

# Faith Footprints

Newsletter

MARCH 2020



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

DeLand, Florida

# Notes from the Pastor

## March 2020



March 1 was the first Sunday in Lent but I declared it was also Opel Brangard Sunday.

We were losing this lovely lady as a part of our community. She is moving to Texas to be by her son. Opal has been a very quiet but exceedingly important part of Faith. Opal is a resident of good Samaritan Florida Lutheran retirement home. she is also totally responsible for inviting five people to worship with us at faith who had never been worshipping with us before. She simply welcomed people, invited them to come and meet some of her other friends. It was a simple very direct heartfelt invitation she extended. Several of those people who were invited have now stated in interest to become officially part of our membership.

Did you know that 75% of the people who are in a particular church community are there because a friend or a relative invited them? Also know that 80% of the people who are not involved in a faith community have said if someone invited them they would come. That's quite a statement a challenge for all of us. Do you have friends who are not actively involved in a church community? Statistics say every one of us knows at least five people.

Let's think of some numbers and ramifications of people operating the way Opel did. If each one of us at worship last Sunday had invited five others who had come to praise God we would've had over 300 people in worship.

Martin Luther said "the church is one beggar showing another beggar where to find bread." If indeed you are a part of Faith and it means a lot to you, wouldn't be great if you brought some of your other friends to Serve Christ and Share our fellowship?

This Lent we are focusing on Wednesdays on contemplative prayer. We are serving our community by looking at the new ways to do interfaith kitchen, feeding

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the homeless and the food insecure of our area. We are actively engaged in making a more comprehensive mission and ministry to the homeless through the Bridge. We are looking at new ways to help homeless and food insecure students at DeLand middle school. We continue to have vinyl and exciting worship.

We are a community trying to be as effective as possible as Christ's body active in love here and now. Thanks to everyone who has invited someone to come be with us. Also I'm asking each and everyone of us to use the model of opal. Who is that person that you could invite to be a part of Faith? Jesus last words "go into all the world and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the neighbor of the father and the son and the Holy Spirit, and low I am with you always even to the end of the age"

When we believe that Christ is with us. And also believe that others can benefit from joining with us. It is then that we will continue to grow. Isn't that exactly what we know Christ wants us to do.

Peace, Pastor 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**

**First United Methodist Church**

**Our next turn is  
Tuesday, March 10th, at 5:00pm.**

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# MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS  
**SECOND SUNDAY SHARING**

**MISSION SUNDAY**



March 15th  
VBS.

**Faith at Work  
Food Pantry!**

non-perishable

**On March 8  
Please Bring:**



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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 **February 2019**

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	Designated Giving	CHMS Contributions	February Total
52	\$6,711.00	\$678.00	\$3,328.00	\$10,039.00

Total Income \$10,589.00

Total Expenses \$11,077.46

**Difference \$488.46**

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.

## SIMPLY GIVING: THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO TITHE!

### 3 WAYS TO GIVE:

Bank Account Deduction:

On The Website

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## THIRD SUNDAY SHARING 2020

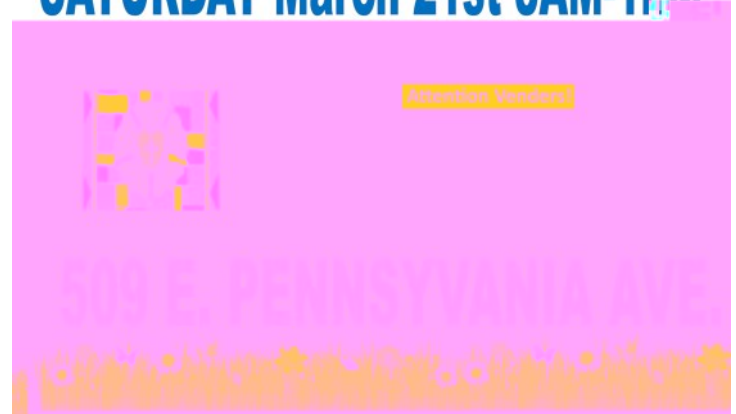
January	Worship
February	Fla-Bahamas Synod
March	VBS Sunday School
April	Building & Grounds
May	Christmas in July Military Christmas
June	Fla-Bahamas Synod
July	Local Youth Activities
August	Butterfly Garden
September	ELCA World Hunger
October	Congregational Life
November	Fla-Bahamas Synod
December	Local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

Nina Eriksen, Kerry Sholtis, Lance Borows, Faith Eriksen, Wilma Brokaw

Ray Bebee, Roy Erickson, and Craig Parrillo

Joseph Candalino, Steve Tonjes, Walter Peterson, Wilma Brokaw

Anna Anderson, Millie Glover, Corinne Martinez, Virginia Fauble

Dorothy Caldwell

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 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:**  
**President:**  
**Vice President:**  
**Council Secretary:**  
**Treasurer:**  
**Financial Secretar**

### CHURCH OFFICE:

**Hours:** -  
**Phone:** -  
**Fax:** -  
**Email:**  
**Website:**  
  
**Children's House Montessori School:**  
**Administrator:**  
**School Phone:** -

### CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor:**  
  
**Office Manager:**  
  
**Music Director:**  
  
**Church Sexton:**  
  
**Organist:**



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**THANKS**  
**TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS**

 **KEEP SMILING**  
**THAT'S ALL :-)**