



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

March 2025

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love:

As we approach February's end, as well as the end of the Liturgical Season of Epiphany, we enter the most solemn season of Lent. Solemn, because it summarizes with passion, the faith that all Christians around the world hold sacred. Lent allows the faithful to fully engage the beginning moments of the faith that they have held sacred for over 2,500 years.

When fully engaged, the events and messages of Lent bring us to know just what Jesus had to experience to bring God's story of salvation to all that possess the faith necessary to receive and accept it. The Season of Lent reveals to humanity the lengths God would take to bring erring humanity back to his good grace. Jesus is the example that gives humanity the real possibility of the real life that awaits the faithful. The story and message of Lent is the story and message that the faithful church has been, by Jesus, commissioned to tell.

In a world dominated by the many things that material desires can bring, and its propensity to be dominated by them is for some the god that leads them. The God that Jesus reveals to us is the God that supplies all our needs, yet many suffer for lack of them. He is a God of compassion for those suffering the lack of it in their circumstance. He is the God of love for all that need his divinely spiritual hug and presence. Therein lies the mission that we at “Faith Lutheran Church” have been called to pursue.

As we enter times that may appear to be confusing, we also enter a new Lenten Season, dominant with the message of salvation. As we progress in the Christian Ministry we serve together, the message of forgiveness has to be the message we bring. As we perfect the ministry given “Faith Lutheran” to expand, our message must be one of “GRACE” for those who believe.

Remember, as the world around us changes, as things are not as clear as they once were, and as we minister in/to changing times, remember God’s loving presence, His forgiving spirit, His compassionate passion and His grace, all continue in/through the work we do as “Faith Lutheran Church”.



Message from the President

As we enter into the Lenten Season, a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving, let us test our self-discipline and reflect on Jesus' own sacrifice of fasting and prayer for forty days in the desert before he made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us. Please join us for Wednesday Lenten Services this month. If you don't like to drive at night, but would still like to come, let a council member know and we will make sure you have a ride!

If you have any community outreach ideas, please let a member of council know. Let's grow our congregation. Invite and bring a friend to church!

I would like to personally thank the members of the 2025 Church Council for their commitment to doing all the work that is required to keep our church doors open. So many moving parts and a core of people who are willing to problem solve and jump in whenever and wherever needed. Thank a member of council today!

Prayerfully,

Laura Olson

Vice President's Report

As we start the season of Lent, it is a time for reflection and growth. The Wednesday night services are a special time and opportunity for both of these. Please try and take advantage of this special opportunity and also the fellowship with our sister church of Hope Lutheran.

Please remember to pray for the people on our prayer list. God works wonders with our prayers.

With prayers for all of you,
Wendy Eames
Vice President

Council Meeting

The next council meeting is Monday, March 10th, at 6:30. All members are welcome to attend.



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Property

Our church property remains in good condition and there are no updates for this month.

Jerry Mikulski

Social Ministry

Thank you all for your 'Souper Bowl' donations to the Salvation Army pantry.

In addition, thank you to all who donated provisions to Faith Lutheran's 'grocery cart' which was also shared with the Salvation Army 'Pantry' for an opportunity for those in our community to receive groceries for meals!

347.47 lbs. Soup/Chili

+ 85.00 lbs. Grocery Cart items

432.47 lbs. total

As we are near the end of our winter weather here in the Ormond Beach area, please check if you have any gently used coats, gloves, scarves, or blankets to donate. Any items for those in need would be appreciated.

In Faith,

Julie Hoyle

Fellowship Report

March!! We had lots of winds in February so let's see what March brings. Hope the majority of you are staying well with many viruses getting people down.

Did we ever have a fun February eating time. We started out the month celebrating National Tater Tot Day-didn't realize there were such interesting and good recipes for that food! We followed up with our now annual soup and chili meal. There was a total of 9 crockpots of yummy varieties to choose from. We also wrapped up our Tackle Hunger Drive. Next, we had National Pancake Day-another hit. The last Sunday wasn't a national day, but we enjoyed delicious fruited French toast.

Have noticed parishioners are filling in slots for fellowship times, special Sunday gatherings and Sunday Servants. Bless you all for that!

Don't forget Soup and Sandwich Wednesdays during Lent. Don't miss Pastor's discussions on Five Things Jesus Came to Accomplish On His Way to the Cross.

Blessings from,
Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt





Plarning

Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The next meeting will be March 20th at 1:00 pm. Please contact Barbara Neunfeldt at (386) 677-6017 if you are interested in joining this group.

Game Night

Game night for March is the 28th from 5 to 8 pm. Hope you will join us for lots of laughs!

Bridge of Hope

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, March 24th, 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



Looking Forward

March 05 – Ash Wednesday Service at Faith

March 12 – Midweek Lenten Service at Hope

March 19 - Midweek Lenten Service at Faith

March 26 – Midweek Lenten Service at Hope

April 02 – Midweek Lenten Service at Faith

April 09 – Midweek Lenten Service at Hope

Theme for Lent: Five Things Jesus Came to Accomplish on
His Way to the Cross

Easter Flowers

We will be placing plants/flowers around the altar as part of our celebration of The Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday. We invite you to participate in making this lovely addition to our worship service. If you are interested in donating a plant look for the insert in your Sunday bulletin or call the office at (386) 672-2048. You may take your plant home after the Easter Service.



Altar Flowers



- 02 - -----
- 09 - Lent – no flowers
- 16 - Lent – no flowers
- 23 - Lent – no flowers
- 30 - Lent – no flowers

Bulletins

- 02 - -----
- 09 - -----
- 16 - Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – In celebration of
Cathy's mom's 91st birthday
- 23 - -----
- 30 - Pat and Joe Cromwell – In celebration of their
anniversary

Candles

Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – In celebration of Cathy's
mom's 91st birthday



March 17

Bob Aldrich

March 29

Patti Hamilton



March 27

Bat & Ceil Masterson

March 29

Joe & Pat Cromwell