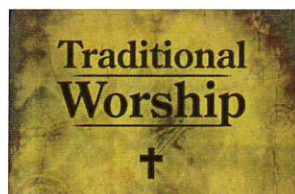




Faith Lutheran Church Flame Newsletter

OUR VISION

We believe God calls us to engage, encourage and equip our church,
community and world with His unfailing love.



Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 AM—Traditional
10:45 AM—Contemporary



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A Message From Your Pastor

Fear abounds today. Everybody's afraid of something. "I'm afraid it's going to rain today." "I'm afraid my team doesn't stand a chance." "I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to leave." "I'm quite afraid I don't know what you're talking about." See what I mean? It's everywhere.

That was meant to be funny. But fear is anything but funny, for lots of reasons. Real fear of terrorism, real fear of economic failure, real fear of societal mayhem, real fear of health issues. People are afraid to let their kids out of their sight. They're afraid to walk along at night. They're afraid something will happen on the flight. In spite of the marvelous rhyming pattern of those previous statement, they scratch the surface of fear. Fear paralyzes. It causes debilitating stress. Fear can actually kill.

So why is it, then, that so many have this tantalizing love affair with fear? We are entering into the season of fear. For the next several weeks, culminating at the last day (of the month), many will seek to be frightened, not just frightened, but drain-your-face, buckle-your-knees, scream-involuntarily frightened. For my part, I have never understood this. I have never wanted to.

When my Bible says that we are to focus on what is wholesome, what is pure, what is praiseworthy, and when my Bible says we are to avoid and shun evil, I have a hard time reconciling many Christian's actions over this next month. I am not here to judge or to condemn, and believe me, there is a lot in my own life I need to get fixed. So it's not about pointing fingers or playing a blame game. I just don't think I want anyone or anything other than Jesus taking credit for my fun.

This world, world system, and world usurper (read Satan) feed on fear. The Devil knows if he can keep the saints fearful and afraid nothing good will get done. So many churches don't take a risk on ministry because they're afraid of the possibility of failure.

The Bible teaches and encourages us to kick the fear habit. Jesus said in Luk 12:32, "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Hebrews 2:14-15 has a neat little summary of the Gospel, and why Jesus came in the first place: "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who *through fear of death* were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

We don't need to be afraid anymore. But we still are, so very often. Paul writes in 2Ti 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." So this month (end every month, for that matter), we can walk in peace. The Bible states in 1Jn 4:18-19, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us." Let's walk in love and peace. Fear shall not have dominion over us who trust in Jesus!

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Our Homebound: Alma Coates, Bob Heath, Ian Fennell, Dennis Litzenberg, Betty Sither, Jim & Rosie Stilwell, Carla Sesola, and Tom and Sally Schwartz

Other Requests: Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; Sandra Aiken, The Bean family on the death of Bill, Gail Bolognese, Bill Cahill, The Cano Family, Judith Gonnerman, The Henshaw Family on the death of Matt's mother, Leila Kazimir, Gordon Lerner, Terry Luneke, Kathy McCoy, Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Mary Lou Schaffer, Tricia Shankin, Barb Specksgoor, Laura Tegart, Donna Van Bommel, Paul Van Bommel, Sharon Wiley, Ron Woita.



Rummage Sale dates: Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14.

Note new Rummage Sale times on those dates: 10:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday and 9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Saturday.

Time to clean out your closets, kitchen, garage, attic and more, and tell all your friends now is the time to purge!

Dates to drop off items: Sunday, September 24—Wednesday, October 11



Men of Faith

Quarter Auction

Thursday, October 26TH

Doors Open @ 6:00 PM
Auction Begins @ 7:00 PM

Charity of the month: TBA

It's a cross between a home party, a raffle, bingo and a Chinese auction! Bring a roll or two of quarters and bid on products from local vendors for quarters; while supporting our charity of the month. Paddles to bid are \$2.00 each, Dinners will be sold for \$6.00 prepared by the Men of Faith. Come, party with us and have the most fun you've had in a long time while winning expensive items at inexpensive prices or maybe even FREE!



New Day Alzheimer's Association
Monthly Evening Educational / Support Group
Thursday, October 26TH (fourth Thursday of every month)
6:00 PM



For Caregivers of Dependent Adults

Educational topics vary each month, followed by discussion/questions & answers about
Alzheimer's Disease and Care-giving

This group provides a supportive and compassionate space for caregivers to talk openly about their struggles, to learn various coping strategies, share resources and explore ways to alleviate stress. The idea is to take care of yourself so you can effectively care for others. For more information call 561-844-0012



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We Celebrate You!



The Women of Faith meeting will be meeting at

6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 25

All women of the church are invited to attend.

40th Annual Walk for Life

Faith Lutheran is partnering with First Care Women's Clinic for their 40th Annual Walk for Life on October 7th at Christ Fellowship in Palm Beach Gardens.

Like us, First Care believes:

- (1) Every child is a gift from God,
- (2) No woman regrets choosing life,
- (3) Unborn babies are worth saving, and
- (4) There is nothing better than saving lives!



Visit the display table in our Narthex

At their clinics, women in crisis pregnancies can receive free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, free pregnancy counseling, and referrals to their community partners for pregnancy healthcare, maternity homes, parenting classes, teen mom mentoring, adoption, and additional support.

On October 7th the Walk for Life starts at 9:30am, there will also be a free Kids Fun Run for those 12 and younger starting at 9:00am. This will be a fun-filled morning to celebrate life together!

Please visit our informational table in the narthex to learn how you can participate, raise funds for First Care, earn great prizes, and help save lives!



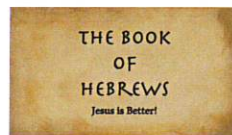
Bible Studies at Faith



Mid-Week Bible Study

Love in Chaos Video Study! We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused, angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join bestselling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow Jesus and obey his commands even in a time of chaos. This exciting study begins this Wednesday, September 27TH at 7PM and is open to all. We'll meet physically in the Conference Room and by Zoom for those who can't make it physically. A sign-up list is in the Narthex and on our web-page.

"When love has an agenda, it isn't love anymore" - Bob Goff



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Join us for, *Life Lessons from Hebrews*, by Max Lucado every Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM, in the Michel Building. All welcome!

Max delves into how the Jewish believers were torn between their new faith in Jesus and their old ways rooted in Old Testament routines and rituals. He leads us to the fact that Jesus Christ is superior to anything else we are tempted to trust.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study to continue! It's been decided to continue meeting on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 AM. The next study we will participate in is called *Stepping Up* by Dennis Rainey. This fast-moving, dynamic and in-depth series will unpack the idea and the process involved in living a courageous life. The first session will be held on November 11. More info is coming soon; a sign-up sheet will be posted soon in the Narthex and on our webpage.



Bible Study Fellowship is an international organization offering Bible-study opportunities to men, women and children. They've been in existence for more than sixty years, and annually serve over 400,000 in more than 120 nations. They will be using our facilities this year on Monday evenings for their program. The materials are free, and they do take a weekly free-will offering to help cover expenses. Their program this year will focus on the Gospel of John. The program, which is 33 weeks, lasts through Monday, May 13, 2024.

If you'd like more information, you can visit their website: bsfinternational.org. There you can sample curriculum, look at the history, as well as request to join the group. What a great opportunity to dive into some great in-depth Bible study right here at Faith Lutheran!

Prayers and Declarations for the month of October

As you have received Christ Jesus as your Lord, you will continue to live your life in Him this month of October and beyond.

Welcome October with a smile and with zest. God is on your side, therefore you will rejoice in this month of October.

New months are beautiful because they remind us of newness. New opportunities, chances, places, and blessings. God is able to turn you into a new chapter that is filled with His peace and blessings.

Look back on September with gratitude and happiness. Then look forward with hope.

Celebrate your little wins and plan ahead.

A few things to remember as you step into October—

God is with you: So you are well able to do all things through Christ.

Wake up each day with thankfulness: The dawning of a new day should remind you to be grateful.

Think right: "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he" And what better thoughts to have than thoughts that are in line with God's Word?

Celebrate little victories: Because more will be added unto you.

Celebrate the success of others: Do not be jealous or practice unhealthy competition. If God blessed your neighbor, it means He is in your neighborhood and is coming to bless you as well.

Be disciplined: Without Discipline nothing will get done. Do not be lazy.

Faith Lutheran's Book Club



Our book club for October will meet on the 18TH at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. Dinner will be after our book discussion at a location TBA. The book we will be discussing is, *Leota's Gardens* by Francine Rivers.

Leota's garden was once a place of beauty, where flowers bloomed and hope thrived. It was her refuge from the deep wounds inflicted by a devastating war, her sanctuary where she knelt before a loving God and prayed for the children who couldn't understand her silent sacrifices.

Now, eighty-four-year-old Leota Reinhardt is alone, her beloved garden in ruins. All her efforts to reconcile with her adult children have been fruitless, and she voices her despair to a loving Father, her only friend.

Then God brings a wind of change through unlikely means: one, a college student with an agenda all his own who thinks he has all the answers; the other, a granddaughter Leota never hoped to know. But can the devastation wrought by keeping painful family secrets be repaired before she runs out of time?

DATE	TIME	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	DISCIPLESHIP ASSISTANT	GREETERS	LAY ASSISTANT	USHERS
October 1	8:45 AM	Lou Raffa	Lou Raffa	Ben Schuermann 561-385-6648	Jim Beermann	Mary Jo Petterson	Parry Bolognese
	10:45 AM	Fran Hickman	Karen Hernandez		Arline Reilly	Laura Hess	Matt Henshaw
October 8	8:45 AM	Lou Raffa	Mary Jo Petterson	Bert Seitz 561-818-0543	Jim Beermann	Debra Weier	Frank Russo
	10:45 AM	Fran Hickman	Walt Wiley		Walt Wiley	Karen Hernandez	Mark Leiningner
October 15	8:45 AM	Lou Raffa	Debra Weier	Debra Weier 561-339-1312	Jim Beermann	Barbara Roemmele	Richard Fulton Rick Knudtson
	10:45 AM	Fran Hickman	Barb Cahill		Linda Seitz	Fran Hickman	John Fortini
October 22	8:45 AM	Lou Raffa	Dave Johnson	Susan Russo 561-371-5135		Gordon Lerner	Frank & Susan Russo
	10:45 AM	Fran Hickman	Walt Wiley		Jane Blevins	Linda Seitz	Bert Seitz
October 29	8:45 AM	Lou Raffa	Debra Weier	Mary Jo Petterson 561-339-0941	Jim Beermann	Dave Hickman	Ty Greeno
	10:45 AM	Fran Hickman	Fran Hickman		Linda Seitz	Laura Hess	Bert Seitz

October 2023

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