday this year, which begins the season of Lent. Lent is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays) which precede the grand celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord. Since Easter is late this year, April 21<sup>st</sup>, so is the beginning of Lent.

Lent follows our Lord as He journeyed toward the cross. The meaning of this season centers on the cross. It can be a special time for Christians as they ponder the significance of Christ's cross for them. Some of the additional emphases of Lent are as follows:

1. **Penitence** – Lent is a time in which Christians reflect on the cost our Lord paid for our sins. Sometimes Christians have fasted or given up certain things during this time as a demonstration of a penitent heart. I like the idea of adding something to Lent. Christians can use it as a time to add Bible reading, prayers, charitable giving of money or time, etc.
2. **Spiritual Renewal** – As we consider our Lord's cross our own lives come into view for us. Many Christians have profited by taking time during Lent for spiritual renewal. Our lives are often so busy that the care of our souls is on the back burner. Lent is a great time to change that.
3. **Prayer** – Lent can be used as a special period for extra prayer, both private and public. It calls for spending an extra period in personal prayer. It means scheduling additional services during the weeks of Lent. Through these spiritual exercises a person is to have a closer walk with God and a dearer company with Christ. By the end of Lent a person should be built up in his or her faith.

Midweek services have been a tradition at many churches during the season of Lent. We will hold special midweek services at Faith Lutheran Church again this year. They will begin with an Ash Wednesday service including an imposition of ashes for those who wish to begin the season with that symbol. Our hope and prayer is that these services will be meaningful as the cross of our Lord is lifted before you again this Lent.

*Pastor*

## From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

Well March is here, and you can tell that by the occasional hum of our air conditioners again. Soon the heat of summer will be upon us, lawns will need to be mowed yard work will be a necessity, along with all the painting and repairs needed to keep our facilities looking great. Please take time to thank all our trustees who work very hard to make this happen.

Please take time to join in our Lenten services and share them with your friends and neighbors.

Yours in Christ, Dale

### Special Note:

With all the chaos and activity going on around the world and here in Florida, we here at Faith, have been working with law enforcement and our elders to keep our facilities as safe and secure as possible. Recently at our council meeting Kevin Belfry was appointed as our security officer. With his police background and knowledge of our alarm system he is a perfect fit. Kevin contacted the Citrus County Sheriffs department and they sent two officers to inspect our facilities. They reported that we are doing a good job and that is good news to all of us here at Faith. However, no system is completely safe, and we are working to make everything as safe as possible. Kevin will be working on new codes for the alarm system and will be in contact with those who will need them. At the April congregational meeting we will be showing a brief (5 minute) video entitled "Run Hide Fight". This video is not intended to frighten anyone but to inform people of what they can do if they encounter a problem whether they are at a store, a movie, the post office, or any public place. In the future we will have more to report until then if you have any questions please let us know.

Yours in Christ  
Faith Lutheran Church Council

### **Council**

Dale Schluckbier	President	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
Jerry Marquette	Vice President	Joanne Fetzer	Co-treasurer
Jerry Gneckow	Stewardship	Carol Wygle	Financial Secretary
Pat Gneckow	Recording Secretary	Fred Crogle	Head Elder
Maxine Crogle	Coordinator	Ray & Naming Bangel	Outreach
Dale Schluckbier	Newsletter	Melissa Climer	Publicity

## CUB THANK YOU NOTE

Faith Lutheran Church received recently the following thank you note from CUB:

***“From all of us at Citrus United Basket I send you our thanks for your donations to the food pantry. In the year 2018 you donated an amazing 1,076 pounds of food.”***

Thank you to our members, associates and friends who donated in 2018 to CUB. For 2019 let's see if we can exceed 1,076 pounds.

### **CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED MARCH DONATIONS ARE NON-FOOD ITEMS. (See below)**

*SUGGESTIONS: TOILET PAPER, DIAPERS, DIAPER WIPES, Q-TIPS, DEODORANT, RAZORS AND BLADES, FEMININE HYGIENE ITEMS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, MOUTHWASH, SHAMPOO*

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!**

## **LENTEN POTLUCKS**

To add a little change to the Lenten potlucks, we will have a different food theme for each of the three scheduled potlucks. The first potluck on March 6 after Ash Wednesday service will highlight German dishes. The potluck on March 20 will be Italian dishes and on April 3 it will be Mexican dishes. So, get out your cookbooks or go on the internet and find a themed recipe to bring to the potlucks. If you do not want to bring an ethnic food specified for that particular potluck, then bring whatever you desire. At the very least we will have great fellowship with one another. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for food and for volunteers to help set-up and clean-up at the potlucks.

Thank you,

Maxine Crogue



### **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 March worship schedule is as follows:

March 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Regular Saturday Schedules with Holy Communion on 09, 23

March 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 Regular Sunday Schedules with Holy Communion on 03, 17

March 06, 5 PM, Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes followed with Potluck (German theme)

March 13, Wednesday, 5 PM, Lenten Service, No Potluck

March 20, Wednesday, 5 PM, Lenten Service with Potluck (Italian theme)

March 27, Wednesday, 5 PM Lenten Service with No Potluck

As noted above, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 06. Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice in preparation of celebrating Easter. With the dispensation of ashes on Ash Wednesday, it reminds each Christian, "For dust you are and to dust you shall return. (Genesis 3:19) May we always walk in peace serving our Lord remembering our strength and refuge lies in the name of the Lord who created heaven and earth.

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

Fred Crogley  
Board of Elders Chairman

### **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), but any bill or check payable to Faith Lutheran Church is appreciated. Money received in the jar goes toward paying off the new alarm system in the fellowship hall.

## ASSIGNED USHERS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, LENTEN, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday, 5 P.M.	Fred & Maxine Crogley Jerry & Pat Gneckow
Wednesday, March 13	Lenten Service, 5 P.M.	Dave Hass & Jack Ryan
Wednesday, March 20	Lenten Service, 5 P.M.	Jerry & Betty Marquette
Wednesday, March 27	Lenten Service, 5 P.M.	Ed & Lois Stern
Wednesday, April 3	Lenten Service, 5 P.M.	Walter Gergely & Paul Mantey
Wednesday, April 10	Lenten Service, 5 P.M.	Chuck Davey & Gary Wygle
Thursday, April 18	Maundy Thursday, 5 P.M.	Bill Moeller, Sylvia Decker Gloria Schultz & Jane Van Orden
Friday, April 19	Good Friday, 3 P.M.	Fred & Maxine Crogley
Sunday, April 21	Sunrise Service, 7:00 A.M.	Ed Stern
Sunday, April 21	Easter Service, 9:30 A.M.	Jerry & Pat Gneckow, Mike & Diane Hammill Paul Mantey Gary Wygle

***If you cannot usher on the scheduled date, please find a replacement.***

## BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

**Week of:**

March 03	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
March 10	Maxine Crogley
March 17	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
March 24	Jane Van Orden
March 31	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member

## **STITCH N'TIE**

This month was full of work for our group. We displayed our quilts for two weeks in the sanctuary before the rummage sale. We had a good response from our members and the public. This time our baby quilts were popular, and our supply is very low. Baby material has been purchased and we need to get some made up by the end of March for the Citrus County Baby Shower in April.

We have had good attendance, between nine and eleven people, and much has been accomplished. If anyone is thinking of being a part of our group, feel free to stop in on Fridays, 9:00 - 12:00 and join us. Each week we have a coffee and snack break during this time period. You are welcome.

Marilyn Richards

## **OUTREACH**

We are continuing efforts to have brief messages on our neighbor Radio Stations leading into the Lenten Season and up to Easter. An insert in our Service Bulletin will give more information as to Station call letters and time frames. These messages will be done by Pastor Lane at the Radio Studios.

A two hour Session on Dementia will be at our Fellowship Hall on Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am to Noon. This is open to all, and Public is invited. It is conducted by Deborah Selsavage from the Dementia Support Group and a free will offering is accepted. This would be of interest to all and is very informative.

A reminder that we have Brief Services at the Life Care Center on Rt 491, Lecanto, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2:30 PM . This has been a mission of Faith Lutheran Church for many years, and a rewarding experience. Please consider attending and helping out to these shut-ins.

A brief 4 question survey regarding our recent Health Fair will be available in coming weeks at our weekend services. All opinions will be taken into consideration by The Out Reach Folks.

GOD's continued Blessing to all at Faith Lutheran Church, as we continue to work for HIS Glory.

Ray en Naning Bangle

## **Newsletter**

Please send all articles for the newsletter to this e mail address only [dale3918@brighthouse.com](mailto:dale3918@brighthouse.com). If you send them to another I may or may not find them and it saves me a lot of time looking for them.

Thank you, Dale Schluckbier

### **Hearts of Faith**

Hearts of Faith will meet Thursday, March 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in being part of this group, please join us!  
Marcia Pridgen (352) 686-0287

### **Ladies Bible Study**

We had a great turnout for our first study on February 9th. The discussion was very interesting. We will meet for our second study on Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. I still have two books available for purchase at a cost of \$10.00 each. Looking forward to our next discussion. We will be completing the chapter on the worldview of Secular Humanism. The discussion will include how it affects us as Christians and how we can live our faith amongst those of this worldview. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Marcia Pridgen (352) 686-0287.

### **Altar Guild**

#### **February schedule:**

Saturday- 6PM:	Joyce Englebrecht
Sunday -9:30 AM:	Marilyn Richards

### **Ladies of Faith**

Ladies Of Faith had a brief meeting on Wednesday, February 13 before the rummage set-up. We thank Kathy Walker and Shirley Janisko for the delicious lunch following our meeting. Then we began day 1 of two days of set-up for the rummage. The rummage sale was February 15 and February 16. Kathy Walker was our Rummage sale chairman, and Maxine Crogle was our bake sale chair. We had great teamwork for the sale but definitely missed Linda S. We thank everyone who donated gently used items, baked yummy treats, made beautiful quilts, worked the sale, and shopped the sale.

The next Ladies Of Faith Meeting is Wednesday, March 6 at 10:30 A.M. As many of you know, our speaker for that meeting is Sunshine Arnold, Executive Director of CASA. We are asking for donations to be brought to our March meeting. All women of the church are welcome to attend our meetings.  
Thank You, Carla

## **CASA**

Sunshine Arnold, Executive Director of CASA will be the speaker for the March 6 Ladies Of Faith Meeting.

Ladies Of Faith is requesting that items for CASA will be brought to the church by March 6. They are in need of the following items:

Baby bottles

Women's clothing

Pacifiers

Sippy cups

Wash cloths

Tissues

Ethnic hair care products

Gallon juices

Infant and toddler socks

Sponges

Women's underwear sizes 5-8

Please have these items to the church by March 6. Thank you very much for your donations.

We would love to see you at our Ladies Of Faith meeting.

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to our Pizza & Movie night. We had a very successful event and thanks to the generosity of our congregation we will again be able to give another generous contribution to our seminary food banks. The movie "WOODCARVER" is in the church library.

The next prayer breakfast is Monday, March 11th. All men are invited to attend, breakfast at 9:00, followed by a time of devotion and prayer.

Thank You,  
David Hass

## **THANK YOU**

Sisters and Brothers of Faith. I thank you from my heart for your prayers, cards, phone calls and emails they lifted my Spirits. Willis and I both felt your prayers of love and support during my time of surgeries and recoveries. Hugs Love and Blessings to Our Faith Lutheran Family.

Linda Staller

## **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.

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.

When you get around to doing your Federal Income Tax Return for 2018 you will notice that the Standard Deduction for married couples has increased dramatically to \$26,600. This change to the tax law will make filing your return much less complicated, and it will probably result in a smaller amount owed, or a larger tax return. Please consider sharing some of your good fortune with Faith Lutheran Church by tithing your return or increasing the amount of your weekly offering.

Thank you to all those volunteers who help FLC maintain our financial records and pay our bills.  
Father, give us hearts that gratefully share. Amen.

Jerry Gneckow  
Stewardship Chairman

### **March Birthdays**

Rachel Patterson	3/2
Grace Raetz	3/3
Paul Williams	3/3
Alex Logsdon	3/5
Robert Staab	3/6
Venuto, Logan	3/7
Beth Lawrence	3/8
Marcia Pridgen	3/8
Gert Sullivan	3/10
Walter Gergely	3/13
Jerry Marquette	3/13
Joanne Johnson	3/18
Venuto Michael	3/18
Margaret Forte	3/22
Ralph Frank	3/23
Valerie Brandt	3/24
Rev Dave Raetz	3/25
Pat Meier	3/31

### **March Wedding Anniversaries**

Margaret & Pete Forte	3/15
Gus & Charlotte Kraye	3/15
Jerry & Betty Marquette	3/19
Jack & Marilyn Anderson	3/26
Steve & Joanne Fetzer	3/28
Jane & Paul Mantey	3/31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>9:00 am</b> Stitch and Tie	2 <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship
3 <b>9:30am</b> Worship and Holy Comm.	4 <b>10:00 am</b> Outreach	5 <b>1:00 pm</b> Bible study	6 <b>3:00 PM</b> Choir <b>5:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday	7 <b>8:00 am</b> Workshop <b>10:30</b> Hearts of faith <b>3:00 PM</b> Bell Choir	8 <b>9:00 am</b> Stitch and Tie	9 <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship and Holy Comm
10 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship <b>2:30pm</b> Life Care	11 <b>9:00 am</b> Men's Breakfast	12 <b>1:00 pm</b> Bible study	13 <b>3:00 PM</b> Choir <b>5:00 PM</b> Lenten Service	14 <b>8:00 am</b> Workshop <b>10:30</b> Hearts of faith <b>3:00 PM</b> Bell Choir <b>3:00 PM</b> Elders	15 <b>9:00 am</b> Stitch and Tie	16 <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship
17 <b>9:30am</b> Worship and Holy Comm.	18	19 <b>1:00 pm</b> Bible study	20 <b>3:00 PM</b> Choir <b>5:00 PM</b> Lenten Service	21 <b>8:00 am</b> Workshop <b>10:30</b> Hearts of Faith <b>3:00 PM</b> Bell Choir 3:00 PM Council	22 <b>9:00 am</b> Stitch and Tie	23 <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship and Holy Comm
24 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship	25	26 <b>1:00 pm</b> Bible study	27 <b>3:00 PM</b> Choir <b>5:00 PM</b> Lenten Service	28 <b>8:00 am</b> Workshop <b>10:30</b> Hearts of faith <b>3:00 PM</b> Bell Choir	29 <b>9:00 am</b> Stitch and Tie	30 <b>6:00 pm</b> Worship
31 <b>9:30 am</b> Worship						

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