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To the beloved Faithful Islanders and beyond.

**AIKEN COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA:
LESSONS WE CAN ALL LEARN AND
INTERNALIZE....**

Not trying to be a Debbie Downer, I just wanted to lift up a community in South Carolina that highlighted the America we all crave to be, loving a neighbor beyond racial, political, and denominational differences.

Millions of us were disheartened by the newsflash that a 4-year-old Javeayah Harris had been reported missing, on June 30th, by her mother through a 911 call. Heartbroken, we were hoping against hope that she would be found safe and sound, especially when it was dangerously hot. The search for Javeayah started as soon as law enforcement got the GO. According to the local news agency, about 200 law enforcement officers began searching. Searching was wide and intense over a period of at least 5 days. A local congregation, Bethel Baptist Church in Aiken opened their doors to be a place of refuge for those who were conducting the search. They offered needed water in this heat and canceled their July 4th celebration to channel the food and efforts to the searching team.

According to the news reports, this was the largest search effort ever done in Aiken County for a missing person. Mr. Marty Sawyer, Aiken County Sheriff, the moment he hit that mic with the story, he was broken. You could see he was deeply hurting for this girl and her family, probably a girl he had never known about before. A White man concerned about the safety of this little Black girl....let that sink in. Most of the people who took part in the search were of a different race than that of Javeayah. Bethel Baptist

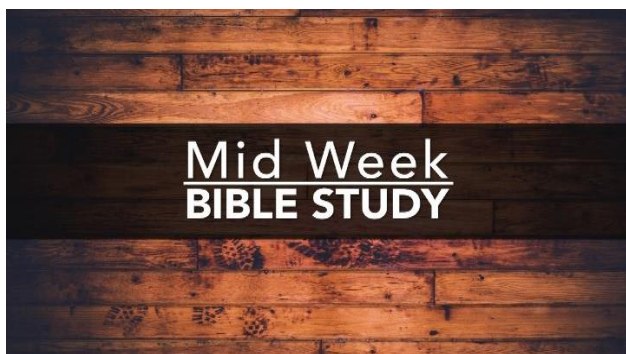
Church is of a different race than that of Javeayah. There have been several candlelight vigils for Javeayah, people from many walks of life in Aiken and Union counties. The girl whose picture had been circulated, showed a pretty child with the PEACE sign and a gentle smile. It's reported that Javeayah's favorite color was pink and so some people wore pink to these gatherings.

It shocked me when Mr. Sawyer reported that Javeayah's parents were involved in her demise. And it was unbelievable that the mom called 911 on June 30th when Javeayah had been gone from this life for at least a month. Now it was the search for her remains. The sheriff came out again to report they had found some of Javeayah's remains and he was wearing a pink tie. Javeayah, a little 4-year-old girl who brought the Aiken/Union community, from many walks of life, together...allowing the community to face pain and hardship together as a UNIT. May you rest in eternal peace Javeayah...

Could we learn lessons from this tragedy? Domestic violence is prevalent and stay hidden in many homes, how can we help root out this evil? Another big lesson: We care about the wellbeing of strangers not because they are our skin color, belong to the same political party, have the same belief system but we care about our neighbors because we are all human beings, and for us Christians, we are all made in the “Image of God.”

If you are concerned with the sentence structures in this post and you are a Christian, please go check the writings of St. Paul. As a Lutheran I am a Pauline theologian, end of story!!!

We have come this far by faith, even if it's the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of plant seeds.



Midweek Bible Study is this coming Tuesday July 14, 2026. This week we will be going through Chapter 37, the story of Joseph and his dreams and of course another family situation. Please join us at 7:00 p.m.

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CELEBRATING THE JUNE BIRTHDAY SAINTS:



07/03 Arnold Hite
07/04 Trey Bellah
07/14 Anthony Gainey
07/28 Bobby Bellah

Please let us know if we missed your birthday.

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WE ARE STARTING A KID'S CHOIR

We welcome children to join the choir. To qualify for the choir, each kid has to have a pulse and be ready to sing to the Lord for the sake of His world. Please let Pastor Thulie or Mandy Summers know if your youngie is in!!!

Saints, we are overdue for SPRING CLEANING (indoor/outdoor)

Thank you to the Saints who have been keeping up with needed outdoor and indoor beautification of the church property. It would be an even greater pleasure if we come together as a group to clean the church for a few hours. We have one of the best buildings in the island.



Let's think forward to the End of School Year Intergeneration Putt Putt Golf Event...

I stopped by the new Sea Island Minigolf & Arcade and talked to a couple there. They were

really excited about hosting our event. In addition to golf there is a beautiful arcade with tons of interesting games. Let's do it good people....Please let pastor know if you will be joining us for this fun event!



REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS:

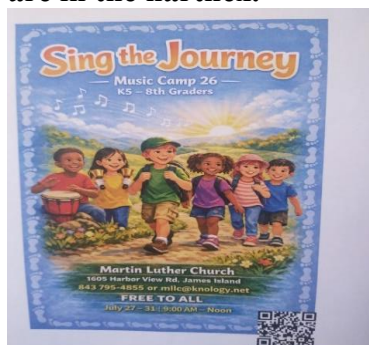
Danny and his family, Charles Ritcher's family (former longtime member of Faith Lutheran Church), Bobby Bellah, Mrs. Dukes, Andrea Brisbin, Trish Bradley's family at the passing of her father Carl Simmons, Roy Kimbrell, Stephen Bellah, Nettie Poulnot's family and loved ones, Jimmy Farr's family, Pastor Josh Knutson's family and his congregations (Christ Community Church, North Charleston and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Moncks Corner) after his untimely death, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Mike Shuey, Mikie Floyd, Ken Hems, Rick Hartley, Bobby Webb, Patricia Beruf, Reid Melton, Jay O'Neill, Phil Ammons, Pat Lane, Helena Bradford, Donna Porritt, Nettie Poulnot, Dolores Dukes, Matthew Sharbrough, Trisha Melton, Harry Rakowski.



SERVING – Sunday, July 12, 2026
 Lector & Prayer Leader Jim Jones
 Acolyte Simon Gainey
 Ushers Jimmy Sykes & Bobby Bellah
 Communion Assistant Sharon Hite
 Communion Prep Sharon Hite

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Our sister congregation Martin Luther Lutheran Church in James Island has a music camp from Monday, July 27th to Friday, July 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Several other Lutheran congregations are participating in this music event, and I plan on being there too. Registration forms are in the narthex.



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WORDS OF.....FROM SOURCES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN

“I am so happy and proud of myself, and I thought I should share this with you!!! Today I saw myself on TV, when I switched it off.”

“I will transfer 5K to anyone who arrange these words correctly.”

“I know I am not good in English, but I know the person who repairs chairs is called ‘chairman.’”

“Some people spray their perfumes like the expiry date is tomorrow.”

“If you feel alone, turn your light off and put a horror movie on. After a while, you won’t feel alone anymore.”

“I can’t believe there’s people who drink tea with no sugar and no milk. Why don’t you just chew the teabags?”

“I was shocked today when I heard my neighbor telling his son the difference between Email and Gmail. He said Email is when you use electricity to send mail while Gmail is when you use a generator to send mail. I am still struggling to catch my breath.”

“I walked into the pub last night and noticed what seemed to be a party in the corner. So, I asked the barmaid what was going on. She said, ‘It’s Tuyu’s birthday. Oh right, which one is Tuyu, I replied. She said, ‘Oh, I have no idea, I just heard them singing ‘Happy Birthday to Tuyu.’”

“A 40-year-old man asked the trainer in the gym. ‘I want to impress my wife, which machine should I use? The trainer replied, outside the gym, there is an ATM. Try that!’”

“I’m looking for a bank which can perform two things for me. 1. Give me a loan. 2. Then leave me alone.”

Saints of God, we serve a God who sustains us even when life seems impossible to enjoy. Jesus says, “Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest!!! Let’s GO
Peace, Pastor Thulie