



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

May 2024

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love:

On May 19th, 'Pentecost Sunday', we will enter the Liturgical Season of Pentecost. For now, the celebration of the 'Easter Resurrection' will continue with us for the next few weeks. The resurrection is about God's sacrifice of Jesus, his son and the 'believer's resurrection benefit' from this gracious act of forgiving salvation.

In three days, Jesus resurrected from death. The 'believer's resurrection' occurs over the span of a lifetime. Jesus's resurrection extends through eternity; the believer's resurrection also extends to and through eternity. It is an eternity that awaits those who are worthy to receive the blessed promise of eternal life. Jesus's resurrection reveals to humanity that sin, death, evil, fear and division were all conquered in his Easter Resurrection. For 'believers', sin, death, evil, fear and division have also been conquered by resurrecting the committed faithful to the life that Jesus died for so that humanity would know, accept or reject the life

Jesus came to convey and describe. The point being: “The resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of the faithful is life beyond life.

Our Easter experience will soon give way to Pentecost’s spiritual reality. Easter defines the nature of God’s plan for believer’s Pentecost spiritual redemption. Pentecost brings us real life experiences that grow the spirit, incrementally growing the resurrected spirit within.

The scriptural story of salvation is our guide to understanding, as best we can, the will of God. Romans 8:28 says it this way: “We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose”. His purpose is what we strive to do. Our church has been blessed to assume the responsibilities of faith in/to a world that shows minimal spiritual returns.

As we provided ministry through the challenging times of the past, be encouraged and prepared for the challenging times to come. Remember that Easter means resurrection for Jesus and resurrection for ourselves. Pentecost provides the scenarios that grow faith!



Message from the President

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Yard Sale and Bake Sale a success!

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

I hope you have had a chance to look over the changes that the Synod is requiring we make to our constitution. We will be planning the necessary congregational meetings for June. We will need everyone's participation to approve the changes and bring our constitution up to date. I will keep you posted.

We have many community service projects to undertake this summer. 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, pick up an extra pack of D batteries for church please. We need these to keep our new eternal candle going!

Patti Hamilton has graciously agreed to be our Sunday School teacher. I know the little ones really miss her when she is unable to attend church. Is anyone willing to be a fill-in for Patti on the days she cannot make it? Please let me or a council member know, and we will work together to keep those eager little ones learning about Jesus!

Summer and Hurricane season is almost upon us. If you have any special needs or projects that need doing, please get with Tad Wicklander and maybe we can get a team together to help. Maybe Bob Neuhardt can have the Boy Scouts assist also!

Prayerfully,

Laura Olson

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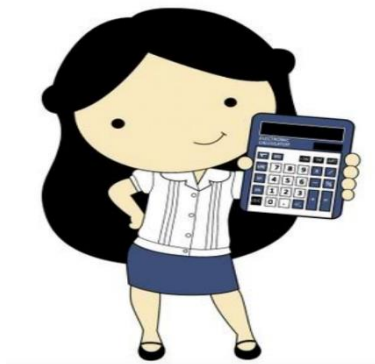
Treasurer's Report

As of the end of March, net income (income less expenses) was \$27,723. Year-to-date income was \$50,865 and year-to-date expenses were \$23,142. We continue to be able to grow our net income as our weekly offerings have outpaced expectations and repair and maintenance expenses have been low.

You should have received an email outlining amendments to be made to our church constitution. These amendments are required by the synod and must be approved by the congregation. A short meeting will be scheduled sometime in June in order to approve the changes, which are basically just minor revisions in the wording. If you did not receive the email or have any questions, please reach out to me.

Also, if you have any questions regarding our financials, please feel free to contact me at 561-251-3594.

God's Blessings,
Karen Otis
Treasurer



Vice President's Report

May is here, and our members start going on vacations, wedding celebrations and graduation celebrations. Rich and I are going on a two-week vacation, but we will remember to keep up our tithes while we are gone. The church is still here and functioning, even if we are gone. I hope everyone has a safe and blessed May.

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, May 11th 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, May 13th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Plarning

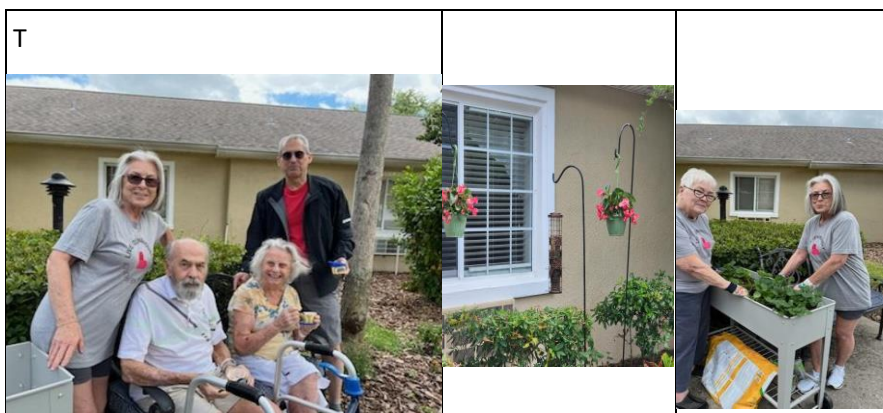
Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The plarners will meet on Thursday, May 9th, from 1:00 to 3:00. We welcome anyone who wants to join us.

Social Ministry

Michel Fredette (Salvation Army) was excited to receive the latest collection of Plarning mats for the homeless. What a 'wonderful ministry' here at Faith to share the talents of Plarning and distribution of the mats with the homeless in the Daytona Beach/Ormond Beach area. A big 'Thank-you' to the members of the Plarning group: Barbara Neunfeldt, Marge Sykes, Elisa Amaro (mother of Nancy Sykes), Marge Cullen, Carol Webster, Ceil Masterson, and Bat Masterson, and those who make anonymous plarning balls for this ministry.



Earth Day was April 22 at Brookdale Senior Living. It was an honor to share with Lois and Ken Ackerman plants/flowers outside their living room window and share flowers and vegetation in the courtyard for all the residents at Brookdale to enjoy. It was an enjoyable day to share ice cream and cookies with the residents and staff! Ken and Lois's son, Wayne, was down visiting them from New Jersey!



Fellowship Report

Well, hopefully we will see lots of May flowers this month as we surely didn't incur many April showers. As Easter came early this year, the month of April was quiet as far as Sunday activities went. We did have a nice Birthday Sunday celebration with our 3 of 4 celebrants of the month.

As always, our weekly Fellowship Hours are full of delicious foods and lots of memorable times around the tables. Thank you to all who share.

Blessings from Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt

Yard Sale

The much-anticipated Faith Yard Sale has come and gone after months of planning and weeks of pulling it together with the help of so many of our members. We would list everyone, but Yvonne would say we used too much space!! We did, however, mention each one by name in Church the day following the sale and told some highlights. The rainfall just at the start of the sale was not what we expected at all. All the scrambling to pull things under cover for it to be over in minutes was just a plain nuisance. This sale could not have happened without those who placed the ads, priced the items, sorted, carried things out and then back in, sold, collected monies, floated, packed up, came as a customer and best of all greeted and chatted with the customers proving what we all know about “the little church on the corner” — it is small and mighty and full of welcoming smiles.

As far as the Bake Sale part goes, our bakers, including one male, most certainly outdid themselves in quality, variety and quantity. Two of them made six items at least. To each of you that fits in one of the many categories above goes a huge heartfelt THANK YOU from us for being an important part of this large endeavor. Bless you all! ♥

The total isn't in stone, but it is in the ballpark of \$1,200.

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt

Chrismons 2024

Our Christmas Chrismon project is well underway. Bat Masterson and I have been discussing updates to the project. We continue to discuss ways to make our creation of Chrismons enjoyable for all participants. Please consider joining us once we announce further details and the schedule over the next few months.

On a personal note, many thanks for your support during our moving transition. We appreciate our new faith family at Faith.

John Meehl, Council Member at Large



Game Night

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for May 24th 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, May 27th 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

- 05 Bat & Ceil Masterson – In Celebration of Kirk’s Birthday
- 12 Lynne Meinhold -In Loving Memory of Grandson Andrew
- 19 Gisela Schafer – Gisela & Andrew Anniversary
- 26 Rich & Wendy Eames – For All the Family Birthdays in May

Bulletins

- 05 Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – In Celebration of Granddaughter Lola’s 3rd Birthday
- 12 Lynne Meinhold -In Loving Memory of Grandson Andrew
- 19 Laura Olson - Glory of God
- 26 Rita Highley - Glory of God

Candles

- Charlie Hoyle – Glory of God



May 01

Marge Sykes

May 08

Lois Ackerman

May 26

Rita Highley



May 04

Dorothy & Steve Wise