

The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church
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**REV. PATRICK W. POOCK
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**



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

This last month I had the opportunity to serve my annual tour at MacDill Air Force Base. Every year I put on the uniform for two weeks and have the opportunity to the men and women of the United States Air Force.

You might think that since every chaplain is an ordained minister that the day-to-day activities of a Chaplain and a Pastor are similar, and there is some overlap, but my days look very different when I am wearing the uniform.

First of all the most common activity for most chaplains is counseling. Everyone in the Air Force, even those who are not Christians are encouraged to go see a chaplain when they are going through a hard time. I often have people come to my office and start out by saying "I'm not really religious...", but even when they say that they usually say yes when I ask if I can pray with them before we start. So from the very beginning I get to witness to the hope that is found in Jesus Christ to everyone.

People come to a chaplain because we have 100% confidentiality. This means that no matter what they tell me, I will never say anything to anyone, including their commanders. This means we are a safe place to process problems and try to brainstorm solutions. Now I think that many of their problems would get better if they have faith in Christ, and I can actually say that to them. Then I give them some practical ways to deal with their immediate issue. This allows me to plant a seed, sometimes they come back but many times I never see them again. But I have someone new that I am praying for.

Another opportunity that I have is to enter anyone's workplace and announce that I am their chaplain and I go around talking to everyone. They don't even blink, but welcome me into their space. This has lead to many great conversations about faith and life.

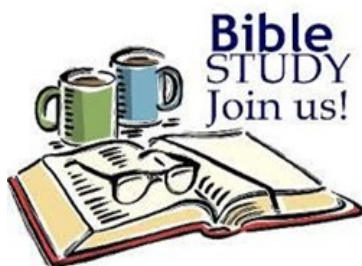
This year I have had several opportunities to talk about the specific Lutheran distinctives of the Christian faith. I was able to comfort one person by reminding them that in their Baptisms they became a child of God and He knows them by name and will not forsake them. This seems obvious from a Lutheran perspective, but they had never heard such comforting words before.

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I also got to talk with a young man who grew up non-denominational, but was looking for a faith that was based on a more historical and biblical foundation. He had been studying Roman Catholicism, but had recently discovered the Lutheran Church-Missouri synod and thought that our beliefs sounded very biblical. So we had a long conversation about what we believe and how that is different from the rest of Christianity. Several questions about the nature of faith I was able to answer with very Lutheran terms, Justification, Faith alone, Scripture alone and Grace alone. After hearing the Lutheran/Biblical view he said it made sense and explained things that he had always had questions about. He is now going to look for an LCMS church to attend in Tampa.

I was also able to introduce the Athanasian creed to several people including a couple of Chaplains. When they read the creed, they looked up and said, this is good stuff, why have I never heard of it before. As Lutherans we have such a firm foundation of faith as is explained in the creeds, the small catechism and the Book of Concord. Serving as a Chaplain allows me to share our confidence of faith to a much wider audience than I normally am able to have as a Pastor. Thank you for supporting this ministry and please continue to pray for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Peace be with you. Amen.

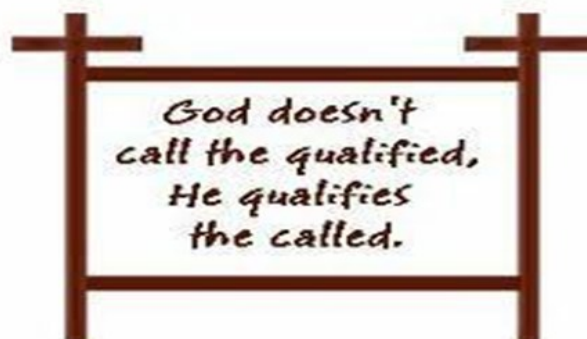
Pastor Pooch



Adult Bible Classes

Sunday morning Bible Study begins at 9:15 am following the 8:00 am Divine Service. Pastor Pooch will be delving into various books of the Bible during the summer months. 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 Class on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm prior to the 5:00 Divine Service and adult catechism at 6:30 pm following the Divine Service. Please join Pastor to learn more about God's word.



HAPPENINGS AT FAITH

WOMEN OF FAITH



Women of Faith will resume meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9-11:30 am.

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



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 by email at: jroehrs27@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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 10, 2025



Council was not in session for June as members were not available to meet.



Honor Flight is a program that provides free trips to Washington, D.C. for veterans to visit the memorials dedicated to their service. The Honor Flight Network, a national non-profit, organizes these flights, prioritizing veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and those with terminal illnesses. Their Goal is to give veterans a chance to see the memorials built in their honor and to receive a hero's welcome. Their Mission is to

celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nations' memorials. And their Visions is: A nation where all of America's veterans experience the honor, gratitude and community of support they deserve.

On Tuesday, June 10th Gary Bonadurer was one of the invited Veteran guests to take the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.



Gary shared a little of his experience with us and we are so proud and grateful for this information and his service.

Gary first found out about the Veterans Honor Flight a few years ago. This is a “cost free” excursion for all honorable discharged veterans who have served anywhere, at any time, in the Armed Forces of the United States. He served with the 14th Armored Cavalry on the East German border during the late 60's. His brother served in Vietnam during the same time period. They both applied for the Honor Flight's 1 day mission to the Nations Capital in Washington D.C. After waiting almost a year, they were both selected for the same mission, seeing National War Memorials together on June 10, 2025.

Every Veteran is assigned a Volunteer Guardian to accompany them for the entire trip. The Guardian did everything for the Veteran including meals, walkers and wheelchairs if needed. It was first class. What a beautiful and Honorable experience it is for all Veterans, but especially for those of us who served during the Vietnam & the Cold War period. There were 74 of us selected for this mission on June 10th including: one WWII, five Korean War and Vietnam Veterans. Honor Flights for Veterans is a Nationwide Volunteer Nonprofit Organization with no government funding. They honor all our Veterans, and their sacrifice made, for our Nations defense. Gary encourages all veterans to apply and participate in this very special experience. There were about 1000 family, friends, Civic Groups, kids and Media waiting at the St. Pete airport for their return. The “Welcome Home” that he finally felt and the “Heartfelt Thanks” are beyond words.

GARY BONADURER,
US Army

Gary & his Brother



Special thanks to the selfless guardians who are essential to the success of every Mission. They are all volunteers who donate dollars and accompany each Veteran on the Honor Flights.



This Month's Privileged Servants

Altar Guild

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

July 6 Meta Green / Sean Kons
 July 13 Monica Carenza / Cindy Nuetzel
 July 20 Martha Riedl / Alec & Erin Carpp
 July 27 Meta Green / Nancy Niemi

Wednesdays, 5pm

July 2 NO Service
 July 9 Eloise Schwarz
 July 16 Robin Parkin/Karen Hill
 July 23 Gwyn Pooch
 July 30 Eloise Schwarz

Elders

Sundays, 8:00 am

July 6 Tom Weiss
 July 13 Dennis Steinke
 July 20 Tom Weiss
 July 27 Dennis Steinke

Sundays, 10:30 am

Caleb Pooch
 Jack Conte
 Caleb Pooch
 Jack Conte

Assistant

Alex Boettcher
 Alec Carpp
 Alex Boettcher
 Alec Carpp

Wednesdays, 5 pm

Assistant

July 2 **NO SERVICE**

July 19 Tony Bowen Curt McCarty
 July 16 Tony Bowen Carl Schwarz
 July 23 Jack Conte Jeff Sattanno
 July 30 Tony Bowen Curt McCarty

Offering Counters

July 6 John Niemi, Carol Schreiber, Tom Barlow
 July 13 John Niemi, Judy Sattanno, Stu Lindberg
 July 20 Marilyn Howard, Nancy Kendall, Marti Katterhenry
 July 27 Larry Colton, Jean Roehrs, Nancy Kendall

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 at Waterlefe. There were 9 ladies, that enjoyed lunch and good fellowship.

Looking forward to a better time and attendance
on July 11 at SOL Mexican Restaurante in Wimauma.
Please sign up if you plan on attending on the purple table.

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.

**Looking forward to our Fried Chicken Dinner on the
fifth Sunday of June.**

**Hope you have signed up to join us for
good food and fellowship.**



Opportunities for you to grow and become involved...

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Women of LWML are off for the summer, but will resume again Friday, September 12th at 9:30 in the Great Hall. 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 Friday of each month.

**All ladies of the church are invited to attend.
This month, July 11th, we will travel to
SOL Mexican Restaurante in Wimauma.**

**Lunch at 11:30, 702 Railroad St. Wimauma, FL
33598.**

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



**All LCMS Ladies are invited to attend the 2025 District Retreat,
Epworth by the Sea Retreat Center, St. Simons Island, Georgia.
The retreat is Friday, September 5 through Sunday, September 7, 2025.
Please check out the information and registration on the
purple table in the Narthex.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Bonnie Wright
- 2 Stephen Reay, Vicky Gilbert, Sally James, Daniel Sattanno, James Smith
- 3 Vanessa Benson
- 5 Blaine Schmidt
- 6 Guy Horbus, Nancy Kendall
- 7 Terry Wills
- 8 Abigail Nordbrock, Jennifer Pfuhler
- 9 Daniel Kaczmarek, Eloise Schwarz
- 10 Bill Adkins
- 11 Kristine Bearse, Jack Conte, Sean Kons
- 12 Erika Stuppiello, Maggie Williams
- 13 Susan Barber
- 18 Karen Pratt, Dee Yuras
- 19 Linda Anderson
- 23 Edie Saari
- 26 Robin Snell
- 28 George Priest
- 30 Kiah Poock



Special Birthday Blessings to
Linda Anderson as she celebrates
91 years.

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Steve & Dee Yuras (42 years)
- 4 Larry & Robin Parkin (34 years)
- 7 Robert & Lori D'Amico (41 years)
- 8 Jeff & Laura Matson (28 years) Ronald & Kim Morgan (51 years)
- 10 Tom & Margie Weiss (60 years)
- 11 Merlyn & Sherry Janovec (44 years)
- 14 Gene & Ilene Hemingway (69 years), Jim & Terry Wills (65 years)
- 15 Pastor Patrick & Gwyn Poock (30 years)
- 16 Larry & Ann Colton (59 years)
- 24 Lee & Marilyn Marion (49 years)