

# Faith's Happenings...

August, 2024

## *Happy Birthday*

Janet Moynihan	3rd
Bob Ash	4th
Ellen Lindhurst	12th
Julie Petersen	14th
Ernie Ovitz	15th
Linda Schleede	19th

## *Happy Anniversary*

Jeff & Julie Petersen	5th
Steve & Cyndy Hoops	7th
Jack & Kathy Myers	9th
John & Jean Matz	12th
Jim & Debby Porter	13th
Tom & Linda Jasper	26th

**If we missed your name/date, we're sorry.  
Please notify Barbra in the church office  
to have your special dates added.**

## **August at a Glance**

*Mark your calendars now!  
Men of Faith Breakfast: August 6  
Ladies Luncheon: August 14*

**Note: the Lutheran Chicks are taking a break for the month of August. See you again in September.**



## **Men's Breakfast**

Guys, you are invited to join us on Tuesday morning, August 6th, at Stefanos. We meet at 7:30 for some great food and fellowship. You can stay as long as you like and get to know your church brothers. No sign-up necessary.

## **Do You Need Something?**

We recently received 2 car seats for use by anyone in the congregation who needs one. We also have wheelchairs, walkers and canes which are available to borrow if you need to use them. Check with Barbra in the church office for details (941-697-3313).

## Long Term Prayer

This prayer list is for those who need continued, long-term prayer. We try to keep the weekly prayer list short, so people named may be moved to the newsletter after a few weeks in the bulletin. If you want to add someone to this list, contact Barbira in the church office (697-3313). Please keep these folks in your prayers: Kathy Kanak, John Schleede, Carl Jaspers, Gary Wilkins, Scott Schultz, Alex Hoops, Tom Jackling, Ginny Linsberg, Jack Myers, Rosie LaQuay, Doug Skolski

### Pastor's Thought:

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. – Philipians 2:5*

Entering August we are in the “Dog Days of Summer,” at least that is what we called it up north. Here in Florida people refer to it as “about halfway through hurricane season.” The busyness of summer vacations is still with us. The somewhat normal rhythm of 4-year presidential election cycle has been up-ended by events a week ago Saturday at a political rally, and again this week by the stepping down of one party's presumptive nominee.

Today Paul's letter to the church at Philippi instructs us that regardless of the season or circumstances; we are to have the same heart and mind that we find in Jesus. A heart of grace, love and compassion for all people. A heart and mind that guides us in listening, caring and serving.

As we move through these days, remember God is with us, Christ is leading us, and the Holy Spirit is strengthening us.

+Pastor Brian



## Another “Undie Sunday”

September 8<sup>th</sup> is “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday, and this year we will once again be using the theme “Undie Sunday.” This has been a favorite outreach in the past as we purchase underwear and socks for Kids Needs and our homeless ministry. All needed sizes and styles are listed below.

We ask that you purchase any of the items you choose and place them in the box in the narthex on or before September 8. They will be distributed to the organizations that week. This is a great time to take advantage of the Florida sales tax holiday from July 29 to Aug 11.

## Sizes Requested for “Undie Sunday,”

### Underwear

- Girls sizes 6-16
- Women's sizes 7, 8, 9  
(Hipsters or bikinis preferred)
- Boys sizes 6-8 through 18-20  
(Boxer briefs preferred)
- Men's sizes 28-38  
(Boxer briefs preferred)

### Socks

- Girls (shoe sizes) 6-10, 10 ½ – 4, 4-10
- Women's sizes 9-12  
(Low cut preferred)
- Boys (shoe sizes) 4 ½ - 8 ½, 9 – 2 ½, 3-9
- Men's size 6-12  
(Black or white, low cut preferred)

## August Ladies Luncheon

Summer vacationers are gone! School will have started! Let's head to the beach!!! The August Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at Lock & Key Restaurant. It is located across from Englewood Beach on Manasota Key. They have wonderful choices of salads, seafood and others. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Come for the enjoyment of female fellowship and laughter as well as the food. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information: Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).



## Christmas in... August?

We recently received a card from the Rotonda West Association regarding their annual Christmas parade. The theme this year is "Christmas at the Movies." We need a few creative people to help us plan and assemble a float for the December 7<sup>th</sup> date. If you are interested, or have an idea based on the theme, see or call Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313).

LORD THIS LOOKS LIKE A DEAD END,  
BUT SO DID THE RED SEA. THIS LOOKS  
TOO BIG TO CONQUER, BUT SO DID  
GOLIATH. THIS LOOKS LIKE IT'S OVER,  
LIKE INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS, LIKE  
THE END OF THE STORY - BUT SO DID  
THE CROSS. I'M LAYING IT AT YOUR  
FEET AND REMINDING MY HEART  
THIS IS YOUR STORY.

STEVIE SWIFT



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### Some Financial Info

In an attempt to keep the congregation informed, council has decided to include quarterly financial information in the newsletter. Here are the details from the second quarter (April through June):

**Total income:** \$92,086.37

**Total Expenses:** \$97,510.77

**First Quarter Balance:** (\$5424.40)

### 50 Years Strong

Did you know that next year is Faith's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ministering to this community? We have a committee working on some special events and activities, so watch for upcoming details. If you have ideas and suggestions for our celebration, contact Barbra in the church office (941-697-3313). We can't promise to use them all, but we would love to get a lot of input.