

Walk With Faith Summer 2020 Newsletter June, July & August



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Our Mission Statement

"A HEART FROM GOD"

"A HEART FOR OTHERS"

From the Pastor's Desk



You've been asking when. We are finally going to resume our Saturday and Sunday services with the congregation invited to attend. No decisions have been easy ones over the last couple of months. The elders and I have decided to open the church on May 30th and 31st, Pentecost Sunday. You've probably already heard the news. This is making sure the word has gotten out. Pray that all goes well. Pray that we all remain healthy and safe.

There will be many special measures in place, including social distancing. I won't go through them all here. I should mention we are adding an extra service. There is Saturday evening at 6:00, Sunday morning at 9:30, and Sunday morning at 11:00. I don't know how long this special schedule will be in place. We plan to have prerecorded the service to be posted on our website for the Pentecost weekend. We would love to see you in person. If you still are not feeling comfortable about being part of a public gathering you may watch the video service. We understand full well that all are not under the same health risks.

I will leave you with some encouraging words. Don't doubt that God is always in control. He is not only the Creator but also upholds this world with his mighty power. He has given us to each other in order that he may work through us. For this reason, he established the church, also referred to in the Scriptures as "the Body of Christ." This Sunday, Pentecost, is a celebration of the grand opening of the church, 10 days after Jesus ascended into heaven. What a great Sunday for us to resume our services.

Pastor





Dear Members of Faith,

It is looking a lot like summer here at Faith. Some of our members are heading north soon when they are allowed to. It is getting pretty warm out and love bugs are back. Our council has met for the last time till fall and most all boards are not meeting either. We would normally have a congregational meeting the end of May but that has been cancelled.

This weekend we will open our church for the first time in a while. Things will be different as we will try to follow the guidelines we have been given. There will be seating arrangements to accommodate social distancing, no shaking hands and hugging, we are planning on having communion and there will be a different format for that as well. All these things may make us feel a little odd and out of our comfort zone however, on the bright side we will be back in our church worshipping and singing praises to God who has and is with us every day no matter what is going on

If you have a chance or are able to, please continue to give your offerings to the church as so many have done. It is easy sometimes to get in a mindset that if you do not go you do not give. We should remember that our giving is a pledge between God and ourselves and we should give as we have been blessed.

I look forward to seeing all of you and giving thanks to God in his house.

Yours in Christ,

Dale

Dale Schluckbier	President	Kathy Blondell &	Co-treasurer
Jerry Marquette	Vice President	Joanne Fetzter	Co-treasurer
Jerry Gneckow	Stewardship	Carol Wygle	Financial Secretary
Vacant	Recording Secretary	David Haas	Head Elder
Maxine Croggle	Coordinator	Ann Panas	Outreach
Lu Ann Cooke	Newsletter	Melissa Climer	Education
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Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.



Greetings Fellow Christians in Christ

Great! We are starting worship service again. For the time being we will have two Sunday services at 9:30 and 11:00. Saturday service will be at 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion for Saturday service will be the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. Holy Communion for Sunday service will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Communion will be done as a walk through and the common cup will not be used.

We will be following the 6 foot guidelines for social distancing and ask for your cooperation. Ushers will be available to assist you in finding a seat. Face masks are encouraged, and hand sanitizer will be available. Name tags will not be dispensed, bulletins will be available for you to pick up in the narthex. Hymnals will not be needed as the hymns will be printed in the bulletin.

We hope to make these services meaningful and safe for you. If you are not feeling well or don't feel safe, then we encourage you not to come to a worship service at this time. You can also enjoy our service on our website.

David Hass
Board of Elder Chairman

YOUR ELDERS	
David Hass, Chairman	Fred Crogle
Chuck Davey	Jack Ryan
Jerry Gneckow	Ed Stern
Walter Gergely	Jerry Marquette
John Lehmann	

This will be the final newsletter for the summer until September. Accepting newsletter items on the 15th of each month and no later than: deadline for September newsletter articles: **August 26th**. Please send updates and articles to Lu Ann Cooke at bluann@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/>



FAITH LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT

In lieu of congregational meeting due to COVID-19, the following financial information is submitted via newsletter:

Contributions to operating expenses equal approximately \$80,600 compared to a budget of \$89,300.

Operating expenses equal approximately \$86,900 compared to a budget of \$89,300.

Net loss equals \$6,300. However, negativity is created by 100% of yearly insurance having been paid.

From a cash prospective, we have approximately \$1,300 more dollars than at year end.

Cash position equals approximately \$168,000 with approximately \$38,000 as liquid cash.

Submitted by co-treasurers Joanne Fetzer/Kathy Blondell.

COORDINATOR REPORT

Maxine Croggle

As coordinator for Faith Lutheran Church, I was involved in the following duties this past year:

- Served on the Nominating Committee
- Coordinated the Faith's Fall Frolic (Tricky Tray) event held on November 16, 2019
- Coordinated volunteers to help set-up or clean-up at the Advent and two Lenten potlucks
- Coordinated the annual pig roast held on January 10, 2020
- Distributed and assimilated information on 72 Time & Talent forms completed this year
- Coordinate monthly bathroom cleaning schedules
- Plus, other miscellaneous duties

BOARD OF ELDERS REPORT 2019

Submitted by David Hass

We currently have nine Elders: Chuck Davey, Ed Stern, Walter Gergely, Fred Croggle, Jerry Gneckow, Jack Ryan, Jerry Marquette, John Lehmann, & David Hass. The main responsibilities of the Elders are to see that our services are orderly and conducted in a proper manner and to assist the Pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of our congregation. Each Elder is assigned members and winter associates, which make up his flock list. The Elder's primary purpose is to look after his flock with care and offer assistance if needed. Letters of introduction are sent to members when an Elder is assigned to them Pastor and I review Consecutive Absentee list periodically and then review the list at our Board of Elders meeting. We determine if there are any members with special needs or concerns.

Based on 2019, our church statistics are as follow: There are 200 members. Average attendance was 37 at Saturday services, and 99 at Sunday services or a combined total of 136 average weekly total. The total attendance for 2019 was 1965 on Saturday and 5233 on Sunday. Average attendance for Mid-Week service was 51. There was 1 marriage, 2 baptisms, 5 confirmations, 9 new members and 6 deaths. This concludes my report.



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, and 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.

Jerry Gneckow
Stewardship Chairman



Although Faith Lutheran will begin to hold worship services again, we are also transitioning into our summer schedule when not as many activities are held. Going forward, the Outreach Committee will continue to support our mission by greeting and following up with guests who attend worship or events at Faith Lutheran Church.

Faith Lutheran began producing weekly video worship services in April, primarily to minister to our own members. At the Council meeting last week, we discussed the possibility of continuing those videos even after we return to in-person worship. I feel this is a wonderful opportunity for outreach! We are sharing the Gospel as God commands, without knowing who will hear it. The internet is available to billions of people. Maybe the videos plant the seed. Maybe they water the seed planted by someone else. Isaiah 55:10 - 11 speaks to the sovereignty of God. His Word will accomplish what He set it out to do.

Isaiah 55:10–11

(10) As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, (11) so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Can we find anything positive or “good” about COVID-19? Would we have started producing video worship services without this pandemic? *Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

Ann Panas

CUB (CITRUS UNITED BASKET) SUGGESTED SUMMER DONATIONS



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BASKET

JUNE – Soup, Tuna, Tuna Helper, Hamburger Helper, Vienna Sausage (Regular)

JULY – Peanut Butter & Jelly

AUGUST – Rice, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Ramen Noodles, Stove Top Stuffing

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

This summer, please continue to keep looking on your \$1 bills for the letters of either J C L, which stand for Jesus Christ (our) Lord, and drop the bills in the plastic jar in the Narthex. Any bill or check is accepted. The money collected currently is paying off painting of the church's exterior. We need approximately \$6,000 more to reach our goal. If you can, please give. Thank you

Bible Study



The Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Bible study will resume Sep. 15 - God willing - and we will then continue our study in the book of Ephesians. All are welcome and it won't be a problem if you missed the beginning of the study as each chapter and verse have something to say to us. Hope to meet with all of you then. Meanwhile stay safe but enjoy the outdoors and whatever else works for you.

Gloria Schultz

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Praying that everyone is having a good summer and surviving the virus. We recently sent off the bells for refurbishing and thank you for your support. Hope you have enjoyed the special music offered to you on our web site provided by our different talents here at Faith.

Now in the process of ordering new music for the coming year. We will look forward to starting up the choir mid-September, please join us then. Blessings and safe summer to you all.

Sharron Royalty
Music Director





Since we have been unable to meet because of the virus, I'd like to share the correspondence that we have received.

Mark & Megan Mantey (cousin of Paul Mantey) visited us in February 2019. Since that time, we have donated \$100.00 each of three times via The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, St. Louis, MO. for their work. I most recently received a wonderful thank you from Mark & Megan.

It follows:

Dear Ladies of Faith,
Greetings in Christ from Uganda. Megan and I hope that you are well. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the Lord's work here. We are very grateful to be your missionaries and to partner with you in this important work. Your gifts allow us to continue to serve alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda in our roles of teaching and project management.

Currently, Megan is teaching six courses at the seminary & working with local counterparts. I have been a part of continued completion of the Seminary Chapel. Through all of our effort, the reviewing library was opened to students, just last week. We are happy for the Lord's plan for this place, as it is used to train men to share HIS word.

Thanks always for your continued prayers and support. We pray for you also. All of you are a blessing to us and the people here.

In Christ Alone,
Mark & Megan

LADIES OF FAITH'S FALL FUNDRAISER

Due to the current situation with the coronavirus, we do not know if we will be able to do a fall fundraiser especially like the one we did last fall. There will be an update in the September newsletter.

Stitch and Tie Quilt Group

We have not been meeting but we will plan to start meeting together sometime in June. I will send out a notice to each one of our members regarding a date, either by email or a phone call, and I will put it in the bulletin for those who might be interested.

The group will decide about the meeting schedule for the summer as they have done in the past. We have missed working on our projects but we will be back together soon doing what we enjoy and getting ready to do our mission giving in the Fall and Winter.

We wish all of you a safe and healthy Summer.

Marilyn Richards, Member



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Dunmire	2
Gasiewski Celestia	2
Bill Kavouras	3
Nancy Griffin	4
Linda Staller	5
Marilyn Anderson	8
Ginny Lane	8
Sylvia Decker	10
Joe McFarland	10
Jane VanOrden	11
Robert Percival	12
Tom Jung	15
Madalyn Sabo	15
Zachary Patterson	16
Linda McFarland	19
Ann Williams	20
Margaret Ohsiek	21
Chris Janes	22
Jane Mantey	22
Anita Trout	22
Geneva Davis	23
Barry Gasiewski	24
Gary Wygle	26
Lois Stern	28

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Philip Malphurs III	1
Kurt Johnson	4
Carl Climer	5
David Trout	6
Bill Feasley	7
Shirley Janisko	7
Suzanne Lane	11
Danny Walker	16
Kevin Belfry	16
Bill Engelbrecht	17
Ken Nicklas	19
Paul Mantey	20
Bill Moeller	21
Cora Lee	23
Eleni Gort	23
Judy Jung	27
Jerry Gneckow	28
Bill Rahmer	30

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Carol Thompson	1
Lula Gerring	3
Bernadine Revers	4
Jack Ryan	5
Kimberly Haynes	10
Pastor Lane	14
Ray Bangel	17
Chuck Davey	19
Pat Gneckow	20
Howard Wille	23
Ellen Belfry	28
Philip Malphurs	28
Fred Crogle	31



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Carol Wygle	1
Fred & Maxine Crogle	6
Carol & John Simerman	12
Amber & Chris Janes	15
Gloria & Dave Marquis	17
Gust & Elsie Cougias	21
Fred & Merle Snook	23
Bill & Dee Kavouras	25
Candy & Lou Lott	25


JULY ANNIVERSARIES


Melissa & Carl Climer	7
Marilyn & Ralph Frank	12
Alma & Frank Montag	21
Christopher & Rachel Patterson	22
Chas. & Lucille Countryman	26

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Kimberly & Larry Haynes	9
Pastor & Suzanne Lane	12
Ann & Paul Williams	12
Jerry & Pat Gneckow	20
Bill & Joyce Engelbrecht	29

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<p><u>NAME TAG DISPENSER</u></p> <p>On Hold for now.</p>		<p>JUNE</p> <p><u>DATA ENTRY of Attendance</u></p> <p>Dale Schluckbier</p>
		<p>JULY</p> <p>Karen Wille</p>
		<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Margaret Lehmann</p>

 <p><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></p>	<p>SERVING JUNE</p> <p>Saturdays - Lois Stern Sundays -</p>
	<p>JULY</p> <p>Saturdays – Joyce Engelbrecht Sundays-</p>
	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>Saturdays- Lois Stern Sundays- Betty Marquette</p>
	<p>Ellen Davey, A.G. Chair - 382-1526</p>



<p>USHERS FOR JUNE</p>	
<p><u>6:00 SATURDAY</u></p>	<p>Bill & Joyce Engelbrecht</p>
<p><u>9:30 SUNDAY</u></p>	<p>BILL MOELLER, Ray & Naning Bangel, Sylvia Decker, Betty Marquette, Marlene Nordquist, Jerry Marquette</p>
<p>JULY</p>	
<p><u>6:00 SATURDAY</u></p>	<p>Steve Schick & Melissa Climer</p>
<p><u>9:30 SUNDAY</u></p>	<p>Fred Cogle, Maxine Cogle, Jack Ryan, Willis Staller, David Trout, John Lehmann & Gloria Schultz</p>
<p>AUGUST</p>	
<p><u>6:00 SATURDAY</u></p>	<p>Melissa Climer & Sandy Berg</p>
<p><u>9:30 SUNDAY</u></p>	<p>Jerry & Pat Gneckow, Mike & Diane Hammel, Gary Wygle, Dave Hass & Fred Klovach</p>
<p><i>If unable to usher on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.</i></p>	

The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.



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14 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship	15	16	17	18 8:00 a.m. Workday	19	20 6:00 p.m. Worship
21 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship & Holy Com. 	22	23	24	25 8:00 a.m. Workday	26	27 <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Worship & Holy Com.
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