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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

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The Shepherd's Voice

Dear Family of Faith:

I think we have all reached a certain limit of hearing about Covid-19. Yes, I want to be informed but sometimes I reach my saturation level of information. I am sure that this is being said around the world. There are so many thoughts, advice, and directions that we are hearing and some contradict each other.

I have tried to keep up with the Covid-19 world of life in which we find ourselves. I have learned from websites set up by the County, the State of Florida, the US Government, and the English District of the Missouri Synod, which has been overwhelming at times. But through careful consideration and prayer, I feel that the staff of Faith was well informed and shared good information with the congregation.

Already, the pandemic has changed the culture of our world and even the church. Things will not be the same. However, Jesus remains the same. We have celebrated Christ through the high points of the church year: Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost and now we are entering the summer season.

The summer has always been a time when the pastors and staff of Faith can have the time to refresh, renew, recharge, and rejuvenate. This is how it will look:

The teachers of Lambs of Faith along with our Director, Karen Graham, will take some time off this summer as we prepare the classrooms for a new normal next year.

Pastor Maconachy plans to spend time in Naples with his family as they enjoy time with Kaleigh Ruth, God's newest addition and blessing to them.

Pastor Hildebrandt and his wife Barb request your prayers as they travel up to New Jersey to reconnect with their family.

Pastor Treglown plans to visit his brother in Key West (newly moved from Milwaukee) and spend time fishing and playing with his grandchildren in a rented home near the Keys.

The rest of the staff will go to 1/2 days beginning June and ending in August.

Just remember, God is in control. No matter what happens I hold firm the words recorded in Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Know that throughout the coming months your church staff and leaders are praying for you and love you with the love of the Lord!

Pastor Don Treglown

“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone,
and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Galatians 6:10

It's universal. Every single one of us desire to belong; at our core lies a basic need to relate and care for another person. Our need to remain connected personally with others is just as crucial to our emotional and physical well-being as safety and food. The shared experience with the worldwide pandemic has only given this truth more weight and urgency. This is why I am so incredibly thankful to belong to an eternal family, the Church. It's here where God provides this need.

At risk of over generalizing, to me the Church has always been: God's people brought together doing God's stuff together. So doctrinal I know. But in this light, it's why I hold that ever since the first man was gifted another human being by God to both be His image-bearers in creation (see Genesis 1-2), this is also the very moment the Church was inaugurated. I could do a whole Bible study on this...maybe I should...time will tell. But here we all are today, the Church still lives (and is thriving by the way, thank You Jesus), and we are it! We are God's people brought together in Christ to carry out God's stuff together in Christ. You all belong, and that matters to me, Pastor Don, and Pastor Brad. I can promise you that. So even though the summer season is here when things “slow down”, we're continuing to do God's stuff as His people:

- Worshipping our Triune God and praising Him for the victory we all have in the Son.
 - As carefully and wisely possible, we are slowly opening our worship space to receive people and physically gather together. This can change at a moment's notice. It will take time and requires our faithful patience and humble flexibility together in Jesus. For now, we are still putting the majority of our efforts in and emphasis on our online worship service.
 - We're starting our yearly summer sermon series in late June / early July which will focus on Ephesians 6 and the Armor of God.
- Online Bible studies
 - We'll continue posting Bible studies and devotions on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/FLCNaples/>) and newly created Youtube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPUOL13VqG8umZ-B56StUXg>)
- Devotional materials
 - Stop by church and pick up our portals of prayer to help feed your devotional life in your homes
- New Member classes
 - Continuing along the same way for the past 2 years, New Member classes will be held every Monday evening in June, 7PM starting 6/01
- Prayer
 - We are praying for you, as we are strengthened in the knowledge that you are praying for us
- Outreach
 - Through God's work in you, we are remaining focused on reaching out to our community's immediate needs by supporting St. Matthew's House, Pregnancy Resource Center, first responders, and healthcare workers.

As noted by St. Paul above, the opportunity to do good for everyone and especially for one another in this household of faith (“Faith” Lutheran Church, what a coincidence!) remains. It's why our focus will always start in God's Word and worship of Him. All the other “stuff” of God flows out of these two things through you. It is always in that order. These good things of God ultimately do happen through you because you are members of this eternal household. You belong because you are God's people...and since too God's said so. We will continue to keep each of you certain of it this summer.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Sam



Kelsey Gardner	1	Nick Marsit	11	Floyd Foist	20
Hank Lukas	1	Roger Christy	12	Janice Beaudet	22
Nancy Fish	4	Carl Dickey	13	Jan Nurenberg	22
John Peterson	4	Pastor Sam Maconachy	13	Emilie Gehrke	23
Amanda Sherwood	4	Ally Arsenault	14	Carl Koenemann	23
Kathie Gayle	5	Jake McClendon	15	Carolyn Hunter	25
Leslie Ackerman	6	Art Eichmann	16	Aria Wells	26
Charlotte Bremseth	6	Kevin Hawkesworth	16	Ken Badke	27
Carole Ruth	6	Joann Johnson	16	Julia DePuye	27
Joey Chernoch	8	Rusty Thornley	16	Karen Frank	28
Joey Woods	8	Bethany Weiss	17	David Templin	28
Ralph Becker	9	Tina Espiritu	18	Norman Stivers	30
Missy Gannon	9	Ella Hazelett	18		
Kay Hasse	9	Alex Herwig	18		
Carolyn Dorr	10	Mardelle Wuerger	19		



Berch & Susan Gannon	2	Bill & Renate Musser	22
John & Nancy Weiss	2	Gil & Lois Poretti	22
Ron & Karen Doerr	8	Ned & Beth Renfro	22
Glenn & Kay Hasse	10	Pastor Sam & Liz Maconachy	23
Steve & Jan Nurenberg	10	Rowe & Michelle Hudson	24
Nick & Jennifer Outerbridge	14	Ray & Carole Ruth	24
Ray & Pat Wiese	14	Mary & Norman Stivers	24
Gary & Jane Glotzhober	15	Gerald & Chae-Sun Hoogland	25
Jon & Kathleen Hodges	19	Randy & Sara Abraham	26
Art & Della Johnson	19	George & Ricki Bond	28
Roy & Joyce Couch	20		
Jim & Karen Frank	22		

New Member Classes

Spread the Word! If you or anyone you know is looking for a family to belong to, Pastor Don and Pastor Sam are having New Member classes every Monday evening in June, 7PM. It all starts June 1. Please contact the office or Pastor Sam (pastormac@flcnaples.com) to sign-up.

Note: we will be maintaining government advised social distancing practices by meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith Lutheran Church

June 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>The 11:00 service will be available by live-streaming at www.facebook.com/FLCNaples</p>	<p>1 7:00 p.m. – New Member Class (FH)</p>	<p>2 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team Recorded Bible study on Ephesians</p>	<p>3 8:00 a.m. - Men=s Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR) Recorded Stories of the Bible</p>	<p>6 5:00 p.m. - <i>Saturday Service (S)</i></p>
<p>7 Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. -<i>Worship (Comm)</i> 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - <i>Praise Worship (Comm)</i> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m.. - <i>Worship (Comm)</i> Mite Sunday</p>	<p>8 6:30 p.m. – Church Council (DR) 7:00 p.m. – New Member Class (FH)</p>	<p>9 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team Recorded Bible study on Ephesians</p>	<p>10 8:00 a.m. - Men=s Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR) Recorded Stories of the Bible</p>	<p>13 5:00 p.m.- <i>Saturday Service (S)</i></p>
<p>14 Second Sunday after Pentecost Father’s Day 8:00 a.m. -<i>Worship (S)</i> 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. – <i>Worship(S)</i> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m. - <i>Worship (S)</i></p>	<p>15 10:00 – Board of Property Meeting 7:00 p.m. – New Member Class (FH) <i>Voice Deadline</i></p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team Recorded Bible study on Ephesians</p>	<p>17 8:00 a.m. - Men=s Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR) Recorded Stories of the Bible</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m. – OSL Meeting (DR) 5:00 p.m. <i>Saturday Service (S)</i></p>
<p>21 Third Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. -<i>Worship (Comm)</i> 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - <i>Praise Worship (Comm)</i> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m.. - <i>Worship (Comm)</i></p>	<p>22 7:00 p.m. – New Member Class (FH)</p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team Recorded Bible study on Ephesians</p>	<p>24 8:00 a.m. Men=s Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 10:00 a.m. - Women=s Bible Study (DR) Recorded Stories of the Bible</p>	<p>27 5:00 - <i>Saturday Service (S)</i></p>
<p>28 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a.m. -<i>Worship (S)</i> 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – <i>Worship (S)</i> 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study(DR) 11:00 a.m. - <i>Worship (S)</i></p>	<p>29 7:00 p.m. – New Member Class(FH)</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team Recorded Bible study on Ephesians</p>				

From the Director of Music

Hello Faith Family

It has been almost two months since I began as Director of Music and Organist. I hope you have been able to experience the new paths regarding the musical selections for our services. I wanted to take this opportunity to connect with the church community and discuss how a Director of Music operates.

What is the difference between a Church Organist and a Director of Music for a church? These two positions have a core difference in their operating philosophies. A Church Organist provides the musical production for each service. A Director of Music is a professional leader and administrator who provides and executes a musical vision to foster a unique spiritual environment using musical selections and implementing musical activities.

As your Director of Music, it is my responsibility to choose the appropriate music for each service. This includes the hymns we sing, the sung liturgical elements, the special music performed by the Chancel Ensembles, and the remaining accompanying selections. I am also charged with the recruitment for our music programs, the fostering of musical growth in our church community, and the development of the musical program at the Lambs of Faith Preschool. Once I have executed all of these, then I take my visions and apply them to the Chancel Ensembles and the Organ for our services.

Each music selection you will hear during our services will have gone through an extensive prayerful and spiritual evaluation. In choosing each hymn, special music, and offertory I ensure it will fit with each service and its readings for the day and liturgical season. As we worship together, you may notice the music I select may come from other disciplines of the Christian faith. I frequently use hymns from all walks of our Christian life because of their significance to the service and message. Knowing that I choose hymns from a variety of resources, there may be a time when you may not recognize a hymn during a service. I pray you will take the opportunity to listen, hear the message and not dismiss the hymn because you may not know the music. As Director of Music, I do not want to limit your spiritual growth by hindering your exposure to just a handful of hymns. If there is ever a hymn you do not know, I encourage you to still sing it! God does not judge the quality of your singing – He is joyful that you are giving glory and praise! It can also be an opportunity for you to read and reflect on the verses instead of singing them. As I stated above, I take special care to select hymns which echo the readings and theme of the day. You may be introduced to a different perspective on the scriptures, which may help you gain a deeper understanding of the messages.

We will continue to worship and praise God with hymns you grew up singing. I grew up in a Baptist church, so I cannot deny my roots by leaving out some of the great southern gospel hymns. I pray you are not deterred by a hymn that may not be familiar to you. I hope you can see it as a moment to seek God and broaden your walk of faith. As we transition into the summer months and the remainder of the year, I will continue to present Faith Lutheran Church with the most beautiful and scripturally compelling music as God leads me to share with you. As time progresses, I hope to introduce music from various cultures and assorted liturgical settings. I will always retain the spirituality of music as I carry out each musical vision.

I hope everyone remains safe and healthy as we all navigate these uncertain times. I pray our faith and trust in God remains strong and unwavering.

Blessings,

Matthew

Director of Music & Organist

June Mission of the Month

Lutheran Theological Seminary & Training Center

The Lutheran Theological Seminary is an arm of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines training young men in preparation for the public ministry. The Lutheran Church has always emphasized the need for its members to be well instructed in God's Word. This means reading and understanding the Bible. Pastors of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines receive thorough training at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City.

From the beginning of the Mission in 1946, the need for a theological training program was felt. Two individuals were trained for the ordained ministry. In 1953 training was begun on the pre-theology level, and in 1955 the Theological Seminary was officially inaugurated in Manila with the Rev. Lorenz Nieting as head. He was assisted on a part time basis by missionaries Rudolph Prange, Louis Dorn, Bruce Cassler, and Herbert Kretzmann. During the early years in the Manila area, it was quartered at three different locations.

In 2018, 2 of the young Tagakaulo-Kalagan worship leaders trained by Pastor Treglown were accepted in to the Seminary. Their names are: Michael Salila and Jello Malit. They are now on vicarage after 2 years of classes. By air, they are 777 miles from their homes: from the southernmost island to the northernmost island. What a journey of culture, language, food and faith for these two men of God.

The seminary has experienced its ups and downs but has always enjoyed the blessings of God through friends and supporters who continually support it's ministry of training workers for the Lord's Kingdom. Since 1946 the seminary has produced more than 80 pastors and church workers that have served in the Church of the Lord.

Lambs of Faith

Now we know that when the Shutdown was put into effect in March that was the end of the 2019-2020 school year. No more classes until fall.

It has been a difficult & unsettling time for us, but with things starting to open up again we see some relief. We hope you are all doing well and wish you a wonderful Summer vacation.

We will see you back in September for the start of the new school year.....2020-2021!

Miss Karen will be back in her office in August. If you want information about Lambs of Faith Preschool please contact her at (239) 434-9277 or lambofffaith@fclnaples.com

VBS

One last reminder that out of careful concern for the health of our community, VBS 2020 has been cancelled. We can't wait for next year to be blessed and better!

Email list update

If you would like to be a member of our email list, we encourage you to visit www.fclnaples.com and scroll to the bottom of the page to sign up. If you are/were signed up and have not been receiving messages please contact the church office to update your information at (239) 434-5811 or faith@fclnaples.com

Women of Faith

The Women of Faith board is in need of a new Treasurer. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Joann Johnson, 239-287-1101 or starbrite08@gmail.com, for more 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

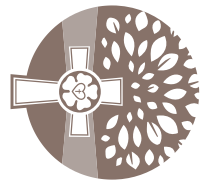
Sunday:

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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