

The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church  
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Grace, mercy and peace be to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

A couple of days ago I saw on my calendar a reminder that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2001 I was ordained as a pastor in the LCMS. It seems hard to believe that it has been 23 years now. In addition in about a week another reminder states that on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 I was installed as Pastor of Faith. It will have been 6 years now that I have been your Pastor.

I would like to say thank you for the privilege of being your Pastor. As I reflect on my time as a Pastor and especially my time here at Faith I am reminded of what Luther records in his Table of Duties, found in the Small Catechism.

The Table of Duties is a collection of Bible verses that address the various vocations that we hold in this life. Our vocation is the place that God has given us to serve Him by serving our neighbor. It is the first place I look when I want to know what good works are and what I should be doing in my life as a Christian.

The first vocation that is listed is that of Pastor. There are several passages that are listed, but the one that strikes me the most is Titus 1:9 "He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it."

In good Lutheran fashion, "What does this mean?"

It means that if I am to be your shepherd I must believe, teach and confess what I have learned in Scripture as has been taught to me in the Small Catechism, Bible classes, the Book of Concord and Seminary classes. I do not have permission to change the message just because it is hard, or I don't feel comfortable with what it says. I am compelled to teach what has always been taught. Of course the best summary of our beliefs come from our creeds. These documents were written to ensure that we focus on the true nature of God and not our own ideas about Him. This is why I have often said, "Do not believe a word I say...unless it conforms to the Word of God.

I can say this because the Word of God is trustworthy. God has given it to us through the prophets and evangelists and recorded it in Holy Scripture that we might be able to read and inwardly digest His Word for the strengthening of our faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit. I must firmly believe and teach this truth. Knowing this I strive in every way to explain what the Scriptures say in a winsome and clear manner.

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It also means that I must call out error in teaching as well. This can be difficult, since many wrong ideas about God sound very close to the truth. Therefore I spend much time in prayer and study, so that I might rightly divide truth from error.

This is my task and I ask that you pray for me that I might be faithful to this calling.

The second vocation that is listed is for the “hearers of the Pastor”, or in other words the congregation. Here also are several passages which lay out the congregations vocation in regards to their relationship with the Pastor. Several of them talk about making sure that the Pastor can provide for their family from the gifts given by the congregation. Again I want to say thank you for being faithful in this. Unfortunately this is not always the case, but I am blessed by your willingness to support me financially.

But more importantly I am blessed that you support me in pray and respect. The verse that I am focused on is from 1 Thess. 5:12-13 “We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.”

What does this mean?

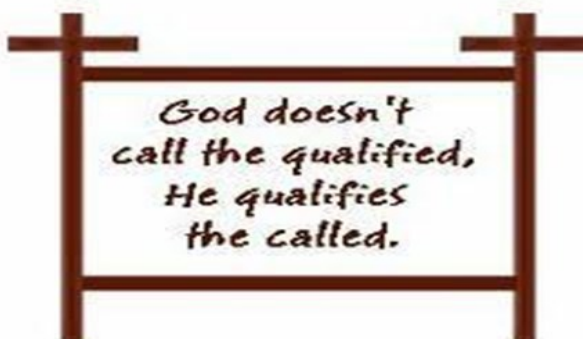
Paul is admonishing all Christians to respect their Pastors and to recognize that these men do not speak for themselves. He is saying that spiritually the Pastor is meant to lead and sometimes correct his congregation. He must not do this out of a desire for power or for his own personal gain, but always in the service of the Lord. Because this is the Pastors calling the congregation is called to respect his teaching and listen to it, not out of obligation, but out of love. Paul is also telling us that even when we have disagreements we are to work out our differences so that we might have peace.

As a fellow sinner and flawed man I am humbled every time we gather for the Divine Service. It never ceases to amaze me that week after week you come to hear me speak about God. Of course I know that it is not me that you come to hear, but the Word of God which I proclaim, which is the true power and source of all encouragement and wisdom and peace. I am humbled that God has chosen me to speak His Word to you and I am humbled that you trust me to proclaim that Word every week.

What a joy it is to live out our vocation as Pastor and Congregation together in this manner. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Peace be with you always in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Pastor Poock*



## HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

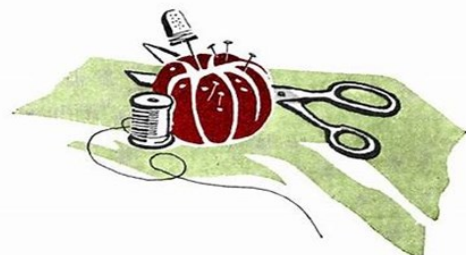
### WOMEN OF FAITH



Women of Faith continue to meet the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9-11:30 am during the summer months.

We are still overstocked with material but could use sheets (any size) for linings and of course seamstresses to complete quilts.

Have concerns, please contact Margorie Weiss at 941-757-7307



We are in need of ideas for Movie Night movies. If you have any, or have DVD's that we could use, please see Pastor.



### FOOD BARREL

Schools are now out for the summer and there is a greater need for fruit juices, fruit cups and cereals as well as paper needs.

Please consider bringing at least one item for the food barrel each week to help give blessings and bring a smile to someone in need.



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 11, 2024**

Present: Acting President Jean Roehrs, Treasurer Barbara Wikel, Financial Secretary and Acting Recording Secretary John Niemi, Head Elder Tony Bowen, and Pastor Pooch. Guests: Larry Colton.

Absent: President Glen Collier, VP Greg Wissner, Trustee David Benson, and Outreach Caleb Pooch. (Pastor noted that Calebs future input would be minimal due to his personal obligations.)

The President called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was not established. Pastor opened the meeting with a devotional based on John 13 on staying focused.

The minutes of May 14,2024 were noted as printed without comment.

Treasurer's reports were filed. LCEF CD has matured and \$50,000 would be set aside for our outreach initiatives. The money for the roofing project in South Sudan will be held back until we have determined the best way to disperse the fund. Additionally, we discussed funding for the new Corpus, should it be approved. The estimated cost is \$15,000. No vote could be taken regarding these discussions. The Treasurer discussed the status of opening a new checking account at South State Bank, Parrish. That should be completed in the next 30 to 45 days.

LWML would like their own bank account. John asked if they were to get their own account, would they take full responsibility for managing their finances? Barb said that the counters would continue to enter donations into Shepherd's Staff and making deposits. John asked how would that resolve any of the issues that LWML is currently facing? It would simply add a new layer of responsibilities onto the counting teams. Jean and Pastor Pooch asked why any of LWML funds need to pass through Shepherd's Staff. Many LWML organizations run completely outside of the church's finances. Barb suggested that she, John, Christa, Arlene, and Marilyn set up a meeting to discuss the issue.

**Financial Secretary Report: May contributions came to \$23600. For the year contributions are down about \$14,000.**

**President: No report.**

**VP: No report.**

**Pastor Pooch: Baby shower for the expecting mothers was a success. Both mothers are expecting baby girls. Pastor will be starting a new Catechism class at the end of the summer season. Homebound member Larry Eichert passed away this week. Two families, Sandra Oliver, and Bill & Sandy Otto, have or soon will move up North, away from our church. Pastor's reserve duty will begin Sep.2.**

**Outreach: No report.**

**Elders: Nothing new to report.**

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LWML: The LWML season has ended until September; however, they will continue to have lunch out during the summer on their regular meeting day.

TRUSTEE: No report.

**New Business:**

None

Submitted by John Niemi

GriefShare

GriefShare VII will come to an end on Monday, July 8th with a pie and ice cream treat. We are grateful that our GriefShare friends are leaving with a better feeling of the future than when we began in April. We always welcome anyone in need of help in getting through their grief to join us.

Our next session will not be until the Fall. Watch for more information coming.

PRAYER PARTNERS

*Samuel cried out to the Lord for Israel and the Lord answered him.  
(1 Samuel 7:9b)*

When we cry out to the Lord, He has promised to answer our prayers, also. The Bible also tells us to pray without ceasing. Our church is a church of prayer.

If you would like to join this ministry, contact:

Jean Roehrs at: 941-705-2994 or email

her at: [jroehrs27@gmail.com](mailto:jroehrs27@gmail.com) if you have any questions.





## This Month's Privileged Servants

### Altar Guild

#### Sundays, 8:00 am /Sunday 10:30 am

July 7 Martha Riedl / Nancy Niemi  
 July 14 Monica & Sean / Chris Stisser  
 July 21 Martha & Caleb / Pat & Erin  
 July 28 Martha Riedl / Nancy & Alec

#### Wednesdays, 5pm

July 3 NO Service  
 July 10 Eloise Schwarz  
 July 17 Gwyn Pook  
 July 24 Robin & Karen  
 July 31 Eloise Schwarz

### Elders

#### Sundays, 8:00 am

July 7 Dennis Steinke  
 July 14 Tom Weiss  
 July 21 Dennis Steinke  
 July 28 Tom Weiss

#### Sundays, 10:30 am

Jack Conte  
 Tom Barlow  
 Jack Conte  
 Tom Barlow

#### Assistant

Caleb Pook  
 Alex Boettcher  
 Caleb Pook  
 Alex Boettcher

#### Wednesdays, 5 pm

#### Assistant

July 3 **NO SERVICE**  
 July 10 Tony Bowen Curt McCarty  
 July 17 Mert Janovec Dave Barber  
 July 24 Jack Conte Jeff Sattanno  
 July 31 Tony Bowen Curt McCarty

### Offering Counters

July 1 John Niemi, Carol Schreiber, Tom Barlow  
 July 8 John Niemi, Judy Sattanno, Stu Lindberg  
 July 15 Marilyn Howard, Bonnie Wright, Marti Katterhenry  
 July 22 Larry Colton, Jean Roehrs  
 July 29 John Niemi, Judy Sattanno, Stu Lindberg

**LWML** will again be sponsoring a school supply drive July through and September for Redlands Christian Migrant preschoolers here in Palmetto and we're asking for your help. To get you started during sale times, please refer the list of items needed as listed below:

**Markers, Dry erase markers, Chubby crayons, Fine point pens,  
Small bottles of glue, Water based tempera paint all colors,  
Large drawing paper,  
Construction paper, Hole punchers, Collage crafts, Pompoms, straws,  
eyes all sizes, pipe cleaners, feathers, ice cream sticks, beads, stick on letters  
and numbers, Rolls of clear contact paper, 2 pocket folders 100**



The LWML ladies had a wonderful time at the get together luncheon as seen in the picture above. There were 14 ladies, both new members as well as those who have been with LWML for some time, that enjoyed lunch and good fellowship. Further planning for future generosity in service for the group was discussed.

*Opportunities for you to grow and become involved...*

### Adult Bible Classes



**Bible**  
STUDY  
Join us!

Sunday morning Bible Study begins at 9:15 am following the 8:00 am Divine Service. Pastor Pooch will be finishing up our study of the Book of Concord. Come and have a cup of coffee and join in the discussions. The offerings received at this time go to benefit pastoral students at the Concordia Seminary.

There is also a Bible Study Classes on Wednesdays. A 3:30 pm prior to the 5:00 Divine Service and a 6:30 pm following the Divine Service. Please join him to learn more about God's word. He will be finishing our study of Revelations.

### LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



Women of LWML are off for the summer, but will resume again Friday, October 11th at 9:30 in the Great Hall. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM THURSDAY TO FRIDAY. Please continue to bring in your items for the Health Kits that are put together for the homeless here in Manatee County.

The need for funding LWML Mission Grants through your mite contributions continues during the summer months. Please empty your mite box into the large mite box on the LWML table or just set your mite box on the table and take a new box. Seventy-five percent of mite donations remain in the FL-GA District to fund district mission grants and 25% is forwarded to national LWML for their mission grants.

PLEASE REMEMBER: NO Foreign coins or half dollar coins.

**LWML Summer Lunch Out continues the second Thursday of each month.**

**All ladies of the church are invited to attend.**

**This month, July 11th, we will travel to Sunset Bar & Grill at Little Harbor in Ruskin.**

**Lunch at 11:30, 602 Bahia del Sol Drive.**

**Please RSVP to Marilyn Howard, at 941-773-0309 by July 10,**

**if you plan on joining us for fellowship and good food.**

**If you need a ride, we can meet at the church at 11:00.**

**Please advise Marilyn if you want to car pool.**





## Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Bonnie Wright
- 2 Stephen Reay, Vicky Gilbert, Sally James
- 3 Vanessa Benson
- 5 William Otto
- 6 Guy Horbus, Nancy Kendall
- 7 Terry Wills
- 9 Daniel Kaczmarek, Eloise Schwarz
- 10 Bill Adkins
- 11 Kristine Bearse, Jack Conte, Sean Kons
- 12 Erika Stupiello
- 13 Susan Barber
- 18 Karen Pratt, Dee Yuras
- 19 Linda Anderson
- 23 Edie Saari
- 26 Robin Snell
- 27 Paula Jefferson
- 28 George Priest
- 30 Kiah Pock



Special Birthday Blessings to  
Linda Anderson who will be  
celebrating her 90th.



- 1 Steve & Dee Yuras (41 years) Dorothy & Bob Kadelski (26 years)
- 4 Larry & Robin Parkin (33 years)
- 7 Robert & Lori D'Amico (40 years)
- 8 Jeff & Laura Matson (27 years) Ronald & Kim Morgan (50 years)
- 10 Tom & Margie Weiss (59 years)
- 11 Merlyn & Sherry Janovec (43 years)
- 14 Gene & Ilene Hemingway (68 years), Jim & Terry Wills (64 years)
- 15 Pastor Patrick & Gwyn Pock (29 years)
- 16 Larry & Ann Colton (58 years)
- 24 Lee & Marilyn Marion (48 years)
- 28 Elliott & Betty Spies Zane (3 years)

## Fellowship News

Coffee, donuts, and coffee bites will continue all summer long, so please join us for Sunday Bible Study, the Divine Service and stay for fellowship following the 10:30 am Divine Service. We are grateful and delighted to have so many willing volunteers who provide the sweet treats for us on Sundays.

A big THANK YOU to each of you and thank you also for your FREE WILL giving to help supply our coffee and fellowship paper needs.

Our 5th Sunday luncheon of Fried Chicken, potatoes, pasta, vegetables, salads, rolls, desserts and fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. The dinner followed the Special Meeting Vote regarding the use of the church for homeschooling and the addition of a corpus (body of Jesus) on our large cross at the front of the church.



July 12th Movie Night  
at 6 pm with Pizza and popcorn  
served at 5:30 pm.

This month's movie is  
MIRACLE, a 2004  
American Sports film.



When college coach Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell) is hired to helm the 1980 U.S. men's Olympic hockey team, he brings a unique and brash style to the ice. After assembling a team of hot-headed college all-stars, who are humiliated in an early match, Brooks unites his squad against a common foe, the heavily-favored Soviet team. As the U.S. squad tries to overcome insurmountable odds and win the gold medal, the team becomes a microcosm for American patriotism during the Cold War.

This is based on the true story of the unlikely Gold Medal victory of the US hockey team during the 1980 Winter Olympics.