



# *Pathways of Faith*

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Faith Lutheran Church

September 2024

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## *The Pastor's Space*

Grace, Peace and Love:

The long Liturgical Season of the Spirit, “Pentecost”, continues to be the principle guiding tool of spiritual growth for believing humanity. The season does not officially conclude until late November, on “Christ the King Sunday”. It is the longest Liturgical Season, there to shape and mold the blessed way forward. Consider it to be your personal time of spiritual growth. The way ahead is filled with shaping examples/molding scenarios/guiding circumstances, that test our response as a people of God in a changing world.

As we continue in ministry as “Faith Lutheran Church”, those guiding Pentecost lessons will amply prepare us in and for the challenging times before us. The present ministries that we are privileged to offer and provide, the future ministries that the Spirit leads us in, and our unified efforts as “Faith

Lutheran Church”, are our blessed contributions to the ministry we serve as God’s faithful assembly.

I struggle with thoughts that identify ways to expand the ministry given us here at “Faith” to witness and accomplish. I wait with patience for the right time and opportunity to add additional relevant ministries to our existing array of corporate worship and range of existing ministries. The spirit always reminds me that our work as “Faith Lutheran Church” is done in God’s time. Our service is guided by the human need we serve that witnesses our commitment to God’s work in the world. I have come to understand that life provides the opportunity, and God’s Spirit provides the means to minister as needed.

The fellowship of “Faith Lutheran Church” has already acknowledged the Spirit’s guiding presence by the ministries that we already serve together. Yes, there is much more work to do and limited numbers to do it with. The wonderful spiritual reality is that it will all get done when the time is right and our spirit is prepared to do so.

Learn from the lessons the spirit leads us in, and know that God is with us in our effort to better serve him in a changing world.



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

I hope everyone got to see the wonderful thank you letter Faith Lutheran received from Community Partnership for Children's CEO thanking us for all the backpacks we donated to the local foster children. Good work & God's work!

September 8, 2024, is God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Thank you to Wendy Eames for spearheading the project this year and to everyone donating to our military service personnel to help show them that the love of God is strong and Faith Lutheran Church appreciates their service!

I am excited to hear from John Meehl about our new Chrismon Project. I am excited to lend a hand and help replenish our beautiful Chrismons. Let's get crafty!!

Remember our Stewardship campaign and prayerfully consider your contributions this year.

Also, it's never too early to start thinking about who wants to serve on Church Council next year. Please let a member of council know if you are willing to give it a try!

In Humble Service,  
Laura Olson  
386-846-1976

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

The kids have gone back to school, but for us the summer heat is not over. Please remember to stay hydrated, and to watch out for the school crossing zones and the children walking.

Please don't forget to bring in some items for our God's Work Our Hands for the forgotten soldiers. These are active military personnel that don't have family or don't receive support from home. Anything we can give them will go a long way in making their day brighter. If you can't donate, you can write a letter of encouragement and appreciation for the job they are doing to keep us safe. We will be taking the items until September 11, so you still have a couple of Sundays to help.

Thank you for your support,  
Wendy Eames

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

As of the end of July, net income (income less expenses) was \$42,303. Year-to-date income was \$98,557 and year-to-date expenses were \$56,254. Our financial results continue to be better than expected versus the budget.

Next month's results will reflect expenses related to the flood cleanup and replacement of a/c pipes in the church sacristy and back closet. We will be replacing additional pipes as a preventative measure against further flooding.

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

Blessings,

Karen Otis - Treasurer

## ***Council Meeting***

Monthly council meetings are resuming this month. The date for September is Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting in the family room.

## ***Plarning***

Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The date for September is the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Our next property day will be Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us. The more hands we have, the less time we need to be out there.

Hopefully it will be a little cooler by then!

Yours in Christ,

Tad I. Wicklander

## ***Social Ministry***

This year's Stewardship program theme is **"Growing in 'Faith' Together"**.



The Stewardship packets will be distributed in September with details about Time, Talents and Treasure for 2024!

In accordance with the Stewardship Program is our Reformation Fellowship luncheon.

Can't wait for another delightful German feast to be enjoyed by all!

Blessings,

Julie Hoyle

## ***Fellowship Report***

Well, what I stated last month about it being a very hot time of year certainly has lived up to its reputation. Some of our parishioners are still out there traveling about and we wish them well.

SO pleased people are stepping up for Sunday Fellowship Hour. Thank you. Glad we had four birthday folks present to celebrate their special days.

A reminder for our different celebration the very first Sunday in September. It will be to celebrate the official end of summer. Bring foods that make you think of summer.

God's Blessings to all!

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



## **POINT TO PONDER: CHRISMON SUCCESS UPDATE**

As I shared last month, our 2024 FAITH Family and Friends Chrismon project is continuing to unfold. Details and the plan will be presented to Council at the September meeting for approval.

Look for Next Steps in the October Pathways and in the Fellowship Hall after the Council meeting. I continue to be confident that we will have a wonderful faith-based activity for Faith families, our friends and anyone wishing to join us.

I believe Faith Lutheran Church's Chrismon project will be successful due to the people of FAITH ..... remember we:

- are strong at heart. ...
- are willing to do hard work. ...
- are willing to be humbled daily. ...
- are not afraid to learn new things. ...
- have great endurance. ...
- exhibit ability to observe. ...
- have the patience of a saint.

What do you think has contributed to this outlook of SUCCESS? Perhaps, it is based on our church's success formula! Do you remember it? If not, here it is:

“Success equals Relationship building through Consistent Cooperation and Communication understanding it is Hard Heart Work embedded and guided by the Word of God!!!”

John Meehl, At Large member



## ***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 September 27<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, September 23rd 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



## ***Gratitude***

We would like to express a heart-felt thanks to our Faith family. We are just overwhelmed by the out-pouring of support, the phone calls, cards, flowers, visits, and oh so wonderful meals. Your prayers do work!

God bless you all,

Marge and Jim Sykes



### ***Altar Flowers***

- 01 John & MaryEllen Meehl - To the Glory of God
- 08 Ken & Pat Huntley – In celebration of granddaughter Isabella’s 17<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 15 Jane Kramer – in celebration of my birthday
- 22 John & MaryEllen Meehl - To the Glory of God
- 29 Joe & Pat Cromwell – In celebration of Pat’s birthday

### ***Bulletins***

- 01 Bob & Cathy Neuhardt -in celebration of son Jeremy & daughter-in-law Sydney’s anniversary
- 08 Ken & Pat Huntley – In celebration of granddaughter Isabella’s 17<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 15 Tad Wicklander & Cheryl Masloski – To the Glory of God
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### ***Candles***

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September 05	Jackie Hanes
September 07	Carolyn Hixon
September 13	Jane Kramer
September 21	Charlie Hoyle
September 21	Annabelle O'Neill
September 22	Pastor Keeley
September 29	Pat Cromwell
September 29	Chet Rossiter



September 07	Ken & Pat Huntley
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