



The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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Ephesians 3:14-21

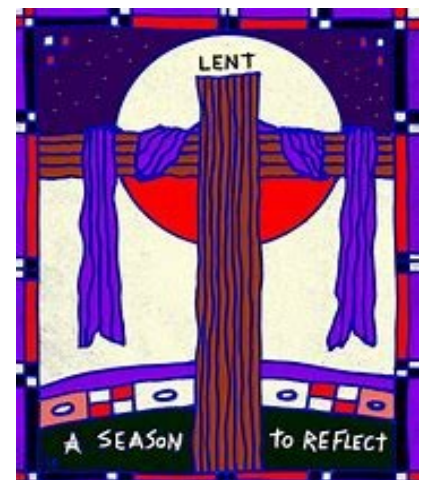
¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[c] in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

We recently studied this text during my Wednesday afternoon Bible Study. I wanted to share it with all of you because it seemed to me that this section of scripture is extremely relevant now. Paul begins this section “For this reason”, the reason that he stated earlier is that he has been made a minister of the Gospel for the sake of the Gentiles and has been imprisoned because of it. But he does not despair, because of the “unsearchable riches” and “the manifold wisdom of God” may be revealed to the church.

In these uncertain times, and they seem to be more uncertain every day, from the virus, to the domestic and international strife, to racial tensions and rising inflation, to the threat of war and a destabilization of the entire world it seems, is floundering with no hope and no one to turn to in time of need.

We as Christians however, know that there is hope and there is someone to turn to in time of need. Paul says that God grants us through the power of the Spirit and the indwelling of Christ, that we are “rooted and grounded in love”. This week we read the parable of the sower and the seeds. He planted the Word of God which took root in the good soil and produced a harvest. The Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit are ours by His Grace, not only for everlasting life and the forgiveness of sins (though that would be enough), but also for the strength to face each day with joy and hope. When we see the news, and sometimes when we look at our own individual situation, we can be tempted to despair, but take heart, God through Jesus has overcome the world. He promised us peace that the world cannot give, joy in suffering, and a sure and certain hope.



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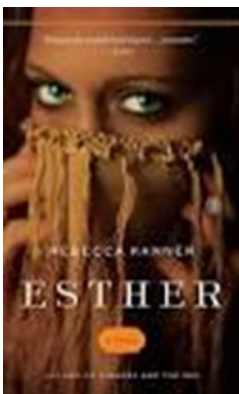
Paul goes on to say that being rooted and grounded gives us the “strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” His love is great we cannot exceed it, we can never ask too much of him because he is abundantly able to do more that we could ever ask. Therefore let us rejoice in the LORD, for He loves us and gives us His peace.
Amen.

Pastor Pock

PLEASE: Church Members who have not picked up their offering box and/or yearly statement, please do so or let your Elder or the Church secretaries know if we can assist in getting these to you.



Movie Night for March is showing the Book of Esther. It is being shown on March 11th at 6:30 pm., with Pizza being served at 5:30 pm. in the Great Hall. PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN UP TO HELP US KNOW HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING.



The book of Esther is the story of a Hebrew woman in Persia who becomes queen of Persia and thwarts a genocide of her people.

The next Movie Night will be April 14th, the Friday before Palm Sunday. Mark your calendar now to save that date.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
February 8th, 2022

The President called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: President Glen Collier; VP Jim Jones; Head Elder Mert Janovec; Communication Chairman Kelly Freeman; Head Trustee David Benson, Treasure Barbara Wikel; Secretary Laura Matson, and Pastor Pooch.

Absent: Marilyn Howard

Guests: No Guests

Opening Devotions: Pastor gave the devotion: Transfiguration and Fear of the Lord.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SECRETARY: summarized the January minutes.

TREASURER:

1. W2's have gone out.
2. Payroll taxes have been paid.
3. Year-end closing for Shepherds Staff.
4. Barbara will start to sign checks. Still a few more accounts to get her name on. There are 9 accounts.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: [Marilyn was absent.](#)

1. Glen passed out the fund summary report for review
2. Marilyn and Christa's income numbers do not match. Barbara will ask Christa to send out a clarification to the Council concerning the discrepancy.

VP: No known retired pastors coming to this area. Elders plan on handling it.

PRESIDENT: No report.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. GriefShare next start date will be May 2nd
2. Catechism class going well. There are 15 to 16 attending.
3. Sunday school class started with 2 children. Hoping for more eventually.
4. 2 or 3 people asking about the next catechism class.
5. No news on Pastor's air force front on religious exemption.
6. Asked by LCMS to go to Clearwater on April 9th to speak with LWML.
7. There have been 2 military funerals this year.
8. Lent starting March 2nd. Ash Wednesday 2 worship services at 5 and 7. Following Wednesdays only at 5 o'clock service.
9. At the beginning of church services we will talk about the essential Lutheran library. Links can be found on the website and the Friday emails.
10. Sunday mornings Bible Study continues walking through the Augsburg confession.
11. Wednesday afternoon Bible Study group is studying Ephesian.
12. Shut in visits continuing.

PASTOR:

Pastor prayed for the people needing prayers due to health issues. Also, prayed for all on the prayer lists.

Next 5th Sunday, May 29th, reviewing having the service at 10:30 am.

Still looking at an individual to lead the choir.

Makayla will be leading the bell choir.

BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

COMMUNICATION:

1. First of the new Hwy 301 banners is up.
2. Volunteer recognition has started and going well. Six new forms received.
3. Received the new elder's information and will be putting it on the website.
4. Movie night for February cancelled, for March showing the book of Esther.
5. April's movie will be the Friday before Palm Sunday. Looking at The Passion or the Reluctant Convict

ELDERS:

1. New elder guidelines have been given to the elders.
2. Lenten services: 5 in March and 1 in April.
3. The new worship assistant will need to be trained.
4. Introduce the elders on the next 5th Sunday.

TRUSTEES:

1. Three (3) building equipment inspection service calls in January.
2. Ordered the county water management inspection, must be done by July.
3. Veteran's Air cleaned the heating and air conditioning units.
4. New counter under the television is nearly complete and installed.
5. New red carpet for Sanctuary will be installed February 25th.
6. Parking lot lighting is complete.
7. New Military branch, US Space Force flagpole ordered Thursday.

LWML: Marilyn Howard absent. This Thursday(10th) a scheduled visit to Solve House.

NEW BUSINESS

Barbara Wikel, memorial fund discussion. Memorial Committee per the Constitution and Bylaws is made up of the Finance Committee (Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Pastor). There is one green Memorial Gift envelope in the offering envelopes for members that want to give memorial gifts to the church. The Memorial Fund is tracked under the Dedicated Funds Statement.

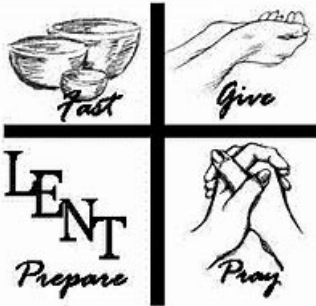


UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. No unfinished business to discuss.

The next Council meeting will be **March 1st** at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. followed by a prayer by Pastor.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Ash Wednesday Service, **March 2**, at 5 pm. and 7 pm.

Lenten Services: Wednesday, **March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6**, at 5 pm.

Palm Sunday Services: Sunday, **April 10** at 8 am. and 10:30 am .

Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday, **April 14** at 5 pm. and 7 pm.

Good Friday, **April 15** at 5 pm. and 7 pm.

Easter Services: Sunrise Sunday Service, **April 17** at 8 am.

Divine Service at 10:30 am.



Catechism Classes

Pastor's Catechism Class on Wednesdays at 6:15 continues through March 9th, remembering that we are NOT meeting on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

Pastor's 3:30 Wednesday Bible Studies will continue to meet every Wednesday in March at 3:30

FOOD BARREL DONATIONS



Many thanks to all who have been so generous in filling up our food barrel. Items of priority this month are: toilet tissue, canned fruit, bottles of fruit juice and toiletries.

Larry Colton is volunteering his time to work with the United Methodist Church of Parrish to provide for homeless and needy families here in Manatee County who need paper products and food items. Larry will be delivering our food barrel items to the Methodist Church weekly. Please be generous and let's keep the FOOD BARREL overflowing.

Opportunities for you to grow and become involved...

Bible Classes



Bible Study

Our **Sunday Bible Class** meets at **9:15 am** in the Great Hall led by Pastor Poock. We are continuing our study of the Augsburg Confession *Come and have a cup of coffee with the group and join in the discussions.* The offerings received at this time go to benefit pastoral students at the Concordia Seminary.

Pastor Poock's **Wednesday Bible Class** meets at 3:30 pm. on Wednesdays in the Great Hall. They are studying the book of Ephesians. It's a great way to better understand the Bible teachings.



The **Bell Choir** is back and will be practicing in the Great Hall every Thursday, 6-7:30 pm. in preparation for Easter Services.

FAITH PRAYER MINISTRY



Prayer Partners,

The Lord tells us to let our prayers rise before Him like incense. Please make your prayer needs known to the church office or to the prayer chairman and your requests/needs will be shared with the Prayer Partners who have joined the Faith Prayer Ministry. To be a member of this vital ministry, send an email to Kelly Freeman at kellfreem@gmail.com and prayer requests will be sent to you via email. Thank you.

Lent



EASTER LILIES



Lilies will be ordered to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday again this year. You may purchase the lilies for **\$8.50** per pot and take them home after the late service on Easter Sunday. Please indicate on the form provided on a table in the Narthex if your order is in honor or memory of a loved one/s or simply to the Glory of God. Orders with payment may be placed in the box provided. The deadline for orders to be received will be **March 16th**. We will only be purchasing the number of plants that have been ordered (no extra plants).

Questions or concerns should be addressed to Janie Zanella at **518-332-8474** or email jez9189@yahoo.com

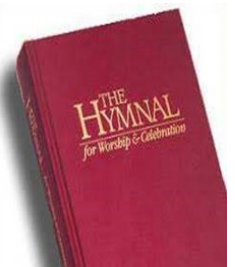
CHURCH NAME TAGS

If you are a member or an associate member of Faith and have not yet requested a name tag, please complete the name tag form (found on a book shelf on the East side of the Narthex), select the style wanted and enclose cash or check (payable to Faith Lutheran), then place it in the box provided in the Narthex. We are a friendly Church family and wearing a name tag allows everyone to feel a little friendlier.

CHURCH HYMNALS

Faith is once again providing an opportunity for individuals/families to purchase their own imprinted hymnal for study at home and use in the Divine Services. The hymnal cost is \$40.00 and is imprinted with your name/ names. Pastor now makes the hymnal a vital part of our Divine Services

If you have not purchased an imprinted Hymnal and would like to, please complete the form found on a the blue table in the Narthex and place it in the box provided with \$40.00 cash or a check made out to Faith Lutheran Church with Hymnal on the memo line. The church office will place an order for requested Hymnals the week of April 4th.



This Month's Privileged Servants



*Faith Lutheran Church
Parish, Florida*

Altar Guild

Wednesdays, 5:00 pm	7:00 pm
March 2 Susan Barber	Gwyn Poock
March 9 Eloise Schwarz	
March 16 Alice Bowen	
March 23 Gwyn Poock	
March 30 Susan Barber	

Sundays, 8:00 am
 March 6 Janie Zanella
 March 13 Martha Riedl
 March 20 Meta Green
 March 27 Janie Zanella

Sundays, 10:30 am
 March 6 Arlene Gabrielson
 March 13 Chris Stisser
 March 20 Pat Barlow
 March 27 Kiah Poock

Offering Counters

Elders

Sundays, 8:00 am

March 6 Dennis Steinke
 March 13 Roy Heflin
 March 20 Tom Weiss
 March 27 Tom Weiss

Sundays, 10:30 am.

March 6 Tom Barlow
 March 13 Roy Heflin
 March 20 Dennis Steinke
 March 27 Tom Barlow

Assistant

Caleb Poock
 Caleb Poock
 Chris Lindau
 Caleb Poock

Wednesdays, 5:00 pm.

March 2 Tom Barlow
 March 9 Mert Janovec
 March 16 Mike Freeman
 March 23 Ray Gilbert
 March 30 Mike Freeman

Assistant

Curt McCarty
 Jeff Sattanno
 David Barber
 Joe Rawlinson
 Curt McCarty

7:00 pm

Mike Freeman

Assistant

Joe Rawlinson



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Xander Lindau
- 3 Trudy Hitsman
- 4 Toni McCarty
- 6 James Johnson II
- 8 Teena Ross
- 10 Jane Clapp
- 13 Bob Kostic
- 17 Robert Biebl
- 18 Lorri Guy, Jason Laser
- 19 Nate Kneser
- 20 Mary Meyer and Barbara Russ
- 21 Barbara Wikel
- 22 Maurita Wertz, Graceann Simmons
- 23 Leo Drozdowsky
- 29 Martha Riedl



Special Wishes to
Mary Meyer on her 91st Birthday and
Leo Drozdowsky as he celebrates
his 94th Birthday.

- 27 Paul & Annette Schander (57 years)



God
made this
day for You-
Celebrate
every second,
enjoy every
minute...

HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

ALTAR GUILD

There will be an Altar Guild Meeting, Saturday, March 12th at 9:00 am in the Great Hall of the Church.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please feel free to attend. For information, please contact Janie Zanella at 518-332-8474

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith are continuing to produce laprobes from your donated materials. It's amazing, to even to us how beautiful they can turn out from random colors and patterns.....God's handiwork! At the present time, we can always use more volunteers and especially sewers. Could you do some hand quilting at home at your leisure or embroidery work? Contact Marjorie Weiss at 941-757-7307 or come to the church the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month 9-11:00 am.



Women in Mission (LWML) will meet Thursday, March 10th. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m; meeting begins at 10. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. If unable to attend, please deposit your mite contributions into the large mite box on the LWML table.

Mite Boxes

We want to thank those of you who so generously contribute to our LWML Mites. Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of 'mites' offerings above and beyond the support given to congregation and the LCMS. The idea is to put your coins in the mite box at the end of each day. Say "Thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted. Empty all your loose change from your coin bowl into the box on a specific day of the month and bring your mite box to the church where you can leave it and take a new mite box or put it into the large Mite box. LWML ladies take the coins to the bank for counting. The bank counting machine DOES NOT accept half dollars nor any foreign coins. So please in your generous donations, be sure you are giving semi-clean **U.S. coins**. The coins are converted to dollars which make it easier for our financial counters here at the church to deposit and then Faith LWML sends a check to the LWML FL-GA district to fund district and national mission grants.



At the March 10th LWML meeting the LWML ladies will be packing hygiene kits to distribute to homeless Manatee children once again and are in need of your help. They are requesting deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush holders. You may help out with other toiletry items, but please NO bars of soap. Item can be dropped off at church and placed in the plastic bin to the left of the LWML table. Thanking you in advance for your generous support.

Eight LWML ladies made the trip to the Solve Homes in Bradenton to give them your generous donations, and found it to be an eye opening trip giving us an appreciation of the needs of this group who offer support and organization to the lives of unwed mothers.

Following the tour, we enjoyed a leisury luncheon at the Sage Biscuit in downtown Bradenton.

Ladies of LWML are invited to attend the Sarasota Spring Rally on Saturday March 19th, 2022 at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Port Charlotte.

Registration and \$8.00 are required by February 28, so we have time to mail it in for March 5th. Hope if you are planning on attending, you have let Margaret know. It should be an interesting time of learning "Why Are We Here?" and "We are God's Billboards".

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare had an Ice Cream Social on Monday, February 21st for all past alumni. We had a group of 11 people who enjoyed sharing what they've been doing since our last GriefShare session. Everyone seemed to be getting through their grief and moving on with their lives. The next session of GriefShare will begin on May 2nd at 6:30 pm. We are still in need of facilitators. It's truly a heart warming time sharing and helping others get through their time of loss. Please call the church office if you find you can share your time on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. for just 13 weeks.





Fellowship News

We continue to enjoy coffee, coffee bites and fellowship on Sundays following the 10:30 am Divine Service.

Monica calls our volunteers who graciously donate their time to providing goodies to go with our coffee and orange juice.

We will be offering a special treat on New Member Sunday, March 13th, so we hope many of our congregation will stay to welcome our New Members and enjoy a special sweet treat.

Thank you to our February Coffee Bite Volunteers:

Marti Katterhenry, Chris Melchior, Karen Pollari, Annette Schander, Robin Snell and Monica Carezza.

Our Fifth Sunday Fried Chicken Luncheon on January 30th was a big success, thanks to the ladies pictured below and the many volunteers who helped provide salads, pies or helped set up and clean up.

The meal was attended by 100 Faith members and friends.

Our next fifth Sunday meal will be May.

Hope you'll be there and we can feed more than 100.



Sincere thanks to the many volunteers who helped make this luncheon a big success.