



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday Divine Worship 10:15AM  
 Sunday School / Bible Study 9:15 AM  
 Wednesday Bible Study 9:15 AM  
 Wednesday Choir Practice 10:45AM / 7PM

“Faithful to God’s Word through Christ, we aspire to love, care, and serve all people.”

**Faith Lutheran Weekly for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Dates to Remember**

07 Apr **LWML ZONE Spring Rally 8AM to 3PM**  
 10 Apr LWML Meeting 10:00AM  
 10 Apr Elders’ Meeting 07:00PM  
 14 Apr Church Work Day 09:00AM  
 15 Apr Board Meeting 11:30AM  
 28 Apr Martin’s 50th Anniversary 4:00PM

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY -**

14th Jennifer Prewitt  
 14th Walter Weber  
 21st Charles Wright  
 25th Dick Laabs  
 26th Flo Bellhorn

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**HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY -**

6th Glenn & Edith Marshall  
 18th Russ & Linda Goheen  
 27th Paul & Shari Martin

**Serve the Lord 2018**

DATE	8-Apr	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr
<b>GREETERS</b>	Phil/Rita McWhorter	Phil/Rita McWhorter	Phil/Rita McWhorter	Phil/Rita McWhorter
<b>USHERS</b>	Dennis/Juanita Fox	Dennis/Juanita Fox	Dennis/Juanita Fox	Dennis/Juanita Fox
<b>HOST - HOSTESS</b>	Fred/Mary Malinowski	Mark/Tina Sunday	D. Kuntz/M. Denniston	<b>Flo Bellhorn/Jan Brown</b>
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	*see Linda Richardson	*see Linda Richardson	*see Linda Richardson	*see Linda Richardson
<b>COMMUNION / ELDER</b>	Mike Shinabarger	Mike Shinabarger	Mike Shinabarger	Mike Shinabarger
<b>READER</b>	Noreen Whelehan	Micah Prewitt	Jen-Nett MacLean	Susan Laeder

## Prayer List

\*Names will be kept on the printed prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested

- **Those hospitalized** – Anne Siatkowski,
- **Those in care facilities** –
- **Those recovering** – Melanie Crutcher, Phil McWhorter, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, Steve Pano, Shari Martin, Maggie McLaughlin, Andy Sorenson, Cindy Crutchfield
- **Those Undergoing Treatment:** Lou Fairchild, Svana Jonsson, Tony Ellis, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauf
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:**
- **Grieving families** – Pate Family (Whitney's father)
- **Special requests** – The Kramer Family, Ed & Cindy Crutchfield, Anne Koster, Charles Wright, Juanita Fox, Mike Shinabarger, James Watters, Bellhorn Family, Dorothy Laabs, Jennifer Prewitt, Prayers for the effects of Hurricane Harvey / Irma / Maria. Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria, Those suffering from the flu. Those affected by the school shooting.
- **Celebrations** –

## Servant Notes

**Dunedin Cares PB&J Challenge** ~ is a food drive to fill the shelves for the increased summer demand when the free or subsidized lunch programs are not available to students. Tuna, canned chicken, Peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal, pancake mix & maple syrup are needed. See the flyer!

**Lily Donation** ~ when your Easter Lilies are finished blooming, please consider giving them to the church. The *Green-Thumpers* will plant them in the garden. A donation box is in the mailroom.

**Thrivent Choice: 2017 Annual Choice allotments** are complete. If you are a Thrivent Financial member and have this benefit, please contact the Thrivent home office (800-847-4836) or Jon Stricker (727-403-6627) before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 to ensure your 2017 Thrivent Choice contributions are made.

**ProShred mobile shredding truck** - On Saturday, May 12th, from 9-12pm, Thrivent and Lutheran Church of The Palms will have a paper and document shredding event. Bring old files, tax forms, mortgages or old paperwork in need of secure disposal and no longer needed. This allows clients to clean out, old and unwanted paper documents. Bring as much as you can carry. While this is a free community event, donations are encouraged with all proceeds benefitting Barlow Little Palms Pre-School at LCOP. The address for the event on May 12th is as follows:

Lutheran Church of The Palms  
2250 Nebraska Ave  
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

**The Kimberly Home - WALK FOR LIFE 2018** Please join us at 3:30pm on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Spectrum Field - Clearwater Come for the Walk and Stay for the Threshers Game. See the bulletin board.

## Readings

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (8 April 2018)

Acts 4:32–35, 1 John 1:1—2:2, John 20:19–31

#### ***The Risen Christ Breathes His Peace in the Holy Absolution***

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus appeared to His apostles on the first Easter Sunday. He *"came and stood among them,"* and with His Word and the wounds in *"his hands and his side,"* He granted them His peace (John 20:19–20). He sent them as ministers of the Gospel in His name to bestow the life-giving Holy Spirit for us and for His whole Church through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21–23). Through this apostolic ministry, He calls us to believe that He *"is the Christ, the Son of God,"* so that by such faith we *"may have life in his name"* (John 20:31). The apostles *"have seen and heard"* this divine life manifested in the flesh of Christ, and those who succeed them in this apostolic ministry now proclaim that same Absolution to us, so that we *"too may have fellowship"* with the risen Christ, with the apostles and *"with one another"* (1 John 1:1–7). The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church lives by *"their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,"* and all who believe this Word are *"of one heart and soul,"* because in Him they truly have *"everything in common"* (Acts 4:32–33).

#### **Pastor's Corner**

"Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.  
And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away."  
(Psalm 148:5-6)

Dear friends, in his introduction to Paul's letter to the Romans, Luther wrote:

"Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures. The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace."

Never is God's grace more evident than during Holy Week. During this time we hear of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, and God's acceptance of this sacrifice evidenced in Christ's subsequent resurrection. In His grace, God attributes the righteousness of Jesus Christ to all who believe Him to be their Lord and Savior. None of this is merited, but a free gift from God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is why it's easy to praise the name of the Lord; it's easy to sing hallelujah over and over again. Yet, such joy should not be reserved only for Easter.

Christ's love, mercy, and forgiveness are yours year-round. His gift of forgiveness and strength in His supper are offered at the altar here at Faith each week. We do this, in part, because Luther's comments on faith show that praising God is not something that is done only in the good times, or on festivals like Easter, but even when we "suffer all kinds of things", even when we are tired, depressed, angry, worried, lonely, and most especially, when we are busy.

Satan never stops trying to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. The easiest way to do this is to convince us that there is too much wrong in your life, or too much going on to come to church; that there are better ways to spend a Sunday morning. The world is too willing to accommodate, with sports events, youth

programs, and stores opening on Sundays. Many of God's children have fallen out of the habit of attending church regularly, and in so doing they willingly separate themselves from God's gifts.

Is your faith a living, bold trust in God's grace? Are you willing to risk death a thousand times trusting in it? If so then you will experience the happiness and joy that comes with a living relationship with God. Faith in a loving Creator also enables you to live in a right relationship with other humans, nature, and all creatures. The realization that Christ died to redeem all mankind and to renew all of creation frees us to love all of that which is loved first by God.

I encourage each of you to live in the joy of Easter each day of the year. Live, trusting in the faith that has been given to you by a loving and gracious God. Live, boldly trusting and praising our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name, Amen.  
*Pastor Sorenson*

### ~~~~~*Recipe* - Mashed Potato Casserole~~~~~

#### **...What You'll Need:**

- 4 pounds potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup French-fried onions

#### **What To Do:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 2-quart casserole dish with cooking spray.  
Place potatoes in a soup pot, add just enough water to cover them, and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium and cook 15 to 20 minutes or until fork-tender; drain.  
In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat potatoes and cream cheese until smooth. Add onion, eggs, flour, salt, and pepper, and continue to beat until well blended. Spoon into casserole dish.  
Bake 30 minutes, sprinkle with French-fried onions, and cook 5 to 10 more minutes or until heated through and golden

### **A Little Humor**

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."