

# Faith's Happenings...

July, 2024

## *Happy Birthday*

Ruthie Rohrbach	1st
Carl Despreaux	4th
Jean Matz	8th
Margaret Murphy	12th
Jonathan Armen	22nd
Debbie Porter	29th
Jack Fitzgerald	30th

## *Happy Anniversary*

Les & Cathie VanAllsburg	8th
Gary & Jennifer Boehler	19th
Harold & Linda Schultz	22nd
Bill & Sara Speth	25th
John & Laura Kohler	28th

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

## **July at a Glance**

*Mark your calendars now!  
Men of Faith Breakfast: July 2  
Ladies Luncheon: July*



## **Looking for a Ministry?**

The ladies preparing meals for local homeless folks (or "campers") need some volunteers to deliver the meals to Indian Mound Park on Tuesday evenings. The meals are already prepared, you need only deliver them. There is no need to stay at the park for the whole evening, and you can choose to help once a month or less, as you are available. If you would like to volunteer, or just need more information, see or call Cyndy Hoops (941- 740-0768).

## **Men's Breakfast**

Guys, you are invited to join us on Tuesday morning, July 2nd, 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.

## 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 Barbra 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



1 Peter 5:7 tells us to *“Cast all your anxiety upon Him (Jesus) because He (Jesus) cares for you.”*

This week as we celebrate our nation’s birth, take a moment or two to think about what was on the hearts and minds of those early colonists. Ordinary men going off to war against a professional army. Women holding home and community together while offering their own resistance against the crown. Surely, the freedoms we celebrate: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, were motivation.

Freedom of religious expression has been part of the American experience since the pilgrims on the Mayflower landed at Plymouth. Trusting in God, and placing their cares on Jesus as 1 Peter urges, sustained the American colonists through the revolution.

Notice the writer doesn’t say, “if you have cares,” or “when you are worried.” The reality is we all have things which cause us anxiety. The words of 1 Peter still ring true: turn to Jesus, whatever the problem, and cast your anxiety on Jesus. Turn it over, throw it in Jesus’ direction. Whatever we do don’t hold on it.

This is an important lesson for Christians of every generation. As you go about your holiday activities, take a moment to remember those first patriots; how they trusted in God, one another, and our young nation.

Trust in Jesus as you face challenges today: home, family, health, or \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). God is present with you. Jesus came to be sure we knew God was with us. The Holy Spirit assures us we are here to help each other.

Hear these things: trust God, cast your cares on God, live in the assurance that God is with and helping you.

Have a blessed 4<sup>th</sup> of July,  
*Pastor Brian*

## Ladies Luncheon

The July Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, at Smokin’ Jerry’s Tiki Bar & Grill. It’s located at 1500 Gasparilla Road, Placida. (This road is also known as SR 771.) They have a great menu of soups, salads, burgers, and, BBQ. Pork Nachos to die for! We will order off the menu with separate checks. Come for the enjoyment of female fellowship and lots of laughter! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).