

# Faith's Happenings...

September, 2018

## *Happy Birthday*

Sam D'Amico	2nd
Marcia Wilkins	6th
Cyndi Kussow	10th
Marlin Harris	13th
Cliff Simpson	17th
Stephen Armen	14th
Bobbie Myrick	19th
Barb Jones	20th
Sue Wagenschwanz	24th
Jim Buroker	25th
Gary Wilkins	27th
Charlene Howe	28th
Brian Lindhurst	28th

## *Happy Anniversary*

John & Linda Schleede	3rd
Bob & Ruth Ash	8th
Jim & Barb Buroker	25th

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

### **September at a Glance**

*Mark your calendars now!*

*Men of Faith Breakfast: Sept. 4*

*Ladies Luncheon: Sept. 8*

*God's Work Our Hands: Sept. 9*

### **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.

**SCIENCE SAYS THAT WE  
NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC  
ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE.**

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

**AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE  
TELLS US ABOUT JESUS.**

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE  
NEED JESUS TO LIVE.**

### **God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

This year it is "Shoes and Socks Sunday" as we collect athletic shoes and low cut and ankle socks. Sizes needed: elementary boys and girls sizes, men's and women's sizes.

#### **OR**

Checks are always welcome so Kids Needs can purchase what is not donated. Make the checks out to Kids Needs and put them in the offering plate.

### **Ladies Luncheon**

You don't have to be a sports nut to enjoy good food!! The Ladies of Faith are going someplace different this month... We will meet at "The End Zone," right here in Englewood, 11:30 am on Saturday, September 8th. We will eat inside in the dining area, ordering off the menu and paying individually. The food is good and the menu varied, with salads, wings, burgers, daily specials and much more.

The End Zone is located at 2440 S. McCall Rd. (SR 776), about halfway between Farlow's and Walmart, and next to Motel 6 in Englewood.

During the off-season this is our opportunity to try a few different places. Hope you will join us! Bring your neighbor or friend!! Please sign up ahead so we can get a count. Deadline is Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at noon. For more information, call Kathie Wiley 941-662-5383.

### **Thank You's**

A big thank you to all the ladies who took over in the church office so I could enjoy my vacation without worry!

Barbra Davis

### **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.

### **Attention Singers!**

#### **Don't be shy! Give it a try!**

We need new singers in our choir. If you enjoy singing, please consider offering your voice as part of your stewardship at Faith. Call Charlene Howe, our Choir Director, (941-697-0722) for more details or to arrange for a "tryout" session.

### **Men, You Are Invited...**

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

### **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

## 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.

### Alzheimer's Walk

The "Our Life Together" Wednesday Group is sponsoring the annual Alzheimer's Walk in Punta Gorda. The Walk will be held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Alzheimer's is a disease that, sooner or later, affects every family, and for which there is no cure. In fact, there is currently no way to do anything about its effects.

Money is desperately needed for research of all sorts. We call our team "Faith Walkers" as a way to express our faith that something can be done about this disease, as well as to express our belief that Faith Lutheran Church is called to join this ongoing struggle.

We need sponsors! There are about 10 of us who have committed to the actual walk. We will be going there to represent this congregation of faith, and our commitment to eradicate this terrible disease.

On Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and again on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will make available material about Alzheimer's, and the work of the Alzheimer's Group in this community. We will be asking you for your support. If everyone would give something it would be enough. Please express our united concerns and love through your gift.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING** is now an option at Faith. To contribute to support God's work, you may Scan the QR Code with your phone, or enter the web link.



#### Regular Offering General Fund

[https://tithe.ly/pledge/  
#/campaign/407994](https://tithe.ly/pledge/#/campaign/407994)



#### Capital Fund

[https://tithe.ly/pledge/  
#/campaign/408009](https://tithe.ly/pledge/#/campaign/408009)



#### Memorial Contribution

[https://tithe.ly/pledge/  
#/campaign/408003](https://tithe.ly/pledge/#/campaign/408003)



**Endowment Fund**

<https://tithe.ly/pledge/#/campaign/408005>

**Emergency Contacts**

Although we have had a quiet hurricane season so far this year, storms are always a concern here in SW Florida. As council discussed how our congregation could help each other in the event of a hurricane or other emergency, they determined that we should provide a form to gather contact information to be used in an emergency. These forms will be stored in a file, not in our database (computers are often unavailable during emergencies).

To get us up and running, we are asking everyone to pick up a salmon colored "Emergency Information Questionnaire" in the narthex, fill it out, and return it to the church office.

**Got Trash?**

As the old saying goes, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." The American Legion is following up that idea with a "Trash to Treasure" sale on Saturday, October 27. They are offering spaces inside or out for those wanting to sell some surplus stuff. If you are interested in participating, see the details on the bulletin board by the church office. Maybe several of you could even go together in one space.



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters... Colossians 3:23*

Monday, we celebrate Labor Day. For most people this day marks the official end of summer, the final picnic, outing or gathering before school begins.

In Florida, while school begins earlier in August, Englewood's celebration of Pioneer Days gives one last long weekend to celebrate family, friends and community.

In all of this, the original intent of Labor Day seems to have been lost. First started around 1883 as a day to recognize the accomplishment of the labor movement and worker's rights, then formalized as a national holiday in 1894, Labor Day has become a day to celebrate the accomplishment of all American workers.

This Labor Day, I invite you to reflect on Paul's letter to the Colossians: *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters... Colossians 3:23*

Remember the work we do, whether at a job for an employer, in the community, or as a part of our family, is ultimately God's work. God has gifted us with life, ability, relationships and opportunity. On this Labor Day we give thanks for these things, but may we also remember to use these gifts to labor for God as witnesses to the world.

*+Pastor Brian*