



**Faith**  
**Footprints**

*Newsletter*

**JULY 2018**

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**DeLand, Florida**

# Notes from the Office

## July 2018



*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16 ESV)*

On July 4, our nation will celebrate its independence with parades, concerts, flags, and good eating. Some churches will sport red, white, and blue, and devote their services to the honor the nation. Others don't. This raises the question, "What does Christianity say about patriotism?"

Many Christians have been transferred out of this world into the kingdom of Jesus Christ, beyond flag and country. Others embrace Christian patriotism, that God has sovereignly placed us in this land and under this government. In this age of polarization, the drive is strong for an unequivocal answer that is either "God" or "Country." Proverbs 14:34 tells us "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." American Christians have heard "America first" and yet are reminded to avoid the nationalistic urge to make America first at the expense of other nations. A disciple of Christ must be loyal to God, even if it means speaking against his or her nation. The Christian view transcends that of the nationalist because Christians of all races, languages, and nations are considered brothers in Christ, and non-Christians are fellow sinners in need of God's blessing. Psalm 67:3 says "O God, let all the peoples praise you!" Inclusiveness is required to bring the Gospel to the world.

July 4 reminds us, as Americans, that we are part of a nation, a history, that we have wonderful privileges, and important responsibilities. Under God's grace, we are grateful for the sacrifices of others and to be part of a great historical legacy of freedom that is worth celebrating. Recognizing our debt to prior generations and the blessings we have received as Americans should produce gratitude to God - a gratitude that serves as a basis for Christian patriotism. Those witness to gov-

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ernment tyranny and injustice throughout the world bless the sight of an American flag. Romans 13:1-7 commands us to honor and obey civil authorities, Christians should do so with love of the land in which God has placed us and with loyalty to public servants who are seeking to do good. July 4 reminds us to play our part in the civil life of our nation. When God addressed the Jewish exiles in Babylon, he told them to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf" (Jer. 29:7). Christians rightly think of any earthly home as a sort of exile, longing to arrive in the kingdom of glory with God. Still Christians should be civic-minded as a church, be a blessing to the nation and city in which we are living. This involves participation in the political process, opposing evil, and promoting truth and righteousness.

Maybe Christians can be patriots after all. We can celebrate our national heritage with thanks to God, with prayers for renewed faith and repentance. As loving witnesses to the savior, who alone can give freedom to anyone, we can also witness the best kind of patriotism - as Christians.

## INTERFAITH KITCHEN

Located in the basement of the  
**First United Methodist Church**  
of DeLand

Thanks to all who served in  
June!

Great teamwork – thanks be to God!

On Tuesday, June 12th, we served meals, to the hungry. Big thanks go to the following for preparing and serving: Nancy Dascher, Paul Dascher, the Bouchard family, Carol Sutton, the Stewarts and others!


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, July 9th at**  
**5:00pm.**

If you would like to serve, please call  
**Donna Bouchard at 386-873-7099.**



# JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:30pm Patriotic Service Ice Cream Social after Worship!	2	3 Rebekah Circle 10:00am @Good Samaritan	4 Happy 4th of July!	5	6 	7
8 Worship 9:30pm 2nd Sun Sharing Bring Stew! Luther Ridge Music Week begins	9	10 Interfaith Kitchen 5:00 p.m.	11 Potluck 5:30 pm Games and Bells after potluck	12	13	14
15 Service 9:30 am Mission Sunday Local Youth Activities	16	17	18 Potluck 5:30pm Games and Bells after potluck	19	20	21
22 Service 9:30 am	23	24	25 Potluck 5:30pm . Games and Bells after potluck	26	27 8th Annual Mayor's Backpack Giveaway 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. @ Earl Brown Park Amphitheatre	28
29 Service 9:30 am	30	31			!	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 7th	Karen Samper	July 14th	Andrea Kulhaneck
July 7th	Marianne Stewart	July 22nd	Dora Mallett
July 8th	Joseph Nieb	July 25th	Joyce Parrillo
July 9th	Dan Eriksen	July 31st	Ruth Erickson

## 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 July 8  
Please Bring:**



**Savory  
Stew!**

## MISSION SUNDAY



On the third Sunday of each month there will be a second collection for various needs of the church. The collection on **July 15th** will go toward **Local Youth Activities.**

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## School Kits

We are collecting again for school kits! What should be included? 4 70-sheet notebooks, 1 30-centimeter ruler – or one with inches and centimeter markings, 1 pair of blunt scissors, 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils bound by rubber band, 5 black or blue ball-point pens bound by rubber band, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 2.5 inch eraser, and 1 drawstring backpack-style cloth bag.

All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

School kit handouts are available in the communication center in the fellowship hall.

### The Rebekah Circle is moving!

The Quilting Ladies will be using the Pastor's office in Luther House (the parsonage) while construction is going on at Good Samaritan. They will be in on the first Tuesday of each month to quilt at 10 a.m. The Rebekah Circle may need help moving because they use big tables and sewing machines for the ministry. Talk to Debby Boyer or Jean Cornwell.

### Lutheridge Music Week

If you love to sing, this week is for you! All age groups enjoy choral sessions with renowned instructor. Older youth and adults have options: Hand bells, drums, re-

order, and instrumental workshops. Highlights will include a hymn fest, youth concert, and festival worship. Music Week is from the 8th to the 14th of July.

### 8th Annual Mayor's Backpack Giveaway

Faith Lutheran will have a booth for this year's Annual Backpack Giveaway! The event is planned for Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Earl Brown Park Amphitheatre. See Scott Bouchard or Ruth Erickson to donate funds for the composition notebooks we'll be donating on that day!

### Gladys Nixon 9/23/1921 – 7/1/2018

Gladys Nixon of DeLand Florida passed away on July 1st 2018 of natural causes at the Brook assisted living facility in West Branch, Michigan.

Gladys' late husband Tom Nixon and son John Nixon preceded her in death. She had a family of five sons: Dennis, Richard, William, John and David. The sons and families all live in Au Gres, Michigan. Millie and Elmer were Gladys' sister and brother.

Gladys lived in the Villa Villar senior citizens home in DeLand for many years and was a member of Faith Lutheran Church since March 29th, 1998. Gladys "liked working with people and would try to help as much as possible," served on the Altar Guild, as a greeter, as a host to new members, and as an all-around volunteer in fellowship. Gladys was a life time member of the DeLand shuffleboard club and participated in the activities of the club at the Earl Brown Park.

Final services will be in Au Gres, Michigan.

## Our Facilities Are Available!

If you belong to or know of any group that needs a meeting space, why not suggest our facilities? It's a WIN/WIN! It can lead to new relationships forming, as well as helping our church out a little financially. Please call the office at 386-734-2791 for more information! Thank you!

### Make your offering electronically!



Check the pew pocket for details!



# MONEY MATTER\$

Attendance & offerings for the month of **April 2018**

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	General Tithes Needed	Designated Giving	CHMS Contributions	April Total
52	\$6,023.00	\$7322.00	\$821.63	\$3,388.00	\$10,223.23

General Tithes Budgeted \$7,322.00  
 General Tithes Received \$8,410.20  
**Difference \$1,299.00**

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



## Capital Fund Update

How Much Have We Raised?	
Month of January	All of 2018
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Thank you for all your support! Please remember that Capital Fund donations should be **in addition** to your regular tithe. We still need your regular tithe in order to maintain day-to-day operations.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

Thank you to these and all member who allotted their **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to **faith Lutheran Church FELC** in March:

**Debbie & Ray Morris**

*Thank You!*

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

**Capital Fund Offerings** are included with Memorial and other Pass-Thru Offerings

# SIMPLY GIVING: THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO TITHE!

## 3 WAYS TO GIVE:

### Bank Account Deduction:

- Use the convenient Electronic Funds Transfer option and have your offering automatically deducted from your checking account.
- 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](http://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.





Save the planet and help Faith Lutheran at the same time! Recycle your paper at Faith, and help raise money for your church. Look for the large recycling bin in the church parking lot, and add your paper. Faith receives money every time the bin gets emptied, so fill 'er up! Bring your paper, shredded or

intact, as often as you wish. The bin is open for drop-offs all day, every day. You can deposit all types of paper, even if it has staples. This is a great way to raise money for Faith while saving the planet! Please deposit **paper only**; no plastic, tin, or other metal. Also, please do not deposit cardboard or phone books. Thank you!


# On the Lighter Side

## ADAM'S RIB

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, 'Johnny what is the matter?' 'Little Johnny responded, 'I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife.'

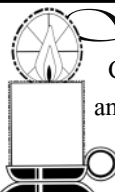
## ACTS 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop -Acts 2:38!' (.turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!'



### Take An Active Role!

Sign up to be a worship assistant! Call the church office for details, or look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Be part of the worship service as a



### Special Occasion?

Commemorate an anniversary, birthday, graduation, or any special date by giving the weekly Worship Folders or the monthly Sanctuary Candle.

# 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:  
**Wilma Brokaw, Tyler Peterson, John Herman**

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

We pray for those whose needs are known only to the Lord:  
**Marilyn Snow, Jackie Hays, Julia Beckwith  
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](mailto:prayerrequests@faithlutherandeland.org) or contact Faith Eriksen at 736-1799

## 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. Keith Grill  
**President:** Scott Bouchard  
**Vice President:** Debbie Morris  
**Council Secretary:** Helen Martin  
**Treasurer:** Dora Mallett  
**Financial Secretary:** Debby Boyer

Bob Bebee                      Sue Thurmond  
 Julia Beckwith              Christine Medrano  
 Adam Stoddard  
 Carol Sutton

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**Administrator:** Sherri Holzman

### CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor:**  
 The Rev. Keith Grill  
**Office Manager:**  
 Amy Cornwell  
**Music Director:**  
 Deborah DeGaetano  
**Church Sexton:**  
 Bob DeGaetano  
**Organist:**  
 Tiffany Demps



# Faith LUTHERAN Business Directory

Let your friends at Faith know about your business! See it listed here, and in the printed directory! Submit your business online, or get a submission form in the Communication Center in the back of the Sanctuary. Call the office for details!

AVAILABLE

Semi & Auto Mobile Repair

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