



# *Pathways of Faith*

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Faith Lutheran Church

August 2024

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## *The Pastor's Space*

Grace, Peace and Love:

As I contemplate the coming wedding of my daughter, a sense of pride for the moment fills me. It is a prideful sense somewhat like that which only the spirit brings in its season, Pentecost.

We are well into the Season of Pentecost. The examples it brings are life changing gifts that remind us of the Spirit's protecting, guiding, healing, blessed presence, always. There are many more spirit driven examples to come as we make our way through the Pentecost Season. As we are spiritually strengthened through the Pentecost messages to come, may the work of our service here at "Faith Lutheran Church" build a better and more meaningful place to encounter spiritual presence.

Our Sunday morning worship attendance, since covid, has been consistently rising, with new faces to welcome and greet. At this time of summer activities and travel, many are enjoying the season before autumn's seasonal change. The ministry that we have been given to nurture and grow here at "Faith Lutheran" is healthy and productive. It does make a spiritual difference when many more people lend their collective voices in liturgical worship. The spiritual atmosphere of the worship experience feels different when the voices of many sing a collective thank you to God in the midst of worshipping.

I continue to be impressed with the ongoing yearly social ministries of "Faith Lutheran" that speaks to the ministry we share together as God's church in the world. The product and results of our spirit-filled efforts to ministry in these changing times is something that brings pride to the ministry, and individuals serving the will of God.

So, enjoy the leisurely experiences of Summer, that time of seasonal pleasure. Enjoy and be well rested for the seasonal changes to come, both natural and spiritual. Remember, Pentecost change is the change that draws us closer to God and one another. With that, there is more work ahead to accomplish and fulfill!



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

Thank you to everyone who helped provide back to school backpacks for our local foster children. This year Faith Lutheran was able to provide 54 backpacks. You are AMAZING!

Faith Lutheran Church has many opportunities to serve, join in fellowship activities, and participate in worship. 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!

**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. Faith Lutheran is my church home. I really want to move toward growth in my stewardship. I am starting to think of ways that I can.....

1. Increase my giving
  2. Increase the utilization of my time and talents
- How can you be a good steward? Please prayerfully consider what it means.

I have had a couple folks ask 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 every week. 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. **Only two takers so far....**

I want to thank every member of Faith Lutheran (and those consistent visitors too). I appreciate your attendance, giving, participation, generosity, faithfulness, and devotion to God. Thank you for being part of our Faith Family.

Yours in Christ,  
Laura Olson 386-846-197

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

Our project for God's Work Our Hands this year is the "Forgotten Soldier Outreach". They send "We Care" packages to military personnel. The program is based here in Florida. They have been doing this for over 20 years. The program is all about boosting morale and to let them know we appreciate their service and that they are NOT forgotten. There is a collection box in the Narthex and a flyer in the bulletin. We are collecting items until September 8th.

Please help us help our military personnel.

Wendy Eames

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

As of the end of June, net income (income less expenses) was \$39,487. Year-to-date income was \$86,326 and year-to-date expenses were \$46,839. We continue to be able to grow our net income as repair and maintenance expenses have been low.

The required amendments to the Church Constitution were made and the updated version has been submitted to the synod.

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. There will be no planning in August. 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,

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***

Another 144 lbs. of food was donated in July to the **Salvation Army 'Pantry.'**

Thanks to all who donated provisions to Faith Lutheran's 'grocery cart' and in return was shared in our community to receive the needed groceries to prepare another dinner for those in need!



Thank you for your contributions to the Backpack ministry! Helping those in 'Foster Care' means so much to the self-esteem of the children feeling good about having the necessary tools to complete work assignments at school!



## ***Points to Ponder: Chrismon Update***

Our 2024 FAITH Family and Friends Chrismon project is continuing to unfold. I am confident we will have a wonderful faith-based activity for Faith families, our friends, and anyone wishing to join us. Plans are moving forward for beginning our project officially in October.

As I reported last month, an informational brochure with a welcome announcement has been developed and is being reviewed by Council members for final approval at the September meeting.

Chrismon tree ornaments are meant to serve as reminders of God's gift of Jesus Christ, meaning all of the ornaments used on the tree hold special significance. The Chrismon Team has identified four designs for remembering God's gift to us and include (1) an Angel, (2) a Star, (3) a Cross and (4) a Crown.

You are encouraged to "plant a seed" related to this project with family and friends. Bat and I are always open to hearing your suggestions for a day and time convenient to meet to work on these decorations.

As always, if you are interested in hearing more about this project, please see me at your convenience after church or text me at (386) 631-3995.

John Meehl, Council member at Large





## ***Men's Unity Luncheon***

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran and will be a BBQ cookout. Pastor Keeley will share an inspirational message, and discussion will follow. 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 August 23<sup>rd</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, August 26<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***

- 04 Rich & Wendy Eames – To the Glory of God
- 11 Bob & Marylou Aldrich – To the Glory of God
- 18 Wendy Eames – in celebration of Rich’s birthday
- 25 John & MaryEllen Meehl - To the Glory of God

## ***Bulletins***

- 04 – Laura Olson – To the Glory of God
- 11 – Joan Olson – To the Glory of God
- 18 – Joan Olson – To the Glory of God
- 25 – John & MaryEllen Meehl - To the Glory of God

## ***Candles***

Lynne Meinhold – in memory of parents Evelyn & Herbert  
Bernhardt



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| August 14 | Pat Huntley    |
| August 17 | Anna Charla    |
| August 17 | Rich Eames     |
| August 21 | Kathy Mikulski |
| August 24 | Lynne Meinhold |
| August 24 | Barbara Rebar  |
| August 26 | Cindy McCarthy |
| August 28 | Crystal Keeley |



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| August 03 | Ken & Yvonne Magill |
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