



Fall Kick-Off Sunday! September 12, 2010

Growing In Grace
9:30 am
Every Sunday
Classes for All Ages!

The Concordia curriculum
was designed to reveal
God's plan of salvation
and to unite families in
the study of God's Word.

Come with us as we begin
at the beginning—
studying together the
Book of Genesis.



PASTOR'S POST

PATRICK THURMER

Devoted

*"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." -
Acts 2:42*

The Greek word translated "devoted" means to be steadfastly attentive to or continually caring for something.

Ask yourself... ***"What am I devoted to?"***

My use of time, my toys, my checkbook, and my 'to do list' are indicators of where my true devotion lies.

Pray: *"Lord Jesus, you demonstrated your supreme devotion by giving yourself totally for me. Forgive me for my misplaced priorities. Create in me a renewed devotion to your Word, to fellowship with your people and to prayer. Amen."*

Pastor Pat

SERVICE TEAM COMMENTS

The Service Team would like to thank everyone who contributes to *faithbook*. We are always looking for stories or information to make it more interesting. Please let us know if there's anything you'd like to see in the upcoming issues by emailing lfcserVICETEAM@gmail.com.

The next Service Team meeting will be October 5th at 7pm. Please join us as we plan how we can serve the congregation and the community during the Christmas season



OUTREACH TEAM COMMENTS

OUTREACH/CONNECTION STAYS BUSY!!

The summer has been pretty active for the Outreach/Connection Team! We hope you enjoyed the Family Movie Nights which concluded on August 27. These were a great time to bring the family together and enjoy a movie that was entertaining for everyone!

The Team also held a **Community Car Wash** for two hours on July 17th. We washed about a dozen cars and it was a lot of fun. Another will be scheduled soon.

On Saturday, October 9th, Living Faith Church will once again "Step Off" in the **Columbus Day Parade!** Staging is set for 1:35 pm and the parade begins at 3! Our praise band will be performing and we invite anyone 12 and over to march with our float.

This year, the parade organizers have asked that nothing be 'thrown' so we have to hand out the candy and brochures. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist in decorating the float, so get your imagination going!

Also in October, we're looking to host another **Trunk-or-Treat** in our parking lot. Everyone is invited to bring their car/van/golf cart/whatever to decorate and give out candy and treats to the children. If you have children of 'trick or treat' age - bring them by as well for a safe way to enjoy the Halloween night!

Please join us for any of the above upcoming events and we'd love to have you at our next meeting on September 28 at 7 pm!!!

Tasty FROGMORE STEW

- 5 qt. water
- 1/4 c. Old Bay Seasoning
- 4 lb. small red potatoes
- 2 lb. Kielbasa, or smoked sausage, cut 1/2-1" slices
- 4 Garlic cloves smashed
- 2 med onions
- 6 ears corn, halved
- 2-3 lb. unpeeled fresh shrimp (21-25 count)

Bring water and Old Bay Seasoning to a boil in a large stockpot. Add potatoes, onion and garlic; return to a boil, cook 10 min. Add sausage and corn; return to a boil. Cook 10 min or until potatoes are tender about 20 minutes. Remove potatoes and corn and sausage w/ slotted spoon to a large bowl. Add shrimp to stockpot. Cook 3-5 min or until shrimp is pink. Remove and drain shrimp w/ slotted spoon and add to potatoes, corn and sausage. Serve with small cups of melted butter and lemon wedges. Serves 8-10

DISCIPLESHIP TEAM COMMENTS



Ever wonder what would happen if each one of us treated our Bible the same way we treat our cell phone?



What if we always carried it around in our purse or pocket?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we went back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive "text messages"?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it as a gift to our children?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, there are NO dropped calls and we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because JESUS already paid the bill!

Is this something that makes you think, "Hmm...Where IS my Bible?"
"What ARE my priorities?"

If you want God's Word to be a priority in your life and in the life of your family, LIVING FAITH CHURCH invites you to be a part of our Bible study classes that begin in September!



~Holy Humor~

CHURCH FOOTBALL PHRASES

In a never-ending effort to attract the un-churched, some churches have considered translating their unfamiliar terminology into familiar football phrases.

BLITZ-The strategic play that takes place two seconds after every benediction.

BLOCKING-Talking endlessly to the pastor at the church door and keeping everyone else from exiting.

COACH-The children's Christmas program director.

ASSISTANT COACH-Every mother who has a kid in the children's Christmas program.

COMMERCIAL-Announcements.

DRAFT CHOICE-The decision to sit close to an air conditioning vent.

DRAW PLAY-What many children (and not a few adults) do with their bulletins during the service.

EXTRA POINT-What you receive when you tell the preacher his sermon was too short.

FIRST QUARTER-What most people put into the Sunday school offering so it looks like they are giving.

FOURTH QUARTER-The amount that makes up the dollar most people put into the Sunday school offering when under peer pressure to give more.

HAIL MARY-Desperate move made by ushers in a last-ditch attempt to get people to put something in the plate.

HALFTIME-Usually during the offertory when at least fourteen people decide they need to use the restroom.

HOLDING-Passing on the offering plate without putting in a cent.

ILLEGAL MOTION-Leaving before the benediction.

INTERFERENCE-Talking during the sermon.

QUARTERBACK SNEAK-How the pastor gets from the pulpit to the rear door during the benediction.

RAIN DELAY-Baptism

SUDDEN DEATH-The penalty to the pastor who preaches more than twenty minutes.

TIMEOUT-Refreshment time in the Fellowship Hall.

TWO-MINUTE WARNING-The pastor's wife looking at her watch in full view of the Pastor.

There was a Norwegian tradesman, a painter called Jarl, who was very interested in saving a buck wherever he could. Often he would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. He had gotten away with this for some time.

Eventually the Lutheran Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their churches. Jarl put in a bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. He set to work, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and.....yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine.

Well, Jarl was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing all the thin paint from the church and knocking Jarl off the scaffold onto the lawn.

Now, Jarl was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he fell on his knees and cried, 'Oh, God! Forgive me! What can I do?' And from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke, 'Repaint you thinner, and go and thin no more!'

LFC CalendarSunday

9:30 am

Inquirer' Class
Sunday School

10:30 am

Worship Service

FAMILY NIGHTSTARTS

Wednesday

Sept. 15th

6pm dinner

6:45 Concert of Prayer

Wednesday
Studies

Start

Sept 22, 6:45pm

We Believe StudyExploring the Commen-
tary on our Statement of
Faith

by Dr. Timothy Ystebroe

CITA and FUEL

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KIDS for CHRISTYouth Groups meet
Wednesdays 6:30pmWomen's Bible
Studies

Thursdays 6:30pm

And

Friday s 9:15am

Blood Drive

Sunday Sept 26th

And

Nov 28th starting at
8:30amWorship Team Comments**SEPTEMBER 15th - 'Concert' of Prayer and Praise**

We will have a special evening of prayer and praise to kick-off Wednesday evening study. This will be an hour of worship, music, prayer, testimony and the introduction to the study topic. Our first one is for the fall study of "We Believe". Child-care is provided and ALL are invited!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Our ladies' Bible studies resume on Thursday, 9/16 and Friday, 9/17. We are happy to provide an evening and a morning class to fit the needs of the women of our church and their friends!

The Thursday group meets from 6:30 - 8:00P and the Friday group from 9:15 - 11:00A. Both meet in the conference room in the main Worship Center. Child-care is provided.

We are starting with the Bible book of 'Hosea'. The cost is \$6 for the book but we never want price to deter anyone from coming.

The studies are open to anyone who's a woman! Please invite your friends and neighbors. We have ladies from other churches who attend, also.

It's a fun time of hearing God speak to us through His Word, sharing, laughing, and feeling like you are not alone -- no matter what you're going through. God's grace is good and it is for all!

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"ABOUT-FACE"BOOK!

Facebook and other social media websites are everywhere you look these days. Their great popularity has raised many questions about their value and their impact on our society. Our very own Lee County was recently the first school district to put into effect a policy that teachers should not "friend" any of their current students. Psychologists write about both dangers and benefits. Many have found it a wonderful tool for reconnecting and sharing. How about you? Do you need to examine your own Facebook page and maybe make some changes? To start, let's ask a simple question:

"How does your Facebook page look to the world?"

Is it "***In-your-Face***"book? Do you invite envy and jealousy by posting updates to promote yourself or your circle of friends?

Is it "***Stay-out-of-my-Face***"book? Do you post disrespectful remarks towards your parents or others in positions of authority?

Is it "***Slap-your-Face***"book? Do you gripe and complain about your children, your spouse, or other family members?

Is it "***Redden-your-Face***"book? Do you spread gossip and embarrassing information about others? Do you use unclean and impure language and humor?

Is it "***Shut-up-your-Face***"book? Do you post angry rants against those with whom you disagree?

OR

Is it "***Put-a-smile-on-your-Face***"book? Do you share joy and laughter as you make new friends and reconnect with old ones? Do you show compassion and concern for those who are hurting?

Is it "***Lift-up-your-Face***"book? Do you encourage others in their faith walk with the Lord? Are you salt and light to a world who needs to know Jesus?

No matter what you choose for your Privacy Settings (and please, do be careful with those), Jesus is a Friend who can't be "ignored" or "unfriended." He has full access not just to your Facebook page but to your heart and your mind. And you are His representative to the world.

"Sure, Facebook didn't invent jealousy, envy, pride, lust and gossip – but it sure makes these sins easy to fall into!" (Steven Kryger, www.communicatejesus.com)

To paraphrase the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians (chapter 4, verse 8) "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, '**FACEBOOK**' about these things."

FELLOWSHIP TEAM COMMENTS

Fellowship Happenings

The Fellowship team just sponsored a Fun-in-the-Sun Day at Heritage Palms in Fort Myers. There was a great turn out, and we thank the Lipsits for hosting the event and their hospitality. We also had a Kitchen shower in the afternoon, and many items were donated. We plan to keep raising funds for coffee carafes and other miscellaneous items. Thank you everyone for your generosity and if you didn't remember the shower we will still give you the opportunity to contribute if you wish to give!!

The next big event is Dinner with Friends September 25, at 6:00pm. Dinners will be held all over our city at the same time, and again we just want to get to know each other better, and provide avenues for friendships to grow. Please watch for more information and the sign-up for "Host or Guest" will be at the rear of the church sanctuary.

The coffee fellowship time after the Sunday service will be handled differently for now, with the church providing the cookies, and members of the Fellowship team getting the coffee ready and clean up.

The Fellowship team is responsible for the Family Dinners starting September 15th, on Wednesday evenings. We do take a freewill offering for the dinners, so please come with your whole family and give towards the expense as you are able.

What a blessing it is to participate in God's family here at Living Faith.

The 2010 Challenge

- ▣ Current general fund balance is (\$14,873.72)
- ▣ Our available cash is \$45,464.41
- ▣ Due to unexpected cost and summer months we have some catching up to do this year to turn our general fund balance around!



2010 Budget Goal = \$162,375

Giving through July 2010! = \$92,057.60

The Lord Provides!

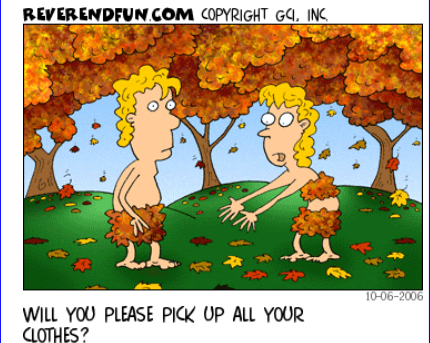
What does this mean for our congregation?

- ▣ We have stepped out in faith once again! At Living Faith giving is not a requirement, we communicate the need, its between you and God what you give!
- ▣ If we can give just 10% more of previous giving, we will meet this budget with no problem!
 - If \$20 a month can be \$22, \$100 - \$110, \$500 - \$550, etc...
- ▣ Thank you! We are transparent, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

Submitted by
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LFC Treasurer



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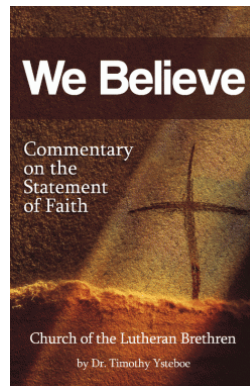


Family Nights at Living Faith Wednesday Nights Starting September 15

Join us for our Family Supper from 6:00-6:30pm

6:30-8:00pm
 CITA/FUEL Youth Groups
 (high school/middle school)

6:45-7:45pm
 Kids for Christ



We Believe Study
 Exploring the Commentary on our Statement of Faith
 by Dr. Timothy Ysteboc

“To be able to say about an article of Christian truth, ‘this is what I believe about it and this is why...’-- that's worth a lot!”

(J. Kilde, *Appreciation*, p. 3)

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