



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

April 2024

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love:

From Ash Wednesday we arrived into the Liturgical Season of Easter. Easter, the one event in time that changed the way we think about the Easter Resurrected Son of God, who provided witnessed proof concerning death and its hold on Jesus, it has none. The good news revealed on Easter is that death no longer has a hold on faithful believers of Jesus.

Lent taught us that no matter the magnitude of your troubles, faith in God's love will suffice. No matter the pain caused by humanity's hubristic disregard for other humanity, that pain is healed by faith. No matter the amount of evil we see around the world, the spirit of the believer holds on to the 'good' conveyed on Easter. No matter the number of disappointments that life brings, Easter certifies faith's strength through the changing scenarios of life. In the Easter Season our faith is renewed for the spiritually challenging path and journey that grows faith and belief.

With so much change facing our advanced modern world of today, the comfort derived from Easter confirms eternity's blessing. It is the blessing of knowing God's promise to all that endures the spirit's lead. That lead has phenomenally grown in numbers since Covid. That lead has maneuvered this fellowship to stability on many levels. All this is accompanied by the many friendly welcomes extended to friends and visitors on Sunday and Sunday morning fellowship.

The spirit has delivered our fellowship and church witness in a time of change, and also a time where more and more people are returning to church for spiritual comfort and spiritual support. As we travel through the many weeks of Easter, let our focus deliver a clear vision for the journey led with/by the spirit's direction.

As we prepare for the Liturgical "Easter Season" that's before us, let us also be prepared to witness the full measure and meaning of the season.

The measure and meaning that says: **"There is no greater Love than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"**



Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent and treasure to sprucing up the church inside and out, as well as the property, to make our church home so lovely and inviting.

In April I am the teller. Have you ever wanted to try? Please meet with me after church, starting in April, and I can show you how. It is an easy way to donate your time and talent.

Thank you to our yard sale team Lynne, Cathy & Bob Neuhardt, and Tad, for organizing and moving forward with the trimmed down version of our yard sale. Please volunteer to help with the yard sale on Saturday 4/27/24. Please bring in some baked goods for our Bake Sale on the same day.

The monies collected from the yard sale will be put toward supplies to create new Chrismon for our Christmas tree. We are in dire need of some new ones to replace the broken ones. Please see John Meehl if you are interested in being on the creation team.

We have many community service projects to undertake this spring. Please ask how you can help. If you have any community outreach ideas, please let Julie Hoyle know.

Next time you're at the store, please pick up an extra pack of D batteries for church. We need these to keep our new eternal candle going!

I encourage and invite every member to come check out one of our council meetings. Come and see what it takes to keep this church moving forward, and all the people who work hard at keeping our doors open.

In The Lord's Service,

Laura Olson

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Treasurer's Report

As of the end of February, net income (income less expenses) was \$25,529. Please note that some members elect to make annual contributions and year-to-date income of \$40,200 includes those total year offerings. Year-to-date expenses were \$14,671.

At our last meeting, the council passed a motion to make a benevolence contribution to the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Subsequently, a donation of \$1,250 was made in March.

We have received the billing for our General Liability insurance, and it reflected a modest increase in the premium. Our annual Property Insurance is not due until June, and more than likely we will see a more significant increase. At this point, we are in good shape versus our budget, and will be able to handle any increase.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 561-251-3594.

Blessings,
Karen Otis
Treasurer

Vice President's Report

April is a quieter month, but there is still a lot to do at Faith. Please remember to support the ministries we have here at Faith. Property always needs help keeping our campus beautiful. Tad Wicklander is in charge and would be happy to help you find a job. Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt always need help with fellowship and coffee hour. Lynne is also in charge of getting greeters, readers, ushers and communion assistants, and would be happy to assist you in taking on one of these jobs. Julie Hoyle has some great ideas for stewardship, and can tell you how you can help. Jerry Mikulski can help you get involved with the Men's Group or Bridge of Hope. Watch for upcoming information from John Meehl about making Chrismon for our Christmas tree.

If you have any new ideas or concerns, please contact any of your council members. We have wonderful leadership in Pastor Keeley and Laura Olson, and Karen Otis does a fabulous job of keeping track of our income and expenses.

Thank you all for everything you do to make Faith a friendly and spiritual place to worship.

Respectfully,
Wendy Eames
Vice President

Property Report

Thanks to all who continue to help keep our property and buildings looking great. The next property day will be Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 am. Please plan to attend. No need to sign up, just show up. We will find something for you to do.

Yours in Christ,

Tad Wicklander

Council Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Planning

Our planning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The planners will meet on Thursday, April 18th, from 1:00 to 3:00. We welcome anyone who wants to join us.

Social Ministry

Thank you, Bat Masterson, Cathy Neuhardt and Lynne Meinhold, for coordinating the resources to preserve a 'Purple' parament for the 'Cross' at the altar during Lent. Thank-you Pastor Keeley for the Blessing of the parament! Thanks to all who donated dinner provisions to Faith Lutheran's 'grocery cart', which in return was shared with the Salvation Army 'Pantry' for an opportunity for those in our community to receive groceries and prepare an Easter dinner for family and friends.



Meet Archie!



What can we at Faith Lutheran do for the month of April in our community of Ormond Beach?

After visiting our dear members, Lois and Ken Ackerman, at Brookdale Senior Living, I spoke with Vivian wondering what Faith Lutheran could do to enrich their property. Vivian's suggestion, 'Brookdale encourages the residents to maintain the courtyard area' a 'Raised Flower/Vegetable bed to include potting soil, flowers/vegetable plants would be perfect for Brookdale Senior Living (according to their needs).

We are all welcome to visit Lois and Ken Ackerman, get a tour of the courtyard, and meet the rooster - Archie and the other three chickens.

Fellowship Report

April, along with its showers, glides right in as we have gone through the Lenten Season and Holy Week. I think we can all agree that Pastor saw us through these days with insightful sermons and Wednesday discussions explaining about “Changes” and how Jesus maneuvered his life through those all-important holy days. Thank you, Pastor.

On the Fellowship side, during the month we celebrated March birthdays and had a delicious Easter Brunch. We had a super turnout who enjoyed many delicious dishes. Thank you to everyone who shared foods or helped in some way.

God’s Blessings to all!

Lynne Meinhold & Cathy Neuhardt

Yard Sale

You were all informed about the upcoming Yard Sale last month. In a few weeks, we will hopefully hold this sale with your help. Yes, it requires more than a few people’s preparation. We will need early birds to bring the items outside, people to sell, people to be cashiers, and many other things. There will be an indoor Bake Sale which means we need baked goods. We know we can count on our congregation to show up in support of their Church and show our community what a caring, kind and friendly family we are. Check out various ways you can help by signing in on 1, 2, 3 or even more volunteer sheets. Bless you all and thank you.

Cathy and Bob Neuhardt, Tad Wicklander and Lynne Meinhold

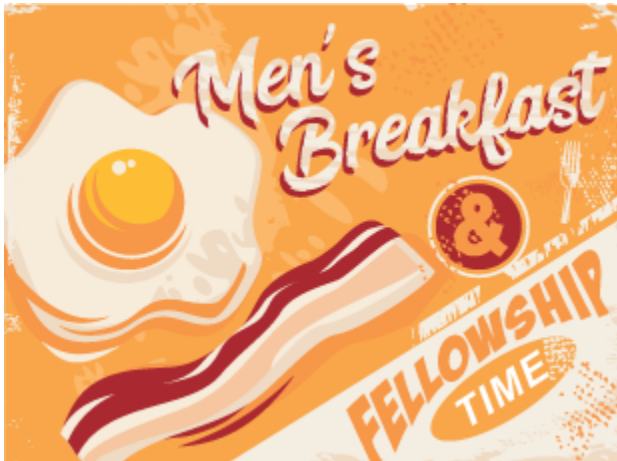
Unity Men's Fellowship 2024

April 20, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

- Coffee and Informal Conversation
- Unity Breakfast
- Pastor Keeley has prepared an informative and engaging presentation

Peace....John Meehl



Game Night

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for April 26th at 5PM in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share some laughs and good company!



Bridge of Hope

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, April 22nd at 8:30 AM.

Location: Hope Place
1340 Wright Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32117

Come join us for a very rewarding experience!

Please contact Kathy Mikulski with any questions.
(410)507-2826



Altar Flowers

- 07 Tad Wicklander & Cheryl Masloski – Glory of God
- 14 Rich & Wendy Eames – In Memory of Wendy's
Grandmother Edna Hall
- 21 Karen Otis – In Memory of Her Mother
- 28 -----

Bulletins

- 07 Rich & Wendy Eames – Glory of God
- 14 Laura Olson – Glory of God
- 21 John & Mary Ellen Meehl -Glory of God
- 28 Karen Otis - Glory of God

Candles

- Laura Olson – Glory of God



April 05

Tyler Mikulski

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Jason Mikulski

April 16

Kathy Grabow

April 24

Karen Otis