

Walk With Faith May 2019 Newsletter

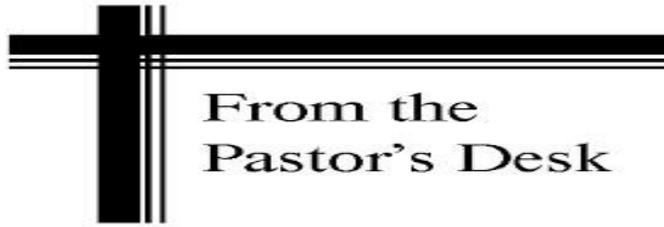
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the
Pastor's Desk



"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."
- Edwin Way Teale

Teale is right. Spring brings a fresh outlook, a new beginning. What are your plans for the month of May? Many of our snow birds are heading north. Have a safe trip. We look forward to seeing you in fall. Some of us are mostly staying put. Perhaps a short trip is planned for later. God be with you wherever you are.

Actually, He is with us. The very last words in the Gospel of Matthew are ***“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the close of the age.”*** Jesus said that to his disciples and to us. Of course, staying close to Jesus is also something that is intentional on our part. That is, we don't forget about our Savior or take a vacation from him. We need him every day.

I see the month of May as a time that can be for spiritual growth on our part. Perhaps we have a little more time now. We can plant seeds that our Lord will cause to grow. Let's make the month of May a time to do just that—planting seeds. Do something that you have felt for some time God is urging you to do.

One of the greatest blessings of being a Christian is that each day is a new beginning. It doesn't really even need to be springtime.

“The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing of birds has come. Yes, spring is here.” (Song of Solomon 2:12 Living Bible)

Pastor

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

This past year Faith Lutheran church has been very busy. From last years lightning strikes to accidents, computer crashes, alarm systems, out dated fire protection, roof leaks, and our music director accepting another job just to mention a few.

All these difficulties we were able to resolve. Our equipment has been restored, the sign has been replaced, we were able to fix our insurance problems, and with God's blessing we found Sharon Royalty to be our music director. She has brought to us the wonderful music and choirs that we enjoy so much.

After this we still went forward, and we had a pig roast, a Seder meal, we sent help to a sister congregation after their disaster in Mexico Beach, and we had our first health fair.

Everything was made possible by God and the great team we are blessed with here at Faith Lutheran Church. We are led here by our shepherd Pastor Lane. He is a compassionate and calm person who is always there for us when we need him and able to point us in the right direction when we are unsure. Our office manager is doing a great job to get all our publications out every week and help others when they need it. We have a church council who not only meets each task head on but is constantly looking for the next one. Our biggest asset though, is our volunteers. The people who are getting everything done. They are the ones who mow the lawn, count money, clean bathrooms, work on the altar guild, usher, work in the sound booth, quilt, run our church bazars, prepare all the food and organize our potlucks and fellowship after church. There are many more things being done each day that I have missed.

To all of you I would like to say Thank You for your devotion and hard work, you are truly God's blessing to us.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

Dale Schluckbier	President	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
Jerry Marquette	Vice President	Joanne Fetzer	Co-treasurer
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Fred Cogle, Chairman	Paul Mantey
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Jerry Gneckow	Ed Stern
Walter Gergely	Jerry Marquette
David Haas	

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

The May worship schedule is as follows:

04, 11, 18, 25 Regular Saturday Service with HC on 11, 25

05, 12, 19, 26 Regular Sunday Service with HC on 05,19

As you know, prayer is the most powerful tool that we have. It is talking to God. Prayer can be about things that concern us. When you wake up each morning, it can be as simple as saying thank you Lord Jesus for the rest I received and for my wellbeing. Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer, a prayer we all know. It is universal. Please take time each day to pause and pray. Increase our faith so that we may truly trust you not only with the present but also with our future. In Jesus name Amen.

In May there are special dates that we should take a moment to acknowledge. The first date is May 2nd which is National Prayer Day, a day of prayer for our nation and its leaders. Mother's Day is May 12th honoring our moms. May 18th is Armed Forces Day, a tribute to all our military servicemen and women. Last but not least is Memorial Day on May 27th in which we honor our past veterans who served our country. Remember these dates in May with prayer.

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

Fred Cogle, Elder Board Chairman

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone who brought all the delicious food for the Lenten potlucks and to the following volunteers who helped: They are Fred Cogle, Carol Dewing, Pat & Jerry Gneckow, Jan & Jack Ryan, Merle & Fred Snook, Linda & Willis Staller. and Kathy Walker.

Also, thank you to everyone who brought food for the Easter breakfast and a big thank you to those who also volunteered to help. They are Fred Cogle, Candy Lott, Betty Marquette, Carla Nicholas, Marcia Pridgen, William Rousch, Gloria Schultz, Linda & Willis Staller, Amber Venuto and Kathy Walker.

Maxine Cogle

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED MAY DONATIONS ARE CANNED ITEMS.

Suggestions: Vegetables, Potatoes, Diced Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Kidney Beans, Chicken Broth, or Fruit

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), 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. Last month I failed to mention that Ladies of Faith also donated \$500 for the fire alarm system. Thank you, Ladies of Faith, so much for your generous contribution. This is another tremendous boost towards paying off the fire alarm system. This leaves a balance of approximately \$4,350. As always, we appreciate any donation towards the fire alarm system (J C L) jar.

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of:

- May 05 Karen Wille
- May 12 Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
- May 19 Celestia & Barry Gasiewski
- May 26 Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member

SMALL HOME GROUP BIBLE STUDY

We are in the beginning stages of starting at least one small home Bible study and possibly two. One group could hold their Bible study in the evening (especially geared towards those who are still working) and another group would meet during a week day afternoon. Please consider one of these home Bible groups, and if interested, please contact either Pastor Lane or Maxine Crogle.

FREE ORGAN

The Yamaha large organ (three keyboards) that is in the fellowship hall is yours for the taking, or if you know of someone who would like it, please let he/she know. There are many beginner books also. You must provide your own transportation and manpower. If interested, contact Kevin Belfry, 527-3325.

Stich and Tie

We have had two months to get together baby quilts for the Citrus County baby shower. We were able to give them eight quilts. One of our members worked at the baby shower and we are anxious to hear what it is all about. It was held April 16th.

This Spring we have had a great attendance by our members They have worked hard, and we are accumulating all sized quilts to be used later. If anyone is looking for a gift to give, you can consider what we have in our inventory as a possible choice. They vary in price.

We certainly appreciate all the church members who have supported us in the past. By doing that it allows us to buy supplies and carry on making quilts and giving away what we can.

Marilyn Richards
Member

Altar Guild

May Schedule

Saturday- 6PM: Shirley Janisko
Sunday -9:30 AM: Betty Marquette

Wedding Shower for Ginny Lane!!!!

When: Sunday, June 2nd, at 10:45 AM

Where: Faith Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall

Bring a Gift Card to hang on the Gift Card Tree instead of gifts. This allows Ginny to be able to get the gifts at home instead of shipping them.

Also, bring a recipe and/or special advice/thoughts to share with Ginny. There will be a "bottle of Good Vibes to place them in.

Both women and men are invited to share in this event. Please **sign up** in the narthex after services. **Also, please sign up** to help with the food and drink items, list also in the narthex.

Let's celebrate a young couple who are starting their life with the Love of God front and center!!!!

Marcia Pridgen

OUTREACH

The Radio messages Pastor Lane had done for the three weeks prior to Easter Sunday went very well. Anyone wishing to listen to the series, contact Pastor Lane or the Out Reach Committee, as they are available online.

Faith Lutheran Church is now considered Dementia Friendly, after attendance by a number of our Congregation, as well as a good turnout from the Community to the very informative Class held last month.

Anyone interested in helping out at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex prior to Services, please contact Ray or Naning. This is a good opportunity to Greet visitors and hand out our Church information packet.

Once again, we meet informally the 1st Monday morning at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall and would like to invite anyone to attend with Ideas for Reaching out to the Community, showing we are a Friendly and caring Church.

Ray en Naning Bangle

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith met Wednesday, April 3, 2019. We were pleased to have a presentation about heart health and diet from staff from the Health Department. Many members had a blood pressure reading or our blood sugar tested.

At our April meeting, Maxine Cogle presented information about a possible fundraiser, "tricky tray." Maxine has spoken to Pastor Lane about his thoughts for the venture.

Four members of Ladies Of Faith attended the Spring Rally at First Lutheran in Inverness. At our April meeting, we reported that Faith will host the Fall Rally on October 26, 2019. More details to follow.

At our April meeting, we had the Bibles for the four. Shirley Janisko wrote in each Bible that they were a gift from the Ladies Of Faith. On Palm Sunday, the Bibles were presented to the four by members of Ladies Of Faith.

Ginny Lane, Pastor's and Suzanne' s daughter will be getting married this summer. Hearts Of Faith and Ladies Of Faith are planning a shower for Ginny to be held at the Fellowship Hall.

Treats for the April meeting were provided by Carla Nicklas, with assistance by Kathy Walker.

The May meeting will be election of officers. The current Board will provide the luncheon. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

We will meet at 10:30 A. M. May 1, 2019. We will have a guest speaker, a missionary. We hope that everyone had a blessed Easter.

Hope to see you at our May 1 meeting. We do not meet June, July, and August.

Carla Nicklas

STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

The theme that I have chosen for Stewardship for 2019 is "Grateful Giving." **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow. Amen.** (Lutheran Hymnal pg. 805)

Last month I wrote to you about the new federal tax laws and encouraged you to consider sharing some of your additional tax refund to help further the work of the Lord. In my next handout I intend to provide some information about what happens to your offering after it is placed in the offering plate at worship service. You may be surprised to learn how many people are involved in the processing and posting of your offering in order to ensure that church records are properly and accurately maintained. I also want you to know that your offering is strictly confidential. A special thank you to all those volunteers who help keep our Faith Lutheran financial ship on an even keel.

I would also like to encourage each of you to consider using *Electronic Giving* as a means of ensuring that your offering is submitted each week, even if you are unable to attend worship service. Application/authorization forms are available from Jerry Gneckow or Carol Wygle. Forms may also be found in the Narthex.

Father, give us hearts that gratefully share. Amen.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

May Birthdays

George Magura	5/3
Gloria Schultz	5/4
Lorraine Wells	5/5
Steven Schick	5/8
Paul Janes	5/9
Willis Staller	5/9
Wilma Rahmer	5/11
Jan Ryan	5/12
Dee Kavouras	5/14
Venuto, Amber	5/14
Tom Adabody	5/19
Jake Gerring	5/21
Joanne Fetzer	5/23
Joyce Engelbrecht	5/24
Patricia Ulvund	5/24
Sue Meng	5/25
Dale Schluckbier	5/26
Lorraine Schluckbier	5/27
Madolyn Crysler	5/27
Jean DuBose	5/28

May Wedding Anniversaries

Dale & Loraine Schluckbier 5/23

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30AM Ladies of Faith	2 8:00 am Workshop	3 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	4 6:00 pm Worship
5 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm	6 10:00 am Outreach	7	8	9 8:00 am Workshop	10 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	11 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
12 Mother's Day 9:30 am Worship	13 9:00 am Men's Breakfast	14	15	16 8:00 am Workshop 10:00 AM Hearts of faith	17 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	18 6:00 pm Worship
19 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm	20	21	22	23 8:00 am Workshop	24 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	25 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
26 9:30 am Worship	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30 8:00 am Workshop	31 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	

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