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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

“And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful.”

Titus 3:14

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A Blast From the Past

Excerpts from Our First Newsletter to Our Family at Faith

Meet Faith's New Pastor and Family

- "I always wanted to be in PARISH MINISTRY but being on the mission field in the Philippines couldn't have been a more positive experience." Pastor Treglown states. Soon, he and the family will be serving the Lord in PARISH MINISTRY at Faith Lutheran Church. The installation date is May 20, 2001! The Body of Christ Rejoices!
- Pastor Treglown says that he learned a great deal about the pastoral ministry in the Philippines by training pastors. He admits that the translation of Scripture and helping apply God's Word to daily life was a real challenge. The most important lesson that was learned was that the sharing of Jesus Christ is the most important gift a person can give another and that Jesus Christ can truly change lives.
- Meanwhile, Jo ran the Tagakaulo Kalagan Medical Mission Project, funded by LCMS World Relief. She trained traditional birth attendants, taught herbal medicine preparation, and general health care. The Treglowns also helped set up a fresh water well project and agricultural program.
- The Treglowns have four children: Kathleen Rosalie, 16; David Edward Howard, 14; Kirsten Marie, 12; and Dominic Ernst soon to be 7. (You can figure their ages today – just add 20!)
- Please pray for the Treglowns as they begin plans to buy a home in Naples, arrange for schools, and for the move from Michigan to Florida. Also, pray the ministry that will soon begin at Faith will be one where the Lord and His people are served faithfully and in love.

That was 20 years ago.

Well, prayers were answered. We have had three beautifully loved filled homes since moving to Naples. Our children's education in the schools in Collier County helped not only educate but also helped introduce our children to their future spouses. And, the move from Michigan to Florida really became complete when we realize that all our grandchildren were born in Florida (7 in Naples and 1 in Miami) and are true Floridians.

The biggest answer to prayer was the members of Faith. To see how God has blessed our family and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Faith Lutheran Church continues to reach out with the Gospel to touch those in our family, the Faith family, the community of Naples, and the world.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Don Treglown

Last Day of Sunday School June 6

Thanksgiving and Praise to our Lord for Michele Peterson, Andrea Peterson, and Amanda Sherwood! We thank God for you three and your loving servant hearts to help make Sunday School happen. How blessed Faith is to have you sharing the love of Christ with all our children and their families.

Psalms and Sunsets

Calling all Faith Youth (children and teens) and their families! Starting **Saturday, June 12** you are invited to join Pastor Sam for something new.

Every Saturday in June following the 12th, we will get together at Lowdermilk Park Beach around 6:30PM to share a Creation Psalm together, picnic, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation and His painting of a sunset (weather permitting).

Feel free to meet us beforehand at 5PM Saturday worship and celebrate Holy Communion together.

Devotion during Disappointment (part 1)

It's easy to be disappointed. Whether it be with a person, group, or focused on a circumstance, we all go through it numerous times. Last month, we came to grips that we live in a culture that is disenchanted. Today, as we scan even further out, our culture is disenchanted because we live in a world where people seem perpetually disappointed. That is, we live in a time when a huge cloud of disillusionment looms over us because people have discovered for themselves that some things are not as good as they once believed them to be. A classic example of how this plays out is when someone discovers for the first time that the Easter Bunny isn't real (spoiler alert). But this probably doesn't strike anyone as new, and it certainly isn't new to the Church.

We've been beaten over the head with all the numbers and statistics. Christianity is in decline within the Western world. Churches record decreased number of attendance; seminaries report declines in admissions; Christian schools shut their doors because the numbers are no longer where they need to be to keep sustainability. These dreary updates only then lead our attention directly to focus on numbers. How sad really, why? The Church isn't called to minister to numbers, the Church exists to minister to **people**. So when we face disappointment or encounter people who are, **we must not focus on the number(s) but the person(s)**. We first devote ourselves to listening.

So for instance, say you are brought to a conversation where the person talking to you is expressing her disappointment with faith. If you are to respond, beware of resorting to platitudes... "everyone goes through this...it'll all work out...just believe and it'll all be ok." In offering words like these, whether we realize it or not, we have just silenced the one who is struggling. The one crying out and seeking help feels left on the margins and unheard. And when these cries of disappointment are no longer listened to, the Church becomes a place meant for only where faith is expressed with confidence. Any who question or struggle to express what they are feeling inside are left outside looking in to face the struggle alone. Those disappointed desire to be heard; if we are devoting ourselves to God's Word, we must listen more closely to others struggling because we need to be devoted to them. God's Word demands it. The Holy Spirit is the Helper to do it with us.

As we put back together the puzzle so to speak in what has been an unraveling kind of year, let's use our devotional living to devote ourselves to one another, especially the disappointed. The season is ripe for the harvest. It is a blessed time to be a follower of Christ Jesus the Risen One from the dead.

Devoted to listening,
Pastor Sam

May 2021 Mission of the Month

The Pregnancy Resource Center of SWFL

Last year, God moved mightily at the Pregnancy Resource Center of SWFL: 153 babies were saved, 479 ultrasounds were performed, 55 Bible studies were completed, 47 salvations were declared, and 72 ladies went through the Education Earn-While-You-Learn classes. In addition, the PRC North Clinic in Fort Myers opened its doors ½ mile from Planned Parenthood. This all happened in the middle of a pandemic. God is faithful!

Today, PRC of SWFL has two medical clinics and two education centers in the Naples/Fort Myers area. Our medical clinics offer expanded care including STI testing, treatment, and the Abortion Pill Reversal (RU 486). The education centers provide 16 months of parenting classes and support along with supplying the mom with plenty of diapers, wipes, and baby essentials such as brand-new car seats, cribs, strollers and baby clothes.

In addition, PRC offers post-abortive classes to help men and women discover God's love and forgiveness offered to all of us. Individual and small group classes are available at no cost. This is a safe space where they can come and unburden themselves.

Thank you for your prayers and support. PRC is serving on the front lines for life, and we are so thankful for churches and donors like Faith Lutheran Church. Please let us know if you would like more information about serving or contributing to PRC.

All for His glory,
Laura Ross
Manager of Development
Pregnancy Resource Center of SWFL



Ethan Hawkesworth	2	Taylor Di Sarro	12		
Richard Leighton	2	Linda Surber	12		
Doris West	2	Sharon Badke	13		
Pat Wiese	2	Craig Hazelett	13	Jim Baase	21
John Dahlke	6	Matthew Di Sarro	15	Roland Beaudet	21
Tom Kern	6	Gary Ligman	16	Agnes Hazen	24
Susan Bremseth	8	Noah Outerbridge	16	Louise Lunski	24
Brian Wells	8	Ruth Andrea	17	Marian Moden	26
Ricki Bond	9	Evelyn Gaugert	18	Kevin Arsenault	27
Cora Jo Maconachy	9	Susan Taylor	18	Christiane Donnelly	29
Liz Orsay	9	Randy McClendon	20	Ruth Koenemann	29
Shawn Beres	10	Barb Puch	20	Kenny Allred	30
Daryl Dinnocenzo	11	Mary Beth Rowley	20	Joyce Behnke	30

Jim & Lorraine McKay	3
Zach & Kirsten Chernoch	10
James & Marilyn Miller	11
Paul & Sharon Geffert	18
Bernie & Annette Higgins	19
Clint & Amanda Sherwood	22
Raymond & Bonnie Stolarczyk	22
Bill & Kathy Miller	23
Roger & Julie Best	26
Craig & Dodie Pajer	27



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 is live now!
www.vbsmate.com/



Thank you

Thanks so much to all the caring souls at Faith for the cards and prayers during my recent tests and treatments. I am finished with the radiation and feeling good. We love you all Nancy Fish and the Fish family.

Faith Lutheran Church


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Trinity Sunday 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)	31 Memorial Day Office and LOF Closed	Wear Red for Pentecost on May 23				1 5:00 p.m- Saturday Service / Communion (S)
2 Easter 5 Mite Sunday 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)	3 9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 6:30 a.m. – Elders (FH)	4 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	5 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)	6 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH)	7 9:30 a.m. – LOF Mother's Day Tea (CY) 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	8 5:00 p.m- Saturday Service / Communion (S)
9 Easter 6 Mother's Day 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) 4:45 p.m. – High School (FH)	10 9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 10:00 – Board of Properties Meeting (WR)	11 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 5:30 p.m. – WOF Meeting (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	12 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA)	13 Ascension of our Lord 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH)	14 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	15 9:00 a.m. – OSL meeting (DR) 5:00 p.m- Saturday Service / Communion (S)
16 Ascension Sunday 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)	17 9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) 6:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (FH) Tentative date of Organ Installation	18 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	19 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA) 10:30 a.m. – LOF 4 yr old Graduation (Outside) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)	20 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH)	21 9:30 a.m. – LOF Chapel (FH) Last day of school for 2 & 3 yr. 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	22 5:00 p.m- Saturday Service / Communion (S)
23 Pentecost 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) 4:45 p.m. – High School (FH)	24 9:30-2:00 p.m. - Cravin' to Craft (DR) LOF Beach Day at Lauder milk Park	25 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	26 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH) 10:00 a.m. – Art Class (YA)	27	28 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	29 5:00 p.m- Saturday Service / Communion (S) Tentative date of Organ dedication

Hello Faith Family –

Recently, I have been inundated with an abundance of memories of my own personal church and sacred music past. This seems to occur each time the hymn “It Is Well with My Soul” comes into worship. I am always overwhelmed by emotions caused by the weight of the text but also the power and passion of the rising melody. This strong emotional response actually stems from a memory of a performance with my college choir (come by my office sometime and I will play the recording of this particular performance for you).

As you may know by now, I grew up Southern Baptist in the mountains of Appalachia. As a teenager, I attended a concert featuring the organist at First Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina. Upon entering the massive sanctuary, I was immediately captivated by the glorious spectacle of organ pipes that spanned across the top of the altar. I feverishly WANTED to know how to play that magnificent instrument after seeing and hearing so much grandeur and majesty – I knew this was the instrument for me. My mother and I became members of FBCA, and shortly afterwards, I began my studies in piano and organ with the church organist. Immediately, I was welcomed into the 100+ member youth group and began to sing with the youth choir. I have a very distinct memory of that first rehearsal... nervous and quiet to the new environments, but excited that I had even more opportunities to saturate my life with more music. Very shortly after becoming a youth choir member, I sought out to be a member of the youth handbell choir and the youth brass ensemble.

Being a member of the choirs, handbells, and other instrumental ensembles had deepened my early involvement in sacred music, but it also expanded my understanding of what it meant to be a Christian. I found such joy and assurance in the ways music spoke to my heart and mind. Each time I sang in the youth choirs, high school choirs, college choirs, and professional choirs I was always filled with feelings of security, promise, and joy. Through the time of fellowship with my fellow musicians and rehearsing and performing music with my choir friends, I knew music was one of the best gifts from God. Still to this present day, every opportunity I get to sing, and especially sing God’s praise, I am **always** filled with immeasurable happiness and impassioned conviction.

I petition you to always seek out the joy and elation that music provides us through worship and daily life. There is so much comfort and delight when we come together to sing and fellowship (and it has been proven through study that some of the happiest people are those who sing in a choir!!!). Our church is full of musical opportunities – how will you find that joy in music?

I’ve got joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Do you?

Blessings, Matthew

Thank You For Your Support

The votes have been tabulated, and the results are near unanimous in approval of the FLC budget for 2021-2022, the election of Officers and Directors for 2021-2023, and the by-law revisions. All these items were effective April 1, 2021. I appreciate your support and look forward to serving Faith Lutheran Church for the next two years.

What a blessing worship attendance was this Easter! In stark contrast to Easter 2020, when we were pretty much shut down for in-person worship attendance, this year we had attendance in all the Holy Week services that exceeded expectations. Hallelujah! He has risen, indeed! We are on the road to recovery and looking forward to resuming our traditional fellowship activities as a Church family.

Thank you all for making Faith Lutheran Church a friendly place to worship our Lord and Savior, as well as a place of refuge for those in need of prayer. God bless us all.

Ron Mitchell
Congregation President

Meet the Staff

Matthew Swingle, Director of Music & Organist

I have officially been with FLC for one full year! Alleluia! I have been blessed beyond measure in Florida. Along with my church responsibilities, I am still teaching online music classes at Charleston Southern University in South Carolina. During the summer of 2020, I accepted a position as one of the board members for the American Guild of Organists Southwest Florida Chapter. My pipe organ tuning and maintenance business is also going well. I have been to Naples UCC, Trinity by the Cove, Moorings Presbyterian, and many other churches to provide maintenance services to their pipe organs. My 11-year-old Australian Shepherd is still full of energy and is very happy. I plan to continue and enhance my musical presence within our FLC community and through south Florida!

Lambs of Faith

It has been an unusual year for the Preschoolers with the Pandemic, but the parents, the students and the teachers persevered and at this point we are winding down. Registration for the 2021/2022 is looking very encouraging. Classes are filling up.

Teachers Appreciation Week was celebrated April 26-30. The teachers were honored with gifts, luncheons, and breakfasts. The LOF Board members assisted with these activities.

On May 21, 2021 the final staff luncheon will be held. We will be saying “Farewell” to some teachers who are moving to other endeavors in their lives. We are sad to see them leave but we wish them Gods Blessings.

May 7, 2021 a Mother’s Day Tea/Picnic will take place. The children will do a short program. Tea and other beverages will be served with a sweet treat. Then the children will give the Mothers a gift. Each child went shopping at a special boutique which was set up especially for them. They will be so excited to see if Mom likes what they chose.

The VPK classes will graduate on May 19, 2021. These are the four year olds that are going on to Kindergarten. May 21 is the last day of school for the 2 & 3 year olds

All students have one more day. Monday, May 24 is a Beach Day for them at Lowdermilk Park.

Remember to use AmazonSmile for all your orders from Amazon. It benefits the Preschool. Just sign in to Amazon Smile and pick your Charity. It is Faith Lutheran Church Naples,FL, but the proceeds go to the school. Thank you for you help!

We still need a grant writer so please consider doing it or help us find someone who does this service. It could be important to the school.

Pastor Sam at 239-434-5811 or Miss Karen at 239-434-9277.

Thank you for all you do for the Preschool and keep them in your prayers,
Karen Frank

God commands us to love others. One of the simplest ways to love is by helping when we see someone in need. Whether it is our time, money, or energy, giving to help someone in need is a mark of a true Christian. We also find that helping others is a blessing to ourselves. The Faith community has done this through our Mission of the Month.

February’s Mission of the Month was St. Matthew’s House. You have generously given \$3,245.59 in monetary donations plus \$5,031.25 In-Kind donations for a total of \$8,276.84.

March’s Mission of the Month was the Christian Healing Center of Naples. It was our privilege to present them with a check for \$6,760.00 at their monthly meeting on Wednesday April 7th.

Thank you for supporting these missions. “Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” Hebrews 13:16 (ESV)

Blooms and Babies Luncheon for PRC

Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) held their 4th Annual Blooms and Babies Luncheon on April 8th.

Twelve Faith members and guests attended. Mothers with babies or mothers - to - be were seated at tables with the guests along with their advocates. Two young ladies gave wonderful testimonies of their walk through choosing life for their babies. So far this year 51 babies have been saved through PRC.

An update on the transition to a new management team was discussed. We would like to ask for prayers as the Board of Directors searches for the next Executive Director. Thank you dear family of Faith!

Praise God! Over 100 people attended Easter Fellowship and enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration of our Lord’s resurrection after a long year of worshipping via the internet! Yummy Duck Donuts and fruit cups were enjoyed by all, and with your help, a love offering of over \$200.00 was collected to help Pelican Community Center and Lutheran Church.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who helped make this event possible: Mary Beth Born, Gloria Cahill, Donna Jean Christy, Steve Nurenberg, Barb Puch, and Mary Runstadler. 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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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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