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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

Philip

There is little mentioned in the Bible about Philip. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) give no specifics, and what little we do know comes from John's Gospel account. Whenever Philip's name is specified he is usually paired with Nathanael, a disciple that Philip brought to Jesus. Consider this passage though from John 14: "Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him: 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'"

In an awesome way, it is through this disciple's question that we receive the comforting answer from Christ: in seeing Jesus, we see God Himself. That is, we see God when we read and hear His Word. We see God at work when yet another child is baptized in His Name through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We see God when we eat and drink of Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In Christ, we see and are given all of Who God is and what He does for us. Amen!

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The Shepherd's Voice

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 118:1

November always seems like a month where pastors, churches, ministries, missions are constantly asking for money. In the process, I hear a lot about the importance of giving and telling me it is a crucial part of the Christian life.

At Faith, the decision to give is not primarily financial in nature. It's rooted in the nature of God and our relationship with Him.

John 3:16 tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave...." This sets up our understanding of giving. There is one thing the Bible (both Old and New Testaments) teaches us, it's that God is love, and those who claim to believe in Him ought to love one another as He has loved us (1 John 4:8,11). And the message of John 3:16 is that love gives.

In the Old Testament, God's people used a word that would remind them of God's Love: Hallelujah! Meaning "Praise The Lord!" Psalm 118 was used at the end of the Passover Meal. That special occasion was a time for the people to remember how God rescued their nation from slavery in Egypt; it was a picture of God's rescue of all people from their slavery to sin. The Passover meal was a way that God show each generation how much He truly loved them.

In the New Testament, the final Passover meal becomes the first Communion. With this meal, Jesus gave a new command, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

It is the custom in North America to gather this time of year to celebrate *Thanksgiving*. Whether you are with family, friends, or celebrating alone, take the time to give thanks to our Savior God for His mercy and deliverance from death through Jesus. Jesus proves that God's love for us endures forever. It is often our family tradition to return thanks after a meal with the words of Psalm 118:1

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Hallelujah!

Pastor Don

Giving Thanks

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds."

Psalm 9:1

Psalm 9 is an interesting one. The whole song revolves around the people of God who are suffering at the hands of their persecutors. Yet oddly enough, no one would get that immediate impression from how this psalm begins. The prayer starts off with a distinct firmness: **I will give thanks to the LORD.** How? Why? By recounting and calling to mind everything God is for His people.

This prayer is fixed on the unwavering promises of God: He maintains justice (v4), He sits enthroned forever (v7), He is the stronghold for oppressed (v9), He has not left His people (v10). In all these things, the people of God will give thanks to the LORD with all her heart (v1). She is resolute in her identity as God's beloved. She braces herself against the winds of her enemies by resolutely praising and thanking her God **first**. This is the Church. This is who we are.

When we start off with praise and thanksgiving we cement ourselves into the bold and comforting truth: at all times, God never leaves us; we are never forsaken by Him. Instead of turning inward on ourselves (allowing suffering and hardship to win us over), giving thanks to God turns us outward and upward (receiving mercy and grace won for us in Christ). We focus on Him and not our circumstances. We praise the Person and not the particulars.

In their song, "In the Blink of an Eye", Mercy Me writes: "How can I further Your Kingdom when I'm so wrapped up in mine?" Oh so piercingly true. Giving thanks and offering praise to the One Who continues to give Himself unwraps our selfishness, unleashing us to freely proclaim the goodness of our LORD. In all truth, it daily comes down to this for us: "God how are You making Your Kingdom known through me?" God's Kingdom arises out of a poster of humility (see Philippians 2); it is made known through us when we praise God above all things and give Him thanks. So let us shuck away our self-worship, recount alone Who God is and what He has done in His Son Jesus, and firmly live thankful lives. Give Thanks!

Recounting Jesus with you,

Pastor Sam

**Save the date
and be a hero
for life!**

Pregnancy Resource Center

It's that time of year! PRC's annual Walk 4 Life & Fun Fest is on December 1 at Golden Gate

Community Park from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. With the walk beginning at 9 a.m. and our Fun Fest starting immediately after. We will have games for the kids, tons of food, a DJ, and much more! If you are interested in participating in the years event, please check out our website at <https://supportprc.org/events/walk-for-life-2018>

Go ahead and form your team and register! We can't wait to see you there!

Faith Lutheran Church has a team.

Visit: <https://supportprc.org/events/walk-for-life-2018/>.

Click the register icon and sign up under the team Faith Lutheran Church to be a walker with us!

May God bless us as we continue to protect and joyfully cherish the gift of life He freely gives to everyone in Jesus.

Faith Youth Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Friday, November 16, 6 – 9 PM

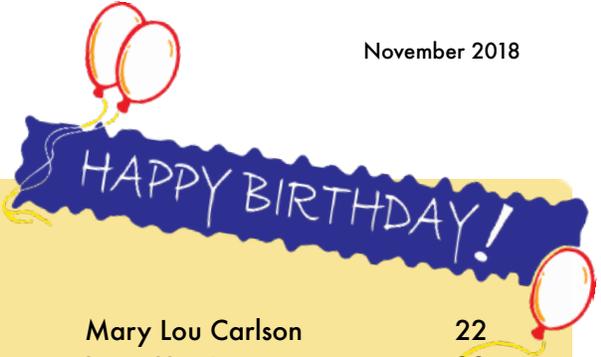
Dear Faith family, you're invited to a wonderful evening of food, live music by the Naples Big Band, and of course dancing!

Tickets can be purchased individually at \$20 each or you can purchase a table (seats 8) for \$100.

Contact Pastor Sam via the church office to secure your tickets.

This is Faith Youth's first big fundraiser to help fund their trip to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN, July 2019. Thank you for your loving generosity and support. Please continue to keep them in your daily prayers. Hope to see you on the dance floor!





Ashley Arsenault	1	Ruth Stropparo	8	Mary Lou Carlson	22
Jim Handrich	1	Patty Wood	8	Irene Harring	22
Steve Nelson	1	Laurie Smith	9	Darren Miller	22
Makenzie Wise	1	Janice Wassmann	9	Alysen Masinelli	23
Bill Musser	2	Michael Richardson	10	John Selky	23
Gabriella Buonpane	3	Pam Di Sarro	11	Barbara Berryhill	24
Jared Nurenberg	3	Lisa McClendon	13	Marlene Hoffman	24
Doris Jean Rand	3	Nancy Claus	15	Lillian Renzi	26
Douglas Munson	4	Paula Leighton	16	Aidan Hawkesworth	27
Donald Harring	5	Lynn Baase	17	Lynn Thiewes	27
Nancy O'Hara	5	Meagan Peterson	17	Bea Doonan	28
Adam Schmitt	5	Laura Proos-Ward	17	Bill Eble	29
John Born	6	Phil Beres	19	Cindy Eberhardt-Howey	30
Joanne Thornley	7	Terri Dugas	19	Marj Selky	30
Lorrie Minke	8	Sal Lupo	20		
Elaine Phelps	8	Bill Marceau	21		

Norm & Mary Ellen Martin	1	Eddie & Marta Adkins	19
Ron & Ramona Mitchell	1	Dick & Gail Robinson	22
Hans & Joanne Meier	2	Anthony & Debbie Buonpane	26
George & Grace Ferguson	3	Carl & Jan Dickey	26
David & Sammi Treglown	12	Sebastien & Mary Saitta	29
David & Kathy Chaney	15		



Thank You!

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

How overwhelmed and humbled we are by the sheer outpouring of love and thankfulness you showered us with at the Pastor Appreciation luncheon! Thank you for all your kind words, thoughtful cards, and generous gifts. But more than that and above all, we thank the Lord for His saving work in each of you. May we all continue to grow in His strength, joy, and peace together in this blessed community Christ has fashioned us into. Thank You Jesus for all Your sheep here at Faith!

Your Pastors in Christ,
Pastor Treglown, Hildebrandt, & Maconachy

Dear Faith Family

Trish, Hunter, and I, I would like to say thank you to all of you for the wonderful baby shower that you threw for us. The outpouring of love, support, and prayers, has been really overwhelming in the best way possible.

Hunter Delos Robertson was born on October 27 at 8:38 p.m. He was 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and 20 1/2 inches at birth, and is an absolutely perfect gift from God.

In Christ,
Jeremy, Trish, and Hunter Robertson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1 9:45 – LOF Chapel (S) 1:30 p.m. – Band (FH) 6:30 – Choir (MR) All Saint's Day</p>	<p>2 9:30 – LOF Chapel (S) 10:00 a.m. – Women's Bible Study (MR) First Friday Family Skating Event</p>	<p>3 9:00 a.m. – Holiday Bazaar (FH) 5:00 p.m. – Saturday Service (S) Fall Back Tonight at Bedtime</p>
<p>4 Pentecost 24 Mite Sunday 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) 10:10 a.m. – Sunday School 11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p>	<p>6 ELECTION DAY!!! NO MARINES 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>7 9:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Itchin' to Stitch (FH) 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (MR)</p>	<p>8 9:45 – LOF Chapel (S) 1:30 p.m. – Band (FH) 6:30 – Choir (MR) 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>9 9:30 – LOF Chapel (S) 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (MR)</p>	<p>10 8:30 p.m. – Packing for the Troops (FH) 8:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Young Marines (FH) 5:00 p.m. – Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>11 Pentecost 25 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR) 10:10 a.m. – Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) 12:00 noon – Congregational Meeting (FH) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 10:00 a.m. – Board of Properties (WR) 6:30 p.m. – WOF (DR) 6:30 p.m. – Board of Elders (DR)</p>	<p>13 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>14 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR) 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (MR)</p>	<p>15 9:45 – LOF Chapel (S) 11:30 a.m. – LOF Stone Soup (FH) 1:30 p.m. – Band (FH) 6:30 – Choir (MR) Voice Deadline</p>	<p>16 9:30 – LOF Chapel (S) 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) 6:00 p.m. - Big Band Dinner Dance (FH)</p>	<p>17 5:00 p.m. – Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>18 Pentecost 26 Thank Offering Food Collection 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) 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m.. Worship (Comm) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 7:00 p.m. – Council (DR) LOF Closed</p>	<p>20 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 12:15 p.m. – Staff Meeting (DR) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S) LOF Closed</p>	<p>21 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Itchin' to Stitch (FH) 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (MR) 6:30 p.m. - Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30 p.m. – Pie and Fellowship (FH) LOF Closed</p>	<p>22 Thanksgiving Day Office & LOF Closed</p>	<p>23 Black Friday Office & LOF Closed</p>	<p>24 8:00 – 12:30 p.m. – Young Marines (FH) 5:00 p.m. – Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>25 Christ the King 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. –Bible Study (DR) 10:10 a.m. – Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation</p>	<p>26 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 7:00 p.m. – Member Care (DR)</p>	<p>27 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>28 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (DR) 4:30 p.m. – Marine Officers (FH) 5:00 p.m. – Serenity (DR) 6:00 p.m. – Bell Choir (MR)</p>	<p>29 9:45 – LOF Chapel (S) 6:30 – Choir (MR) 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>30 9:30 – LOF Chapel (S) 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) 6:00 p.m. – German Club (FH)</p>	

Women of Faith Executive Board

President	Pam Di Sarro
Vice President	VACANT
Secretary	Jan Nurenberg
Treasurer	Joann Johnson
LWML Representative	Donna Jean Christy

The Women of Faith Board is actively praying and seeking a Vice-President. Please prayerfully consider this rewarding service to Our Lord and joyful involvement with your Sisters in Christ. You may contact any of the above Board members with questions. Thank you!!

A Heartfelt Thank You!!

The Women of Faith would like to thank Corey Grier for her service as President of the Women of Faith Board. She has been an incredible leader, friend and beloved Sister in Christ! We wish her, Quinten and Daisy well as God leads them on their new journey. We never know where God will lead us next but we go as willing servants; with reflective hearts of relationships made and cherished memories. Please keep them in your prayers. "Whatever you do, do it all for the Glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

Attention all Bakers -- The annual Women of Faith Christmas Cookie Sale is right around the corner, so now is your chance to add your own delicious cookies to be sold. All bakers are asked to sign the sheet in the Narthex. When you sign up, please take a "Criteria for Bakers" with suggestions that will help guarantee another terrific sale. We look forward to adding your cookies to our beautiful trays! Questions? Call Kathie Gayle 594-8088 or Joann Johnson 287-1101.

Cookie Sale Volunteers Needed --

Sign up now in the Narthex to help plate and decorate the trays of cookies for our annual sale. We start at 9:00 Friday morning, December 14, and work until all the cookies are ready. Any amount of time you can help would be greatly appreciated. Includes a free lunch! Questions? Call Kathie Gayle 594-8088 or Joann Johnson 287-1101.

Upcoming Events - Please Save the Dates!

(Look for Sign-Ups)

Annual Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale	Saturday, November 3 rd
Annual Christmas Party	Saturday, December 1 st
Annual Cookie Sale	Fri. & Sat. December 14 th & 15 th

Please keep your eyes and ears open – we will have wonderful opportunities for our Sisters in Christ to fellowship with one another, serve with one another and befriend one another as 2018 closes and 2019 appears. The Lord is Good!!

REMINDER:

The First Sunday of EVERY month LWML Mites are collected in the Narthex.

The Second Monday of EVERY month (excluding December and the summer months) the Women of Faith Board meets in the Discipleship Room where EVERY "woman of Faith" is invited. We'd love to hear ideas, suggestions, feed-back, etc.

The Mite collection for October was \$69.50. That brings our total to \$688.50! We are helping pay for those Mite grants voted on at the District Convention in September.

What Can I Say?

Isaiah writes that he saw the seraphim flying above the Lord v. 6:3 – “And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” John witnesses creatures who in Revelation 4:8 “...Day and night they never stop saying “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty; who was, and is, and is to come.” Verse 9 reports that whenever the creatures give “glory, honor and thanks to Him... the twenty-four elders fall down before Him.” in worship. And the elders say v. 10 “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things...”

November Challenge: Join me in speaking the words of heaven here on earth. Let’s worship God for all of it! Whatever the trial, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty”. Whatever the success, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty” Whatever the circumstance, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.” Day and night let’s worship the Lord!

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For Questions or Help – Contact Barbara James – Director of the Board of Stewardship and Finance
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LWML FL/GA District Convention Report

It was my privilege to attend the Convention in Orlando at the Marriott Airport with Pam Di Sarro, the other delegate, and Taylor Di Sarro, the Young Women’s Rep. We had a very full schedule beginning with a Servant’s Event Friday afternoon. From there we went to choir practice as we were singing at the opening communion service that evening. After choir practice we were in caucus with the other delegates from our Southwest Zone. The discussion was led by Chris Paganes, Zone President, as we weighed the qualifications of those running for District Board positions and reviewed the Mission Grant Proposals for which we voted on Saturday. We shared a quick pizza meal with Pastor Scudieri and Jane Allers, a delegate from Peace Lutheran, before attending the opening service. It was very moving to see the zone banners carried in by the YWRs and Zone Presidents. The banners reflected the theme Strengthen, Helped, Upheld based on Isaiah 41:10.

Saturday we voted on the revised bylaws, District officers, and the mission grants. We had an overage of Mites from the previous two years which was put towards this year’s grants. (What a blessing!) The mission grant from our area that will be receiving a partial funding Mite contribution is New Missionaries to Americas which is the Mission Nation Publishing supported by Pastor Scudieri.

Sunday we had a Prayer Breakfast and Sending Service which began at 7:30. Being sent at 9:30 enabled the delegates to attend this service and still make reasonable airplane reservations to fly home. In the past those flying long distances were unable to attend the Sunday services.

We were encouraged to attend and help at the 38th Biennial National Convention in Mobile, AL, June 20-23, 2019, as our District is one of the Districts hosting the convention. The theme is “In Praise to the Lord.” If you are interested in attending please see or call Donna Jean Christy.



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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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