

The Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

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Throughout the weeks of Easter, the Gospel lesson has been from various sections of John 14-16. These two chapters are commonly referred to as the Upper Room discourse, since they took place in the Upper Room where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover on the night He was betrayed and instituted the Lord's Supper.

These readings have all been about preparing the disciples and us for our lives as Christians. Jesus was preparing His disciples for the grief and confusion that they were about to suffer as a result of his arrest and crucifixion. But more than that, He was giving them comfort and guidance for life after His Ascension. He knew that He would no longer be physically present with them and after 3 years He knew that they would not understand or be able to handle what was about to happen without help, so he tells them about the Holy Spirit. He tells them that in spite of the fact that they all abandon Jesus that night and feel guilt and shame about that, He still loved them and He was going to help them through this tough time by sending the Holy Spirit to give them understanding and peace.

Understanding by revealing Christ in all of the Old Testament as He did with the disciples on the walk to Emmaus. These two men were so sad and despondent at the death of Jesus, because they did not understand what He had accomplished. Chiefly the forgiveness of the sins of all of mankind, and salvation to all who believe. So, He walked along side those two men and explained the entire Old Testament to them. He showed how the Passover was related to His life, He talked about how just like the snake was lifted up on a pole, so also with the Son of Man be lifted up. He explained that He was the suffering servant in Isaiah 42, 49, 50, and 52-53. Then after all of that explanation they finally realized who He was in the breaking of the Bread, ie. "This is my Body". They ran back to Jerusalem and shared their amazing news with the others who then shared their experiences of the Risen Lord.

For the next 40 days Jesus appears to various people and the disciples and all who followed after Jesus tried to digest what it all meant. Finally, when He ascends to heaven He promised once again the Helper who will cause them to understand all things.

Then on the 50th day the Holy Spirit does come and puts all the pieces of the puzzle together in their minds and shows them the full picture. Now they understand. Now they can proclaim with confidence what Christ has done and what that means as is quoted in Acts 2 that the prophet Joel was being fulfilled that in the Last days, through the death and resurrection of Jesus "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord (Jesus) shall be saved." Peter goes on to say that even the pangs of death were loosed and death could not hold him (Jesus). As we live in these last days, we also need to be reminded that through it all God has conquered and we do not need to be afraid. This year has caused many people to be afraid of the disease, of death, of each other, of life. This is because our focus got turned inward. The world wants us to focus only on ourselves and our well-being, whereas God calls us to focus on Him and all that He has given us.

What comes to mind for me are Jesus' several statements about peace and taking heart and do not be afraid. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we have peace, not just a lack of war, but true peace and understanding that we are loved by God and nothing can separate us from Him, not this disease, not the government, not even the devil and death can harm us.

To drive all of that home we celebrate Pentecost and remember that the Holy Spirit is not only with us, but in our Baptisms, he is in us. We have the Spirit of the Living God in us. He is our comforter, because he points us to the peace which surpasses all understanding, that we are forgiven by God and therefore are free of the judgement that we so rightly deserve.

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Then finally we come to the week after Pentecost, which is Trinity Sunday. This Sunday we especially emphasize that this peace which Jesus says he gives us and the Holy Spirit confirms in us, is not just the great idea of a very good man and some mysterious "spirit". This peace is ours because Jesus is the only beings who may or may not fully understand each other, but they are the Trinity, three in one who is our God. Our Easter readings flow into Pentecost, which then flow into Trinity. In the Concordia Study Bible there is a page talking about the Spirit of God and the Trinity right after the text of John 16. In it as it talks about the Trinity it references John 3:16-18 which is part of the Gospel reading for Trinity Sunday. These readings have been put together over the centuries to help us understand and trust in our great and marvelous God, through whom we can have peace because we believe in God the Father, by the Power of the Holy Spirit on account of the death and resurrection of the Son Jesus Christ.

The more I read these texts and study them, the more I see how they are connected and flow together. I am struck by how much I learn every time I read them. There will never come a time when I will have it all figured out, but by the power of the Holy Spirit, which we have in full, we can be confident that no matter what tribulations we face, we can take heart, because Jesus has overcome the world, and not even death can take us away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

Pastor Poock



**Beginning June 6th, the 8 am. Sunday,
Divine Service will be discontinued.**

**We will continue the 5 pm. Divine Service
on Wednesdays and the 10:30 Divine Service
on Sundays.**

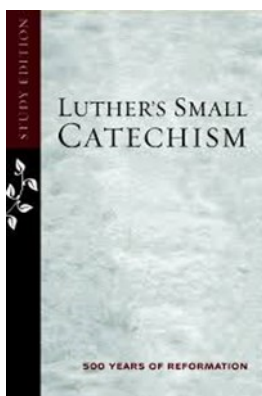


Faith is so pleased to be opening up the Great Hall for Coffee Bites once again beginning June 6th. With our new Coffee Bar and dedicated Volunteers willing to donate something sweet, we can once again renew our friendships with this time of Fellowship. Dave Benson worked hard to design and make this Keurig Coffee Bar for all to enjoy. We have a variety of coffees, teas and k-cups of Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate. Volunteers will be providing cookies, donuts and/or sweet treats for all to enjoy following our Sunday 10:30 am Divine Service. Please come and join us for this time of Fellowship.

Volunteers who will help provide sweet bites for June are:

June 6	Monica Carenza and Margaret Greenslade
June 13	Janie Zanella and Ann Colton
June 20	Annette Schander
June 27	Chris Melchior and Diana Manning

Free will offerings will help Fellowship to continue providing a variety of Keurig hot drinks and paper products needed.



Pastor will be beginning a new Catechism Class to be held on eight consecutive **Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.** beginning June 16th. This is an excellent opportunity to learn (or relearn) about what it means to be a Lutheran. The class is open to all. Luther's Small Catechism Books are available for study and learning at a minimal charge of \$15.00. For centuries, Christians have used three important texts as a basic summary for teaching the Christian faith and life: the Ten Commandments, Creed, and Lord's Prayer. Martin Luther also included biblical passages on Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper. The Small Catechism, written by Luther in 1529, includes these texts along with brief explanations for teaching and learning.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
May 11, 2021

The President called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

PRESENT: President Glen Collier; VP Jim Jones; Recording Secretary Jean Roehrs; Head Elder Mert Janovec, Trustee David Benson and Pastor Pooch. Absent: Communication Chairman Kelly Freeman due to recent surgery, Treasurer Judie Faries out of town; Financial Secretary Marilyn Howard; and Head Trustee Frank Swain.

Opening Devotions: Elder Mert Janovec read the days devotion from *Faith Alone*, Martin Luther.

REPORTS

SECRETARY: Minutes of 4-13-21 approved as printed. There are five members present which constitutes a quorum.

TREASURER: Absent. Printed report distributed. Judy's term in office will be up Dec. 31, 2021. The search for a replacement should begin now allowing at least three months to learn the system. An alternative would be to hire a bookkeeper or CPA.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: [Absent. No report.](#)

TRUSTEES: Dave Benson reporting in the absence of Frank Swain. **Rental property:** The area around the fence line has been cleaned up. The renter is pretty well moved out. The rent is up to date; once he has vacated the property and notified the VP, he will be eligible to receive a \$3,500 refund. Three bids for **demolition** were presented. Dave **MOVED** accepting the bid from Forristall Enterprises at \$9015. **Motion seconded and carried** with all voting yes. He was also asked to contact the county about having the parcel rezoned so that we will not be liable for any taxes on the land. **MAG Lock** for Great Room exterior door. This would allow the secretaries to see who is at the door and to communicate with them, if needed. They could also unlock the door to admit someone, if desired. The system would be hooked up to the fire alarm system for safety. Two bids were presented for consideration. Dave **MOVED** accepting the bid from CFC at \$5889. **Motion seconded and carried** with all voting yes.

Keurig Coffee Bar: Dave said it would not be a problem to install additional units. Jean **MOVED** we purchase two additional units. **Motion seconded and carried** with all voting yes.

Altar Rails: Dave presented pictures of several different styles. He and Pastor will make a final decision; however, it should be kept simple to keep the cost down. These will be made in sections. Once completed it will only take a couple hours to install. Handrails will also be installed on each side of the altar steps.

PASTOR: He and Bill have tried to determine what is causing the glitch with the organ but have been unable to reproduce it themselves. There are three people trained in using the sound system, Mike Freeman, Sherry and Mert Janovec. A few new microphones are needed.

Some members continue to be reluctant to return to formal worship. Mert will write an article for the newsletter about the air cleaning system and its reliability.

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BOARD REPORTS

COMMUNICATION: Absent. Report on file.

ELDERS: The time of services will be reviewed, with decisions based on attendance. A new Grief-Share series has begun with good attendance. Pastor Rabe will be preaching June 6.

TRUSTEES: See above..

LWML: The last regular meeting of the season is May 13. A decision will be made then as to whether they will continue having a meal out on the second Thursday of the month. **Prayer:** requests are received online, from the office, and to the chairman directly. Many people have voiced their appreciation of this service. **Being a Friend:** two couples are now sharing in providing transportation to church for a homebound member.

The next Council meeting will be **June 8, 2021** at 6:00 p.m.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. followed by prayer.

Jean

Jean Roehrs, Recording Secretary



Our current Treasurer, Judy Faries, has been doing a wonderful job for quite a long time, but has decided it is time for her to retire and will be doing so at the end of 2021. We are now looking for someone with a financial background to replace her in 2022. This job requires 6 to 10 hours per week. If you have a financial background and are interested in this position, please contact Jim Jones, 804-432-0777 or Pastor Pooch, 707-716-7598. We need to fill this position by September 1st to allow for an adequate training period.

FAITH PRAYER MINISTRY

Even in his anguish, Job knew where to turn for assistance crying out, *Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and he who testifies for me is on high.* (Job 16:19) Jesus is our advocate also, and will testify for us on high if we just call on His name. If you have prayer needs please make them known to the Church office or to the prayer chairman and your requests/needs will be shared with the Prayer Partners who have joined the Faith Prayer Ministry. To be a member of this vital ministry, send an email to jeanroehrs@msn.com and prayer requests will be sent to you via email. Thank you!





LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

MITE BOXES

Please continue to bring in your mite boxes to leave on the LWML table or drop them in the large MITE box. Please remember: NO foreign coins or half dollars. They jam the coin counting machines. Thanks to all who help to keep the Mite box heavy with their givings.



The next Regular LWML meeting will be in September.

SEWING FOR CHRIST



The ladies, Sewing for Christ, are very comfortable in their new room and continue to work diligently. Recently Maurita and I delivered twenty-seven baby bibs to the Palmetto Child Development Center. I completed sixteen large bibs for the severely involved children and will have them until they are needed. We had a wonderful experience with Chris Melchior who visited us and seemed interested in our work. She took some fabric home and will sew there. We really enjoy visitors, like the visit with Chris and from LWML members when they have their meetings on the second Thursday of the winter months. We were concerned about making too much noise when others are in the Great Hall, but we close the door and all work well. Always feel free to join us for a cup of coffee any Thursday.

Thank you, Gloria Calvelo-LiBrizzi, 755-5092.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith recently applied for a \$250.00 Action Plan grant from Thrivent Insurance to complete their Christmas project for the children at the Redlands Migrant Worker's Head Start program. Industrious volunteers will still produce the quilts for naptimes, but these funds will be used to purchase batting, thread and other supplies as well as toys and hopefully a Christian book for each child. The group will not meet in June but resume in July and August. We welcomed two new members recently, one of which will just work from home. Many hands still make light work.

Margorie Weiss 941-757-7307.





This Month's Privileged Servants

Altar Guild

Wednesdays, 5pm

June 2	Janie Zanella
June 9	Eloise Schwarz
June 16	Eloise Schwarz
June 23	Alice Bowen
June 30	Alice Bowen

Sundays, 10:30 am

June 6	Nancy Niemi
June 13	Monica Carenz
June 20	Meta Green
June 27	Chris Stisser

Elders

Wednesdays, 5 pm

June 2	Mike Freeman
June 9	Mike Freeman
June 16	Don Lannon, Jr.
June 23	Don Lannon, Jr.
June 30	Mert Janovec

Assistant

Curt McCarty
Jeff Sattanno
Joe Rawlinson
Sameer Madidi
Curt McCarty

Sundays, 10:30 am

June 6	Don Lannon, Jr.	Caleb Pooch
June 13	Roy Heflin	Ken Spirduso
June 20	Mert Janovec	Caleb Pooch
June 27	Roy Heflin	Chris Lindau

Offering Counters

June 6	Jean Roehrs and Carol Schreiber
June 13	John Niemi, Nancy Niemi and Marilyn Howard
June 20	Lois Lannon, Bob Biebl and Jan Heider
June 27	Sherry Janovec and Larry Colton

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Renee Kaczmarek
- 2 Charles Clapp, Ray Gilbert
- 3 Mildred Edney
- 4 Wayne Schreiber
- 5 Verna Barber, Steve Yuras
- 6 Janie Zanella
- 7 Paul Schander
- 9 Uwe Porth
- 13 Kimberly Carenza
- 14 Gloria Calvelo-LiBrizzi, Stuart Lindberg
- 15 Nancy Niemi, Terry Jones
- 19 Judith Dappen
- 20 Monica Carenza
- 21 Karen Meyer
- 22 Don Sanguedolce
- 27 Carolyn Kinzie
- 28 Diana Manning
- 29 Kenneth Fine



- 1 Max & Nancy Mason (42 years)
- 3 John & Sandra Bessey (54 years)
- 10 Don & Lois Lannon Jr. (49 years)
- 13 Harry & Helen Wallace (23 years)
- 18 Jack & Carol Dressel (55 years)
- 20 Roy & Susan Heflin (41 years), David & Lisa Ladwig (34 years)
- 21 John & Nancy Niemi (46 years), Brad & Pixie Reay (52 years)
- 26 Duane & Cheryl Lingis (50 years), Ralph & Norma Grotelueschen (56 years)
- 27 Tom & Pat Barlow (61 years)
- 29 Kenneth & Paulette Natzke (58 years), Jeff & Judy Sattanno (36 years)
- 22 Tony & Alice Bowen (37 years)



WE WANT TO REMEMBER AND THANK ALL OUR MILITARY VETERANS
as we say good bye to the month of May and look forward to July 4th.

ARMY

Charles Anderson *
Richard Bartelt *
Bill Belejack *
Gary Bonadurer
Charles Clapp
Jack Conte
Jack Dressel
Leo Drozdowsky
Kenneth Fine
Wayne Harden *
Gary Hold (air Trooper)
Ronald Koenig
Don Lannon, Jr.
Vincent LiBrizzi *
Garret Littlejohn
Bob Overmyer *
Kaarlo Pollari *
Daniel Pope
George Priest
Rick Ross
Dick Russ
Rev. Lee Stisser
Janene Swain
Brad Teitelbaum
Dave Underwood
Robert VanCleave *
Harry Wiedenmeyer

NAVY

David Barber
George Case *
William Costello
Lou Courtney
Bill Dappen
Bill Faries
Judy Faries
Richard Fredrick (Res)
Mert Janovec
Bill Katterhenry *
Ray Lesoine
Chris Lindau
Frank Swain
Frank Toye

AIR FORCE

Gordon Crepeaux *
Jerry Gibson *
Don Greenlee *
Don Kinzie
Stuart Lindberg
Paul Meyer
John Niemi
Gwyn Poock
Rev. Patrick Poock
Richard Wormald

MARINES

Herbert Edson
Robert Wyman

NATIONAL GUARD

Greg Litzo
Richard Fredrick (Air)
Darrell Krohn (Army)
William Otto
Steve Toste (Army)

*** Deceased**

If we missed anyone or any information is incorrect,
please accept our apology and contact the church
office so we can update our records.





Faith Lutheran Church has installed five (5) Vollara Air and Surface Pro machines throughout our facility to protect you from air-borne viruses in our building. There are many “air purifiers” on the market, but only those manufactured by the AERUS Corporation and VOLLARA come equipped with ACTIVEPURE technology. Many home-based air purifiers rely on passive HEPA filters or ultraviolet light to kill contaminants: ACTIVEPURE uses active, NASA-inspired technology to disinfect the air. ACTIVEPURE technology kills COVID-19, and has been approved as a medical device by the FDA. These devices have proved to be effective in killing 99.98% of live virus, both in the air and on surfaces, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Lab tests revealed ACTIVEPURE’s patented technology can kill airborne virus particles in three minutes. The Vollara Air and Surface Pro devices work continuously to reduce pathogens indoors, even when people are present in the room. Hundreds of thousands of ACTIVEPURE filtration devices have been installed throughout the country. This technology is used in free-standing units (like Faith has) as well as in HVAC systems in hospitals, government buildings, restaurants, office buildings, schools and homes. We want everyone to feel safe and comfortable as they return to Faith.



PLEASE, remember to sign the burgundy Attendance book each time you attend church, indicating each family member attending. The church is required to keep and report our attendance numbers each year to LCMS. If you are a MEMBER or ASSOCIATE MEMBER (families who have a Church home in Florida and one up north), please check that box. If you are visiting, please sign and legibly write your address as we like to send you a 'thank you for visiting' letter on your first visit. We will not include you on any other mailings, unless you request it.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributes items for our Food Barrel every week. What a blessing it is for the less fortunate families in Manatee County that we can help them in this small way. Items of priority at this time are: paper towels, toilet tissue, canned fruit, bottles of fruit juice, and peanut butter. Thanks to you and to Martha Riedl who sees that all your donations are delivered to the United Methodist Church here in Parrish.



GRIEF SHARE

Our first round of the GriefShare Program concluded on Sunday, March 28th. We want to thank all who made this Ministry successful. During this round we ministered to twenty-three individuals.

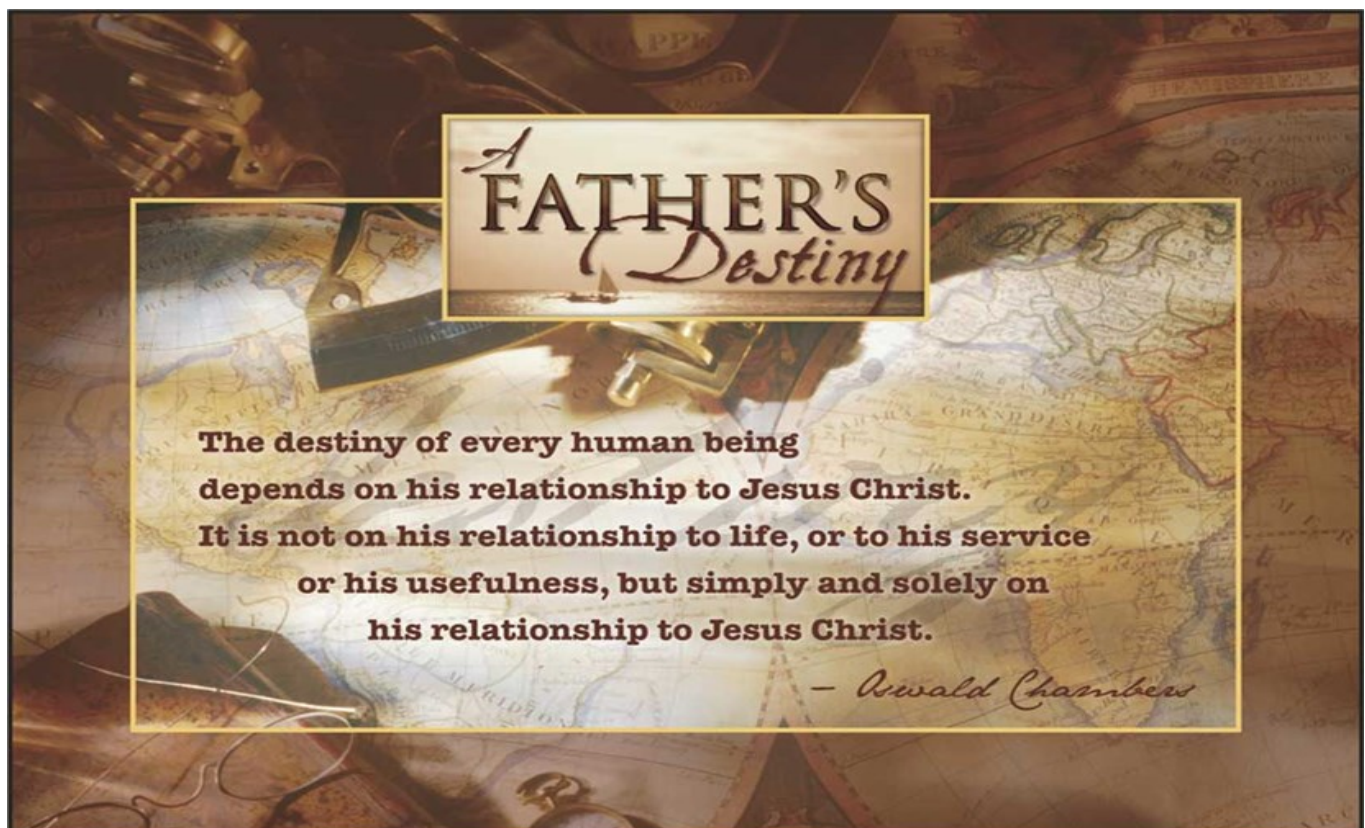
Our second round of GriefShare sessions will begin on Monday, May 3rd and conclude on August 9th. This round will be 15 weeks long, because we are going to include the "*Loss of a Spouse*" and "*Surviving the Holidays*" videos along with the other thirteen videos.

This second round will meet on Monday evenings between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM in the Great Hall at the church.

If you know someone that has lost a spouse, close friend or relative recently that could benefit from attending this program, please ask them to please contact the church office between 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM Monday through Friday at 941-776-1395. The cost for attending this program is \$20.00, which covers the cost of the workbook, videos, etc. If that cost presents a personal hardship please talk with Mert to see if you qualify for a scholarship.

Mert Janovec, Head Elder, is the Director for this program. He is looking for people who desire to participate in the program, and for additional volunteers wishing to become Facilitators in this program.

Anyone interested in becoming a Facilitator please contact Mert at 813-344-9775.





JUNE 14, 2021, is FLAG DAY

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national Flag Day on June 14. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. The day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Do you know the flag's history?

According to American legend, in June 1776, George Washington commissioned Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress to create a flag for the new nation in anticipation of a declaration of its independence.

On June 14, 1777, John Adams spoke about the flag at a meeting of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He said, "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen constellation." There have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag so far; stars have been added to it as states have entered the Union. The current version dates to July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th state.

Many Americans sing, pledge, and pay respect to the flag, "Old Glory", as a symbol of the country's democracy and independence. Saluting the flag is a way to celebrate and honor the United States of America.

