



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 May 3rd, 2018

Dates to Remember

6 May Blueberry Bonanza Coffee Hr 11:30AM
 8 May LWML Lunch at “D--Town” 11:30AM
 8 May Elders’ Meeting 07:00PM
 12 May Church Work Day 09:00AM
 13 May LWML Mother’s Day 10:15AM
 27 May Board Meeting 11:30AM
 28 May Memorial Day Office Closed

HAPPY BIRTHDAY -

1st Eric Lackey
 3rd Steven Arsenault
 3rd Andy Sorenson
 7th Polly Dodson
 9th Shirley Davis
 10th Whitney Kiehn
 28th Eldon Hardenburg
 28th Rebecca Martin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY -

17th Mark & Tina Sunday

Serving the Lord - 2018

| DATE | 6-May | 13-May | 20-May | 27-May |
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| GREETERS | Glenda Shinabarger | Glenda S. | Glenda S. | Glenda S. |
| USHERS | George & Ann Klemaier | George & Ann K. | George & Ann K. | George & Ann K. |
| HOST - HOSTESS | <i>Joy/Anne - Blueberry Bon.</i> | Flo Bellhorn | Mark/Tina Sunday | Dorothy K./Mike D. |
| ALTAR CARE | Wilma Lehto, Tina Sunday | Wilma & Tina | Wilma & Tina | Wilma & Tina |
| COMMUNION ELDER | Paul Martin | Paul Martin | Paul Martin | Paul Martin |
| READER | Doris Watters | Noreen Whelehan | Micah Prewitt | Jen-Nett MacLean |

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, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, 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 –** Glenda Shinabarger The Kramer Family, Ed & Cindy Crutchfield, 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, Safe travels to our winter visitors heading back home.
- **Celebrations –** Congratulations to Paul and Shari on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Servant Notes

Faith LWML Society meets the second Tuesdays of the month. **May 8** is our last meeting until Fall. We are going **out to lunch at the "D--Town" at 11:30am** for our meeting (if there is no new business, there won't be a meeting.) **All Faith Women and their drivers are encouraged to attend.** The sign-up sheet with directions is on the board, the deadline is May 6; late comers, call Flo Bellhorn. Questions: see Rita, Dorothy, or Sue

Faith Sewing Club donated 70 baby quilts, 7 vests, 4 vest & bootie sets, 58 hats, 200 pairs of booties and 20 diaper bags to the Kimberly Home Pregnancy Center and the Bay Area Pregnancy Center. Thank you to all who helped out year round with these projects.

Easter Lilies - Thank you to those who donated bulbs. The Green Thumbers planted 27 bulbs in Edi's Garden. It's not too late to bring bulbs in. There's still a container in the mailroom. Thank you!

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (6 May 2018)

Acts 10:34–48, 1 John 5:1–8, John 15:9–17

The Lord Jesus Is with His Church in the Apostolic Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus is with His Church through the word of His apostles, who “*are witnesses of all that he did.*” He was anointed by God “*with the Holy Spirit and with power,*” and “*he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*” and so He was with those whom He sent “*to preach to the people*” (Acts 10:38–42). The Holy Spirit is bestowed on those who hear that apostolic preaching, who are “*baptized in the name of Jesus Christ,*” so that “*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*” (Acts 10:43–44, 48). For as He came by the water of His Baptism, even to the blood of His Passion, so the Spirit testifies to the truth with “*the water and the blood*” in the apostolic ministry of the Gospel (1 John 5:6–7). By these means, Christ Jesus speaks to us, that His joy may be in us and that our “*joy may be full.*” For this purpose, He appointed the apostles to “*go and bear fruit*” in order to make known His divine friendship to us (John 15:11, 15–16).

Pastor’s Corner

“All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.”

(Psalm 98:3)

Dear friends, one of the promises that excites Christians of every age is experiencing the salvation of the Lord—most often thought of in terms of their last day when they join Jesus in heaven. Psalm 98 tells us, though, that salvation is not a future event, but something the believer can enjoy today; right now!

The psalmist encourages you to think as if you were already in heaven, standing before the throne of God, because, in reality the resurrection of Christ has guaranteed that all who believe shall do so. As a child of God this is your inheritance, and so, even as you live your life on earth you do so in the knowledge that you are saved—forgiven and loved by Christ. Luther had some interesting observations on this text:

In the Scriptures “seeing,” as distinct from “understanding,” is taken for external sight. So it should be taken here too. For all the ends of the land of Judea truly saw Christ in the flesh, as also John the Baptist, citing Is. 40:5, says: “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (Luke 3:6)”

Hence the passages “In the morning I will stand before Thee and see” in Ps. 5:3 and “I will behold Thy heavens, the works of Thy fingers” in Ps. 8:3 and “that I might see Thy power and glory” in Ps. 63:2 should likewise be taken in the sense of physical sight.

(Martin Luther, *Luther’s Works, Vol. 11: First Lectures on the Psalms II: Psalms 76-126, 272.*)

The psalmist and Luther describe the beauty of living life in God’s kingdom. Each day, as you awake, you have the opportunity to stand before the Lord and offer a sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, and see the Lord at work in your life. You can step outside and see the beauty of the sky, the trees, flowers, ocean, and life itself. You have the freedom to open Scripture, to come to His house and worship, and the gather in His body—the Church, and to feel His love firsthand—to see God and His salvation.

You know the joy that seeing the salvation of the Lord has brought to your own life—even if you don’t always allow it to permeate your life each day. You have seen it; experienced it; and know where to

find it. More than that though, you are called to share it; to share His love so that others too might know this joy.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of the Lord, for Christ has died for all. The Gospel has traveled the world, yet not all believe, not all know the joy of salvation. They may believe they are too evil to be loved by God. They may believe that Yahweh is not worthy of their love—that He's taken too much from them, or let them down in some fashion. Or, they may believe that joy and love can be found elsewhere. No matter the reason, as God's children—those who love Him—we are called to love others, even those who doubt and disbelieve.

There is no greater love than seeing a person pulled back from eternal destruction by the power of the Holy Spirit, working through God's Word, spoken by a faithful child of God. You have received a tremendous blessing—seeing God's salvation, each day—a blessing that is meant to be shared.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

~~~~~**Recipe – Vegetable Cheese Bake**~~~~~

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

1/4 cup vegetable oil  
2 medium-sized baking potatoes, peeled and cubed  
1 medium-sized zucchini, cut into 1/4 -inch slices (about 4 cups)  
1 large onion, quartered and cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
2 medium-sized green bell peppers, cut into 1/2-inch slices  
1/2 pound mushrooms, cut into 1/2-inch slices (about 3-1/2 cups)  
3 garlic cloves, minced  
4 cups (16 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese for topping  
1 1/2 cups mild barbecue sauce  
1/2 cup Burgundy wine  
1/2 cup water  
1 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

**What To Do:**

In a large skillet, heat oil until moderately hot; saute potatoes, zucchini, onion, green peppers, mushrooms, and garlic for 3 to 5 minutes; set aside.

In a large saucepan, combine the remaining ingredients, except mozzarella cheese, and simmer for 10 minutes. Add sauteed vegetables to sauce and simmer for another 10 minutes; keep warm.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Spoon vegetable/sauce mixture into a 9- X 13-inch glass baking dish and sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.

Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and lightly golden.

**A Little Humor**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. -- George Burns

**Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

*1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!*

*3 My own good works availed me naught,  
No merit they attaining;  
My will against God's judgment fought,  
No hope for me remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left naught but death to be my share  
And hell to be my sentence.*

*2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
Yet deep and deeper still I fell;  
Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.*

*4 But God beheld my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of his mercies great,  
He planned my soul's salvation.  
A Father's heart he turned to me,  
Sought my redemption fervently;  
He gave his dearest treasure.*