

Walk With Faith October 2018 Newsletter



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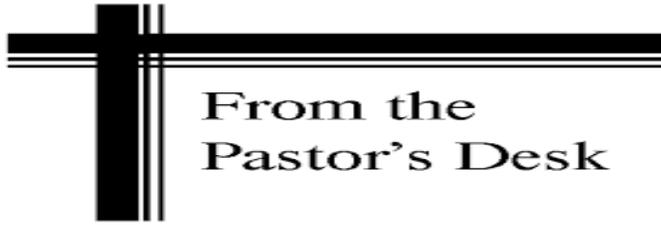
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings to all! We are gradually welcoming back many who are returning from more northern regions. It is great to see those who have been away for a number of months. God's grace goes with us wherever we are. It is a privilege to worship Him together and to receive the Sacrament alongside one another.

When we gather together as Faith Lutheran Church it is generally for the purpose of worship. People often ask questions about worship. They recognize that there are many things that are similar about worship in different churches and also some things that can be quite different. For our newsletter article this month I have included here just a few thoughts on Lutheran Worship. Our goal, of course, is always to draw closer to our Lord and in the process to draw closer to each other.

Dr. A.L. Barry wrote the following in an article entitled Lutheran Worship:

"Lutheran worship puts the focus squarely on Jesus Christ, who is present for us and with us through His Word and Sacraments. Lutheran worship is, therefore, Christ-centered, not man-centered. When we are gathered for worship, we are not contemplating some far-off Christ or meditating on abstract concepts or pondering various principles for living. Neither are we in church to be amused or entertained. Christ is living and active among us, right where He has promised to be in his Word and Sacraments. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 18:20). When he gathers us around his Word and Sacraments, he fulfills this promise to us once again." Consider also this from the introduction to the Lutheran Worship hymnal: "Our Lord speaks, and we listen. His Word bestows what it says. Faith that is born from what is heard acknowledges the gifts received with eager thankfulness and praise...Stating back to Him what he has said to us, we repeat what is most true and sure...The rhythm of our worship is from Him to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives his gifts, and together we receive and extol them. We build on another up as we speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs."

Lutherans use orders of service common throughout the history of the Western church. Many of the forms have roots that go back into the early church—the first three centuries. It is special to think that there is a continuity of worship that has existed throughout the history of the church. The service has both variety and similarity. It is reverent and also joyful. The two main parts of the Divine Service are (1) the proclamation of the Gospel and (2) the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Other orders of service used in the Lutheran church feature a more extended service of the Word as well as times of prayer. It is important that our worship not be a matter of prescribing those things that are about perception, feeling, or taste. Worship never is only about us. It is a corporate act done with others in the body of Christ. As we have said, it begins with God's service to us through His Word and Sacraments.

As we gather together each week welcoming new faces and greeting familiar faces, we are joining with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven before the Lamb upon his throne. "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" (Rev. 5:13)

Pastor

From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

It is good to see so many of our congregation are back home. Fall is officially here and with it comes the many projects put on the shelf for the summer. There are many things to do or help with and as always, I would ask anyone who feels they could help to volunteer. We don't turn anyone away. There are many areas that always need help. Altar guild, name tags, kitchen help, greeters, trustees and church cleaning just to mention a few. I encourage everyone to consider helping where they can. Here at Faith we have the best group of volunteers, but we always have room for more.

As you can see our sign is back up and working like new. Our insurance company has paid for most of the costs and we need only to recover the deductible from the driver's insurance. The lights are back and working in the church and we are focusing our attention now on the fire alarm system for the parish hall. I would like to take a moment to thank Jane Van Orden for all the time and work she has put in to get things back to normal or as close as we can get for now.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

Dale Schluckbier	President	Jane Van Orden	Trustees
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Maxine Crogle	Coordinator	Ray & Naming Bangel	Outreach
Dale Schluckbier	Newsletter	Nancy Griffen	Publicity

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED OCTOBER DONATION IS CEREAL

Watch for those "Buy One, Get One Free" ads for cereal. Perhaps, purchase one for yourself and one to donate to CUB. 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 SEPTEMBER

Week of:

October 07	Maxine & Fred Crogle
October 14	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
October 21	Karen Wille
October 28	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member



Elders

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

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

The October worship schedule is as follows:

October 06, 13, 20, 27 Regular Saturday Schedules with Holy Communion on 13 & 27
October 07, 14, 21, 28 Regular Sunday Schedules with Holy Communion on 07 & 21

On October 13 and 14 we are celebrating Clergy Appreciation Day/s. When leaving the service on either one of those dates, be sure to let Pastor Lane know how much you appreciate him being our pastor. I am sure he would welcome those comments, and if you can, please consider giving him a card. On Sunday, October 14, after the service please join us in the Fellowship Hall for cake to not only thank Pastor Lane but also Suzanne and family for all that they do at Faith Lutheran Church.

Please contact your assigned Elder when you are ill, in the hospital or have other needs. If you do not know who your assigned Elder is, there is a board on the wall in the Narthex with a photo of each Elder listing his assigned members or you can call the church office.

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

Fred Crogle Chairman



2018 FAITH LUTHERAN PIG ROAST AND FUNDRAISER

Reserve Friday, November 9, on your calendar for a pig roast at Faith starting at approximately 5:00 PM. or shortly thereafter in the fellowship hall.

We will be serving pig of course, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert (including gluten free and no-sugar added desserts for those on special diets) and beverage. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex starting October 20th. Cost is \$10.00 per person. It is **IMPORTANT** that you purchase your ticket/s no later than **November 4th**. As we need to know how much food to buy and prepare. As in the past after the meal, Pastor Lane and other musical talented members will provide the entertainment.

Also, at the pig roast, this is your last chance to purchase tickets for the beautiful baskets that several ladies have made to help fund various missions that Ladies of Faith support. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. Drawing for winners of the baskets will be held that night.

This is a terrific opportunity for each of us to do "Outreach" in our community. Please invite your neighbors and/or friends to the pig roast and encourage them to also worship with us at Faith. If possible, please consider paying for their meal. There will be a cut-off at 132 tickets. So, plan to purchase your ticket/s early.

It takes most of the day to roast the pig. We are looking as always for a few good men to do two-hour shifts. There will be a sign-up sheet at the table for this also. If you have any questions, please call Steve Fetzer at 794-6457. Also, we could use a few more people to help the day before and the day of the event to prepare and serve the food. If interested, please call Maxine Crogue, 637-4649.

The Pig Roast Committee

STITCH N'TIE

Summer has ended, but the work of the quilting group goes on. Even though our group is small, we accomplish great things. At This time, our inventory totals 81, in assorted sizes. A selection of them will be on display in the Sanctuary on a Sunday prior to the October 26 & 27th, bazaar, and will be offered for sale at the Bazaar. Receipts from the sales, enable us to purchase materials that are needed to create more, and they also allow us to donate to our church needs.

We also donate quilts to the "World Baby Shower" and to six or seven nursing homes in Citrus County.

Our group meets every Friday morning from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, with time for a coffee break.

Please join us. You are always welcome.

Margery Sawyer

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

FRIENDSHIP BREAKFAST - SUNDAY OCTOBER 21st 🍴

🍷 Men's Prayer Breakfast Ministries presents a pancake Friendship Breakfast following the service Sunday Oct. 21st.

Free will offering with proceeds to benefit our seminary food banks. 🍞

Bring your friends and neighbors for church and breakfast. 🧑🧑

Thanks for your support
David Hass

Ladies of Faith

Ladies Of Faith met Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. This was the first meeting following a three-month, summer break.

All women members are welcome to attend. We were happy to have new member Luann Cooke in attendance, as well as Gerry Peterson, one of our first LOF Presidents.

The major topics discussed were the rummage sale to be held October 26 and October 27. Linda Staller, Co-Chair is working hard planning the event and asking Faith members to participate.

LWML Sunday is October 7. Ellen Davey and new LOF Vice-president Shirley Janisko have planned the LWML Sunday. We welcomed Shirley as the new Vice-President and enjoyed her special devotion.

We thanked Carol Sewing for the wonderful and abundant food at our meeting.

Our next LOF meeting is Wednesday, October 3 at 10:30 A.M. All women members are welcome to attend. We will be doing final planning for the rummage and bake sale.

Please continue to save your donations for this fund-raising event. Thank you for your participation.

Thank you.

Carla

"The Baskets"

This year the Fall Rummage Sale will be October 26th and 27th which is earlier than previous years. Baskets should be turned in by October 21st. Beginning the first week in September empty baskets will be on a table at the back of the Fellowship Hall for people to take and fill. As always pick a theme and buy NEW items to fill your basket. Wrap your basket in clear plastic, pin a list of what the basket contains and a bow on the front. Place your filled basket on the table in the far back room in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions call: Anita Trout 228-4082.

Altar Guild

October schedule:

Saturday- 6PM: Candy Lott
Sunday -9:30 AM: Pat Gneckow

Thank you, ladies, for your service to the Lord's Table.
Ellen Davey, Chairman Altar guild

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.

Much of the October handout is devoted to recognizing all those members of our congregation who work so hard to serve Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed with so many volunteers that it is difficult to recognize everyone, so I hope I have not left you off the list of those being commended. If I did, I apologize. As our congregation ages, some are no longer physically able to fulfill the tasks that they have been doing for so long. Therefore, we are always in need of new volunteers to take over for those of us who are no longer able to do the job. Please step up to the plate and volunteer to become part of our dedicated workforce.

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. These pledge cards have never been used to create a budget or predict offerings. The unsigned cards are not reviewed by any member of the FLC Council. The pledge is just between you and the Lord. This year we ask that you do the thinking, praying, and make a pledge to the Lord concerning your offering for 2019, but no formal pledge cards will be distributed. FLC church needs your financial support. The Lord is counting upon you to do your share!

Thanks for sharing your time, resources and talent with Faith Lutheran Church.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman

October Birthdays

Judy Grosze	10/1
Schenck, Cheryl	10/3
Jerry Sullivan	10/6
Maxine Croggle	10/7
Sara Snook	10/7
Debbie Weisert	10/14
Ginger Jeffrey	10/15
Sandy Niver	10/16
Merle Snook	10/20
Kathy Walker	10/20
Fred Klovach	10/23
Kathy Blondell	10/24
Gerry Peterson	10/29

October Wedding Anniversaries

Nancy & Pete Loe	10/2
Philip & Wanda Malphurs	10/10
Howard & Karen Wille	10/15
Chuck & Ellen Davey	10/20
Jack & Jan Ryan	10/20

Thank You

The family of Ruth Schmidt would like to gratefully thank the congregation for their prayers, condolences, gifts of memorial to Faith Lutheran Church, and the many, many sincere cards of sympathy sent to our home. Special thanks to Pastor Lane; our organist Sharon Royalty; all the ladies who put together the wonderful luncheon after the service; the Fero Funeral Home for their expert handling of the details; Flower Time Florist for coordinating the beautiful flower arrangements; Kelly Maletich our home nurse during Ruth's battle with dementia; and the staff at Citrus County Hospice Home who attended to Ruth's comfort and loved her until her very last breath. Ruth was a beloved wife and mom.

Norm,

Mark, John and Shelley (their family, David and Carly), Paul and Anne Marie

BLESS THE CAREGIVERS

Blessed are the caregivers,
Blessed in Thy sight,
Caring for their loved ones
And using all their might.

Giving them your love
In actions so kind,
Day after day
None are left behind.

Living with sorrow
But easing their pain,
Leaning on Jesus
Again, and again.

Thank you for strength
To carry their load.
They rely on Your love
Down this long road.

You're with them all
Preparing in love
For the journey ahead
To heaven above.

Praise Thy name
All praises to You.
For your healing love
Making all things new!

Poem written by Jean DuBose

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 10:00 am Outreach	2 1:00 pm Bible study	3 10:30 am LOF	4 8:00 am Workshop	5 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	6 6:00 pm Worship
7 9:30am Worship and Holy Comm.	8 9:00 am Men's Breakfast Columbus Day	9 1:00 pm Bible study	10	11 8:00 am Workshop	12 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	8 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm
14 9:30 am Worship 2:30pm Life Care	15	16 1:00 pm Bible study	17	18 8:00 am Workshop	19 9:00 am Stitch and Tie	20 6:00 pm Worship
21 9:30am Worship & Holy Comm Friendship Breakfast	22	23 1:00 pm Bible study	24	25 8:00 am Workshop	26 Fall Sale	27 Fall Sale 6:00 pm Worship and Holy Comm.
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30 1:00 pm Bible study	31 Halloween			