



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * JUNE 2021



Hebrews: 13:5-8



For God has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: though times change, God remains our source of assurance.

Sunday, June 6th will mark a month of our resumption of indoor worship. Due to the continued improvement in health conditions in our area, I am excited to announce that the church council has elected to discontinue the two-group system for worship attendance based on last names. In other words, as of June 6th, all members may attend each Sunday service as they feel comfortable. We are so glad that our efforts as a congregation, in particular, our patience and adherence to health guidance, have allowed us to get to this point. We will, of course maintain all of our proper health precautions such as masking, social distancing, and maintaining sanitization. Through these continued precautions and God's guidance, we will hopefully continue in our improving trajectory and be able to take further steps towards restoring pre-pandemic elements of our church we cherish. Your continued patience, assistance, and increasing participation in church ministries and activities will be the key to seeing us reach our goals all the sooner.

Speaking of activities, as you may have seen or heard, our area of the Pacifica Synod, the Raincross Conference, is gathering together for an inter-congregational opportunity for community and conversation. We already have some members from our congregation of Faith who are interested in partnering and participating in this great ministry. Using a curriculum from Augsburg Press called "Dialogues on Race", pastors and members will gather virtually for 8 weeks to tackle the difficult topic of race and how it affects our lives and our faith. The context of these conversations within a church setting allows the opportunity to transform from potential conflict into a growing community. There is a TBD small registration cost, but don't let that deter you from this great opportunity to have honest and open conversations about race within the context of faith and with faithful people. This class will begin later in the summer or fall and we are in the initial stage of gathering interest so please let me or the office know if you are interested in participating or for more information.

Finally, in these changing times as we are able to do more and more, if there is a new ministry opportunity you would like to bring to the church or one which has gone dormant during our time of the pandemic, stand up and speak up for them. This is a crucial time when we can reengage and get more involved with the church, allowing our ministries to thrive again. And we cannot do so without your passion and participation. So I urge you to take a look at our

congregation and our ministries and see where you would like to get more involved and how we can share God's grace and good news more in these ways. I look forward to seeing you there!

So, until we see each other again: "May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26).

Yours in Christ, Pastor John Barton

Worship Schedule

FOR JUNE 2021

Beginning June 6th we will no longer be divided into two groups. Everyone may worship every Sunday!!

Those hesitant to be in larger crowds may continue to worship by choosing one of the following alternatives:

- **Radio:** Over *live* radio, in our parking lot, will continue to be broadcast live on 98.9 FM at 9:30 am
 - **Online:** at our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday
 - By receiving a paper copy of the service via mail (USPS)
- Communion** will continue to be administered during all worship services with each household providing their own communion elements of bread and drink (water only in the sanctuary on Sundays).

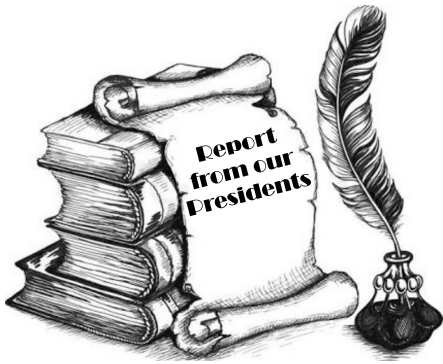
June 6 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

June 13 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

June 20 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

June 27 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

The Worship & Music Committee



And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25

WONDERFUL NEWS - Our Church will be open to everyone effective June 6th and all are welcome. We will not have Groups 1 and 2 for our worship services on Sunday.

The joy of gathering together at church has special meaning for all. A Christian's faith is filled by hearing God's Word. Our church is a place where we submit to Christ and each other. When the word "church" comes up in conversation, the first thing we think of is a building but in fact we are not just going to church; we are the church. The church is not a physical place, but actually a group of believers and friends in our community. When you find yourself worrying, keep attending church and stay close to other Christians. Resist the temptation to isolate yourself, for that will only serve to weaken your faith.

Our Council is working diligently to communicate and have successful committees for all members of our church. We want you to know that all are welcome to any of the meetings that are listed on the calendar each month. We have several Bible Studies with Pastor along with spiritual meetings and committee meetings. Let us bring God glory by living as united members in our church.

Cheerfully in Christ, Gale Eury and Kandie Hulme, Co-Presidents

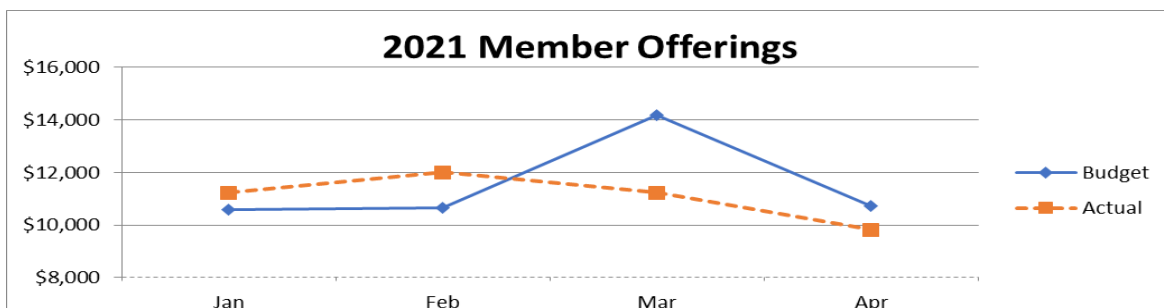
- If you are not currently receiving the **Forecaster via Email** and would like to, please email your request to the Church Office at FaihtLutheranMeniffee@gmail.com.
- If you would like to **receive Prayer Chain emails or phone calls**, please notify the Church Office.
- **To request prayer**, contact Gale Eury: GaleEury0@gmail.com; Cell: 951-679-3372.



The Meniffee Thrift Store is now accepting donations again!
 Calling ahead isn't required, but is recommended.
 (951) 672-3078

FINANCIAL REPORT
Ending April 30, 2021

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
- i) **For the month**, we are again below budget at 91.7% (\$9,818 vs \$10,714).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, we are slightly under budget at 97.9% (\$43,824 vs \$44,749).
- b. **Total Income**
- i) **For the month**, well above budget at 146.8% (\$23,258 vs \$15,845).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, significantly above budget at 121.8% (\$70,764 vs \$58,108).
- c. **Expenses**
- i) **For the month**, under budget at 92.7% (\$13,780 vs \$14,862).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 92.6% (\$57,490 vs \$62,119).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
- i) **For the month**, significantly over budget with a profit of \$9.78, vs. the expected profit of \$983.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected with a profit of \$13,274, vs. the expected loss of \$4,011.
- e. **Checking balance**
- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$29,714.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$19,655.
- f. **Comments**
- i) Although we started out above budget for January and February, both March and April Offerings are below budget, and we are slightly below budget YTD.
 - ii) Total Income and Net Operating expenses are way above budget due to \$15,000 in Special Offerings from deceased member. These gifts help our overall financial situation, but member giving continues to fall short of our conservative budget expectations.
 - iii) Although Income was below budget, Expenses were also below budget, resulting in a modest profit for the month. For the year, Net Operating Income (Income minus Expenses) is well above budget, due to below budget Expenses and the Special Offerings in January from a deceased member.
 - iv) Thanks to all who contributed to the Long Term Property Fund from their Stimulus checks. We raised a total of \$7,355.30.
 - v) Thanks to all who contributed to our Technology Fund. As a result, we were able to secure a 50% matching grant of \$850 to help offset the cost of improvements for our Drive-in and online services, as well as improve our in-person worship experience.



Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



Greetings, dear women of Faith!

YOU are invited!! Whether you are an active participant in our monthly Circle Bible studies or not, you are most enthusiastically invited to explore the brand new summer series, **“Just Love Part 2: Just L.I.F.E.** (Liberation Is For Everyone!)” with your sisters here at FLC! Written by ELCA Pastor Angela Khabeb, this three-session Bible study series is inspired, in part, by Jesus’ proclamations: “If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36) and “I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10).

Gather* magazine, which features our Bible study each month, has this to say: **Session 1, “Just Wisdom,” *delves into how God can open our hearts and minds to a spiritual understanding that is not bound by our human comprehension. Just Wisdom comes to us through reverence for our awesome God. Our key verse for the June session informs us: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Proverbs 9:10). Together we will consider our faithful response to Wisdom’s invitation.*

Two opportunities await you! We hope to see YOU this month and throughout the summer!

- **Lydia Circle** gathers **at Church** at **10:00am** on the **second Tuesday** of each month, adhering to COVID-19 procedures.
- **Mary Circle** meets on ****Zoom** at **10:00am** on the **second Wednesday** of each month.

*** To subscribe to *Gather***, call (844) 409-0576 or email Gather@cambeywest.com. I’d be happy to share my back issues with you if you’d like to check the magazine out before subscribing!

**** To Zoom with us**, you don’t need a computer or cell phone. Just use your telephone and:

- Call this number **(408) 638-0968**. It will prompt you to enter your meeting ID which will be **804 657 8088** and press pound (#).
- It will then say: “If you are the host, enter the host key.” You are NOT the host, so just press pound (#) again. Easy peasy!

COMING UP:

- **Bible Study Leaders meet with Pastor:** Wed., June 2, 9:30am on Zoom
- **W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Wednesday, June 2, 11:00am at Church
- **Lydia Circle:** Tuesday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. at Church
- **Mary Circle:** Wednesday, June 9, 10:00am on Zoom

“FOR GREAT IS THE LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED!”

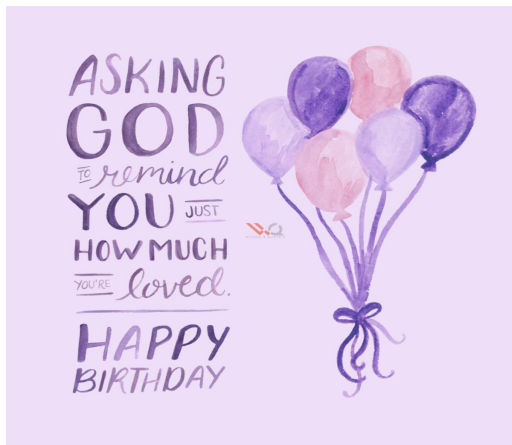
(1 Chronicles 16:25)

Praising God with you!

Joanne McGavran, W-ELCA President

PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS ABOUT FAITH WOMEN OF THE ELCA WITH ME AT:

(949-280-1123) / jdmcgavran@gmail.com



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

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| June 4, 1946 | Joyce Rekstad |
| June 5, 1946 | Sandra Miller |
| June 6, 1978 | Andrew Quinn |
| June 6, 1996 | Patrick Culp |
| June 6, 2006 | Amy Rae Meckler |
| June 9, 1974 | Jennifer McGavran |
| June 10, 1938 | Colleen Yarchever |
| June 12, 2003 | Maddie Meckler |
| June 13, 1938 | Dee Seel |
| June 14, 1984 | Jamie Lopez |
| June 15, 1973 | Lesly Culp |
| June 23, 1935 | Gloria Anderson |
| June 24, 1947 | Steven Rekstad |
| June 25, 1941 | Thordis Moe |
| June 29, 1991 | Bryant Holmes |



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

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| June 4, 1946 | Joyce Rekstad |
| June 5, 1946 | Sandra Miller |



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!

Hunger Never Rests!

The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of

Canned Fruit for June!

Your donations are still welcome and needed! You may 1) Drop your items off at The Cupboard at 26944 Cherry Hills Blvd (951/301-4414). 2) Call Pastor John (949/258-3452) for pick up and delivery! 3) Bring your donations to the church office during our regular hours. When you drop off your donations please inform the Community Cupboard you are from Faith Lutheran. If you are a Thrivent member you may wish to use your Thrivent Action Card to purchase up to \$250.00 of food for the Cupboard. For more information, call David Moe at (951) 230-8493.

Ruth Ditsch - Community Cupboard Liaison





Membership Directory Updates:

Page 9: New Member! Madison Hamilton: 28170 Aspenwood Way, Menifee, CA 92584; (951) 870-7603; madibrose99@gmail.com

Page 10: New Member! Kally Homchick: 4175 Cloudywind Dr., Hemet, CA 92545; (951) 386-5449; rubymom120@gmail.com

Page 11: New Member! Kim "Sarge" Hunter: Address will be supplied at a later date; (623) 377-8432; sarge.k.hunter@gmail.com



Spotlight on Ministry: Eucharistic Ministry

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: GIVING, MERCY AND PASTORAL

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Eucharistic Visitors represent our church by visiting those who cannot worship with their congregation. The circle of the faithful, Christian Community is bound together and strengthened through the Eucharistic Meal. It is especially important for our members that are not able to attend church to be included by receiving communion. We also want to give our members a ministry of presence by focusing on that person and their needs. The ministry of presence, which also affirms the presence of Jesus to them.

Everyone is welcome to our Eucharistic Ministry Training Class with Pastor John, June 6th after church.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Kandie Hulme, Chair, Cheer Visitation Committee

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Tues & Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

Our Staff:

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June 2021

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July 2021						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5
Lector: Joanne McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome! 10:30am Eucharistic Ministry Training	9:00am Hymn Planners	1:30pm Endowment Board-Zoom	9:30am Bible Study Leaders-Zoom 11:00am WELCA Board-In Person	4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone or Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Lector: Roderick Sinclair 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	9:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church 1:30pm Worship & Music	10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church 1:30pm Worship & Music	10:00am Mary Circle-Zoom 2:00pm Stewardship via Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone or Zoom	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Lector: Roderick Sinclair 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	1:00pm Exec Board via Zoom	10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group - Outdoors at Church		4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone or Zoom		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Father's Day Lector: Marlene Rosselli 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!			Forecaster Deadline 1:00pm Finance Team-Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom		
27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3
Lector: David Moe 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	1:00pm Council via Zoom					