

Faith's Happenings...

October, 2023

Happy Birthday

Fred Carley	1st
Donna Johnsen	3rd
Bruce Rieck	4th
Michael Potts	4th
Bill Speth	6th
Frank Ulissi	6th
JoAnne Stephens	9th
Autumn Hardenstine	16th
Jim Hardenstine	18th
Leon Michaleski	19th
Anne Hebert	19th
Larry Bennett	22nd
Pastor Brian	23rd
Tom Jasper	24th
Byron Speth	25th
Irene Foerster	26th
Harold Schultz	28th
Gary Rosemore	30th
Janice Junker	31st

Happy Anniversary

David & Candace Montesi	7th
Jim & Lou Taylor	13th

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

October at a Glance

Mark your calendars now!

Men of Faith Breakfast: October 3

Memorial Garden Clean-up: October 3

Choir Rehearsals begin: October 8

Worship & Music meeting: October 9

Ladies Luncheon: October 11

Fall Picnic: October 29

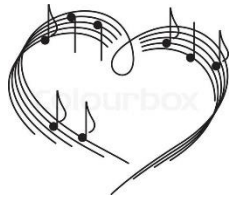


The Halloween Safe Walk is Coming up Fast!

Every year Faith has a table at the annual Halloween Safe Walk on Dearborn Street. This is an outreach to local families, and we always ask our members to help by contributing bags of wrapped candy for distribution that night. It's better to have candy that won't melt and has no nuts. There will be a tub in the narthex for your contributions. If you prefer, you can give cash or checks and we will buy the candy.

Men's Breakfast

Guys, you are invited to join us on Tuesday morning, October 3rd, 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.



Choir Rehearsals to Begin

Rehearsals for the “Merry singing of the Choir” will begin on Sunday, October 8. Rehearsals will be held AFTER the worship service (at 10:30) in the choir room. It will be wonderful to be back together – bring a friend to join us!

October Ladies Lunch

Ladies, we will meet for lunch at Arturs on October 11th at 11:30 am. Arturs is located on Indiana Avenue, just north of Dearborn St. They specialize in Polish food but have a full menu of luncheon favorites. We will order off the menu and have separate checks. Hope you can all join us for a lovely time and lots of fellowship!! Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Deadline is Sunday Oct. 8th. Questions? See or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Memorial Garden News

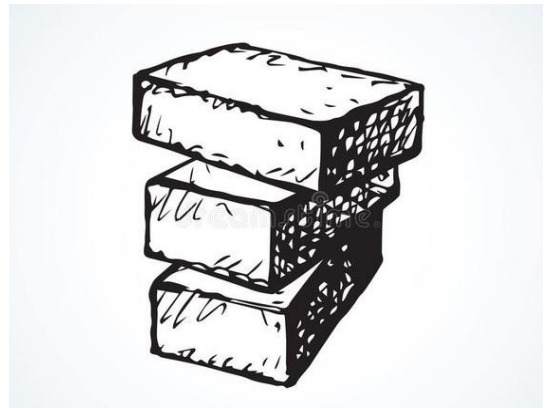
We have scheduled a clean-up day for our Memorial Garden on Tuesday, October 3rd, at 8:30 am. Please come out and join the crew, then stay for coffee and goodies afterward.

You Are Invited

On October first at 3:00 pm, Rev. William A. Kittinger, Jr., will be installed as Lead Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Venice). You are invited to attend the installation and the reception immediately following.

Long Term Prayer Update

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: Sarah, Hester and Carter Newton, Joanne Best, Kathy Kanak, John Schleede, Carl Jaspers, Lois Howell, Jackie Magee, Gary Wilkins, Neal Schattauer, Scott Schultz, Alex Hoops, Tom Jackling, Ginny Linsberg, Dave Deitrich, Jack Myers



Want to Order a Brick?

We will be placing an order for memorial bricks on October 8. If you have been planning to order one, please notify Mary Lou Fitzgerald, or Barbra in the church office. The forms for ordering are in the narthex, under the large bulletin board. Details are in the flyer. We may be able to place the bricks in the Garden on November 5th (All Saints Sunday).

Pastor and Lori thank you for all your prayers, cards and concern after the death of Lori's sister. It was much appreciated.

We Have Guests

After Hurricane Ian, Grace Community Church lost its home base in the Keller Williams building. Since Faith's secretary, Barb Davis, attends there, she discussed the situation with Pastor Armen.

Fortunately, almost immediately the Englewood Historical Society offered their "little white church" building for Grace to use as they waited on repairs.

But after a year of using the building, Grace was asked to leave the little white church so the Historical Society could expand its event schedule. Repairs were not going well at Keller Williams, but this wasn't a major issue as a local church offered to share their building with Grace. Unfortunately, that offer was retracted a week before Grace would be homeless.

Pastor Armen offered to allow Grace to meet here at Faith through December, and the church council agreed. So, Grace Community Church will meet here for worship at 11:30 on Sunday mornings, starting October 1. Barbra (and the whole Grace membership) thank you all so much for generously sharing your building. We will do our best to be good guests as is fitting for your brothers and sisters in the Lord.



Faith did it again!

This was our 10th year participating in *God's Work Our Hands*, and Faith's family and friends enthusiastically supported the campaign on September 9. Thank you all who participated; more funds are still forth coming!

So, \$130 was collected to split among the 4 outreaches we support. In addition to that total, some money was designated for a specific outreach as follows: St. Francis Food Bank \$190, Kid's Needs \$50, and Campers coins \$145!

BUT, that's not all. Ninety food items were given for the Food Bank. If we average them at approximately \$2.00 per item, that equals \$180. Articles of clothing donated for Kids Needs, averaged at approximately \$4.50 per item, equal \$801. For the Campers, a large bag of laundry pods, worth at least \$25, and 3 large trash bags of gently used clothing (\$100) were donated.

That gives us a grand total of \$1621. Way to go Faith!!! Thank you for your faithfulness, and place your hands together for a round of applause!!