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## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

### James the Lesser

The reason why this James is known as the lesser is not because he was less significant than the other James, but due to the fact that he was the younger one. His connection to Jesus is interesting: James' mother's name was also Mary, who is believed to be either a sister or close relative of Jesus' mother. Because of this, James was also called the brother of the Lord (Galatians 1:19), the term "brother" to possibly be understood as "cousin." James was a witness to Christ's Resurrection and is considered a pillar of the church: he was the first bishop of Jerusalem. So, certainly he was not a "lesser" / inadequate disciple in any way.

James played a vital role in the growth of the Church in Jerusalem. Church history indicated that he led a crucial meeting early in the Church's life, the Council of Jerusalem in 50 AD. This was where the early Church leaders, including Paul and Peter, discussed whether Gentiles could become followers of Jesus. James played a key part in the meeting by helping to show and convince the Council that Christ was for everyone and that anyone can be saved by believing in Him.

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## Freedom & Gospel Freedom

America's 242 Independence Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. 242 years ago the Founding Fathers gathered together to look at the issue of FREEDOM. You may not know but 98% or more of the founding generation were affiliated with Protestant Christianity. 5 or 3.1% of the founding fathers were Lutheran. In fact almost all of the founders regarded the Bible as indispensable to their political experience in self-government. They valued God's Word in its insights into human nature, civic virtue, social order, political authority, and other concepts essential to the establishment of a political society.

You can see this as evidence in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution:

The First Amendment prevents Congress from making any law respecting an establishment of religion, prohibiting the free exercise of religion, or abridging the freedom of speech, the freedom of the press, the right to peaceably assemble or to petition for a governmental redress of grievances.

Here are some of the references from the Bible that were used in the formation of the Declaration of Independence and in the Constitution:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me....He has sent me to proclaim **freedom** for the prisoners...and to release the oppressed" (Luke 4:18)

".....through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set me **free** from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:12)

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us **free**" (Galatians 5:1)

As Christians, we know that because of sin we were once enslaved. Trapped in a condition that made it impossible for us to free ourselves. The truth of freedom as an outcome of the Gospel is one that is held dear at Faith Lutheran Church. This Gospel freedom is a precious and costly gift as such it is meant to be treasured and enjoyed, not neglected or abused.

As we celebrate 242 years of Freedom as a nation let us even more celebrate our Gospel freedom...at what St. Paul calls the "glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:21)

This Gospel freedom releases us (100%) from the power of Sin, Death, and the Devil himself. Help us, O God, to treasure and enjoy this freedom every day!

Freed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
Pastor Don Treglown

## Freedom in the Law

*"...for I find my delight in Your commandments, which I love."*

Psalm 119:47

Other than December, I can think of no other month in the year that receives so much hype, excitement, and emotion for us Americans than July. It's the time of year where we all seem to focus on one particular gift given to us that cost so much: freedom. Who has it? Do we all have it? Who still needs it? Do we still want it? Questions that run through our minds as we reflect on the country we live in. But what is freedom?

Today, the majority (if not all) of Americans would say freedom is the ability to be whoever and whatever you want to be. Anyone who says otherwise therefore is limiting your freedom and is wrong. So when it comes to laws that get in our way from being whoever we desire most to be...we react. The span of behavior ranges from aggression and anger to subdued and anemic. The law becomes a source of burden, anger, and an obstacle. Then as a result for many, freedom is delusory and a lie because the law still exists and we can't overcome it. We try our hardest to circumvent it, but the law nonetheless remains. Thus when we encounter God's Law (Will) for us, how do we respond? Because it's there. And it's permanent.

None of us like being told what to do if it goes against what we want to do. So with me saying that there's freedom in the Law, a lot of people would think I'm either crazy or pharisaical. But taking in the larger picture at work: God's Will (Law) for us is not to be what we want to be, God's Will is for us to be what *He* wants us to be. **God wants us to be His children.** That my dear friends is beautiful and good...and it's what God's Law is all about. There is much delight to be found in our Lord's Will. But there's a problem. Our sinful flesh leads us not to think this way about the Law: "Why would a so-called loving God ask me to do something that I in the end cannot do?" For we cannot follow it perfectly and we are held captive to what it demands of us. Is there any freedom in God's Will for His people? Yes.

Since none of us can perfectly obey what our Creator demands, God sent His only Son to accomplish all of it for us. Christ removed the judgment (eternal death) we deserve from not being able to obey God's Will and put it all on Himself. That's how much God thinks of the Law. That's how much God thinks of *you*. That's the Gospel Truth. Indeed, Jesus' saving work on the cross and empty tomb has freed us from the curse of the Law...but not from the Law itself. What does this mean?

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## Mission of the Month - ECHO Global Farm

God's word tells us to feed the hungry and make disciples of all nations, but how do we follow these commands? By partnering with ECHO, you can be the hands and feet of Christ to the undernourished.

ECHO is a Christian non-profit organization that equips missionaries and development workers worldwide to combat hunger, malnutrition, and poverty. ECHO actively investigates, teaches, and promotes solutions to agricultural problems and seeks innovative ways to grow food in difficult conditions.

Offering practical, hands-on agricultural training, so that families can be equipped to help themselves out of poverty, is key to ECHO's work. For over 35 years, ECHO has been bringing lasting solutions to families and communities struggling against overwhelming circumstances to provide enough food for themselves. Through our Global Demonstration Farm in North Fort Myers, our Regional Impact Centers in Thailand, Tanzania and Burkina Faso, and our team serving Latin America and the Caribbean, ECHO offers training, information and seeds to improve crop production and reduce hunger for those in greatest need.

Many countries where physical needs are intense are also places of great spiritual need with little access to gospel witness. In these places, ECHO works with local pastors and missionaries, equipping them to address the physical needs of their community and opening the door to bear witness of Christ's love.

Through online resources, ECHO shares information with thousands of missionaries and development workers working in more than 165 countries. A missionary in Haiti sent his heart-felt appreciation.... ***"ECHO, with its conferences, workshops and website has been a tremendous asset. My ministry would be floundering if not for the resources available to us. What I share is what I have learned at or through ECHO. If I look back over the years and see where we are today compared to where we were and how we got here, I am grateful that God led us to ECHO."***

And we are grateful to be Faith Lutheran's Mission of the Month. We invite you to consider these ways to join with us in answering God's call to help the hungry:

**Tour** – Explore our Global Demonstration Farm in North Fort Myers where you'll see a variety of rare and nutritious plants while also learning more about ECHO's mission to reduce world hunger. Shopping in our retail nursery also helps to support our mission!

**Volunteer** - Bring a church work team or serve individually at ECHO's Global Farm in North Fort Myers.

**Give** - Provide seeds and equip missionaries through your financial partnership.

**Pray** – Ask God to continue to bless our mission to serve the 'least of these' and protect our staff who are often serving in volatile and remote areas of the world.

For more information on how to get involved, please call JoDee at (239) 567-3319.





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Barry Farnam	2	Jim Tracy	15	Don Kuhre	25
Lucy Hazelett	2	Hilde Fueredi	16	Tim Dickerson	26
Mary Runstadler	2	Audrey Geitner	16	David Ettinger	26
Lauren Peterson	3	Art Puch	16	Chloe Hazelett	26
Joy Krentz	4	Joshua Best	17	Chris Kobzina	26
Gail Robinson	4	Luise Andrea	20	Audrey Heidenreich	27
Norm Martin	6	Adam Fueredi	20	Walt Berning	29
Jill Kolberg	7	Anna Hudson	20	Susan Gannon	29
Star James	8	P.J. Polomsky	20	Glenn Hasse	29
Rick Pontius	8	Sebastien Saitta	20	Shirley Hulse	29
Joshua Dickerson	9	Kathy Ricker	21	Jim Russo	29
Ken Fish	11	Dave Slocum	22	Corky Bourne	30
Marjorie Graflund	11	Alyssa Andrea	23	Dawna Hackman	31
Walter Harrington	13	Gerald Hoogland	23		
Kathy Nelson	13	Michael Schmidt	24		

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Mark & Jennifer Durland	7	Sal & Dorothy Lupo	28
Walter & Julie Inman	7	Bill & Barbara James	30
Andy Ward & Laura Proos-Ward	8	Arlan & Barbara Bartling	31
Adam & Hilde Fueredi	9	Tom & Denelle Kern	31
Denny & Louise Lunski	13		
Steve & Monique Mielke	15		
George & Bridget Doerner	20		
Art & Gloria Eichmann	20		



## Thank you VBS Helpers!

Dear friends in Christ, thank you to all of you who gave your time, hearts, all the supplies, and keeping us in your prayers for VBS! It was a joyful and uplifting week. Thanks be to God that we find our “Yes” in all His promises to us in Jesus (2 Cor. 1:20). God worked through you to bless this event with His presence and love. Thank you. To Jesus be the glory as we continue to grow and strengthen this community of faith He has brought us to share with one another.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1 Pentecost 6</b></p> <p><b>Mite Sunday</b>  <b>8:00 a.m. -Worship (Comm)</b>                      9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY)  <b>9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm)</b>                      10:00 a.m Bible Study (DR)  <b>11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm)</b></p>	<p><b>2</b>                      9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch                      1:00 p.m. – Bible Study (DR)                      6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p><b>4 Independence Day</b></p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b>                      10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study(DR)</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>5:00 p.m. Saturday Service/ Guest Preacher (S)</b></p>
<p><b>8 Pentecost 7</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. –Worship (S)</b>                      9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (S)  <b>9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S)</b>                      10:00 a.m.- Bible Study (DR)  <b>11:00 a.m. – Worship (S)</b></p>	<p><b>9</b>                      9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch                      1:00 p.m. – Bible Study (DR)                      6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p><b>11</b>                      8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)                      7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study(DR)                      2:00 p.m - Gulf Shore (FH)</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>5:00 p.m- Saturday Service (S)</b></p>
<p><b>15 Pentecost 8</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. – Worship(Comm)</b>                      9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY)  <b>9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm)</b>                      10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (DR)  <b>11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm)</b></p> <p><i>Voice Deadline</i></p>	<p><b>16</b>                      9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch                      1:00 p.m. – Bible Study (DR)                      6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p><b>18</b>                      8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)                      11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study(DR)                      2:00 p.m -. Gulf Shore (FH)</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>5:00 p.m. Saturday Service (S)</b></p>
<p><b>22 Pentecost 9</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. –Worship (S)</b>                      9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (S)  <b>9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S)</b>                      10:00 a.m.- Bible Study (DR)  <b>11:00 a.m. – Worship (S)</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>                      9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch                      1:00 p.m. – Bible Study (DR)                      6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)                      7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study(DR)</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>5:00 - Saturday Service (S)</b></p>
<p><b>29 Pentecost 10</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. -Worship (S)</b>                      9:00 a.m. – Fellowship (S)  <b>9:15 a.m. – Worship (S)</b>                      10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR)  <b>11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>                      9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft</p>	<p><b>31</b>                      11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch                      1:00 p.m. – Bible Study (DR)                      6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p><b>Summer Hours</b></p> <p><b>8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.</b></p>  <p><b>No Meetings in July</b></p>			

## The Order of St Luke - Part 2

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”* John 14:12-13

In our May issue, we reported that Pastors Treglown and Maconachy along with five of our members (Bill and Renate Musser, Ron and Ramona Mitchell and Randy and Susan Taylor) along with nearly 15 Christians of other local churches, had been trained and inducted in the International Order of St Luke the Physician (OSL). In this edition, we want to give more detail on OSL and some specifics of the training in prayers for healing.

From their May/June 2018 issue of “Sharing: A Journal of Christian Healing”, page 18 OSL provides the following about who the organization is and what it stands for.

**OUR MISSION:** *OSL empowers God’s people throughout the world with Jesus’ healing ministry by:*

1. *Training in the healing ministry of Jesus.*
2. *Learning to pray for others.*
3. *Providing opportunities to experience the healing power of Jesus.*
4. *Empowering you to confidently pray for anyone, anywhere, anytime in the name of Jesus.*

**OUR VISION:** *Individuals, communities and nations made whole, free of sickness, through Jesus Christ.*

**OUR VALUES:** *As members of OSL, we value (this is a partial listing):*

1. *Personal surrender to Jesus.*
2. *Prayer-based ministry, relying on Jesus.*
3. *Christ-like compassion.*
4. *Partnership with the Holy Spirit.*
5. *Boldness in demonstrating the healing power of Jesus Christ.*

From these mission, vision and values statements, we understand that this is a Christian ministry. And, as Christians, we want to learn more about Jesus’ healing works and how He wants us to do the works He did. He promised us in John 14 above that we will do the works He did. Consequently, OSL training has two major parts which are (1) an in-depth study of 26 instances of Jesus’ healing contained in the four Gospels and (2) real practice in praying for healing using each and every student in the class. In other words, every student is asked to lead healing prayers for other members of the group. Through study and this faith-based practicum, the disciple-students gain confidence and boldness in invoking Jesus’ healing power through prayers.

Perhaps after consideration of the above and after thoughtful prayer, you might have an interest in becoming a member of OSL. If so, then you need to let one of the following people know of your interest; Pastor Don, Pastor Sam, Ron Mitchell or Ramona Mitchell, Randy or Susan Taylor, Bill or Renate Musser. With sufficient interest, a class can be requested. When the class is approved and scheduled, you will complete an application to join OSL. Training will be in 18 hours of classes and upon completion, class members will be inducted into the International Order of Saint Luke Physician. You will also become a working member of Faith Lutheran’s intercessory prayer team.

If you believe God might use you in His healing prayer work, please do not hesitate to express your interest to one of the people listed above. As soon as there is eight to twelve people, we can ask to schedule the class. As in January’s class, we might have other Christians from other local churches join as well.

Next month, we hope we might have some examples (no names or personal info will be shared) of times in healing prayer with people. We will also give information about the use of healing prayer in partnership with Faith’s existing prayer efforts.

## Please Send Someone Else!

**Exodus 4:13** – But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

Exodus, Chapter 4, opens with Moses negotiating with God. Moses is trying to convey to God all the reasons that he is not suited for the task that God has called him. How many times has this been our reaction? Obedience to God isn't always convenient, comfortable, seem practical, or even make sense to us. Let's not stop reading. Check out God's reaction in verse 14.

**Exodus 4:14** – “Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses...”

**OUCH!!**

**July Challenge** – Step out in faith knowing that God has equipped you for what He has called you to do and say ‘yes’ to His nudge. Is God calling you to fix a broken relationship, forgive someone, rest more, work more, worship more, watch T.V. less, read your Bible more, visit your neighbor, pray with a stranger, tell someone about the love of Jesus, or sing in the choir – only you know what He is nudging you to do.

Hebrews 13:20-21 **Now may the God of peace**, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, **equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him**, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Joyfully serving,

Barbara James – Director of Board of Stewardship and Finance

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## Board for Member Care

The Board for Member Care is one of the new ministry boards created under the new Bylaws of Faith Lutheran Church. Our purpose is to assist the pastors in providing spiritual care and support to all of you at Faith. To get started, the pastoral team at Faith placed each of you in a care group that is led by a member of our Board. By now, you probably have received a personal letter from the lay minister leading your care group. Each care group leader will connect with you and your family annually or as often as needed to support your spiritual growth, build relationships among the community of Faith, and invite your involvement in Faith's ministry to its members and to our community. While each care group leader will initiate contact with you in person over the next months, our goal is for two-way communication, so we invite you to contact us as well with any issues, spiritual needs or concerns.

Moving forward, board members are also including each care group member in their regular prayers, and, if there is something specific you would like them to include in their prayers for you, do let them know. The letter you received had all of their contact details, but you can always phone the church office again for contact details or talk to one of the pastors as well. If you did not receive a letter yet from your care group leader, please contact the church office or any one of the pastors. We do want everyone to be included as we work together to follow our Savior, Jesus, and build the community of Faith.

Jim Handrich  
Board for Member Care

### “Freedom in the Law”

(Continued from pg 1)

The Gospel brings us back to live in the Law! Only now we are free of having to worry about whether or not the next time we mess up will be the final straw for God. Our Father loves us and we are His! **Because of Jesus we are God's children.** Children who then go out and do the things He wants of us not so that we “avoid making God angry,” but because we love Him in the full assurance that God loves us more (see 1 John 4:14-19). There is joy and freedom in God's commands because His Son Jesus has removed it's damning curse. Fell into sin again? Go to our Father confessing what you've done. Place them on Jesus with confidence. God showers you with His love and forgiveness. Then go boldly, joyfully, *freely* live out your status as God's child trusting that He is with you to help you love Him above all things (Commandments 1-3) and love your neighbor as yourself (Commandments 4-10). Delight in it, for God is good.

Pastor Sam





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Faith Lutheran Church is a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We strive to be a friendly, family oriented church united under the goal of enriching our community through the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## Weekly Worship Opportunities:

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.                      Traditional

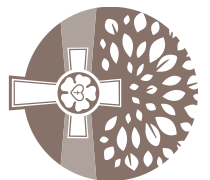
Sunday:

8:00 a.m.                      Traditional

9:15 a.m.                      Contemporary

11:00 a.m.                      Traditional

Holy Communion will be served every Saturday and the first and third Sundays of every month



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