

the voice



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Naples, Florida

**“Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!”**

Psalm 113:2

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Getting More Out of Relationships This Summer

With almost 6 months of empty nest, Jo and I are realizing neither one of us has a normal 9-5, Monday through Friday type of schedule. It is so easy and tempting for us to work 10-12 hours a day, come home, collapse in the Lazy Boy chair and heat up a bag of microwave popcorn for dinner!

We both want more out of our relationship and our family. That means taking a break: date night, vacation, activities together. It seems that almost every night has the possibility of meetings, classes, worship services, retreats, or volunteering for some organization outside our work in the community. Sometimes, we have to stop letting our schedules rule our lives.

This summer, we are going to start looking to spend at least one night a week with each other, preferably at home, together.

I know we are not the only family that gets trapped by our schedules and calendars. I hear about the million different directions families face each day. You would think that summer would make life a little less hectic. Life in the United States, makes me a little sad to think how busy our lives have become and how our culture has made it so difficult to spend time with family. I know God wants all of us to enjoy our lives in abundant ways, to enjoy the people in our lives as blessings to find rest and comfort in our homes.

How can you be with the ones you love at least one night a week? If you are single, consider making Faith your “family” one night a week for fellowship. If you are a single parent, how can you put aside chores and spend some time with your kids? If you are a grandparent, how can you arrange to spend time with grandchildren (remember online time works)? There are so many different relationships we could mention and so many creative ways we can connect.

You know what works best for your family, and I encourage you to spend at least one (more if you can) night together with minimal distractions (phone, texting, TV, etc) just talking, laughing, and playing together. Let me know how it works!

And, I couldn't write about family, summer, and rest without mentioning the benefit of worshipping together as a family. This is such a great time to hear of God's Love and respond to it and see family relationships grow.

May God Bless your long summer days and nights with joy!

Pastor Don Treglown

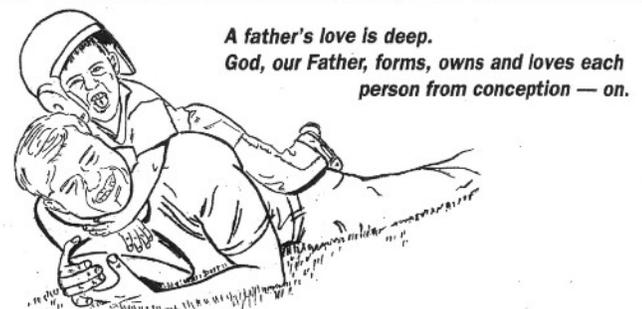
In 1979, Lutherans for Life was formed to equip Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for Life. LCMS congregations and groups have always been in the front of prolife efforts nationwide. It has been a joy seeing how a Gospel approach has benefited pregnant women and saved babies from abortion. Each life is precious to God and that is shown by the challenging areas that Lutherans for Life deals with: adoption, bioethics, contraception, crisis pregnancy, and end of life.

Please consider glorifying God by mailing a gift to:
Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries, Sanford, FL 3272-1496
(Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS)

or

LCMS Lutherans for Life, 1101 5th Street, Nevada, Iowa
50201-1816

(Thank you Pastor Dorr for supplying the artwork and text)



“From the rising of the sun to its setting, The name of the LORD is to be praised!” Psalm 113:3

One of the things I like about the summer season is the length of light we get to enjoy. That is, there are more hours of sunlight. For me, it's not so much that the night is delayed longer but rather the dawn breaks earlier. What can I say, I'm a morning person. The grace and joy of a new day arrives earlier with the sun. I can go out for a quick morning jog being able to see better and not fear for my life that some pre-historic reptile might be stalking me in the darkness. Southwest Florida living am I right?

Having more light just makes the day more promising to me. It provides more opportunity to spend time with my wife and daughters. “But daddy, it's not even dark yet” as my daughter debates in the living room after a dance off and with my announcement that I don't think my body can handle one more Gloria Estefan song and it's bedtime for her. But I can't argue the fact that it **is** still light out. She pulled out the ace card. “Ok darlin', just ONE more song. Alexa, play ‘Rhythm is Gonna Get You.’” The delayed five minutes was worth every second. The pool is open longer. Sunsets are warmer. So much is blessed in the elongated daylight hours. Things too numerous to count that God bestows upon me. “From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!” The nights prove to be my moments for reflection, repentance, and ruminating. But the LORD be blessed in the daylight again as He gifts me extended moments for recreation, renewal, and relationships. I tarry in the longer minutes of the sun's rays. But praise the LORD too for the gift of air conditioning.

Have a blessed summer dear friends in Jesus.
Praises to our LORD,
Pastor Sam



Attention all Youth and Parents, mark your calendars!

The first and also mandatory meeting for the LCMS National Youth Gathering 2022 is **Sunday, August 8, 4:30 PM.** The youth eligible are those who will be entering high school Fall 2022, currently in high school, or will have recently graduated from high school Spring 2022.

Contact Pastor Sam to let him know you and your children are interested and plan to attend.

Dear Faith Family

I would like to thank everyone for all of your good wishes, cards, get well gifts, and especially all the prayers.

Jo Treglown

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

The May Mission of the Month, the Pregnancy Resource Center would like to thank all of you for the continued support you have shown. The PRC donations were \$2,730.00 along with the \$300 stipend amount to purchase supplies for the center.

Another important date for the calendar is September 12 which is Rally Day!

Children's Sermons returning on every 4th Sunday of the month at 915 and 11AM services, starting September 26

Thank you Jesus for all our VBS volunteers! We thank you dear faith family for extending your prayers, blessings, time, energy, and love to help make VBS happen and receive all the campers throughout the week.

Jesus certainly continues to “lead the way” in each of you!



Paul Rauch	1	Brian Revell	15		
Barry Farnam	2	Hilde Fueredi	16		
Lucy Hazelett	2	Audrey Geitner	16	Don Kuhre	25
Mary Runstadler	2	Art Puch	16	Tim Dickerson	26
Lauren Peterson	3	Joshua Best	17	David Ettinger	26
Emma Gifford	5	Luise Andrea	20	Chloe Hazelett	26
Norm Martin	6	Adam Fueredi	20	Chris Kobzina	26
Andy Kammer	7	Anna Hudson	20	Audrey Heidenreich	27
Jill Kolberg	7	Sebastien Saitta	20	Walt Berning	29
Star James	8	Kathy Ricker	21	Susan Gannon	29
Rick Pontius	8	Dave Slocum	22	Glenn Hasse	29
Joshua Dickerson	9	Alyssa Andrea	23	Shirley Hulse	29
Marjorie Graflund	11	Gerald Hoogland	23	Jim Russo	29
Walter Harrington	13	Michael Schmidt	24	Julie Ross	30
Kathy Nelson	13	Mitzie Henderson	25	Dawna Hackman	31

Paul & Carolyn Dorr	2	Denny & Louise Lunski	13
Tauba & Jerry Ingenthron	4	Steve & Monique Mielce	15
Kevin & Kris Arsenault	6	John & Julie Ross	20
Warren & Lois Opel	6	Scott & Lynn Thiewes	21
Mark & Jennifer Durland	7	Christian & Laurie Andrea	28
Walter & Julie Inman	7	Sal & Dorothy Lupo	28
Andy Ward & Laura Proos-Ward	8	Bill & Barbara James	30
Adam & Hilde Fueredi	9	Tom & Denelle Kern	31



Mission of the Month - Faith in Action

Beginning back on the 4th of July, 2003 working with Homer Helter a mission was born. Now, eighteen years later, Faith in Action Troop Care Package Ministries has reached a number of milestones:

- **71.25 Tons** sent International (Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Korea, etc)
- **15.50 Tons** sent National (US Posts & Bases, USCG, Veteran Centers and Hospitals)
- A Total of **86.75 Tons** in Troop Care Packages has been packed and shipped
- **183,408 Beanie Babies** (Military Families & Troops)
- **\$70,010.03 Phone Cards** from the sale of .25 Cents a Book Project

But more important than this is the number of prayers, devotion books, and Bibles that have been given to meet the spiritual needs of our Armed Forces.

This 4th of July, we will be starting off a new Mission of the Month : Faith in Action

We are looking for donations of the following items to once again send out to our troops serving around the world. The top items requested by the sailors and marines of the USS Iwo Jima are:

1. Snack cakes
2. Cheese crackers
3. Cookies (Oreos are the favorite)
4. Pretzels
5. Candy & Gum (Tootsie Rolls are a favorite)

These are just some of the suggestions received. We will be collecting these items at the Mission of the Month table for the month of July to send out at the end of the month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Summer Hours 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. No Meetings in July				1	2 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study (FH)	3 Organ Dedication 5:00 p.m. - Saturday Service (S) 6:15 p.m. – Youth & Families - Psalms & Sunsets at Lowdermilk Park
4 Pentecost 6 8:00 a.m. – Worship(Comm) 9:00 a.m. - Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (Comm) 10:10 a.m. – Bible Study (FH) 11:00 a.m.. - Worship (Comm)	5 Office Closed for Holiday	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) 11:00 - 2:00 Itchin' to Stitch (FH)	8	9 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study(FH)	10 10:00 a.m. – GROWL (FH) 5:00 p.m.- Saturday Service (S) 6:15 p.m. – Youth & Families - Psalms & Sunsets
11 Pentecost 7 8:00 a.m. –Worship (S) 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship (CY) 9:15 a.m. - Praise Worship (S) 10:10 a.m. – Bible Study (FH) 11:00 a.m. – Worship (S)	12 9:30 – 2:00 p.m. Cravin' to Craft (DR)	13 11:00 a.m. - Marine Lunch (FH) 6:30 p.m. - Praise Band (S)	14 8:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (FH)	15 <i>Voice Deadline</i>	16 10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study(FH)	17 9:30 a.m. – OSL meeting (YA) 5:00 p.m. Saturday Service (S) 6:15 p.m. – Youth & Families - Psalms & Sunsets at Lowdermilk Park
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Dear Faith Lutheran Church brothers and sisters, it is such a blessing to be able to return to our more normal ways of worship.

Seeing the smiles again, shaking hands, hugs, conversation and fellowship....all precious parts of having a Church family. Nothing in this pandemic has separated us from God, but it has created challenges to maintain our fellowship with Church family.

However, recently we were able to get together for a couple of hours of praise, prayer, and song. Thanks to Randy McClendon, our Praise Team Leader, and Matthew Swingle, our Music Director, we had great music and singing of several praise related songs. The event began with a tribute to Father's Day with a reading by Randy Taylor, then a beautiful singalong version of Good, Good Father. Then several FLC Healing Prayer Team members did a reading and/or prayer, followed by another singalong praise song. We ended with a rousing rendition of The Battle Hymn of the Republic. Truly, a blessed time was had by all. This kind of fellowship is what we have been missing, and more will be planned.



Earlier this year, the Missouri Synod conducted a survey of all Churches to determine how they managed worship thus far through the pandemic. The stats were interesting, and I am particularly satisfied with how FLC has done. Thanks to our Pastors, and especially the efforts of Pastor Don, we have been able to maintain in-person worship and communion much better than anyone expected....and with no infections! Your Council, Boards, and Committees continued to meet and carry out the business of the Church remotely, and are now able to meet in-person again. The main thing we missed these past 18 months was the ability to have in-person Congregation meetings, and I am proud to say we are planning a special one later this year. There is one remaining issue with regard to the pandemic, and that is with in-person worship. Many of us became comfortable with on-line worship and that could become a preferred way to worship for some. I pray not, as there is so much value with the in-person fellowship one has with a Church family. Please encourage all your brothers and sisters in Christ to return to Church, if they have not already.

My thanks and God's blessings to you all,
Ron Mitchell, Congregation President



Hello Faith Family –

“Beyond measure” is a phrase that can indicate something cannot be measured—too large, extensive or extreme to calculate. Think for a moment on some of the greatest blessings of your life. With all of the blessings you have experienced or hope to experience, remember that God wants to do indefinitely more for the faithful. Psalm 23:5-6 says, “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” How has your cup overflowed?

October 2020 to June 2021 was a time of superabundance for the Music Ministry of our church. We watched month by month the amazing progress of the construction of our new church organ. From the bare wood frame to the final glistening sheen, our Lord desired to do for us beyond our highest expectations. Ephesians 3:20 reveals that God “...is able to do far more abundantly than all that we [dare] ask or think [indefinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams], according to the power at work with us.” This is exemplified in the new church organ we received.

As many of you know, the Allen Organ Company (the builders of our organ) introduced a new, heightened computer technology system that would exceedingly enhance the digital church organ market, and our organ was going to be one of the first ones out of their factory with this new system. This upgrade was not originally planned or requested, but the Allen Organ Company wanted to include it as the main system in our organ to further enhance our musical efforts. The final product we received was so greatly beyond our initial visions and designs. Psalm 115:14 tells us, “May the Lord give you increase [more and more], you and your children!” The cup of the Music Ministry at FLC has not just run over, God turned the faucet on full, placed the cup underneath and graciously let it flood!

But we are not blessed beyond measure just to hoard it. First Peter 2:9 says, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” We are obedient and faithful to God, so we must go out and share the goodness of His desires to indefinitely bless His creations. Expressing my gratitude for these blessings, it is now my great honor to go forth with this organ, proclaiming the goodness of God and His blessings to you and the whole community.

I pray, Father, thank You for blessing us beyond measure, above all that we can dare ask or think. We freely receive Your goodness from Your riches in glory. You have given us access to all You have, so that we may compel ourselves to give to others beyond measure!

Blessings beyond measure to you,
Matthew

Did you Know - Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

Recently one of our members asked me about a special gift she wanted to give to the congregation. As I reviewed the options with her, I told her about the Fund. She indicated she was unaware such a possibility existed, and I suspect there are many of us who also are unaware that opportunity exists.

Following the formation of our congregation, the leadership of the congregation created the fund for those interested in making a gift that would be an investment in the long-term future of the church. The fund consists of donations either in the form of a cash contribution, a gift of stock, or inclusion in an estate plan.

The fund operates in the following manner:

1. The principal amounts contributed to the fund, also known as the corpus, cannot be used for normal operating costs of the congregation. The Endowment Fund documents restrict the use of those funds to a serious emergency or major project that the congregation might wish to undertake. The documents require that such use would have to be approved by the Church Council, the Endowment Committee and by a vote of the congregation.
2. The congregation, however, may use the annual growth of the fund through market appreciation and earnings. These funds can be used for special projects as opportunities arise. To utilize these funds a request must be made to the church council who, if they approve the request, then submit it to the Endowment Committee who must determine if the request meets the conditions set forth in the funds operating documents. If the Endowment Committee approves the request the Council can implement the use of the funds. Such requests have been allowed in the recent past.

The fund is invested by professional managers and managed by the Endowment Committee.

If you would like more information about the fund, please contact me.

In Christ,
Pastor Brad Hildebrandt
Chairman of the Endowment Fund Committee



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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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