

# Faith's Happenings...

June, 2019

## *Happy Birthday*

Linda Schultz	2nd
Marcie Eifert	12th
John Schleede	13th
Linda Bennett	18th
Barb Gschwend	19th
Ivan Foerster	20th
Lynn Kittleson	21st
Susan D'Amico	22nd
Margarete Rieck	22nd
John Matz	27th
Byron Myrick	27th
George Burger	30th

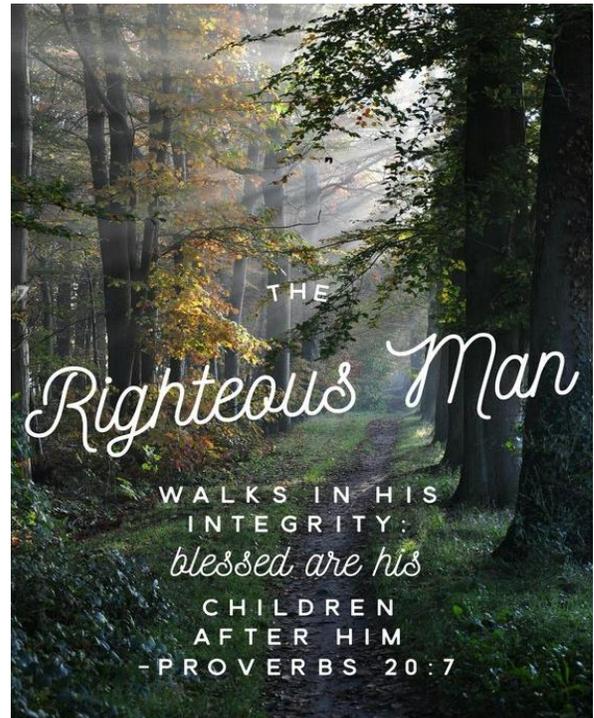
## *Happy Anniversary*

Robert & Beverly Martin	6th
Lynn & Jeanne Kittleson	8th
Pastor Brian & Lori Armen	9th
Brian & Ellen Lindhurst	11th
Gene & Verna Newlon	12th
Harv & Alma Claussen	19th
Fred & Cyndi Carley	23rd
Ray & Marcie Eifert	28th

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

### **May at a Glance**

*Mark your calendars now!  
Concert: June 2  
Men of Faith Breakfast: June 4  
Ladies Luncheon: June 15  
Father's Day: June 16*



## **Happy Father's Day June 16**

### **Men – You are Invited...**

...to the June Men's Breakfast at Stefano's Restaurant (on Route 776 in front of Beall's Outlet). Meet at the restaurant on Tuesday, June 4, at 7:30 am, for fun, food and fellowship. No sign-up required.

### **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.

### **Long Term Prayer**

In order to save the Sunday prayer list for current issues, we have created this 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, Brittany Schneck, Monica Friend, Larry Hladun, Jim Kelly, Jack & Kathie Zura, Tom & Sandy McKitterick, Jim & Paul Rodvik, John Collins, Larry Bennett

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** is an option at Faith. Use this code to contribute and support God's work, or click on the code on our church website.



### **Celebration Time**

In March of 2020, Faith will be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please note this on your calendar. We would like to start the process of forming a committee to help plan this event. We encourage anyone interested in serving to indicate your interest by contacting Gary Wilkins at (941) 830-0743, or Pastor at the church office, (941) 697-3313.

### **Ladies Luncheon**

Our June Ladies Luncheon will be held at Mango Bistro, on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Mango Bistro is located on the corner of Dearborn and Mango Streets in Old Englewood. "Lobster Bisque" says it all for me, but if you are looking for other choices, they have luscious salads, wraps, paninis, smoothies, and too much more to list here. As always, we will order from their menu and have separate checks.

Off-season is the best time to visit Mango Bistro, proving how popular it is! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Hope to see you there. Deadline is Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. See or call Kathie Wiley (662-5383) with questions.

### **Ways to Give**

(Information from the Stewardship Committee)

#### **Real Property**

In the case of real property you may hold title to (with certain limitations), if this is transferred to the church, you may receive a tax-deductible contribution, up to the full value of the property.

### **Upcoming Concert**

Tom Renaud is a guitarist and songwriter who recently moved to Englewood. His medium is folk music—acoustic guitar and voice—and he will be sharing his talents with us on June second.

First, Tom will provide special music for morning worship, then he will return for a concert at 3:00 that afternoon. There is no charge, though a free will offering will be taken, and refreshments will be served. Please join us, and bring a friend.

## The Ladies of Faith at Work

A group of ladies from the church have been providing meals to local homeless people on Tuesdays. Recently, they decided to also prepare some “extras” the “campers” might need. Here’s what they gave out:



They also used plastic bags from local stores to make mats for the “campers” to use:



Another project the ladies undertook was preparing a snack bag for local law enforcement officers. They were stamped with Faith’s information and included a verse and a pencil with Faith’s name:



Thanks to the ladies for representing us and thanks to all who donate food, supplies and money to continue this outreach.

### How Can You Help?

The ladies could use many more plastic grocery bags for their project. If you can provide some, just drop them in the kitchen next time you are in the church.

If you would like to help make the mats, join them on Tuesday mornings at 9:00



June 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Pentecost; the Holy Spirit coming on the disciples with power. A tradition has been to dress in red, the liturgical color of the day. This is a sign of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ, welcoming and celebrating the power of God in and among us.

Of more significance is the recognition that GOD IS at work in and among us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

One cannot overlook the power of the spirit of spectators at sporting events, a political rally, or a demonstration. In all these activities the spirit is in the spectators, encouraging the players or candidates, or pressing an entity to change their position or actions.

But the coming of the Holy Spirit is a different kind of spirit. It is not a matter of us cheering someone else on, it is more like God cheering us on.

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.* John 14:16 (NRSV)

The Holy Spirit is our advocate, but he is so much more than a cheer leader. Our Advocate is one who stands in our corner, like a coach or trainer. Our Advocate is one who intercedes on our behalf, like a defense attorney who stands to defend the accused.

Our advocate is one who knows us intimately and is able to inspire and motivate us, especially in our weakest moments. And the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, will be with us forever. This is Jesus' promise to us.

Because this is God's promise to us, what is the result? The first result is a strengthened relationship between us and God. The second result is our relationship of care for God's people and his creation. If the Holy Spirit is the one who inspires our faith in God, the Holy Spirit also inspires our service to others. Borrowing from Frank Sinatra, "you can't have one without the other."

*But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.* James 2:18 (NRSV)

In the hypothetical argument of which is more important, faith or works, James teaches rightly that faith and works are essentially bound to one another. If we have faith it will be evident in what we do. If we do good/God's work, it will be evidence of our faith in God.

This summer as you travel, visit sights, family and friends, think about these things: Where you go God goes, because God is with you. Where you go, you take God with you. Where you go, by your care for others, you make God's presence and your Faith in God known.

Go with God,  
Pastor Brian