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# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

"How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God."

Psalm 84:1-2

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## What I did on My Summer Vacation

Back when I was younger, I remember going back to school and on the first day being given the assignment to write an essay entitled: “What I did on My Summer Vacation”

I can't remember if I enjoyed doing these assignments or not and since my mother didn't save any of them, I figure I can do one now.

I do recall some of the details of what we did on summer vacations when I was younger. We would pack up in the Old Ford Galaxy 500 with the three siblings establishing property rights in the back seat. Remember: “Don't cross my line” arguments? We would constantly irritate my Father with the phrase: “Are we there yet?” And, who could forget my Mother's favorite phrase: “Does your Father have to stop the car or will you stop!?”

Our trips were to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to visit Great-Grandparents, Historical Parks around the Midwest (Grant's Tomb, Gettysburg, etc), and even to Florida to spend time on Captiva Island.

It's funny how I remember what it felt like to leave for vacations as a child but never remember what it felt like to return home.

I give thanks to God for what I was able to do during my summer vacation of 2020. I got to spend time with my wife Joanne and worship with her online with the people of Faith. I was able to do a lot of fishing and marvel at the beauty of God's creation on the waters off the Keys.

I enjoyed time spent with my brother in Key West and see how well adjusted he is in a new environment. Lastly, the joy of early morning devotions without the stress of what the work day would be. And, I give thanks to God for having been refreshed and for being home and back at Faith in person.

I guess the best answer to “What I did on My Summer Vacation? Would be found in the words of Psalm 37:7 I was able to “be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him (prayer, devotions, worship, & fishing) fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!”

Praying for you all!

Pastor Don Treglown

### Individual Communion

For the month of August, for those of our beloved members who have been unable to commune in public worship, Pastors Treglown and Maconachy are offering individual Holy Communion on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Narthex from 10AM-12PM. If you are able, please give the church office a call a day in advance so we can be ready for you. Thank you and the Lord be with you.

### PRC Baby Bottle Drive

Thank you Faith family for your devoted hearts and outpouring of love with our annual Baby Bottle Drive for Pregnancy Resource Center. Through God's working in you, we were able to give \$1,245. Praise God!

## My soul Longs...

I like to think of each summer as America's pilgrimage season. That is, every year starting sometime in the fall families plan, anticipate, and look forward to the chance to get away and escape. Then summer arrives after the drag of winter and spring and the journeying begins. What little did we know this summer would behold when we were making those plans last fall. Summer vacations (America's pilgrimage) to travel and find refuge and renewal from the everyday tasks of toil and labor are a great feature in how we like to live. It always operated out of the assumption that once upon return we could get back to the ordinary ways including worship. "Going to Church will always be available" was our mantra. But now that the majority of us have not gone on our annual pilgrimages, and the opportunity to go to church seems more daunting, a longing deep within has taken root.

"Oh how I long for the days when...", you fill in the blank.

It is in this season we're in right now that I have been particularly drawn to Psalm 84: "My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord." God speaks to me while my heart shouts "Oh how I long for the days when...", and He fills in the blank. He fills it with a quiet strength and peace.

In the days of King David, pilgrimages to the tabernacle were the great feature of Jewish life. Families journeyed together. They stopped at sunny rest stops, sang songs along the road they traveled, and as they journeyed they stored happy memories that they would long remember and recount. All of this they went through so that they could worship together in the Lord's house.

"My soul longs..."

The desire is deep. A heart yearning for the Lord God. "...Yes, faints..." a holy sickness longing to be back in worship. To be in God's very presence and among His beloved people. In previous times, a lot of us had to be dragged into going to a church service. While maybe now, the times have us crying for it...longing for it. Thanks be to God.

In Christ,  
Pastor Sam Maconachy

### Introducing Bethania Kids to Faith Lutheran, Naples, FL

Bethania Kids is a Christian ministry helping the neediest children and families in India. It was founded in 1987 by Lutheran missionaries who were teaching in southern India. These teachers saw a great need in the deprived and destitute villages surrounding Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, where they taught. Lutheran churches in the U.S. provided funds to build the first home, an orphanage serving 12 children.

Today, Bethania Kids has grown to serve over 1,000 children through 4 residence homes, 9 Care Centers (with before and after school programs as well as day care), 2 rehabilitation centers for differently-abled children, and 5 Women's Empowerment Centers, helping mothers of impoverished children learn marketable skills. The children are assured safety, nutrition, clean water, education, and Christian discipleship and most importantly the knowledge that they are loved. These children thrive and grow to lead productive lives as adults. Many of these former "Bethania Kids" contribute to the programs with money or time, returning to help at the homes and care centers. At least one former Bethania Kid is a full-time employee.

The vision of Bethania Kids is to nurture and equip the children of India to change their world through Jesus' love.

There are many exciting things happening at Bethania Kids. To learn more, visit the website at [www.bethaniakids.org](http://www.bethaniakids.org) and/or the Facebook Page, Bethania Kids Foundation.



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Sandi Herrman	11	Kathy Miller	22		



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## Coming up: September 13, 2020!

### Rally Day

Mark your calendars. We have our sights set on Rally Day and hoping that by then we will be able to joyfully all come together and celebrate all the wonderful things God works in us here at Faith!

### Confirmation

Have a child entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade? By God's grace we plan to start Confirmation on Sunday, September 13 @5:45 PM. Contact Pastor Sam for info and signing up.

### Dear Faith Family,

Hilde and I want to thank ALL of you who prayed for God's help for us. God did hear the prayers and after successful surgery Hilde was granted to return home and continue her earthly journey.

Praise be to God and May He bless all of you, our congregation, and country, and the world.

Helde and Adam Fueredi

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Due to Covid-19, all events are subject to change. Please call the office at 239-434-5811 to confirm the date.</b></p>						<p><b>1</b>  5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p><b>2 Pentecost 9</b> <b>Mite Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. -Worship (Comm) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm) 11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)  6:20 p.m. – Board of Elders (DR)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)  11:00 a.m.- Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>8</b>  5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p><b>9 Pentecost 10</b>  8:00 a.m. –Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 a.m.- Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. – OSL Meeting (DR)  5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)  <i>Voice Deadline</i></p>
<p><b>16 Pentecost 11</b> 8:00 a.m. – Worship(Comm) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm) 11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm)</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Fellowship Hall Closed due to voting machines</b> 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)  6:30 p.m. – Church Executive Board (DR)</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Voting in Fellowship Hall (FH)</b>  6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (DR)  11:00 a.m.- Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>22</b>  5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p><b>23 Pentecost 12</b> 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p>
<p><b>30 Pentecost 13</b> 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p>					

## From the Director of Music

### Hello Faith Family –

*Ephesians 4:16 - From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

The Pastors and leaders of the Council and the Elders have asked to me to take this opportunity to make our community aware of the current situation of our organ and how it impacts the church. Unfortunately, our Allen electronic organ at FLC seems to be reaching the end of its life. Some of you may already be aware of this or have possibly experienced some of the issues during a service. I have discovered that the organ console has been and is currently experiencing functional difficulties with the keyboards, stop controls, memory capture actions, and other compromised electrical processes. This is in addition to the deteriorated conditions and outdated technologies of the speakers and their respective components. In summary, the organ is telling me that it is tired... Many of you may not be aware that I own and operate a Pipe Organ maintenance and tuning business. Through my business, I help maintain the playability and functionality of pipe organs. I have tuned, maintained, rebuilt, and restored many pipe organs in my career as an organ technician. My biggest completed project was the restoration of a 42-rank, 2,400+ pipes Moller Organ at Charleston Southern University in Charleston, South Carolina. This background has been an asset in not only understanding the current situation our church is facing regarding the decline of our organ but has been extremely helpful in providing resources and networks in the professional industry of organ building and repair.

In this August article, I wanted to take the opportunity to explain, fully and truthfully, the current and future circumstances of the organ as it affects our ministries. Working with Michael Schmidt, the Worship, Music, and Arts committee, and the President of Southwest Florida's Allen Organ dealership, I can provide to you a detailed and accurate account of our Allen organ:

### Current Situation

Over the last few weeks, I have had several conversations with Mr. Brian Daggett, the President of the Allen Organ dealership for our area. He is also a career master technician, and he has graciously provided to us a historical and present-day assessment of our instrument. His evaluation is discussed below:

*“The organ, as mentioned was installed in your church new in 1990. The original factory build sheet is on file. Organs built in 1990 were designed in the 1980’s. Your Allen has served you well but now is suffering from old age...the organ may seem to work well one day, and not the next. The envelope generators, frequency generators, and associated circuit boards used a type of potentiometer to make adjustments to the voicing or sounds of the organ. Unfortunately, these older potentiometers have become very unstable. Further, the old amplifiers mute circuitry has become intermittent with age. Capture action: this is the computer section of the organ that retains memory of the organist’s settings. It works well but requires back up batteries that eventually fail. Your organ used a number of speakers that weight about 90lbs each. They are the old model...and that speaker cabinet is no longer manufactured. [Florida’s] high heat, ozone, and humidity all had negative factor to the life of these speakers.”*

### Statement of Repairs and Replacement

The leaders of the church and some of its operating committees have inquired about the possibility of any repairs to help extend the life of the organ. Mr. Daggett's insights and recommendations are discussed below:

*“Here is the list of what the organ would require to make it a stable instrument. The computer cages, including power supplies, would have to be shipped back to the Allen factory for a full rebuild. [The potentiometers] can’t be cleaned because there of the sealed type. Replacement is the only way to address the problem and you have hundreds of them. Your speakers by now would need to be replaced. But there is a problem with this concept. The problem is they also can reproduce sounds inherent in the old system that shouldn’t be heard when paired to older organs. So they actually sound worse. Can the organ you have be upgraded? Yes and no. The problem is, the cost of stripping out an old organ console and installing all new components of a modern...organ is not production line assembly. It is custom work and in the end costs as much or more than purchasing a new organ. Also, once everything was addressed at high cost, that is not a guarantee that some other part we haven’t seen fail yet, reaches a time when it too causes trouble.”*

### Immediate & Long-Term Solutions

At this point in time, with discussions and collaborations with the Allen Organ Company representatives and our pastors, I plan to sparingly use the organ for our services. My hope is that this will allow the organ to still serve our ministries while limiting its environment to display issues or any technical difficulties during our services or rehearsals, until a reliable instrument can be put into place.

Before I discuss the long-term solutions, please be mindful that this article is not a formal request to vote or for a call to action. The purpose of this article is to simply inform our community of the current and long-term situations. These solutions, as presented to respective committees and discussed with you below, are all the initial ideas and options available to our church:

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Option A – to purchase a highly evolved and very capable fully customized digital electronic instrument. This would be an extremely advanced technological instrument, which would bring value to the church and its ministries for many decades. This would allow for 90+ sounds for the organ.

Option B – to purchase a “hybrid” organ. This organ would include every bit of the fully customized digital elements in *Option A*, with the addition of real pipes. This would give FLC a working “pipe organ” with extreme flexibility and range as it is coupled with highly advanced digital technology. This would allow for almost 100 sounds, with a small cadre of fully functioning pipes for the organ and even greater value as compared to Option A.

Option C – to purchase a fully functioning pipe organ. This would allow for 40-50 different sounds with up to 3,000 working pipes. This would be a lifetime permanent fixture in the church of extreme value and symbolism of visceral magnitude.

*Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

I understand that some of this information may be difficult to understand and challenging to digest. This is a project which would require a lot of research, resources, time, and most importantly, Godly-driven execution. There are a lot of working cogs and ever-moving parts that come with the prospects of a project of this significance. These details and dialogues will be communicated with the church, when available, as God leads us through this ministry. I am assuring the congregation that everything we do and the decisions we make for this project will be done diligently and communicated openly. The quality of our music ministry is something I take very seriously, and the excellence and reliability of the instrument we use is a vital element to the worship experience. The organ, and music as an operating mechanism, has an unwavering history in the Lutheran church. With an item of such significance, I will assure that every decision made in this process will be the absolute best for our church. I especially hold myself up to be accountable as a servant to God and the church, as we approach this task before us and ask to be prayerfully led by God.

*2 Timothy 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

I thank God constantly for placing me here at Faith Lutheran Church. I know God has directed my path to be a servant of the Faith Family to help with this task. I ask that our community to continue to pray for the life of our church and for His guidance as we approach the possibility to consider upgrading our organ, and ultimately, our worship experience. Rejoice always and pray without ceasing. Give God thanks for all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you, our family, our church, and our Christian life.

Blessings,  
Matthew Swingle  
Director of Music & Organist

**Cravin' to Craft**

The crafters thank all who participated in the Spring Sale of crafts and bakery items. Again, we had a very successful sale to raise money for the Women of Faith. Now we are looking forward to the annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale!

With the future being hard to predict, we are planning to continue as if we'll be able to have one, but we also know that we may have to cancel due to the virus which is messing with our lives at the moment. Many of our vendors are staying positive also and have committed to selling their wares at the sale. We always have the same date, the first Saturday in November, the seventh this year, so keep that date in mind and plan to attend the festivities. We are in dire need of a person to be a liaison with the vendors, to sign them up, to prep the Fellowship Hall and courtyard for them, to meet them and help with set up on that Saturday, and to help them tear down afterwards. Joann Johnson, who is moving, has been our liaison and can help this year to "show the ropes" and give important information for the volunteer(s). We cannot take on such an ambitious project without our wonderful volunteers. Please consider stepping up to perform this important position. If interested, call Patti in the office at (239) 434-5811 or Ricki Bond at (239)-595-0881. We may let you wear a special costume!

Praying for deliverance from Covid soon and blessings for all!

Ricki



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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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