

# Walk with Faith September 2020 Newsletter



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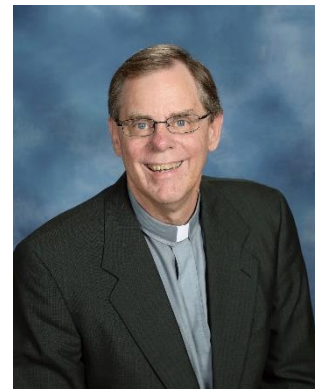


## ***Our Mission Statement***

*"A HEART FROM GOD"*

*"A HEART FOR OTHERS"*

# From the Pastor's Desk



Greetings to members of Faith Lutheran Church. Thank you, LuAnn, for getting out our newsletter even remotely from Michigan. Then again, we are becoming accustomed to finding new remote ways of accomplishing important tasks. Communication in the church is always important. Especially, in these times we want to stay connected with each of you.

Here we are moving into September and still much of the country is on hold due to the Corona virus. As you probably know, we are continuing to hold services at Faith Lutheran Church using many precautions: spacing, sanitizing, continuous communion, etc. We also continue to put services on-line. A special thanks to Lete Connelly who films and edits these services and to all our musicians who have made excellent contributions to them. We plan to meet with our elders and council beginning in September. There are also plans being made to do a remote Bible Study using Zoom.

Perhaps I look at this virus a bit differently than many. I believe it has afforded us with many opportunities to look to our God and look at ourselves differently. Both of those can be tremendously beneficial for us spiritually. For sure, the virus has also provided temptations that at bottom line are spiritual in nature. There is the temptation to use our time away from church to neglect our spiritual lives; to get in the habit of not attending church; to isolate and insulate ourselves from our neighbor's needs; to live in fear and look for relief in only human resources and wisdom. That list could go on. However, temptation can also bring about a stronger faith; it can bring us to our knees and lead us to ask for God's forgiveness and help; it can bring a hunger for God's Word and Sacrament that is so easy to take to granted; it can bring a longing to seek the fellowship and encouragement of our fellow Christians as we worship and commune together; it can increase our awareness of our neighbors needs and suffering. I pray that this latter list would be the case for all of us.

The Fall will still not quite be business as usual at Faith Lutheran Church. We will need to wait and see when we will resume with all our organizations and meetings. My hope and prayer are that as we resume each activity, it is with a renewed zeal and enthusiasm. What a blessing it would be to resume business as usual but not in a way that is only business as usual.

God's protection and provision be upon each of you. ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).***

*Pastor*

**J C L JAR**

Please remember to drop your \$1 bills with the letters of either J C L on them, which stand for Jesus Christ (our) Lord, and put them in the plastic jar in the Narthex. Thus far, in less than a year we have collected approximately \$7,500 to pay for the exterior painting of the church building. A very generous member/s during the summer made a \$3,000 donation. **THANK YOU!** That leaves approximately \$1,600 to pay it off. Any bill or check is accepted. Thank you for your participation.



Dear Members of Faith,

Wow! This will be a year long remembered. As a nation we have seen some horrific events. A pandemic that has hit us extremely hard, riots, civil unrest, and sometimes pure panic. As Christians we must remain faithful and trusting knowing that God is always with us even when we feel alone. He is our loving Father who gives us everything we need, who assures us every day of His love.

The issue of masks is an area we need to address. It has become a mandate in some of the stores and you are required to put one on when you enter. I do feel it is extremely important to wear them even when we attend church or anytime, we have a meeting. We know they can be annoying, but it is important for us all to do this if not for ourselves for others who may not attend church for fear of becoming ill. If you don't have a mask there are some in the narthex, please feel free to pick one up. With Gods help hopefully doctors will come up with a vaccine for this Covid 19 virus and we can all go back to normal. For now, it would be most beneficial to wear one if you can. In Citrus county there is not any mandate to wear masks in church and here at Faith we have no mandate as well, so if you choose to wear one or not is up to you. We totally understand that some of us feel they cannot, only you can make this decision.

In God's Name,

Dale

Dale Schluckbier	President	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
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**We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.**



Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ.,

Worship service for September is as follows: Saturday night service at 6:00 p.m. on the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Holy communion will be on the 12th and 26th. Sunday 9:30 a.m. service on the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Holy communion will be on the 6th and 20th.

Thanks for everyone's cooperation in our social distancing seating arrangement. Face coverings are not mandatory but encouraged. We will continue with our sanitizing procedures for the near future. We are trying to provide a safe worship experience for everyone. Thanks to the many volunteers who have pitched in to help with ushering and sanitizing. Thanks also to Pastor Ohsiek for filling in during Pastor Lane's vacation.

We will continue to record services for our web page, and a great thanks for all of those involved to make that happen.

David Hass  
Board of Elder Chairman

<b>ELDERS</b>	
David Hass, Chairman	Fred Croggle
Chuck Davey	Jack Ryan
Jerry Gneckow	Ed Stern
Walter Gergely	Jerry Marquette
John Lehmann	



**CITRUS  
UNITED  
BASKET**

**CUB SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER DONATIONS ARE NON-FOOD ITEMS SUCH AS: TOILET PAPER, DIAPERS, DIAPER WIPES, Q-TIPS, DEODORANT, RAZORS AND BLADES, FEMININE HYGIENE ITEMS, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, MOUTHWASH, SHAMPOO**

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!**

**"Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done." –C. S. Lewis**



To my fellow members:

Now that we can once again gather at our church building to worship the Lord and give thanks for our many blessings, some of you may be wondering just how to catch up on the offerings that you were unable to place on the offering plate while services were temporarily suspended. Some of you mailed your offerings into the church office. Thank you, thank you. That helped us keep our financial head above water. Others may still be a little nervous about attending services until you are certain that the threat of the Corona Virus is over, but still want to ensure that the church receives your offering. If you are now attending services again, just write one check to cover all the dates that you were not able to attend and drop that check in the plate with one of your offering envelopes. If you are not yet ready to return to worship services in the church building, please send your check to Faith Lutheran Church.

Also, don't forget that you can still elect to do your offering electronically. E giving is simple, safe, and secure. Ask Jerry Gneckow for details.

Jerry Gneckow  
Stewardship Chairman



## Do not be dismayed

As if the COVID 19 pandemic was not enough, now we are in the throes of the 2020 Presidential election! There is civil unrest. There are natural disasters. It is hard not to feel down, discouraged, and defeated, but I found comfort from an unexpected source; an article written by Judyann Grant that was printed in The Florida Register. Never heard of the Florida Register? I had the July & August edition slipped into my bag at the quilt store in Crystal River! Let me share a part of the article that had absolutely nothing to do with quilting, but everything to do with faith.

*We do well to remember we are not alone -- there is always Someone who cares. If we are having a problem, or there is no one to talk to, we can always count on God to be there day and night. No virus is strong enough to separate us from the love of God. No quarantine can isolate Him from moving among His people. He waits for us to reach out, call on Him, and receive comfort.*

Judyann closes her article with a verse from Isaiah 41:10.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Let us take heart. Encourage others. Stay in touch with family, friends, and neighbors. Share the link for our weekly sermons with others. And when life gets tough, don't quit . . . quilt!

Ann Panas



We have received a request from LWML-FL-GA District regarding the cancellation of this year's convention. Normally, each of our individual groups donate \$100.00 to "Gifts of the Heart". That is a special mission that is decided on to receive these funds by the host group sponsoring this meeting. This year, it has been requested that we donate that amount to "Angel Flight Southwest". This group of volunteers donate their private airplanes for medical flights to help men, women and children access long distance life-saving help throughout a five state SW of the US.

As Treasurer of Ladies of Faith, I have sent these requested funds of \$100.00 for this purpose, \$500.00 to Chet Lefort, our sponsored seminarian, and \$100.00 for the Mark & Megan Mantey Missionary Fund in Uganda. This leaves a checkbook balance of \$ 3,683.30. Paul Hostmeyer, our other seminarian graduated in June, 2020. He was remembered at that time.

Hopefully, we'll meet again soon,  
Yours in Christ,  
Margery Sawyer

### LADIES OF FAITH FALL FUNDRAISER

Due to the COVID- 19 virus there will not be a Ladies of Faith fall fundraiser. We hope and pray that we can do the rummage sale in February.



### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will continue to be on hold for the time being. As many of you know our ministry is to support the food banks of our two seminaries in Fort Wayne and St. Louis. I continue to receive thank you cards from the seminary students for our past donations. Matthew Kinne recently wrote me that "My wife and I are so very grateful for how well we are being taken care of. The clothing co-op has provided many items that will be needed to prepare for our baby in November".

We currently have just over \$800 in our treasury. I was hoping to send our usual \$500 to each seminary. At present I am short on funds to do that. This fall we will send out to the seminary food banks what we have on hand. If anyone in our congregation would like to donate to our worthy ministry, please let me know. We are hopeful that we can have another "Pizza & Movie" night in February. I already have a great movie picked out. If God's willing, we will plan on that happening.

David Hass



Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of Shirley Granneman upon her recent death.

## HEARTS OF FAITH



As you know, many of us have been away due to Covid. As for myself, I am missing all of you. I have tried to call everyone in the directory at least once. If I missed you, I am sorry! Our first meeting of the year would normally be the first Tuesday of September. Due to Bill's recent knee replacement, he will be in physical therapy through that time. So I will plan on the first Tuesday in October to reunite our group. Prayerfully the Covid crisis will have dropped to a manageable level. I still suggest you wear masks until further notice.

As it has been so long, we will be reviewing who assignments were made to as for as contacts etc.....I will ask the pastor to have an updated list for us of any new needs.

Prayerfully all of you are doing great. If anyone wants to join our group, we would love to have you. We pray for our congregants and offer visits, and as needed, other services for them. If you know someone in need, let us know. Please join us even if you just want to make phone calls or sent out notes to others in the Faith Lutheran community.

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Wow, it has been a long time! We will resume meeting in October. If you have any need to talk before then, please feel free to call me. I had fully intended on starting in September but am still needing to drive Bill to Physical Therapy following his knee surgery. Sorry! You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I truly look forward to meeting with you again!

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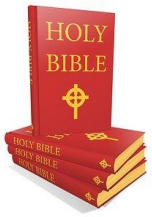


## ESTHER GROUP - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

So looking forward to restarting our group! I so miss our fellowship! We will resume in October in our new books. Most of the presentation will be on overhead projector screen but come prepared for some meaningful discussions as we learn about other world views and how they relate to Christianity. For info contact me or Margaret Lehman.

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## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



The Tuesday 1:30 Bible Study group has decided to resume our meetings on September 15 in the Fellowship Hall. We will distance ourselves and those who feel more comfortable in masks are encouraged to wear them. We'll finish our study of Ephesians before moving on to "The Parables of Jesus" - a book which I've been using for my other two groups which have embraced the discussions. We've missed our time together and hope you'll feel an urge to join in these studies with (really nice) women. Gloria



## Stitch and Tie Quilt Group

We're still waiting to get together. We did meet twice over the summer but decided it was better to wait before we met again. We have gotten some quilts sewed so when we return there will be some to finish up with the other members that do that final touch.

We have had no reports telling us anyone of our members are sick. We thank God for that and we will continue to trust and do our part in protecting ourselves and one another.

We will be in contact soon to discuss meeting again.

Marilyn Richards, Member.

<b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>	
Dave Schiltz	4
Jack Anderson	9
Marge Sawyer	11
Bob Sorenson	11
Chris Striegl	15
Stephen Lane	16
Carol Simerman	17
John Simerman	19
Lizann Smith	19
Lucille Countryman	21
Michelle LaCour	28
Charlie Smith	28
Carla Nicklas	30

<b>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Tom & Sandy Adabody	22
Carla & Ken Nicklas	25
Lizann & Charlie Smith	29





## September Altar Guild Duty

**Saturdays** – Melissa Climer  
**Sundays** - Ellen Davey/Melissa Climer



**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

**6:00 SATURDAY** Ed and 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.*



## SEPTEMBER LAY READERS

Saturday	Sunday
5 Madalyn Sabo	6
12	13 Gloria Schultz
19	20
26 Madalyn Sabo	27

### SEPTEMBER LAY READERS NEEDED

We are looking for Saturday and Sunday lay readers for the month of September. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board above the table. You can pick-up in advance a copy of the lessons for each week in the basket that is attached to the front of the name tag cart in the narthex.



Robert Percival

## BATHROOM CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

### Week of:



- September 06 Professional Cleaner
- September 13 Maxine Croggle
- September 20 Professional Cleaner
- September 27 Gary Wygle

Items and updates for the October newsletter will be due September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please send to Lu Ann Cooke at [luann@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:luann@tampabay.rr.com). Also, view the calendar and make sure I have your meetings.

Newsletter and weekly updates may also be found at our church web site.  
 Go to <http://www.faithlecanto.com/>

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# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 8:00 a.m. Workday	4	5 6:00 p.m. Worship Service
6 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Communion	7 	8	9	10 8:00 a.m. Workday	11	12 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Communion
13 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	14	15 1:30 Bible Study	16	17 8:00 a.m. Workday	18	19 6:00 p.m. Worship Service
20 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Communion	21	22  1:30 Bible Study	23	24 8:00 a.m. Workday	25	26 6:00 p.m. Worship Service Communion
27 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	28	29 1:30 Bible Study	30			