

Faith's Happenings...

September, 2024

Happy Birthday

Sam D'Amico	2nd
Marcia Wilkins	6th
Sue Baran	7th
Marlin Harris	13th
Stephen Armen	14th
Barb Jones	20th
Jim Buroker	25th
David Montesi	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!

Labor Day: September 2

Men of Faith Breakfast: September 3

Undie Sunday: September 8

Ladies Luncheon: September 18

September 2



*Remember to get your
articles of clothing for
"Undie Sunday" to the
church by September 8th!*

Men's Breakfast

Guys, you are invited to join us on Tuesday morning, September 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.

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

Ladies' Luncheon

The September Ladies Luncheon will be held at 11:30 am on Wednesday, September 18th, at The End Zone, 2440 S. McCall Rd. Their menu includes wings, burgers, fish, salads, pizza and other great menu choices. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Join us for fellowship and laughter! Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 15th. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you need more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

Outreach Opportunity

We need a few more people to take prepared lunches to Indian Mound Park on Tuesday evenings. You don't need to serve every week just pick the weeks you are available. If you can help, see Cyndy Hoops for details.

**Save the Date:
March 23, 2025
For a lunch to
celebrate Faith's
50th anniversary!**

Faith's 50th anniversary is next year and we have 3 special events planned: a visit by the Bishop, a celebration on the actual anniversary and a lunch. More details will be available soon, but for now we wanted to be sure you have a lot of notice about the lunch, Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. The Anniversary Committee includes: Ruth Ash, Larry and Linda Bennett, Cyndy Hoops, Kathy Myers, Gary and Marcia Wilkins and Bob Wormuth.

ATTENTION WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

The September meeting date has been changed to Monday, September 9th at 10:00. Please mark your calendars now. This is an important meeting as we will be discussing fall events and dates.

Your Church Council

Jeff Kamm (President), Larry Bennett (Vice President), Sandy Cox (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Jim Taylor, Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jay Fisher and Sue Baran.

New Donation

We now have a double seat stroller available to lend if you need one. Call Barbra in the church office for details (941-697-3313).



Doing big things. Doing things that are big. What is the difference? In our world there are people who do big things: turn around a failing business, design highways, bridges and homes, produce art with paint, clay, music and other media, write novels and create fantasy worlds in books, movie, and video games.

Doing big things brings recognition, a sense of accomplishment and significance. Doing big things is important. Surprisingly enough, talking to people who have done big things, I have learned they frequently talk about all the people who helped them achieve their results or goal.

Doing things that are big, is different from doing big things. Doing things that are big can be as simple as calling a lonely neighbor to "check in," sending a card letting someone know you care, driving a neighbor to a doctor's appointment or store. Doing things that are big can be mowing lawns, working in a bakery or on a factory assembly line, playing an instrument in an orchestra. Doing things that are big can be volunteering to serve in the community, on the board of a community agency, donating food for the hungry or money to help provide medical care or something for the daily needs of someone who "has not."

Doing things that are big, may not be flashy or bring notice, but it leads to a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. Doing things that are big impacts people and changes lives. Things that are big can be done by anyone who lives with a spirit of generosity and giving for others.

Doing big things. Doing things that are big. What is the difference? Maybe none. Doing big things may catch our attention and impress, but it takes a lot of people to make big things happen. For all the glory of the athletes competing at the Olympics, remember the mom and dad transportation service that sacrificed to get them to practice. Remember the trainers, physical therapists, and coaches who helped them develop their skill. Think about the aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and friends who supported them at home and in the stands.

Anyone, everyone can do things that are big, that "fly under the radar." Individual action encourages children and adults. Individual generosity lifts the discouraged and meets essential needs. Spending 10 minutes reading a book to a child can change their life.

Whether we are doing big things, or doing things that are big, when we do them in God's name, the blessing is multiplied. The Psalmist writes: *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3 NRSVUE*

If we are living as people of God, followers of Jesus, finding life in the Holy Spirit, then our lives will be lived in such a way that God is praised. Our lives are a witness to the power of God at work in our world because God is at work through our lives.

September 8th we will celebrate "God's work, Our Hands" Sunday. This is a wonderful thing. Our congregation will specifically collect underwear and socks for the children and families served by Kid's Needs of Englewood, and for the homeless in our Camper ministry. Other items may be donated as well.

Be assured we are making a difference in Jesus' name. Each person doing something is big. Our congregation doing our part does something bigger. When we look at what all the congregations of the ELCA do as a part of this Sunday, we do big things.

Doing big things. Doing things that are big. Those two phrases may be a distinction without a difference. If we do God's work from the rising of the sun to its setting, God's name will be praised, and our hands will have been put to work for God's purpose. Whatever opportunity you have, please do something. Take to heart the words of the Psalmist: *From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3 NRSVUE*

Blessings,
+Pastor Brian

