



The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church
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Grace, Mercy and Peace be to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Last Saturday we had the funeral for Rev David Hinman. Many of you knew him when he was the pastor at Hope Lutheran in Bradenton or as leader of a men's bible Study here at Faith. I knew him as a friend and mentor. Pastor Hinman always encouraged me in my ministry and was praying for me constantly. He was someone I could turn to when I wanted to talk about "pastor" stuff. He was a blessing to me and I will miss him.

One thing in particular he did that I want to commend to everyone is that he planned his funeral service long before it would be needed. Some of you may think that it is a little morbid to plan your funeral, but that is not the case, at least from a Pastoral point of view.

It is very common to make wills, living wills and health directives. These things are done so that our loved ones know our wishes concerning inheritance and our own health issues. We do not think that in doing these things we are being morbid, but rather prepared. Our wills allow us to designate funds to charities that we support. They also give us a chance to say things that we might not have been able to say when we were living.

Without a will any possessions that we have could be stuck in probate for a long time and it can cause real emotional damage to our loved ones if there are questions about who gets what. I have seen families torn apart by this.

We make health directives and living wills, so that our loved ones can act on our behalf if we are incapacitated. It helps then make clear decisions that we would otherwise have made ourselves. These are good things to do. Dealing with the death of a loved one is hard enough, if there are financial and health questions it makes it even worse.

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Another part of the planning that I believe can be very beneficial is to plan out your own funeral. When Pastor Hinman died, I asked my secretary to look in his church file for his funeral details. In the file was an envelope that Pastor Hinman had typed up that gave me the Scripture readings and the hymns that he would like read and sung at his funeral.

This made it very easy for me and the family to set up the service and it was one less decision that needed to be made by them. It was also an opportunity for Pastor Hinman to give his testimony of faith, one last time. The first hymn was 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won. Every verse ends in "This is my confidence". Pastor Hinman wanted everyone to know that he had no doubt about his prospects in the life to come. Because Christ defeated death and Pastor Hinman believed that to be true, he was confident of salvation. He said to me several times in the last few months that he was ready to go home, to be with God.

He also wanted us to sing "Abide with me" and "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" as part of his testimony of faith. Both of these hymns have a strong message of finding rest in Christ.

He also chose Psalm 91 which talks about abiding in the shelter of the Most High, reinforcing his confidence in his life with Christ. Portions of 1 John 3, John 6 as well as Rom 6 were also read. These were some of Pastor Hinman's favorite passages in the Bible and ones that spoke of the confidence we have in Christ through our Baptisms.

These are the hymns and scriptures that Pastor Hinman chose, but there are so many more to choose from. If you choose them ahead of time and make them known it makes it easier for the funeral service to reflect your confidence and also your personality. Maybe you remember your confirmation verse and would like that read, or maybe as you were going through a tough time in life a hymn or scripture reading helped you turn to God for comfort and hope. Those would be wonderful passages to include in the service and they could be your final statement of faith, hope and confidence to the world, but especially to your family and those who come to remember you.

So, I encourage you grab a Bible and a hymnal and look for the things that have meant so much to you in life and share them with others. Write them down,

put them in an envelop and give them to the church, so that we can put it in your file and honor you and your faith with your chosen hymns and scripture passages. May the peace of the Lord be with you always, even unto life everlasting.

Amen.

Pastor Pooch



February 14, 2025 is a celebration in honor of one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

On Friday, February 14th, perhaps you could remember your favorite lady with flowers from Ellenton Florist located at 6214 US 301, Ellenton. 941-962-9098



Bell Choir will begin to practice for Easter Services on Thursday, February 20th at 6:00 pm and continue until Easter.

Please sign up on the blue table in the Narthex if you are interested in being a part of the Bell Choir.

**REMEMBER LENT BEGINS ON
WEDNESDAY, March 5, 2025,
with Ash Wednesday Services at 5 or 7 pm.
(NO BIBLE STUDIES)**



**PALM SUNDAY, April 13th Divine Services
are at 8:00 or 10:30 am.**

**Faith Lutheran Church also invites you to attend
Holy Thursday, April 17th and Good Friday, April 18th Services
at 5 or 7 pm.**

**EASTER is April 20, 2025,
when we will have two Divine Services,
8 am. is our Sunrise Divine Service, 10:30 am is our Easter Divine Service**

Hope everyone will join us for these important dates.



On February 5th, at 1 pm, the Senior and Parish Health Ministries of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church are offering an Identity Theft and Fraud Protection Seminar presented by the Sheriff's Department in the Church's Fellowship Hall.

\$\$\$\$\$\$ A representative from BMO Harris Bank will also be there to talk about financial scams.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring your friends. There is no charge to participate, but please sign up on the blue table in the Narthex.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is located at 7461 Prospect Road, Sarasota, FL 34243.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL
JANUARY 14, 2025

Present: President Glen Collier, Financial Secretary Larry Colton, Recording Secretary Jean Roehrs, Trustee David Benson, Altar Guild Eloise Schwarz, and Elder Tony Bowen. Absent: VP Greg Wissner, Treasurer Barbara Wikel and Pastor Pook.

The President called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. A quorum was established.

The minutes of Dec. 10, 2024 were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary and Treasurer's reports were filed. Larry distributed a report detailing offerings for the past 8 years.

PASTOR: Report filed: There are 16 scheduled for Adult Confirmation beginning Feb. 2. Six are potential new members. There will be a wedding Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. Bible Classes are ongoing. The Corpus should be in place before Good Friday. There will be a short dedication service when it is in place. On behalf of himself and the staff he thanked the congregation for the Christmas gifts.

PRESIDENT: No report. VP: No report

ELDERS: Copies of the Vicar Application and the Congregational Assistance Program were distributed. We were asked to study the programs and bring any discussion to the next meeting. The Council will need a formal pledge to support a vicar if one is assigned to us.

LWML: Eighteen bags for the homebound were packed and delivered. They will be collecting clothing for children infants to 5 years for Redlands Migrant Ministry. Gently used adult clothing will also be accepted. At the Jan. meeting 100 hygiene bags for Project Heart were packed and in Feb. seeds for Hope Seeds will be packed. Visitors are always welcome.

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TRUSTEE REPORT: Projects underway include interior painting and the removal and repair of mold in the roof/steeple area. A mold/mildew removal company will be contacted. It was agreed that the addition of the cross, thanks to Dave and his handiwork, greatly improved the appearance of the sign. It was felt no further changes were needed.

After looking into the cost of doorway/walkway coverings, Dave reported that they just aren't feasible at this time. He suggested that on rainy days the ushers greet handicap members with umbrellas and escort them into the church. One new item, the sound board may need replacement. He will be soliciting bids. Pastor has also asked for Live Streaming.

ALTAR GUILD: Eloise distributed a report listing Communion Totals for the past year by month. Easter saw the most communing with Christmas second. The yearly total was 9,296.

There was no new or old business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm followed by prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean E Roehrs

Jean E Roehrs, Recording Secretary

LWML
Sunday and Wednesday,
January 26 and January 29, 2025
were valuable learning times about this
ministry program for all who attended,
thanks to Marilyn Howard,
president.



Opportunities for you to grow and become involved...

Pastor Poock's Bible Classes



Our **Sunday Bible Class** meets at **9:15 am** in the Great Hall led by Pastor Poock. We are studying the Book of Hebrews.

Collections at this time go to benefit pastoral students at the Concordia Seminary.

Bible Study

Pastor also meets on **Wednesdays at 3:30 pm** prior to the 5:00 Divine Worship and **at 6:30 pm** following the Divine Service.

They are currently studying the Book of Genesis.

Corpus of Christ Installation

The Elders were planning and anticipating that the Corpus of Christ would be ready for installation by the Christmas Holiday, however that was rescheduled and the commitment is now the first week in April 2025, in time for our Easter Celebration.



Mr. Franzen, the sculptor, will personally deliver and assist in the installation of the Corpus, along with Dave Benson and others.

If you require more information or have questions, please contact Elder Jack Conte through the Church office, 941-776-1395.



MATTHEW 6:11

The first quarter mission of Faith for 2025 will be **OUR DAILY BREAD OF BRADENTON**. They are imploring us to show mercy upon those who are still suffering from the Destruction of Hurricanes, Helene and Milton. Our Daily Bread provides for the nutritional needs of the poor & needy of our community in the context of compassion and affirmation of their human worth as children of God.

On your check made out to Faith Lutheran, please note it is for "Missions" on the memo line.



LWML IS ASKING FAITH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
TO HELP SUPPORT
Redlands Christian Migrant Association, as they collect
clothing items for newborns to 5 years.

Please see the LWML table in the Narthex for more information.

LWML is currently dedicated to the collection of new/gently used jackets, sweaters, sweat shirts, pants and NEW socks and underwear for boys and girls - toddlers through 5 years for Redlands Christian Migrant Association here in Manatee County. We are calling this outreach project "KIDS CLOSET SUNDAYS" through the month of March.



At our Friday, February 14, 2025 Meeting, we will have our Bible Study, Meeting time, and then pack seeds for HOPE SEEDS at 11:00. All church members and friends are invited to sign up to help us and then stay for a light luncheon provided by Judy Sattanno. The sign up sheet, on the blue table will help Judy know how much food to provide.

Last month we packed 100 hygiene bags for young people here in Manatee County. Those of you who signed up for packing seeds last month, please sign up again to do it this month.

February

This Month's Privileged Servants

“Serve the Lord with Gladness” (Psalm 100:2)

Altar Guild



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

- Feb. 2 Meta Green / Alec & Erin
- Feb. 9 Martha Riedl / Cindy Nuetzel
- Feb. 16 Monica Carezza / Pat Barlow
- Feb. 23 Sean Kons / Gwyn Pook

Wednesdays, 5pm

- Feb. 5 Eloise Schwarz
- Feb. 14 Karen Hill & Robin Parkin
- Feb. 19 Gwyn Pook
- Feb. 26 Eloise Schwarz

Elders

Sundays, 8:00 am

Sundays, 10:30 am

Assistant

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| February 2 Tom Weiss | Jack Conte | Caleb Pook |
| February 9 Dennis Steinke | Caleb Pook | Alex Boettcher |
| February 16 Tom Weiss | Jack Conte | Caleb Pook |
| February 23 Dennis Steinke | Caleb Pook | Alex Boettcher |

Wednesdays, 5 pm

Assistant

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| February 5 Tony Bowen | Curt McCarty |
| February 12 Tony Bowen | Dave Barber |
| February 19 Tony Bowen | Carl Schwarz |
| February 26 Tony Bowen | Jeff Sattanno |

Offering Counters

- February 3 John Niemi, Carol Schreiber, Tom Barlow
- February 10 John Niemi, Judy Sattanno, Stu Lindberg
- February 18 Marilyn Howard, Nancy Kendall, Marti Katterhenry
- February 25 Larry Colton, Jean Roehrs, Nancy Kendall

HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith are working on quilts for 2025 and would be so appreciative of help from the congregation members.

They meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 9-11:30 am. Come and see where you could help.

Marjorie Weiss

941-757-7307



FOOD BARREL DONATIONS

We have an opportunity to help others that are less fortunate through our Food Barrel donations. Items of priority this month are: toilet tissue, canned fruit, bottles of fruit juice and toiletries.



Thank you for helping this most worthy cause, and to Larry Colton for taking the items to the Methodist Church in Parrish.

Dear Faith Members,

Faith Staff want to thank you, sincerely, for the monetary Christmas gift we received. Your generosity and kindness is so appreciated. Best wishes in this New Year, 2025, for good health, true happiness and always, love. God's Blessings,

Pastor Poock, Margaret Greenslade, Julie DuChane Rick & Teena Ross, Dave Benson, and Lilly Boettcher.



Happy Birthday

- 1 Sawaeng Lindberg
- 4 Terry Rupprecht, Judy Sattanno, Bob Cascio
- 5 Terry Uhl, Kim Morgan
- 7 Michael VanVelzer
- 8 Ralph Grotelueschen
- 9 Jeannette Hinman
- 13 Isaac Lundgren
- 16 Robin Parkin
- 18 Jim Jones
- 20 Joan Toye
- 26 Pat Barlow
- 27 Cheryl Cusick, Dennis Steinke
- 28 Lisa Boettcher



happy anniversary

- 5 Greg & Arlene Gasper (53 years)
- 6 Jerry & Terry Uhl (26 years)
- 8 Dale & Frances Kurlinski (32 years)
- 11 Bill & Kay Adkins (47 years)
- 11 Guy & Debbie Horbus (47 years)
- 18 Ray & Vickie Gilbert (19 years)
- 28 William & Vicki Costello (41 years)





The psalmist writes The Lord has heard my pleas; the Lord accepts my prayer (Psalm 6:9 ESV). The Lord hears our pleas and will accept our prayers, also. 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 jroehrs27@gmail.com and prayer requests will be sent to you via email. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE UP THEIR SATURDAY

Faith Lutheran would like to thank everyone who offered their valuable time and talents to decorate and then remove the church decorations this past Advent and Christmas season. Many hands made the job go easily and quickly. We hope to see you again this next year.



Lenten Light Meals during March and April will be provided by the following Faith committees.:

March 12th Altar Guild

March 19th LWML

March 26th Altar Guild

April 2nd LWML

April 9th Altar Guild

The meals will consist of soup, crackers, sandwiches, pickles, chips, desserts and sodas. A free will offering is taken to help cover the cost of sandwiches provided.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS:

Sunday morning Coffee Bites continues to have some delicious goodies following the 10:30 am Divine Service. There is also a lot of fellowship happening and what a joy it is to see folks hanging around enjoying this time of fellowship.

To those of you who help Fellowship out with your Free Will offerings at the coffee bar, our sincere thanks. That money helps Faith purchase coffee and paper products for our Coffee Bites. It is greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Coffee Bites (3 dozen cookies or 2 dozen pastries), please let Monica or Margaret know or call the Church Office at 941-776-1395 to be added to the volunteer Coffee Bite list.

GRIEFSHARE FACILITATORS NEEDED:



As we approach the beginning of another GriefShare session, we ask each of you to prayerfully consider whether you would like to join our GriefShare Team to become a FACILITATOR.

The attributes of a Facilitator include: being a good listener, being compassionate and empathetic, and being able to offer encouragement to participants.

Facilitators find joy and reward in making a difference in someone's life who is grieving and seeking help.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Pock or the church office for further information.

