



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

October 2024

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love:

We begin this month heavily steeped in the Season of Pentecost, where the Spirit's lead and presence reaffirms the faith we share and witness together. As we move further into the Pentecost Season, the faithful are called to learn from the lessons the spirit leads us in, and to know that God is with us in our effort to better serve him in a changing world.

Our approach to Christian Ministry is to make clear the saving message of Jesus and scripture, a message open to all that seek a repentant relationship with the God of Creation. The traditional worship we experience here at "FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH" accommodates the common tradition we've grown from for most of our Christian journey, as was repeated over the years. Our work and ministry as God's Church in the world is to echo the

message that Jesus delivered to the world, conveyed by the faithful for generations. The traditional worship experience that we presently enjoy has shown itself in the increase and rise in weekly worship attendance.

In my part- time pastoral ministry position here at “Faith Lutheran Church”, I struggle to advance ways to bring additional aspects of ministry to the growing experience we presently enjoy. The limited part-time pastoral ministry we share limits what we can do to further broaden our ministry presence. That presence is growing in ways we envisioned possible, even after Covid’s disruption.

Please know, we are on the way that Jesus describes when he said: “I am the way, the truth and the life”. Our larger ministry objective is to make clear the certainty of what those words truly mean. “FYI” - I have no doubt that the present ministry blessings already received is the blessing of God’s approval for the ministry we serve together. Pentecost will be with us through the remaining liturgical church year, providing spiritual insight for those seeking a clearer understanding for the things of God. Pentecost, God’s Spirit and our reception of it is our response to God’s call for his church. Pentecost prepares the faithful for a life with God and our church, “FAITH LUTHERAN” is our hands working to fulfill God’s Will in the world.



Message from the President

October means Stewardship here at Faith. Thank you to Julie Hoyle for taking the lead on this year's campaign. I hope you all prayerfully consider stepping into a new role here at Faith!

Reformation Sunday is October 27, 2024. Remember to wear red! Looking forward to our annual German Dinner organized by our Fellowship Team. Sign up and come celebrate with us! On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives. On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: The Bible is the central source of religious authority, and that salvation is reached through faith by the grace of God.

Volusia County Basket Brigade! Thank you to Bob Neuhardt for leading the program again this year and for always helping us to reach a higher goal to help families in need. Thank you to EVERYONE who participates and for being such a generous congregation. Faith Lutheran makes a positive impact in our community!

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 try!

Prayerfully,
Laura Olson
386-846-1976

Vice President's Report

We are starting to feel a slight coolness in the air and hopes of fall.

I was able to meet with the founder of our "Gods Work Our Hands" recipient, Lynelle Zelnar. She is a wonderful, energetic Christian woman and is still excited about the work she started in 2003. She was excited about our donations to the project. Another part of her outreach to soldiers is letter writing. You can go to their website, forgotten soldiers.org. If you click on the menu, there is a link you can fill out and write a letter of support and encouragement. If you prefer to handwrite a letter, you can give it to me and I will send it to Lynelle. Now is the time to send Christmas greetings, so they receive them for Christmas. They want just the cards or letters, not in envelopes, so they can double check the contents of the card or letters. I hope we can continue to support this worthwhile project all year.

Thank you,

Wendy Eames – Vice President

Treasurer's Report

As of the end of August, net income (income less expenses) was \$43,913. Year-to-date income was \$107,546 and year-to-date expenses were \$63,633. Our financial results continue to be better than expected versus the budget.

Next month you will see a significant drop in net income as our annual property insurance premium of \$20,045 becomes due. This large expense was anticipated and our favorable financial position enables us to absorb this hefty cost.

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

Blessings, Karen Otis-Treasurer

Council Meeting

The date for the October council meeting is Monday, the 14th, at 6:30. All members are welcome to attend.

Plarning

Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The date for October is the 17th. Please contact Barbara Neunfeldt if you are interested in becoming a member of this group at (386) 677-6017.

Social Ministry

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

We are now officially into the calendar season of Fall, one of my favorites. I particularly like it because of all the colors associated with it. Hope you have noticed these colors in the seasonal Fellowship Hall decorations.

We began the month with a fun time of eating foods that reminded us of summertime including salads, fruits and, of course, ice cream. Thanks to all who helped out. We had 8 members celebrating their birthdays in September, the most of any month. Having Pastor's birthday in the month allowed us two Sundays for celebrations. 🎂
Keep your eyes out for all that is coming up.

God's Blessings to all!

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



Chrismon Update

If you are interested in working with Bat Masterson and I on the Chrismon project, we are still in need of 2 Chrismon Construction Consultants. Thanks to Marge Cullen and Karen Otis for stepping up.

The first training is scheduled for Sunday, October 6th, before service.

If you are unable to assist us at this time, we will reconsider the idea for 2025. Thanks to all for considering.

Any questions, please contact Bat Masterson or me.

God Bless,

John Meehl, At Large member

Game Night

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for October 25th at 5PM in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share some laughs and good company!

Social Ministry

It is September, it is Stewardship!

I think about the 'Time and Talents' we share with fellow church members and our community.

We need to thank our Faith Lutheran church members for taking the time to:

1. Fill up the Salvation Army food cart for those less fortunate than us.
2. Meal Train - making the Home-made Meals for our members in need.
3. Loose change Sundays to assist with Fellowship Hall needs and provide Gift/Gas cards to share with those in need.
4. Welcome Bags for Visitors
5. Update bulletin boards for the church season.
6. Volunteer lists for Flowers, Candles, and Bulletins
7. School Back Packs for the Foster children
8. God's Work Our Hands.
9. Feed the Homeless
10. Basket Brigade for Thanksgiving
11. Mats for Homeless
12. Angel Tree at Christmas
13. Property team members that enhance our church grounds here at Faith Lutheran for the invitation to 'Come join us for worship.'
14. For the person that makes the Birthday calls or sends a card from Faith Lutheran to let our members know we care,
15. Update and Maintain the Faith Lutheran website.

We are all part of the 'Time and Talents' as it applies to Stewardship at Faith Lutheran!

Blessings,

Julie Hoyle

Daniel Perkins Smith Day

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

*When in our music God is Glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*In celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of
Daniel Perkins Smith
As Organist of
Faith Lutheran Church
Of Ormond Beach*

October 20, 2024

Bridge of Hope

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, October 28th 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

- 06 John & MaryEllen Meehl - To the Glory of God
- 13 Bat & Ceil Masterson – In Celebration of Mark Masterson’s birthday
- 20 Gisela Schafer – in Celebration of Daughter Dorothy Schafer’s birthday
- 27 Carolyn Hixon – Honoring my Husband and Son

Bulletins

- 06 -----
- 13 Lynne Meinhold – In Loving Memory of Grandson Andrew
- 20 Laura Olson – In Celebration of Son Garrett’s birthday
- 27 -----

Candles

Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – In Celebration of Son Jeremy and Granddaughter Eva’s Birthdays



October 07

Harold Neunfeldt

October 14

Wendy Eames

October 29

MaryEllen Meehl



October 11

Bob & Marylou Aldrich

October 19

Ken & Lois Ackerman