

Faith News and Notes for May 10, 2026

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Welcome, welcome, welcome in the name of the Lord! We are so glad you are here with us and our prayer is always that the sweet presence of the Lord would be manifested here every time we gather together. May you be encouraged and equipped in your faith today!

Florida-Georgia District Mission Advancement Initiative Support Banquet

Join us on **Wednesday, May 13**, at **Faith Lutheran Church** for a special evening as we host the Florida-Georgia District's Mission Advancement Initiative Support Banquet.

The evening begins at **5:30 PM** with fellowship over drinks and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a full dinner and an engaging program. You'll hear about what God is doing across our district, including exciting plans to:

- * Plant new churches
- * Launch outreach ministries
- * Raise up new workers for the mission field

This is a great opportunity to connect with members of sister congregations in our circuit, learn about upcoming initiatives, and find ways to get involved. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Event concludes by 8:00 PM.

Please register by May 10:

Online: FLGADistrict.org/mission-advancement

Phone: 407-258-5052

Or sign up in the Narthex

Come be part of this exciting vision for the future of our district!

Honoring our Pilar "Pily" Tucker



For generations of students and families, Pily has been a consistent presence—serving wherever the need was greatest. What began in April 1986 as an after-school substitute teaching role (*"until a permanent replacement is found"*) grew into much more. Over the years, Pily served the After School Program, coordinated Summer Camp, and taught arts and crafts to all ages in the afternoons during the school year. When VPK began in 2005, Pily stepped into the classroom as a teacher, and in 2006 became Assistant Director. Through faith, dedication, and a heart for service, Pily continued to grow—earning Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees in Early Childhood Education—and was ultimately named the school's Administrative Director in 2021.

Join us in celebrating the incredible legacy of Mrs. Tucker at her retirement party at 6PM on Saturday, June 6. Let's honor her dedication and achievements together—mark your calendars! Register today in the Narthex.

As a heartfelt thank-you to Pily, we are inviting freewill offerings. Checks may be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church, with a note indicating the gift is for Pily. Cash gifts are also welcome—please be sure to label the envelope accordingly. Join us as we honor, celebrate, and give thanks for Pily's many years of dedicated service and love.

Holy Communion

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. Jesus instituted this when he celebrated Passover with his disciples, and assures us that each time we receive it, we again remember his death and receive the full benefits of His grace and all that he offers. In keeping with the Scripture and the teachings of the Lutheran church, we ask each person to consider these questions:

*Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins?

*Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?

*Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full forgiveness and strength through this Sacrament?

*Do I believe and agree that the body and blood of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine?

*With the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my sinful life and live in conformity with His holy will?

If you answer yes to all these questions and are baptized, you are welcome to come and receive all that Jesus offers in Holy Communion. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing.

We offer assistance for the **hearing impaired**. Just speak to one of our ushers, who will be able to help you. Please return the hearing device to an usher as you exit. We have a **Nursery** for infants through age 3 that is available during our services for you to use. The nursery is through the hall on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar).

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

GOSPEL John 14:15-21

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."



May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Like Athens at the time of the Apostle Paul's preaching (Acts 17:16), this world is full of idols. Today's idols may take on a different shape, but they are just as deadly. These idols craftily disguise themselves with practical-sounding words and phrases, such as "reproductive health care" and "death with dignity." The One True God, the Lord of Life, offers a better way. Jesus says, "Because I live, you will also live" (John 14:19). Though in this life we may be tested and tried like silver, and what may appear to be a crushing burden is laid on our backs, the Lord God has promised to bring us into a place of abundance (Psalm 66:10-12). We have been given the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, who dwells in us (John 14:16-17), that we may serve God in our various vocations as Gospel-motivated voices for Life, always being ready to make a defense for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15).

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is here!



You can help save lives! This is all you need to do: Pick up an unfilled baby bottle from the narthex. Fill it with change, cash or checks. Return the bottle to the narthex by May 17th. Help save lives! Thanks for all you do!

Prayer Requests



Our Homebound: **Sandy Aiken** (Courtyard Gardens of Jupiter); **Alma Coates**; **Carla Sesola** (now living in Missouri); **Donna Van Bommel** (Palm Beach Memory Care, NPB); **Gordon Lerner** (Luxe Rehabilitation in Jupiter).

Other Requests: **Faith Lutheran Teachers, students and their families; The Family of Gail Bolognese, Jessica Dillahunt; Andrea Emde, Dave Johnson, Rick Knudtson, Istvan Krisko, Kathy McCoy, Nancy Meyer, The Family of Ernie Munter, Carole Satterthwaite, Tricia Shankin, Sally Schwartz, Bob and Laura Tegart, Walt & Sharon Wiley, Lynn Wilke, Ron Woita, and Alan Fiers** (recuperating at home).

RightNow Media

RightNow Media's mission is to work with the global church to inspire people to love others before self and Christ above all.

Getting started is easy! Choose one of these three ways to sign up:

1. Sign up using our custom link: <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/faithlutheranchurchnp>

2. Text to join: Text FAITHNPB to 49775

You'll receive a welcome message with a link to register.

3. Scan the QR code: Open your phone's camera and hover over the QR code. Tap the prompt that appears to open the registration page and sign up.



Playground Improvement Project – Support Needed

We are excited to share that we are upgrading our playground by replacing the existing sand with a new, safer soft surface. This improvement will provide a cleaner, more modern, and more accessible play area for everyone. During the process, we discovered that our current playground equipment also needs to be replaced to ensure safety and long-term use. We are seeking support from our community to help fund this important upgrade. If you would like to contribute, please consider earmarking your donation specifically for playground equipment.

Project Costs:

Playground Equipment: \$13,232

Installation: \$6,000

Your generosity will help us create a safer, more enjoyable space for our school children.
Thank you for your support and consideration!

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
LET'S BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND!
A FUN, SAFE & INSPIRING PLACE TO PLAY, LEARN AND GROW!

NEW RUBBER SURFACE
will replace the sand area!

Would you chip in to help us reach our goal by **JUNE 1st?**

DEADLINE: JUNE 1st!

PROJECT COST BREAKDOWN		
	Playground Equipment	\$13,232
	Playground Equipment Installation	\$6,000
	Pour-In-Place Rubber Surface (covers entire current sand area)	\$35,931
	Removal of Old Playground (with purchase of entire system)	FREE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:		\$55,163

\$33,000 RAISED!
(59.8%)

WE'RE OVER HALFWAY THERE!

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- ♥ Donate any amount
- 👥 Sponsor a part of the project
- 🌱 Encourage friends & businesses to help!

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A WONDERFUL PLAYGROUND FOR OUR CHILDREN!

THANK YOU
for supporting
Faith Lutheran Church & School!



Want to Grow in Sharing the Gospel?

Join us for a weekly study through the Book of Acts, where we explore one chapter at a time and learn how to confidently share the Gospel and our personal testimonies in everyday life.

Saturdays

Breakfast: 9:00–10:00 AM (provided by Justin Gaynor); **Study:** 10:00–11:00 AM

Location: School Activity Room (look for signage)

How to Join: Register in the Narthex OR Scan the QR code

If you're looking for supplemental reading to accompany Acts 2 and dive deeper into the themes of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, *Life in the Spirit* by A.W. Tozer is an excellent choice.

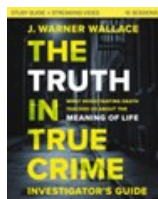
Questions?

Contact Justin Gaynor at 561-777-5016.

Please Note: No meeting on May 16.



Men's Breakfast / Bible Study



The next meeting of the Men's Saturday Breakfast Bible Study series will be held on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. This video study, titled, *The Truth in True Crime*, by J. Warner Wallace is available through Right Now Media. There is a Guidebook for this study, appropriately titled, *The Truth in True Crime Investigator's Guide*. It is available on Amazon for \$14.99, or you may purchase a copy through the church while supplies last. Join us!

Altar Flower — price change effective May 3



For many years Faith has been blessed by an amazing agreement with Misty's Flowers who supplies our altar flowers at her cost. We were recently notified that Misty has had to start hiring drivers for our deliveries at a cost of \$10 per delivery. To that end, this necessitates our need to pass that cost along to those purchasing flowers. The new cost effective May 3 will be \$35 per arrangement.

Thrivent Members News

Did you know you can receive \$250 from Thrivent toward a charitable project? This can be for VBS at FLC! It's easy. Log in to your Thrivent account and select "Action Teams". You can form a team to receive the funds and help out Faith's various ministries. If you need help with applying, contact Susan Russo at 561-371-5135.

2026 Flower Chart

There are many available dates on the 2026 Flower Chart to purchase flowers for your loved ones—
In Memory of / In Honor of / To the Glory of God. Arrangements are \$35.



This week's Altar flowers

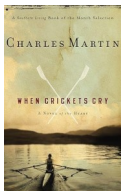
In Memory of Cathy Colleran
by Amy Colleran



Jessica Dillahunt
Quinn Watson
Lynn Wilkie
Cathy Ann Vandercook
Joe Melbourne



Frank & Susan Russo



Faith's Book Club May book of the month:

When Crickets Cry
by Charles Martin



Date: Wednesday, May 20 / Dinner: 5:30 pm @ LaBamba in NPB / Book Discussion 7PM in church office

From New York Times bestselling author, Charles Martin comes the moving story of a heart surgeon who's hiding his own heart, a little girl whose heart won't last much longer, and a shared journey toward healing for both of them.

It begins on the shaded town square in a sleepy Southern town. A spirited seven-year-old has a brisk business at her lemonade stand. But the little girl's pretty yellow dress can't quite hide the ugly scar on her chest.

Her latest customer, a bearded stranger, drains his cup and heads to his car, his mind on a boat he's restoring at a nearby lake. The stranger understands more about the scar than he wants to admit. And the beat-up bread truck careening around the corner with its radio blaring is about to change the trajectory of both their lives.

Before it's over, they'll both know there are painful reasons why crickets cry . . . and that miracles lurk around unexpected corners.

With its beautiful, lyrical writing, engaging characters who stick with you, and a storyline that will touch your own heart, it's no wonder why so many readers adore *When Crickets Cry*.

This Week at Faith

Items in color indicate Bible Studies

Sunday, May 10

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 8:45 AM—10:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Ages 3-7 in Classroom3. Ages 8-12 in Conference Room)
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Service
- 10:45 AM—12:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice

Monday, May 11

- 7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous (Chapel)

Tuesday, May 12

- 8:30 AM—12:00 PM Circuit Conference
- 10:30 AM—2:30 PM Lifewise (Upper Room)
- 6:00 PM Lay Leader's Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, May 13

- 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Food Pantry
- 5:00 PM—8:00 PM FLGA District Meeting/Banquet

Thursday, May 14

- 9:00 AM—10:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
- 10:30 AM Canasta Club (Michel Building—The Upper Room)
- 7:00 PM—9:00 PM Via de Cristo (Michel Building/Classroom C)

Friday, May 15

- 9:30 AM—11:00 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
- 7:00 PM Noah's Ark School Graduation (Gym)

Saturday, May 16

- 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Weight Watchers (Michel Building—Classrooms A & B)
- 8:30 AM—10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room)

Sunday, May 17

- 8:45 AM Traditional Service
- 8:45 AM—10:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 10:00 AM Sunday School (Ages 3-7 in Classroom 3. Ages 8-12 in Conference Room)
- 10:45 AM Contemporary Service
- 10:45 AM—12:05 AM Prayer Team in Chapel (Drop in anytime)
- 12:00 PM Contemporary Worship Practice



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FAITH LUTHERAN PRE-SCHOOL — 561-842-2487

Pilar Tucker: Director — Evelyn Lawrence: Assistant/After School Director

NEW DAY ADULT CARE CENTER — 561-844-0012

Julie Tombari: Administrator

8:45 AM

10:45 AM

Altar Guild	Mary Jo Petterson	Barbara Cahill
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OUR VISION

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

We will **engage** all people in meaningful relationships with God’s unfailing love as the foundation.

We will **encourage** all people to a closer relationship with Jesus.

We will **equip** all people to live a loving, powerful, Spirit-filled life.