

# Faith's Happenings...

September, 2019

## *Happy Birthday*

Sam D'Amico	2nd
Dorothy Pecynski	3rd
Marcia Wilkins	6th
Cyndi Kussow	10th
Marlin Harris	13th
Stephen Armen	14th
Bobbie Myrick	19th
Barb Jones	20th
Jim Buroker	25th
Gary Wilkins	27th
Charlene Howe	28th
Brian Lindhurst	28th

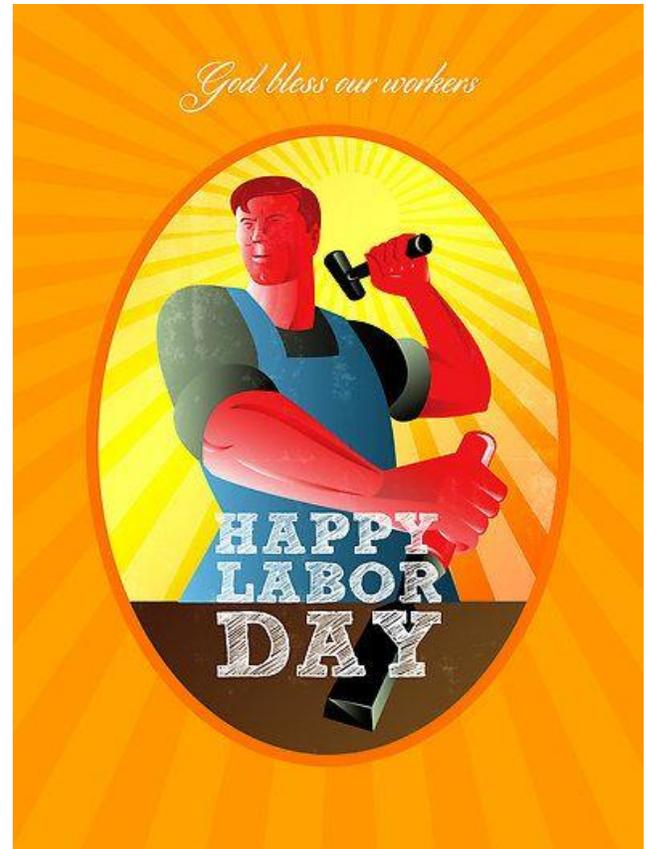
## *Happy Anniversary*

John & Linda Schleede	3rd
Jim & Allison Ward	5th
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. 3*  
*Loaves & Fishes Picnic: Sept. 8*  
*Ladies Luncheon: Sept. 14*



**SEPTEMBER 2**

If you would like to write to Brandy, our seminary student, here is her new address:

Brandy Schneck  
4201 N. Main Street  
Box 241  
Columbia, S.C. 29203

## 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.

## Calling all Men

Join us for 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 3, 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 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 Barbora 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, Brittany Schneck, Monica Friend, Larry Hladun, Jim Kelly, Jack & Kathie Zura, Tom & Sandy McKitterick, Jim & Paul Rodvik, John Collins, Larry Bennett

## Update From Brandy

(our seminary student)

Hey everyone!

I hope you're all doing well. I had my final for my two week Greek intensive this morning. I passed the final with an 81, and passed the class with an 82 overall!! All the late night studying definitely paid off! It was hard work, but worth it! Next semester, which starts Monday the 26th, will be Greek 2, church history, intro to theological thinking, and New Testament survey. A pretty full schedule, but I am excited to start all of my new classes! Thank you for all of the prayers during my first few weeks at seminary. They are all appreciated! As well as all the prayers to come. I am already getting excited to come back and visit at Thanksgiving! Thank you all for your continued support, I'll send another update soon!

Brandy

## You are Invited...

...to attend the "Synod Council on the Road" on Friday evening, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The Synod Council meets 4 times a year to discuss and vote on various matters relating to our lives together. This time they will meet in Venice at Emmanuel Lutheran Church from 6:45 pm till 9:00 pm. It will be a time of conversation and worship, and all are invited.

**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.



## ATTENTION LADY SNOWBIRDS

We are planning a special outing in January and we hope you will be involved. It will be a road trip to Venice for lunch and a matinee at the Venice Theater. It all takes place on Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, and the show is **MENOPAUSE, THE MUSICAL**. We thought this would be a hilarious way to begin 2020. We are in the planning stages right now, but the theater has suggested we be prepared to purchase tickets by late September.

In a nutshell, we will carpool from Rotonda to Venice, arriving about noon to enjoy lunch at a restaurant still to be determined. Your lunch will be in addition to the cost of the play tickets and will NOT be an upfront expense.

Hopefully, we will be able to park near the theater and walk to a nearby restaurant, then the theater without moving the cars. However, it WILL be season! 😊 Home by dinnertime.

*Synopsis of the play: "Four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, sexual hang-ups and more. This musical parody set to classic tunes from the 60's, 70's and 80's will have you dancing in the aisles." (per the Venice Theater playbill.)*

The theater is equipped with ramps and an elevator in case you need them. Assuming we have 15 or more attendees, our cost will be **\$32. per ticket**. Cost is more if we have fewer people.

Let me know **ASAP** if you are interested. The second week of September I will have a deadline date, and will notify you that we need your money. (It will be prior to the end of September.) Should you find you are unable to go after tickets have been purchased, it will be your responsibility to find someone to purchase yours as the theater does not give refunds.

This is probably clear as mud -- sorry about that -- but I can be reached by phone, email or even text, and I will do my best to answer your questions or provide additional information.

Finally, this opportunity is open to ALL. Bring your friends, neighbors, seasonal guests, etc. The only stipulation is that your ticket money must accompany your ticket request before the deadline.

I am so looking forward to spending a fun Saturday with all my girlfriends!! Please contact me **NOW** if you are interested and I will get back to you!! My contact information:

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Englewood 34224, 941-662-  
5383 [dnkw2210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dnkw2210@sbcglobal.net)



Are you prepared for the storm? And, no, I don't mean Dorian. There will be people fixated on the weather channel over the next few days watching for news on the path and intensity of the tropical storm. People will want to be prepared. But, if you are not prepared now, what will you do if the path changes? And if you haven't made preparations, why wait? Do what you need to do now to be prepared.

All of the things we can say about hurricane season, and the development of tropical storms and hurricanes, can also be said about life.

In Mark 4.35-41, Jesus and the disciples get in a boat to cross the sea of Galilee. This was not their first time on a boat. They were prepared. But a storm came up and threatened them all. The boat was taking on water and Jesus was sleeping.

Maybe this is as much a story about the disciples and a storm as it is also about Jesus' complete and total exhaustion, so much so that he could sleep through the raging storm around Him.

Maybe it is also a testimony to Jesus' complete trust in God's care no matter how bad the storm. In the end, Jesus calms the storm and questions why the disciples are afraid. Is it their lack of faith?

The storms of life will certainly come our way, as sure as a sudden storm can come up on Galilee. Are we prepared? Do we have resources set aside? Do we have family, friends, neighbors, church family to call on in time of need? Do we trust God is with us and is ready to help? If not, why not?

Now is the time to strengthen our relationship with God, with one another, and with our community. Now is the time for us to prepare, so our spiritual and relational resources are ready when we find ourselves in a time of need.

Thomas Kinkadee's paintings have always inspired me. One of those is titled "Conquering the Storms." A lighthouse stands above a troubled sea, with storm clouds just off shore. The light on the top of the tower is warning of danger and guiding to safety. This is what God does for us. This is Jesus in the boat. This is God lighting the dark of night and guiding us amid the storms of life.

There is a song by Rend Collective titled "My Lighthouse." The verses contain the following phrases:

*In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
In the silence, You won't let go  
In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.*

But these are the lyrics that I keep coming back to:

*My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore*

Amid all the storms of life, God is our lighthouse and the one who will carry us through. Remember Jesus' words that calmed the storm outside the boat, and the storm in the disciple's hearts: "Peace be still!" This is God's word to us.

Peace,  
+ Pastor Brian

