

# 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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Contemporary Music Director - Janet Cunningham

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Director - Julie Tombari



Well, we're making it through another summer. A lot of people welcome summer, not for the heat, but for the time off, time to rest, or even time to "get out of Dodge," and head toward cooler places. Some people might even say, "What happened to summer? It went too fast." Not many, but some. However, for the church, we usually say, "Well, we made it through another summer." That's because attendance falls off so sharply during the summer months, and giving falls off so sharply during the summer months.

We're making it, but not without consequences. Financially things are very tight, and we wonder if we're going to have enough money to pay our bills. We may have to dip into our savings in order to meet the ongoing, day to day needs of the church that weekly tithes and offerings are supposed to supply. But hey, we're making it through another summer. Woot! Woot!

That very successful attempt at sarcasm represents only part of the picture, but it serves to highlight an important point. There are always two ways to look at things. It all depends on attitude. *The attitude you have is the one you chose. And the good news for you is that you can change it anytime.*

A different attitude might say, "Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of this summer. Thank you that our bills are paid, that we do have some resources we can use when things are tight; after all, many churches don't have that option. Thank you, Lord, that you are Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides at all times. Thank you, Lord, for the opportunities your people have had this summer to enjoy your creation and have some time off. Thank you, Lord, that we live at the beautiful shore, with the ocean breeze." You see, attitude is everything.

The Psalmist writes in Psa 35:9, "And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD; it shall rejoice in His salvation." Again, in Psa 42:11 he declares, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God." David is revealing his attitude in these verses. In Ps. 42 he is dealing with his own lousy attitude. He basically says, "Time for an attitude change."

With King Saul in hot pursuit, consumed with hatred toward him and a fanatical, maniacal desire to destroy him, David flees into a cave. There, in the shadows and the darkness, he could easily have had a pity party, and given up hope. He chose a different attitude. In Ps. 57:1 he declares, "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in you; And in the shadow of your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by."

If my life is like yours in any way, it seems to me that there are multiple opportunities each day for us to cave in, give up, and let the lousy attitude commence. We can choose differently. We can choose a different attitude.

So let's face the future with joy in our hearts and a bounce in our step! Let's look forward to all that God has in store for us this coming school year, and work year, knowing that in the good times and the tough times, he is with us!

God bless you!

*Pastor Mark Stillman*



Join us for Faith's

### **Congregational Breakfast**

Sunday, August 4 @ 10AM in the Michel Building

We warmly welcome our visitors. As you leave the Sanctuary, the Michel Building will be on your right.

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## **Sight and Sound Theatre presents**

### **JOSEPH**

### **at The Kings Academy**

### **Saturday, September 28, 7PM**

Faith is excited to be selling tickets for Sight and Sound Theatre's performance of *Joseph*. A block of tickets for our group will be purchased for the 7PM show on Saturday, September 28. Sign up for tickets in the Narthex. The ticket price is \$30. Checks or cash should be put in an envelope and dropped in the offering plate or handed to Linda Seitz after the second service. Payment can also be dropped off at the church office. Audience members should arrive at TKA no later than 6:30 PM as doors close at that time. Carpooling is encouraged. The Kings Academy's Page Family Center for the Performing Arts is located at 8401 Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach.

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



**Our Homebound: Alma Coates, Dennis Litzenberg, Carla Sesola, Paul and Donna Van Bommel**

**Other Requests: Faith Lutheran Teachers, Students and their families; Sandra Aiken, Gail Bolognese, Barbara Cahill, Jan Cunningham, Judith Gonnerman, Gordon Lerner, Kathy McCoy, Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Mary Lou Schaffer, Tricia Shankin, Sally Schwartz, Laura Tegart, Sharon Wiley, and Ron Woita.**

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### **Canasta, anyone?**



Ladies and Gentlemen, Canasta fun continues throughout the summer! Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Upper Room (formerly the Youth Room). We break at noon for a brown bag lunch brought by attendees and then continue playing. Don't know how to play? We will teach you! Cost? \$.00! What should you bring? Yourself and a friend! Enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship! Any questions? Call Fran Hickman 561-234-7349 or June Johnson 561-329-7521.

## **NEW Soft Surface Playground**

Our new soft surface playground is now complete!! Thank you to everyone who donated to this project. A grant obtained by the school also went towards this project. One of the requirements of the grant was that the funds must be used on improvements to the program. What a fitting tribute to 25 years of service to our toddler and infant program at Faith.



Merci



Thank you



Grazie

Danke



## August Birthdays

1 Tracy O'Daniell	19 Marina Russo
3 Mary Jo Petterson	20 Graham Lerner
3 Paul Van Bommel	24 Richard Fulton
6 Sue Litzenberg	24 Logan Hernandez
9 Ron Woita	24 Ernie Munter, Jr.
15 Lauree Cano	25 John Frerking
15 Sharon Hess	30 Olivia Eggerman
17 Everett Lerner	30 Janet Watson
18 Steve Hartke	31 Barbara Roemmele

## August Anniversaries

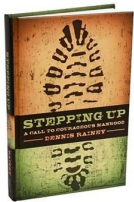
7 Diane & Kevin Flood
7 Dan & Barb Specksgoor
8 John & Eileen Frerking
8 Mark & Tracey Stillman
9 Tom & Sue Weber
21 Rick & Kathy Knudtson
21 Nate & Talia Waugh
23 Terry & Connie Luneke
26 Ty & Rachel Greeno



## 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. Open dates in August: 11 & 18. Open dates in September: 16 & 29



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 August 10. 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](http://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. **Upcoming sessions:** August 10 and September 14



## Faith's Book Club

**August book of the month:**  
***Lady Tan's Circle of Women***



Faith's Book Club selection for the month of August is *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. The group will meet on Monday, August 12th, starting with dinner at 5:30 PM at Giovanni's Restaurant, 3900 Northlake Blvd., followed by Book Club at 7PM in the Conference Room.

According to Confucius, "an educated woman is a worthless woman," but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient.

From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. The two girls find fast friendship and a mutual purpose—despite the prohibition that a doctor should never touch blood while a midwife comes in frequent contact with it—and they vow to be forever friends, sharing in each other's joys and struggles. No mud, no lotus, they tell themselves: from adversity beauty can bloom.

But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling and from helping the women and girls in the household. Yunxian is to act like a proper wife—embroider bound-foot slippers, recite poetry, give birth to sons, and stay forever within the wall of the family compound, the Garden of Fragrant Delights.

How might a woman like Yunxian break free of these traditions and lead a life of such importance that many of her remedies are still used five centuries later? How might the power of friendship support or complicate these efforts? A captivating story of women helping each other, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* is a triumphant reimagining of the life of one person who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty and would be considered remarkable today.

## Family Potluck & Bible Study



### WHAT:

Potluck & Bible Study— *Contagious Faith* by Mark Mittleberg

### WHEN & WHERE:

6 PM Potluck Dinner, Prayer Requests

7-8 PM Bible Study

August 7 (Dinner theme: Bring your favorite pizza) Seitz Residence\*\*

August 21 (Dinner theme: Taco night) Cunningham Residence\*

September 4 (Dinner theme: Your specialty) Seitz residence\*\*

September 18: (Dinner theme: Chili) Cunningham Residence\*

\*Cunningham Residence—8688 Yearling Drive, Lake Worth

\*\*Seitz Residence—1131 Coral Way, Singer Island

Consider carpooling

### STUDY BOOK/WORKBOOK:

The book, *Contagious Faith*, is available on Amazon, Amazon Kindle Unlimited, and ChristianBook.com. Additionally, our facilitator, Paul Cunningham has 13 study guides available for our participants.

### POTLUCK DINNER:

An opportunity to contribute an item(s) to the potluck is available for each date.

You may contribute toward any of the following: main course, appetizer, salad, side, dessert

### CHILDCARE:

Childcare will be provided. Please reach out to Rachel with questions regarding childcare

### SIGN-UP

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Next to your name and phone number, please indicate what food item you will be bringing, and if childcare is needed.

### QUESTIONS?

You may text/call Rachel Greeno (636) 575-4755 or Paul Cunningham: (561) 707-3649

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About our Study: ***Contagious Faith will prepare you to share God's love with others in a way that's authentic, comfortable, and impactful.*** As disciples of Christ, we are called to share the gospel, but few of us are naturally comfortable with evangelism. We wrestle with internal fears, a lack of preparation, and the sense that reaching out to others might force us to act like someone we're not. What if we could find a way to talk about Jesus that fits our personalities, makes us feel confident, and ignites a fire in others? In *Contagious Faith*, bestselling author and teacher Mark Mittelberg introduces five approaches to evangelism and helps you determine which of them fit best with your unique personality and style: Friendship-Building, Selfless-Serving, Story-Sharing, Reason-Giving, Truth-Telling. He also explains in a down-to-earth fashion several key skills that will help you talk about Jesus effectively, illustrating his message with real-life accounts of ordinary believers who applied these principles for extraordinary impact. With inspiring stories, fresh approaches, and timeless biblical wisdom, *Contagious Faith will equip you to make a spiritual impact in the lives of the people around you—even in our increasingly resistant culture.*