

# Faith's Happenings...

August, 2018

## Happy Birthday

Janet Moynihan	3rd
Bob Ash	4th
Janet Lockhart	12th
Ellen Lindhurst	12th
Linda Schleede	19th
Russell Schultz	22nd
Richard Wilder	31st

## Happy Anniversary

Art & Barbara Hanson	5th
Steve & Cyndy Hoops	7th
Jack & Kathy Myers	9th
John & Jean Matz	12th
Jim & Debby Porter	13th
Kent & Barb Neilson	24th
Ivan & Irene Foerster	25th
Tom & Linda Jasper	26th

**If we missed your name/date, we're sorry.  
Please notify Barbra in the church office  
to have your special dates added.**

### August at a Glance

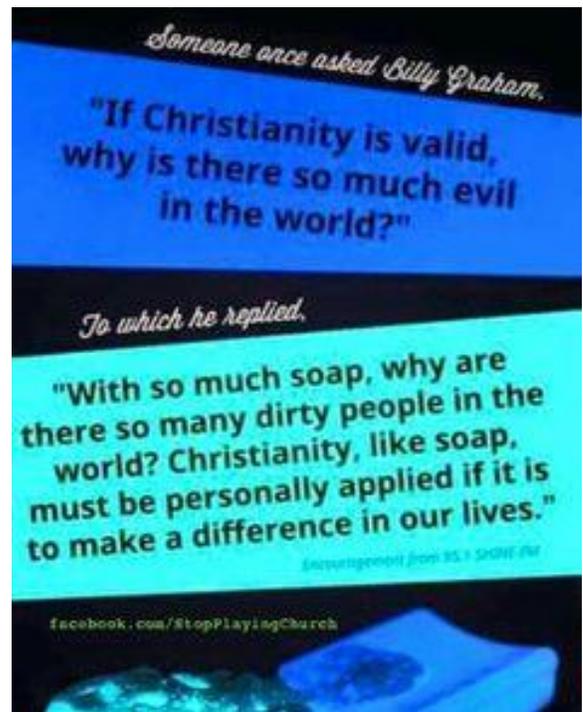
*Mark your calendars now!*

*Men of Faith Breakfast: August 7*

*Ladies Luncheon: August 11*

### Stephen Ministry in Our Congregation

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister? Call (941) 681-0297.



### Need an Update?

We update the Faith directory on a regular basis – especially after new folks join. If you haven't picked up a new copy recently, help yourself to one. They are located in the narthex, on the table under the large bulletin board.

### Men, You Are Invited...

...to the August Men's Breakfast at Stefano's Restaurant (on Route 776 in front of Beall's Outlet). Meet at the restaurant on Tuesday, August 7, at 7:30 am for fun, food and fellowship. No sign-up required.

### **Ladies Luncheon**

The Ladies of Faith Lutheran are going someplace different! We will meet at the Waterside Grill, 15001 Gasparilla Road, Placida FL, at 11:30 am on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The plan is to eat outside in the screened area, order off the menu and pay individually. The food is good and the menu varied, with lovely salads, burgers, seafood and much more.

Waterside Grill is located on SR 771 south in Placida (address above). It may be reached either by taking Placida Road south, going past The Fishery and across the 771 bridge (it's on the right side); **OR** by taking SR 771 (Gasparilla Rd.) south to Placida FL. The restaurant will be on the left before you cross the 771 bridge. If all else fails, call me!! (Do NOT take the bridge to Boca.)

The off-season is our opportunity to try a few different places. Hope you will join us!

Please sign up for head count. For information call Kathie Wiley (941) 662-5383.

### **Council Members**

Please note: Your August meeting is Tuesday, August 14, 7:00 pm.

### **Notice**

We have some headsets available for the hearing impaired. If you need one, see the soundperson at the console at the back of the church.

### **Thank You's**

We received a note from Nancy Smith stating that she will return to Florida in September and asking us to print this: I'd like to extend a sincere thank you for all the support the Faith family has given me during this most difficult time.

She adds that there will be a memorial service for Jim on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. Please mark your calendars now.

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Neal Schattauer would like to thank the Faith family for their prayers, cards and other expressions of sympathy after Eunice went to be with the Lord. All were very much appreciated.

### **Ways to Give**

(Information from the Stewardship Committee)

Trusts and estate plans are ways to provide gifts to accomplish multiple purposes. The ELCA Foundation, Thrivent Financial or your own advisor are possible resources to help develop these advance gifts.

### **Looking Ahead...**

~ Faith will participate in an Alzheimer's Walk on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, mark the date on your calendar now. More details and a sign-up sheet will be available soon.

~ On August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, a group from Faith will gather at the Carley's home to prepare input for the Synod regarding "Women and Social Justice." If you would like to participate, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. See Autumn Hardenstine for more details.

## From Pastor Brian

Jesus says, *"I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly."* John 10.10

The headline read, "American cyclist Lawson Craddock is last in Tour de France." This would not be noteworthy except that Craddock, in a first stage wreck, broke his scapula and had a cut required stitches. Had he been riding for himself, he might have tapped out on that first day. But no, Lawson Craddock continued. He was riding for himself, his team, and the Greater Houston Cycling Foundation where he had his start in racing.

The Houston facilities were damaged by hurricane Harvey. Craddock had pledged \$100 for every stage he finished. Finishing all 15 stages of the race (along with donations from others) Craddock raised over \$230,000. Lawson's motivation was not selfish, he didn't race for a Tour de France title. His motivation was selfless, he raced to help others. There is a lesson here for all of us, cycling enthusiasts or not. Jesus says, *"I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly."* John 10.10

Senator Elizabeth Warren offered this advice for financial planning: spend 50% on the essentials, save 20%, and use 30% of your earnings on personal items. Giving Senator Warren the benefit of the doubt, some of that 30% for personal items should be for charitable giving.

Dave Ramsey's Baby Steps 1-7 begin with establishing a budget, building an emergency fund, getting out of debt and saving. They conclude with building wealth and giving. Part of Dave Ramsey's process, from the start, is charitable giving. I like the way he ends the Baby Steps with number 7: build wealth and GIVE.

The purpose of having and saving is, ultimately, to give, to make the world a better place. Jesus says, *"I have come that*

## Long Term Prayer

In order to save the Sunday prayer list for current issues, we have created a special prayer list in our newsletter for long-term issues that need daily prayer. If you need to add someone to this list, contact Barbra in the church office (697-3313). Please keep these folks in your prayers on a regular basis.

Neal Schattauer, Steven Flagg, Joyce Hickman, Elizabeth Hickman, Carol Schleede, Roger DeMeritt, Michael Romanelli, Jim Buroker, Ethel Hunn, Jacky Magee, Ray Eifert, Danny DeGrood, Richard Wilder, Brittany Schneck, Monica Friend, Larry Hladun, Jim Kelly, Jack & Kathie Zura, Tom & Sandy McKitterick

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John 10.10

When Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood merged years ago, the new name, "Thrivent," was chosen in part because of the root word, "thrive," meaning to grow, blossom and flourish. Three phrases used by Thrivent recently strike all three chords I mentioned: Be Wise with Money, Make a Difference, Live Generously. Jesus says, *"I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly."* John 10.10

Today we are blessed with the gift of life, and all the challenges it brings. Jesus comes and brings us abundant life. Life in the here and now, and the promise of life eternal. The wealth and life we have is about more than bank balances, investment portfolios, or our health status. The assurance that God is with us is the true blessing, and the source of our thanksgiving. Today we have the opportunity to live generously, and in doing so experience life in its abundance through Jesus and the family of Faith.

*Pastor Brian*