



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 19th, 2018

Dates to Remember

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 -

21st Charles Wright
 25th Dick Laabs
 26th Flo Bellhorn

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HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY -

27th Paul & Shari Martin

Serve the Lord 2018

DATE	22-Apr	29-Apr
GREETERS	Phil/Rita McWhorter	Phil/Rita McWhorter
USHERS	Dennis/Juanita Fox	Dennis/Juanita Fox
HOST - HOSTESS	D. Kuntz/M. Denniston	Flo Bellhorn/Jan Brown
ALTAR CARE	*see Linda Richardson	*see Linda Richardson
COMMUNION / ELDER	Mike Shinabarger	Mike Shinabarger
READER	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:** Irene Keller, Janice Tyma, Lou Fairchild, Svana Jonsson, Tony Ellis, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauff
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:**
- **Grieving families** – Fryer-Hendricks (husband), Pate Family (Whitney's father)
- **Special requests** – Anne & Dale Koster (NY Trip), 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!

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (22 April 2018)

Acts 4:1–12, 1 John 3:16–24, John 10:11–18

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is “*the good shepherd*” who “*lays down his life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

Pastor’s Corner

“*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*”

(Psalm 23:1)

Dear friends, this coming Sunday is known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. It’s a time to focus on one of the roles both Scripture, and Christ himself, gives to our Savior, that of a Shepherd—in this case a good one. But today I want to focus on the corollary to Christ’s analogy. If Christ is the Good Shepherd, then the believer is a sheep.

Martin Luther had a few things to say about our role as God’s sheep:

A sheep must live entirely by its shepherd’s help, protection, and care. As soon as it loses him, it is surrounded by all kinds of dangers and must perish, for it is quite unable to help itself. The reason? It is a poor, weak, simple little beast that can neither feed nor rule itself, nor find the right way, nor protect itself against any kind of danger or misfortune. Moreover, it is by nature timid, shy, and likely to go astray. When it does go a bit astray and leaves its shepherd, it is unable to find its way back to him; indeed, it merely runs farther away from him. Though it may find other shepherds and sheep, that does not help it, for it does not know the voices of strange shepherds. Therefore, it flees them and strays about until the wolf seizes it or it perishes some other way.

Still, however weak and small an animal a sheep may be, it nevertheless has this trait about it: it is very careful to stay near its shepherd, take comfort in his help and protection, and follow him however and wherever he may lead it. And if it can only so much as be near him, it worries about nothing, fears no one, and is secure and happy; for it lacks absolutely nothing. It also has this virtue—and this is to be marked well, because Christ praises it especially in His sheep (John 10:4)—that it very carefully and surely hears and knows its shepherd’s voice, is guided by it, does not let itself be turned away from it, but follows it without swerving. On the other hand, it pays no attention at all to the voices of strange shepherds. Though they may tempt and lure it in the most friendly manner, it does not heed them, much less does it follow them. (Martin Luther, , [Luther’s Works, Vol. 12: Selected Psalms I](#), Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, vol. 12 (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999), 153.)

At times it's easy to look at the second half of Psalm 23:1 and think, "But I do want!" There's a lot of things that I want that the Lord doesn't provide. I want peace, and yet each evening I am serenaded not by the tree frogs, but the wails of ambulances headed down Curlew Rd. Each siren represents a case where someone is experiencing the effect of sin in this world and is in need of healing—both physical and spiritual. The sirens tempt me to doubt God—to not only wonder where He is amid the sufferings of this world, but why I, and so many others, are still wanting.

However, as Luther says, "Let the devil, the world, or my own conscience oppose me as violently as they may. I will not for that reason grieve myself to death. It must be so and it shall be so, that whoever is the Lord's sheep will surely be assailed by the wolves. Be it with me as it may, let them boil or roast me, it shall be my comfort that my Shepherd has given His life for me." And because He gave His life and rose again on Easter, so too shall I, and all believers, rise again in the resurrection. As His sheep, all who believe now have eternal life, and neither the world, nor doubts, and not even Satan himself can take that from them. That is a peace beyond all understanding. In His name, Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

~~~~~**Recipe - Old-Fashioned Chicken**~~~~~

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

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 pounds chicken thighs or drumsticks (about 8 pieces)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (14-ounce) can cannellini beans, drained (See Note)
- 2 (15-ounce) cans whole potatoes, drained and cut in half
- 1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons dried tarragon
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper

**What To Do:**

In a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat, heat oil. Sprinkle salt over chicken and cook 10 minutes, or until browned on each side, turning halfway through cooking.

Add onion and saute about 2 minutes. Add remaining ingredients to chicken; mix well.

Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low and simmer 30 minutes, or until chicken is tender and cooked through

**A Little Humor**

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.