



Why do Lutherans volunteer endlessly even though we believe we're saved by grace alone?

One of the main tenets of Lutheranism is found in the fourth article of the Augsburg Confession, which says we are saved by grace – through faith in Christ – not by works. See also Ephesians 2:8-9: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." "When we feed on God's word, the natural result is service to our neighbor," Rev. Todd Wilken, (host of the Lutheran radio show Issues, Etc.) says. "What Jesus did for us, He did willingly. We in turn serve freely and willingly, 'in fervent love toward one another,' because everything in the church is free – the grace of God and service to our neighbor . *

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday School at 9:30 followed by Worship Service at 10:30**
- **Lenten Soup Suppers**
6:00 pm Wednesdays nights through Lent followed by Youth Groups and starting March 3rd, the series "Seven Streams of Grace" for 5 weeks.
- **Spring Cleanup!**
Saturday, March 6th, 8 am to noon (lunch served)

PASTOR'S POST

PATRICK THURMER

Hi friends,

During the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, we focus especially on Jesus' journey to the cross. Historically, during the season of Lent, people gave up something for 40 days as a spiritual discipline. It is my hope and prayer that instead of 'giving up something', that instead we would simply 'give up'. By 'give up', I do not mean give up in despair, but rather that we give up thinking that anything we "do" makes us right before God. It is the finished work of Christ on the cross that is our ONLY hope. During this season, I hope that each one of us will discover anew the centrality of the cross to our Christian faith and rejoice in the victory of the Resurrection!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Pat

WORSHIP TEAM COMMENTS

In the last issue of Faithbook there was a survey about the sound volume during worship at LFC. There was not a huge response to the survey, but still the praise team wants to offer this suggestion:

"Although we have an amazing sound system in our beautiful new sanctuary, there are

always going to be spots that are louder than others. If you are sitting next to center aisle you are right underneath the main cluster of speakers, it is going to be extra loud there. If you want it loud, sit on the aisle!! If you would prefer a more subtle sound, sit on the outside chairs. There will always

be a slight variance in the sound depending on the band each week and the sound tech, but this will offer you a chance to sit where you like the sound for you. We love leading worship at LFC and want it to be a great experience for all. Thank you!"



Among The Thirsty,
Wonder Tour 2010

Calendar of Events Continued.....

- **"Among the Thirsty"**

Concert

Sunday, March 7, 7pm.
Tickets available after Sunday
Services and on the church
website.

- **LFC Garage Sale!**

Saturday, March 27 from 8 am
to 2 pm. Set up is at 7 am.
Sign up sheets available in
church foyer or email
lfcoutreach@gmail.com for
more details.

- **Blood Drive**

Sunday, March 28. Begins at
8:30 am. Watch for sign up
sheets.

- **Good Friday Service**

April 2, at 7:00 pm



*Prayer: Don't give
God instructions,
just report for duty!*

AMONG THE THIRSTY

**Among the Thirsty's song
"I'd Need a Savior"
is
topping the Christian**

**music charts!! Come see
these rising stars March 7th
2010, 7pm at Living Faith
Church.** Tickets are on sale at
Christ Centered Book and
Music Store or on the church
website:

www.livingfaithcapecoral.com
using PayPal. Tickets are
\$10.00 and seating is limited
so get yours today!

Among the Thirsty is a
Christian rock band from
Clearwater, Florida has been

gaining tremendous attention
around the country with their
cutting edge rock, powerful
worship and engaging
ministry.

From their humble begin-
nings, Among the Thirsty has
captivated crowds of all ages
with their cross-generational,
cross genre music and
promises to fulfill the growing
demand.

Among the Thirsty continues
to stay true to their calling to
spread the good news of
Jesus Christ through the gifts
they have been awarded. As
stated by the band: "Our

purpose is to present a
unique style of the Gospel to
the world through our music.
We strive to live a life that is
worthy of God's presence, to
proclaim the Majesty and
Holiness of Christ with our
gifts, and to speak words of
hope and life to all those who
are searching and hurting. We
make a strong effort to be
straight forward with the
gospel and not to be timid
when sharing the Good News.
All these talents and gifts
have been given by the grace
of God and from a heart of
thankfulness we continue to
"Thirst" for more of Him.

OUTREACH / CONNECTION TEAM COMMENTS

Excitement!! Well, not always,
but things around the
Outreach/Connection Team
are always moving! The
'Team' consists of: Jaymee
Morris, Matt and Heather Grif-
fith, David Pettis, Vivian and JP
Gomez, Kurt and Nancy
Van Drie and returning back
after a hiatus - Jim Hanson is
the Elder Representative.

The first meeting resulted in
taking a quick look back at
2009 and then plunging
ahead to 2010. The #1

priority of this team is to bring
people to the Lord. This may
be through bringing Living
Faith Church to the people, as
in parades, etc. or bringing
people to Living Faith Church
as with the garage sales, Trunk
or Treat and other events.
Hand in hand with 'events', the
Outreach/Connection Team is
also working to encourage all
Christians to reach out and
spread the Good News
themselves to those around

them. Another priority is to
make those who attend Living
Faith Church welcome as
Christian brothers and sisters.

Moving right into the spring of
the year, a Garage Sale will be
held on March 27th from 8 am
to 2 pm. Set up will be at 7
am. So begin gathering up all
those 'treasures' you have
been wanting to part with and
plan on selling them at the LFC
Spring Garage Sale. Tables
will be available on a first
come-first serve basis, so if
you have a table you can bring
that would be great! There is
no charge and the sellers keep
all the profits!! Remember,
though that once the sale is
over, the items you did not sell
must go home with someone,
and NOT become a resident of
the church!

Looking ahead to late spring,
the idea of a Spring Fling
Festival, open to the public is
being considered - look for

more details and how you can
get involved at a later date.

The summer will bring back
movies only this time it will be
for family entertainment.
Children under 10 must be
supervised by their parents.
Keep an eye for the schedule
coming out after our March
meeting.

A special thanks to those who
have 'retired': Diana Teeter,
Shawn Irving for their many
years of service on the Out-
reach/Connection Team.
Thanks also to Peter Olson for
his service as the Elder
Representative for the past
year.

Holy Humor—The Children's Bible in a Nutshell



In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas.

The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one", But I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, Give me a light and someone did.
Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden, . . . Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all the early people died off, except Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

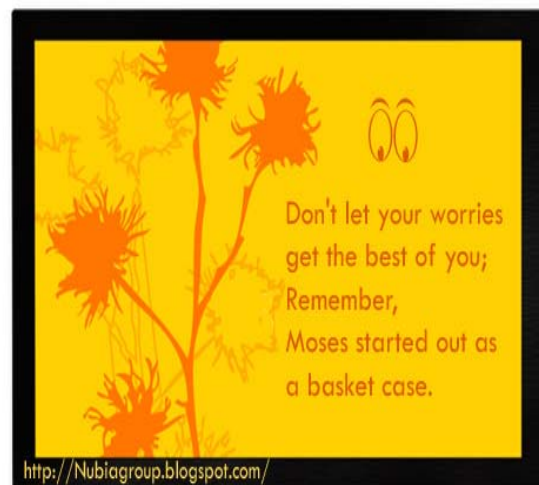
After Noah came Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. The he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance or covet your neighbor's stuff.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over the town.

Oh, yeah, I thought of one more: Humor thy Father and thy Mother



Q: How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? *

A: None. Lutherans don't believe in change.

The joke makes us chuckle because we see ourselves in it, however it may be close to the actual truth. It's not that we're inflexible when it comes to change. It's just that we put our hope in someone who does not change – God.



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Why do Lutherans baptize babies?

While many Lutherans are baptized as babies, it's actually a nondiscriminatory practice: "We baptize sinners. Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:19 ~ *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.* We're not stingy with grace.

Luther taught that if grace is available, everyone ought to get it... including babies!! *

- Christina Scott ,her sons Malik and Adrian were baptized February 14th !



Congratulations!!

Marriages and Engagements

Kristina Backhaus & Scott Jackson
 were married February 12th

David Pettus and Doreen Sauerbrey
 were engaged to be married February 14th

LFC HELPING HANDS

Living Faith and Thrivent Financial teamed with Carolyn Duberry and the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, to bring Christmas smiles to the families which they serve. Our members shopped for toys for the children and Thrivent Financial provided a grant so we could buy Publix gift cards for the families. Below is a letter of thanks from the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers.

LFC Outreach Team would like to thank Thrivent & everyone who participated and also thank Carolyn for giving us the opportunity to serve our community.



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January 5, 2010

Patrick Thurman – Pastor
 Living Faith Church
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Dear Pastor Thurman and Congregation:

On behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers' Board of Commissioners, Marcus D. Goodson, Executive Director, staff and residents we are particularly grateful for your partnership with Resident Services Department, Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Annual Toy Gift Program. We wish to express a heartfelt thank you and we feel blessed to have received the gifts for our FSS Program Participants children.

We are particularly grateful to the Living Faith Church because we recognize your willingness to assist during these difficult economic times. Many, many thanks to you and your congregation for the Publix gift cards.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Myers, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Vivian L. Watkins

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