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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

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God-Given Courage

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you.” -Deuteronomy 31:6

Over the years, I have battled with Ornithophobia. This phobia is named after the Ancient Greek word “ornis” translated in English “bird”. Simply put, I am terrified of birds. When I was two years old, I was visiting my Grandparent’s neighbor, Mr. McLaughlin, in his home. He had an ancient parrot that despised me. In fact, when I walked in the door the bird swooped off his perch and latched his beak on my shoulder. From that moment on the war was on.

Then came the dilemma. A year into my marriage, my wife Joanne wanted a blue and white parakeet. When she asked if we could get one I discovered a simple truth: as much as I don’t like birds, I don’t like disappointing my wife even more. Long story short, I came to love Zip the parakeet and reached the point I would let him sit on my shoulder.

So why tell that story? Because, there are many situations in life which give us an unexplainable courage to face even our deepest fears. I couldn’t count the number of times I have sat at the bedside of a person who is dying and found myself in awe as he or she showed a courage and even readiness for going to be with their Lord and Savior. The only thing I can credit it to is faith. Faith that when God promised in our text that He would never leave us nor forsake us. What a comfort to know that Jesus meant it when He said: “I go to prepare a place for you!” (John 14:3).

Right now living life is challenging. But, living a life of faith is knowing and trusting that when God has called us to a task or challenged us to face what we are afraid of, He will also give us the courage to see His calling through. Friends in Christ, I challenge you to spend some time this month of October asking God to reveal His calling for you to you, and then trust that He will give you the courage to see that calling through.

In Christ,

Pastor Don Treglown

Mission of the Month

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church,

Greetings from the Dominican Republic where it is hot, humid, and full of Jesus’ love. Here in the Dominican we are a relatively new LCMS mission, roughly 15 years old. That being said, our missionaries have been hard at work and we currently have 5 churches, 5 preaching stations, two schools, a mercy home for young adults with disabilities and a mercy center attached to our seminary which opened in 2017. While in the world of missions our work here in the DR is new, I am even newer! I arrived in February of 2020 to a world about to be affected by a pandemic. Needless to say, while my work here is temporarily different than I anticipated, I am still enjoying it. As the human care coordinator for our entire Latin American and Caribbean Region (LAC), a large part of my role is to care for our missionaries. That includes over 40 missionaries and their families, serving in 10 different countries. I care for them physically, emotionally, and spiritually. This can see me going on hospital trips for local missionaries, answering medical questions and often advocating for our missionaries in a variety of ways. This also includes pointing them to many resources we have, especially for spiritual care. As a nurse by vocation, I love to care for people, and this position is certainly right up my alley. In addition to caring for missionaries, I go on visitations with seminary and deaconess students and pastors to members of our communities and congregations.



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Do Not Fret Yourself Over Evildoers - Reflecting on Psalm 37

Before reading further in this article, stop reading my words right now and turn to God's Word. Read Psalm 37. Then read it again, only this time pray Psalm 37 in your heart. Finally, read it once more and this time out loud. I'll give you time, don't worry I will wait for you. Now, go!

Did you do it? I pray you actually did. What do you think? For me, this Psalm stands out in my heart right now as I first take a look inside it and then zoom out observing all the brokenness that is occurring in this world. Notice first though in this prayer, it never addresses God nor does it make any requests. This is a prayer appealing to the heart and mind of the one praying. The one who is righteous. Each stanza is led along as if on string to lead the one praying to finally be assured of this: the road of faith she is walking is the right one and to take a turn from it now would mean losing the most eternally precious thing.

We dear Church, the ones made righteous in Christ alone, need continual guidance because we will always encounter the perpetual problem that curses us all: the conflicting desires going on in our hearts. That is, we trust in God as our Creator and Redeemer and His promises, but there's always that part of us that is drawn to look to other things for satisfaction at the same time. This desire to have what others have. It pains us to see what appears to be those who don't love Jesus are the ones winning at life. This unrest only builds up when those who do prefer evil plot against the faithful (see verses 12-14). We all face that conflict of wanting to take the other road, forgetting what God tells and promises us: Peace with / in Him.

The road less traveled is the harder one, but God promises His Peace at the end of it.

Throughout this prayer, we are given godly direction and instruction, with hope upon hope meant to keep us in the faith that leads to life everlasting. That brings us to peace. Each stanza seeks to void our hearts of any inclination to place our bets on the false promises the world tries to counter our faith with. The righteous road is sure, even when we feel like there are no helpful markers along the way.

*"Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb." vv.1-2*

A calm instruction for us to curb the unrest in our hearts and remind ourselves of how misplaced our anger and worrying truly can be if all we do is focus on evildoers above our Lord God. Dear friends I promise you, you are not getting the raw end of the deal in holding on to your faith. What happens is what God wills, not what we want. Trust God. Live as He wills in faith. You are blessed to be alive today. Dwell faithfully in this community during this time. Love others more than you love yourself (see v3). Your peace and salvation is from God Himself; He is your fortress in times of trouble (v39). Continue to take refuge in Him, The Lord is Your helper and deliverer (v40). Be at Peace, the Lord is with you.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Sam

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It is amazing that we are able to not only care for those in spirit, but as a nurse, I can assist in providing physical care as well. Unfortunately, with covid many of our activities have halted physically but continue via virtual platforms. In the meantime, I continue to work virtually preparing health education pieces and health events for our local communities and working every day to improve my Spanish and understanding of the culture. This August, I began my studies as a deaconess in the distance program through Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. As a distance program, all classes are virtual except for a couple intensive classes each year. I ask for prayers as I embark on this journey which will surely aid me in better serving those I work with here in the Dominican!

If you would like to connect with me to see frequent updates – join my Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TirzahTales> or join my newsletter list here: <https://tinyletter.com/TirzahKrey>

I look forward to sharing more with you all soon.

God's peace be with you,

Tirzah Krey



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Holiday Craft Bazaar News

At the Women of Faith September meeting the members discussed the annual bazaar in light of the Covid conditions. Members decided to go ahead with plans for the event on November 7 with changes to reflect the current restrictions. Plans are contingent on the state of the cases of the virus in Collier and Lee Counties. There will be no bake sale or lunch sale included this year, but crafts will be in bountiful supply. We have vendors already signed up and expect to have a few more join us as space allows. We will maintain all Covid guidelines to make this a safe experience for our vendors, our workers, and our buyers. Please plan to support this fundraiser by volunteering to help out or by buying merchandise from Craving to Craft and the other vendors. We are still in need of a liaison to work with the vendors in the coming years. Training is available this year from Joann and Kurt Johnson who have graciously served for many years.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>Lambs of Faith “Spooktacular” Movie Night October 23 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm In the Faith Parking lot</p> | | | | <p>1 9:45a.m.– LOF Chapel (FH) Online Bible Study</p> | <p>2 9:30 am – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>3 5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p> |
| <p>4 Pentecost 18 Mite Sunday 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) 4:45 p.m.- High School (FH) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation (FH)</p> | <p>5 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 6:30 p.m. – Board of Elders</p> | <p>6 9:30 a.m. LOF Music (FH) 11:00 a.m. – Marines (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S) Online Bible Study</p> | <p>7 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR) 11:00 a.m.- Itchin' to Stitch (FH)</p> | <p>8 9:45 a.m.– LOF Chapel (FH) Online Bible Study</p> | <p>9 9:30 am – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>10 5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p> |
| <p>11 Pentecost 19 8:00 a.m. -Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship 9:15 a.m. – Worship (S) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S) 4:45 p.m.- High School (FH) 5:30 p.m. – Confirmation (FH)</p> | <p>12 9:30 a.m.- Cravin' to Craft (DR) 6:30 p.m. – Church Council</p> | <p>13 9:30 a.m. LOF Music (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Board of Properties 11:00 a.m. - Marines (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S) Online Bible Study</p> | <p>14 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (DR) 12:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting (DR)</p> | <p>15 9:45 a.m.– LOF Chapel (FH) Voice Deadline Online Bible Study</p> | <p>16 LOF Closed 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>17 5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p> |
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| <p>25 Reformation Day 8:00 a.m. –Worship(S) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S) 11:00 a.m.. – Worship (S) 4:45 p.m.- High School (FH) 5:45 p.m. – Confirmation(FH)</p> | <p>26 9:30 a.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR)</p> | <p>27 9:30 a.m. – LOF Music (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Board of Properties 11:00 a.m. - Marines (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Team (S) Online Bible Study</p> | <p>28 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (DR) 12:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting (DR)</p> | <p>29 9:45 a.m.– LOF Chapel (FH) Online Bible Study</p> | <p>30 9:30 am – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study (DR) Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>31 5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S)</p> |

LET US MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER

Michael Achmidt, Chair - Worship, Music, and Arts Committee

As many of you know, our current organ, installed more than 30 years ago, began to fail and experienced a major failure last May. A four-month analysis by your Worship, Music and Arts Committee (WMA), your Director of Music, Matthew Swingle and your Pastors began reviewing options for the organ music at Faith Lutheran. Repairing the instrument and the speakers quickly became impossible and the daunting task of purchasing a new organ began.

This search presented us with an unlimited list of instruments within a wide range of costs. It was the responsibility of the WMA to research and provide a responsible replacement recommendation to provide an organ that would perfectly serve the needs of Faith Lutheran for many decades. Finding a means to fund a very expensive project had to be prayerfully considered. Our needs were constantly lifted to the Lord along with supplications to guide the individuals involved toward a decision that would honor and glorify Him.

JOHN 14:16-17 states, “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

My friends in Christ, the Holy Spirit answered all prayers by moving an anonymous donor to gift the organ selected by the Worship, Music and Arts Committee & Matthew Swingle that would serve our congregation. We are truly blessed to be able to immediately place an order with the Dunne Music Company of Pompano Beach, the Allen Organ distributor.

A state-of-the-art Allen RL-90, four manual instrument has been selected. The organ has been “customized” with requirements to provide a virtually unlimited number of worship and performance options. The purchase includes speakers that will take the production of sound from the Allen RL-90 to an entirely new level while being able to offer delicate nuances. The organ will be constructed with the option of adding pipe drivers and windblown pipes, if desired, at a later date. Visually, the organ console will complement the American oak finishes in our sanctuary. Construction will begin as soon as the factory has us in the queue for production with the anticipation of installation happening in approximately 9 months. Until that time, prayers are needed that our current instrument can be used delicately and, as an alternative, we will continue to be blessed by the expert piano skills of Matthew Swingle.

Personally, I would like to thank my committee including Grace Seitz, Karen Frank, Karen Doerr, Kathie Gayle, Ramona Mitchell and Shirley Hulse, Matthew Swingle, Pastors Don, Sam & Brad as well as the very efficient staff of Dunne Music including President Brian Daggett and consultant Ted Hayes for the endless hours of education, prayers and negotiations. Each of these contributed to this new legacy at Faith Lutheran Church. We praise God for moving the very generous nature of our donor. This is truly a perfect example of the Gifts of the Spirit.

Spooktacular Drive-In Movie Night

Friday, October 23, 2020, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The Lambs of Faith will be hosting an outdoor movie night with FM radio transmission. We will be able to have fun and still social distance in our cars, parked in the church parking lot, and listen to the movie through the radio while watching on a giant screen, even bigger than last year's screen! Unfortunately we are unable to do Trunk or Treating this year but we will still have a great time.

Bring your snacks in your car for movie time.

The Preschool and Church will be giving the children a goodie bag with treats to enjoy! We will have two movies: “Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin” and “Hotel Transylvania 2”

The children can wear their costumes if they want to, or their Halloween PJ's would be fun and easier for the parents! If you have any questions, call Miss Karen at 434-9277.

From the Director of Music

Hello Faith Family –

The word *liturgy*, from the Greek word “leitourgia” (λειτουργία) which directly translates into “work for the people,” is a term we hear quite often in our Lutheran traditions. Liturgy represents the public and combined participations of sacred rites through praise, thanksgiving, supplication, and repentance. Liturgy, whether it is spoken or sung, is a pathway in which we publicly engage our faith and deepen our relationship with God.

There are many purposes of the application of liturgy, and for the sake of this article, I am going to focus on two specific purposes: (1) to foster Christian unity and (2) to invigorate the faith of the faithful. When we pray in private (Matthew 6:6) and then meditate on God’s word, we are given discernment on what God is calling us to do. But how do you know what God is calling you to do as part of the **People of God**? There are a few different ways, and among them, singing as a unified assembly is essential. When we sing as a public group, we join together in one mind and one spirit – unity. Singing also speaks to our minds and bodies. On many occasions, a song will stick with us, and with it the words of songs will clearly resonate in our heads long after it is sung. Often, these resonating words are the message God wants us and the church to hear. Singing also makes our bodies move. Whether it is a toe tap, swaying of the body, the filling of the lungs with air, or those goosebumps you get when you hear something pleasing, our bodies are telling us something when we sing, and that “something” is God’s message to us – invigorate.

In consideration to these purposes, we plan our services using elements from the liturgical settings of “Divine Service of Holy Communion” from our hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book*. In this hymnal, there are a total of five settings of Divine Services of Holy Communion. Each of these liturgical settings vary in their musical and spoken responses. Other Lutheran hymnals use as little as two different liturgical settings, with others having as much as ten different liturgical settings. There are also many other independent liturgical settings which are not necessarily associated to a hymnal.

For this month, up until Reformation Sunday, we are going to introduce a unique liturgy for our Saturday and 8 and 11am Sunday services. We will be worshipping together using Bluegrass-style music for our sung liturgical responses. The *Bluegrass Mass* liturgical setting and the southern gospel hymns that we will worship with are influenced by American and Celtic folk music, blues, jazz, shape-note singing, and southern hymnody. This specific liturgy encapsulates the same motives Martin Luther presented in his *Deutsche Messe* – matching the purposes of liturgy to the musical styles “of the people.” The roots and history of the bluegrass style truly express the ideas and aspirations of “music of the people.” It is a high-energy and joyous setting of music.

I hope you enjoy this liturgy as much as I do. To further enhance the worship experience, we will have a fiddle, banjo, and guitar leading our music. I encourage you to share the good news of our church and our liturgies with the outward community. It is simply too good not to share!

Blessings to you all,
Matthew Swingle, Director of Music & Organist

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.

Thank You

Many thanks to Pastors Treglown, Machonochy and Hildebrand, our President Ron Mitchell, and the entire Faith congregation for the lovely acknowledgement of my time spent as Financial Secretary. It was a rewarding experience that I enjoyed in service to the church and our Lord. Having this beautiful clock as a remembrance will keep Faith Lutheran Church in my heart forever.

Joann Johnson

We would like to thank our Faith family for all of your thoughts and prayers. We were comforted greatly by your kindness and concern as we cared for my father through his end of life journey. We are ever so grateful and thankful to our Heavenly Father for all of you.

Peace in Christ, Rick and Darlene Pontius



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Weekly Worship Opportunities:

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Traditional

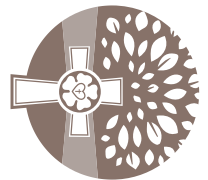
Sunday:

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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