



Faith Footprints

Newsletter

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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

DeLand, Florida

Notes from the Pastor

February 2020



FAITH LUTHERAN WHERE: EVERYONE IS SOMEONE, AND JESUS IS LORD!!

This is a mantra we share every Sunday morning, and you've adopted, thank you. It's a reality we are striving to live into!

Let me first take 2019 reflections. First of all I tried to get a better feeling for all the gifts and strengths God has given to us here at Faith. The great news is we have many!

One observation is that we are a small close loving community caring very much about each other. The downside is that we may unintentionally become so drawn in, we don't create ways for others to "get in." The difference between a click and a group is whether I feel welcome or not! The old Brownie Girl Scout song comes to mind —"Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold."

Thank you very much and please continue to use nametags. It's for new people to know you. We are experimenting with a "welcome center" to aid us. Stay tuned, look at the back of the sanctuary and you'll see how we're getting this done.

Keep in touch (K.I.T), our effort to stay connected with those who are now shut in or mobile challenged, is spearheaded by Nancy Dascher. That is so very helpful to me as pastor.

God continues to give us "new" folks to share our worship and mission. Hallelujah!

We have solid ministries and missions we continue to build and support. A few are:

Quilting Ministry: 44 quilts made, and sent to Lutheran World Relief. These quilts become shelters, warmth, and "love in cloth" from Faith. Fantastic! Debby Boyer, Janice Cornwell, Helen Martin, and Julia Beckwith are lovely people who get the quilts to the world.

Faith responded to the disasters in Bahamas/Puerto Rico through Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States.

- Spring Fling: This annual event opens others to fun, and mission opportunities in Deland. It's a way to showcase Faith's community involvement and much more. Christine Medrano facilitates Spring Fling for Faith.

- Stewardship Ministry: On Consecration Sunday, we took a major step forward in our Christian stewardship. God, through your Faith, has blessed us with commitments of 20% more financial resources for the year 2020 than we had in 2019. We together hold these blessings in our hands. Your commitment to share sacrificially makes a future at Faith possible. It's a great way to open ourselves again to what Christ has promised:

" Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use to give it will be measured to you to receive."

Luke 6:38

- Church council, under the presidential leadership of Scott Bouchard and Debbie Morris, along with all our volunteers, continues to open us to God so that God can work effectively through us.

- We continue to evolve a trusting relationship with each other. God trusts us, therefore we can trust that God working through us makes us trustworthy. Negativity is demonic and our enemy.

- Our blessings continue with Boy Scouts, potluck Wednesdays, Bible study groups, prayer groups, Sunday school, and good solid worship under the direction of Deborah DeGaetano. So much to share, so much to celebrate.

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FaithLutheranDeland.org

Good people of FAITH, God is also now providing us with new exciting mission and ministry opportunities. Three jump out to me immediately.

BRIDGE — Carol Sutton and I went to a magnificent gathering. We met with many other Christian churches, government and community groups. The optimism and enthusiasm was exhilarating! We are expanding mission through Interfaith Kitchen, Neighborhood Center and individual church food banks, into THE BRIDGE. This is going to be magnificent. We are given a chance to make a very concentrated positive difference in vulnerable peoples lives! Our coming together maximizes our effectiveness and mission fulfilment in Jesus’ name. Please keep The Bridge in your prayers and look for ways that you can help.

DeLand MIDDLE SCHOOL NEEDS OUR HELP!! I was astounded to find out that 60% of the students at Deland middle are either homeless or food insecure. We are looking for ways to make food available to the students and their families when school is not in session. That could mean helping as many as 1000 students and families. Homelessness and food insecurity are needs we can fight and invite other churches and groups for help. We are blessed to have Ms. Erica Webb, a teacher and adviser for this endeavor and Student President of the High Achievers Club, Stefon Sieniarecki as our “eyes and ears.” Jesus is coming to us to help our community’s middle school students . Are we ready to help Him? Sisters and brothers I think we are! More to come.

VITALITY — This ministry is our focus for Lent, and organizational principal for the future. This prayer ministry is the rediscovery of a magnificent biblical prayer style with tremendous ramifications for now! Essentially vitality is appropriating Jesus style of praying to our lives individually and as a church community. The process is:

- First, be alone and in silence with God. This is a discipline we need to learn, practice and embrace.
- Second, in that silence come to new understandings and commitment.
- Third, take action that is God centered, purposeful,

and active. Taking God centered action is seldom easy, but always fulfilling.

Well good friends, family of Jesus, disciples of Faith DeLand, we can celebrate our magnificent past, and see with 2020 vision into our future.

We have a full heart of love from God and for each other.

We know we can’t lose, because we are following Christ!

Peace, Pastor Bob Berger



Don’t Forget to order Easter Lilies! They are 9 dollars each and the last day to order is March 16th! Order forms are in the fellowship hall.

INTERFAITH KITCHEN

Located in the basement of the
First United Methodist Church
of DeLand
Thanks to all who served in
January!

Great teamwork – thanks be to God!

On Tuesday, January 14th, we served meals, to the hungry. Big thanks go to those preparing and serving!

We serve on the second Tuesday of each month. This is a great opportunity for a group, club, or family to serve the community. There is no financial commitment necessary; simply a gift of time and service. The entrees for these meals are provided, but salads, side dishes, and desserts are always appreciated.

**Our next turn is
Tuesday, February 11th at 5:00pm.**

If you would like to serve, please Let Shannon Krueger the new Interfaith Coordinator know. Contact Shannon at shannonatkw@gmail.com .

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FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Worship 9:30 am; Worship & Music 12:30 pm	3	4 Rebekah Circle 10:00am @Good Samaritan	5 Potluck 5:30 pm	6	7 	8 Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner and Dance 5 to 7 pm
9 Worship 9:30 am; 2nd Sun Sharing: Tuna; Council Meeting 12 pm	10 Safety and Security Panel 6 pm; LWR delivery to Winter Park	11 Interfaith Kitchen 5:00 p.m.	12 Potluck 5:30 pm	13	14 Parents Night Out & conferences CHMS in fellowship hall – All Day	15 Vitality @ All Saints 9 a.m.
16 Worship 9:30 am; Mission Sunday: Florida Bahamas Synod	17 President's Day	18	19 Pastor @ F.L.R.C. 10 a.m.; Potluck 5:30 pm; AV Task Force meeting @ 6:45 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Pastor Berger in Ocala (FFTP); Congregational Meeting After Worship, Annual Reports	24	25 Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras 5:30 pm	26 Soup & Bread 5:30; Ash Wednesday Service with communion @ 6:30 pm	27	28	29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 12th Amber Sholtis
Feb 14th Thomas Wheeler IV

Feb 20th Bob Bebee
Feb 21st Cornelia Policic

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS SECOND SUNDAY SHARING

Faith's Outreach Ministry will be continuing our partnership with St Barnabas to help their

Faith at Work Food Pantry!

On the second Sunday of each month, everyone is asked to bring a specific **non-perishable** food item the pantry needs.



On February 9 Please Bring:

MISSION SUNDAY



On the third Sunday of each month there will be a second collection for various needs of the church. The collection on **February 16th** will go toward **Florida Bahamas Synod.**

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Long & Short Sleeves
Hooded Sweatshirts



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The Lenten Worship Schedule

Sailliness, the practice of meditation, and the cultivation of awareness are usually thought of as part of Hindu and Buddhist. However Christian prayer in contemplation has its own refined well developed traditions. We note that whenever Jesus was about to begin a great activity he went first in silence to be with the father to contemplate, and discern before he launched into action.

We then will also seek to imitate Jesus. We will develop a prayer word to focus the mind. Become attuned to our breath to cultivate stillness, and practice inner visualizations for awareness. These are all part of prayer disciplines in Christianity.

This Lent at Faith we will again search those valuable prayer disciplines to open our modern-day longings for radical openness to God. We will regain that biblical truth "Be still and know that I am God."

Each week we will go deeper. I pray each and every one of you will share this journey.

Peace, Pastor Bob

Tuesday, February 25 Mardi Gras /Shrove Tuesday , 5:30 p.m.

It's a Pancake dinner, come enjoy, it will be a blast!



Evening Worship Wednesday, February 26th, Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Theme: Parting the Veil—The Illusion of Separateness from God.

In the gospel we are never allowed to lose sight of the paradox of dust and divinity which we are: To forget the devil within is to become a fool saying in his heart, "There

is no God," to forget the angel is to become a cynic whose curse it is not even to believe in humanity. - Paul Shearer

Sunday, March 1st, First Sunday of Lent, 9:30 a.m.

Matthew 4:1-11 Theme: "The Three Great Lies"

Evening Worship Wednesday, March 4th 6:30

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. Theme: In the Cage, No, in the Sponge

Sunday, March 8th, Second Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m.

John 3:1-17 Theme: Please, let's not let familiarity breed contempt nor content.

Evening Worship Wednesday, March 11th 6:30 p.m.

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Theme: Posture, Prayer, Breath

Sunday, March 15th Third Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42 Theme: Face to Face with God

Evening Worship Wednesday, March 18th 6:30 p.m.

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Theme: The Jesus Prayer

Sunday, March 22nd Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 a.m.

Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Marcia Cox

Evening Worship Wednesday, March 25th 6:30 p.m.

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Theme: The Wind in the Sails

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:30 a.m.

John 11:1-45 Theme: Unbind Him, Unbind Me!

Evening Worship Wednesday, April 1st 6:30 p.m.

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Theme: Moved from Image to Likeness



Sunday, April 15th Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Using drama music, dance, we will share the drama *The Cry of the Whole Congregation.*

April 9th Holy Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Simple supper 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Theme: Wounds that Heal

Good Friday, April 10th Tenebrae 6:30 p.m.

"The cross is any place a living life goes out to undergo this life of ours, and comes back with the hot stab of nails in its hands. Paul Shearer

Sunday, April 12th Easter 9:30 a.m.

John 20:1-10 Theme: Greatest Comeback Ever!!

Faith invites you to join us in 2020!

MONEY MATTER\$

Attendance & offerings for the month of **December 2019**

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	Designated Giving	CHMS Contributions	December Total
52	\$7,793.00	\$455.59	\$3,428.00	\$11,576.59

Total Income \$11,576.59

Total Expenses \$12,300.47

Difference \$723.828

Thanks for Giving! We need your regular tithe in order to maintain day-to-day operations.



Thank You! **General & Ministry Offerings** includes Regular and Loose Tithe offerings, Stewardship, and Sunday School offerings.

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- Never forget your check or offering envelope again!
- You choose how often and how much you give.
- Add fund splits for Building, Capital, Lutheridge, etc.

On The Website

- Visit www.FaithLutheranDeLand.org.
- Click the Make A Donation link at the left side of the page.
- All major credit cards accepted.
- Fund splits for Building, Capital, Lutheridge, etc.
- Give a one-time gift, or set up recurring donations.

With Your Smartphone

- Upload the free QR code scanner app at the Google Play Store.
- Scan the QR code found on donation cards, bulletins, and newsletters.
- All major credit cards accepted.



THIRD SUNDAY SHARING 2020

January	Worship
February	Fla-Bahamas Synod
March	VBS Sunday School
April	Music
May	Christmas in July Military Christmas
June	Fla-Bahamas Synod
July	Local Youth Activities
August	Butterfly Garden
September	ELCA World Hunger
October	Congregational Life
November	Fla-Bahamas Synod
December	Local Youth Activities

2ND SUNDAY SHARING 2020

The next item in the rotation is: **Chunky Chicken for March 8th!** The rotation is: Peanut Butter, Tasty Tuna, Chunky Chicken, Hearty Soup, Savory stew. Eat and repeat!

SPRING FLING!

SATURDAY March 21st 8AM-1PM



PRAYER CHAIN

Intercessory prayer is one of the Christian's most powerful tools. By lifting up those in need, we bring them to the Lord for His healing hand, strength and comfort.

We pray for those who are chronically ill, that God would be their daily companion and strength:
Nina Eriksen, Kerry Sholtis, Lance Borows, Faith Eriksen, Wilma Brokaw

For those who are fighting cancer, that they will know they are not alone in the battle:
Ray Bebee, Roy Erickson, and Craig Parrillo

We rejoice with those who are recovering from injury, illness, or surgery:
Joseph Candalino, Steve Tonjes, Walter Peterson, Wilma Brokaw

For those who are shut in, that they will feel the Lord's constant presence:
Anna Anderson, Millie Glover, Corinne Martinez, Virginia Fauble

We pray for those whose needs are known only to the Lord:
Marilyn Snow, Dorothy Caldwell

We pray for the special concerns of our neighbors, our community, our nation and our world:
Our men and women in the military, Habitat for Humanity, All people in war-torn nations, Storm victims, Rain for areas that need it, For our local, state and national leaders, for those in the grip of addiction to drugs and alcohol and for their families.

Email your prayer request to prayerrequests@faithlutherandeland.org or contact the church office at 386-734-2791 and leave a message!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Sharing Christ's love, our mission is to extend hospitality, serve our community,
and spread the **Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pastor: Rev. Robert Berger

President: Debbie Morris

Vice President: Don Boyer

Council Secretary: Vacant!

Treasurer: Dora Mallett

Financial Secretary: Carol Sutton

Debby Boyer	Scott Bouchard
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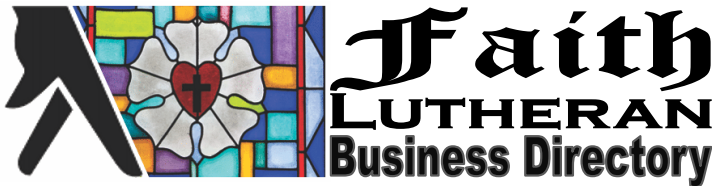
Deborah DeGaetano

Church Sexton:

Bob DeGaetano

Organist:

Tiffany Demps



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Heartfelt 
THANKS



TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

THAT'S ALL :-)