



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Divine Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday School / Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	9:15 a.m.
Wednesday Choir Practice	10:45 a.m. / 6:30 p.m.

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

Faith Lutheran Weekly for September 20th, 2018

Dates to Remember

21 September	Movie Night	06:30 p.m.
23 September	Board Meeting	11:30 a.m.
09 October	LWML Meeting	10:00 a.m.
09 October	Elders’ Meeting	07:00 p.m.
13 October	Church Work Day	09:00 a.m.
16 October	Dunedin Youth Guild	06:00 p.m.
21 October	LWML Sunday	10:15 a.m.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY

September 20 Brent Duesenberg
 September 22 Letty Spoolstra

September 29 Charles Jaki

No anniversaries in September

Serving the Lord – 2018

DATE	23-Sep	30-Sep
GREETERS	Phil & Rita M.	Phil & Rita M.
USHERS	*See George K.	*See George K.
HOST - HOSTESS	Dorothy /Janice T.	Flo B. & Jan B.
ALTAR CARE	Wilma & Linda	Wilma & Linda
COMM./ ELDER	*See Carl B.	*See Carl B.
READER	Jen-Nett MacLean	Susan Laeder

Prayer List

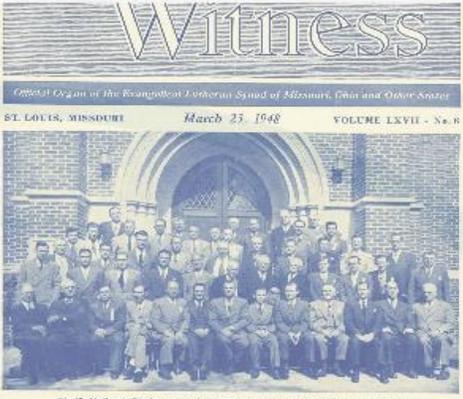
*Names will be kept on the printed prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested

- **Those hospitalized** – Paul Martin
- **Those in care facilities** – Bob Weinkauff,
- **Those recovering** – Mike Shinabarger, Judy Davis-Forsong, Julie Easterday, Amanda & Ray Uliano, Shari Martin, James Watters, Tony Ellis, Anne Siatkowski, Melanie Crutcher, Letty Spoolstra, Sue Laeder, Ruth Rauch, Cindy Crutchfield
- **Those Undergoing Treatment:** Shari Martin, Irene Keller, Jeff Beck
- **Those Awaiting Surgery:** Paul Bellhorn, Maggie McLaughlin, Dale Koster, Jeff Bellhorn, Charles Wright
- **Grieving families** –
- **Special requests** – Anne Koster, Sandy Stange, Norman Stophel, Gail Batistoni, Faye Kardkasilis, Al Lentz, Glenda Shinabarger Ed & Cindy Crutchfield, Charles & Eva 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,
- **Celebrations** –

Servant Notes

No Sunday School this Sunday – due to illness. Regular classes will resume next week.

Movie Night, Friday September 21st Join us for the Movie, *I Can Only Imagine*, starring Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins. 6:30 p.m. fellowship, movie at 7:00 p.m.



The image shows the cover of the 'Witness' magazine. The title 'Witness' is at the top in a large, stylized font. Below it, the text reads 'Official Organ of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States'. The cover features a black and white photograph of a large group of people, likely a church congregation, standing in front of a building with a large arched doorway. The text on the cover includes 'ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI', 'March 25, 1948', and 'VOLUME LXVII - No. 8'.

**It's Time...
Our God is calling us
to make a difference.**

Did you know that The Florida Georgia District was formed 70 years ago with less than 30 congregations? Today your church is part of the 200 congregations that comprise the Florida-Georgia District. Now, just imagine 50 new locations where Jesus and the news of salvation can be proclaimed!

That is the goal that has been set, to start 10 new missions (2 in each of the 5 District Regions) each year for the next 5 years.

You will have the opportunity, starting in November, to help achieve this goal. More information about how you can make a difference will be coming soon!



The logo features a stylized tree with a blue trunk and branches. The leaves are represented by colorful hearts in shades of red, orange, and blue. To the right of the tree, the text reads 'CHOSEN WITH PURPOSE ABIDING IN JESUS' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the tree, the word 'floridageorgia' is written in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

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!

LCMS.Lutheran Intentional Village of Upper Pinellas--(LIV-UP) - A new plan to help seniors "age in place", in their own home and community is now accepting Volunteers and Members. LIV-UP is planned on the concept of neighbor helping neighbor. It joins more than 200 "virtual villages" around the country that provide a helping hand to seniors living independently. Services offered will include changing light bulbs and smoke alarm batteries, driving to the grocery store or beauty parlor, periodic pet-sitting, technology help and a myriad of other common household tasks. LIV-UP is the first "village" to be located in this part of Florida and is one of the first "faith based" villages. For more information contact: Sue Laeder or Doris Hanson, 727-5135 or heldor@aol.com, or Margo Walbolt, 727-535-1155 margo.walbolt@mac.com

A Seniorfest, also known as an ALOA fest, has been an opportunity for people in the second half of life to come together for inspiration, fellowship and sharing. ALOA wants to provide another opportunity in 2019. Your congregation can help by joining in the planning. The tentative date for this event is February 23, 2019 and the tentative place in Christ Our Redeemer in Temple Terrace. Christ Our Redeemer has an outstanding Senior group that is willing to sponsor this event, but they, as well as ALOA, know that the event will be better if representatives from area Lutheran congregations were part of the planning. ALOA is inviting your congregation to send a representative to a Planning Meeting **on October 4, 2018**. The meeting is set for 10:30 AM at Christ Our Redeemer, 304 Druid Hills Rd, Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Please respond to the pastor or the office if you would like to go.

"Birdies for Babies!" October 26 – Golf Tournament Benefitting Bay Area Pregnancy Center
Join us at the Innisbrook Golf Resort, Friday, Oct. 26, Registration: 11:30 a.m. Info at Birdies4Babies.com.

Activities! On Wed. Dec 5th at 1:30 members from 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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 20B) (23 September 2018)

Jeremiah 11:18–20, James 3:13—4:10, Mark 9:30–37

Our Father Cares for His Children with the Gospel of His Son

The sinful heart is filled with *“bitter jealousy and selfish ambition”* (James 3:14), which causes hostility, quarrels and conflicts, even among those who are fellow members of the Body of Christ. This should not be so! Rather, God *“opposes the proud”* with His Law, in order to humble them unto repentance; He *“gives grace to the humble,”* in order to exalt them by His Gospel of forgiveness (James 4:6–10). This true *“wisdom from above”* is found in the gentleness, mercy and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who humbled Himself and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of sinners (James 3:17). He was *“like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter,”* committing Himself to God, His Father, *“who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind”* (Jer. 11:19–20). Therefore, *“after three days,”* His Father exalted Him by raising Him from the dead (Mark 9:31). In Holy Baptism, He takes disciples of all ages into His arms like little children. In receiving Him through repentance and faith in His forgiveness of sins, they receive from His Father a share in the glory of His cross and resurrection (Mark 9:36–37).

Pastor’s Corner

“O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.”

(Psalm 54:1)

Dear friends, while on active duty and serving as the Commanding Officer of a Coast Guard unit, I oversaw the investigation of a man accused of stalking a co-worker. During the investigation he sat before me, his wife at his side, and lied through his teeth regarding the charges, and then threatened to destroy my reputation if I did not find him innocent. I later received harassing calls and pressure to drop the case. People who knew the man came forward to warn me that the victim was “unstable” and “mentally ill”.

The normal reaction to such a situation is to fight. You work hard for your reputation, and if it’s a good one, you seek to preserve it at all costs. Frankly, both the man and the victim, in the case above, had excellent reputations. Each went about protecting them in different ways. One used threats, lies, and every conceivable under-handed tactic available. The other had kept meticulous records, a timeline of events, and other evidence, and put her trust in the Coast Guard’s legal system to sort things out. In the end, she was vindicated—the man was forced to resign, and later moved out of town because his reputation was in tatters.

Reputations are tricky things, hard to win, easily lost. A good name is a precious thing.

You and I, and every believer, have a good name. In fact, we have the best name—we are called children of God. When you were baptized in the name of, “the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit”, you were given the name above all names, and names matter. Satan knows this too.

The evil one seeks to accuse you day and night. He stands before God and says, “Have you considered your servants Joe, Sally, Edith, and Henry? They are sinners of the worst sort!” However, our Advocate, Jesus Christ, simply replies, “All of the charges are true, O Lord, however, each is to be set free, for they have called upon me in faith, and I paid the price for their transgressions with my own innocent blood on Calvary.” Case dismissed.

When the psalmist pleads, “O God, save me by your name!” this is what he is talking about. God’s name is the only one that matters. When you stand before His throne for judgement the dark stain of your sin is washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. You stand there vindicated, innocent, and worthy of salvation, not on your own accord, but Christ’s.

Christ’s victory on Easter is now your victory. Christ did what no person could ever hope to accomplish. He did it through humble submission to the Father’s will. In doing so, He showed that the way to vindication is not the way the world would have you follow. It’s not fighting back with every tool at your disposal. Rather, you are to simply place your trust in God.

Trusting God means that you continue to love your neighbor, even if she’s a jerk. You pray for your enemy, even as they try to drag you into court. Rather than calling down fire upon those with whom you disagree, you patiently speak God’s Word to them and pray that their hearts are softened and filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the path to peace—to God’s peace.

Reputations are a tricky thing. This is why Jesus taught you to pray, “Hallowed be Thy name”, not that God’s name needs to be hallowed, it is already holy, but that it would be kept holy in your lives. This is done as you trust in Him, seek to live according to His will, and speak His Word of love in purity and truth to the lost and dying of this world. You can do this because He has vindicated you, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Lord of Glory, You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th'unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely, of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

~~~~~Recipe – Roman-Style Chicken~~~~~

...What You'll Need:

- 4 skinless chicken breast halves, with ribs
- 2 skinless chicken thighs, with bones
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, plus 1 teaspoon
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus 1 teaspoon
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
- 1 yellow bell pepper, sliced
- 3 ounces prosciutto, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano leaves
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves

...What to Do:

Season the chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. In a heavy, large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. When the oil is hot, cook the chicken until browned on both sides. Remove from the pan and set aside.

Keeping the same pan over medium heat, add the peppers and prosciutto and cook until the peppers have browned and the prosciutto is crisp, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Add the tomatoes, wine, and herbs. Using a wooden spoon, scrape the browned bits off the bottom of the pan. Return the chicken to the pan, add the stock, and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the chicken is cooked through, about 20 to 30 minutes.

If serving immediately, add the capers and the parsley. Stir to combine and serve. If making ahead of time, transfer the chicken and sauce to a storage container, cool, and refrigerate. The next day, reheat the chicken to a simmer over medium heat. Stir in the capers and the parsley and serve..

A Little Humor – Tall Tales

“It’s a good thing my Dad wasn’t the one catching the fish the day Jesus fed the multitude,” said Vicki. “The fish would’ve been a lot smaller than he told Jesus they were.”