



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

July 2024

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love:

As we advance further into the Season of Pentecost, the messages it communicates are fundamental to growing the faith of believers. The intent of the spirit that it brings guides the spirit within. Its guiding influence makes the path clear to those spiritually in tune to its reception. The images that Pentecost portrays to the faithful are designed to awaken humanity to the eternity described by Jesus and scripture.

The church that the faithful works to grow is the responsibility of all who humble themselves for the work to be done to make the church the place of spiritual strength needed to increase its numbers here on earth. In these times of waning church influence, the work that we have been given to do is essential to growing the faith at a time of decreasing membership and church closings.

The special responsibility given the faithful to establish and grow the faith in these challenging times is what the church has been

commissioned to accomplish. That is how important it is for the changing times we have been given to make the kingdom's paths straight for those seeking the blessings of eternity. Scripture reveals that heaven and earth will pass away and made anew for life as it was originally intended before the fall.

As the faithful church pursues the commission given by Jesus to present-day believers, it is important for strengthening spiritual presence for the new heaven and earth to come. It is what our ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church is called to accomplish.

As our church numbers increase, as our ministry impacts the changing times we live, as the message of our ministry is positively received, we look for new and innovative ways to make Christ known. Pentecost provides the special guidance needed to make it all happen.

The work we pursue as a congregation of the faithful is fundamentally important for the kingdom to come and to bring in a new heaven and a new earth as scripture reveals. Keep the faith. Our work depends on it.



Message from the President

The summer heat is upon us and there is a great debate as to the temperature in the Church on Sunday. Some think it is too hot and others complain that it is too cold. Please bear with us as we try to find a comfortable compromise in temperature.

Thank you to all who participated in our Congregational Meeting to ratify the new ELCA changes to our Constitution. Your participation and attendance ALWAYS matters.

Faith has many opportunities to serve, join in fellowship activities and participate in worship. I love our church family and want to see us grow and flourish. Do you know someone looking for a church home or someone who just may need a network of awesome and supportive people in their lives? Invite them to Faith!

You know our after-worship fellowship is amazing. With the cost of EVERYTHING going up, maybe you're not sure if you can provide the whole spread yourself. Perhaps teaming up will make it easier. Want to try a new recipe? Get with the person signed up and let them know you are going to bring one dish. Lynne and Cathy have lots of Fellowship options and could really use your help!

Stewardship - This will be starting in September. Julie Hoyle has graciously offered to lead this year! Please let her know if you are willing to make it a team effort.

Some of you have asked if we could go back to having a processional and communion around the altar. The only way this can happen is if we have more volunteers to assist with service. Please let me or another member of Council know what you think and if you're willing to regularly assist with these parts of our worship.

Yours in Faith, Laura (386) 846-1976

Vice President's Report

I hope everyone has a safe and fun 4th of July. Please be careful of the heat and make sure you are getting plenty of water, even if you aren't outside.

We will be giving you more information about "God's Work Our Hands" in Pathways in August. It will be taking place in September and I hope everyone joins in for the project.

Even though it is summertime, there is still a lot going on here at Faith. Please join in and get nourished by the great messages from Pastor Keeley and fellowship with your fellow members.

Happy July,
Wendy Eames

Treasurer's Report

As of the end of May, net income (income less expenses) was \$33,971. Year-to-date income was \$73,816 and year-to-date expenses were \$39,845. We continue to be able to grow our net income as repair and maintenance expenses have been low.

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

Blessings,
Karen Otis
Treasurer

Council Meeting

There will be no scheduled meetings in July or August.

Planning

Our planning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The planners will meet on Thursday, July 18th, 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.

Property

Greetings from your property team,

On behalf of the Property Team, we would like to thank all those who have commented on the time and efforts to keep our property looking good.

We would also like to thank Vinny's lawn service for their efforts and the grill that was recently donated.

We would like to thank the Church Council for their guidance. We will be taking the months of July and August off. We will be available for any issues that may come up during our break.

Our next property day will be Saturday, September 14th.

Have a safe and blessed summer.

Yours in Christ,

Tad I. Wicklander

Social Ministry

You will see our yellow school bus in the Narthex on Sunday 6/30/24. We are asking for new school backpacks for local children in foster care. This is a ministry that Faith has been participating in for 14 years! Please take a name sheet (as many or a few as you like) and get a backpack and supplies for that child. Return the filled backpack to the Narthex with the name paper stapled/taped to the backpack. Yvonne will be sending out lists of items each grade may need in case you are unsure.

PLEASE NOTE: you do **not** have to purchase everything on these lists for the backpack. Kids basically need notebooks and pencils, anything else is a bonus. If you would just like to purchase some supplies or just the backpack, please do so and toss it in our school bus. If you would like to make a cash donation and have us do the shopping for you, there is a SpongeBob metal lunchbox in the Narthex where you can leave your donation. **The last day to drop off backpacks in the Narthex will be Sunday, July 28, 2024.**

God's Work Our Hands – will take place in September. We are putting our heads together to produce a wonderful project for our military servicemen! Stay tuned.



Fellowship Report

Here we are entering the month of July already. It is really hard to believe that half of 2024 is behind us. We hope the rest of this year is good to everyone.

June was a 5-Sunday month which means we had more time to share good times and stories and help each other where and when needed. We certainly had a great day celebrating all our men on Father's Day. Then there was our Monthly Birthday Celebration where 3 of the 5 June Birthday people either turned 80 or 85. We were all so happy to share the occasion with you.



We ended the month with a great opportunity to share in the 35th Anniversary of our Pastor Keeley's Ordination. We have been blessed to have him serving as our minister these last years and are honored to mark this day with him.

Be safe everyone as you travel to see your families or some super new places in July.

Blessings from Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt

Points to Ponder: Chrismon Update

Our Chrismon project is moving forward and details are being finalized. I believe we will have a wonderful faith-based activity for Faith and UNITY families and anyone else wishing to join us.

FYI: Traditionally the ornaments found on Chrismon trees are handmade. However, part of the beauty in this tradition is selecting the symbol and dedicating the time and effort to create the Chrismon. For those who take part, it can be a labor of love that prepares hearts and builds anticipation for the Advent season and birth of Christ.

Chrismon tree ornaments are meant to serve as reminders of God's gift of Jesus Christ, which mean all of the ornaments used on the tree hold special significance.

Bat Masterson and I have been reviewing and discussing the project and have begun to edit a brochure outlining the specifics for our project. This draft will be shared with Council at the September meeting. Upon approval, it will be available to everyone.

You are welcome to "plant a seed" related to this project with family and friends. If you are interested in hearing more, please see me at your convenience after church or text me at (386) 631-3995.

John Meehl, Council Member at Large



Men's Unity Breakfast

We had a terrific turnout on Saturday June 22nd and everyone enjoyed the pancake breakfast, fellowship, and discussion led by Pastor Keeley.

Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 24th at Faith Lutheran and will likely be a cookout; so let John or Jerry know what you'd like to cook or bring that day. Look for details in the Sunday Bulletin. Hope you take the time to attend!

Jerry Mikulski



Game Night

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for July 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, July 22th at 10:00 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

- 14 Gisela Schafer – in celebration of her daughter, Madeline O’Conner’s birthday
- 21 John & Mary Ellen Meehl – in celebration of their anniversary
- 28 Charlie Hoyle – in celebration of Julie’s birthday

Bulletins

- 07 – Lynne Meinhold – in celebration of her son, Tim’s birthday
- 14 – Cathy Neuhardt – in celebration of Bob’s 75th birthday
- 21 – Charlie Hoyle – in celebration of Julie’s birthday
- 28 – Lynne Meinhold – in celebration of her granddaughter, Katharine’s birthday

Candles

- Lynne Meinhold – in memory of her in-laws, Elise & Willy Meinhold



July 10

Yvonne Magill

July 13

Bob Neuhardt

July 14

Dorothy Wise

July 17

Jim Sykes

July 26

Julie Hoyle



July 04

Bob & Judy Culgin

July 12

John & Mary Ellen Meehl