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PASTOR'S POST

Hungry?



We live in a time when it's relatively easy to satisfy our physical hunger. We have the luxury of going to grocery stores filled with food and restaurants of every kind. Even if we have no money, there are food pantries readily available to us with food that is free for the taking. I meet very few people that are honestly "hungry".

A bigger issue than "hunger" is probably "nourishment". While we have plenty to eat, we often satisfy our hunger with things that don't really nourish us. It's easy to consume fast food, chips and Twinkies. It's so easy to indulge in those things that are not really good for us.

We also live in a time where there is available to us a virtual smorgasbord of spiritual food. Much of it, however, is nothing more than a spiritual Twinkie.

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." - Matthew 5:6

The righteousness that Jesus speaks of is not a righteousness that we develop for ourselves or gain through a series of spiritual exercises. Rather, the righteousness that Jesus speaks of is the righteousness that He gives to us. Jesus gives to us His Word, His righteousness, His goodness, His forgiveness, His grace & mercy.

Hunger for THAT... and thank Him for it!

Pastor Pat



Vacation Bible School

July 11-15

6:30-8:30 pm

Ages 4 - Grade 5

Register at www.livingfaithcapecoral.com

OUTREACH TEAM COMMENTS

Sizzling Summer Events!



With your help the Outreach Team has had two successful Adopt a Road cleanups this year. We are planning another one for **Saturday, June 18th**. It starts at 8:30am with coffee & doughnuts and we hit the road at 9am. We pick up the trash on Skyline between Pine Island Road and Trafalgar and on the road in front of the church.

It's a great opportunity to serve the community as well as make it look nicer around our grounds. Please sign up to join us.



Family movie nights start again on **Friday, June 17th**. Fellowship, popcorn & lemonade starts at 6:30pm. The other dates will be **July 22nd & August 19th**. These are movies that the whole family can enjoy. Titles will be announced soon.

Why are Andrew & Katy Olsen and their three sons, Jack, Tim and David, missing?



Our intrepid Aussies are leaving the USA Summer to visit the 'Down Under' Winter in Melbourne & Perth. Andrew has 4+ weeks of work running leadership development programs (his pre-missions career) and they all will be visiting grandparents, friends & supporters. They hope to get all their worldly goods out of storage in other people's garages and yard-sale them.

Jack (18) will return early to start his four years in the Winshape Leadership Program at Berry College, Georgia. The rest will arrive back in August for school and, they hope, to start their next ministry focus, "The Bible Genome Project", mapping the chiastic poetry throughout the Bible, starting with the Passion week chapters in the four gospels.

Please pray that God will bless their journey. We will be looking forward to their return.



~Holy Humor~

It was show-and-tell in class, and the theme was "My Religion." Three students stood up at the front of the class. The first said, "I'm Jewish, and this is my prayer hat." The second student said, "I'm Catholic, and this is my rosary." The third student said, "I'm Lutheran, and this is my casserole."

After church Ole said to the pastor, "Nice sermon there pastor, but I noticed you mentioned St. Paul several times but you never mentioned Minneapolis."

A blonde goes to the post office. She says to the clerk, "May I have some stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?" The blonde says, "Has it really come to this? Well then, give me 22 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 6 Baptist."

These quotes are from our nursery school, A Happy Beginning and from our LFC Sunday School kids.

1. Jesus rose on the worst day.
2. We celebrate it on Oyster (Easter)
3. Why did God have the Israelites worship in a tavern? (Tabernacle)
4. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Publix for which it stands...

LFC Calendar

Sunday

10:30 am

Worship Service

Women's Bible Studies

Thursdays 6:30pm

&

Friday s 9:15am

Thru the end of June

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday

8am

June 25th

July 23rd

August 27th

Movie Nights

Friday

6:30pm

June 17th

July 22nd

August 19th

Adopt A Road

June 18th

8:30am

Coffee & Doughnuts served

Before the cleanup at

9:00



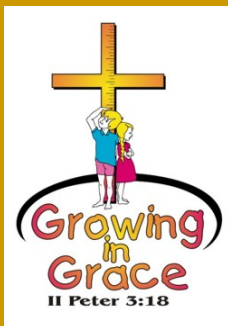
SPECIAL MOMENTS FROM LFC SUNDAY SCHOOL



If you weren't there, check out what else you missed at <http://www.livingfaithcapecoral.com/Kids.html>

Thanks to all the teachers, those who shared Bible stories, and those who led music.

Sunday School takes a break for the summer but don't let your family take a break from God's Word.



Check out the LFC website for Study Resources and plan for your family to join us in September!

On May 14th, Fifteen members went on Capt. Tony's Great Getaway.

We left 9:30 am in thunderstorms but it cleared up as soon as we were in the Gulf. We had a 1.5 hour ride southwest to the fishing grounds. We were all eager to put our lines in the water and try our luck. Well, the snappers ranged from eight inches in length and smaller. Some kept them, others threw them back. We did have a dolphin that kept us company looking for a free meal. Captain Dan tried several fishing spots.... but no big fish.

We had a good time visiting together and enjoyed the friendship. All in all we had a great day on the water!



Births

Elijah Pedro Gomez
April 5, 2011 at 9:36am
6lbs 11 oz, 19 inches
long.



Baptism is
June 12, 2011

SAVE THE DATE



CLB NATIONAL
WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

JUNE 24-26, 2011

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Arriving Soon



From Kyle & Sara Maloney...

We are expecting our first child!

The due date is August 9, but we will see when he arrives.

His name will be Andrew Lloyd Maloney (unless there is an off chance it is a girl.)

[ALL THE EARTH WAS DESIGNED TO WORSHIP](#)

by Paulette L. Reese

"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice." (Psalm 96:11-12)

These words may seem like lofty ideas or perhaps simple poetry when we read them in our devotions over morning coffee. In reality, to the believer these words should be sobering and awe-inspiring. Who but God could command heavens, earth and sea to rejoice and be glad? When I imagine an entire forest, thick with trees, praising God for who He is, I want to fall to my knees and do the same.

Faith in a God who tells the very universe how to behave may be misunderstood by much of the world. To those of us who take for granted His love and awesome power, this faith is accurate, intelligent and historical. Let's look at the way God speaks to Job. In the Book of Job, chapter 38, God is asking him if he has any claim to creation, almost like a parent who says to his child, "I was here long before you and doing fine."

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone? When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4-7)

I am taken aback by the statement "when the morning stars sang together." Who but God could know this? NASA now claims that the stars are all humming in a major key. Not only are they "singing" but they're all harmonizing with one another. To say the universe is God's orchestral creation is no misnomer. Of course we know God says "But without faith it is impossible to please Him..." (Heb. 11:6) But how easy He makes it for us!

When we read that the earth by its very existence worships God, maybe we should follow that lead. I remember reading long ago that flowers and plants will grow toward sound. Some serious horticulturists have even hung outside speakers and had music piped into their backyards in an effort to obtain maximum growth from their plants, trees and flowers. I think all of creation, along with the Creator, is trying to tell us something. If oceans, forests, mountains, flowers, hills and trees worship our Lord, how much more important that His children do?

LFC Easter Celebration



Have you ever thought of this as a Treasure Chest?



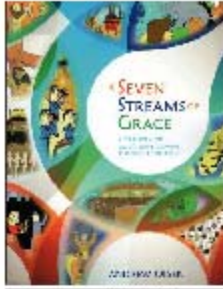
We invite you to go on a **Treasure Hunt** at www.livingfaithcapecoral.com to find the answers to these questions.

If you don't have internet at home, try your local public library.

Email your answers to lfediscipleshipteam@gmail.com and we'll reward the best Treasure Hunters!

1. What is the name of the round seal that is to the right of the picture of LFC? Who commissioned it?
2. How many boxes are in the rectangular array of links on the Home page?
3. What is the date of the Youth Team meeting in August?
4. What is the date of the earliest "faithbook" posted on the site?
5. What is the title of Article III of the Constitution of Living Faith Church?
6. What should you do first when planning for a wedding at Living Faith Church?
7. How many different families or individuals are listed in the online Church Directory? Hint: The password info is in the Sunday bulletin.
8. What is the full name and phone number of the Nursery School?
9. When was the last 2011 season game for the Living Faith Church Softball Team?
10. What was the title of the sermon from the Worship Service on December 12, 2010?
11. What is the name of Chapter 7 of We Believe, the explanation of our Statement of Faith?
12. Where was Pastor Pat baptized?
13. What is the name of the LCMS Pastor whose video on "The Theology of the Cross" is posted to help answer "Why Lutheran?"
14. What are the dates for VBS this summer? And while you are looking, why not use the online registration for your children?
15. What does the acronym FUEL represent?
16. What is the seventh song posted on the Music Video and Audio page?
17. What is the third question on the Guest Survey?
18. What was the date of the Conclusion of the "Seven Streams of Grace" series?
19. What is the twitter name for the church?
20. What 3 words begin the description of each of the Ministry Teams?
21. What system does LFC use for online donations?
22. Who presents the lecture "Belief in an Age of Skepticism?"
23. Who is scheduled for "Kids' Club" on June 26 (and many other weeks as well)? Maybe you would like to help out—contact her.
24. What is the title of Quiz #2 that you can use to Test Your Theology?
25. What is the eighth link under Study Resources? Who wrote the article "Response to Grace"?

With many thanks to Pastor Pat and Kari who do such a great job maintaining this **"Treasure"** for our church!



Andrew's Book For LFC Mortgage?!

Our Aussie LFC member Andrew Olsen has just published his first book, [The Seven Streams of Grace](#). Over the course of ten Wednesday nights last year, Andrew tricked us into teaching each other about how all the pieces from every era of the Bible fit together in seven woven stories. Now the book is finished and available to you...as a fundraiser for the LFC mortgage! All the money—not just all the profits—goes toward tackling the mortgage on our beautiful building. If each of us buys a book, that will be great! If we all buy copies of the book as gifts for family and friends (all your Christmas gifts?), then we can make an even bigger dent. More information about the book can be found on our church website and on www.sevenstreamsofgrace.com. It can be bought at Living Faith Church from David Pettus while Andrew is in Australia this summer.

Here is the blurb on the bookseller's website:

"What began as a series of church dramas in Perth, Australia is now crossing many languages and cultures. The Seven Streams of Grace takes audiences on a fast-paced adventure into every corner of the Bible. You will discover that all the pieces in every era all fit together into one brilliant tapestry. Better still, you will also find Yahweh God, the true hero, author and rescuer behind all these stories, and all our stories, too.

"The artworks and study notes make The Seven Streams of Grace fascinating to young children, Bible professors and everyone in-between. After attending a seminar in India one participant exclaimed, 'I feel like I've been through all three years of Bible College in one day!' Primary schoolers and teens have helped present it, Soccer Moms have been delighted, and many intellectuals have been amazed to learn of so many things they did not know in the Bible.

"Translation work for The Seven Streams of Grace is either completed or in progress for languages including Khmer, Spanish, Burmese, Creole, French and Telegu. It can be used in seminars, home-schooling, church and home group studies, private reading and for evangelism. Seeing how Yahweh orchestrates the whole symphony of history will also preach the beautiful gospel to your own soul again!"