

# Faith's Happenings. . .

September, 2022

## *Happy Birthday*

Sam D'Amico	2nd
Dorothy Pecynski	3rd
Marcia Wilkins	6th
Sue Baran	7th
Cyndi Kussow	10th
Marlin Harris	13th
Stephen Armen	14th
Bobbie Myrick	19th
Barb Jones	20th
Jim Buroker	25th
David Montessi	26th
Gary Wilkins	27th
Charlene Howe	28th
Brian Lindhurst	28th

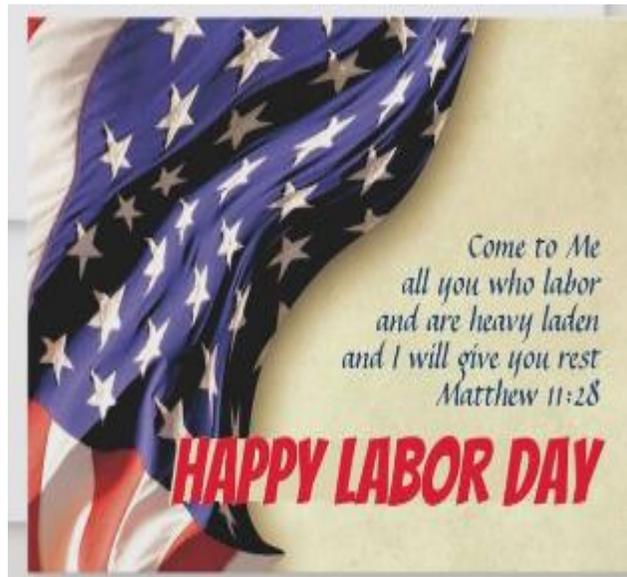
## *Happy Anniversary*

John & Linda Schleede	3rd
Bob & Ruth Ash	8th
Allan & Joan Thoren	16th
Jim & Barb Buroker	25th

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

### **September at a Glance**

*Mark your calendars now!*  
*God's Work – Our Hands: Sept. 4*  
*Labor Day: Sept. 5*  
*Men of Faith Breakfast: Sept. 6*  
*Ladies Luncheon: Sept. 14*



### **Want to Join the Family?**

In early September we will be receiving new members in one of our morning services. If you would like to join the family of Faith Lutheran, please fill out a contact card from the narthex, or call Barbra in the church office for details (941-697-3313).

### **Men's Breakfast**

Men, we invite you to join us for our monthly breakfast at Stefano's restaurant. We will meet at 7:30 am on Tuesday, September 6. Please join us!

***Pastor Armen returns from  
Sabbatical on Sunday,  
September 4.***

## 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: Ralph Crites, Sarah, Hester and Carter Newton, Joanne Best, Kathy Kanak, Sandy Honeycutt, John Schleede, Jack and Kathy Myers, Carl Jaspers, Lois Howell, Rick and Roberta Luckow, Ethel Hunn, Jackie Magee

### Stephen Ministry in Our Congregation

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care and support of a Stephen minister? Call (941) 681-0297.

## Thank You

The Lutheran Chicks were looking for a service project for the summer months when they saw a request from Lutheran World Relief that was just what they were looking for. LWR wanted to send personal care kits to needy people across the world, and they needed help preparing them. The Chicks asked for your assistance, and they were truly blessed.

The girls were able to assemble 18 personal care kits, each containing 2 bars of soap, a comb, a toothbrush and nail clippers, all wrapped in a full-sized towel. The kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution globally where needed most. Thanks to your generosity, Faith Lutheran has been able to reach out to people well beyond the borders of our nation!



## HOW TO KILL A CHURCH

- Don't Evangelize
- Regularly Criticize Leaders
- Attend Services Infrequently
- Refuse to Volunteer
- Neglect the Youth
- Complain More Than Encourage
- Stop Taking the Bible Seriously
- Value Personal Preferences Over Souls

## Another Thank You

We at Faith Lutheran would like to extend a big thank you to Pastor Autumn Hardenstine for her excellent work filling in for Pastor Armen while he was on Sabbatical.

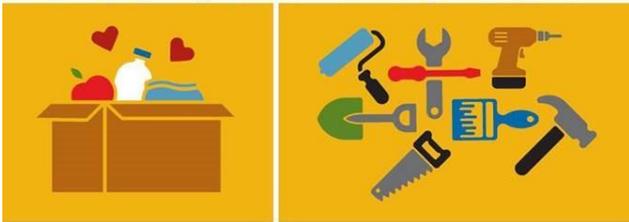
### Pictorial Directory Update

The photographing for our new directory will begin this fall, and we now have 4 volunteers to help Mary Lou Fitzgerald coordinate the program. Keep watching the bulletin and upcoming newsletters for more details.

## Want to be a Stephen Minister?

We will be offering a class on Stephen Ministries in the fall. If you are interested in participating, see Lou Taylor or Linda Ovitz. They can also answer any questions you might have about the ministry.

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**



**JOIN US** for a day of service

### **God’s Work**

Over the years we have had a variety of projects for “God’s Work Our Hands Sunday.” We collected shoes and socks for kids several times and we had “undie Sunday” even more often, but we always found our church family to be very generous. For the past 2 years we didn’t schedule the service day at all, but this year we have a specific local need that perfectly fits the theme.

On Sunday, September 11, we will once again celebrate “God’s Work Our Hands Sunday.” This year we are collecting donations for our camper (homeless) ministry. If you plan to participate, it would be helpful to have your check, with a notation of “camper ministry”, by September 4. This will help us tally the total amount given and announce it on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **September Ladies Luncheon**

The ladies of Faith Lutheran will gather for lunch on Wednesday, September 14, 11:30 am at Paraiso. The restaurant is located on Placida Road. While primarily a Mexican restaurant, Paraiso also offers other items like fish and burgers. The ladies will order from the regular menu. You are encouraged to join us, just sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Be sure to include your phone number so we can reach you if there is a problem. Deadline to be included is September 11.



**Autumn officially begins on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### **Do You Know?**

Do you know who your council members are? They are the folks representing you and making the necessary decisions about a lot that goes on around Faith. Current members are: Steve Wolfe (President), Gary Wilkins (Vice President), Jeff Petersen (Secretary), Lynn Beck (Treasurer), Art Hanson, Jay Fisher, Jim Taylor, Toni Newton and Ellen Lindhurst. If you have questions or issues you would like brought to council, see one of them.

# From the Pastor



September 2022

Dear Family at Faith,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write at the beginning of this new month. Gratitude for the gift of a sabbatical, which provided me with much needed rest, reflection and renewal. As I return to the usual pastoral activities, I will continue to process my experience and discovery and share these with you over the next month.

You have been busy in my time away. I want to thank Pastor Autumn for providing pastoral care and leading worship in my absence. I want to thank the congregation council for continuing to provide faithful leadership. And I want to thank you for your faithful support of the congregation and ongoing participation in our life and mission together.

This coming Sunday (September 4) we will be collecting a special offering in conjunction with "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday on September 11. Our focus this year is the camper (homeless) ministry. Your generous financial support helps us make a difference in people's lives with meals, clothes, supplies and necessities, all in Jesus' name.

You have welcomed new friends to the congregation over these summer months. I look forward to meeting these participants in our Faith family. Some have experienced health crises, I (or Barb) will be making appointments for me to visit, catch up, and offer support.

Some have experienced answers to prayer, I look forward to hearing those points of celebration. Mostly, I look forward to being back with you at worship, spending the first part of the week with you, and rejoicing together celebrating what God has done for us, and how we can be witnesses for God in our community and in the world.

I look forward to greeting you this Sunday with the words of Psalm 118.24 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

