

WALK WITH FAITH

“A Heart from God...A Heart for Others”

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, LECANTO, FLORIDA LCMS

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There are two things that I would draw to your attention as the month of January draws closer. The first is a reminder to keep up the good work. Faith Lutheran Church has been a congregation that traditionally has done a good job of reaching beyond ourselves. We want to keep inviting people to church when the opportunity presents itself.

We want to keep welcoming visitors and showing people that our church is interested in their lives and needs. And yes, of course, we are concerned about the lives and needs of all our current members as well. I try and carry our church motto with me and not only remember it, but remember to reflect it, “A heart from God...A heart for others.” That indeed is what our Lord has called us to do. So, I will say again: “Keep up the good work!”

The second thing is to give you a preview of Lent for this year. Lent can be a great time for spiritual renewal. You and I are in constant need of that. Spiritual renewal comes from the hand of our Lord through his word and sacrament as he uses them in our lives. Lent begins on February 22 this year. This will be our Ash Wednesday service with an imposition of ashes for those who wish to participate. Our starting time will be the usual 5:00PM service with a pot luck to follow.

Midweek services this year will focus on the theme: “Lies of Lent.” The title I realize is provocative. I borrowed it from the former speaker of the Lutheran Hour, Ken Klaus, who did a series on this topic. We are going to take things in a little different direction. The lies of lent that we will be examining are as follows: **You Know Best, You Are a Brick, Sit Back and Wait, A Little Is All Right, Church Leaders Are Always Right, Entertainment Is Always Entertaining.** If you are thinking what do these topics mean? (a good Lutheran question) you will need to come on Wednesday evenings to find out.

God's blessings to all of you, as our Lord by His grace has granted us another month to be in His service as partners in the Gospel.

Pastor



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COMING EVENTS AT FAITH

CONSULT THE CALENDAR
FOR ALL THE UP COMING
EVENTS AT FAITH.

LAST
PAGE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
THE SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS
THE TRASH & TREASURE SALE

WANT TO VOLUNTEER FOR
SOMETHING...PLEASE CALL
THE PERSON IN CHARGE FOR
THAT EVENT.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AND
THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY
LENTEN SERVICES & POT LUCK
SUPPERS

The new (non-picture) directory was distributed and now you can enter the following corrections to your copy.

BROCKER, LARRY & PAM remove

CROGLE, FRED & MAXINE anniv. date 06/05 area code #352

FANGANIELLO, RACHEL change to: SCHIELKE, Rachel 1130 Softwind Lp, Lecanto 34461

FETZER, STEVE & JOANNE change home phone to: (352) 794-6457

FRANK, MARILYN add email: rfmfz001@embarqmail.com

HOFFMAN, LYDIANN change home phone to: (352) 382-5171

LEE, C ORA, remove, Jack, his birthday and their anniv. Change phone to cell, 201-4266

JAMES FAMILY, add cell phones: Steve 613-4202; Paul 364-3180; Chris 527-5361 and
Corey 220-7173

KAVOURAS, Correct listing to read: Phone 527-9390 address 3323 W. Blossom DR. (city is correct)

RICHARDS, MARILYN add email: mrichnot15@gmail.com

STENZEL, DUANE & KAREN add dates Karen 07/30 Duane 10/10 anniv. 12/20 add emails: Karen stenzelkaren@yahoo.com Duane dpstenzel1@gmail.com

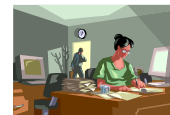
SWANK, GEORGIA remove

WAGNER, BILL, SUE & CHRIS remove

Maxine Crogley has volunteered to assume the new position of coordinator, which was one of the recommendations resulting from the retreat held last fall. Her first task is to update our time and talent questionnaire, which will then be sent to all members. The last time this was done was in 2005, so we will be asking all members to fill out a current t&t sheet.

Maxine will also eventually assume responsibility for keeping the church calendar, as well as other duties that may arise. Our thanks go to Maxine for taking on this important position.

The retreat planning committee



THE CHURCH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION FOR MEETING THE CONTRIBUTION BUDGET FOR 2011! THE DEFICIT WAS FROM LOW INTEREST RATES.



VBS

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Would you be willing to assist in a June Vacation Bible School?

E-mail Linda Fick at lbf525@gmail.com or call her at 527-0486 to volunteer.

FEBRUARY 9:30 USHERS

Karen & Willie LaCroix

Bill Kavouras

Henry Striegl

Pete Forte

THRIVENT

CHOICE DOLLARS - You may choose your Choice dollars from different Lutheran Organizations nationwide, including Faith. Eligible members will be able to designate 2011 Choice dollars until March 31, 2012. It's Easy.

WORKSHOP - DeAnna and Dave Edwards, Thrivent representatives will be holding two (2) work shops in March at First Lutheran Church, Inverness.

March 6, 2012 - 12-2:00 pm - OPTIMIZE RETIREMENT INCOME

March 26, 2012 - 6-8:00pm - ESTATE STRATEGY ESSENTIALS

All Thrivent members are welcome to attend, please give it some thought to attend one of these sessions.

ADVOCATE NEWS - Please consider being an advocate for Faith, our church is allowed to have eight Advocates, we have three (3) and there is room for five (5) more. Faith receives \$25.00 for each Advocate. Please see Anita Trout, Marlene Griffin, or Marlene Nordquist regarding this.

Bible Study Opportunities at the Church or in the Homes.



Faith in the Woods Bible class will meet February 13, at Betty Nelson's home, at 3 PM.

Kurt Johnson

The Heralds of Faith will meet on Monday, February 13 at the home of Anita and Dave Trout at 7:00PM.

Linda Fick

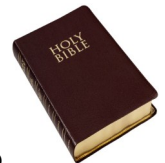
Crystal River Bible Study will be held at Marge Sawyer's house on Monday, Feb. 20th at 3:00 PM. Paul Mantey

Every Tuesday at 1:00PM in the Fellowship Hall there is a Bible Study for everyone. There is always a seat open for "you." Please join us when you are able to and as often as you can.

We'll begin Colossians after we finish Nehemiah.

Gloria Schultz

Don't forget we also have a Sunday Bible Study at 11AM.



11th..Don & Madolyn Sabo

14th..Henry & Chris Striegl

22nd..Ed & Marilyn Richards

25th..Jake & Marcia Jacobek

26th..Lee & Ann Nelson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!





When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache..... When you open it, he collapses..... When he sees you reading it, he faints..... When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees..... And when you are about to forward this message.... He will try and discourage you.. I just defeated him!!! Any other takers?

Fellowship And Games

We will have only one (1) Fellowship and Games on Wed. the 15th for the month of February.

We will resume after Lent and Easter on April 11th at 1PM in the fellowship hall.

As usual, we will have a lot of fun, food and Christian fellowship for all.

Please join us on the 15th at 1PM with the thought of having a great afternoon.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The church council wishes to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with the upkeep of our church.

If you are interested in helping, we would love to have you join us in this endeavor. Please contact Wanda Malphurs (564-0581) for volunteering for bathroom cleaning. Please call Carol Clayton (527-2809) to volunteer for vacuuming. Please call Bill Moeller (527-7461) to volunteer for work day or just show up on Thursday mornings to help. Following is the Bathroom Cleaning Schedule for February.

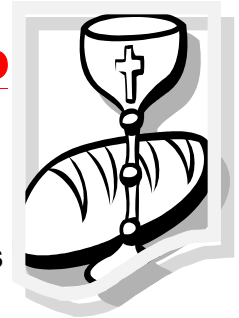
Bathroom Cleaning Schedule

- Jan 29th – Feb 4th: Marlene Griffin
- Feb 5th – Feb 11th: Dave & Anita Trout
- Feb 12th – Feb 18th: Wanda Malphurs
- Feb 19th – Feb 25th: Jan Ryan
- Feb 26th – Mar 3rd: Bill & Sylvia Moeller

For Elder assignments for February please see Bud Riedel.



ALTAR GUILD



- FEB. - Shirley Janisko & Joan Feasley
- MAR. - Joyce Engelbrecht & Gloria Marquis
- APR. - Shirley Janisko & Ellen Davey
- MAY - Ellen Belfry & Margery Sawyer
- JUN. - Martina & Wanda Malphurs
- JUL. - Jane VanOrden & Ellen Davey
- AUG. - Evelyn Schrade & Margery Sawyer
- SEPT. - Debbie Weisert & Wanda & Martina Malphurs
- OCT - Ellen Belfry & Gloria Marquis
- NOV - Debbie Weisert & Marilyn Richards
- DEC - Jane VanOrden & Joan Feasley



Thirty Years of Ministry For LCEF

Thirty years ago, Lutheran Services Florida was resettling refugees fleeing from unspeakably cruel government treatment in places like Uganda, Vietnam and Cuba. Through the prayers and financial support of Lutherans from across the state, LSF now operates more than 60 programs delivering healing, hope and help to tens of thousands each year. For more information about the work of LSF, please visit our website at www.lsfnet.org.

From The Trustees!!

We would appreciate any assistance that you can give us to help set up tables for the Trash and Treasure Sale on February 7th beginning 8:30/9:00AM.

And then again to help clean up after the Saturday February 11th when the sale is finished.

Want to volunteer???? Please call

Bill Moeller at 527-7461.



TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

The Lady's of Faith Trash-N-Treasure sale is coming up on Fri. Feb.10 and Sat. Feb.11 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Once again we are asking for your usable and saleable goods you have no use for any longer. These items may be dropped off in the fellowship hall Wed. Feb. 8 and Thur. Feb 9, from 10am to 2:00pm. A Bake Sale will also be going on Fri. and Sat. which we are also asking for donations from you wonderful bakers.

Volunteers will be needed for all four days, so please if you could spare just a little of your time, do consider. Sign up sheets are in the narthex

It was announced at the meeting on January 4th that we would each bring our own lunch on Wednesday & Thursday, since they will not be full days for most of us. Lunch will be provided on Fri & Sat, compliments of Carol Clayton & Anita Trout .

We are looking forward to you support as always.

With Grateful Appreciation,

Ellen Belfry

FEBRUARY READER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

- Feb. 4 Shirley Janisko
- Feb. 11 Bob Janisko
- Feb. 18 Kathy Walker
- Feb. 25 Tom Gottschalk

SUNDAY

- Feb. 5 Bud Riedel
- Feb. 12 Gus Krayner
- Feb. 19 Bill Moeller
- Feb. 26 Marge Sawyer



SMALL GROUP

MINISTRY:

Currently, we have four small groups meeting regularly for Bible study and fellowship. These groups do not take the place of Pastor Lane's Sunday morning Bible class or Gloria's Tuesday Bible study. Members of the small groups get to know one another more intimately and provide support. Groups range between six and ten people. If a group has twelve people, it splits and two separate groups are formed. After being part of a group for a while, one or two couples might break off and

begin a new group. This is encouraged because the idea is to grow.

Groups meet at various times and locations. Some people don't like to drive at night and meet during the day. Some people have jobs or just prefer an evening gathering. Sometimes a group might have a potluck supper or go out to dinner or a concert. There are many options we could try such as a snowbirds group. Would you be interested in becoming part of a small group? (E-mail Linda Fick at lbf525@gmail.com or call her at 527-0486)



Outreach Committee

A brief summary of our first meeting of the year:

Need to formalize staffing of our visitors' desk. Carol Steans has agreed to serve as Coordinator. This function is a key component of Faith's outreach. If Carol asks you to serve for a month are you willing to volunteer, please do so....Faith needs you. Bill Grosze has volunteered to head up a "Sunshine" func-

tion...responsible for sending greeting cards to hospitalized/shut-in members. Suggested that our Elders be more active in speaking/greeting visitors.

Faith has always been know as **"a friendly church,"** so we ask everyone to do their part by welcoming visitors in church and in the fellowship hall when they come for fellowship time and Bible Study. Every member is our extension of Faith's outreach initiative. Please welcome visitors by joining with them and assuring they want to make Faith their church home.

Paul Mantey.



ASH WEDNESDAY THE PREPERATION FOR EASTER IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of [Lent](#), which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count).

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of [fasting](#), [repentance](#), moderation and spiritual discipline. During some Ash Wednesday services, the minister will lightly rub the sign of the cross with ashes onto the foreheads of worshippers. Not all [Christian](#) churches observe Ash Wednesday or Lent. They are mostly observed by the [Lutheran](#), [Methodist](#), [Presbyterian](#) and [Anglican](#) denominations, and also by [Roman Catholics](#). [Eastern Orthodox](#) churches observe Lent or [Great Lent](#), during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding [Palm Sunday](#) with fasting continuing during the Holy Week of Easter. Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday and Ash Wednesday is not observed.



A little fact about Valentine's Day

According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for [Christmas](#).) Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women. In addition to the [United States](#), Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, [Mexico](#), the United Kingdom, France, and Australia.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages (written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400), and the oldest known Valentine card is on display at the British Museum. The first commercial Valentine's Day greeting cards produced in the U.S. were created in the 1840s by Esther A. Howland. Howland, known as the Mother of the Valentine, made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap."



Photo Directory for Faith

Since we had a number of people at Faith that, for some reason or other, were not able to have their photos taken for our Pictorial Directory, Olen Mills has graciously given us an addition date of January 31st for a final opportunity. Please call Sylvia Moeller at 527-7461 and sign up NOW!!!



The photos will be taken in the Narthex of the Church on the 31st in the afternoon. Your time will be scheduled so there should be no wait. We hope you will join with your fellow members and friends of Faith and let us put the face with the name.

LADIES OF FAITH



First meeting of 2012 was held Wed. Jan 4, 2012. Our speaker , Debbie Thompson, Zone President, presented a Video of the Convention held in Peoria, Ill. June 2011. Theme 'Being with Jesus Living on the Edge". Conventions are fun and informative. Try one.

Old Business - 2011 is done - Let's start the New Year with energy.

Trash and Treasure will be held Friday Feb 10th and Sat. Feb 11th - Chairperson Ellen Belfrey, Kathy Walker and Anita Trout assistants. Information for Trash and Treasure is listed on posters all around the Church. Clothing and Bake goods will be sold at T/T.

Important Information

Nomination committee for Vice President and Treasurer is Marge Sawyer and Jane Mantey.

Special speakers are scheduled for upcoming meetings March speaker is Frank Kenny, Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

Our meetings are once a month but much planning is done to present an interesting and informative meeting . The Officers have accepted these offices and do the very best for the Ladies of Faith.

Upcoming Events for 2012

A prayer service us scheduled Sat. Feb. 4th at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ocala.

Spring Rally Sat. April 14th St John's Lutheran Church Ocala

District Convention scheduled last week in Sept 28,29 and 30th 2012 in Orlando. More info. at future meetings.

Gerry Peterson

THE CRAFTERS CORNER

Meetings have started, and they are on Mondays at 1p.m. We have saved items from the Bazaar for Trash and Treasure. They are in craft room and marked and ready for sale.

Gerry Peterson



It is time for another newsletter and the year is starting to slip by us. Stitch and Tie group are hard at work on quilts. We will be making quilts for cold weather and starting Baby Shower quilts soon. We invite you to join us at 9:00AM or anytime after that you can get to church. We will have coffee, tea, snacks at 10:00AM. Vacation is now officially over.
Geneva Davis



February Birthdays

2nd...Jerry Jeffrey

3rd...Francetta Neff

6th ... Ed Stern

8th...Marge Conley

11th..Connie Weiss

12th..Charles Countryman

15th..Aidan Bush

18th..Wayne JaBaay

20th..Pete Loe

22nd..Gust Cougias

24th..Richard Pruefer

24th..Evelyn Schrade

24th..Mildred Schutz

26th..Bill Scott

27th..Ella Jones



To: Faith Lutheran Congregation

From: Your new President



The baton has been passed and the Council Committee had its January meeting. There are many projects in progress that will become evident in the near future. Each committee has a project underway...many the result of the Retreat held this past fall. Some will bear fruit in the next few weeks, others will soon follow.

As a result of the Retreat a new Council position has been made as Coordinator. It is being filled by Maxine Crogle. The job description is a work in progress, but she has been working on a revised Time and Talent Survey.

Bill Scott has been appointed to fill the remainder of my term as Elder. We welcome Bill who was very active in the Retreat and has done some impressive research you will be hearing about at a later date.

I am looking forward to serving as your president and my door is always open...the combination is 352-621-1691.

Next month's message will have more details about our progress on the various projects.

"Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous ways." Psalm 110:27

In the Lord's service,

Bob Janisko

Nature Coast EMS is offering an unique opportunity to get an inside look (and feel) at what they do. The Citizens Academy is focused on hands-on training, showing and teaching skills that an EMS crew may use. The schedule includes 8 sessions on everything from IV's to CPR and defibrillation. The program is free and if you are interested call 352-249-4704 or email jen-nies@naturecoastems.org. For more info, look on the bulletin board in the church narthex.



Shirl Janisko



Thank you so much.

Dear Members of Faith,

Thank you for the generous monetary Christmas gift-we were pleasantly surprised and most appreciative of your thoughtfulness.

We are extremely blessed to be a part of Faith Lutheran; our family is thriving and growing spiritually under the mentoring of such a vibrant congregation. Thank you for your warm welcomes of the past year. We look forward to many more.



Blessing in Christ, Pastor & Luxanne





P.S. the original hand-drawn Christmas card was beautiful!



Faith Lutheran Church

February, 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 29 9:30AM Holy Communion Service 11AM Bible Study & Sunday School	30 1PM Crafts	31 1PM Church Bible Class	1 1PM Ladies of Faith 6:30PM Choir 	2 8:30/9Am Regular Work Day 	3 9AM Stitch & Tie	4 4PM Bells 6PM Services 
5 9AM Holy Communion Service 11AM Bible Study & Sunday School	6 1PM Crafts 	7 8:30/9AM Set-up tables for Sale 1PM Church Bible Class	8 9-2PM Drop off items for T & T Sale 6:30PM Choir	9 9-2PM Drop off items for T & T Sale 7PM Elders Meeting	10 9-2PM Trash & Treasure Sale	11 9-2PM Trash & Treasure Sale 4PM Bells 6PM Holy Communion Service
12 9AM Service 11AM Bible Study & Sunday School 2:30PM Life Care Service	13 1PM Crafts 3PM Faith in the Woods @ Betty Nelson's house 7PM Herald's of Faith @ Dave & Anita Trouts 	14 1PM Church Bible Class 1:15PM Outreach Meeting	15 1PM Fellowship & Games last one until after Easter 6:30PM Choir	16 8:30/9Am Regular Work Day 7PM Council Meeting	17 9AM Stitch & Tie 	18 4PM Bells 6PM Services 
19 9AM Holy Communion Service 11AM Bible Study & Sunday School	20 1PM Crafts 3PM Crystal River Bible Study @ Marge Sawyer's house	21 1PM Church Bible Class	22 Ash Wednesday Service 5PM 5:45PM Supper 6:30PM Choir 	23 8:30/9Am Regular Work Day	24 9AM Stitch & Tie	25 4PM Bells 6PM Holy Communion Service 
26 9AM Service 11AM Bible Study & Sunday School 	27 1PM Crafts	28 1PM Church Bible Class	29 5PM Lenten Service 5:45PM Supper 6:30PM Choir	March 1 8:30/9Am Regular Work Day 	2 9AM Stitch & Tie 	3 4PM Bells 6PM Services

The March Newsletter articles will be due on February 19th or 20th .Please send to:

TheMonthlynl@centurylink.net Thank you for your participation.