

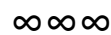
FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
705 LELAND HEIGHTS BOULEVARD EAST
LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936-6723

Phone: 239-369-6177

APRIL **FORWARD**
2009 **IN**
 FAITH

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
GOD'S PEOPLE UNIFIED IN CHRIST
AND ENERGIZED BY THE HOLY
SPIRIT, TO LEARN, GIVE AND SERVE

Non-Profit Org.
U. S Postage
PAID
Lehigh Acres, FL.
Permit No. 8902



FAITH ECHO



APRIL 2009

Lynn and I wish to offer a heartfelt thanks to all who were able to celebrate our seven years of mutual ministry together on March 29, 2009 following the second service. We thank Vicky Hawkins and her family for a wonderful catered dinner. We thank Tom Nelson who emceed the event with passion.

We thank all who gave us gifts that day. We will cherish the photo's framed for our memory.

Thanks to all who worked to set up and clean up and plan in advance. I have so much appreciated sharing the Gospel of Jesus with you.

The following is a poem that Lynn's mom wrote and is our goodbye gift to you. There are copies available on the Narthex table.

"Our Fond Adieu"

It isn't ever easy, to tell dear friends, "Good-bye."
To close a chapter of our lives,
As tears flow from our eyes.
It isn't ever easy, to bid dear friends, "Adieu,"
To hold our mem'ries close to heart,
And whisper, "we'll miss you."
But, our God doesn't promise
That tears will never flow,
That hearts won't ache and hearts won't break,
Dear friends won't come and go.
So, as a flower grows, then buds,
Then blooms and fades away,
So, too, shall dear friends come and go,
To meet again, some day.
Dear friends, we'll miss you sorely,
Yet, fond mem'ries there will be,
Of willing hands and loving hearts,
And souls of poetry.
Kind words to chase a thousand tears,
The warmth of each fond embrace,
And lonely hearts'll remember,

The smile of each loving face.
May God bless you, richly,
As we venture on our way,
May He walk beside you, daily,
'til we meet again, some day....
Adieu, Dear Friends, Adieu!

IMR

(Lynn's Mom)

***Thank you for our mutual ministry,
And may God bless you.
Pastor Doug and Lynn***

Also, following is the letter I wrote to you on March 14, 2009—in case you missed it.

Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

This is a very difficult letter to write to you as members of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. You as individuals, and as a congregation of God's people, are a vibrant, viable Lutheran congregation in our area of Lehigh Acres. We have even received national recognition for our mission and ministry. The future is very bright as God leads you forward.

I have accepted a call to serve Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida. They have been without a pastor for some time, and it is a privilege to be considered by them to lead them forward in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This decision was made after a time of discernment in prayer and meditation, under the power of the Holy Spirit, and this conclusion was not easy to reach.

My last Sunday as your pastor will be Easter Sunday (services are at 6:30am in the Rose Garden, 8:30am Contemporary Service, 10:30am Traditional Service—a different sermon outside at the 6:30am service than the two later services). A celebration of our mutual ministry together will take place on March 29, 2009 following the second service with a provided meal and program.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Gary DeVore, Liaison

EVANGELISM

Bob Wolfe, Marguerite Kull, Barbara Lindroth, Liaison

FINANCE

Pat McIntyre, Liaison

LEARNING VILLAGE

Lisa Peters-Director, Barry Moll-President, Don Poidevin-Secretary, Sarah Polter, Bonnie Kintz, Jennifer Glasser, Kelli DeVore, Pr. Doug Wahlberg, Jeanette Vesper, Liaison

PROPERTY

Ron Shively, Larry Vandivier, Gary Lohr, Damon Shelor, Laura Barney, Connie Wattenmaker, Walter Dierks, Ron Shively & Len Barney, Liaisons

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Barbara Emery, Sheila Rogers, Richard Peters, Liaison

STEWARDSHIP

Charlie DiFelice, Liaison

WORSHIP & MUSIC

*Lou Keck, Lynn Beck, Jim Kreger, Jerry Emmel
Ralph McDonald, Liaison*

YOUTH/ORGANIZATIONS

Larry & Brenda Scheneman, Liaison

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Dr. Douglas C. Wahlberg, Pastor
Rev. Clifford & Mitesaida Lewis,
Missionaries—Egypt

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

J. L. Kreger

OFFICE STAFF

J. L. Kreger, Office Administrator
Jo Anne Borkert, Melinda Pensinger,
Financial Secretaries

Volunteers for Filing and Reception

Dorothy Nelson, Marguerite Kull, Lynn Wahlberg,
Doris Brown, Mary Jane McArthur, Lois Duff,
Nancy Eng, Frances Vandivier & Audrey Downey

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

John Kintz, President
Doug Patterson, Vice President
Richard Peters, Secretary
Patricia McIntyre, Treasurer
Len Barney, Gary DeVore
Charles DiFelice, Barbara Lindroth
Ralph McDonald, Ron Shively, Jeanette Vesper

Web Site: faithlutheranla.org
Email: FaithLutheran@embarqmail.com
Phone: 239)369-6177
Fax: 239)369-3411

It has truly been an awesome privilege to serve God and you personally and corporately in this place. With the proximity of Naples, please remember that your new interim pastor, who will be assigned by our Synod soon, and eventually your newly called pastor will have the privilege to provide official acts (weddings, baptisms, funerals) for you and the parish.

Thank you so very much for the privilege to partner with you for seven years (your call to me was April 7, 2002) in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God bless Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church today, and in the future as God has in the past.

May God Bless you in the glorious unknown future, where God's promises are real and true and constant.

In God's Peace and Love,

Pastor Doug

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | February 2009 | |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| | Monthly | Year to date |
| INCOME | \$28,985.41 | \$52,018.63 |
| EXPENSE | \$24,620.68 | \$55,198.22 |
| NET | \$ 4,364.73 | (\$3,179.59) |

COUNCIL REPORT

02/10/09

Motion to seek council recommendation on which Mission Consultant to use. No action
Motion to get contracts and preview them before signing.
Approved. No other business

Sweatlock Fellowship Hall. Our own Pastor Doug will be the lead as Jesus. Jerry Emmel, Mickie Shaw and Diane Bernatz will sing the parts of the three women mentioned in Mark's poignant and easy to understand Gospel.

The title of our cantata this year is "The Song of Mark," by Marty Haugen, a nearly complete rendition of the Gospel of Mark. Barry Moll, Tom Nelson & Nick Chistoff will portray the fisherman (disciples of Jesus), Mark Brown will sing the part of John the Baptist. Merrilyn Penegor, Helen Chistoff and Janice Boucher will be disguised by masks singing the part of righteous do-gooders from the Gospel.

All this and a nice coffee and cake reception following—What more could you ask for?

What an opportunity this will be to bring friends and neighbors to hear our choir sing, and, perhaps for some, hear the Gospel for the first time. Not only our choir, but also the choirs from St. Anselm Episcopal Church and The Church of God of Prophecy will be involved in this costumed Extravaganza.

DON'T MISS IT!

WELCA ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have old sheets or new ones (that are washed), please bring them to the church for a quilt project at Redeemer Lutheran in Ft. Myers. Thank You

10:30am

- 04/05 Betty Richards, Elizabeth Yeoman, Bob & Doris Bollenbach
- 04/12 Janice Crum, Lois Duff, Margarita Wolfson, Betty Richards
- 04/19 Duff, Yeoman, Gary Lohr, Peggy Fjelsted, Borkert
- 04/26 Duff, Crum, Tom & Phyllis Vonderhaar

Wednesday Evenings

- 04/01 Larry & Frances Vandivier, Dean & Ferne Warner

MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 04/09 Harry Ludwig & Patricia Grotsky

GOOD FRIDAY

- 04/10 Jim & Shirley Kirkham

ACOLYTES

- 8:30am
 - 04/05 Jeremy Smith & Natalie Peters
 - 04/12 R. J. & J. J. Iglesias
 - 04/19 R. J. Iglesias
 - 04/26 R. J. & J. J. Iglesias
- 10:30am
 - 04/05 Tiffany Brimlow
 - 04/12 Janell & Katie Harvey
 - 04/19 Adrianna & Josie Fjelsted
 - 04/26 Lea Harvey

READERS

- 8:30am Toria Via
- 10:30am
 - 04/05 Diana King
 - 04/12 Diana King
 - 04/19 Linda Patterson
 - 04/26 Linda Patterson

DRIVERS SCHEDULE

| | |
|-------|--------------|
| 04/05 | Will Rogers |
| 04/12 | John Kintz |
| 04/19 | Ed McIntyre |
| 04/26 | Damon Shelor |

Happy Birthday and God's Blessing to:

| | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Tarrah Brewsaugh | 04/01 |
| Elmer Leyda | 04/02 |
| Hildegard Rosner | 04/03 |
| Tom Hansen | 04/03 |
| Elfrida Gay | 04/05 |
| Diane Elswick-Day | 04/07 |
| April Erickson | 04/10 |
| Bill Hawkins | 04/10 |
| Lynn Beck | 04/11 |
| Caitlin Nelson | 04/11 |
| Neal Merckens | 04/13 |
| Doug Dobert | 04/13 |
| Russ Fels | 04/14 |
| Nils Lindroth | 04/14 |
| Joan Shultz | 04/14 |
| Katrina Brewsaugh | 04/15 |
| Ralph Boettger | 04/16 |
| Bill Haniman | 04/17 |
| Helen Benson | 04/18 |
| Ted Bawor | 04/18 |
| Sharon Shively | 04/19 |
| Leanna Quinnell | 04/19 |
| Phyllis Vonderhaar | 04/22 |
| Lea Harvey | 04/23 |
| Donald Quinnell | 04/26 |
| Laurie Jerriey | 04/26 |
| Jake Schmidt | 04/27 |
| Joan Ruchti | 04/28 |
| Stefan Wollerman | 04/28 |
| Siggi Lorenz | 04/29 |
| Mary Carter | 04/29 |

Happy Anniversary and God's Blessing to:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Larry & Diane Day | 04/06 |
| Richard & Lisa Peters | 04/06 |
| Ken & Pat Brooks | 04/14 |
| Siggi & Julie Lorenz | 04/29 |

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24

FAITH FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

LCPL Logan Raymond, LCPL Hannah Frank, LCPL Trevor Frank, Airman Jennifer Iglesias, US Air Force, Lackland Air Force Base, Lance Corporal Tyler Blum, US Marine Corp, Cherry Point, Senior Airman Kenny Brooks, US Air Force, Davis/Mothan AFB Arizona, Petty Officer Tim Fjelsted, US Navy Reserves, Private 1st Class Nick Schmidt, US Army, Afghanistan, Sergeant Robert Waigand, US Army, SA David Pykal, San Diego

YOUTH EVENTS

Remember Teen Youth Meetings are Sundays from 9:30am-10:25am in Schmidt Chapel. Check us out!

Saturday, April 4, 2009 Selling Hot Dogs, Chips and Soda for Antique Appraisal Show in SFH. We will have a car wash late in April and a picnic in May.

PALM SUNDAY CHOIR CANTATA

Once again, our choir will perform a special extravaganza on Palm Sunday, but in the late afternoon (4:00pm) followed by a reception in