



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 12th, 2018

Dates to Remember

14 Apr	Church Work Day	09:00AM
15 Apr	Board Meeting	11:30AM
28 Apr	Martin’s 50th Anniversary	4:00PM
6 May	Blueberry Bonanza Coffee Hr	11:30AM
8 May	LWML Meeting	10:00AM
8 May	Elders’ Meeting	07:00PM
12 May	Church Work Day	09:00AM
13 May	LWML Mother’s Day	10:15AM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY -

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

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HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY -

18th Russ & Linda Goheen
 27th Paul & Shari Martin

Serve the Lord 2018

DATE	15-Apr	22-Apr	29-Apr
GREETERS	Phil/Rita McWhorter	Phil/Rita McWhorter	Phil/Rita McWhorter
USHERS	Dennis/Juanita Fox	Dennis/Juanita Fox	Dennis/Juanita Fox
HOST - HOSTESS	Mark/Tina Sunday	D. Kuntz/M. Denniston	Flo Bellhorn/Jan Brown
ALTAR CARE	*see Linda Richardson	*see Linda Richardson	*see Linda Richardson
COMMUNION / ELDER	Mike Shinabarger	Mike Shinabarger	Mike Shinabarger
READER	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** –
- **Those in care facilities** –
- **Those recovering** – Anne Siatkowski, Melanie Crutcher, Phil McWhorter, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, Steve Pano, Shari Martin, Maggie McLaughlin, Andy Sorenson, Cindy Crutchfield
- **Those Undergoing Treatment:** Janice Tyma, Lou Fairchild, Svana Jonsson, Tony Ellis, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauf
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:**
- **Grieving families** – Fryer-Hendricks (husband), 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, Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria, Those affected by the school shooting. Safe travels to our winter visitors heading back home.
- **Celebrations** – Zone LWML Rally hosted by Faith last Saturday was successful with 48 attending

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-Thumbers* will plant them in the garden. A donation box is in the mailroom.

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

Thrivent Day At The Races Local Thrivent Members can join the racing event on Friday April 20th, in the Clubhouse. Thrivent will be hosting clients and their guests. See the mailroom for details.

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

Readings

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (15 April 2018)

Acts 3:11–21, 1 John 3:1–7, Luke 24:36–49

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples *“that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead”* and *“that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations”* (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that *“God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets”* (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they *“delivered over and denied”* this Lord Jesus and *“killed the Author of life.”* Yet God *“glorified his servant Jesus”* and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their *“sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord”* (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that *“we should be called children of God; and so we are”* (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even *“as he is pure,”* because *“he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:3, 5).

Pastor’s Corner

“Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.”

(Acts 4:32)

Dear friends, I am often asked about Stewardship, giving, and what types of campaigns I like to run throughout the year. My answer is: “I don’t.” Previous congregational presidents and treasurers have shuddered at that answer-- “Pastor, how do you think your salary will be paid if you don’t emphasize stewardship?” My belief is that the members of a congregation give not because I twist their arms with cleverly delivered campaigns, but because they love Jesus, and because they love their neighbors and want them to hear the same message of hope and peace just as they have.

There is a mistaken belief among some Christians that the Church would not survive without them. They feel that their giving, volunteering, preaching/witnessing, or their attendance, is vital to the survival of the Church. The reality, however, is that God doesn’t need your money, time, or talent! First, all that you have is a gift from God! Secondly, and more importantly, God’s Church survives because it’s sustained by His Holy Spirit. Maoist China, the Soviet Union, and other man-made entities have tried to starve the Church of money and bleed it of saints, and the Church only grows.

The saints of the early Church, in Acts 4:32 above, gave not because they were under the law, or being taxed—not because the Apostles cajoled them into coughing up money for a building campaign or to meet payroll. These early Christians gave because it brought them great joy, they counted it a privilege to be able to participate in the Lord’s mission and the growth of the Church.

God entrusts you and I with the keys to the kingdom—to teaching and preaching in His name, with the faithful administration of the sacraments, and with making new disciples, because He loves us and

He knows such work is a privileged and a blessing for us. He wants you to know the joy of salvation, and He wants you to know the joy of seeing your fellow man saved as well.

In the short period of time I have had the privilege to serve as your Pastor, I have found Faith to be a very generous and loving congregation. Last fall you voted to increase the budget spending. Through the first quarter of 2018 I am pleased to say that we are on track to meet our budget. One of the goals of the Board of Directors is to show that the money that you've entrusted to Faith Lutheran for the building of the Lord's kingdom is being used wisely.

Part of using your money wisely includes some transparency. There are some areas of the budget where we have gone over projections – a busted sprinkler head contributed to higher water bills in January; and our new bulletin format has increased copier expenses. Another category that is higher is our charitable giving/tithing. Because your giving has increased, and due to some generous gifts, we have been able to send more money to local charities, the District, and the Seminaries. Our Wednesday and Sunday Bible Studies, LWML, and other donors, have helped out a missionary from the Dominican Republic, and a local vicar facing financial challenges.

Our world, now as much as ever, is in desperate need of hearing the gospel. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure continue to make that possible. The Lord blessed Abraham, and through him all nations were blessed. The Lord has blessed you, in your own unique way, that you too may be a blessing to others. Thank you for your support and partnership in our Lord's mission. I pray that through your efforts all people may know that they are forgiven and loved in Christ Jesus. In His name, Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

~~~~~**Recipe - Root Beer Chicken**~~~~~

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

- 1 (3- to 3-1/2-pound) chicken, cut into 8 pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup root beer
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder

**What To Do:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9- x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place chicken pieces in baking dish; season with salt and pepper.

Bake 45 to 50 minutes, or until no pink remains in chicken and juices run clear.

In a medium saucepan, combine remaining ingredients; mix well and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 20 minutes, or until sauce is reduced by half.

Preheat grill to medium heat. Coat chicken with sauce and grill 5 minutes per side, basting frequently with sauce. Bring remaining sauce to a boil, then serve with chicken.

## A Little Humor

A funeral service is being held in a church for a woman who has just passed away. At the end of the service, the pallbearers carrying the casket accidentally bump into a wall jarring the casket. They hear a faint moan. They open the casket and find that the woman is actually alive. She lives for 10 more years and then dies. A ceremony is again held at the same church and at the end the pallbearers are again carrying the casket out. As they are walking, the husband calls out, "Watch out for the wall!"

## Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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| 1 Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!<br>To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!<br>Christ, while to mortals given, Alleluia!<br>Reascends his native heav'n. Alleluia!          | 4 See he lifts his hands above. Alleluia!<br>See, he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!<br>Hark, his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!<br>Blessings on his church below. Alleluia! |
| 2 There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!<br>Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!<br>He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!<br>Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!          | 5 Still for us he intercedes, Alleluia!<br>His prevailing death he pleads, Alleluia!<br>Near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!<br>He the firstfruits of our race. Alleluia!   |
| 3 Highest heav'n its Lord receives, Alleluia!<br>Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!<br>Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!<br>Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia! | 6 There we shall with him remain, Alleluia!<br>Partners of his endless reign; Alleluia!<br>There his face unclouded see, Alleluia!<br>Live with him eternally. Alleluia!          |