

Faith's Happenings...

March, 2024

Happy Birthday

Jim Porter	1st
Sharon Ulissi	3rd
Alma Claussen	8th
Cathie VanAllsburg	8th
Sara Speth	9th
Rosie Buccine	11th
Cyndy Hoops	16th
Gene Goldsberry	16th
Candace Montesi	21st
Steve LeVasseur	22nd
Susan Kiray	27th
Linda Jasper	28th

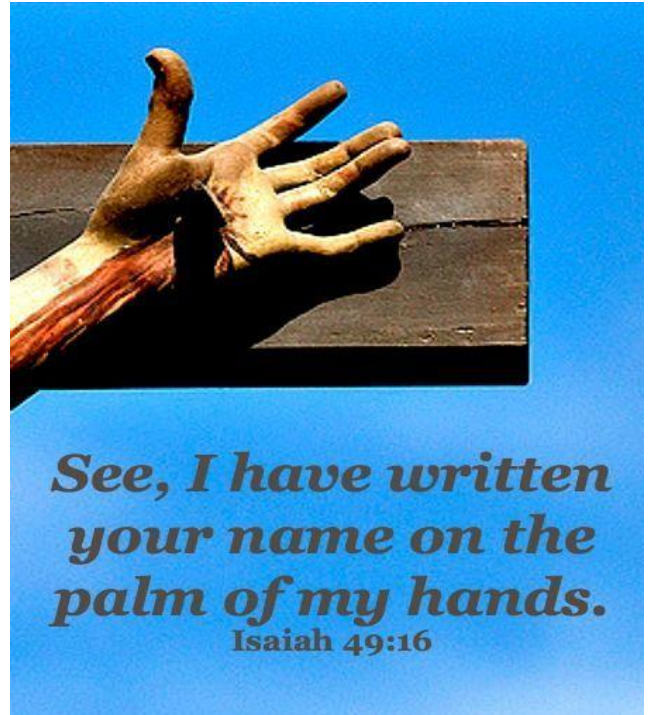
Happy Anniversary

Steve & Debby Wolfe	6th
Ernie & Linda Ovitz	18th
Ken & JoAnne Stephens	25th

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

March at a Glance

Mark your calendars now!
Lenten soup suppers: Wednesdays
Lenten Worship: Wednesdays
Men of Faith Breakfast: March 5
Change clocks: March 10
Ladies Luncheon: March 13
Maundy Thursday: March 28
Good Friday: March 29
Easter: March 31



Lenten Worship

You are invited to join us at 5:00 on Wednesday evenings for soup supper followed by a time of worship at 6:00.



March 9th

Men's Breakfast

Guys, you are invited to join us on Tuesday morning, March 5th, 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: Joanne Best, Kathy Kanak, John Schleede, Carl Jaspers, Lois Howell, Gary Wilkins, Scott Schultz, Alex Hoops, Tom Jackling, Ginny Linsberg, Jack Myers, Rosie LaQuay

Thank You

Dear friends,
Jim and I want to thank you for all the many notes, texts and emails, wishing us a happy future in our new home in North Fort Myers. We both have loved being part of the Faith family and are sorry to be saying goodbye. We especially were appreciative of the wonderful meal delivered to us by Cindy Hoops and Linda Bennett. It came on the day before the move and we ate it for two days!

If you missed it, our new address is:
7620 Green Sage Circle
Unit 103
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

Many blessings to you all.
Jim and Autumn Hardenstine

Easter Week Worship
Maundy Thursday: 6:00 pm
Good Friday: 6:00 pm
Easter Sunday:
7:00 (outside)
8:30 (inside)
10:30 (inside)
Please join us

Ladies Luncheon for March

The next Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am, on Wednesday, March 13th, at Paraiso Mexican Grille (located at 2639 Placida Road). We will order off the menu with separate checks. Come for the enjoyment of fellowship and laughter as well as good food! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 10th. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you need more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Red Dot

Charlotte County has a wonderful program to help you in the case of a medical emergency. It's called the red dot program because it started with people putting a red dot on their refrigerator to notify EMT's that their medical information was on file with the county. The 911 system will now have that information, but some documents should still be on the fridge for their use. The first step is filling out the form supplied by the county. We have some copies in the church office, or you can go to the Sheriff's office on Willmington Blvd to get a form. Information on where to send the form is available on the sheet.



Romans 5:8 "But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

These words from Paul to the Church should focus our attention as we move through March, the Lenten season, Holy Week and the Easter Celebration.

All that this month holds, including the celebration of St Patrick's Day, draws us to the depth of God's love for us. Walking through our 40 days of Lent, we recall Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness, and Israel's 40 years in in the wildness. Led by God, Israel, Jesus, and we today, experience the love and faithfulness of Emmanuel, God with us.

Holy week invites us to walk with Jesus from the Palm Sunday triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the via Dolorosa (sorrowful way) as Jesus leaves the city to be hung on a cross for the sins of the world. Moving from joy as Jesus is hailed as king, palm branches and cloaks strewn in his path, to the shouts of "crucify him" as he is marched out of the city with a crown of thorns on his head, to be enthroned on an instrument of suffering and death.

The depth of God's love is not spoken in words, but in actions. God's leading through a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night in the wilderness. God sending angels to minister to Jesus in the wilderness. God with us in times of trial, suffering, guilt, shame, and infirmity, these are demonstrations of God's love for us.

While we were still sinner's, Christ died for us. God does not wait for us to be worthy of our salvation, make enough confession, or show true repentance and amendment of our lives. God just loves us, and Jesus gives his life for us, to prove that love. If we learn one lesson in this season, it should be along the lines of God's unconditional love. And it is that love that we respond to as we live our lives in love toward others.

If I leave you to ponder these things, it is designed to invite you to join us for worship on Wednesday evenings in Lent, at 5:00 for soup and 6:00 for worship.

On Good Friday you should receive the April newsletter where we can hear and be encouraged by "the rest of the story." Until then, hear about, see and experience the love of God as we journey with Jesus through these 40 days.

God be with you,
+ Pastor Brian

