

# Faith's Happenings...

May, 2019

## *Happy Birthday*

Phyllis Crider	2nd
Bobbie Hildebrand	5th
Jean Ihlenburg	6th
Lori Armen	11th
Jim Ward	11th
Joanne Best	12th
Barbara Manke	13th
Ruth Magee	15th
Phyllis Fish	15th
Cyndi Carley	18th
Mark Speth	19th
Kathie Wiley	24th
Shirley Smith	26th
Jennifer Boehler	26th
Ed Wine	27th
William Linsberg	28th
Verna Newlon	29th
Jay Fisher	29th

## *Happy Anniversary*

Chris & Ann Banting	2nd
Bill & Ginny Linsberg	4th

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!*  
*Men of Faith Breakfast: May 7*  
*Ladies Luncheon: May 11*  
*Mother's Day: May 12*



**Happy Mother's Day  
May 12**

We return to 1  
service, at 9:30 am,  
on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



### **Menu for May**

**7** (hot) Italian casserole with cookies

**14** PBJ sandwich with applesauce

**21** (hot) Tuna noodle casserole with raisins

**28** Ham and cheese sandwich with chips

### **Men – You are Invited...**

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

### **Got Bags?**

The ladies doing Tuesday lunches are also making mats for their homeless clients. The twist: they are using the plastic shopping bags from grocery stores! If you have excess bags, bring them to the church and leave them in the kitchen. They will serve a useful purpose.

### **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.

### **The Weekly Lunches Project**

You have seen notes in the bulletin, and heard comments during the announcements, but you probably still have questions about our new outreach to feed the homeless. This article should answer most of them...

Ladies of Faith are joining Project Phoenix in feeding 70 homeless people at 5:00 pm every Tuesday at Indian Mound Park. Twice a month is a hot meal, such as chili, goulash, meatloaf and gravy, spaghetti or hot dogs. Twice a month is a sandwich, such as ham, turkey, baloney with cheese or a PBJ.

We add either hardboiled eggs, fresh fruit, cookies, brownies, chips, cheese and crackers, pudding, raisins, snack bars, applesauce or fruit cup, popcorn or an individually wrapped goodie. [See the menu at the left for a sample.]

Donations of any of these foods would be appreciated. If you prefer, you may donate a check to purchase needed items. Make checks payable to Faith, and write "lunches" on the memo line. This will help us pay for food, baggies, gloves and other items we

You are also welcome to join us at 9:00 on Tuesday mornings for sandwich days. At the moment, hot meals are made in our homes.

If you bring food for lunches, please mark it "for lunches" and leave it in the kitchen. We appreciate and thank you for all you do in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you have any questions, you may call me at 941-214-8195.

God Bless.  
Linda Schultz

### **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, Jim & Paul Rodvik, John Collins

### **Ladies Luncheon**

The Ladies of Faith Lutheran will gather for lunch on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, at PARAIISO Mexican Grill (located at 2639 Placida Road across from New Faull Inn). They have an extensive flavorful menu with many choices under \$10 for lunch... even burgers & fries for the less adventuresome. Please sign up on the sheet in narthex. Deadline is Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>. THIS IS A VERY SHORT TURN AROUND TIME SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR DECISION TO JOIN US NOW!!! For more information see Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

### **Did You Forget?**

Several dishes have been left in the kitchen over the past year, and no one has claimed them. If you are missing a dish, check the tables by the kitchen on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. All remaining items will be given away the next day.

## *A Woman of the Word*

by Gail Burton Purath



*The Bible wore her imprint  
It's cover soft from use  
The pages rubbed and wrinkled  
The binding coming loose*

*And even if this Christian  
And her Bible were apart  
She still would have it with her  
Hidden in her heart*

*Oh make me such a woman, Lord  
Who hungers to be fed  
Who cherishes a line from You  
More than her daily bread*

*And when my days are over  
May this be my epitaph  
"She longed to spend more  
time with Him  
And now is doing that."*

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### **Ways to Give**

(Information from the Stewardship Committee)

Insurance policies naming the church as a beneficiary are another means of providing a gift that will continue to bless our congregation's ministry.

If the policy is given outright to the church, you may claim the premiums paid as a charitable deduction.





April ends, May begins, and the Summer season is upon us. With many of our seasonal residents returning to their summer homes, we return to our summer worship schedule on Sundays at 9:30. Our Faith activities of worship, service in the community, fellowship in Our Life Together groups, Ladies Luncheon and Men's Breakfast all continue throughout the year.

One of the lead articles in today's paper is: "Turtle nesting season begins." There were appropriate warnings about not using lights near the beach, reminding people to level sand castles and fill holes, and not allowing animals to run free on the beach. There have been numerous sightings of bobcats and maybe even a panther in our area. Neighbors are cleaning up their yards in preparation for summer. All around us we see the glory of God's creation, and we are reminded that we are stewards and caretakers of that creation.

When we talk about being kind and compassionate toward one another, that is only part of our responsibility. Psalm 24 begins: *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.*

Give thanks to God for the earth, water, sun, sky, air and all creatures. Give thanks to God in our gathering at worship, whether we are here at home or away visiting family and

friends. Give thanks to God celebrating our relationships with family, friends and neighbors.

Join us this May as we gather at worship and celebrate mothers (and important women in our life) on Mother's Day and our graduates on their special day of recognition. The month of May closes out with Memorial Day weekend, a time for us to remember and honor those who paid the ultimate price for freedom's cause. When we look back across the days, weeks, months and years, we also look back on God's faithfulness. It is fitting that as John, imprisoned on the isle of Patmos, looks back on his life and writes these words:

*"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

*Revelation 4:11*

We honor God by what we do, yes! But we honor God even more by who we are. Let us live each day honoring God, recognizing that we are created in God's image, blessed and nurtured by God, and given stewardship over all God's creation.

Blessings for this Easter season,

*Pastor Brian*



