

Walk with Faith May 2021 Newsletter



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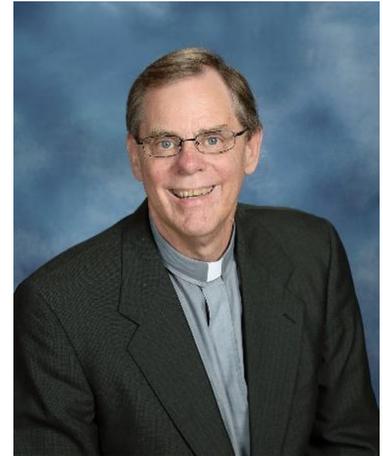


Our Mission Statement

"A HEART FROM GOD"

"A HEART FOR OTHERS"

From the Pastor's Desk



We celebrate many things in life: birthdays, anniversaries, marriages in the family, job promotions, a good report card, victory from a favorite sports team, etc. Some of these are big celebrations and some are small. It is worth celebrating important aspects of our lives. God has called us to enjoy the good things that are part of life. We see these as ultimately coming from His hand.

Christians have celebrations that are specifically associated with their faith. For instance, we celebrate baptisms and confirmations. There are also special days on the calendar of the church year that are worth celebrating. Some of these are recognized by society in general and for that reason have been “secularized” (that is given interpretations that have little to do with Christ and the Christian faith).

There are a number of important Sunday’s in May that are worth celebrating. May 9th is Mother’s Day. It is important to remember the blessing that our mothers have been in our lives included how God often uses them spiritually in our lives. Then, there are three festivals on the church calendar that may not be on your calendars at home. The Ascension of our Lord (celebrated by us on Sunday, May 16th), Pentecost (Sunday, May 23rd), and Trinity Sunday (May 30th). The last weekend is also Memorial Day weekend in our country.

Jesus went up: The Ascension of our Lord (Acts 1:9) occurs 40 days after Easter and marks the day Jesus left this world after his Resurrection appearances. In the early church this day was the biggest church festival with the exception of Easter. The church then felt very keenly the significance of Jesus being taken from this world and his calling to carry the Gospel out to all nations.

The Holy Spirit came down: Pentecost (Acts 1:9) marks the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send his Spirit down upon His disciples. If the Spirit had not descended, Christ’s mission would never have gotten off the ground. With the coming of the Lord and Giver of Life, the era of missions was born.

The Disciples went out: Trinity Sunday is a celebration of the mystery of the Oneness of God in three distinct Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the God proclaimed by Jesus’ followers. They preached God as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

The ascent of Jesus and the descent of the Spirit on Pentecost are past events. But not yet completed is our mission of continually going out into the world to proclaim Christ’s Gospel. Because Jesus went up and the Spirit came down, we are enabled to go out as Christ’s ambassadors. This is to be an emphasis always at Faith Lutheran Church. Remember our church motto: **“A heart from God – A heart for others”**



Pastor



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We are sorry to see Jerry and Pat Gneckow leave us. They have both been a pillar of Faith Lutheran Church. Their new address and phone number are:

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A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"

ELDERS REPORT



Greeting Christian Friends:

The month of May brings us five worship services for both Saturday and Sunday. Pastor Lane will be taking a well-deserved vacation during the first week of May, and we will have Pastor Zerbe filling in for the 1st and 2nd of May. Worship services for May are as follows:

Saturday services beginning at 6 p.m. on May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, with Holy Communion being held on the 8th and 22nd.

Sunday services starting at 9:30 a.m. on May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, with Holy Communion being held on the 2nd and 16th.

We will continue with our CO-VID 19 procedures for the time being. Face coverings although suggested are not required. We are looking ahead to being able to return to more normal conditions in the near future.

Since Jerry Gneckow has left the area we will be short one elder. We are seeking a replacement and ask that our many qualified men of the congregation to prayerfully consider this opportunity. Those members who were assigned to Jerry as their elder will be reassigned to another elder.

David Hass
Board of Elder, Chairman

YOUR ELDERS

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

The June newsletter will cover the summer, June, July and August. Please have your articles and updates to me by May 26th. Send them to Lu Ann Cooke at bluann@tampabay.rr.com. Remember to view the calendar and make sure I have your meetings up to date.

Live streaming of our worship services, newsletter and weekly updates may be found at our church web site.

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



Ladies of Faith met Wednesday, April 7, 2021. Rachel Patterson was our interesting speaker at the meeting. Rachel, who loves her job as a school social worker has worked for the school district since the 2015-2016 school year. She is assigned to Lecanto Elementary School and Lecanto Middle School. She distributed emotional topic books and binders for our members to review. She always needs more of these books for her students. Rachel reported that social

emotional learning is huge. She conducts groups, educates teachers, attends IEP's (Individual Service Plans), and visits classrooms. She talked about the effects of Covid on the students and that children 6-16 must be in school of some type. We thank Rachel for taking time out of her busy school day to give a comprehensive presentation.

Nita Haas presented an informative devotion about hymns. She prepared a listing of Lutheran hymns written by many nationalities. She concluded the devotion with the reading of the hymn "Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs."

Carla distributed flyers for the Spring Zone Rally April 24 in Ocala. Due to a memorial service at our church, there will not be any attendees from our Ladies of Faith.

Lydiann Hoffman gave a report on her efforts to find candidates for President and Secretary. Thank you to Lydiann for serving as the Nominating Committee.

Dee Kavouras reminded members that she is the Sunshine Lady. Carla will try to let Dee know about cards needed for our members.

The rummage sale was voted for and scheduled for November 12 and 13. Maxine Croggle will contact Kathy Walker to be Chairman and Joanne Fetzer to be Bake sale Chairman.

There will be two memorial services- Audrey Strutt's service is April 24, and Sara Snook's service is May 8.

We thank Lydiann Hoffman and Ellen Davey for treats following the meeting. We celebrated Ellen's birthday.

Our next Ladies of Faith Meeting is Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

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

Peace starts with a smile.



CITRUS
UNITED
BASKET

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 in the J C L jar any \$1.00 bills with the letters J C or L on them (Jesus Christ our Lord), Any other bills or a check payable to Faith Lutheran Church are also acceptable. So far approximately \$1,600 have been collected. **Thank you!**



Ebb and flow are part of daily life. We certainly see this in our church as well. Members move away and new ones join! We are planning to receive several new members at Faith Lutheran on Sunday, May 23, which is also Pentecost Sunday. There will be red paraments in the sanctuary and a general feeling of excitement. Perfect timing!

Rev. Douglas K. Escue wrote an article for the LCMS website called "The Colors of the Liturgical Seasons". Here is an excerpt from that article:

Color. Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son.

Red is a power color and is appropriate for use on Pentecost Sunday. On this day we remember the power and fire of "the Lord and Giver of Life," who revealed himself as the promised one. The color red communicates the motif of strength-strength and power the Holy Spirit gives in order for God's people to call on the name of Jesus Christ and share that powerful name with others.

The Outreach Committee will begin meeting in the fall. We are recruiting additional committee members to assist with specific projects as well as help plan the direction of the Outreach Committee in 2021. Please watch for meeting dates and times to be announced and join us!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Panas



Correction: A memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran for Sara Snook on May 8 at 11:00 a.m.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Audrey Strutt upon her passing. Her memorial was held April 24 at Faith Lutheran.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to Paul Mantey, family and friends upon the passing of Jane Mantey.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| Hammill, Mike | 4 |
| Gloria Schultz | 4 |
| Steven Schick | 8 |
| Paul Janes | 9 |
| Willis Staller | 9 |
| Wilma Rahmer | 11 |
| Jan Ryan | 12 |
| Dee Kavouras | 14 |
| David Patan | 18 |
| Tom Adabody | 19 |
| Jake Gerring | 21 |
| Joanne Fetzer | 23 |
| Joyce Engelbrecht | 24 |
| Sue Meng | 25 |
| Dale Schluckbier | 26 |
| Lorraine Schluckbier | 27 |
| Madolyn Crysler | 27 |
| Jean DuBose | 28 |
| Patricia Patan | 30 |

MAY ANNIVERSARY

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| Dale & Lorraine Schluckbier | 23 |
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WHY GOD MADE MOMS



Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.

2. Mostly to clean the house.

3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.

2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.

3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.

2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.

2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.

2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

3. They say she used to be nice.

SCHEDULES



MAY

Saturdays - Ellen Davey
Sundays – Ann Panas



MAY

6:00 SATURDAY Ed & Lois Stern
9:30 SUNDAY **Chuck Davey**, Joanne Fetzer, Nancy Griffin, Judy Hill, Carla Nicklas

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

MAY



Saturday

Sunday

1 Candy Lott
8 Tom Gottschalk
15 Madalyn Sabo
22
29 Madalyn Sabo

2 Gloria Schultz
9 Nita Hass
16 Carol Wygle
23 Tom Gottschalk
30

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR MAY



Week of:

May 02 Professional Cleaner
May 09 Gary Wygle
May 16 Professional Cleaner
May 23 Karen Wille
May 30 Professional Cleaner

2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | | | 1 6:00 p.m. Worship Service |
| 2 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Communion | 3 3:00 p.m. Bible Study | 4 | 5 10:30 a.m. LOF Meeting | 6 7:30 a.m. Workday | 7 9:00 a.m. Stitch N Tie | 8 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Communion |
| 9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service <i>Mother's Day</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 7:30 a.m. Workday 3:00 p.m. Elders | 14 | 15 6:00 p.m. Worship Service |
| 16  9:30 a.m. Worship Service Communion | 17 3:00 p.m. Bible Study | 18 | 19 | 20 7:30 a.m. Workday 3:00 p.m. Council | 21 9:00 a.m. Stitch N Tie | 22 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Communion |
| 23  9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 7:30 a.m. Workday | 28 | 29 6:00 p.m. Worship Service |
| 30 THE TRINITY  9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 31 memorial DAY  | | | | | |