

the voice



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

Andrew

Andrew was born in the village of Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He was a fisherman before being called by Jesus to follow Him with his younger brother Peter (Matthew 4:18-20). Interestingly, he was the one who told Jesus about the boy who had the five loaves and two fishes (John 6:8). Christian tradition has it that after Jesus' ascension in heaven, Andrew went out to preach the Gospel in the general area that is now modern day Turkey and Greece. Like many of the other 12 Apostles, not much more is known about Andrew. But that is enough for us today. For we are blessed to be called followers of Jesus all due to the faithful preaching and teaching of our Lord's 12 Apostles. Even Andrew, who faithfully went out into the world and became a "fisher of men" (Matthew 4:19), casting the net of God's Love for the world to bring us all to faith in our risen Savior Jesus Christ.

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Lambs of Faith

Lambs of Faith Preschool has been around since 1991. Since arriving in 2001, I have seen the many rich blessings that the preschool has given to Faith Lutheran Church. Now in 2018, we have come such a long way and are now seeing the “harvest” of these little lambs of faith. Since it’s beginning, it was established and committed to provide a warm, secure environment for children’s first educational experiences, by establishing an atmosphere in which a child’s self-esteem, socialization skills, and emotional growth can be nurtured to the fullest extent.

For me personally, as I have seen in my grandchildren’s attendance at Lambs of Faith, there are 4 reasons why I love having a preschool as part of Faith Lutheran in Naples:

1. God’s Word is Taught

“You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and soul...And you shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 11:18-19)

2. Lambs of Faith Shares my Values

I love worship, hearing the Bible accounts, and singing songs like, “Jesus Loves Me”. It is hard for me to accept that the world in which my family lives is a place where God is hated, ignored, or both.

3. LOF Teachers Love and Fear the Lord

One of the main reasons we have made such an impact with the students and their families is that we have teachers and aides who genuinely care about them.

4. Individual Attention

In addition to having a higher percentage of caring teachers, Lambs of Faith offers individual attention. We pray together and build relationships which has blessed us through the years.

Looking forward to celebrating another year with Lambs of Faith!

Pastor Don Treglown

P.S. Lambs of Faith is Faith Lutheran’s September 2018 Mission of the Month!

Together in God's Word

If someone were to ask you: “what is the greatest good for you?”, what would you say? Sunsets at a Naples beach? Great physical health? Financial stability? Deep intimacy with your spouse? Meaningful, loyal relationships? While all these and other things may be considered good, they are not the greatest. The faithful (and for that matter the most truthful) answer for of all us is: God. The greatest good for us is God.

How do we know this? How do we come to know and trust that God is the greatest good we can ever experience in our lives? We can't unless we are told, and thankfully we are every day through His Word. It's in our Lord's Word where we hear and receive the best news possible: we can have God Himself. We can and do. For God's one goal for all of us is Himself. How incredible! We matter to God.

Since we matter so much to God, it matters that we constantly be reminded of it. And the only way I or any of you can lead one another to entrust ourselves to this is by keeping each other rooted in the Word given to us from Him. His Word, which:

- Existed from the very beginning (John 1)
- Is true (John 17:17)
- Will never pass away (Matthew 24:35; Isaiah 40:8)
- Gives life (John 6:33)
- Gives faith (Romans 10:17)
- Contains the very breath of God and shapes us (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Is firmly fixed in the heavens (Psalm 119:89)
- Builds us up (Acts 20:32)

This is why we place so much weight and importance on coming together every Sunday and throughout the week to hear, read about, pray, dwell, and marvel at the greatest good Who defines who we are: God. Yes, I am talking about Bible study, Sunday School, Confirmation, etc. These times are absolutely significant for us because it's when we can experience the greatest good for us *together!* It's how we can and continue to be a community. It's how we are shaped and formed to be the countless expressions of God's Love to one another. It's how we see the good in all the things God gifts us with (daily bread, relationships, even Naples sunsets) because we see God, the greatest good, in them. So let us come together and experience God Himself in His Word. Experience Christ, the Son of God, Who is the very heart of God's Word to us. It does matter.

Pastor Sam Maconachy

An Invite to join the Sunday school team

We thank God for His call to form and shape one another in the love of Jesus through Sunday School. We are always looking for additional faithful members to join the Sunday school team to share God's Word and His Love with our youth. If you have any prayerful interest in serving with us, please contact Pastor Sam. May God continue His good work in us and Faith Youth!



Diane Longshore	1	Brock Wegner	8		
Julie Best	2	Steve Gardner	11		
Brad Hazelett	2	Darlene Pontius	11	Corey Grier	21
Gary Eisinger	4	Erika Kemp	12	Renate Musser	21
Camryn Fish	4	Mike Guenther	13	Bonnie Stolarczyk	21
Kay Hurst	4	Marie Carlo	14	Nathan Lorenz	22
Dottie Kirkwood	4	Dodie Pajer	14	Kathleen Hodges	23
Mary Anne Miller	4	Edith Handeler	16	Denny Lunski	23
Helen Nilson	5	Jan Rauch	17	Andrea Peterson	23
Nancy Smith	5	Roger Baase	18	Calvin Werling	23
David Treglown	5	Loree Widmann	18	Alan Kuhre	25
Janet Hodges	6	Henry Pfendt	19	Vince Buonpane	27
Karen Kruse	6	Bob Claus	20	Ron Doerr	27
George Bond	7	Nathan Andrea	21	Matthew Ferguson	28
Julie Fotis	7	Garrett Arsenault	21	Anthony Buonpane	30

Richard & Kathie Gayle	8
Rick & Darlene Pontius	15
Davie & David Harrington	19
Fred & Dottie Schwab	19
Art & Barb Puch	24
Calvin & Beverly Werling	24
Pam & Kevin Hawkesworth	26
Wayne & Susie Toenjes	26



LWML Report

Mites collected in July were \$73.00 and \$23.50 in August. That brings the yearly total to \$577.50. Remember Mites are collected the first weekend in the month.

The last weekend in September will find a small group of women from Faith attending the LWML District Convention in Orlando. We are looking forward to fellowshipping and worshipping with other LWMLers.

Remember the LWML Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 27th at Peace, Naples. Look for the sign-up sheet on the LWML bulletin board in late September. This is more time for fellowshipping and worshipping with likeminded Christians.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Sept. 30 Pentecost 19</p> <p>8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 10:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR) 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) – 5:30 p.m. – Confirmation (YEA)</p>						<p>1</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>2 Pentecost 15 Mite Sunday</p> <p>8:00 a.m. -Worship (Comm) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm) 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study(DR) 11:00 a.m.. – Worship (Comm)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Labor Day!!</p> <p>Church Office & Lambs of Faith Preschool Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p> <p>LOF First Day of School</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) 1:00 p.m. – Gulf Shore Ins. (FH)</p> <p>Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>9 Pentecost 16</p> <p>8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. - Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 a.m.- Cravin' to Craft (DR) 10:00 a.m. – Board of Properties (WR)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p> <p>Voice Deadline</p>
<p>16 Pentecost 17 Sunday School Rally Day</p> <p>8:00 a.m. -Worship (Comm) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm) 10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR) 10:00 a.m.- Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship(Comm) LOF Teacher Installation 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Rally Day 5:30 p.m. – Confirmation (YEA)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 7:00 p.m. – Church Council (DR)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH)</p> <p>12:10 – Staff Meeting (DR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>11:00 a.m.- Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. – Movie Night (FH)</p> <p>Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>23 Pentecost 18</p> <p>8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 10:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR) 10:00 a.m. – Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) – 12:00 noon – Congregational Meeting 4:45 p.m. – Youth Bible Study 5:30 p.m. – Confirmation (YEA)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. – Marine Officers (DR, FH)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. – Serenity (DR)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>

What do you know?

That night **God** appeared to Solomon and **said** to him, “**Ask for whatever you want Me to give you.**” (2 Chronicles 1:7) **Solomon answered** (v.10) “**Give me wisdom and knowledge**, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of Yours?” I am grateful that Solomon filled pages of the Bible with the wisdom of God.

Wisdom and knowledge are gifts from God. These gifts help us to love more deeply, serve more fully and give more faithfully. Our church members are full of Godly wisdom, that imparted to our younger parishioners, could be lifechanging. The Board of Stewardship is asking for your participation. Please answer the following questions. Your answers will then be compiled for the younger generation of parishioners thus handing down the wisdom of God, through His people, to His young church.

1. What is the best advice someone has given you or that you have given?
2. Did you follow it?
3. At what age?

I'll start – The best advice I received was from my father. My father was an Italian immigrant who spoke very broken English. He always said, “Buy good, get good”. In other words, if you buy cheap junk just to save money it will end up costing you more than if you had waited to buy something of better quality. I've tried to follow this advice but more so than not found myself reciting his words, in frustration, as I stared at the junk.

September Challenge: Let's not stop praying Colossians 1:9-11 for our younger parishioners, each day during the month of September, so that they may be filled with the knowledge of His will.

Colossians 1:9-11 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

Joyfully serving,

Barbara James – Board of Stewardship and Finance –Please respond to barbarajamesemail@gmail.com or 239-776-0601

Livestreaming services!

Many of you may have noticed that we have recently begun broadcasting the sermon each week over the internet. This is a really great opportunity to get connected with FLC Naples even if you are out of town or sick. We have received some really great feedback so far, and wanted to answer a few questions that have come up.

Q. How do I find it?

A. The videos are available on our Facebook page.

Q. What if I miss the broadcast or join in the middle?

A. As soon as the live broadcast is finished, it will be available to view from the beginning. You can view the video later on in the week, or month, if you choose.

Q. What if I do not have a Facebook account?

A. You do not need an account to view the videos. Just point your web browser to www.facebook.com/flcnaples and select “videos”. The videos are public and available for all to see.

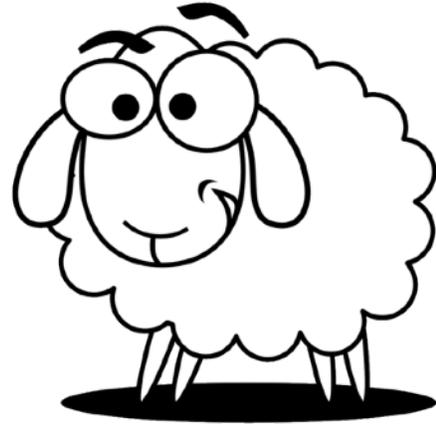
Mission of the Month - Lambs of Faith Preschool

Lambs of Faith Preschool is ready to begin a great preschool year for the 2018-2019 school year. Once again, we feel happy and blessed with the new faces and families enrolled this year and looking forward to seeing the little faces we missed over the summer. Please check out the mission of the month bulletin board to see pictures of the staff of Lambs Of Faith Preschool!

Be sure to stop by and say hello to all the staff on Rally Day, Sunday September 16!

We have preschool events planned throughout the year that we would love volunteers to help us with by donating their time and energy, and also would feel very blessed if you would like to donate to the preschool to sponsor a field trip to the Naples Zoo, CiCi's Pizza making, or maybe so a friendly pig or mini horse can stop by the school for a visit! We have lots of ideas, just let Miss Karen, Karen Doerr our Preschool Board Chairman or the Pastor's if you have any questions or ideas.

We all look forward to working together to promote the Christian Education of our preschoolers at Lambs of Faith!



National Youth Gathering

All students that are planning to attend the 2019 National Youth Gathering need to have the first half of their registration fee turned in by September 16.

Any students that have friends who would like to attend should contact Pastor Sam.

The next preparation meeting with families is Oct 17.

Rally Day

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 16 to help us celebrate the start of the new School year at Lambs of Faith, Sunday school, and Confirmation! At the 11AM service we will take time out to bless and pray for our LOF and Sunday School teachers. After the service, be sure to join us for food, fellowship, games, and praising the Lord for the new school year ahead! Please sign up in the Narthex to bring either a side item / salad or dessert. Thank you! The Pastors and Board for Member Care will be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs for everybody. And don't forget! If you have a child going into the 7th grade this year, be sure to contact Pastor Sam to sign them up as a first year Confirmand. May our gracious God continue to bless all our Confirmands!

Sept 16 also marks the beginning of our new High School Bible Study! All youth who are either Confirmed or in High School are welcome to join Pastor Sam every Sunday afternoon from 4:45 - 5:45 PM for Bible study, devotions, and spending time together to prepare for next summer's National Youth Gathering! Confirmation classes will be held directly after bible study from 5:45 - 7 PM. Parents of confirmands need to attend the first class for information.



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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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