



The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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June, 2025

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

This month marks the end of my 7th year here at Faith. In many ways it feels like I have always been here and in others it feels like I just got here. A seven-year anniversary is not particularly noteworthy. If you are married, they say that an appropriate gift is traditionally Copper or Wool or maybe Brass. Nothing to write home about. But still seven years is seven years.

So many things have changed, since I have been at Faith. We have had to say good-bye to many beloved church members due to death. This was a new aspect of ministry for me. In my first call to Messiah Lutheran in Ewa Beach, HI I had one funeral the first month I was there and then I never did another funeral. Here at Faith, I also had a funeral the first month I was here. Both times the member had died before I met them. Of course, as you know there have been many more funerals at Faith since then.

I say we had to say good-bye, but in reality, it is more like see you later. Funerals have a feeling of finality; the person is dead and their body or their ashes are all that we have left. For many in the world that seems hopeless, but we know as Christians a sure and certain hope in the resurrection of the flesh. We also have the sure and certain hope in the eternal life with Christ of body and soul for all who believe.

Every funeral that I have been a part of has been filled with sadness. There is always a need for tissues. The closer you were to someone the more tissue you will probably need. The sadness is a result of the love that we have for them, and knowing that we will not be able to talk with them again, or hear their voice, or feel their touch. There is no other way to feel but sad.

However, as scripture tells us we mourn, but not as those without hope.

For the entire season of Easter we have been reading from the book of Revelation. Which as you know is filled with hope and joy. One message that is particularly striking has been that God promises that He will wipe every tear from our eyes. This is a task that is so important to Him that He does not delegate it to another. He is the one who comforts us, He is the one who reassures us, He is the one who saves us.

Our tears and sadness will be replaced with joy and love, because we will see God in all His glory and know that He loves us. Yes we will see our loved ones again, but that is a side benefit, not the main one. The real joy comes from knowing that our and our loved ones who have died, no longer need fear death, nor the pain of separation from God, because for the sake of Christ, we will all be made new, our tears will be gone and we will live together with God for all eternity. That is the hope that tempers our sadness at the death of a loved one. That is the hope that sustains us in time of trouble. As our Gospel lesson said last week "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Amen.



ADULT CATECHISM

An 8-10 week Adult Catechism class will begin on Wednesday, June 25th at 6:15 pm. All are welcome to attend, but we especially invite anyone interested in becoming a Faith Lutheran Member.

At the end of the classes we will invite New Members to join the Church. This is a favorite study of Pastor Pooch and very informative.



FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

MAY YOUR HEART BE FILLED WITH JOY
AND YOUR LIFE WITH ABUNDANT LOVE AND HAPPINESS.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH-CHURCH COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2025

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

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

Recording Secretary: The minutes of April 8, 2025, were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Report filed.

Treasurer: Reports filed. Still in the process of moving funds to South State Bank and establishing credit cards and automatic payments. Requested Pastor contact synod concerning donations to S. Sudan and possible conflicts. Discussed a CD maturing soon and possible reinvestment.

Pastor: Annual reserve duty 2nd and 3rd week of June. Will be attending the Higher Things conference in late June. He has been requested to conduct an adult confirmation class soon.

VP: Absent

President: No report.

Elders: The request for a vicar for the coming school year was declined.

LWML: Will be meeting for lunch each month during the summer break.

Altar Guild: Distributed information re communion attendance.

Trustee: Looking into security upgrades. There has been a problem with vermin, especially in the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS

Spanish Outreach: Pastor was contacted about the need for Spanish services with a trained minister ready to begin a ministry but needing a church to coordinate efforts with. Pastor was asked to obtain more information for the next meeting. This brought the suggestion of providing electronic translators for use during services which will be followed up on.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. followed by prayer.
Jean E Roehrs, Secretary



POSTAGE STAMP MINISTRY



This is a Ministry that Eloise Schwarz has been helping for some time and thought perhaps others could help her out.

The mailbox is on the blue Narthex table for the collection of used stamps. Eloise will collect them and send them on to the Fort Myers, Florida Stamp Ministry for their ministry in publishing Sunday School literature.

Questions: please contact Eloise at 414-807-4373 or email her eloise637@gmail.com



Great Hall table centerpieces show our colors on this Memorial Day.

America's White Table
A place setting for One, A table for All

Faith Lutheran is always honored to recognize the brave men and women of our armed services who sacrificed their lives in service to our Country. These courageous individuals have given everything they had to defend our freedoms and way of life. So we hope everyone enjoyed a beautiful Memorial Day and took time to thank those who fought for our Freedom.



**May 29, 2025, was Ascension Day is observed
in the United States
on the 39/40th day after Easter.**

**It commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into
heaven.**

**It occurs 10 days before Pentecost and always
falls on a Thursday.**

We celebrate and honor our fathers
and fatherhood on Sunday, June 15, 2025.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads.



June 29th is the fifth Sunday of the month when Faith typically has one service for the week to try and bring all parishioners together for fellowship and a meal. This means there will only be one Divine Service at 10:30 that week. NO 8:00 Divine Service or Wednesday service or Wednesday Bible Studies. The 10:30 Divine Service will be followed by a fifth Sunday fried chicken meal. Fellowship normally provides the entrée and volunteers provide the finishing touches for a delicious meal. We look forward to lots of good food and fellowship.



Please remember to sign up on the blue Narthex table if you plan to join us so we have an idea of how much food to prepare. As always, we look forward to volunteers helping us out. We will need (dishes to serve 8-10) potato/pasta and vegetable dishes (remember we have warmers that will help keep warm foods warm) as well as salads, rolls, and dessert. If you can help out, please indicate that when you sign up.





Coffee Bites and good fellowship will be provided each Sunday following the 10:30 am Divine Service and everyone is welcome. We are very grateful to our volunteers who bring in the sweet treats for our Coffee Bites.

Free will offerings help Fellowship to continue providing a variety of Keurig hot drinks and paper products needed.

Since June is a five Sunday month, there will only be one service the week of June 29th and that will be Sunday at 10:30 am.

NO Wednesday Service or Bible Study on July 2nd.

Fellowship invites you to attend a summer luncheon of fried chicken at 12:30 am. on June 29, 2025. Please check the blue table in the Narthex to sign up and help us out with accompaniments to our Chicken luncheon.



A huge thank you to everyone who contributes items for our Food Barrel every week. What a blessing it is for the less fortunate families in Manatee County that we can help them in this small way. Items of priority at this time are: paper towels, toilet tissue, canned fruit, bottles of fruit juice, and peanut butter. Thanks to you and to Larry Colton who sees that all your donations are delivered to the United Methodist Church here in Parrish.



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

MITE BOXES

Please continue to bring in your mite boxes to leave on the LWML table or drop them in the large MITE box. Please remember: NO foreign coins or half dollars. They jam the coin counting machines. Thanks to all who help to keep the Mite box heavy with their contributions.



The LWML Bible Study, meeting, and Taco luncheon was held on Friday, May 9th with a total of 13 ladies attending. We learned and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation about Petal Pushers by Tom & Marjorie Weiss. We concluded our morning by enjoying a yummy taco luncheon provided by LWML ladies with all the trimmings. It was a great way to end our LWML year.

The next Regular meeting will be in September.

During June, July and August, LWML ladies are invited to come for lunch on the second Friday of each month to fellowship and enjoy a meal at a local restaurant.

On June 13th, we will meet at Waterlefe Bar & Grill off Ft. Hamer Road, or if you need a ride, we can meet at Church at 11:00 and car pool.

Please let Marilyn Howard (941-773-0309) know your intentions by June 11th as she must make reservations.

July 11th lunch will be at Sol Mexican Restaurant in Wimauma.

August 8th restaurant has not yet been decided upon, but please mark your calendars for these dates.

All Faith Church ladies are encouraged to join us.





The Ladies of LWML enjoyed a presentation by Tom and Marjorie Weiss on Friday, May 9th about their trip and experience to the Rose Bowl Petal Pushers this past year.

Going back to 1951, one of the nation's most memorable and sought-after parades will be celebrating its 75th anniversary next year. The Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California is one of a kind and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is the only Christian float in the annual parade. Being involved in the hands-on project or behind the scenes of making the multiple floats seen in the parade is not a secret. Members of Faith Lutheran Church, Tom & Marjorie Weiss volunteered and were counted among the dedicated group of 4,000 spending the week between Christmas and New Years creating the Lutheran Hour Ministry Float and seven others. These Petal Pushers® as they are called, carry on the mission of providing the Gospel through the 5.5- mile parade route. Tom and Marjorie provided our LWML members an insightful PP of their experiences with their Petal Pushers®

Experience last year.

Anyone interested in this year's Luther Tours running from 12/28/25 to 1/2/26 go to petalpushers.org or contact Gast at chairman@petalpushers.org or (949)230-2501

This Month's Privileged Servants**Altar Guild****Wednesdays, 5 pm.**

June 4 Eloise Schwarz
 June 11 Gwyn Pooch
 June 18 Karen Hill & Robin Parkin
 June 25 Eloise Schwarz

Sundays, 8 am.

June 1 Monica Carenza
 June 8 Meta Green
 June 15 Sean Kons
 June 22 Martha Riedl
 June 29 NO SERVICE

Sundays, 10:30 am.

June 1 Nancy Niemi
 June 8 Cindy Nuetzel
 June 15 Cindy Nuetzel
 June 22 Alec & Erin Carpp
 June 29 Meta Green

Elders**Wednesdays, 5 pm.**

June 4 Tony Bowen
 June 11 Jack Conte
 June 18 Tony Bowen
 June 26 Tony Bowen

Worship Assistant

Jeff Sattanno
 Carl Schwarz
 Curt McCarty
 Jeff Sattanno

Sundays, 8:00 am.

June 1 Tom Weiss
 June 8 Dennis Steinke
 June 15 Dennis Steinke
 June 22 Tom Weiss
 June 29 NO Service

Sundays, 10:30 am.

Jack Conte
 Caleb Pooch
 Jack Conte
 Caleb Pooch
 Tom Weiss

Worship Assistant

Caleb Pooch
 Alex Boettcher
 Caleb Pooch
 Alex Boettcher
 Caleb Pooch

Offering Counters

June 1 John Niemi, Carol Schreiber, Tom Barlow
 June 8 John Niemi, Judy Sattanno, Stu Lindberg
 June 15 Marilyn Howard, Marti Katterhenry, Nancy Kendall
 June 22 Larry Colton, Nancy Kendall
 June 29 Larry Colton, Nancy Kendall

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Renee Kaczmarek
- 2 Ray Gilbert
- 3 Mildred Edney, Greg Gasper
- 5 Verna Barber, Steve Yuras
- 6 Janie Zanella
- 7 Paul Schander
- 12 Richard Burgbacker
- 13 Kimberly Carenza
- 14 Gloria Calvelo-LiBrizzi, Stuart Lindberg
- 15 Nancy Niemi
- 20 Monica Carenza
- 22 Don Sanguedolce, Carli Zygowicz
- 24 Dave Seay
- 25 Marilyn Marion
- 28 Diana Manning
- 30 Debbie Horbus



We celebrate good wishes with
Mildred Edney on her 90th birthday



- 2 Blaine & Kay Schmidt (35 years)
- 7 Curt & Toni McCarty (60 years)
- 18 Jack & Carol Dressel (58 years)
- 20 Roy & Susan Heflin (45 years), David & Lisa Ladwig (38 years)
- 21 John & Nancy Niemi (50 years), Brad & Pixie Reay (56 years)
- 22 Paul & Sandy Nordbrock (7 years)
- 25 Cabe & Abbie Crusan (3 years)
- 26 Ralph & Norma Grotelueschen (60 years)
- 27 Tom & Pat Barlow (66 years)
- 29 Jeff & Judy Sattanno (40 years)
- 30 Tony & Alice Bowen (41 years), De Witt & Barbara Goman (57 years)



Women of Faith

Women of Faith will not be meeting the month of June as several members will be gone . They will resume in July the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9 – 11:30 am.

Please consider joining them.

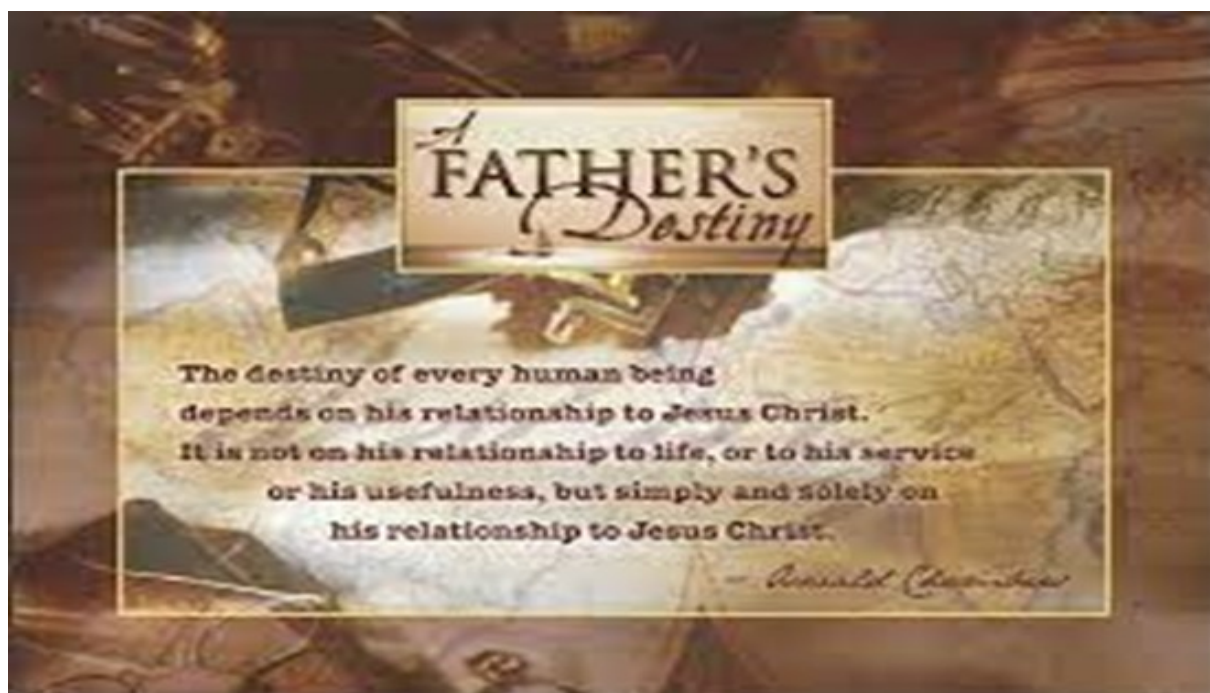
For questions or concerns, please contact Marjorie Weiss at 941-757-7307.



FAITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Even in his anguish, Job knew where to turn for assistance crying out, *Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and he who testifies for me is on high.* (Job 16:19)

Jesus is our advocate also, and will testify for us on high if we just call on His name. If you have prayer needs please make them 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 Jean Roehrs at jroehrs27@gmail.com and prayer requests will be sent to you via email. Thank you!





Fellowship honored our Mothers and their spouses with a variety of Petit Fours on May 11, Mother's Day. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful mothers.



JUNE 14, 2024, is FLAG DAY

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. The day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Do you know the flag's history?

According to American legend, in June 1776, George Washington commissioned Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress to create a flag for the new nation in anticipation of a declaration of its independence.

On June 14, 1777, John Adams spoke about the flag at a meeting of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He said, "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen constellation." There have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag so far; stars have been added to it as states have entered the Union. The current version dates to July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th state.

