

Faith's Happenings...

November, 2018

Happy Birthday

Ed Johnson	2nd
Sam Besase	3rd
Harv Claussen	3rd
Laura Wine	3rd
Francine DeGrood	8th
Merrilee Warner	13th
Barb Buroker	13th
Dee Trethewey	13th
Mary Ellen McMahon	14th
Jerry Hebert	15th
Jim Hughs	21st
Steven Kiray	22nd
Tom Newton	25th
Joyce Schultz	28th
Thomas Bakker	29th

Happy Anniversary

Jim & Linda Hughs	4th
Jack & Mary Lou Fitzgerald	6th
Larry & Margaret Murphy	28th
Tom & Linda Jackling	29th
Steve & Niki LeVasseur	30th

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

October at a Glance

Mark your calendars now!
Jim Smith Memorial: Nov. 1
Turn your clocks BACK: Nov. 3
Men of Faith Breakfast: Nov. 6
Ladies Luncheon: Nov. 10
Thanksgiving Eve: Nov. 21

Financial Info

Church Council has decided we need to share the current donation total year-to-date, and the 2017 donation total year-to-date.

Donations through September 30, 2017= \$135,215.21; donations through September 30, 2018 = \$124,945.07.

Lois Burger, Treasurer



Turn your clock BACK on Nov. 3rd.



**Join us on November 21 at 7:00 pm
to give thanks!**

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.

Men – You are Invited...

...to the October Men's Breakfast at Stefano's Restaurant (on Route 776 in front of Beall's Outlet). Meet at the restaurant on Tuesday, November 6, at 7:30 am for fun, food and fellowship. No sign-up required.



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Help Wanted

We are looking for a volunteer Coordinator for our Worship and Music Committee. The job involves coordinating the volunteers for the Committee and chairing the meetings. If you have questions, or would like to take on the job, see Pastor Armen or Debby Porter.

Also needed are some folks to volunteer for Altar Guild. Service is just 1 month and training is provided. See Mary Lou Fitzgerald with questions or to volunteer.

November Ladies Luncheon

Our next Ladies Lunch will be held on November 10th, 11:30 am, at Landy's on the Water (just off SR 776 near McDonalds in Englewood). Landy's is known for their Greek food, but they also have an outstanding selection of seafood and sandwiches, and a great salad bar!! We will be ordering off the menu and separate checks will be given. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity of friendship and good food.

Guests always welcome! Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Info: Kathie Wiley 941-662-5383

PS: For those interested in planning ahead, the Christmas Ladies Lunch will be on December 1st. More info in November but mark your calendar now!

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 DeGroot, Richard Wilder, Brittany Schneck, Monica Friend, Larry Hladun, Jim Kelly, Jack & Kathie Zura, Tom & Sandy McKitterick, Ralph Crites

ELECTRONIC GIVING is now an option at Faith. The codes given in the September newsletter should not be used. Instead, use this code to contribute and support God's work:



Scan the Code or Visit
https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/395692

Thank You

I would like to thank members of Faith Lutheran for their sympathy cards and donations to the church and other charities. I would especially like to thank Linda Schultz For her encouragement, support, phone calls and the gifts of ham and other food, which she brought to my house for my family and friends to share after Dave's Celebration of Life.

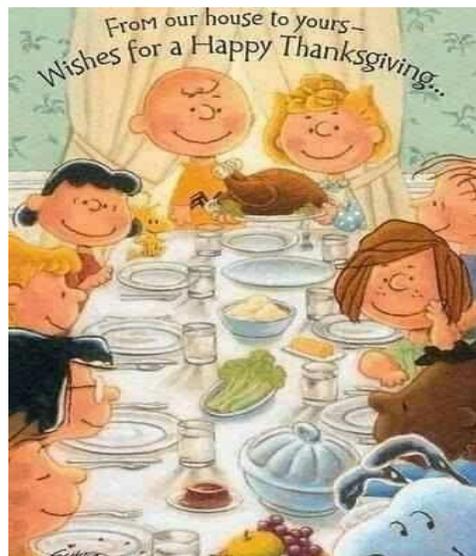
Sharon Linton

Ways to Give

(Information from the Stewardship Committee)

IRA Direct Contributions

IRA Direct Contributions are a means by which eligible persons can direct payments from their IRA to the church. You contact your plan administrator and have the desired amount of your contribution sent directly to the church. The distribution from your IRA is not taxable to you if it goes directly to the church. As the donor you receive a statement of contributions for your records.



We Need Your Help for a Special Community Outreach

Christ Lutheran Church of Englewood will be serving a "free" Thanksgiving day meal from 1 pm – 4 pm (November 22, 2018).

Many hands are needed for set up, serving, breakdown, transporting food, directing traffic and acting as "bouncers." If you would like to help with this special outreach to our neighbors, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. They will have an orientation meeting with more details soon. Watch upcoming bulletins for more information.

Also needed are donations of canned goods to complete the meal. Needed items include

Green beans
Corn
Turkey Gravy
Cranberry Sauce

Leave your donations in the red container in the narthex. We will see that they are delivered to Christ.

All are welcome to attend the dinner, too!

Questions? See Bobbie Myrick or call the church office: 941-697-3313.

NOTE: We just learned canned goods need to be at Faith by November 4. Please help!



I just want a break, a little peace and quiet from all the political rhetoric. I think I feel a bit like Pilate who, when questioning Jesus, asks, "What is truth?"

My spirit is wearied. I was reminded a few weeks ago of an old saying: "two truths can't live in the same house." I think the purpose of the saying was to acknowledge two statements or truths were mutually exclusive. Today I am afraid statements and claims are made that have just enough truth or fact to appear true.

However, the stretch beyond truth and facts leads to a conclusion that is flawed. Unfortunately, while I remember studying the classic logic and fallacies, I am by no means an expert.

Add into all of my confusion the mailing of bombs, and the terrorist act at Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill (Pittsburgh)... My spirit is weary. The question I ask is: "Where are we going as a nation and a people?"

Then this morning my spirit was renewed. The verse for today is from Romans 12.21, "**Do not be**

overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Celebrating the reforming power of God's Spirit, remembering all the saints who have gone before us in faith and life, focusing on our stewardship of God's gifts. These are ways we "overcome evil with good." These events remind us life is not about our self, but about what we can do together for others.

Whether it be attending a candlelight vigil or memorial service, remembering a beloved family member, engaging in an act of kindness, supporting a charity, making a donation to our Capital Fund or a commitment to support our life together at Faith, going on a mission trip or volunteering in our community, we put our faith into action.

Christ has already overcome sin, death and the grave. Christ Jesus is God's light in the darkness of our world. AND, Jesus' light and life live in us. As we move forward through each new day, please take Paul's exhortation to heart: "Overcome evil with good," for this is God's work in us and in our world.

I will also remember Paul's letter to the Galatians: **Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.** Galatians 6.9

+Pastor Brian