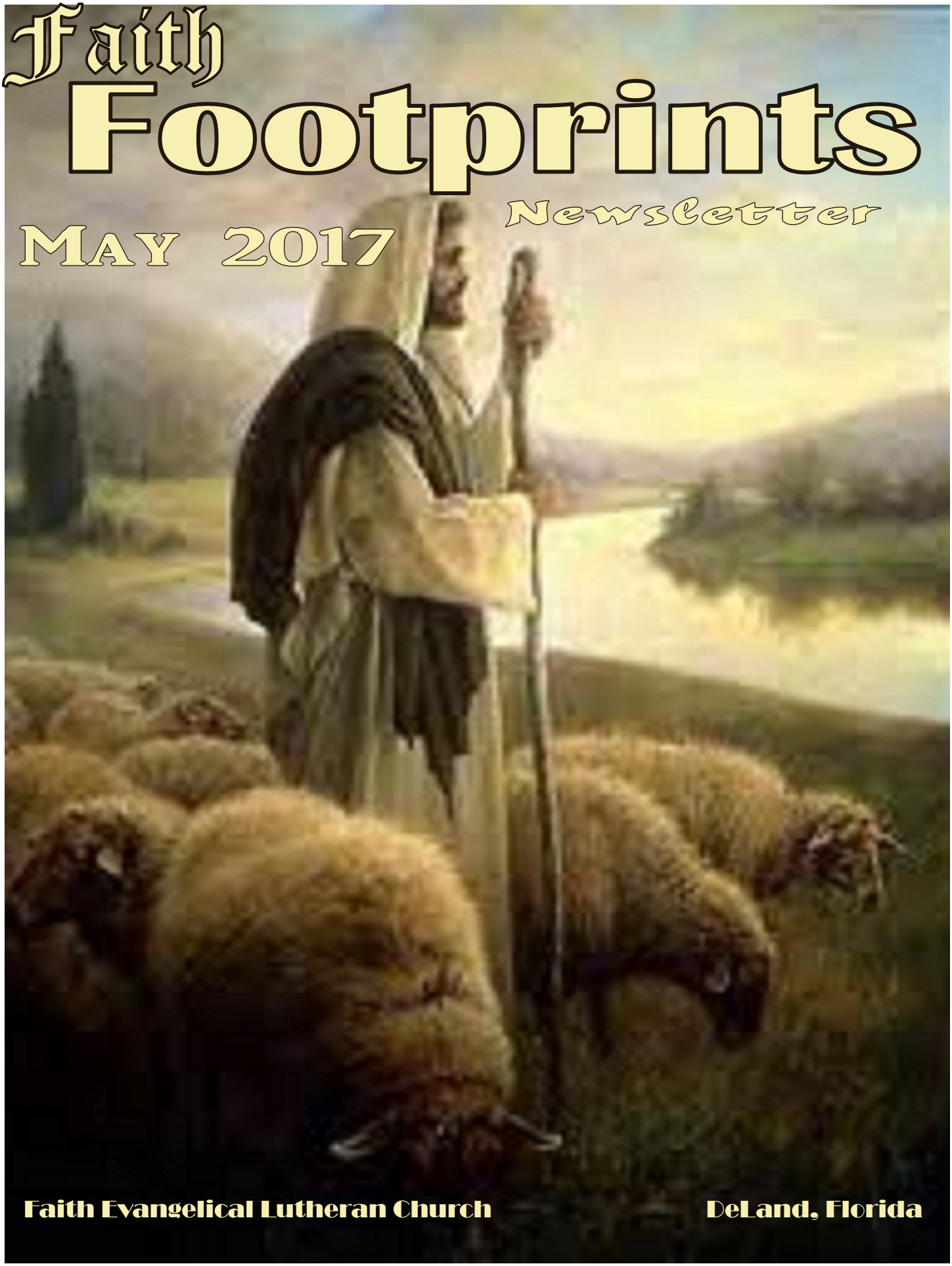
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Newsletter

May 2017



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

DeLand, Florida

Notes from the Office
April 2017



Good News and Bad News For a Pastor

Good News: You baptized seven people today in the river. Bad News: You lost two of them in the swift current.

Good News: The Women's Guild voted to send you a get-well card. Bad News: The vote passed by 31-30.

Good News: The Elder Board accepted your job description the way you wrote it. Bad News: They were so inspired by it, they also formed a search committee to find somebody capable of filling the position.

Good News: You finally found a choir director who approaches things exactly the same way you do. Bad News: The choir mutinied.

Good News: Mrs. Jones is wild about your sermons. Bad News: Mrs. Jones is also wild about the "Gong Show," "Beavis and Butthead" and "Texas Chain Saw Massacre."

Good News: Your women's softball team finally won a game. Bad News: They beat your men's softball team.

Good News: The trustees finally voted to add more church parking. Bad News: They are going to blacktop the front lawn of your parsonage.

Good News: Church attendance rose dramatically the last three weeks. Bad News: You were on vacation.

Good News: Your deacons want to send you to the Holy Land. Bad News: They are stalling until the next war.

Good News: Your biggest critic just left your church. Bad News: He has been appointed the Head Bishop of your denomination.

Good News: The youth in your church come to your house for a surprise visit. Bad News: It's in the middle of the night and they are armed with toilet paper and shaving cream to "decorate" your house.



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Why Do They Do That?



Why do they do that?

Have you ever sat behind someone who does some strange movements at certain times in the service and thought what it that all about? Or even watched the Pastor do something that you thought now why do they do that?

You may see members of the congregation and the Pastor pause before stepping up on the raised platform where the Altar is and bow their head, some members when passing by the opening of the Altar stop turn towards the Altar and bow or even kneel (genuflect).

During the Santos with the words "Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord" you may see various people bend at the waist.

And at the Elevation of the Bread and Wine – the part where the Pastor says "Do this in remembrance of Me" for each element you may notice some of us bow our head and some kneel (genuflect)

In some Lutheran churches there are kneelers in the pews, not just around the altar, which are used during the prayers.

While all of us are Lutheran some of us come from different traditions.

One of those profound moments for Christians is our experience of God in prayer and in the worship of the gathered Christian community. To help our expression of love to God in prayer and worship, we use signs and symbols that can often speak in ways that words alone cannot express. Since we are to worship God with all that God has given us, we use all our five senses to worship God. We worship God with our eyes as we gaze on the surroundings in the sanctuary. We worship with our sense of smell with flowers or plants.. With the gift of sound we hear the word of God, listen to the chanting of the Liturgy and sing to him with our voices. We "taste and see that the Lord is good" as we receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. We use our bodies to worship God as we kneel, stand, share the peace, or make the Sign of the Cross. And we worship God with our bodies as we bow or genuflect.

"But as for me, through the greatness of your mercy I will go into your house; I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you." (Psalm 5:7)

In the Bible, both the Hebrew and the Greek words for worship refer to a physical action. In Hebrew the most common word for worship is shachach, meaning to "fall down before". Similarly in the Greek New Testament, a word for worship is proskyneo, referring to the custom of bowing or kneeling before an emperor.

Perhaps when we enter a church we have a greater awareness of the presence of God. A church is holy ground. It is set aside and consecrated (made holy) for one purpose alone – to be the House of God to gather for the worship of God for all God's people. We may be filled with a sense of Holy awe. Perhaps coming into God's presence is an experience beyond our mind's understanding. We enter into the presence of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of the Universe, The Eternal Holy One, The Divine Source of all that is, was and will be. Our limited words and finite vocabulary can never encompass the praise of The Infinite God. Our minds cannot wrap around all who God is. Perhaps all we may be able to do when we enter into the Presence of God is to express our sense of profound awe with the unspoken worship of our bodies. Throughout all cultures and faiths, this is expressed by a physical act of worship such as kneeling or bowing.

When we enter a church, the focal point of our reverence to Christ is the Altar and the Cross. Altar comes from the Latin word "The High Place" and refers to the Biblical tradition where on high places or mountain tops altars were built to offer sacrifice and commune with God. It is on the high places that the prophets spoke with God, received wisdom or a revelation of God's divine presence. "The high place" was seen as being closer to heaven and so it was a meeting place between God and humanity.

"Come, let us bow down and bend the knee and kneel before the Lord our maker." (Psalm 95:6)

You may see some people genuflecting (Latin for bending the knee) where people bend down to the floor on one knee. This is a usually a special sign of reverence for Christ who is present in the consecrated bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist, we believe in the mystery of Christ's Real Presence in the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. Before his Presence we may kneel, give thanks and rejoice that Jesus is in our sacramental midst.

"I bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness." (Psalm 138:2)

You may notice people bowing at other times in the Church's worship. Many people bow at the name of Jesus enacting St. Paul's words,

"But God raised him high gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus." (Philippians 2:9-10).

Similarly, people bow when giving praise to God the Holy Trinity as we say, "Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit…."

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During the Holy Eucharist when we say the Nicene Creed, people may also bow at the words, "…he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary , and was made man." As we descend our bodies in a bow, we remember Jesus who in great humility descended from the Father to be "Emmanuel" – "God is with us" and so we may bow in honor of the wonderful mystery of Christ's Incarnation. People may also bow when we say or sing the part of the Holy Eucharist called the Sanctus (Latin for holy). As we sing this song of the angels, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might…." we join all the angels, saints and every Christian who has gone before us, in a great hymn of praise. We bow with them before the Lord of the Universe and await "he who comes in the name of the Lord" in Holy Communion (Revelations chapter 4).

All of this bowing and genuflection is much more than churchy ritual. Bowing or genuflection is also not groveling under the eyes of some tyrannical God who expects fear or some unhealthy sense of self-worthlessness from us. Bowing or genuflecting is an act of humility not humiliation. Humility comes from the Latin word humus meaning earth or ground. If we join our hearts with our bodies when bowing or genuflecting it may help us "to come down to earth". It may remind us to be "grounded" in our own reality, a reality that is need of God's grace and healing. When we bow or genuflect, we acknowledge the Master into whose House we have come. A Master who himself was humble of heart, and who bowed down to the floor to wash the feet of his friends and who ate and drank with outcasts and sinners – a Master who chose to be a servant and who desires us to follow his example Bowing may help us remember that we are not the center of the universe – God is.

"…wrap yourselves in humility to be servants of each other, because God refuses the proud and will always favor the humble. Bow down, then before the power of God now, and he will raise you up on the appointed day." (1 Peter 5:5, 6)

Lutherans don't have "rules" about bowing. We bow out of reverence for our Lord and especially since the altar is where His body and blood have been for Communion. It's neither commanded nor forbidden to bow. Whatever you are comfortable doing.

Faith Lutheran is on Facebook! Find us at:

facebook.com/FaithLutheranDeland

Interfaith Kitchen

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

Thanks to all who served in September !

Great teamwork – thanks be to God!

On Tuesday, April 11th, we served 96 meals, to the hungry. Big thanks go to the following for preparing and serving: Nancy Dascher, Paul Dascher, Janice Cornwell, Scout Troop 725 and their leaders, Dorothy Caldwell, Scott Bouchard, Donna Bouchard, Scotty Bouchard, Angelina's, and Mr. Jackson.

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, May 8th at 5:00pm.
If you would like to serve, please call
Donna Bouchard at 386-873-7099 .

Sunday School Starts in May

Jesus and the Ten Commandments

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Bible Study led by Interim Pastor Nielsen.

Are the Ten Commandments still taught in the church today? Absolutely! But perhaps not in the way you may have learned as a child. Jesus talks about them in his teachings and the Lutheran Church teaches them to every confirmation student. Turn to page 1160 in our hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) and read what Martin Luther said of them.

We start **May 7th after worship** with an overview of the study. Then each Sunday thereafter we will focus on each commandment in order. That will take us into July. So come join us for a lively give and take discussion of this most important passage of Scripture from Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21, and discover how Jesus uses them in his teachings.

It's 2017, the year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation! Last month, we considered the "essential elements of Lutheranism" that distinguished Lutherans from other Christians and the early history of the Lutheran Church. The story continues...



Documents such as the *Augsburg Confession, The book of Concord* and Martin Luther's *The Freedom of a Christian* told Lutherans (and the world) about Lutheran theology. The identity of the Lutheran Church continued to develop. In 1597, the Wittenberg theologians made it official: "Lutheran" referred to the true church - in spite of what Martin Luther, who launched the Protestant Reformation, might have preferred!

By the late 1500s the Reformation had spread throughout Europe. Lutheran beliefs became widespread, especially in Germany and the Scandinavian countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and Finland), later spreading throughout the world as early explorers took their faith with them. This is how Lutheranism came to the Americas; some of the earliest settlers in the Americas were Scandinavians, Dutch and German Lutherans. The first permanent colony of them was in the West Indies, and by the 1620s there were settlements of Lutherans along the Hudson River in what are now the states of New York and New Jersey.

In North America, Lutherans from the Netherlands were among the settlers on Manhattan island in 1625. A congregation was formed there in 1648, but it was antedated by one established (1638) by Swedish settlers at Fort Christina (Wilmington) on the Delaware River. On nearby Tinicum Island the first Lutheran church building in the country was dedicated in 1646. Early in the 18th century exiles from the Palatinate established German Lutheran churches in New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. The Salzburger migration to Georgia (1734) introduced Lutheranism in the South.

In the 18th century, organization of the churches was begun by Heinrich Melchior Mühlenberg, who brought about the formation (1748) in Pennsylvania of the first synod in the country. The Synod of New York and adjoining states followed (1786); that of North Carolina was created in 1803. With the settlement of the Midwest, the West, and the Northwest, many small synods were formed by Norwegians, Danes, Finns, and other national groups.

As people migrated to the New World they continued to speak and worship in their native languages and use resources from their countries of origin. Europeans from a particular region would migrate to a particular region in America and start their own churches. As the number of these congregations grew, scattered groups would form a "synod" or church body, and as the nation expanded so did the number of Lutheran church bodies.

By the late 1800s the 20 or so Lutheran church bodies that would eventually merge to become The American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in America had been established. Massive immigration from traditionally Lutheran countries had started, and between 1840 and 1875 alone 58 Lutheran synods were formed in the U.S.

58 Synods. That might suggest to the reader that Lutherans as a group consist of believers of one interpretation of the theology of Martin Luther - that Lutherans formed synods based on geographic settlements. This wasn't the case as the story of Lutherans in America continues next month. 8.7 million Lutherans can deliver quite a story...

Reference: http://www.genealoger.com/lutheran/luth_history_and_culture.htm



Mother's Day is May 14th 2017

Mothers Day Trivia: Believe It or Not Records

Youngest Mother

The youngest mother whose history is authenticated is Lina Medina, who delivered a 6Â½-pound boy by cesarean section in Lima, Peru in 1939, at an age of 5 years and 7 months. The child was raised as her brother and only discovered that Lina was his mother when he was 10.

Oldest Mother

On April 9, 2003, Satyabhama Mahapatra, a 65-year-old retired schoolteacher in India, became the world's oldest mother when she gave birth to a baby boy. Satyabhama and her husband had been married 50 years, but this is their first child. The baby was conceived through artificial insemination using eggs from the woman's 26-year-old niece, Veenarani Mahapatra, and the sperm of Veenarani's husband.

Most Surviving Children

Bobbie McCaughey is the mother who holds the record for the most surviving children from a single birth. She gave birth to the first set of surviving septuplets - four boys and three girls -on November 19, 1997, at the University Hospital, Iowa, US. Conceived by in vitro fertilization, the babies were delivered after 31 weeks by cesarean in the space of 16 minutes. The babies are named Kenneth, Nathaniel, Brandon, Joel, Kelsey, Natalie and Alexis.

Shortest Interval Between Two Children

Jayne Bleackley is the mother who holds the record for the shortest interval between two children born in separate confinements. She gave birth to Joseph Robert on September 3, 1999, and Annie Jessica Joyce on March 30, 2000. The babies were born 208 days apart.

Longest Interval Between Two Children

Elizabeth Ann Buttle is the mother who holds the record for the longest interval between the birth of two children. She gave birth to Belinda on May 19,1956 and Joseph on November 20, 1997. The babies were born 41 years 185 days apart. The mother was 60 years old when her son Joseph was born.

Highest Recorded Number of Children

The highest officially recorded number of children born to one mother is 69, to the first wife of Feodor Vassilyev (1707-1782) of Shuya, Russia. Between 1725 and 1765, in a total of 27 confinements, she gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets, and four sets of quadruplets. 67 of them survived infancy.

Highest Number of Children in Modern Times

The modern world record for giving birth is held by Leontina Albina from San Antonio, Chile. Leontina claims to be the mother of 64 children, of which only 55 of them are documented. She is listed in the 1999 Guinness World Records but dropped from later editions.

Mothers in America

Americans spent an average of $123.89 per person compared to $138.63 in 2008. Total Mother's Day spending is expected to reach $14.10 billion. The majority of people (66.8%) will buy flowers for mom, spending a total of $1.9 billion on those purchases. Slightly more than half (54.8%) will treat mom to a outing such as dinner or brunch, for a total of $2.7 billion. About $2.3 billion will be spent on jewelry, $1.5 billion on gift cards, $1.2 billion on clothing or clothing accessories, and $1.1 million on personal services such as a day at the spa. In addition, consumers will spend $857 million on electronics or computer-related accessories, $587 million on housewares and gardening tools, and $487 million on books or CDs.

May 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Rebekah Circle @ Good Samaritan 10:00am	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5	6
7 Service 9:30 am Sunday School Worship & Music 12:30 pm. Finance Meeting 1:30 pm.	8 Council Meeting 6 p.m.	9 InterFaith Kitchen 5 p.m.	10	11 Mother's Day Banquet 6 p.m.	12 FELC Day Pizza Hut	13
14 Service 9:30 am Sunday School Second Sunday Sharing please bring Peanut Butter! Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Service 9:30 am Sunday School Mission Sunday Christmas in July Church Picnic	22	23	24	25	26 Last Day of School	27
28 Service 9:30 am Sunday School	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

Happy Birthday

May 4th	Peggy Sherman	May 16th	Carolyn Jennison
May 6th	Walter Peterson	May 21st	Dorothy Pomeroy
May 8th	Pamela Swanto	May 28th	Alfred Policke
May 9th	Amber Wheeler	May 30th	Donald Lundquist
May 11th	Joshua Erickson		

Mission Sunday



On the third Sunday of each month there will be a second collection for various needs of the church. The collection on this day will go toward:

Christmas in July Military Christmas

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.



Show Your Support!
Wear the new official FELC tee!
Styles for Men & Women
Long & Short Sleeves
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Visit the website to order yours!





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!

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!





Money Matter$

Attendance & offerings for the month of March 2017

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	General Tithes Needed	Designated Giving	CHMS Contribu-tions	March Total
55	$7,276.01	$11,785.00	$989.09	$3,062.00	$11.350.45

Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of you heart.!

General Tithes Budgeted	$11,785.00
General Tithes Received	$7,,276.01
Difference	**-$,4,508.99**

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 March	All of 2017
$0.00	$0.00

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:**

Pam Swanto

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.
- 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.

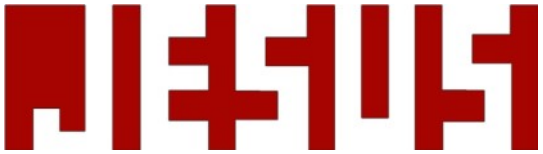




The Mother's Day Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 6PM. Ticket prices are $8.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 5-10 and free for children younger than 5. Deadline for ticket purchase is Sunday, May 7. See Janice Cornwell or Debby Boyer for tickets.

Someone else's Bulletin blooper:

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.



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 form injury, illness, or surgery:
Janet Nielsen

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, Heather Carolyn Stevens, Jackie Hays, 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 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.**

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Faith LUTHERAN Business Directory

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