



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 / 6:30PM

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

Faith Lutheran Weekly for August 23rd, 2018

Dates to Remember

26 August	Board Meeting	11:30AM
1 September	Closet/Storage Mtg.	Noon
3 September	Labor Day	Office Closed
08 September	Church Work Day	09:00AM
11 September	LWML Meeting	10:00AM
11 September	Elders’ Meeting	07:00PM
16 September	Board Meeting	11:30AM
18 September	Dunedin Youth Guild	06:00PM
21 September	Movie Night	TBA

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY	HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY
August 29 Carter Kiehn	Richard & Dorothy Laabs August 30
August 29 Marlene Sams	

Serving the Lord – 2018

DATE	26-Aug	2-Sep
GREETERS	Carol Lentz	Phil & Rita McWhorter
USHERS	George & Ann	*See Mike Shinabarger
HOST - HOSTESS	Dorothy K./Mike D.	Mike & Laura Denniston
ALTAR CARE	Shari M. & Tina S.	Wilma Lehto, Linda Richardson
COMMUNION ELDER	Carl Belknap	Mike Shinabarger
READER	Jen-Nett MacLean	Doris Watters

Prayer List

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

- **Those hospitalized** – Mike Shinabarger,
- **Those in care facilities** –
- **Those recovering** – Barb Treubig, Amanda & Ray Uliano, Paul & Shari Martin, Freda Steinke, James Watters, Tony Ellis, Anne Siatkowski, Melanie Crutcher, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, Maggie McLaughlin, Cindy Crutchfield
- **Those Undergoing Treatment:** Chuck Jaki, Bob Weinkauff, Shari Martin, Irene Keller, Jeff Beck
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:** Jeff Bellhorn, Charles Wright
- **Grieving families** – Fairchild (Lou, Mary Kolb's brother),
- **Special requests** – Norman Stophel, Gail Batistoni, Faye Kardkasilis, 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, Pray for fire victims throughout the country
- **Celebrations** –. John Wood has just had a successful hip replacement.

Servant Notes

The Kimberly Home is celebrating 35 years of service at our annual gala and “Birthday Bash” Join us for an evening of food, music, and tons of fun! ~ **Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 6:30PM** at Nielsen Media Headquarters in Oldsmar, FL **Call 727-443-0471 or email info@kimberlyhome.org, for more information RSVP by September 15!**



Calendars, Notepads, Christmas Cards – It's the time of year when members receive and bring in calendars, notepads, cards sent by charities. 2019 calendars will be in the mailroom table, 2nd shelf. Last year, we had so many that some will now be given out at the lemonade stand for Dunedin Cares. Please leave your calendars, note pads, free cards, etc., with Joy or Anne. This project is different from Elda's after-Christmas used card collection. Any cards not given out will go to Elda. Thank you!

Activities! On Wed. Dec 5th at 1:30 the choir will join the Happy Tappers for a Christmas Show / Caroling at Cross Terrace Rehab center on San Christopher. The Happy Tappers Dance Club is led by Nellie Kellogg. Questions? Contact Noreen Whelehan.

Family Day - Sat, Jan. 12th, 2019. The sewing club will host a design your own quilt followed by a make your own pizza. From 10:30-11:30, the kids can put together a quilt that will be donated to a local pregnancy center. Then we'll bake pizzas and enjoy lunch together. All kids, parents and grandparents are welcome! Questions? Ask Joy Petersen.

Sept. 13 - **The Favorite movie in New Port Richey.** We'll gather at Oasis Coffee Spot at 5:00 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. Join us for dinner and an action team before the movie.

More info

Sept. 15 - **St. Jude Walk/Run at Amalie Arena.** Thrivent members, their family and friends are

invited to participate in the inspiring 5K event that helps raise funds to support the lifesaving mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®. Interested in participating with Thrivent? Use the code "THRIVENT" to register for free! [More info](#)

Oct. 4 - Special Event - Your Retirement: How to Take Control Today. We are hosting an event with national financial expert and author Tom Hegna, president of www.TomHegna.com. Hosted by the Thrivent Member Network - Florida & Georgia Region.

Hegna is the author of Don't Worry, Retire Happy!, a guide to straightforward retirement planning for uncertain times. He'll offer insights to help you prepare for a secure and fulfilling retirement.

It's all part of our mission to help build individual contentment and confidence, along with communities that thrive. [RSVP here](#)

- Breakfast at Vinoy Renaissance Resort & Golf Club
- Lunch at Feather Sound Country Club
- Dinner at Dunedin Golf Club

October 25 - Annual Member Celebration on Yacht Starship II. Join us for an evening celebration with fellow Thrivent members. This meeting is brought to you by your Thrivent Member Network - Florida & Georgia Region.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 16B) (26 August 2018)

Isaiah 29:11–19, Ephesians 5:22–33, Mark 7:1–13

The True Tradition of the Church Is the Ministry of the Gospel of Christ Jesus, Her Savior

The true tradition of the Church is the Gospel, which is the preaching and administration of Christ Jesus. Other traditions, although not commanded by God, may serve and support that sacred tradition of the Gospel. But the Church dare not "[reject] the commandment of God" in order to establish or hold to "the tradition of men" (Mark 7:8–9). Sinful people attempt to draw near to the Lord "with their mouth" and to honor Him "with their lips," while their hearts are far removed from Him (Is. 29:13). Yet, He is "the Holy One of Israel," who brings about salvation by His cross. Therefore, "the wisdom of their wise men shall perish," but "the deaf shall hear" and "the eyes of the blind shall see" (Is. 29:14–19). This mystery of Christ is profound, for He is the husband of the Church, and He is her Savior. Not because of any works that she has done, but solely for the sake of His great love, He "gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word" (Eph. 5:25–26).

Pastor's Corner

"The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God." (Psalm 14:2)

Dear friends, do you still seek after God? No, I'm not engaged in "crazy-talk" or being rhetorical, and yes, I understand that Lutherans do not believe in "Decision Theology", that's not what I'm asking. I certainly believe that God found and chose me, saving me through faith imparted by His Word, through His grace alone, and not by any work of my own. Yet, the Christian life does not end there, no that is but the beginning.

You each know a person who was baptized as a youth and yet does not now believe. You may have friends or family who were not only baptized, but attended Sunday School, Church, were confirmed, and now no longer believe. There are probably those who even know life-long Christians who suffered an enormous personal tragedy in their life, one that shook their faith to its very foundations, who has now fallen away from the Church. The Christian life is more than simply being given faith, it also entails feeding or nourishing the faith.

I had a beautiful 14 year-old girl at a previous congregation who wanted to be baptized. I asked her what her parents thought. She replied that her parents warned her if she was baptized they would never allow her to go to church again! (She came with her aunt.) In such a case, it was better for her to continue coming to church, being fed the Word of God, attending Sunday School, than to be baptized and then cut off entirely. This is an extreme example, most Christians who fall away are not forcefully cut off from the Church but do so gradually.

Falling away from Church isn't like falling from an airplane, or off a cliff; it's not a sudden event. It takes place over time—you decide not to attend on a regular basis due to work, fatigue, not liking the music, the pastor, the guy who always talks to you before the service, or any number of other factors. You stop attending a Bible Study class because you have no time, or always get confused on certain topics. You stop reading the Bible on your own because there's a really good show on TV, or you have a new novel you need to finish. Eventually, you just stop, you get out of the practice or habit of going to Church and hearing God's Word.

Do you still seek after God? Do you still hunger for the truth found in Scripture? Do you still yearn to hear His voice? Then seek Him where He is to be found—in the Bible, in the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, in the words of the sermon, the hymns, and the prayers of the Church, and in the Body of Christ—your fellow believers. This is where and how God chooses to be found today.

There are all sorts of people selling you wisdom—doctors, politicians, sales people, authors, columnists, talk show hosts, and even pastors! There is only one source of true Wisdom and it's found in God's Word. If any of the aforementioned people are selling you wisdom that differs from that found in the pages of Scripture then do yourself a favor and run from them. But, in order for you to properly discern the "wheat and the chaff" you have to know God's Word yourself. You need to continually seek after God.

Our psalm ends on a glad note, "Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad." (Ps. 14:7) The world is a troubling place and you will have your share. The Lord, though, will restore your fortunes with those of all His people, and in that day you will rejoice and be glad. Until then, continue seeking Him while He may be found. In Jesus' name. Amen.

p.s. - Thank you for the wonderful time off. I was able to have a very enjoyable visit with my son, Jake, in MS. It's my sincere hope, now that my health is improving, to be able to enjoy visiting with more of you in this coming year!

~~~~~Recipe - Roast Chicken & Sweet Potatoes~~~~~

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

- 2 tablespoons whole-grain or Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme or 2 teaspoons dried
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper, divided
- 1½-2 pounds bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1-inch wedges

**...What to Do:**

Position rack in lower third of oven; preheat to 450°F. Place a large rimmed baking sheet in the oven to preheat.

Combine mustard, thyme, 1 tablespoon oil and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper in a small bowl; spread the mixture evenly on chicken.

Toss sweet potatoes and onion in a bowl with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil and ¼ teaspoon each salt and pepper. Carefully remove the baking sheet from the oven and spread the vegetables on it. Place the chicken on top of the vegetables.

Return the pan to the oven and roast, stirring the vegetables once halfway through, until the vegetables are tender and beginning to brown and an instant-read thermometer inserted into a chicken thigh registers 165°F, 30 to 35 minutes.

**A Little Humor – Questions**

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| 1. What time of day was Adam created?<br>Just a little before Eve.                         | 4. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?<br>Because Noah was always standing on the deck |
| 2. Who was the fastest runner in the race?<br>Adam. He was first in the human race.        | 5. Why didn't Noah ever go fishing?<br>He only had two worms.                             |
| 3. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?<br>He just knew there was something fishy about it. |                                                                                           |

**We Believe in One True God**

We believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
ever present help in need,  
praised by all the heavenly host;  
by whose mighty power alone  
all is made and wrought and done.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's Son,  
who descended from his throne  
and for us salvation won;  
by whose cross and death are we  
rescued from sin's misery.

*God wants us to know joy and fulfillment. Sing in gladness. Alleluia!*