

the voice



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Growing in Faith

When I was a child, I was given .50 cents (2 shiny new quarters) as an allowance. I remember dropping one quarter in the basket at Sunday School and then dropping the other during the worship along with my parents offering envelope. I never felt cheated or disappointed on giving at church.

Here at Faith Lutheran, we are a church that believes that God is calling us into the world and In our community – together, achieving things on a scale that we could never do otherwise.

In the past two months, together with God's help, we have accomplished the following:

- January Mission of the Month – Lutheran Seminaries \$13,000.00
- January United States Coast Guard Relief \$6,950.00
- January Helps Outreach 4 Boxes of Soup/5 Bags of Clothes \$500.00
- February St. Matthews House 4 Boxes of Soup/8 Bags of Clothes \$650.00

I have been keeping track of Faith's generosity to missions, ministries, and charities. A rough estimate of goods, time, and financial support from 6/1/18 – 2/1/19 is \$ 109, 680.00

Martin Luther once said: "Good works do not make a good person, but a good person does good works."

As we enter into Lent, we are reminded that Faith is a church that believes Jesus is God's 'Yes' to us. Our lives can be a 'Yes' to others around the world and in our own community. The 'Yes' of Jesus Christ compels and empowers us to be open and accessible within any community.

I still like to drop a shiny new quarter into the offering bags on Sunday, in the LWML Mite box, and even buying a book to help the troops. I know, through God's guidance, We are making an impact through our gifts now and in the future.

Praise Be to God!

Pastor Don Treglown

VBS June 10 – 14, 2019

We are gearing up for VBS! Be on the look out next month in April for online volunteer and camper registration



Messiah College Concert Choir Home stay opportunity

Saturday, March 23, 5PM we will be welcoming the 45 singers of the Messiah College Concert Choir as they will join us for a special Lenten Carols and Readings worship service. In thanking God, please consider opening your homes to host these students for that night. Sign-up is in the Narthex or contact Pastor Sam for more info. Thank you!

It's All About Timing

One of the biggest things I learned while studying music in college was the value of time. What is it worth? Well, everything really. How it was spent. How I used it. How much awareness I had and effort I gave into the time that was given to me for practicing, rehearsal, performing, homework, studying, swimming, and it went on. I became so consumed by it. That is, making sure it was never wasted and others didn't squander it for me. But all of it ate away at the one thing that was missing: my time with God. In my sinful vanity, the times I would "spend / give" with God I would be thinking in my heart: "aren't I pretty good? Look Lord, on top of everything I got going on, I'm making time out to spend with you. That has to count for something right?" My Scripture reading became hurried and detached. My prayers sounded pretty "holy"...but they were well-rehearsed from repeated mechanical memory. My only focus was on getting through it so I could feel better about myself. All the meanwhile I was only deceiving myself that I still "got it." It was like the equivalent of carelessly rushing through scale work in the practice room in order to get to what I thought was stuff that "mattered." It is a thorn I still have to fight off to this day. Well wouldn't you know it, my worship life soon fell right through the cracks because I viewed it as a complete hindrance to *my* time. It could've gone really sour from there. But there is one sister in Christ I will forever thank God for who prevented that from happening.

This lady noticed I was going on a losing streak for missing worship. She could have easily dismissed it thinking, "Oh well, looks like another college kid being a college kid." But she didn't. She reached out to me genuinely concerned out of Christian love, "Sam, I've missed seeing, worshipping, and talking with you in church. I hope you're ok. I am praying for you." In other words, she gave her time for my sake. This follower of Jesus used her time to let me know I mattered regardless of my absence in worship. In all truth, it was right when I needed to hear this too. Talk about God's timing. It certainly was. He sent this someone on His exact time to reorient my heart and reshape what I need to value most: The Great I AM! Thank You LORD!

Whenever giving is talked about, time is mentioned but is easily overlooked by all of us. Too often we neglect to cherish **the** significant time God gave and still gives to be with us. Jesus, the Son of God, constrained Himself (Philippians 2) to live within the world He created (see Colossians 1) to identify with us...spend time with us... teach us...heal us...love us...forgive us...die for our sins and claim His victorious power over sin and death by His resurrection on the Third Day. Ever since then, our living Lord still gives His time to be with us by filling us all with the Holy Spirit in our Baptisms. This means God alone gives time its true value not just in and of itself, but also incomparable worth to it when we give it for the sake of others. How? God is at work in it with us. **So let us give God the time because He's taken us in His time.** He then shapes, refashions, and equips us to then lovingly give our time to others for their sake.

2 Corinthians 6: 1-10 "Working together with Him (Jesus), then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says, 'In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.'

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything."

Now is the time dear friends in Christ. Let us give each other and all those God places in our lives our time. Even when we think we have very little to give to someone in need, we always have time. Give it over to Jesus and let Him show you how to use it to His glory for the needs of others.

Spending time with you,
Pastor Sam



Keyler Masinelli	1	Rhonda Kraft	12		
Katy Wells	2	Dan Thiewes	13		
Lindsey Gardner	3	Victoria Gedvillas	15	Rowe Hudson	23
Gerald Hale	3	Conrad Herwig	15	Dale Kruse	24
Mary Saitta	3	Robbie Thiewes	15	Pat Mantis	24
Kimberly Couch-Beres	4	Diana Helter	16	Elaine Dermody	26
Bob Kemp	5	Mary Lou Rittman	16	George Doerner	26
Randy Taylor	6	Madison Woods	17	Jennifer Durland	26
Don Treglown	8	Vera Berning	18	Dale Kramer	26
Joanne Meier	9	Bridget Doerner	18	Hans Meier	27
Kenny Minke	9	Jordyn Herwig	18	Scott Thiewes	27
Delores Casebolt	10	Jennifer Herwig	19	Judy Rushmore	28
Jim Frank	10	Michele Peterson	19	Fred Schwab	28
Mary Ellen Martin	10	McKayla Jones	20	Patricia Devine	29
Abby O'Hara	10	David Chaney	21	Marion Schrader	29
Amy Boll	11	Bill Gehrke	22	Jim Surber	30
Bob Scholie	11	Norman Kraft	22	Katharina Richardt	31

Bob & Sandra Cagann	4
Ed & Keri Cheffy	6
Rick & Chris Paganes	12
Dan & Judy McDermott	17
Brett & Leslie Ackerman	23
Dave & Charlotte Bremseth	23
Dottie & Kirk Kirkwood	25
Whit Whitaker	28



2019 LWML CONVENTION 38th Biennial Convention Mobile, Alabama

NOW is the time to make your plans to attend the 38th Biennial LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, June 20–23, 2019. Join your LWML sisters “In Praise to the LORD,” the convention theme based on 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a. Attendees will rejoice in the convention goal, “Led by God’s power, as we praise and proclaim the Lord among all nations.”

The Offering

Mark 12:41 “Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and **watched** the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.”
Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Joyfully serving as your Director of Stewardship and Finance, Barbara James-239-776-0601
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>31 Lent 4</p> <p>8:00 a.m. –Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study (FH) 10:10 a.m. -Sunday School 11:00 a.m. – Worship (S) 12:10- Congregational Meeting - Budget (FH) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (YA)</p>	<p>Lenten Midweek Services</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – Soup & Sandwich 6:30 p.m. – Worship</p> <p>Meal Served by: March 13 - Youth March 20 – Men’s Bible and Elders March 27 - . Lambs of Faith Preschool April 3 - . Order of St. Luke April 10 – Staff and Pastors</p>			<p>1</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S) 10:00 a.m. – Women=s Bible Study (DR) 7:00 p.m. – Drama (FH) Hours – 8:30-3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service/ Comm (S) 7:00 p.m. – Drama (FH)</p>	
<p>3 Epiphany 8 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 (FH) 10:10 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (Comm) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (YA)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin= to Craft (DR) 3:00 p.m. – Worship, Music and Arts (YEA) 6:00 p.m. – German Children’s Hospital Fundraiser (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Board of Elders (DR) 6:30 p.m. – Financial Peace (YA)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S) 7:00 p.m. – Mission & Outreach(YA)</p>	<p>6 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men=s Bible Study (DR) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin= to Stitch 12:00 – Service w Ashes (S) 6:30 p.m. Service w/ Comm. & Ashes (S) After Service – Bell Choir (MR)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S) 1:30 p.m.-Band Practice (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Choir (MR) 7:00 p.m. –Young Adult Bible Study at Maconachy’s</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>LOF Spring Break</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 a.m. – Young Marines (FH, DR) 5:00 p.m.- Saturday Service/Comm (S)</p>
<p>10 Lent 1</p> <p>8:00 a.m. –Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study (FH) 10:10 a.m. -Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (YA)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin= to Craft (DR) 10:00–Board of Property Meeting(WR) 6:30 p.m. – German Club (DR) 6:30 p.m. – WOF Meeting (DR) LOF Spring Break LOF Spring Break</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:45 a.m.- Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)</p> <p>LOF Spring Break</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men=s Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>Midweek Lenten Service 1 5:30 p.m. – Meal Served by the Youth (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Worship (S) After Service – Bell Choir</p> <p>LOF Spring Break</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:30 p.m.-Band Practice (FH) 3:00-7:00 p.m. – Concordia S.L. (YA) 6:30 p.m. – Choir (MR) 7:30 p.m. – Scharoun Ensemble ticket needed</p> <p>LOF Spring Break</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR) 6:00 p.m. – German Club (FH)</p> <p>Voice Deadline</p> <p>LOF Spring Break</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Saturday Service/Comm (S)</p>
<p>17 Lent 2</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 (FH) 10:10 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (YA)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin= to Craft (DR) 7:00 p.m. – Church Council (DR)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 12:10 p.m. – Staff (DR) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men=s Bible Study (DR) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin= to Stitch Midweek Lenten Service 2 5:30 p.m. – Meal Served by Men’s Bible & Elders (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Worship (S) After Service – Bell Choir (MR)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S) 1:30 p.m.-Band Practice (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Choir (MR) 7:00 p.m. –Young Adult Bible Study at Maconachy’s</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel 10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – OSL Meeting (DR) 5:00 - Saturday Service/Comm with Messiah College Choir (S) 8:00 a.m. – Young Marines (FH, DR)</p>
<p>24 Lent 3</p> <p>8:00 a.m. –Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study (FH) 10:10 a.m. -Sunday School 11:00 a.m. – Worship (S) 4:45 p.m. – High School (YA) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (YA)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin= to Craft (DR)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:45 a.m. - Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men=s Bible Study (DR) Midweek Lenten Service 3 5:30 p.m. – Meal Served by LOF Preschool (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Worship (S) After Service – Bell Choir (MR)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S) 1:30 p.m.-Band Practice (FH) 6:30 p.m. – Choir (MR)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel 10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:00 p.m. – Service/ Comm. (S)</p>

QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS

A Blessed Quilt, a hug, a message of hope sent to the Lutheran World Relief Mission field. Our women cut 221 squares for the top and 221 squares for the bottom, edges of squares are pressed, then sewn together, turned, poked, stuffed, sewn, tied in the center, then zig zagged together and **Wa-Lah** a quilt is formed. A lot of love and laughter goes into the quilts as the ladies serve the Lord.

Our quilts are boxed, weighed, labeled, then a barcode is downloaded and attached to each box so the church can track where the quilts go. Our quilts went to Burkina Taso, a country in West Africa and Peru. Mission quilts provide comfort, warm bedding, simple tents, floor coverings and even a wrap to hold a baby.

Also, in 2018 our shipment of school bags with supplies went to Iraq. The Layettes went to the Ukraine and Ethiopia.

This year 2019, we delivered 12 Quilts, 28 School bags with school supplies and 22 Baby Care Kits (Layettes) to Bradenton. These items are then delivered to LWR docks in Maryland. Each layette has 2 baby blankets, 4 diapers, 2 sleepers, 2 undershirts, 2 pair of socks, 2 wash cloths, 2 bars of soap, a sweater with hat or a hoody. They are bundled up and held closed with 2 diaper pins. A beautiful gift from Lutheran World Relief. A total of 193 lbs. was sent this year from Faith and Peace Lutheran. We will let you know where our 2019 items went when LWR posts it on their website.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me." Matthew 25:40

Women of Itch'n to Stitch

MESSIAH COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS TO PRESENT LOCAL CONCERT

The Messiah College Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, Dr. Joy Meade, conductor, will present a concert of sacred and secular music at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The choir's 2019 tour, March 20-25, will take the 45 member group to churches and schools in Florida. CDs will be available for purchase, including the ensemble's newest release, "Music Down in My Soul". The tour will officially conclude on March 31st, when the choir presents its home campus concert in Parmer Hall, in the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts at Messiah College.

The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will perform a program titled *So Loved*. The repertoire of both sacred and secular works spans a variety of musical styles and narrates many ways that God has revealed his love to the world. Selections include traditional hymns, Lotti's *Crucifixus*, Davies' *Songs from the Ark*, Gibb's spiritual arrangement *Ain't a that Good News*, Brahms quartets, Beatles tunes, bluegrass and more.

About the Messiah College Concert Choir

The Messiah College Concert Choir is the premier vocal ensemble of the Department of Music at Messiah College and has enjoyed critical acclaim as a result of their performances and recordings. Student participants are chosen annually through competitive auditions from various academic majors and represent a cross-section of the Messiah College community. The choir has toured extensively in the United States, as well as Ireland, Austria, the Czech Republic, and Italy. In addition to campus and community concerts, the Messiah College Concert Choir frequently performs with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra as part of their Masterworks Series. The Concert Choir maintains an active recording schedule, producing a new album every year. They have been the featured choir for Kalmus Publications and Mark Foster Publications on their internationally distributed compact discs. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Joy Meade, Director of Choral Activities at Messiah College.

About Messiah College

Messiah College, a private Christian college of the liberal and applied arts and sciences, enrolls over 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Established in 1909, the campus is located in Grantham, Pa., near the state capital of Harrisburg

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith:

The Church Council Properties Management Board has revised the policies and procedures for requesting use of various Church facilities. Your cooperation in following these procedures is appreciated.

Facilities Use Request Approval, Coordination Steps, and Responsibilities

1. A Facilities Use Request form is required for all use of FLC facilities. They are available from Patti in the Church Office. When the request form is completed, it is to be submitted to Patti for calendaring. No action will be taken without a formal request. Due to the need for a clean Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings for Fellowship, no additional Saturday evening events will be scheduled without Pastoral approval.
2. Patti determines if the facility being requested is available, based on other activities already approved on the calendar, and if so, she records the request on a digital calendar which is accessible to Nancy, Kurt, and Myron at all times. This is not approval of the request, it is just reserving the space and the date. Patti then immediately sends the request to Nancy in the Financial Office for coordination and further approval by the Properties Board, if required. This approval, if needed, is by the Director of Properties Management.
3. If Properties Board approval is not required, Nancy initiates follow-up with the requestor to obtain payment (if required) and any other information needed, and confirms approval with the requestor for the facilities use.
4. Nancy alerts Kurt of any set-up or preparation needed for the event.
5. Nancy alerts Myron of the event date so he can determine if any potential clean-up needed.
6. Nancy keeps a file of all events and facilities requests, and follows-up with the requestor on any outstanding payments.

The intent of these steps is to limit the number of people involved in approving facilities use, streamline the process, provide for payment follow-up, and assure appropriate communications are taking place.

Mike Werner
Director – Properties Management



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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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