



# *Pathways of Faith*

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Faith Lutheran Church

June 2024

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## *The Pastor's Space*

Grace, Peace and Love:

How quick the days, weeks, months, and year are passing. We entered the Easter Season some eight weeks ago.

Remember, as it took Jesus just three days to be resurrected; for humanity it takes a lifetime to resurrect the Spirit's new you. Since entering the liturgical year on Advent, we have progressed into Pentecost, the longest season of the church year. What is the significance of Pentecost's length and meaning?

Pentecost is the season in which humanity has evolved in the Christian journey to salvation. It is the season in which humanity will demonstrate its worthiness for eternity. It is the season in which Jesus will return to consummate and finalize the promise of grace. Its length portrays the long period given for faith's appeal to be realized. It is the last and final season that prepares the faithful for the promised life ahead, the blessings of salvation and eternal blessedness.

Pentecost season's importance is to not only guide believers along life's journey given to travel, but to also grow in spirit from the experiences that come our way in life. Those experiences help to shape and mold a spirit that is pleasing in the sight of divine presence. When we remember that God is spirit, we realize that the only way to please God is in spirit. The Pentecost Season reveals the spirit's capacity to change a person's direction from selfish unawareness to selfless awareness.

Here in this Pentecost Season, may its spirit help us to relinquish the things that hold us back from full acceptance of its lead in through the changes and chances of life.

The intent of our faithful assembly, worship, and fellowship gatherings are meant to reinforce the spirit and faith bonds that exist to strengthen the ministry we share together. Prepare yourself for the Pentecost examples that will be encountered in the long season ahead. Prepare yourself for the people and events that arise, designed to bring the faithful closer to divine presence. Our work as God's church in the world, Pentecost presence in the world, building faith in the world, is that important!



## ***Message from the President***

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 holding the necessary congregational meeting on June 23, 2024, directly after service. We will need everyone's participation to approve the changes and bring our constitution up to date. Please plan on attending.

Our church ride-on lawnmower is on its last leg. The Mikulski men use this lawnmower to mow the back forty of our property where our lawn service (Vinny) usually doesn't mow. The Council is having it checked to see if it's worth repairing. Just thought I would ask if anyone has a ride-on mower to donate that they don't use anymore?

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? I am still looking for a volunteer please.

Back-to School Backpacks will be here before you know it. Start looking for names in July. If you see any sales, snatch them up!

This year, God's Work Our Hands Sunday is September 8, 2024. Tad Wicklander has agreed to lead the project to provide for our soldiers. Please get with Tad if you are willing to help with this project. He will have more details soon.

**Stewardship** - This will be starting in September also. Is there anyone who would like to lead our Stewardship Program this year? Please get with a member of council if you would.

I would again like to thank the members of our Church Council for ALL that they do on a daily basis to keep this church running. They do a lot and that's why I have been asking for volunteers lately. We all wear many hats, so having a slight break on some of these projects would be a blessing. Please consider stepping up to help. It's easy, we can show you!

In God's Service,

Laura Olson

386-846-1976

### ***Treasurer's Report***

As of the end of April, net income (income less expenses) was \$32,161. Year-to-date income was \$61,473 and year-to-date expenses were \$29,312. We continue to be able to grow our net income as 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 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.

Blessings,  
Karen Otis  
Treasurer

## ***Vice President's Report***

The summer is in full swing, kids are out of school, and the heat and rain showers have returned. But Faith is still here and open with a cool place to rest, relax, and get rejuvenated with the word of God. Pastor Keeley does a great job, and will continue to refresh us and uplift us with his message from the Bible.

The Fellowship committee can always use your help in providing a drink and a goodie after Church. See Lynne Meinhold or Cathy Neuhardt and they can get you signed up to help provide for your church family.

If you have considered ushering, reading, greeting, now is the time to do it! It's a little quieter and easier to do in the summer. Lynne Meinhold would love to add you to her list of helpers. She will also help you feel at ease with any instructions you might need. Just watch on Sundays and see how it is done. A smiling face and willingness are all you need.

If you are traveling this summer, have fun and return safely back home and to your Church family.

Respectfully,  
Wendy Eames  
Vice President

## ***Yard Sale***

Our yard and bake sale were quite successful, despite the early rain. Thank you to all who helped, especially Lynne Meinhold, Cathy Neuhardt and Tad Wicklander. Proceeds were as follows:

Bake Sale - \$330.25

Yard Sale - \$1,011.50

Total Proceeds-\$1,341.75

## ***Council Meeting***

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> 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, June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00. We welcome anyone who wants to join us. Please contact Barbara Neunfeldt if you are interested in becoming a member of this group at (386)677-6017.

## ***Social Ministry***

Thanks to all who donated dinner provisions to Faith Lutheran's 'grocery cart', which in return were shared with the **Salvation Army 'Pantry'** as an opportunity for those in our community to receive groceries and prepare another dinner for their family.

Thanks to all who donated gently-used clothes to the Salvation Army cart. These clothes help people prepare for job interviews. What a blessing!

In May, Faith Lutheran donated 124 lbs. of Food plus Clothing to the Salvation Army!



As we begin our 'summer' season at Faith, let us turn our thoughts to July and donating **School backpacks** for children in need of school supplies. I am sure the children are proud to walk into school ready for classes with the necessary tools.

September – **God's Work Our Hands!**

We are putting our heads together to produce a wonderful project for our military servicemen!

## ***Fellowship Report***

Wow, here we are already in the month of June where we will have birthday celebrations, Father's Day and summer to celebrate. But, let's talk about them next month.

In May, we first celebrated Mother's Day. It was particularly special for the women of the church as the men planned the great food themselves and got it all set up so nicely for the women to enjoy. To top it off, they presented all women with a carnation as they entered Fellowship Hall. A special thank you goes to John Meehl and Jerry Mikulski for coordinating this lovely occasion for the church women. We felt honored.



Then we celebrated four birthdays, although only one of the birthday folks were present. We ended up the month with a super Memorial Day BBQ. We actually haven't grilled out in years and were able to do so this year using our brand-new grill that was gifted to us by our longtime lawn maintenance man, Vinny and his wife, Debbie. We are most appreciative to them. We thank our grillers Steve Wise, Rich Eames and Tad Wicklander for producing delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. Thank you also to everyone else who supplied a long list of yummy sides and desserts. We appreciate everyone who assisted in setting up and cleaning up. Who knows what June might bring.

God's Blessings to all,  
Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt

## ***Men's Unity Breakfast***

The Men's Unity Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Faith. Coffee and conversation will begin at 8:30 a.m., with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Pancake flippers for this UNITY breakfast include Jerry Mikulski and John Meehl. If you would like to be a "pancake batter mixer", or share a breakfast item, please let Jerry or John know.

Pastor Keeley will share an uplifting message, and our conversations are always open and enlightening. Please sign up and invite others who you feel may benefit from our time together.

See you on June 22!



## ***Chrismons 2024***

Our Chrismon project continues for 2024. Bat Masterson and I have been sharing thoughts and ideas related to the project. We continue to discuss ways to make the creation of Chrismons meaningful and enjoyable for all participants.

If you have an interest in participating in this activity, please let me know or send an email to Yvonne. If you have family and friends who you think might enjoy this project, please discuss with them and let me know as well. As we continue to plan, the more the merrier. This project is an excellent family activity.

I will continue to update with more specifics as to time, dates, and other information as they become available and finalized.

Peace,

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 June 28<sup>th</sup> 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, June 24<sup>th</sup> 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***

- 02 Jane Kramer – In Loving Memory of Ross
- 09 Bob & Marylou Aldrich – To the Glory of God
- 16 -----
- 23 -----
- 30 -----

***Bulletins***

- 02 Laura Olson – To the Glory of God
- 09 Rita Highley - To the Glory of God
- 16 Rita Highley - To the Glory of God
- 23 -----
- 30 -----

***Candles***

- Tad Wicklander & Cheryl Maslowski – To the Glory of God



June 04	Brigitte Emick
June 13	Barbara Neunfeldt
June 18	Joseph Cromwell
June 24	Cheryl Masloski
June 29	Stephen Wise



June 27	Barbara & Harold Neunfeldt
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