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Newsletter

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# Notes from the Pastor

## February 2017



Thank you for your prayers while I was sick. A special thanks to Pastor Carlson for helping lead worship and officiate at the memorial service January 22.

I am getting to know your names and enjoy hearing your stories. Faith has a long history of service in the community. I have enjoyed dropping in on the school on Mondays. I listened to the children play the steel drums today. Fun!

I am planning for Lent and taking you through some discernment opportunities. Yes, it's survey time. So put on your thinking caps and together we will come up with some ideas on how to move forward.

Pastor Nielsen

# Peace

\*The peace that Christ gives is to guide you in the decisions you make; for it is to this peace that God has called you together in the one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

\*And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7

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\*God does not want us to be in disorder but in harmony and peace. 1 Corinthians 14:33

\*And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11b

First be reconciled to your brother or sister. . .

The presiding minister offers these words: "The peace of the Lord be with you always." The congregation responds "And also with you." The members of the congregation are then invited to "share the peace" with one another. What does this really mean?

Sharing God's peace is not simply offering a friendly hello to those sitting around you. Sharing God's peace is not a time for catching up on news with your neighbor or for reminding someone about an upcoming meeting. Sharing God's peace does not require each worshiper to offer a sign of God's peace to every other worshiper present- but at FELC we do try to exchange the peace with everyone present. The "exchange of peace" (also commonly called "sharing the peace" or "passing the peace") is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.

The exchange of peace is a ministry, an announcement of grace we make to each other, a summary of the gift given to us in the liturgy of the Word. This ministry we do to each other is far greater than a sociable handshake or a ritual of friendship or a moment of informality. Because of the presence of Jesus Christ, we give to each other what we are saying: Christ's own peace. Then, having been gathered by the Spirit around the Risen One present in the word, we turn to celebrate his meal.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in Matthew's Gospel, lays a foundation for the practice of sharing God's peace. "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24).

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. February 5th is Boy Scout Sunday!
2. The Boy Scouts are having a Spaghetti Dinner on February 11th. See Scotty, Scott or Donna Bouchard for tickets. There will be a Sweetheart Dance to follow. Come and enjoy the evening.

Other sources from the early church confirm the practice of sharing the gift of peace. In an early Christian writing the Christian community is encouraged to "come together on the Lord's day, having first confessed your sins so that your sacrifice may be pure. Anyone who has a quarrel with his fellow should not gather with you until he has been reconciled, lest your sacrifice be profaned."

This passage confirms that the pattern Jesus spoke about in the Sermon on the Mount became a regular weekly occurrence in the early Christians' practice of Holy Communion.

The placement of the Peace in the ELCA is following the intercessory prayers and before the setting of the table (quite likely the more ancient pattern).

That the sharing of the peace follows the prayers of the church is not accidental. Having been forged into a common people in Holy Baptism, the congregation prays for peace in the Church, peace in the world, and peace for all those in need. Then the congregation follows through with the people offering peace and reconciliation to one another. This is not human peace alone, but the peace which is possible only through Christ. Then, after the exchange of peace, we receive the gift of Christ's peace in our sharing Holy Communion.

It is especially important that this practice invites hospitality to visitors; this is not a time to simply greet those we know. Since the peace is an outgrowth of our prayers for peace and the promise of Christ's peace for us always, it needs to be clear that we share this peace as a sign of our baptismal unity as children of God.

Dear Lord grant us your Peace.

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as

to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Amen.

# Congregational Meeting Following Worship, February 26



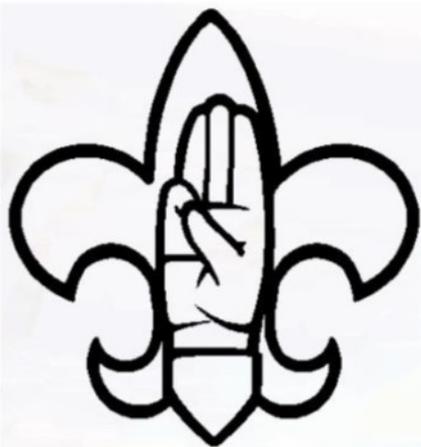
Most fans of pro football know that February 5th is Super Bowl Sunday, the biggest, and last, game of the season. February 5th is also Souper Bowl Sunday of Caring. This year's offerings will be sent to The Neighborhood Center of West Volusia located on S. Woodland Blvd. in DeLand. A few of the services the Center provides is an emergency food bank, daily food pantry, emergency housing and transitional housing. So, on February 5th, three soup pots will be passed (one for each team in the super

bowl, as well as one for 'I don't care who wins') and all offerings will be combined and sent to The Neighborhood Center. Wear your favorite team's colors, any sport you like, and let's give generously!

*See the full Prayer Chain, read the Scripture of the Day and more at*  
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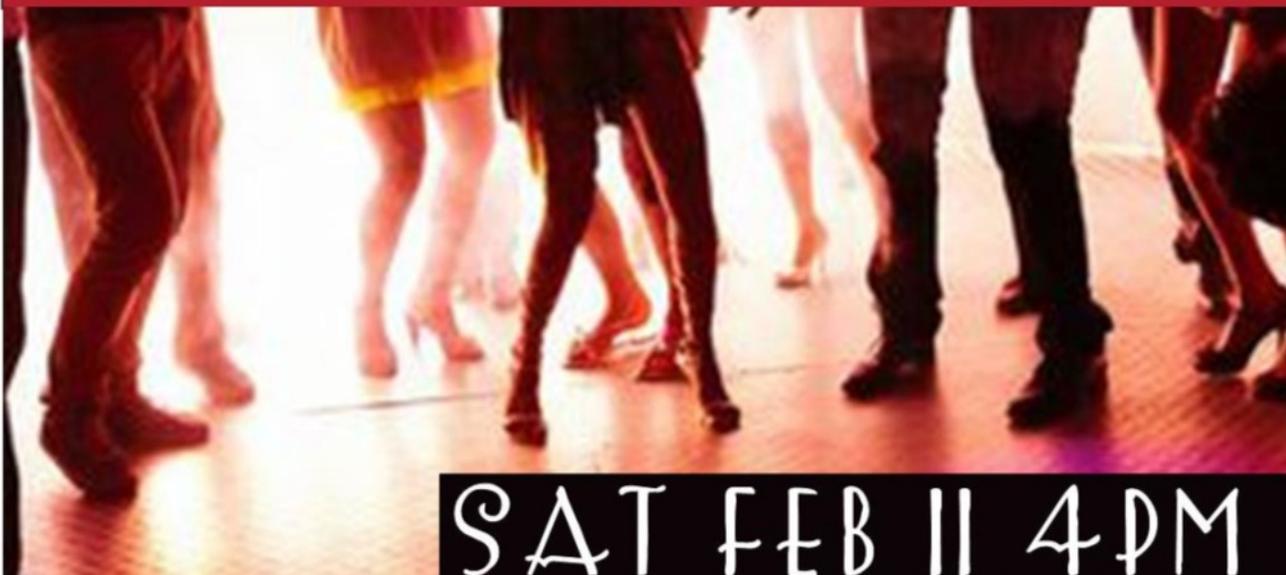


BOY SCOUTS



DINNER &

DANCE



SAT FEB 11 4PM

TICKETS 5.00 PER PLATE

FELLOWSHIP HALL

# THIRD SUNDAY SHARING 2017

# EPIPHANY

January	Worship
February	Fla-Bahamas Synod
March	VBS Sunday School
April	Music
May	Christmas in July Military Christmas
June	Fla-Bahamas Synod
July	Local Youth Activities
August	Butterfly Garden
September	ELCA World Hunger
October	Congregational Life
November	Fla-Bahamas Synod
December	Local Youth Activities

## Our Facilities Are Available

If you belong to or know of any group that needs a meeting space, why not suggest our facilities? It's a WIN/WIN! It can lead to new relationships forming, as well as helping our church out a little financially. Please call the office at 386-734-2791 for more information! Thank you!

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

1ST FRIDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH  
is Faith  
Lutheran  
night at  
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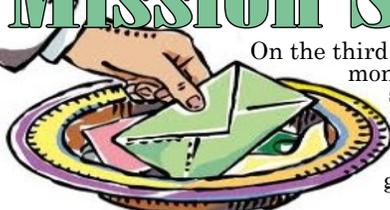
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Choir Practice 5pm St. Olaf Band	2 Presentation of our Lord Ground Hog Day	3 	4
5 Service 9:30 am Finance Meeting 12:30pm Worship & Music Time TBA Boy Scout Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring	6	7 Rebekah Circle @ Good Samaritan 10:00am	8 Choir Practice 5pm	9	10	11 Boy Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner 6:00pm
12 Service 9:30 am Bring Chunky Chicken!	13 Council Meeting 6:00pm to 7:30pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Choir Practice 5pm	16	17	18
19 Service 9:30 am Mission Sharing for FL- Bahamas Synod	20 President's Day	21	22 Choir Practice 5pm	23	24	25
26 Service 9:30 am Congregational Meeting Part 2	27	28 Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras	Choir Practice 5pm			

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb 4th Betty Sperling  
Feb 12th Amber Sholtis  
Feb 14th Michelle Hermann  
Feb 14th Thomas Wheeler IV  
Feb 17th Rebekah Groover

Feb 20th Bob Bebee  
Feb 21st Cornelia Policke  
Feb 22nd Jennifer Campbell  
Feb 26th Heide Cirullo-Coe  
Feb 29th Courtney Folsom

### Mission Sunday



On the third Sunday of each month there will be a second collection for various needs of the church. The collection on this day will go toward:

**FL-Bahamas Synod**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH IS

## SECOND SUNDAY SHARING

Faith's Outreach Ministry will be continuing our partnership with St Barnabas to help their

**On February 12 Please Bring:**



**Faith at Work Food Pantry!**

On the second Sunday of each month, everyone is asked to bring a specific **non-perishable** food item the pantry needs.

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**He knows you. He loves you.**



*Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you, and before you were born  
I consecrated you; I appointed you  
a prophet to the nations.*

Jeremiah 1:5



*Our Lord has written  
the promise of  
resurrection, not  
in books alone,  
but in every leaf  
in springtime.*

**-Martin Luther**



The candle is  
dedicated by  
Pastor George Wil-  
lis to the glory of  
God and in memory  
of Fr.  
Marshall  
Allen.

**Make your offering electronically!**



# MONEY MATTER\$

Attendance & offerings for the month of **December 2016**

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	General Tithes Needed	Designated Giving	CHMS Contributions	December Total
58	\$7,856.00	\$11,785.00	\$2882.10	\$3,062.00	\$13,800.00

*Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of you heart.!*

General Tithes Budgeted      \$11,785.00  
 General Tithes Received      \$7,856.00  
**Difference**                      **-\$3,929.00**  
 Thanks for Giving! We need your regular tithe in order to maintain day-to-day operations.



## Capital Fund Update

**How Much Have We Raised?**

Month of December	All of 2016
<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

Thank you for all your support! Please remember that Capital Fund donations should be **in addition** to your regular tithe. We still need your regular tithe in order to maintain day-to-day operations.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DONATIONS

Thank you to these and all member who allotted their **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to Faith Lutheran Church: **Deborah Boyer, Dolores Schmid**

*Thank You!*

**General & Ministry Offerings** includes Regular and Loose Tithe offerings, Stewardship, and Sunday School offerings.

**Capital Fund Offerings** are included with Memorial and other Pass-Thru Offerings

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### On The Website

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- Click the Make A Donation link at the left side of the page.
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### With Your Smartphone

- Upload the free QR code scanner app at the Google Play Store.
- Scan the QR code found on donation cards, bulletins, and newsletters.
- All major credit cards accepted.



# SHROVE TUESDAY

MARDI GRAS

FEBRUARY

28

5:30 PM -  
6:30 PM

Supper will be served, then followed by games, music, masks and beads. Come join the festivities!

Reservation slips will be available, or call the church office. This will help Janice and Debby know how many pan-cakes they need to flip!



## PRAYER CHAIN

Intercessory prayer is one of the Christian's most powerful tools. By lifting up those in need, we bring them to the Lord for His healing hand, strength and comfort.

We pray for those who are chronically ill, that God would be their daily companion and strength:  
Laura Coe, Nina Eriksen, Linda Feiler, Lloyd Zeller, Kerry Sholtis, Lance Borows, Faith Eriksen

For those who are fighting cancer, that they will know they are not alone in the battle:  
Ray Bebee, Curt Doroban, Bob Jordan, Alfred Mueller, Isabelle Lee Pritchett, Emily Snyder, Suzie Farris, and Craig Parrillo

We rejoice with those who are recovering from injury, illness, or surgery:  
Nina Eriksen, Anna Anderson,

For those who are shut in, that they will feel the Lord's constant presence:  
Lucille Eaton (FLHC), Millie Glover, Virginia Fauble

We pray for those whose needs are known only to the Lord:  
Cathy Buchner, Marilyn Snow, Heather Kinney, Preston Kinney, Carolyn Stevens, Jackie Hays,  
Cathy, Dorothy Caldwell, Scarlet Valdez

We pray for the special concerns of our neighbors, our community, our nation and our world:  
Our men and women in the military, Habitat for Humanity, All people in war-torn nations, Storm victims, Rain for areas that need it, For our local, state and national leaders, for those in the grip of addiction to drugs and alcohol and for their families.

Email your prayer request to [prayerrequests@faithlutherandeland.org](mailto:prayerrequests@faithlutherandeland.org) or contact Faith Eriksen at 736-1799

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Sharing Christ's love, our mission is to extend hospitality, serve our community,  
and spread the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Pastor:** Rev. Nielsen  
**President:** Dorothy Caldwell  
**Vice President:** Debbie Morris  
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**Financial Secretary:** Debby Boyer

Bob Bebee	Sue Thurmond
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**Administrator:** Sherri Holzman  
**School Phone:** (386) 736-3632

### CHURCH STAFF:

**Pastor:**  
 Rev. Nielsen  
**Office Manager:**  
 Amy Cornwell  
**Music Director:**  
 Deborah DeGaetano  
**Church Sexton:**  
 Bob DeGaetano  
**Organist:**  
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