

Walk With Faith November 2018 Newsletter



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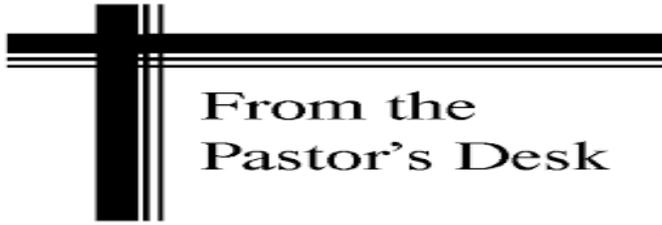
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the Pastor's Desk



St. Paul wrote to the Colossians: ***“1Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God....”***

So how do we set our mind on things above? Not by ignoring or escaping from this world. I would maintain that St. Paul had in mind that we engage in our earthly activities (those that are edifying, wholesome and what God has called us to do) while we set our minds on things above. Since our lives are now hidden with Christ in God that informs, sanctifies, and blesses our daily activities.

Are there examples of this in our upcoming month of November? What this means for you I can't precisely say. God has given us all unique circumstances and callings. Let me suggest a few events on the calendar ahead that you might want to consider as you ***“set your mind on the things above.”***

ELECTION DAY – We have the privilege of living in a country where we have a voice in how we are governed. Christians are called by God to do what they can to better society. This means bringing our values to bear within our system. If Christians fail to do this, the void will certainly be filled with contrary beliefs and values. Religious freedom also cannot be taken for granted. Add your prayers as well for our country's elections on November 6th.

VETERANS' DAY – Veterans' Day is observed on November 11th. That falls on a Sunday this year. We will certainly remember it in our service. There are many places of conflict throughout our globe that impact our military. Pray for them. Support can be shown and given to veterans a number of different ways. Seek those out this month.

THANKSGIVING DAY – This is a national holiday that is, of course, very widely observed in our country. Family, turkey, football, and other traditions have become associated with this day. Christians recognize that Thanksgiving is an empty activity without thanking the ultimate Giver of all good things. Thank God and ask him to help you live in his thanksgiving. This includes living in appreciation, with an overall attitude of contentment. Thank God for his grace in Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP – Stewardship like Thanksgiving is something that Christians strive to live in throughout the year. Our church uses November as a month that emphasizes stewardship. We will have a special Stewardship Sunday on November 18th. Thanksgiving and stewardship go hand in hand. It is our response to God's blessings.

Pastor

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

Well November is here, and it is a month probably most famous for Thanksgiving. Sometimes this holiday is diminished in size by football games, parades and even Christmas sales and shopping. While all these are things we might really appreciate I hope we all have time to give thanks for our friends, family, and all the wonderful gifts God has given each and everyone of us. The gift of his only Son for our sins and salvation is surely the most precious of all. I hope each and every one of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

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2019 CHURCH ELECTION

The church's 2019 election of officers, elders and chairmen of specific committees will be held at the congregational meeting on December 16. The following Council positions to be filled are Vice President, Co-Treasurer, Education Chairman, Publicity Chairman and Stewardship Chairman. If you are a member, please consider placing your name on the ballot or write-in a member's name who you think would be good for one of the above-mentioned positions listed. On November 11 in the Narthex there will be a ballot box and a copy of the ballot. Put the name/s on the ballot, fold it and put it in the ballot box. The nominating committee will then review the forms and contact the persons whose names are written on the ballot to see if they are willing to serve.

Thank you,
Nominating Committee

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED NOVEMBER DONATIONS ARE CANNED VEGETABLES AND/OR CANNED 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!**

BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Week of:

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| November 04 | Jean DuBose |
| November 11 | Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member |
| November 18 | Celestiai & Barry Gasiewski |
| November 25 | Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member |



Elders

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

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

The November worship schedule is as follows:

November 03, 10, 17, 24 Regular Saturday Schedules with Holy Communion on 10, 24
November 04, 11, 18, 25 Regular Sunday Schedules with Holy Communion on 04, 18

November is starting a busy time at Faith. On November 3-4, we celebrate All Saints Day at which time we remember our dearly departed members who passed away this past year to be with our Lord. A bell is rung after Pastor states each name. The following members who passed away since last year's All Saints Day are:

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| Gene Askins, 01/02/18 | Evelyn Shrade, 02/17/18 |
| Fred Snook, 02/09/18 | Sandy Schiltz, 04/16/18 |
| Erwin Weiss, 02/11/18 | Ruth Schmidt 08/16/18 |

Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11, and we are giving special recognition to our veterans at the Saturday, November 10, and Sunday, November 11, worship services. Please come to the fellowship hall after the Sunday service for cake and to thank our members who served our country.

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

Fred Croggle
Chairman

UPDATE ON “J C L” (Jesus Christ Our Lord) JAR

In April we started collecting \$1.00 bills with letters of either J, C or L on the bill to put in the jar to help pay off the electronic sign. At that time there was a balance of approximately \$1,200 owed. The sign is now paid off! Thank you to everyone who participated.

Now, there is a bigger challenge ahead of us. As many of you know, the church property had two lightning strikes this past summer. One of the serious ramifications from one of the strikes resulted in us (FLC) having to replace the fire alarm system in the fellowship hall at a cost of approximately \$7,000. The \$1.00 bills or whatever money you wish to give will go towards this cause.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kevin Belfry for receiving the Gold Presidential Service Award from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office on October 17, 2018. Kevin had volunteered over 500 hours in 2017.

STITCH N'TIE

We displayed our quilts in the church sanctuary the Sunday before the Trash and Treasure sale. It was impossible to display all of them, but they will be available at the sale. We have over 80 quilts done. They are in sizes and categories of large throws/twin, throws, children, baby and wheelchair. We are hoping to sell some and then distribute them to service facilities in our community in December.

It will soon be the Thanksgiving season and we are all thankful for many blessings that are a part of our lives. We hope you and your families and friends have a blessed season.

Marilyn Richards

LIBRARY

The November book of the month is Bible Timetable of History including charts. This was donated by Jacki Scott. It will be displayed throughout the month in the narthex. Take a moment to check it out.

Suzanne and Shirley

OUTREACH

A number of outreach projects are in the works over the coming months. We have a continuation of the 'Thank You' Baskets, which have been distributed in our area to some Fire Stations, The Sheriff EOC Center, The VA Center, as well as other locations in the past. We look for contributions such as individual cookie, fruit or juice packets as well as other items in small packets. This has been well received. A Basket is located in the Narthex for your donations.

We are need of folks to be at the Welcome desk in the Narthex to greet visitors and hand out a welcome packet, as well as providing Pastor with the names of visitors. On that same note, some Church members will be working together to make the Narthex better organized and more attractive.

Other projects are in the works, so stay 'tuned' for updates, and feel free to join us as we meet the 1st Mondays at 10am in the fellowship Hall to work on projects and gather to discuss ways to serve the Lord and reach out to the Community.

Ray and Naning

HELP

For those of you who bring stamps for Jane Mantey, please make sure there is at least a ¼ inch border around the stamp if possible. If you leave more I trim them down to the ¼ inch border.

I'm pleased to report that the LCMS has raised thousands of dollars for missionary outreach via these used stamps sale.
Thanks, Jane Mantey

Altar Guild

November schedule:

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| Saturday- 6PM: | Ellen Davey |
| Sunday -9:30 AM: | Maxine Croggle |

Choir

All who would like to join the Chancel Choir or the Bell Choir, please contact me. We are always looking for members and your participation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Sharron Royalty

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith met Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The main topics discussed were LWML Sunday and the Rummage Sale. We also had speakers from Lady Of Fatima Church. These ladies, friends of our member Carol Sewing gave us fundraising suggestions.

LWML Sunday was planned and directed by Ellen Davey and Shirley Janisko. We thank them for coordinating this special event. We thank also Carol Clayton for arranging our special cake, which is pictured below.

The Rummage Sale, held October 26 and 27 was very successful, due to the efforts of Linda S., Co-Chair, Joanne Fetzter, Bake Sale Chair, Anita Trout, Baskets Chair, and Margie Sawyer, head of cashiers. MARGE is also our new Ladies Of Faith Treasurer. The men were once again very helpful all week with donations.

We appreciate everyone's donations and supporting the sale by attending. The next Ladies Of Faith Meeting is November 7, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. Hope to see you then. Carla



STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

In early October I distributed the sixth Stewardship Handout for members to read at home. The October handout emphasized the “*Joy of Sharing Our Resources*” and emphasized that our *resources* are gifts from God.

The November handout will be distributed on Stewardship Saturday/Sunday (November 17/18) and will focus on the importance of establishing a stewardship plan between individuals/families and God. Traditionally, at this time of the year FLC conducts a stewardship drive, including pledge cards and letters encouraging members to think and pray about their Stewardship Plan for the coming year. Those pledge cards were never used to create a budget or predict offerings. The unsigned cards were not reviewed by any member of the FLC Council. The pledge was just between you and the Lord. This year we ask that you again think, pray, and make a pledge to the Lord for 2019 on the removable stub included in your November handout. When filled out, the removable stub should be filed in your records or in your Bible. No formal pledge cards will be distributed.

In a continuing effort to recognize and thank those who serve our church, I would like to bring to your attention the work that is being done by our Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, better known here at Faith Lutheran Church as The Ladies of Faith (LOF). Their efforts to help the needy and less-fortunate in our community are truly commendable. In past years the LOF adopted a family for special assistance at Christmas time, and purchased bicycles for presentation to young people. The LOF has also sponsored “Honor Flights” for veterans, purchased white crosses for distribution, and contributed many hundreds of dollars to FLC and charities in our community. Thank you LOF!

Another group deserving special recognition is Stitch and Tie. They meet every week and work diligently to produce quilts for the needy, the sick, and for new mothers. Their quilts are real works of art and are sometimes sold to raise money for charity.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Thank you, Pastor Lane, for being our pastor at Faith Lutheran Church the past eight years. We appreciate everything you do for us.



November Birthdays

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| Steve Janes | 11/2 |
| Marlene Nordquist | 11/3 |
| Carolyn Arias | 11/5 |
| David Zielke | 11/8 |
| Jim Arias | 11/9 |
| Donna Miller | 11/9 |
| Wanda Malphurs | 11/13 |
| Bonnie Pruefer | 11/15 |
| Sandie Lawrence | 11/21 |
| Gene Askins | 11/24 |
| Mary Jane Magura | 11/24 |
| Matt Warner | 11/24 |
| Caleb Malphurs | 11/25 |
| Elsie Cougias | 11/28 |
| Bill Grosze | 11/30 |

November Wedding Anniversaries

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| Jake & Lula Gerring | 11/13 |
| Gert & Jerry Sullivan | 11/13 |
| Bill & Wilma Rahmer | 11/21 |
| Donna & Lester Miller | 11/23 |
| Naning & Ray Bangel | 11/24 |
| Danny & Kathy Walker | 11/28 |

November 2018

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