

Faith's Happenings...

March, 2020

Happy Birthday

Jim Porter	1st
Marian Ruby	2nd
Sharon Ulissi	3rd
Beverly Martin	7th
Alma Claussen	8th
Cathie VanAllsburg	8th
Sara Speth	9th
Cyndy Hoops	16th
Gene Goldsberry	16th
Steve LeVasseur	22nd
Beth Bitant	24th
Susan Kiray	27th
Linda Jasper	28th
Ralph Crites	30th
Robert Martin	30th

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Debby Wolfe 6th

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

March at a Glance

Mark your calendars now!

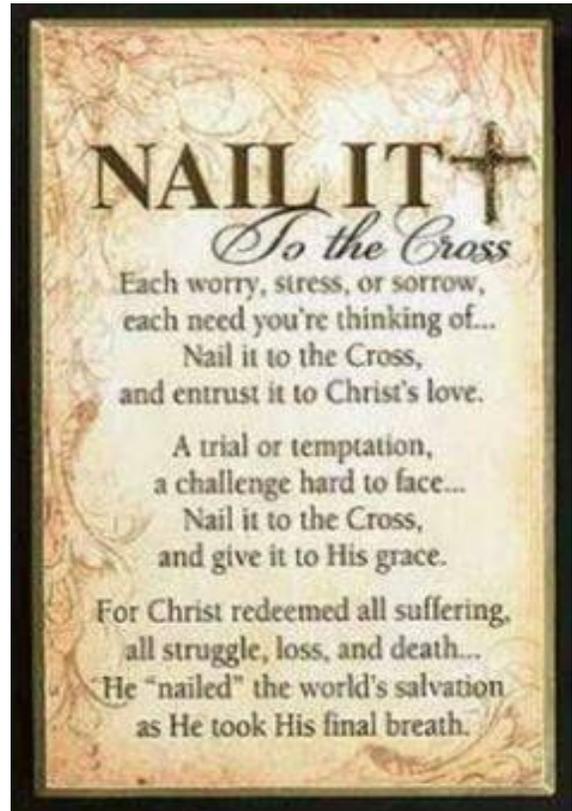
Men of Faith Breakfast: March 3

Ladies Luncheon: March 14

Lenten worship Wednesday evenings

Men – You are Invited...

...to the March Men's Breakfast at Stefano's Restaurant (on Route 776 in front of Beall's Outlet). Meet at the restaurant on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 am for fun, food and fellowship. No sign-up required.



Lenten Wednesday Evenings

During the Lenten season (March 4-April 1) we will have our usual soup supper, followed by Lenten worship. The weekly schedule will be:

5:00 pm	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Soup Supper
7:00 pm	Lenten Worship

**Remember: turn your clocks
AHEAD
1 hour on March 7th!**

Ways to Give

(from your 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.

Another Option

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.



March Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies of Faith will meet for lunch at Lighthouse Grill (located off Placida Road on Maryland St.) on March 14th at 11:30 am. This restaurant has a great view of the water (Inland waterway) with vinyl curtains which can be let down in case of inclement weather. The menu has something for everyone and there will be separate checks. This is a great occasion to share friendship with other ladies of the church and is also a good time to invite a guest. They are always welcome. Just sign them up. Questions? Call Kathie Wiley 941-662-5383. Deadline is Tuesday, March 10th.

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, Roger DeMeritt, Michael Romanelli, Jim Buroker, Ethel Hunn, Jacky Magee, Ray Eifert, Danny DeGroot, Brittany Schneck, Monica Friend, Larry Hladun, Jim Kelly, Jack & Kathie Zura, Tom & Sandy McKitterick, Jim & Paul Rodvik, John Collins, Larry Bennett, Pastor Mike Jones, Ralph Crites

Please notify Barbra in the church office (697-3313) if your address or phone number have changed.

Lenten Ushers Needed

As always, we need several people to help with Lenten and Easter worship by signing up to be ushers. If you are willing to serve for one or more evenings, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

With Gratitude and Thanksgiving

In January, our congregation president, Garry Wilkins, presented me with your Christmas gift. The love and support Lori and I feel as a part of the Faith family is truly amazing. Your gift at Christmas is received with gratitude and thanksgiving and is affirmed by your support and encouragement every week.

Thank you and God's blessing always,
Pastor Brian and Lori Armen



Soup Suppers

Soup suppers at Lent have been a long-standing tradition at Faith Lutheran. On the Wednesday evenings of Lent (not counting Holy Week) we gather an hour before Lenten worship to sit together, talk and share a meal. It is a wonderful “family time,” and an opportunity to get to know others a bit.

It only works if people are willing to bring a pot of soup to share, so we need your help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you can provide soup for one of the nights. Please bring the soup in a crockpot as we have no way of warming up soups brought in dishes. Note: We will need many folks to provide soup for the meals to be successful.

If you are attending a soup supper on a Wednesday evening in Lent, you should bring a place setting, bowl and sandwich (if you want one) for the meal. Sandwiches are not provided.

From the Pastor...

On Sunday, March 2nd, 1975, in the middle of the Lenten Season that year, Faith Lutheran Church of Rotonda West was officially chartered and constituted. This Sunday, March 1st, we will celebrate 45 years of Faith, our lives together and having a heart for our neighbors.

As we look back on those 45 years, Faith’s life is summarized by our three core values: **Listening** to God, each other, and our community, through worship, Bible Study and conversation.

Caring, allowing our hearts to be changed by what we hear in God’s love for us, bearing one another’s burdens, and listening to the needs of our neighbors in our community.

Serving, because we listen and care, we are moved to serve in God’s name. God works through us, God’s Work, Our Hands.

This year as we share our stewardship stories and consider our intended giving for this year, it is a two-part process. One, we remember our past and what has been accomplished. Two, we commit individually, and as a congregation, to God’s work as a part of our life together.

“A Heart for our Neighbor” comes from the parable of the Good Samaritan. When Jesus asked, “and who is my neighbor?” the answer is, “The one who showed mercy.”

The legacy of this congregation, and the gift we give to those who follow in our footsteps, will be measured in part by how well we live out mercy, having a heart for our neighbor. This Lenten season, I invite you to find sacrifices you can make in your life, that will make a difference in the lives of “our neighbor.”

God’s blessing,
Pastor Brian