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Newsletter

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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church

DeLand, Florida

Notes from the Pastor



November 2016

“Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.”

(Psalm 136:1)

Our family used to pray that at the end of each meal. Like most homes, our table grace before the meal was the “Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blest. Amen.” Then there’s the more Catholic (I think!), “Blue Bloods” prayer: “Bless O Lord, these, thy gifts which we receive through thy bounty through Christ our Lord.”

Call me old-fashioned, but it seems that we Americans have, for the most part, drifted away from that practice. For starters, it is rare these days for a family to all sit down for a meal together. When they do, at least, they are more inclined to pray before eating – unless they’re too hungry or too much in a hurry to think about it. After eating, giving or returning thanks? Yeah, right!

It is always right “that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise,...” (The Great Thanksgiving before Holy Communion.)

How profound it would be for each of us, and as a community, to offer our ongoing lives as a sacrifice of praise! God’s Word is filled with saints, heroes of the faith, who did that, even if their lives were full of suffering and misery, disease and exile. Those in our time who are non-believers would see a far different Christian. Blessed are those who are filled with the grace, peace, and love of God. You can sense it in their presence. To live that way, to relate to everyone that way, is a powerful witness indeed.

We can choose to live as happy people of God. We have already died the most fearful death, that being our baptism. We sometimes live, especially in these turbulent times, as if we are doomed people. Even though everything around us may be bleak, we can choose to exude a different response that would, I believe, give the skeptics and seekers reason to be...curious, at least? Give people a reason to ask about the hope in you, the hope that is conveyed in your very demeanor. God gives us all the innate ability to be people of God: joyful, in spite of worldly conditions.

The best, albeit very different, days of the church are still to come. Tune into the news of the church. Could it be that the world is about to turn? Could it be that something unexpected, like God’s grace, will stir up new possibilities?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Art

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What goes to the ends of the earth? Every shoebox you pack for Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse since 1984 has delivered these special gifts to 135 million boys and girls in more than 150 countries. Some of these children have never received a Christmas gift and the one you send might be the only one they receive this year. Some have never heard of Jesus and the shoebox they open may be their only chance to go from "spiritual darkness" to the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

How do you pack your Shoebox and what goes in it? Check in the Sanctuary, call the office or log on to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/occ-newsroom/> for handouts that answer these important questions. Then have them ready to send around the world by collection week from the 14th to the 21st of November.

Faith will be collecting boxes on site from now until **November 13th** and then will distribute your donations during National Collection Week. Please look for the table with the Operation Christmas Child poster and shoeboxes in the Sanctuary. Thanks for your generous support!



NEWS FROM THE QUILT ROOM

We have gotten a little behind in the quilt room this summer but are working hard to catch up. We are still getting beautiful fabrics from the Quilt Shop of DeLand. We will be having a display of some of the quilts soon. One of our workers, Pat Foldy, has been ill so we are missing her on Tuesdays. Dolores Schmid is sitting at her sewing machine stitching strips together for us to tie into quilts. I am cutting fabric for school backpacks which Doris Candalino will put together. Carol Sutton will fill the backpacks with school supplies which you have donated. We are still asking for school supplies as we hope

to do at least ten and maybe twenty backpacks this year. It takes a lot of people to put together the quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks you to all of you for your help. We can do this again this year!

UPDATE: We need School Kits!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits bring simple things that make a big difference for families living in poverty and conflict around the world. LWR recently distributed 6,350 School Kits to families in war torn Syria. Now LWR is in urgent need of Kits to fulfill requests from partners around the world. FELC is still collecting school supplies but only for one more week – until **November 6th!** These are the items most needed now: 70 sheet spiral notebooks, blunt scissors, pencil sharpeners, and rulers that have centimeters on one side.



We are inheritors of what generations of Christians before us passed on to us; we are temporary caretakers of today's churches. But though they are gone, whose who "died in the Lord" live very much in his care. The traditional term for the deceased saints is the "Church Triumphant," while the believers who are alive today are called the "Church Militant." All Saints Day celebrates the connection between the Church Triumphant and the Church Militant, the saints of the Lord Jesus on earth and those in heaven.

On **November 6th**, let's remember our departed Saints.

Elaine Romberg 11/24/2015	Phyllis Dudley 4/4/2016
John Toenjes 11/25/2015	Richard Hoel 6/6/2016
Alice Lilly Kiehle 12/11/2015	Jerry Kimmel 6/25/2016
Richard Woodring 12/17/2015	Ingrid DeSellems 7/31/2016
Irma Milward 12/25/2015	Carl Fauble 8/20/2016
Jessie Hanson 3/37/2016	

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NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rebekah Circle @ Good Samaritan 10:00am	2 Choir Practice 5pm Potluck 6pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm	3	4 	5
6 Service 9:30 am LWR School Kit Collec- tion deadline! 	7 Finance Meeting 5:30pm Worship & Mu sic 7:00pm	8  	9 Choir Practice 5pm Potluck 6pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm	10 Martin Luther was born on this day in 1483 	11 	12 8:30am Fellowship Breakfast 
13 Service 9:30 am Bring savory Stew! Annual Congregational Meeting Part 1 Operation Christmas Child FELC deadline!	14 OCC Collection week begins 	15	16 Choir Practice 5pm Potluck 6pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm	17	18	19 Breaking Bread River Cruise 3pm-5pm 
20 Service 9:30 am Mission Sharing For ELCA World Hunger Faith Explorers 11:00am	21 OCC Collection week ends 	22	23 Choir Practice 5pm Potluck 6pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm	24 	25	26
27 Service 9:30 am Faith Explorers 11:00am 	28	29	30 Choir Practice 5pm Potluck 6:00pm Advent Service 7:00pm 			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 1st	Robert DeGaetano	Nov 11th	Donald Boyer
Nov 4th	Faith Eriksen	Nov 13th	Ricky Swann
Nov 5th	Dennis Hanson	Nov 18th	Ron Teeter
Nov 7th	Kristine Sholtis	Nov 20th	Anita Smiley
Nov 7th	Zachariah Swann	Nov 29th	Carole Shellhorse
Nov 10th	Frieda O'Donnell		

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

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.

On November 13th Please Bring:

Savory Stew



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:

ELCA World Hunger



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Check the pew pocket for details!

A GENTLEMAN

“A gentleman,” it says is a man who is clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich or down on the poor; who can lose without squalling; who can win without bragging; who is considerate to women, children and old people; who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat, and too sensible to loaf; who takes his share of the world’s good and lets other people take theirs.

RUSSEL CAREY DUNMIRE

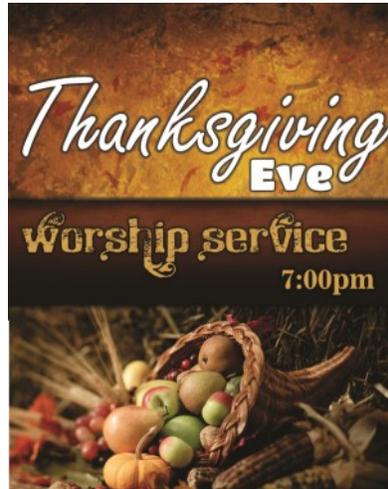
Russell Carey Dunmire Sr., 50, died Sept. 24, 2016. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 29th here at Faith.

Mr. Dunmire was a graduate of Spruce Creek High School and Daytona Beach Community College, earning associate degrees in computer engineering technology and electronics engineering technology. He kept the family’s computers running smoothly, happily pet-sat their cats, dogs and rabbits, and loved walks on the beach with his children.

Russell is survived by his daughter, Samantha; son, Russell Jr.; sister, Dana; brother,

Robert III and wife, Sherry; parents, Robert and Kathryn; and four nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church or The American Diabetes Association at P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312



Thanksgiving Day

For blessings of the
Fruitful season,

For work and rest,
for friends and
home,

For the great gifts of
thought and reason

To praise and bless
Thee, Lord we come.

-E. Scudder.



The Word advent, which means “coming,” is good word with which to begin the Church Year, when we are tempted to ask, “What’s coming?” A more correct questions would be “Shoe’s coming?”

Many people and churches use an Advent wreath to mark the four weeks of the season, lighting one candle on the first Sunday of the season, two candles on the second, three on the third, and four on the last Sunday in Advent. As Christmas gets closer, the light gets brighter, and the Church prays, “even so, come, Lord Jesus” - for advent means “coming.”

Annual Meeting Part 1 Immediately Following Worship, November 13th

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See the full Prayer Chain, read the Scripture of the Day and
more at
[www.FaithLutheranDeland.org!](http://www.FaithLutheranDeland.org)

MONEY MATTER\$

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

Average Attendance	General Tithes Received	General Tithes Needed	Designated Giving	CHMS Contributions	August Total
60	\$7,613.55	\$11,785.00	\$1711.25	\$3,062.00	\$12,386.80

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

General Tithes Budgeted \$11,785.00
 General Tithes Received \$8132.83
 Difference -\$4171.45
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 August	All of 2016
\$0.00	\$30.00

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 A Boyer, Anndrea R Kulhanek, Raymond R Morris, George M Sherman, & Peggy A Sherman.**
Based on Thrivent Choice® participants recommendations, Faith received \$2,475 in 2015!!

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LET'S BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

We are looking at Saturday, November 19, 2016 for our next adventure. It will be a paddle wheel 2 hour lunch buffet and river cruise beginning at 3 PM, be there at 2:15 PM. The boat is moored at the Halifax Marina in Dayton Beach. Cost is \$24.79 person, children at reduced rates. A sign up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall with additional information. Advance payment will be required to secure a spot for reservations. Call 386-402-1353 to book or do so online at www.dineandcruise.com!

From Rev. R.P. Anderson:

Some keep out of the church because they say they are not good enough for it, but no one is good enough for it. We join the church because we are not good enough, because we are sinners and need a Savior, because we are weak and need the help of the church, and because each of us is but one and needs to cooperate with others in order to accomplish his best work.

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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, Hazel Bryngelson, 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, Ruth Niederstrasser

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 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.

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