



**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Dates to Remember**

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 -**

10th Whitney Kiehn  
28th Eldon Hardenburg  
28th Rebecca Martin

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY -**

17th Mark & Tina Sunday

**Serving the Lord - 2018**

DATE	13-May	20-May	27-May
<b>GREETERS</b>	Glenda S.	Glenda S.	Glenda S.
<b>USHERS</b>	George & Ann K.	George & Ann K.	George & Ann K.
<b>HOST - HOSTESS</b>	Flo Bellhorn	Mark/Tina Sunday	Dorothy K./Mike D.
<b>ALTAR CARE</b>	Wilma & Tina	Wilma & Tina	Wilma & Tina
<b>COMMUNION ELDER</b>	Paul Martin	Paul Martin	Paul Martin
<b>READER</b>	Noreen Whelehan	Micah Prewitt	Jen-Nett MacLean

**Directory Update:** Polly Dodson (email: PollyPDodson@gmail.com)

## 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 Weinkauf
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:**
- **Grieving families –** Fryer-Hendricks (husband), Pate Family (Whitney's father)
- **Special requests –** Al Lentz, Glenda Shinabarger 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 –**

## Servant Notes

**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.

**Magazine Move** - We've moved the church related magazines to a shelf in the Book Library. Please feel free to take one or more home. No need to check them out!

**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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (13 May 2018)

Acts 1:12–26, 1 John 5:9–15, John 17:11b–19

### ***Our Great High Priest Preserves Us in the Name of His Father***

On the eve of His Passion, Christ Jesus intercedes for the disciples as their merciful and great High Priest. He prays that His Father would protect them *“from the evil one”* and preserve them in His name (John 17:11–12, 15). Along with His prayer, Christ Himself comes to the Father by His self-sacrifice upon the cross, thereby consecrating Himself for the sake of His disciples, *“that they also may be sanctified in truth”* (John 17:19). To that same end, He speaks to them in the world and gives them His Father’s Word, that is, Himself. His apostles, in turn, have written these things *“to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life”* (1 John 5:13). For *“this life is in his Son,”* whom He has given by His Word, and *“whoever has the Son has life”* (1 John 5:11–12). By this apostolic testimony, disciples are gathered together *“with one accord,”* as one Body in Christ, *“devoting themselves to prayer”* and waiting upon the Lord in *“the upper room”* of His Church on earth (Acts 1:13–14).

### **Pastor’s Corner**

“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.”

(Psalm 1:1, 6)

Dear friends, the use of the phrase “Fake News” has become vogue in our national culture in recent years. It’s meant to call attention to opinion masquerading as fact in news reports, or outright fabrications. As with many things, this phrase is this generation’s attempt to re-brand an ages old phenomenon. In the past it was called “propaganda”. In the Church it is called heresy.

The news media appears enamored with publishing heresy. In 2006 National Public Radio ran with the story of the discovery of the “Gospel of Judas”. The breathless reporting stated that Jesus asked Judas to betray him in order that prophecy would be fulfilled—Judas, then, was a hero not a villain. This wasn’t breaking news, however, the papyrus for this “discovery” was found and discredited back in 1970. The origin of the heresy was even older, coming about as part of the Gnostic heresies that originated in the early Church.

For those not familiar with this heresy, Gnostics believe that you must obtain knowledge of the divine through human wisdom and observation, and through special knowledge revealed by divine messengers. The human experience will reveal truth. Further, humans are both body and spirit, but the body is evil and will perish, while the spirit, can be restored to God through knowledge.

If you are confused by the above, you are not alone. Gnosticism has taken many forms and shapes, and has existed since the foundation of the Church. St. John writes against it in his letters to the Church—for it denies that Jesus was God incarnate, as well as His resurrection in the flesh. John warns believers to test the spirits, for many lying spirits have come into the world. These spirits are the source of “Fake news” concerning salvation.

I’ve grown accustomed, you might even say “calloused” to the news reports that come out each year regarding the demise of Christianity, the discovery of Christ’s body, and other such stories. They crop up around Easter because Satan wants to distract God’s people from the truth revealed in the

resurrection of Jesus Christ—that He is God, and that His resurrection foreshadows their own rebirth of body and soul.

In these last days the enemy will come at you with lies and deceptions based upon human wisdom. Don't fall for it! "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked..." writes our psalmist. You are blessed when you read God's Word, pray to your Savior, worship Him, and walk with your brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord knows the way of the righteous, for it is the way of life revealed to us in His Word. All other ways will perish. German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote,

It is a great comfort which Christ gives to his church: you confess, preach, bear witness to me and I alone will build where it pleases me. Do not meddle in what is my province. Do what is given to you to do well and you have done enough. But do it well. Pay not heed to views and opinions. Don't ask for judgments. Don't always be calculating what will happen. Don't always be on the lookout for another refuge! Church, stay a church! But church, confess, confess, confess! Christ alone is your Lord; from his grace alone can you live as you are. Christ builds.

Bonhoeffer is right, the Church is called to confess, preach, and bear witness to God alone, and He will take care of the rest. The Christian must stay firmly grounded in God's word in order to confess, preach, and bear witness rightly—to walk in the way of righteousness. This path alone brings peace and joy, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Pastor Sorenson*

~~~~~**Recipe – Spinach Dip Chicken**~~~~~

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

- 4 frozen boneless, skinless chicken breasts, thawed
- 1 (8-ounce) package reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 (10-ounce) box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry

**What To Do:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray. Place chicken in prepared baking dish and set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine remaining ingredients and mix well. Evenly spread spinach mixture over chicken.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in center. Serve immediately.

**Notes**

No time to thaw the chicken? No problem! Just use it frozen and bake 45 to 50 minutes.

**A Little Humor**

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom she turned into a pillar of salt, when Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

**Close to Thee**

1. Thou my everlasting portion,  
more than friend or life to me,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.  
*(Refrain)*

**Refrain:**  
Close to thee, close to thee,  
close to thee, close to thee,  
all along my pilgrim journey,  
Savior, let me walk with thee.

2. Not for ease or worldly pleasure,  
nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
gladly will I toil and suffer,  
only let me walk with thee.  
*(Refrain)*

3. Lead me through the vale of shadows,  
bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
then the gate of life eternal  
may I enter, Lord, with thee.  
*(Refrain)*