

# 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



#### STAFF AT FAITH

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New Day Adult Care Center (561) 844-0012 Director - Julie Tombari



Most of my friends and family up north are glad that winter is over and spring has sprung. About the only people who may not be ready are the skiers, of course. Some will still have to deal with a little winter yet. But they are ready for spring. You could say that, relative to the harsh winter cold and wind and snow, spring is always a welcome change.

Now, here in Florida, we have no winter to speak of. Oh, we call it winter, which is, actually, rather ridiculous. But the weather does get delightfully cooler, relative to the temperatres we will start to endure all too soon. Relatively speaking this has been one of the most beautiful April's since I've been here.

So much of life is relative. Our health and our wealth may seem troublesome to us, but when compared to others, we're the healthiest rich people who have ever lived. Compared to still others, we may seem sickly and poverty-stricken. We may drive what seems like an average kind of car, but to some it's a Rolls Royce and to others it's a Yugo. Our house will be a mansion to some, a hut to others. It's all, well, relative.

I would submit that our life in Christ is never to be relative. Our life in Christ should never be seen by some us extraordinary and by others as mundane. That's because God himself is never to be seen as mundane. He's always extraordinary. And the goal is to bring his extraordinariness into our ordinary, relative lives. So it doesn't matter whether our house is a mansion or hut, our car is a Rolls or a Yugo, our life is to be extraordinary, magnificent, exciting and incredible!

How does that happen? I believe it starts with passion. And passion begins when we take the time to be with God, to sit, to be quiet, to listen, and to be transformed. No transformation takes place without first hearing, being quiet, sitting still. Psalm 46:10 states, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Jeremiah 29:13 says, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

As the weather warms up, and it will (oh boy, will it!), let your heart and life in Christ do the same. Let him transform you and give you the passion for life that will change the world, no matter what that life looks like to others

Pastor Mark Stíllman

#### Farm Days Fundraiser Sponsor/Volunteer Opportunities

May 11, 2024 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a portion of our fundraiser. You will be listed as a benefactor in the program given to the participating families.

(please mark your selections	s).			
sponsored Petting Zoo	\$ 500	Pony Rides	\$ 500	
Chicken Dinner	\$ 500	Vegetable Plants	\$ 400	
Bounce House	\$ 400	Hot Dog Meal	\$ 400	
Green Market	\$ 300	Midway Prizes	\$ 300	
You can also volunteer your time and talents in the following ways:				
Sell 5-10 Chicken Dinner Tickets?				
Donate a basket or items for our Raffle or Silent Auction?				
Provide homemade jams, jellies, pickles for sale?				
Provide homemade arts and crafts for sale?				
Can you provide local farm harvested green market items?				
Can you help with one or more of the	following?			
Setting up or taking down event		Bake	e a cake for Cake Walk	
Helping with the Dinner: set up, serving, etc.		g, etcMake	Make desserts for dinner	
Help with Popcorn sales.		Help	Help with Sno Cone sales.	
I would like to volunteer in the above marke	ed opportunitie	es.		
Name:		contact #		

### Faith Lutheran School Farm Days



**Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:00-8:00** pm

#### How can you help?

1. Buy tickets - Erica Eggerman has tickets or call 561-842-2487

\$12.00 Chicken Dinner

- 2. Bake cakes We need cakes for the Cake Walk!
- 3. Invite friends and neighbors to

Come Join The Fun!



# New Day Alzheimer's Association Monthly Evening Educational / Support Group Thursday, May 23 6 PM—7PM



#### 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 theirs 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.

#### Men of Faith

#### **Quarter Auction**

Thursday, May 23
Doors Open @ 6:00 PM—Auction Begins @ 7:00 PM

May Charity of the Month: Speak Up for Kids

June Charity of the Month: New Day



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!

# Sign-up for movie night in the Narthex.



#### **May Birthdays**

- 3 Tom Weber
- 9 Carroll Menke
- 10 Jessica Dillahunt
- 10 Quinn Watson
- 10 Lynn Wilkie
- 11 Cathy Vandercook
- 13 Joe Melbourne
- 19 Bob Heath
- 20 Dennis Litzenberg
- 24 Rosabelle Newton

- 25 Deb Schuemann
- 26 Terry Luneke
- 27 Robert Cano
- 27 Susan Russo
- 28 Rev. Jim Stilwell
  - 30 Gail Bolognese
- 31 Ty Greeno



#### **May Anniversaries**

- 2 Bert & Linda Seitz
- 12 Frank & Susan Russo
- 20 Richard & Laura Fulton
- 30 Daniel & Roxanne Finn
- 31 David & Karen Hernandez



**2024 Flower Chart** — Sign-up for your meaningful Altar Floral dates (*In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God.*) The Altar flowers are \$25 per Sunday. Please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and put Altar Flowers in the memo line. No open dates in May. Open dates open in June—16th.

#### Celebrate Mom—Sunday, May 12



**Proverbs 31:25:** "She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."

## BOOK

### Faith's Book Club Book of the month — *The Women*





Faith's Book Club selection for the month of May is *The Women,* by Kristin Hannah. The Club will meet on Wednesday, May 29, starting with dinner at 5:30 PM at La Bamba, followed by Book Club at 7 PM in the Conference Room.

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protestors, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

#### New Day to be recipient of last Quarter Auction to be held at Faith

After over 10 years and countless charities benefitting from the Men of Faith's monthly Quarter Auction, we will be holding our final Auction on Thursday, June 27 at 6PM. It is fitting that our last auction will benefit none other than our very own New Day Adult Care Center. Be sure to mark your calendars for June 27 as we support New Day. And be sure to tell all your friends to come out for the fun!







The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** series featuring Dennis Rainey's *Stepping Up* video series, continues the second Saturday of each month. The next session will be held on May 11 Each session is jam-packed with skits and vignettes, street interviews and discussion, as well as lecture. There is a workbook that accompanies the study. The church pre-bought 15 at a cost of \$15.00 each. You can also go to ChristianBook.com and order for yourself. There is a sign-up list in the Narthex and on our web page. Looking forward to our time together.

Session dates: May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14

#### Our Faith Family in need of prayer this month

Our Homebound: Alma Coates, Dennis Litzenberg, Carla Sesola



<u>Other Requests</u>: Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; Sandra Aiken, Gail Bolognese, Bill and Barbara Cahill, Jan Cunningham, Judith Gonnerman, The Henshaw Family, The Heath Family, June Johnson, Gordon Lerner, Kathy McCoy, Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Mary Lou Schaffer, Tricia Shankin, The Schwartz Family, The Sither Family, Laura Tegart, The Tucker Family, Donna Van Bommel, Paul Van Bommel, Sharon Wiley, and Ron Woita.

# The Church, School and New Day will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day

