

the voice



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

**“Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.”**

Proverbs 4:23

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What We Learned in 2020

The year 2020 will forever be known to the world for one thing – the pandemic of COVID-19.

This 2020 climate of shut-downs, isolation, volatility, and polarization is not without its life lessons. Lessons are not always clear nor easy to learn, but they serve a purpose. Here is a list of lessons we have learned in 2020.

- We don't go to church. We are the Church
- The Holy Spirit will preserve the Church and keep it with Christ until He returns
- Change can be terribly difficult
- Self Control (a "Fruit of the Spirit) is needed during a crisis
- God's truth is of great value and should be protected
- Other people view the world differently than we do
- People say things on social media that they would never say in person
- God provides daily opportunities for Faith Lutheran to serve our neighbor

The list can and does go on and on. It was an eye-opening time. It's been said, that when the pressure is on, the true nature of one comes out. In many ways, it has been a sad year to see some groups character exposed. On the other hand, it has been a joy to see some respond to 2020 with empathy, love and compassion.

The personal lesson I learned happened on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. We at Faith are so deeply blessed to be people of the resurrection. Easter is God's powerful and profound acclamation of hope. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is our solidarity; it's what holds us together when the world around us is falling apart.

Once again on April 4, 2021, we are celebrating the whole, joyous story of the resurrection and that account will continue to make an astounding difference in our lives. If there was ever a time that the world needs to hear the Gospel, it is now!

Blessed Easter to the dear family in Christ at Faith Lutheran Church.

Christ is Risen!

Pastor Don Treglown

We Need Your Coupons!

There is an exciting new mission program here at Faith Lutheran Church. A young couple approached me last month. They understand the value of coupons and have offered to get items for local mission groups. We have already donated items to the Collier County Abused Women's Shelter.

Coupons work well in our stores to help family budgets and now can help in our mission efforts in Southwest Florida.

Talk with your family, friends, and neighbors to donate **COUPONS!**

We will be collecting your coupon donations in a box labeled in the hallway between the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall.

Excited About New Mission Opportunities
Pastor Don Treglown

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - noon and 6:30PM

Good Friday - noon and 6:30PM

Holy Saturday - 5PM

Easter Sunday

6:30AM - Sunrise Contemporary

8:30 and 10:30AM Traditional Service

Devotion against Disenchantment

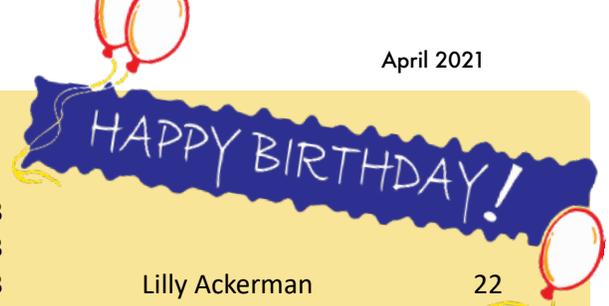
I'm late to the game, but on the side when I've been able to, I have been tackling Charles Taylor's huge tome: *A Secular Age*. Seriously, it's a doozy of a read. But to sum it up as best as I can, Charles Taylor brings forth the notion that living in the "secular age" as we do ultimately means that our culture and its people ground their meaning and experience of this world without any option or possibility for God. That is, God is no longer the foundation of being; nothing proceeds from Him, nothing exists in Him, and nothing leads to Him. God is simply an option someone might so choose to live by if they dare. Hence, "disenchanted." We Christians live in a world that is now disenchanted and distant when it comes to our Creator. To be religious then is simply a matter of one's personal choice in her overall routine. God is an abstraction.

One of the countless blessings in fathering a toddler is being able to lovingly, honestly, and faithfully raise her up in love, wisdom, and knowledge. I can recall a moment during one of my jogs with her in the stroller: "Wow, Cora look at how beautiful the sky is today!" (if it helps picture me panting this out as I'm gasping for air while "running"). Cora: "Yeah daddy, it's blue my favorite color!" Seeing this as an opportunity to start opening my daughter to critical thinking, "Do you know why the sky is blue?" Cora's reply: "Because God made it that way." In that moment, I could've redirected her thinking and experience, correcting her by giving her a NASA approved answer: "Well actually it's because sunlight reaches Earth's atmosphere and is scattered in all directions by all the gases and particles in the air. Blue light is scattered more than the other colors because it travels as shorter, smaller waves. This is why we see a blue sky most of the time." Both are true, but I would much rather have Cora guided by the truth that God is indeed our Creator, is still ruling over everything, and is still lovingly involved in what we experience as His children. Yes, God did just make it that way. In Cora's piercing and humbling reply it indicates that to her, God isn't an abstraction. He is real, present, and intimately involved in all things. Yes even in big matters such as why the sky is blue, this is connected to God. All the stories in God's Word centered on Christ, the songs she hears and sings, the prayers we pray together, the faith Liz and I live out for her and Caleigh grow in her heart and imagination. All these moments shape what she sees in this world. Better yet, WHO she sees in the world. Indeed she beholds a world that is woven together in Christ and she beholds Him to be the One holding all of these things together.

Cultivating devotion in a disenchanted culture entails us filling our hearts and imaginations with the Truth of God's Word. This opens us up to see God is indeed alive and active in our world still today. So why then can't God also through the work of the Holy Spirit capture our imagination? Don't get me wrong. God is not made up, He's not a figment of our imagination. God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is very real and present; He continues to be present through His Word and Sacrament in this world and His Church. So when we talk about the redemption Christ has won over us, it encompasses every facet and fiber of our being. Yes even our imagination not just our body and reason. Jesus in His redemptive work has reclaimed every part of our being for God. So that even in our devotions and devotional living God uses His perfect Word to shape our imagination and how we view the world so that we discover Him in renewing and wonderful ways. As we continue to navigate through this secular age teeming with disenchantment, devotion is the means by which we are filled up by the faith, hope, and love of Jesus in order that we may see clearly that God is living and active in His creation.

Devotion is not about letting our imaginations run wild, devotion is about our imagination being captivated by the redeeming and recreative work of Christ through His Word. It is the means by which the more devoted we become, the more enchanted we are by the incredible mysteries and love of our Creating, Redeeming, and Sanctifying God. Continue to devote. Continue to be enchanted.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Sam



Gloria Cahill	2	W James	13	Lilly Ackerman	22
Jessica McMillen	2	Kody Kern	13	Paris Wells	22
Jordan Hawkesworth	3	Brandi Walker	13	Janet Guenther	23
Ruth Ripley	3	Madeline Barbour	14	Shirley Neumann	23
Marvin Austin	5	Lois Opel	15	Dottie Schwab	24
Gina Hahn	5	Kathy Chaney	16	Helen Balderson	25
Brian Tate	5	Neal Tittle	17	Carol Tate	25
William Wuerger	5	Dean Wolfe	17	Roy Couch	26
Anne Weil	6	Mary Beth Born	18	Ray Wiese	26
Kim Kammer	7	Ryan Ferguson	18	Judy Wendling	27
Jim West	7	Judy McDermott	18	Nic Treglown	28
Michelle Schmitt	8	Danny Youmans	18	Hailey Kern	29
Clint Sherwood	9	Neal Berryhill	19	Barbel Munson	29
Andrew Weiss	9	Donna Jean Christy	20	Arlyn Rose	30
Colton Sherwood	11	Roy Stearns	20		
Lynnette Hallberg	12	Danielle Smith	21		

Jim & Loree Widmann	1
Paul & Jan Rauch	3
Marvin & Linda Austin	11
Brian & Nancy Revell	12
Myron Brundage & Marischen Nordmeyer-Brundage	16
Mike & Sandi Werner	28
Brad & Barbara Hildebrandt	29



VBS June 2021

Remember to save the date for this summer's **VBS at Faith, June 21-25.**

VBS slots will be limited this year in order to keep everyone safe as we still humbly seek God's Wisdom during COVID.

Please pray on and consider joining our team of volunteers; VBS is always one of the most exciting weeks here at Faith!

- Group leader / group assistant leaders
 - Age group 3-4
 - Age group 5-6
 - Age group 6-7
 - Age group 8-10
- Station leader / assistant station leaders
 - Craft Station
 - Snack Station
 - Game Station
 - Bible Story Station
 - Music Station
- Sign-in / sign-out table



Registration will be live on April 6
www.vbsmate.com/flcnaples

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Maundy Thursday 12:00 noon – Service/comm. (S) 6:30p.m.–Service/Comm. (S) Hours – 8:30 – noon LOF Closed	2 Good Friday 12:00 noon – Service (S) 6:30 p.m.– Service (S) Hours- 8:30 – Noon LOF Closed	3 Holy Saturday 5:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Service (S)
4 Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. – Praise/Comm. 8:30 a.m. – Worship /Comm. 9:00 a.m. – Easter Fellowship (FH) 9:30 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. – Worship/Comm.	5 Easter Monday LOF and Office Closed	6 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	7 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)	8 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)	9 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH) 1:00 p.m. – Marine Golf (FH)	10 5:00 p.m.- Saturday Service /Communion (S)
11 Easter 2 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) 10:20 a.m. -Sunday School (CY) 11:00 a.m. - Worship (S)	12 9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 10:00 – Board of Properties Meeting (WR) 3:00 p.m. – WMA (YA)	13 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 5:30 p.m. – WOF meeting (DR) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	14 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA)	15 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)	16 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	17 9:00 a.m. – OSL meeting (DR) 10:00 a.m. – GROWL meeting (FH) 3:00 p.m. – Private Baptism (S) 5:00 p.m.- Saturday Service /Communion (S)
18 Easter 3 8:00 a.m. -Worship (Comm) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm) 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study (FH) 10:20 a.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m. - Worship (Comm) 1:00 p.m. – Private Baptism (S)	19 9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 6:00 p.m. – Church Council (FH)	20 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	21 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)	22 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 1:30 p.m. – Band Practice (FH)	23 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	24 5:00 p.m.- Saturday Service / Communion (S)
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Lambs of Faith April Update

The children and families had a wonderful Easter Family Worship Service on Wednesday, March 31. Thank you to all who attended to support the Preschool students. We are so grateful for that support and wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Give the Director Miss Karen a call at 239-434-9277 if you would like a tour of the school. Registration is still possible for the new school year of 2021-2022.

We are still looking for a grant writer to apply for grants on behalf of Lambs of Faith. Here is an opportunity for you or someone you know to be of assistance to the Preschool. We understand there is grant money available if we can find the right person to apply for it. For the school year 2020-2021 we received almost \$41,000 from Collier Cares. It has been a great benefit to the Preschool and we would like to repeat that benefit with a different agency. If someone is interested in helping us, please call Pastor Sam at 239-434-5811 or Miss Karen at (239) 434-9277. Thank you for your consideration.

Reminder.....Amazon Shoppers can shop at AmazonSmile, and support Lambs of Faith. The Preschool gets 0.5% of the purchase price from the AmazonSmile Foundation. Faith Lutheran Church is set-up as a charitable organization on Amazon Smile and the proceeds go to Lambs of Faith..

- 1) Go to **smile.Amazon.com** on your browser & log in
- 2) After signing in you will be directed to pick a charitable organization
- 3) Under the heading “or pick your own charitable organization”, enter Faith Lutheran Church, Naples, FL. Then click Search.
- 4) Each time you shop be sure to use the AmazonSmile website.

Thank you for your support!

Blessings and keep the Lambs of Faith in your prayers,
Karen Frank

Easter Fellowship

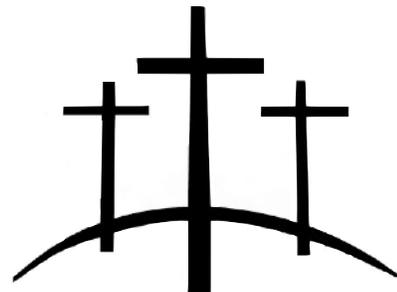
- **WHEN:** Easter morning, April 4, 2021
- **TIME:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am
- **LOCATION:** Courtyard
- Donuts, Fruit, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Love Offering will benefit Pelican Community Center and Lutheran Church

Come celebrate the Lord's resurrection!

Easter egg hunt

9:30am on Easter Morning!



Hello Faith Family –

We have a very exciting spring in store for us... As you may remember, the church was able to place an order for a new, start-of-the-art digital church organ thanks to the assistance of a very gracious, faith-driven donation. We have finally reached the time of anticipated delivery and installation!

Over the next coming weeks, we will begin the installation process of every aspect of the new Allen digital church organ. The installation will be completed in three main sections: (1) redesign and construction of the back wall of the loft, (2) delivery and installation of the organ console and speakers, and (3) voicing and regulation of the new organ. The entire project should take approximately three to four weeks to complete.

Part One: Redesign and Construction of the Back Wall of the Loft

The back wall of the loft will be redesigned in order to house the increased number of speakers. Currently, we have 12 speakers and 2 subwoofers on the back wall. A contractor for the organ dealership will complete a small amount of construction on the back wall to create space for 22 speakers. There will also be 4 subwoofers which will sit on the floor of the loft that will enhance their resonating capabilities. Finally, a specially designed speaker cloth covering, which will create a very uniform and stunning look to the back wall, will be installed over the speaker housings.

Part Two: Delivery and Installation of the Organ Console and New Speakers

Once the construction on the housing spaces of the speakers is finished, the organ dealership will deliver and install the new organ console and new speakers. They will remove the old console and its speakers from the back wall and from the front of the altar. To install the new organ console, they will bring in a specialized lift to hoist the organ console over the metal railing. Then the 22 new balcony speakers, 4 new subwoofers, and 10 new altar speakers will be installed and wired.

Part Three: Voicing and Regulation of the New Organ Sounds

Every new organ from the Allen Organ Company is predetermined with a set of sounds and balances of the sounds which fit into a template idea of how an organ “may” sound in any acoustical space. In order to get the best organ sound possible, our new organ will go through a process called “Voicing and Regulation” after its installation. This means that a highly specialized individual will come to assess the balance and volume of every single sound on the organ and then make any changes to fit our church as necessary – and with our organ, the voicer will go through 273 different sounds! I will also sit with the voicer and go through every organ stop to make sure we are getting the best organ sounds for each of the French, German, and American suites that are in the digital library. This process of choosing/developing the correct sounds for each stop is called shaping the “*tonal philosophy*” of the organ voice.

I hope you are as excited as I am! This new instrument will exceed everyone’s expectations and will be a wonderful model of a versatile worship and performance instrument. We anticipate beginning this entire process in middle or late April – and of course, if there are any changes to the timeline the congregation will be notified of those changes. Great things are coming, but all in all, we must always give thanks and praise to our God for these amazing gifts we have and are about to receive. Praise be to Him!

Blessings,

Matthew



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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

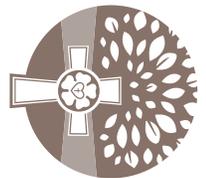
Sunday:

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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