

# STIRRINGS OF FAITH

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## Youth & Family Ministry News!

We are so excited about this fall because so many new and exciting things are happening.

We are very excited to be debuting a new format for Sunday School this fall. This is called Ackaloo and is a system for lifelong faith formation. Each week, each of our Sunday school classes will be discussing the same topic. Obviously, older groups will be discussing different aspects of the topic, but this creates a system where everyone is discussing the same topics each week. This gives families something to discuss each week in between Sunday schools. Likewise, Ackaloo comes with optional in-home elements such as music videos, internet games, and much more! This allows for our church family to continue to learn throughout the week, making Sunday school not just on Sunday mornings anymore!

Rally Day for Sunday school will be Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 AM. Join us for snacks, crafts, and all sorts of fun. Invite a friend and don't miss a minute of it!

We are also starting up all of our youth programs for the fall in late August. Our Confirmation classes are for any youth in grades 7 and 8, and meet Monday nights at 7:00. Our Senior High youth group meets on Wednesday nights with pizza at 7:00 with games and fellowship to follow!

We are excited to be taking a different approach to our Children's choir this fall. Heidi Sell, who is currently teaching art and music at Suncoast Academy, has volunteered to help with our children's choir this year. We are excited to be working on music for an upcoming Christmas program that will take place on a Sunday evening in Decem-

ber! We will also sing silly songs, all your favorite camp songs, and much more. The evening will begin at 6:00 with a game or two and end at 7:00 with some pizza for dinner! The Children's choir will begin on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.!

Don't miss a fun family night of games, food and fun for all ages on Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00—8:00. This will be a great time for everyone!!!

Finally, our Youth Drama Team will be working on several pieces this fall to be used in worship and also working on a Christmas program. The drama team meets Mondays at 6:00.

Please see more details about some of these events on Page 13. We hope that you will be a part of all of these exciting ministries!!!

## Our Family of Faith 40th Anniversary

Celebrate with us!! We have two spectacular functions planned to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our church. See Page 8 for all the details!!

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR STAFF MEMBERS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULES

Senior Pastor — **Rev. Stephen P. Winemiller**

Assisting Pastor — **Rev. Larry Wright**

Pastor Emeritus — **Rev. Charles Schweikert**

Bible Study Leader — **Rev. Tom Edge**

Director of Youth & Family Ministry — **Paul Goodman**

Organist and Music Director — **Don Baber**

Church Secretary — **Debby Puckett-Herpel**

Church Sexton — **Paul Antolik**

Assist. Treasurer — **Polly Barnett**

Missionaries — **Larry & Margaret Bollinger**

Worship Schedule:

7:45 AM

9:00 AM

11:15 AM

Nursery & Children's Church

*(begins Sept. 3):*

10:15 AM

Sunday School & Adult Sunday Forum

*(begins Sept. 10):*

10:15 AM

Coffee and Fellowship Hour:

10:15 AM

Internet Access:

Rev. Stephen P. Winemiller — [PastorSteve@faithsarasota.com](mailto:PastorSteve@faithsarasota.com)

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## *Faith's Mission Statement*

*Faith Lutheran Church,  
People of God by grace alone, coming together to:  
Praise our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,  
Proclaim the Good News in word and deed, and  
Nurture God's children as we respond in  
Faith to God's Love.*

## Church Council Members

Barbara Cocchi	486-8343
Gerry Dennis	923-7321
Steve Evans	925-8727
Davis Flatt	926-0656
Phyllis Hoffman	488-7337
Grace Kaarre	966-9878
Walter Morey	925-0258
Russ Pederson	923-9040
Bryan Proctor	907-1242
Sue Rice	955-0489
Isolde Smirnow	922-9897
Nancy Taylor	925-1229

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Please check the bulletin boards in the fellowship hall for dates & volunteer opportunities. Sunday worship bulletins will also indicate in bold letters when volunteers are needed for worship on that particular Sunday. Many thanks to all our volunteers!



**Volunteers Needed:**

- Ushers
- Greeters
- Communion Assistants
- Nursery (10 am)
- Children's Church (10 am)

**Please Contact:**

- Russ Pederson
- Patty McKee
- Nancy Wilborn
- Carol Rodi
- Paul Goodman

## Church Officers 2006

Council Chair	<b>Bryan Proctor</b>	907-1242
Vice Chair	<b>Steve Evans</b>	925-8727
Secretary	<b>Nancy Taylor</b>	925-1229
Treasurer	<b>David Flatt</b>	926-0656

## Pastor's Pen

The Dirty Collar Club is an example of Stewardship. Last month I wrote about the importance of tithing, but this month, let's think about the gift of time and talent. The Dirty Collar Club has a good time together, helping at their church once a week and then going out to eat at Bojangles every time afterward. They are a group at my wife's home church Lutheran Chapel in Gastonia, North Carolina, and they pride themselves in being

able to keep their church in tip-top shape. They take care of all the things that a custodian is not able to handle. They fix, they straighten, they deep clean, they organize, and are just all around servants of the church. Best of all, they have a good time together doing it.

It is an exercise in taking ownership of your church and of God's house. We do have folks here at Faith who do some of these things, but they are indi-

viduals working alone. That can feel daunting and lonely, and we know that many hands make light work. We have the need for helpers both inside and outside. If you think you have the time or the talent to participate, or even to lead such a group, check for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall; we will organize our own Dirty Collar Club for good clean fun and for the glory of God!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Steve

*God of blessing, open our hearts this day that we may truly desire good things for those around us. Help us to put aside any anger, resentment, or jealousy we hold toward family, friends, or colleagues. Bring healing and forgiveness, we pray. Amen.*

### 55 ALIVE - AARP DRIVING CLASSES

What is it??? A program sponsored by AARP nationwide to refresh the driving habits of older drivers. It is a 2-day, 8 hour class seminar (4 hours each morning) given here at Faith Lutheran. Over 6 million seniors have taken this course. Upon completion, a certificate is given which, when sent to the individual's insurance company, results in a 3-year policy charge savings. The cost of the course is \$10.

Driving Classes for 55 ALIVE meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday & Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM at Faith. Call Mike Gates in advance for reservations at 924-5240.

### Calling all Members of the German Congregation!

The German Congregation of Sarasota will resume their worship services at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 8, 2006.

#### Time:

1:00 - 2:00 PM Worship Service  
2:00 - 3:00 PM Social Hour

The German Congregation's Fellowship Picnics, held in the Fellowship Hall, will resume on Friday October 6, from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Anyone who understands the German language is always welcome! Please call Eberhard Gress at 921-6768 for more information.

## DIAKONIA MINISTRY - DEEPEN YOUR FAITH LIFE

If you are interested in participating in the Diakonia course, please pick up a brochure on the table in the Narthex. Diakonia emphasizes the baptismal vocation of all Christians to serve as did our Lord Jesus. Participants want to deepen

their life of faith and ground their baptismal commitment to serve in the scriptural, theological, liturgical and historical traditions of the church. They are committed to serve through: teaching, administration, liturgical leadership, ac-

tion for social justice, evangelism, visitation of the sick, community organization, youth work, and ministry among the elderly. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Steve or call the church office at 924-4664.

People are funny; they want the front of the bus, the



middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Submitted by Silva Jensen

## MONDAYS AT FAITH: YOGA CLASSES & EUCHRE

**Yoga Classes** will begin soon, after taking a break for the summer months. ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US for light exercise starting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 9:30 AM on Mondays in the Fellowship Hall. Give us a try!!!

**Faith's Euchre players** resume on the Monday after Labor Day, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the 1-3 & 4-6 grade Sunday School rooms. If you enjoy playing cards, please join us!

# Save a Tree!!

1. U.S. mail (like we've been doing, in black and white)
2. Have it delivered to your email address (in color)
3. Download it off our web site every month (in color)

The *Stirrings of Faith* newsletter will be posted on our web site ([www.FaithSarasota.com](http://www.FaithSarasota.com)) and emailed in .pdf format. What's the benefit?

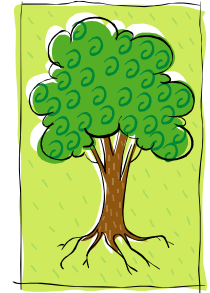
- (a) **Speed:** It will be available to you in your home a minimum of one week before the U.S. Mail could deliver the paper version. For those who live in the 34231 zip code, you know it can take up to two weeks for your newsletter to be delivered. While the paper version is being duplicated, stapled, folded and mailed, the electronic version could already be in your home. Our goal is to email the newsletter on or around the 25th of each month.
- (b) **Color:** You can print some or all of the newsletter from your own computer in color. If you don't want to print it, you can just save it to your hard drive for future reference.
- (c) **Conserve:** You will help our environment and conserve trees ~ who really needs more papers to file?

If you'd like to receive it at your email address every month, simply fill in the form on the last page of the newsletter and place it in the collection basket. If you'd prefer, you may sign up by emailing us at:

[subscribe@faithsarasota.com](mailto:subscribe@faithsarasota.com)

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Let's try to eliminate some of the paper sent to your home and help the environment at the same time. When you receive the newsletter on the Internet, you receive it quickly, no matter where you are ~ whether you're on vacation in another state or sitting in your own home locally. Try it!



# FAITH COUNCIL REPORT

## AUGUST 17, 2006

### Devotions & Eucharist

Nancy Taylor read from Exodus 16:13 and John 6:35 regarding the bread of life. Steve Evans read the meditation, where we considered that we give thanks for our full tables, but how this blessing makes us the "sharers" to the rest of the world in need. We have been given the Bread of Life which is Jesus, Himself. Followed by communion and prayers.

### Pastor's Report

1. Two thank you notes were passed around.
  - ⇒ ELCA World Hunger Relief
  - ⇒ ELCA Global Health
2. Five church members have signed up for the Diaconia Program meeting in Brandon, FL starting on September 9<sup>th</sup>. They are: Steve Evans, Sue Rice, Silva Jensen, Joyce and Luther Jungemann.
3. Our drum set, which has been loaned to Faith must be returned. Pastor hopes perhaps there might be a used drum set in a congregational family that could be donated to Joyful Noise.
4. Lutheran Services of Florida is our local and statewide program for social services and guardianships. We include their clients in our annual Christmas gift giving and keep them in our annual budget. They are to receive a donation from our building-fund-tithe at the end of the year. However, their annual auction in coming on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and Pastor asked if might consider donating some of the tithe now. Nancy Taylor moved that we donate \$3,000 (of the expected \$5-6 thousand dollar building-fund-tithe donation,) to their auction now to show local support. Motion was seconded by Sue Rice and passed with a unanimous vote.
5. Pastor asked for input on possible changes to service times in the Fall. After discussion, Council agreed, informally, that the services should remain the same as last year. Sunday School should perhaps "officially" start at 10:15 and end at 11:00 rather than at 11:15.

### Youth and Family Ministry Report

Paul Goodman presented a power point pictorial of all the youth presentations and summer camps that Faith has sponsored this year. We started the year with "Uncle Phil's 50's Diner" from the middle school group and two camps in June, one for grades 3-6 and the Senior group, both at Luther Springs. The Senior High group went to the Texas gathering with 30,000 other Lutheran youth and Confirmation camp was held at Luther Rock in North Carolina. Pastor Steve reported the Family Camp, also in Luther Rock, was very successful. Over 300 families and youth were served by Faith through camp experiences this year.

### News:

1. Heidi Sell, music & art teacher at Suncoast Academy, will be leading youth choir starting in the Fall. We hope to have an evening Christmas program in addition to the Sunday service, Sunday school songs.
2. New Sunday School curriculum is starting, called Ackaloo. All ages will study the same subject, in different ways, every Sunday.
3. New confirmation classes are starting up.
4. Retreat for the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades is being planned
5. Family night on September 16th
6. Trunk or Treat will be in October
7. Guitar ensemble is possible for Fall, still in the planning stages. Will focus on camp songs.

### Property Report

Steve Evans, Property Committee Chair reports:

1. Fascia – Bids on the work are still pending. South side is especially bad. We received several commercial contractor names recently which are being contacted.
2. Wood beams in the sanctuary, based on the engineering study: we need a contractor who can obtain the permits to complete the repairs including structural reinforcements. Also, the leak above the right side (choir) returned during a rainstorm the week of VBS day camp. Steve got the company

that did the recent caulk work to come and recheck. Though they re-caulked a couple areas, this work seems to be OK. The company recommended we take a home-use type of pressure washer up on the roof to aim it and try again to locate the exact leak location, glass area vs. window frame.

3. While on the roof with the caulking company, Steve noticed several areas where the wood sheathing under the asphalt tiles seems extremely soft. He is recommending we obtain some inspections and plan for some roof repair in these areas, once again, mainly on the south side. It's been 10 to 15 years since the roof was replaced.
4. The kitchen roof leak continues, Steve and Paul A. will continue to have the company return until they repair it correctly. It is still under warranty.
5. The dumpster was perfect for summer, however, Steve will check on the cost savings that might follow changing to a smaller size during season.
6. Where the Fire Dept. hit the perimeter fencing to be repaired by Paul Antolik as we have extra cross-member wood and posts.
7. Parking stops made of recycled plastic are replacing the cracked concrete ones.

### Council Chair Report

Steve Evans reported on the Executive Board meeting held on Monday night, August 7<sup>th</sup>. All Council officers were present except Nancy Taylor. Michael Carlson the architect for the Building Expansion project was invited for a brainstorm session. Walter Morey provided the Zoning Application information returned to us from the County for review.

- ◆ The Zoning Application was returned to us for clarification regarding several issues, including; square footage being built, parking lot corrections and landscaping. The building size, and expected use, will be calculated into a "trip

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## WELCA—Women of the ELCA

### From the *Church Women's Calendar* -September 2006

Tues.	Sept. 12	Noon	Lydia Circle Luncheon at Millies' Restaurant
Tues.	Sept. 12	1:00 pm	Miriam Circle
Thurs.	Sept. 28	TBA	W.I.L.D. Women of Faith <i>Time, Place &amp; Activity - TBA</i>

**If you are not already a member of a Circle, please consider joining us!**

For more information, please call:

Gladys Unson - 923-3910, Pat Sterner - 377-3507 or Shirley Gardner - 371-7973

### W.I.L.D. Women of Faith (Women In Lutheran Devotion)

Watch for announcements of September's meeting in the Sunday bulletins. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evening of each month. All women of Faith are invited to join us! Need information or have questions? Call Tricia Winemiller at 488-7883 or better yet, get on the e-mail list. Tricia can be reached by e-mail at [tlc60@comcast.net](mailto:tlc60@comcast.net)



Your chance to quilt your love for Christmas.

### Quilting Bee

Quick Christmas Quilting Bee weekend is offered by LOMF at Luther Springs on September 15-17, 2006. Both beginning and experienced level Christmas projects are planned. Hotel type rooms or 4-person cabins are available. Retreat limited to 20 participants. Call LOMF at 813-801-9600, ask for Lori.

## FAITH'S MERRY WIDOWS & FRIENDS

Faith's Merry Widows & Friends plan to get together monthly on a Saturday afternoon for fellowship & support, going to dinner and/or sharing an activity. *If interested in joining this group, please speak with Rosemary Gaydos at 377-6743 (unlisted) or call the church office.* Our next outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at TooJays (South Gate Mall next to Dillard's & Talbots) at 5:00 PM. All Ladies of Faith & friends are invited.



## FAITH'S FOOD PANTRY



Many thanks to Don Wilborn, Jr. who weighs our food collected at Faith, then takes it to the Salvation Army where our monthly collection is eagerly awaited. For the month of June, 286 pounds was collected and for the month of July, 364 pounds was delivered to the

Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks to all those who brought canned goods and dry foods to the church on Sunday mornings. Remember, during the summer months and into the Fall, there is a smaller congregation at Faith, but food collections must continue. Please remember to bring food at least once a month. Salvation Army food boxes are given to the working poor and to

those whose Social Security checks are not enough to take care of expenses plus still buy food. Especially needed: prepared boxed or canned meals such as macaroni & cheese, ravioli, & hamburger helper. Currently, the Salvation Army has an excess of baby food and due to expiration dates, it sometimes must be discarded. Thank you for caring!!!

# The Worshipping Ministry

(Supporting our Worship Services)  
Serving in September 2006

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	USHERS	
9/3	9:00	Sue & Ken Rice	Team F	Leader-Marty Light with Lois Light, Klaus Bucken, Steve Evans, and Daniel Mark
	11:15	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	Team 1	Leader-Jerry Beane with Judy Beane
9/10	9:00	Sue & Ken Rice	Team A	Leader-Bob Cantalamessa with George Coope, Cathy Day, and John White
	11:15	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	Team 2	Leader-Christine Earp with Mildred Stokes and Linda Urgo
9/17	9:00	Sue & Ken Rice	Team B	Leader-George Hubschman with Dave & Phyllis Flatt, Jerry Pauley, Gerry Dennis, and Gus & Gloria Ziegler
	11:15	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	Team 3	Leader Bill Lurz with Silva Jensen
9/24	9:00	Sue & Ken Rice	Team C	Leader-Bob Shand with Ed & Helen Oswald and Gladys & Bob Unson
	11:15	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	Team 4	Leader-Ginny Schnaitter with Harry Reif
10/1	9:00	Sue & Ken Rice	Team D	Leader-Alf Kirkeeng, Bob & Doris Anne Lucia, Rich & Fran Moyer, Russell Pederson, Sue Rice
	11:15	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	Team 1	Leader-Jerry Beane with Judy Beane

DATE	SANCTUARY CANDLE	CHANCEL FLOWERS
9/3	William & Gloria Slominsky-In memory of Robert Slominsky	(1) William & Gloria Slominsky-In memory of Robert Slominsky (2) Nancy Line-Victoria & Arthur Budzinski 2nd anniversary
9/10	Cheri Schumacher & Trudy Wigelsworth-In loving memory of our brother Curt	(1) Pat Sterner-In loving memory of Lavere Sterner, Sr. (2) Ella Jensen-Loving memory of husband Ray
9/17	Pucket & Yates families—In loving memory of Chuck	(1) Nancy Taylor-Honoring Kayla & Casey's birthdays (8) (2) <b>Vase Available</b>
9/24	Phyllis & Ed Bofinger-In memory of Phyllis' father, Henry Meyer	(1) Bob, Janet, & Mark Hember-Memory of Georgia (2) Gerry & Connie Krueger-56th wedding anniversary
10/1	Ed & Eleanor Wallace-In memory of our daughters, Maria Koller & Ellen Bahns	(1) Roger & Anne Wright-69th wedding anniversary (2) Mildred & Jim Delatash-63rd anniversary by their family

### Chancel Flowers



The cost of Chancel Flowers is \$25 per vase. We are now using Beneva Flowers as our church florist. The cost per vase or extra arrangement remains at \$25 with the cost of a rose for the altar at \$8.50. Tax will **not** be charged. Beneva Flowers will not bill you for your flowers. The church will be billed monthly for all arrangements. Thus, our new instructions for payment of altar flowers are as follows:

When signing up for flowers, please take a special flower donation envelope to place in the offering plate or mail to the church. **Make your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church.** Note on the sign-up sheet that you have paid. As always, remember to sign-up in advance as sometimes we have several families choose the same day for their remembrances. Please remember to pay for your flowers, to help keep the cost of flower arrangements affordable for all. *Please direct all questions about billing to the church office.*

### Sanctuary Candle

The cost of a Sanctuary Light is \$8. Please place payment in offering envelopes noting "Sanctuary Light" on your check.



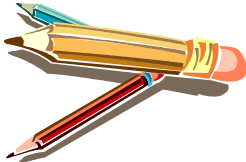
## Kits for Lutheran World Relief

**Please remember to fill kits. They can be left on the WELCA tables in the Fellowship Hall.** Thanks to our W.I.L.D. Women, we collected a fantastic supply of Health Kits from those wonderful women who attended the luncheon in May. We are still in need of additional School & Sewing Kits. Thanks for your help!

### School Kits

Each School kit is to contain the following items:

- ♥ Pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2 by 11 inches containing 100-150 sheets of paper
- ♥ One pair of blunt scissors. The "safety" scissors with imbedded steel blades is an excellent choice.
- ♥ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ♥ One pencil sharpener
- ♥ Six new pencils with erasers
- ♥ One eraser approximately 2 1/2 inches long
- ♥ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- ♥ One box of 8 or 16 crayons
- ♥ One cloth bag 12 X 13 inches with cloth handles



### Health Kits

Each Health kit is to contain the following items:

- ♥ One hand towel
- ♥ One washcloth
- ♥ One bathsize bar of any brand of soap (only new bars please)
- ♥ One toothbrush
- ♥ One tube of toothpaste, 5-7 ounces
- ♥ One comb
- ♥ One metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached

### Sewing Kits

Each sewing kit is to contain the following items:

- ♥ Three yards of cotton/polyester material
  - ♥ One package of needles
  - ♥ One card of buttons
  - ♥ One spool of matching thread
- Items should be placed inside a plastic bag.



## Our Family of Faith 40th Anniversary "The Concert"

On Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, we will celebrate 40 years as Faith Lutheran Church with a wonderful concert! This concert features Dr. Marilyn Mason from the University of Michigan and Donald Fishel in a program called, *Breath of the Spirit*.

This program includes poetry readings, organ and flute. It has been performed in New York, Paris (Notre Dame Cathedral), Lisbon and the United States. It is being jointly presented by Faith Lutheran Church and the Sarasota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Don Baber, Faith's organist, has the pleasure of serving as the Dean of the Chapter and Pastor Steve is our Chaplain.

Invite your friends! Mark your calendar today!! You will not want to miss these professionals in this wonderful performance!!!

## "The Dinner"

Join us as Our Family of Faith Celebrates our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at 6:30 PM on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club of Sarasota

Tickets will go on sale in October. We need an approximation at this time of the number of members who would like to attend, to help us plan the meal. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall indicating the number of persons attending from your family. Then. . . Watch for additional information in the Sunday Bulletins and next month's newsletter.

**Note:** If you are receiving this newsletter at your home in the north, please contact the church office so your name can be added to the list. Church Phone: (941) 924-4664 or address: 7750 Beneva Road Sarasota, FL 34238

# September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>7:45 AM, 9AM 11:15AM Worship 9:00 AM Nursery 10:15 AM Coffee Hour <b>10:15 AM Rally Day - Sunday School Begins!</b> 8:00 PM NA Group Adult Sunday Forum begins next Sunday</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Labor Day - Office Closed</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Yoga 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 1:00 PM Euchre 6:00 PM Drama Gr 7:00 PM Confirmation Cl</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:00 AM -7:00 PM Primary Election</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1:00 PM Hospice 5:00 PM Joyful Noise 6:00 PM -7:00 PM Children's Choir K-5th Grade 7:00 PM Sr.High Youth 7:30 PM Adult/Chime Choir pick-up - election</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:30 AM WELCA Board 5:30 PM Country Club of Sarasota - Sanctuary 7:00 PM Overeaters</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>11:00 AM Recovery Group</p>
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Sunday School  
Rally Day - September 3<sup>rd</sup>

# The Worshipping Ministry

(Supporting our Worship Services)  
Serving in September 2006

DATE	TIME	LECTORS	ALTAR GUILD	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
9/3	7:45	John Millard	Phyllis Bofinger, Dee Shand, Lynn Clancy, & Gladys Unson	Wayne Meeks
	9:00	Sue Rice	n/a	Fran & Rich Moyer, Shelley & Duane Siims
	11:15	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kathleen Denning, Eileen Crist, Velma Ojala, Joan Hamm, & Ken Harlin	Ginny Schnaitter, Harry Reif, Linda Urgo
9/10	7:45	Cherry Meeks	Phyllis Bofinger, Dee Shand, and Lynn Clancy	John Millard
	9:00	Pat Sterner	n/a	Christina Van Schultz, Alice Hardy, Don Wilborn, Jr.
	11:15	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kathleen Denning, Eileen Crist, Velma Ojala, Joan Hamm, and Ken Harlin	Steve & Debby Newman
9/17	7:45	John Millard	Phyllis Bofinger, Dee Shand, and Lynn Clancy	Dick Harris
	9:00	Lilian Moore	n/a	Tricia Winemiller, Ken & Sue Rice
	11:15	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kathleen Denning, Eileen Crist, Velma Ojala, Joan Hamm, and Ken Harlin	Alex Os, Carol Geyer
9/24	7:45	Cherry Meeks	Phyllis Bofinger, Dee Shand, and Lynn Clancy	Wayne Meeks
	9:00	Barb Cocchi	n/a	Grace Kaare, Marty & Lois Light, Nancy Wilborn
	11:15	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kathleen Denning, Eileen Crist, Velma Ojala, Joan Hamm, and Ken Harlin	LaVerne Gill, Silva Jensen
10/1	7:45	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Phyllis Bofinger, Dee Shand, and Lynn Clancy	John Millard
	9:00	Sue Rice	n/a	Betty Schmeling, Polly Barnett, Judy Melander, Doug Herpel
	11:15	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kathleen Denning, Eileen Crist, Velma Ojala, Joan Hamm, and Ken Harlin	Darrell Cascio, Kathryn Blessing, Carol Hanson

DATE	9:00 AM *CRUCIFER	9:00 AM *ACOLYTE	9:00 AM NURSERY	10:15 AM COFFEE HOUR
9/3	Daniel Knatz	Chris Preston	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
9/10	Tessa Schumacher	Jack Conlon	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
9/17	Scott Hardy	Cindy Van Schultz	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
9/24	Amanda Richardson	Leslie Miles	Volunteers Needed	Rosemary Gaydos
10/1	TBA	TBA	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

\*Note to Parents: If your son or daughter is unable to serve as assigned, please arrange to trade with another member of the class, then contact the church with the new information (924-4664). Thank you!



# COUNCIL REPORT \* CONTINUED

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generator" formula which could require us to improve Eugene Road.

- ◆ The \$1.2 million we have to build with, after the 10% tithe and the site improvements, will only build a 6600 square foot commercial structure.

Many ideas were discussed and Michael Carlson will do some preliminary drawings. We plan to resubmit the new drawings with the zoning application. This may have to be done more than once as we attempt to find the right combination of available money vs. County requirements. Council Board confirms that we do not have the money to build the Phase One concept and will work diligently to keep within our pledged funds. We have 90 days from July 18<sup>th</sup> to resubmit our new concept plan.

### Faith's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Issy Smirnow is working with Nancy Wilborn, and others, on this wonderful event. The entrée choices have been selected and a children's plate added. Deserts will be requested from the congregation's "bakers." Tickets will be \$27.00, children: \$10.00. There will be entertainment, former pastors and one of our missionaries might be our keynote speaker. There will be "scholarship" money for those who cannot afford the dinner and we will set up a "rides program" for non-drivers. Also,

engraved note card sets will be for sale.

### Treasurer's Report

Since David could not be here, Polly Barnett sent out the report to all Council members. There was general discussion concerning a third negative revenue month in July. This is somewhat normal for our congregation but compared to 2005, we are further behind in giving and total expenses are higher.

Building Fund money received, including \$3,207.22 in interest earned, is up to \$818,348.39. Future pledges expected over the next four years: \$1,230,838.41.

The Ocala property has not sold. Additionally, we've been notified that it falls under a new law that states a non-profit may not claim a property as non-taxed unless it is using the property for non-profit work. This property will now begin to be taxed accordingly. This is another reason to try to sell it. Pastor mentioned that if, in the future, we feel it is too much of a liability we may want to donate it to Habitat for Humanity.

The Budget workshop tentatively scheduled for September has a conflict with the Family Night, and may need to be rescheduled again. David to contact Council members when he returns.

### Other Reports/Questions

1. Stewardship — Sue Rice advised the Council that pledge card stew-

ardship drive will be mailed soon, with formal pledges of the requested. Phyllis Hoffman reported the Stewardship committee's Gifts Discernment Ministry is going ahead under a combined leadership with Kathy Caspar and John Hoffman. "Created and Called" has a vision plan, strategic plan and time line aiming at October.

2. Issy Smirnow and Walter Morey will be absent from Sept. meeting.
3. Pastor Steve and Paul Goodman will be attending Synod conference training Sept. 18-20, 2006.
4. Nancy Taylor will bring refreshments to the next meeting. Thank you to Grace Kaare for tonight's yummy dessert.

### Adjournment

Next council meeting: Thursday September 21st.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Taylor  
Council Secretary



## From the Church Council - Facts & Figures for July

	<u>Month of July</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income:	\$27,872.70	\$221,793.91
Actual Expenses:	32,675.71	239,510.12
Difference:	<b>(4,803.01)</b>	<b>(17,716.21)</b>

## Acolyte/ Crucifer Schedule

The schedules prepared for the months of October, November & December will include those students who will be confirmed in January of 2007 and the new Confirmation Class being formed. Those who were confirmed this year, in January 2006, will not be on the Acolyte/Crucifer schedule after September. Blessings and thanks to all for your enthusiastic participation in this program.

# PARISH RECORDS FOR SEPTEMBER 2006

## Transferred to the Church Triumphant

- Dorothy Court - July 26, 2006  
(former member)
- Ottilie Waldron - August 5, 2006
- Esther Pass - August 5, 2006
- Joyce Blake - August 8, 2006
- Heinz Reinstrom - August 9, 2006

*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.  
Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*

## Anniversaries

- 9/3 Rev. Woody & Elisabeth Culp (57)
- 9/4 Robert & Norma Johnson (53)
- 9/5 Lloyd & Nancy Andrews (53)
- 9/6 Duane & Shelley Sims (31)
- 9/11 Edward & Elaine Wyka (52)
- 9/22 Scott & Nancy Taylor (10)
- 9/23 Gerald & Constance Krueger (56)
- 9/27 Luther & Joyce Jungemann (54)

## Comings and Goings:

### Change of Address:

David & Rebecca Wilborn 250 Snyder Dr. Venice, FL 34292	Ronald Klemish & Shirley Ann Hagelberg-Klemish 23451 Moreland Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33954
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### Our New Member!!

#### *We Welcome You to the Faith Family!*

Paul & Jean Speaker  
8941 Veranda Way #512  
Sarasota, FL 34238  
Phone: 375-8409  
*Paul & Jean join us from St. Paul Lutheran in  
Egbertsville, NY*

To all our new members: If your name has been left off this list, information is incorrect, or you have not received a new member packet/offering envelopes, please call the church office at 924-4664.

# Birthdays

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/1 Loren Reinstrom</li> <li>9/2 Dennis Walter (94)</li> <li>    Krieg Philinda (89)</li> <li>    Charles Dezutter</li> <li>    Christine Hradek</li> <li>9/3 Constance Wheeler</li> <li>    Dwight Dooley</li> <li>    Joan Mazur</li> <li>    Frances Moyer</li> <li>9/7 Laura Sell</li> <li>9/8 Jennifer Cox</li> <li>    Karen Erne</li> <li>    Cynthia Van Schultz</li> <li>    Jane Krecicki</li> <li>9/9 Aryn Mullins</li> <li>    Margaret Palmieri</li> <li>9/10 John Ulreich</li> <li>9/11 Kathleen Harms</li> <li>    Betty Ness</li> <li>    Rebecca Woeckener</li> <li>9/12 Phyllis Danielson</li> <li>    Kenneth Ditmars</li> <li>9/13 Betty Walsh</li> <li>    Alexis Hradek</li> <li>9/14 Rudy Lurz</li> <li>9/15 Ardith Bouwman</li> <li>    Harland Waterstraat (91)</li> <li>    Phyllis Bofinger</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/16 William Meyer</li> <li>    Peggy Ragan</li> <li>    Rebecca Culp</li> <li>9/18 Jenna Mullins (19)</li> <li>9/19 Nicole DeRosa</li> <li>    Dieter Smirnow</li> <li>    Suzanne Dengel</li> <li>9/20 Jean Speaker</li> <li>9/21 Robert Cantalamessa</li> <li>9/22 Diane Shanos</li> <li>    Tricia Winemiller</li> <li>    Brennen King (10)</li> <li>9/23 Florence Schwan (96)</li> <li>9/24 Jane Hindall</li> <li>9/25 Neil Christenson</li> <li>    Steven Ragan</li> <li>9/26 Robert Mainey</li> <li>9/27 Joy Mullins</li> <li>9/29 Tera Graham</li> <li>    Edna Otto (86)</li> <li>    Doris Sauls</li> <li>    Darlene Goodman</li> <li>    Richard Steiner</li> </ul> |
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## Baptisms

*Nancy Carol Hunt –  
August 13, 2006*

*Olivia Lynn Wilborn –  
August 20, 2006  
Olivia is the daughter of David  
& Rebecca Wilborn*

*Sally Ann Keller –  
August 26, 2006*

*May God  
Bless them  
and grant them  
fullness of  
life.*



## Music Notes—Adult Choir

The Adult Choir begins rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 PM. We will sing our first anthem on Sunday, September 10 at the 9:00 AM worship service. We are always looking for new voices; if you enjoy singing, please give us a try.

## Adult Bible Study

Monday Adult Bible Study sessions with Pastor Tom Edge are scheduled to resume on the first Monday in October -- October 2.

Classes meet in the Choir Room at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. (take your pick), cover basically the same subject matter, and last for approximately one hour. While Pastor Tom may offer suggestions for a course of study, the final decision

on what will be considered is left to members of the groups themselves. More than ample time is also allowed for questions from the groups and digressions on related subjects.

With the new Fall Season upon us, why not plan to take an hour or so each Monday for a careful study of the Sacred Scriptures and how they apply to life in the 21st Century?!

## New Children's Choir

Our new children's choir begins rehearsing on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. All children in grades kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to sing with us. We are excited to have Heidi Sell, who is the Music Teacher at Sarasota Suncoast Academy,

help us with the Children's Choir this year. We will sing some traditional songs, favorite camp songs, new praise songs and start working on songs for the Children's Christmas Program. For more information, contact Paul Goodman or Heidi.

## Youth Drama Group

Youth Drama Group begins on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. **(Note: This date has been changed!)** Congratulations to all Faith's fantastic actors & actresses who gave us the wonderful 50's Dinner Theatre in May. If your son/daughter is interested in joining this fun group, please contact Paul Goodman and join us on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Youth Group

Youth Group is a group of High School students who meet weekly to play games and discuss their faith. We begin at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evenings with a pizza dinner and continue with games, discussions, service projects and more. The group is open to any youth in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Bring a friend! First Meeting: Wednesday, August 23.

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes began on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM with a parent and student meeting. Confirmation is a program for youth who are currently enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This is a two year program that teaches our youth about what it means to be an active member of our church. The first year taught by Pastor Steve, gives the youth an overall understanding of the Bible. The second year, taught by Paul Goodman, students learn what it means to be Lutheran. For more information or to register your youth, please contact Paul Goodman.



## Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise, our musical worship ensemble, is looking for the donation of a drum set. The current drum set is on loan from the Sarasota Pops, so we are hoping that someone might have a good instrument that is no longer being used that could be donated to the congregation. If you have a drum set, please contact the church office. It will save us the expense of purchasing one.

# THE SERVING MINISTRY

## Service to the community and congregation

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We are searching for volunteers to serve as hosts on Sunday mornings for coffee hour, beginning in September at 10:15 am.

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Hosts are needed to purchase and set out the treats + clean up afterward. Receipts may be submitted to the church office for reimbursement by the church, or placed in your numbered envelopes as an offering.

Remember, it's easier to share the work! Please consider getting together with some friends, or as a group, to provide treats. Coffee Hour is so much more inviting when there is something to have with our coffee. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

### A Note of Thanks

*Thanks to all who so kindly remembered my wife, Otilie. She would have been delighted to know you cared!*

*Love & adapé, C. Charles Waldron*

### **STIRRINGS DEADLINE**

The deadline for the October *Stirrings* is Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be prompt with your articles as it may be necessary to place late articles in the November issue. The *Stirrings* deadline is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Our new editor is Rene North. All information to be included in *Stirrings* must be either e-mailed to Rene at:

[editor@faithsarasota.com](mailto:editor@faithsarasota.com)

or placed in her mailbox at the church (lower right-hand corner of mailboxes in fellowship hall). If a copy also needs to be included in the Sunday bulletins, please make an extra copy and leave it on Debby's desk in the church office or e-mail to Debby at:

[Debbypuckett-herpel@faithsarasota.com](mailto:Debbypuckett-herpel@faithsarasota.com)

*Please note: All articles for the newsletter must go directly to Rene. This will ensure that your information is included in the current month's issue.*

### A Note of Thanks

*Thanks for your thoughts & prayers through our Dad's (Heinz Reinstrom) illness and passing.*

*With love,  
Christine & Janet*

### 55 Years Ago...

...on the 19th of June 1951, my parents and I sailed to the United States on the military transporter U.S.N.S. General C.C. Ballou and arrived in New York on the 29th of June. We had been sponsored by the Church World Service and International Refugee Organization.

I thank God every day for bringing me to my new home.

*Isolde "Issy" Smirnow*

### **SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**

Thanks to all who made our first Summer Blood Drive so successful. We exceeded the expectations of the Blood Center Staff; they have asked for a repeat next summer. Mark your calendars! Our next Blood Drive will be on Sunday, October 22, 2006. We will be scheduling donors on October 8 & 15. Please call Don or Patty McKee with questions at 921-3709.

### **Stirrings "Assembly" Crew**

The October *Stirrings* newsletter will be assembled for mailing at 9:15 am on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Many, many thanks to this fantastic *Stirrings* crew who faithfully assemble the newsletter each month.

## STEWARDSHIP-

### Promoting the Expression of Christian Faith in Daily Living

#### Money: Why is it so important to God?

*It's a bold statement: "Money and possessions are an index of our spiritual life". Certainly, Jesus did nothing to take the edge off. In fact, he reduced this truth to the simplest of terms when he said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:21). Let's spend a little time together exploring this question, Money, why is it so important to God?*

In His service,  
Steven Ragan  
Stewardship Chairperson

For serious Christians some hard questions are in order here. How could the Bible's Author and Editor justify devoting twice as many verses to money than to faith and prayer combined? And how could Jesus say more about money than both heaven and hell?

The sheer enormity of Scripture's teaching on this subject screams for our attention. And the haunting and very important question is, *why?* Why did the Sav-

ior of the world say more about how we are to view and handle money and possessions than about any other single thing? Why?

#### Money and Conversion

The Bible points out some truths to us that give us examples of what we will witness, through the power of God in our lives, when we become the new person in Christ.

Here are some examples of how closely Jesus linked money and salvation itself. When Zacchaeus said he would give half his money to the poor and pay back four times over those he had cheated, Jesus did not merely say, "Good idea". He said, "Today salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9).

When John the Baptist was asked by the people what they should do to bear the fruit of repentance, John first told them to share their clothes and food with the poor. Then he told the tax collectors not

to collect and pocket extra money. Finally he told the soldiers not to extort money and to be content with their wages.

In all three cases, conclusive proof of a spiritual change was an altered perspective on the handling of Money and possessions.

In our own Lutheran traditions Martin Luther himself talked about there being three conversions, the conversion of the heart, the mind and finally the pocket book. Luther was simply confirming the words of Jesus, as we desire to become more like our Lord there will be changes in our life including how we view possessions. At some point as we mature as Christians we realize that they are not our possessions but gifts from God, at that point we begin to ask Him what we should be doing with them.

*Spiritual transformation is essential, not optional, for Christ-followers.*

## Sunset Silent Auction

Lutheran Services Florida invites you to attend our annual Sunset Silent Auction. This fundraising event benefits our Sarasota County Guardianship Program.

**Saturday, September 30, 2006**  
**6:00 PM to 11:00 PM**  
**The Chelsea Center**

Auction to end at 8:30 PM

Food: Sampling of food courtesy of several local area restaurants

Entertainment by: Standout Entertainment

Dress: Come in your disco attire for our Saturday Night Fever theme

Advance payment: Individual Admission \$30.00

At the door: Individual Admission \$35.00

Admission includes: food, beverage, and entertainment

To donate an item or for ticket information, please call Anne Ridings at 358-6330

## Faith Commitment 2006

Stewardship is planning an annual Faith Commitment Pledge Drive, which is going to allow the members of Faith to put down their plans to support the ministry of our church on a pledge card. This won't be taking place until November of this year but we wanted to let you know it is coming and that, as a church, we need to pray and ask God what it is he has committed to each of us to give to his church as an offering of thanks. Not only will we be holding a year-end pledge drive that will allow us to recognize God's financial support, but Stewardship will also be introducing a new program, "Created and Called" designed to recognize and celebrate the personal gifts we, as God's people, have also received from him. Be looking for more information and related activities for both of these programs in the coming months.



In His service,  
Your Stewardship Ministry Team

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SEPTEMBER 2006

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