



MAY 2010

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REV. DR. WAYNE WILKE

It has been my great privilege to serve as your vacancy pastor for the past four months. While I have been prayerfully considering what God has in store for me in the next phase of my ministry, I have had the pleasure of being your worship leader, preacher, and teacher. I have enjoyed all of those areas of ministry that give me the most pleasure, and I have not had to attend any meetings. How good can it get?

In December of 2009, I agreed to serve until at least Easter, but not beyond mid May. In May, Grace and I will be taking care of family responsibilities in Wisconsin, and then in June we will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary with a trip to Europe. Since I would be only available on occasional weekends, it seems best that I end my service with you on May 9.

After much prayer and consideration, Grace and I have decided that I will officially retire from full-time service as of July 1. Our plan is to then serve half-time in a parish setting in an assistant pastor role with very specific responsibilities, most likely in preaching, teaching, and mission service. I don't yet know where that will be; it may be in Florida or it may be in Arizona, but we are confident that the Lord knows. We have placed our house in Orlando on the market, and we await further developments.

Before I leave, I would like to thank all of the members of Faith for being so gracious in receiving me into your midst. I can't fully express how welcome you make me feel, and how fulfilling to me your kind comments have been. To those who attended the Sunday morning bible class I would like to say thanks for listening to my stories, my asides, and my analogies. This is the way I teach and you have been gracious in paying attention and asking good questions.

I would be more than remiss if I didn't acknowledge the great help provided to me by Jane Van Orden and Jacki Doxey. Each week Jane provided me with a working copy of the liturgy and we were able via email to coordinate all of the services. Jacki was responsible for selecting hymns for my approval and for leading the congregation in worship. My thanks to both of these Christian women who were so helpful to me.

I would like to give special thanks to the elders and chairman Kurt Johnson for assisting me in ministry. I could not have provided the service I did without your prayers, your advice, and your support. Likewise, I would like to thank President Don Schultz and the members of the church council for their encouragement and assistance.

Finally, I would like to thank all of those folks – you know who you are - who took it upon themselves to make sure that I had someone to eat with on Sundays, after church. Whether as a family or as a group, you were always hospitable and always provided good conversation. Thanks so much.

Faith, Lecanto and all of its members will have a place in our hearts and our prayers. May God lead your next pastor to you in the fullness of time, and may he be a blessing to you that you might be a rich blessing in this community.

Our Thanks to You

PASTOR WILKE

Our Thanks to You

MAY READERS

- 05/01 - Shirley Janisko
- 05/02 - Paul Mantey
- 05/08- Kathy Walker
- 05/09 - Pete Forte
- 05/15 - Jake Gerring
- 05/16 - Tom Gottschalk
- 05/22 - Joyce Engelbrecht
- 05/23 - Gloria Schultz
- 05/29 - Elsie Cougias
- 05/30 - Bill Moeller

. Lesson copies are available by email and at the name tag table. Check the bulletin board for schedule.

MAY 9:30 USHERS
 Chuck Davey,
 Ellen Davey,
 Bob Hermanson,
 Bill Moeller,
 Mark Jones

DUTY ELDER/ ACOLYTE SCHEDULE MAY		
DATE	HC	ELDERS/ACOLYTE
05/01		Ed Stern
05/02	HC	Willie LaCroix & Paul Mantey
05/08	HC	Ed Stern
05/09		Kurt Johnson
05/15		Ed Stern
05/16	HC	Gust Cougias & Chuck Davey
05/22	HC	Bud Riedel
05/23		Bob Janisko
05/29	HC	Gust Cougias
05/30	HC	Chuck Davey & Willie LaCroix



MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 05/01 Lou Dickinson
- 05/02 Nancy Bischoff
- 05/02 Harlan Yanek
- 05/03 Barbara Boyd
- 05/03 George Magura
- 05/04 Gloria Schultz
- 05/05 Lorraine Wells
- 05/09 Paul Janes
- 05/12 Jan Ryan
- 05/13 Herb Krause
- 05/14 Dee Kavouras
- 05/17 Bob Bevers
- 05/18 Bob Janisko
- 05/18 Shirley Black
- 05/18 Odair Fanganiello
- 05/19 Tom Adabody
- 05/20 Keeley Legus
- 05/21 Jake Gerring
- 05/24 Joyce Engelbrecht
- 05/24 Frank Humphreys
- 05/24 Ken Laufman
- 05/25 Buddy Hulse
- 05/27 Madolyn Crysler
- 05/30 Pam Broecker

MAYANNIVERSARY WISHES

- 05/23 Les & Dorothy Tonkel
- 05/23 Donna & Gerry Mead
- 05/27 Jim & Madeline McCabe
- 05/29 Audrey & John Strutt



MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Our May meeting will be on Monday the 10th starting at 9AM. Please note the time difference. Also as we discussed at the last meeting you are to invite a friend to attend with you. Come on out, enjoy some pancakes, sausage, oj and coffee, fellowship with friends, and just have a good time. See you there! Bill Grosze

ALTAR GUILD

- MAY - Jane Fellows & Gloria Marquis
- JUN - Ellen Davey & Shirley Janisko
- JUL - Wanda & Martina Malphurs
- AUG - Ellen Davey & Jane Fellows
- SEPT - Joyce Engelbrecht & Marge Gauger
- OCT - Wanda & Martina Malphurs
- NOV - Grace Belland & Marilyn Richards
- DEC - Jane Van Orden

Volunteers needed, call church office for more info - 527-3325



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Would you believe it? We finished Ezekiel! (okay, we fudged a little on the last chapters but we extracted the wonderful truths from the rest) We are adjourned for the summer and will begin again in September with the two letters to the Corinthians. If that interests you, watch for the opening date in the Fall. Thanks to all the faithful participants that have made my work such a pleasure. Gloria

BOARD OF ELDERS

It has come to the attention of the Board of Elders that there is an under tone in our congregation that has caused a division between some of our members. This situation is of great concern to the Board of Elders.

The Psalmist wrote in Psalm (133:1) "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity".

Over the past several months we have been challenged to maintain this unity as we work through the process of calling a new pastor. As we continue this process, we need to prayerfully support those who work to bring this process to an end in a God pleasing manner.

We can assure you that those who serve in leadership roles here at Faith do so with prayerful consideration, without personal agendas. Occasionally, you may hear rumors to the contrary. The Board feels that there is no room in the Christian Church for rumors and supposition. Remember that rumors generally lack facts or contain half truths. If you really want the truth about what is going on in the church we urge you to contact your Elder. The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians 1:10 "I appeal to you brother, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no division among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought".

It is also written in Matthew 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, you go and show him his fault just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take two others along so that every matter may be established by the testimony of the two witnesses. If he refused to listen to them tell it to the church, and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector".

In Peter 5:8 we are told to "Be sober be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour". Our fellowship at Faith Lutheran is especially vulnerable at this time. The Apostle Paul encourages us to "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil". (Ephesians 6:10). Satan is pleased when he can drive a wedge into our unity.

"Let us, therefore, prayerfully work together, in one accord, to accomplish the great work that our risen Lord has commanded us to do". (Matthew 19:20).

Since Pastor Abel has returned our call, your Church Council, Elders and the Call Committee are reorganizing and will begin our search anew. They will continue to update the congregation periodically.

The Board of Elders would like to take this opportunity to extend a helping hand to any and all members of Faith during this period of our congregational life to assist any member in finding the truth in all current matters and in finding inner strength as we move forward in finding the shepherd for our flock.

In the service of our Risen Lord,

Your Board of Elders

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From "The Lutheran Study Bible" Under : God's Unfailing Promise by: A writer of study notes

Romans L.S.B. page 1929 A Focus on God's Words

If your congregation struggles to survive, do not focus on the glory days of your past. Do not let hardened hearts and attitudes discourage you. Look to Holy Scripture for help.

God's word of promise in Jesus Christ.

God's word does not fail (Romans 9:6) Though people harden their hearts, God's word softens the heart (Romans 10:17)

Like Paul, keep your eyes on God's promises through which he bestows His blessings. Just as the Lord created the faith and life that built your congregation he will sustain you through his word of promise. Submitted by Marie DeLime



Stitch and Tie group meets every Friday from 9 AM until Noon. We are currently working on the migrant children floor mats and others. We have recently contributed 24 quilts to the Worlds Biggest Baby Shower to be held in May. We have also contributed to various nursing homes quilts for wheelchair patrons, etc. We have a nice steady group who work diligently (while talking, etc.) We break for coffee and chatter. Terry Rupholdt takes care of the coffee service and does an excellent job. We miss him when he doesn't come. All women are welcome and we will give you something to do. We have lots of material on hand for quilt-building, etc. Thanks to the many people who have contributed to our needs. Submitted by Hilda Weaver 489 6465

Did the April showers bring May flowers in your yard? If so or not so, all Ladies of Faith are invited to the Wednesday, May 5th 1:00 pm meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served as noted in our church bulletins – Pizza, Salad, and Dessert. Come enjoy food and fellowship with us.

May 5th is our last meeting of the September 2009-May 2010 period. No meeting will take place for the months of June, July and August. Meetings resume the first Wednesday of September. (September 1st, 1:00 pm as always!)

The LWML Florida-Georgia District Convention is October 1st-3rd in Gainesville at the Paramount Plaza Hotel. Nominations for delegates and alternates will be a forthcoming issue from this zone. The theme? "Fix Your Eyes Upon Jesus". A topic most worthy to consider. The convention needs help from all zones. Would you consider :

- Being a Hostess?
- Helping the registration committee?
- Serving as an usher?
- Making favors?



Gerry Peterson is heading up the making of angel pins (would you believe 400?) The Monday 1:00 pm craft group has 100 pins ready – way to go, Ladies!

Other needs are available for **your** help. More info at meeting. Expectations for the convention is 400 ladies – will you help?

See you at lunch – May 5th at 1:00 pm.

Ellen Davey, President—LOF



The variety show has been postponed until the fall due to lack of response. We have some leads as to who to ask to perform from our congregation. Two acts contacted us. We will be contacting you talented members in the future so we can proceed. This would be open to our members and your friends.

We received bids from printers to print business type cards that will be given out by our members. It will have a map of our church on the back. They can be used to give to people that you come in contact with during your day, a cashier at the grocery store, a waitress, a mechanic, etc. It will give us an opportunity to witness.

It was suggested that we have someone from Synod come to our church and make a presentation on wills, trusts, probate, etc. This would be open to the public and give us a chance to showcase our facilities.

We are in the final stages of preparations for our 20th anniversary on May 2nd. Many hours have been spent with willing hands to make this possible. This 20th anniversary is a once in a lifetime event so come and enjoy the history of our church, fellowship with your membe4rs and enjoy a nice lunch. Thanks to all for their support. Hope to see you all there!

Report from the President.....

By now everyone is concerned about the difficulty Faith Lutheran Church has experienced during the past year; the amount of time it took district to provide information on nominees the congregation put forward, the "vetting" the call committee did with each candidate, the two congregation votes necessary in offering a call to Pastor Abel, the length of time(5 weeks) it took him to return the call, the accusation from some that the call committee, elders and council were biased, the resignation of three family units and the uncomfortable feeling that perhaps God was testing us. All of us are a bit down and wondering how long can we survive without a full-time loving and caring pastor. Everything seems to be falling apart. Well.....I've got great news. Pastor Ed Scott of Hobe Sound, Florida, the call committee's #1 pick for pastor of Faith returned my email stating that " yes, I am able to consider a call." Well, I was ecstatic; not that he would consider a call (that's also good news) but that the good Lord had answered our prayers. I took this news to council and they agreed that we should bring to you, the congregation, the opportunity to extend a call to Pastor Scott. Does God still love us? You bet he does! All that has happened was His will. Not everything that has taken place here at Faith in the past year was what we expected or wanted. But, we pray regularly " Thy will be done"

On Sunday, May 9, during the 9:30am service, we will ask you to vote yes and offer a Holy Call to Rev. Edward A. Scott currently serving at Bethel Lutheran Church, Hobe Sound, Florida.....God be with you.....Don Schultz



Moms' Morning Out

Our last MMO for this season will be on May 20th. We've recently had a new baby and one is due on May 13th (imagine planning your birthday!) Our moms had a great session on gardening in April and we'll be anxious to hear "how their gardens grow". Kelli Hope of Thrivent will be our speaker in May. She'll address Identity Theft and some financial information. We plan to show them some tips on tying scarves also.

God willing, we'll resume our MMO meetings in September and hope you will remember to spread the word to young moms. They do enjoy their time together and appreciate the programs we've presented. Thanks to all the people who've cared for the children. We'd like a few more helpers in that area. "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name, welcomes Me." Mark 9:37 Gloria

FAITH LUTHERAN VBS



JUNE 7 THROUGH JUNE 11

9:00 am till 12:00 noon

Closing Day Party for VBS Kids
& Families

To register
Call 352-527-3325 or 382-1348

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:00 Bell choir 6:00 Worship
2 9:30 HC Worship 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	3 1:00 Crafts 7:00 Heralds of Faith at Fick's	4	5 1:00 LOF	6 9:00 Stitch & Tie	7 9:00 Stitch & Tie	8 4:00 Bell choir 6:00 HC Worship/Vote
9 9:30 Worship/Vote 11:00 Bible Study 2:00 T4C 2:30 Life Care	10 9:00 Men's Club breakfast 1:00 Crafts	11	12 1:00 Fellowship & Games 3:00 Neighbors in the woods at Johnson's	13 12:30 VBS 1:00 Outreach 7:00 Elder	14 9:00 Stitch & Tie	15 4:00 Bell choir 6:00 Worship
16 9:30 HC Worship 2:00 T4C	17 8:30 Ladies' fellowship breakfast 1:00 Crafts	18 3:00 CR Bible at Mantey's	19	20 10-12 Mom's morning out Identity theft seminar 7:00 Council	21 9:00 Stitch & Tie	22 4:00 Bell choir 6:00 HC Worship
23 9:30 Worship 11:00 Bible Study 2:00 T4C	24 1:00 Crafts Faith in the Woods at Miller's Newsletter Due	25	26 1:00 Fellowship & Games	27	28 9:00 Stitch & Tie	29 4:00 Bell choir 6:00 HC Worship
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