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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

“For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.”

Colossians 1: 16

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How can Faith Lutheran Church Minister to Singles?

God calls us to live in community, so we should consider how to love and care for one another. I pondered this as I looked out and saw people worshipping at Faith on Easter Sunday. I thought of both the married and unmarried visitors who were here. It made me think of four thoughts:

- 1) **A kingdom mindedness**
We are members of the Kingdom of God. When ministry is planned without thought to individuals that ministry can easily become focused on the here and now instead of the picture of God in this world. Jesus spent so much of His ministry time with individuals focusing on reaching each person to help them be encouraged, disciplined, counseled, and loved.
- 2) **A foundation of family – God’s Family!**
Each local church not only should reach out to disciple from a Kingdom-of-God but also from a way to encourage radically, new relational realities that come with the Gospel. We are sons and daughters of the Father, and that makes us brothers and sisters to one another! Jesus once asked about His own family He asked, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to His disciples, He said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother” (Matthew 12:47-50)
- 3) **Biblical Wisdom**
All people whether single, divorced, widowed, married, etc. all need to put Christ first as King, Healer, Forgiver, Companion, and the One who is always loving and worthy of being trusted, followed, and served.
- 4) **Relationships**
There are so many different kinds of relationships in the world today. I could see that clearly on Easter. The best way to minister to each individual that visits Faith is to:
 - A. Preach the Risen Christ
 - B. Get Involved with the work in His Kingdom (ie. Faith Ministries & Mission of the Month)
 - C. Be Good caretakers of the gifts God has given to all of His followers.
 - D. Continue building a Faith Community among believers that is honest and family-of-God focused.

When I was single, I was told at a Lutheran Church in Michigan that I could be ‘fixed’. I always thought that strange. As a pastor at a Lutheran Church in Florida I now teach and believe that God is assisting us to discover how each one of us is able to best glorify Jesus Christ with the unique gifts He has given us in our particular circumstances.

God Bless Each of Us,
Pastor Don Treglown

Mission of the Month

Pregnancy Resource Center is thrilled to be with you on May 4th and 5th! Along with a presentation to introduce PRC, we will also be hosting a Baby Bottle Campaign with your church. Each Bottle that is filled will be used to support the needs of the moms and dads that come to our clinics and education center. We ask, that when you take a Bottle, you fill it with the change you find in your pockets, couches, cars, etc. As well as any cash or checks that you feel the Lord is calling you to give. Then, in 2 weeks, please return them to the church. This will make sure we get each one. On behalf of our families, we say “thank you” in advance for your generosity.

“And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.” – Colossians 1:17-19

In what some would say of my “young” experience of living, there seems to be a universal truth that I keep coming across in regards to any family’s structure: there is either one patriarchal or matriarchal figure that is the life blood of the family. That is, he or she is the reason why the family keeps together. The individual is the one person that holds everyone to one another. I don’t know why it is this way, but it just seems to be in any given family. So what then happens when that person dies? I sadly see it too often, the remaining family members become unglued so to speak; the structure that was once so good now no longer functions. “Grandpa was the one we could always go to support.” “Grandma was always able to keep the peace.” “No matter how difficult it was for her at the end, mom was always able to make everyone else happy.” With that one head leader, every other family member identifies to them. It is because of that patriarch / matriarch that everyone felt they belonged. If you take away that person and the sense of belonging with them, you get upheaval, turmoil, bitterness, jealousy, unbearable grief, distance, and worst of all splitting up. It happens. I’m not immune to it. No one is. For me it was my father’s dad on that side of the family, and my mother’s mom on the other. You take away the head, the rest of the body dissolves. So what impression is then given when we refer to ourselves as a “family church”?

The church community regularly likens herself to a family. When asked, “what is your church like?” the response is, “We are like a big family together.” And then comes the list of examples, something like: “we care for one another”, “we do so many events together”, “we are friendly to each other”, “we love everyone.” Well, ok. But that’s not great on our part. Why? They are only examples of what we *do*. They never indicate who we *are*. **We focus so much on what is going on over and above the One Who brought us in.** The One is Jesus Christ. The One Who is before all things and it’s only in Him that everything holds together (see Bible verse above). He is the head. He is the One Who makes us belong...to Him and to each other. Unlike the patriarchs / matriarchs of our earthly families who eventually die and leave the rest of the family behind, Christ didn’t remain dead when He died. He resurrected from death on the Third Day. In His resurrection, Jesus didn’t leave us behind; He brought us in to be the family of God. We all belong to Him as a family. It’s who we are. The first impression we must always give at its most fundamental level is who we are: children of God brought in by Christ to be in His family. So in reaching out to families within and outside this family at Faith...

We esteem and acknowledge Who is our Head **first** : Jesus Christ our risen Lord. He is the life blood of this family of Faith. All of us identify to Him alone. Christ is the only way we are kept together and held to one another. We let Him do the talking. It is our Lord Jesus, through His powerful work in us, Who gives belonging and purpose. Everyone needs and wants that. They receive it in this family. How? We do nothing to hinder them from being a part of it. We don’t make them earn their stripes / pay their way into this one; Christ’s blood already did that. Our conversations must never have a hint of: “so what can you bring to the table / when are you going to be more active in this family / how are you helping us look more attractive?” No. We simply thank God that He has brought us all together by grace in His Son Jesus. No agenda. No hidden motive. Just pure, unadulterated openness and thankfulness. They are your family in Christ. They are God’s and you are too. So in an attempt to end faithfully:

“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts.

Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God Himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.” – 1 Peter 4:8-11

Pastor Sam Maconachy



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VBS Volunteers Needed

One of the most exciting weeks at Faith (June 10-14) is right around the corner! Please continue to pray for our VBS program, its leaders, volunteers, and all the campers coming to hear about God's Miraculous Mission in Jesus!

We are in need of volunteers and welcome any help. Please sign-up online, in the Narthex, or contact Pastor Sam.



VBS Donations Needed

Every year we set up a donation table to help provide craft and snack items for the week of VBS. Here's what we are in need of:

Snacks:

- Diced canned pineapple, dry black beans, blue jello
- Popcorn, M&Ms, mini marshmallows, sprinkles, sugar crystals
- Frosted cereal circles (Fruit loops), Lucky Charms
- Cheez-its, cheese sticks, teddy grahams, yellow frosting
- Sandwich baggies, food skewers
- Cool whip, ranch dressing

Crafts:

- Pony beads, wet markers, colored permanent markers
- Blue yarn / ribbon, glue sticks
- Colored tissue paper, glitter glue

Thank you for being in this blessed community of faith and for all your joyful help to bless the event and the VBSers in the name of our Lord Jesus! God be praised!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. – Member Care (DR)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Executive Committee (DR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Youth PRC Shopping</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>5 Easter 3 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 (FH) 10:10 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p> <p>3:00 p.m. – Worship, Music & Arts (YA)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Board of Elders (DR)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch</p> <p>12:00 noon – Crowd Control (DR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – Mission & Outreach (DR)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>LOF Mother's Day Tea Setup (FH)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – LOF Mother's Day Tea (FH)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>Hours 8:30 - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:00 p.m- Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>12 Easter 4 Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. -Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (FH) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p> <p>10:00 – Board of Property Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 a.m.- Marine Lunch</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. - LOF VPK Graduation (S)</p> <p>11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:45 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (S)</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Family Movie Night (FH)</p> <p>Hours 8:30 - 3:00 p.m</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – OSL Meetng (DR)</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>19 Easter 5 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)</p> <p>Armed Forces Sunday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – Church Council (DR)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch</p> <p>6:30 p.m.- Praise Team</p> <p>LOF Last Day for 2 & 3 year olds</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>LOF Beach Day at Loudermilk Park</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 a.m. – Gulf Shore Ins. (FH)</p> <p>1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p> <p>Hours 8:30 - 3:00 p.m</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00 - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p>26 Easter 6 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (FH) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Praise Team</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p>30 Ascension of Our Lord 1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p>	

Healing Prayer Testimony from a member of the FLC Healing Prayer Team

It's Valentine's day. I'm in a Health Clinic to get a EKG in preparation for some minor surgery. The technician is a younger Latino looking lady, polite, but with an emotionless look on her face. As she is preparing the equipment for the EKG, I asked her what she expects to get for Valentine's day today. Her response was "I'm not expecting anything", so I asked if she had a significant other. Her response was "No, my husband and I are recently divorced." That explained the sadness I saw on her face.

I decided to back off my intrusion into her personal life, but then something (we know what!) told me to continue. So I asked her if she had any children, and she said she had four, and was worried for them. I asked her if she believed in God, and she replied "yes, I do". I asked her if I could pray with her before leaving, and she replied "yes, I would like that". So at the conclusion of the EKG I prayed with her addressing the issues that caused her sadness and her worry, guilt, and anything else preventing her from being happy. When we finished, there was a great smile on her face and an obvious sincere show of gratitude. As she walked me out, she thanked be twice more, smiling along the way.

I believe Jesus was in her heart creating that smile. I reminded her to pray daily for God's blessings, and she said she would. I don't see this as me representing God in my prayer with her....no, I see it as me re-presenting God to her, and I think it worked!

God is good, and prayer is powerful!



Human Care Thanks You!

"Let us not Love with words of speech, but with Actions and in Truth"

John 1 3:18

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. What bounty of gifts you have provided in support of the work of your Human Care Committee this past year. Through your gracious offerings of cash, food, clothing, toys and the volunteering of your precious time you, the community of believers at Faith, have once again provided much needed help to our local community, as well as to the members of our Church.

To be specific Human Care would like you to know that your offerings go to support some very important benevolent activities in our community. For instance, much of your food donations go to support St. Matthews House, a faith based organization that provides food, shelter and the nourishing word of Christ Jesus to homeless individuals as well as those addicted to drugs. The Christmas Giving Tree provides toys to needy families of our community and church. Human Care directly or through its offices solicits volunteers to prepare meals for a member family that is providing care for a loved one, provides Faith members transportation to a doctor's office, as well as just picking up groceries when needed by a member. I hope that this short list gives you some idea of what we are trying to accomplish with the resources you contribute.

As I review this list and the many other acts of human kindness that took place this past year, I feel compelled to most generously thank the members of the Human Care Committee and the entire family of Faith Lutheran Church for their committed support of the goals of this Committee. It is my fervent prayer that by the help of our Lord we will sustain and augment our level of support in the coming year.

Human Care at Faith always needs team members to help and serve in God's work. Call Renate Musser 717-991-4660.

This year's Easter breakfast provided a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Approximately 200 people attended. Thank you to all the wonderful cooks who shared their prize recipes to create a delicious, mouth-watering buffet! And with your help, a love offering of over \$500.00 was collected to help needy children in the Collier County School System.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who helped make this event possible: Gloria Cahill, Kathie Gayle, Marcus Kelso, Michelle Kelso, Renata Musser, Shirley Neumann, Lois Opel, Barb Puch, Mary Runstadler, Hannelore Smith, Mike Smith, Ruth Stropparo, Kaila Thompson, and Jo Treglown. We apologize if we missed anyone as all your help was VERY appreciated. We thank our risen Lord for each and every one of you!

Joann Johnson & Jan Nurenberg, Co-Chairs



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Your Church Properties Board would like to explain to you our latest project: connecting FLC to the sanitary sewer.

Not everyone is aware that Faith operates on a series of septic tanks. We are not connected to the county's sewer system. This septic system is as old as the church and needs to be replaced. We have had backups, the leach fields are inadequate and full of tree roots, and the system is beyond its designed lifespan.

To install a new septic system is not feasible simply because the county won't allow it. The county is currently ordering homes and businesses to connect to their sewer system. Currently, the homes and businesses just to the west of us on Goodlette Frank Road are under orders to connect. It won't be long before we receive the order. We thought it wise to get to work on this before we were under orders to do it.

We have received permission from Church Council to hire an engineer to design a system and to give us an estimate as to the cost. The engineering alone will cost a little over \$20,000. Pastor Hildebrandt believes we can use money from the endowment fund to pay the engineer. We have a proposal from an engineering firm, and he should begin his work soon after we finish reviewing it.

The cost of this project will be significant. As we live in a flat area, we can't count on gravity to carry the sewage; we will need at least one, maybe two, lift stations. The lift stations will need automatic electric generators to insure we don't get sewer backups when the power goes out. We will also design the system to handle any future expansion of the Youth Annex, and any possible use of the field next to our storage shed.

We should be able to offset some of the cost of engineering and of the system itself by partnering with the insurance company next door. They will be required to tie into the county's system as well. It makes sense for both of us to partner on this project. Obviously, their share will be less than ours and will have to be negotiated, but if we can save some money, we'll try. We are currently in discussions with them.

Our board thought it important to keep the congregation informed of major projects. I hope I've covered this adequately. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mike Werner



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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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