

Walk With Faith September 2018 Newsletter



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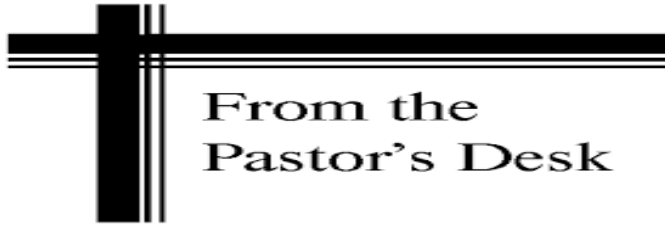
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Our Mission Statement

“A HEART FROM GOD”

“A HEART FOR OTHERS”



From the Pastor's Desk



Rev. Stephen Lane

The summer is quickly drawing to a close. It has been a good summer. I attended our district convention back in June. This was very inspirational and uplifting. It was also a reminder of how much work there is to do. God has given us a huge calling in the church.

There was time for vacation—we spent two weeks in the mountains of North Carolina. Grandma went with us. The only not there was Anna who was working for the summer at Camp Arcadia in Michigan. We connected with family. This was good as well.

At church many of our members have been away. They have left to visit family in the north. Some have taken time for trips. The good news is that this establishes connections with family and friends in different places. It's also good that many will be returning shortly. It's great to see our members again who have been away for some time.

I've been pleasantly surprised at the number of visitors we have had at times this summer. Visitors always add to our worship. They are an opportunity for us to seek new connections. Some of our visitors have been family of members, here for a short time, others have been new to the community. They all have helped make this summer a good one. Sharron, our new music director, has added greatly to our services.

Finally, our family once again this year will have our three children in three different locations. Ginny is resuming graduate studies at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. Anna has returned to the University of Florida for her Junior year. Stephen is with us. He is a Senior in High School. I am convinced that all is good. God has and will continue to guide us.

As we shortly turn the page of the calendar God will present to us new opportunities. September is a new beginning. Many of the organizations and committees that we have in the church, which have taken a break for a few months, will now resume. My prayer is that God will renew and replenish our enthusiasm. It will be good. We have been called together for a purpose. We are connected with our Lord Jesus Christ and by virtue of him we have connections with each other. Remember our church motto: **"A heart from God...a heart for others."**

*"I am still confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;
Be strong and take heart
and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:13-14)*

Pastor



From the President's Desk

Members of Faith,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well and rested after the summer break. Here at Faith things have been very eventful. In June, (June 6th and on June 19th) our church and parish hall were hit by lightning only days apart. Who says lightning never strikes twice. The damage in both cases was not structural but it did electrical damage to our phone lines, computers, fire and security alarm systems, and the air conditioner for the Parish Hall. The approximate cost for the repairs and updates to our equipment will be in the area of \$10,000. Unfortunately, with depreciation, updating the fire alarm system due to age and new fire codes, and our deductible, this is ours to pay. We are still working with our insurance company on all the details as to date with hopes of a reduction in this bill.

Not long after these two events, (July 7th) there was a fatal accident where a truck hit our sign on 44 and that sign was severely damaged. The cost of the replacement sign is \$39,000. We are working with both our insurance and the driver's insurance to cover the total cost of this. So, as you can see we have some work ahead of us, but as we all know with *God* all things are possible and we will resolve these issues as soon as we can.

I would like to take a moment and welcome back all of our members who have returned from their northern visits. Also, wish a safe return for those who will be coming home in the days ahead.

Yours in Christ, Dale

Council

Dale Schluckbier	President	Jane Van Orden	Trustees
Gail Schielke	Education	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
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Maxine Crogle	Coordinator	Ray & Naming Bangel	Outreach
Dale Schluckbier	Newsletter	Nancy Griffen	Publicity

HELP NEEDED!

Many of us enjoy Fellowship time on Sunday, but it doesn't happen without someone making coffee and setting up the food and paper goods etc. Sign-up sheets are being prepared for you to take on one month either singly or with a partner. There will also be the regular sign-up sheets for supplying the food we so enjoy! (That sign-up is for only one Sunday at a time.) Instructions on coffee making are posted in the kitchen and Jeanette or I will be happy to help you get acquainted with the supplies you'll need. Beyond that all that's needed is to wipe down the tables and take out the garbage bag (which you can probably ask someone else to do). If we don't get enough people to share this work, we won't be able to continue our Fellowship time and many of us would miss it plus it's a nice way to get to know new people and perhaps interest them in Bible Study. Please give it some prayerful thought. Gloria

Bible Class

Tuesday 1 p.m. Bible study will resume September 18. We'll be studying 1 Corinthians with a special emphasis on Chapter 13 using a supplementary book to get the most from that theme. It will allow you to express your ideas and feelings regarding the subjects. Hope to see all of you and bring a friend. As always, if you can't make all the Tuesdays, come when you can. Gloria

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER DONATIONS ARE PAPER PRODUCTS – PAPER TOWELS, KLEENEX AND/OR TIOLET TISSUE

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:

September 02	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
September 09	Gary Wygle
September 16	Professional Cleaner Donated by a Generous Member
September 23	Bill Moeller
September 30	Professional Cleaner



Elders

Fred Croggle, Chairman
Chuck Davey
Jerry Gneckow
Walter Gergely
David Haas

Paul Mantey
Jack Ryan
Ed Stern
Jerry Marquette

Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ,

The September worship schedule is as follows:

September 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Regular Saturday Schedules with Holy Communion on 08 & 22

September 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 Regular Sunday Schedules with Holy Communion on 02 & 16

I hope your summer has been safe and rewarding. With that being said, I would like to thank Pastor Lane for recording the sermon for the two weeks in June while Pastor Lane and his family were on vacation. I also extend a big thank you to Ed Stern and Paul Mantey for doing the liturgy at the services. I thank Chuck Davey for chairing the Elders meeting in September and filling in as head Elder during my absence. There is one more person I wish to thank and that is Jane VanOrden for stepping in and helping in the office during Kevin Belfry's illness. We give thanks to our heavenly Father for the blessings that he gives to our members who are always willing to help where needed.

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

Fred Croggle
Chairman

PIG ROAST

Yes, the pig roast is back! Be sure to reserve the date, Friday, November 11, starting at approximately 5 p.m. To have this event go off successfully, we need volunteers to help. Please contact Maxine Croggle at 352-419-3956 or send an email to fmcroggle02@centurylink.net if you would like to help. More details will follow in next month.

MENS BREAKFAST

Our monthly breakfast will resume Sept. 10th, 9:00 A.M. All men are invited, bring a friend, enjoy food, fellowship and a time of prayer. We will also be discussing our fellowship breakfast planned for October.

David Hass

OUTREACH

The seasons blend from one to another, summer vacations and activities come to a close, and Northern visitors return as we prepare programs to reach out to the Community and look forward to welcoming new visitors and the growth of new members into our Family at Faith Lutheran.

Consider being a part of OutReach, with any ideas you may have ... We are meeting this September on Monday the 17th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Normal time has been changed to 10 AM, and Future meeting will normally be had on the first Monday of each month. We meet informally for about an hour and a half.

A number of ideas have been on the agenda for a while and need to be considered. New programs and ways to implement will also be considered.

Ray and Naning Bangel

Ladies of Faith

Welcome back from our summer break, ladies. Hope that everyone had a healthy and pleasant summer.

We want to invite all ladies to attend the next Ladies Of Faith Meeting to be held Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. Meetings generally last about two hours in length,

At our September meeting, we will be discussing/planning our Rummage and Craft Sale to be held October 26 and 27. Please save your rummage items, and we hope to see you September 5th at the meeting.

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

September schedule:

Saturday- 6PM: Shirley Janisko
Sunday -9:30 AM: Jean Dubose and Ellen Davey

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

STEWARDSHIP

To my fellow members:

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

Much of the June handout was devoted to the explanation of the Faith Lutheran Church annual budget, how it is developed, where the money goes, and who is responsible for overseeing the expenditures authorized by the congregation. A brief overview of our contributions to **Missions** was also discussed, and the names of local charities which have benefited from your generosity were provided.

This month I would like to encourage you to think about Faith Lutheran Church when you do **Estate Planning**. If God has blessed you with a comfortable nest egg, think about including the church in your will. Monies bequeathed to FLC in your will could help pay off our building fund, or assist with important and necessary improvements/repairs. If you received a significant tax refund, why not tithe that refund and give 10% of it to FLC? If you won the lottery, cut FLC in for a share!

In a continuing effort to bring recognition to those who work so hard to serve the congregation of FLC, I would like to especially commend the members of the Altar Guild, who take such loving care of the altar, and set up for Holy Communion and clean up afterward.

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

Jerry Gneckow, Stewardship Chairman

September Birthdays

Dave Schiltz	9/4
Jack Anderson	9/9
Marge Sawyer	9/11
Bob Sorenson	9/11
Marilyn Frank	9/12
Chris Striegl	9/15
Stephen Lane	9/16
Margaret Draws	9/17
Iola Michael	9/17
Carol Simerman	9/17
John Simerman	9/19
Lizann Smith	9/19
Shirley Granneman	9/20
Lucille Countryman	9/21
Michelle LaCour	9/28
Charlie Smith	9/28
Carla Nicklas	9/30

September Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Sandy Adabody	9/22
Carla & Ken Nicklas	9/25
Lizann & Charlie Smith	9/29

New Members Mike and Diane Hammel



September 2018

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