



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * OCTOBER 2021



Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds began— the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in hope and love, made room within their dance.

~ "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity!" ELW 412~

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: Let's dance!

Even for those of us, like me, who do not relish the prospect of actual dancing, the concept of life's journey being like a dance can be helpful. This conceptualization is especially comforting to think about when we think about the fact that the dance was started, invented, and continues through the Holy Trinity, which means that our God is our constant dance partner throughout all of life. This absolutely and especially includes the past year and a half, and through this recent surge of the pandemic.

One of amazing things about the Lord of the Dance is that God has taught all of us a few new dance moves in the last 18 months, even people like me who are what you might call "dance averse." In this case it means we've learned how to worship in new ways and new places while praising the same God with the same community of faith. With virtual, recorded worship and praising in the parking lot, to being back inside with face coverings, it is the same dance of worship and praise with new steps intermingling with the familiar ones. To be sure, some of these changes have led to some stepped on toes, miscommunications while learning the new steps, and yet I am so incredibly proud of this church for trusting in the Lord of the Dance to keep the beat and the dance going, even in these recent unharmonious times. I am so honored to be serving you all in this time, learning these steps right along with you and doing what I can to help encourage us all through the words of our God and other children of God. And I know that it is hard, to keep it all up, the energy and tempo, the consistency of doing things differently than we would ideally like to do them, to have this changed pattern of our faith life continue longer than we ever expected it to. It can be very draining, even discouraging.

And yet it is at that very moment that we remember who is dancing with us, who will never tire and will never stop grabbing our hand and hauling us back up on our feet, energizing us with their sheer enthusiasm for the dance and for us. The Trinity in their mysterious ways want us to succeed, want us to keep going, and give us what we need to keep dancing far longer than we would ever expect of ourselves. After all, as the song says, "the Three, in hope and love, made room within their dance." God made room for you, made a space on the dance floor and at the table for you, so keep going, keep dancing, keep praising, keep seeking new ways to dance and add to the great movement of souls with is our faith. Keep joining in with your community for worship. Remember we still have many ways in which to do just that, the different dance moves we've learned still work, join us inside with masks, if not inside then in the parking lot via radio station FM 98.9, or of course

online. So let's dance, whichever method you feel most comfortable with, how ever you choose to dance, know that we dance with you.

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 OCTOBER 2021

All are welcome to Worship!! Hope to see you when you are able!

October 3: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

October 10: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

October 17: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

Guest Preacher: Pastor Shane Freiberg

October 24: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

October 31: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

Communion is now being administered using individual containers which are on the table in the Narthex immediately to the left of the entry door. Each has a small wafer on top under a purple - colored plastic film and a second lid over the grape juice. Remove the top first "take and eat" and the second lid to "take and drink". Small napkins are provided to use in case of any leaks or spills. Dispose of the containers as you exit the sanctuary.

Trouble reading the monitors? Remember you may print your own paper version from the website (faithmenifee.com) and bring it with you on Sunday morning as a bulletin.

Are you not comfortable wearing a mask? Are you hesitant to be in larger crowds? You may continue to worship by choosing one of the following alternatives:

Radio: in our parking lot broadcasted live on 98.9 FM at 9:30 am

Online: at our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday

USPS: Receive a paper copy of the service via mail

-The Worship & Music Committee



So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

Galatians 6: 9-10

Autumn is a beautiful season that signifies both the year coming to an end and the approach of the new year. Autumn represents the preservation of life and its necessities. God is with us in every season of our life.

Here are some of the highlights from our September council meeting:

- Instead of Fellowship/Gatherings on Sunday after the Church Service we will have Fellowship-To-Go at least once a month, maybe twice.
- It is necessary that everyone must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, during worship and all other in-person gatherings at Faith Lutheran Church. This policy is necessary for us to continue having in-person gatherings and we appreciate your participation and understanding. If you forget to bring your mask, please ask and one will be given to you.
- Executive Council has decided to continue Confirmation classes but pause all other Sunday School classes. We will also discontinue the Children's Chat during the service, for now.

September's "God's Work. Our Hands" was a success. We gave 60 Hygiene Kits to the Menifee Police Department to distribute to the homeless. Thank you so much to everyone who donated and helped assemble the kits. *See photos on page 8

Cheerfully in Christ,
Gale Eury and Kandie Hulme

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- If you are not currently receiving the **Forecaster via Email** and would like to, please email your request to the Church Office at FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com.
 - If you would like to **receive Prayer Chain emails or phone calls**, please notify the Church Office.
 - **To request prayer**, please contact Lynn Bennett at 909-553-5080 or faithlutheranmenifee@gmail.com.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending August 31, 2021

a. **Offering Envelopes**

- i) **For the month**, we are below budget at 93.8% (\$10,107 vs \$10,781).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, we are on budget at 100.8% (\$86,398 vs \$85,700).

b. **Total Income**

- i) **For the month**, on budget at 99.8% (\$12,972 vs \$12,994).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, well above budget at 115.1% (\$124,695 vs \$108,360).

c. **Expenses**

- i) **For the month**, just under budget at 98.5% (\$14,919 vs \$15,150).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 95.9% (\$117,879 vs \$122,976).

d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)

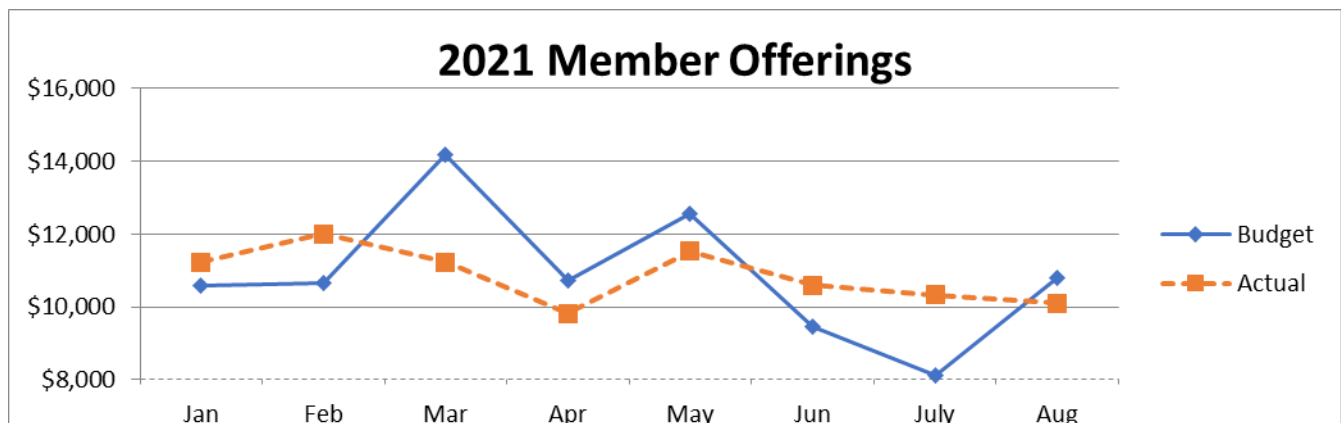
- i) **For the month**, slightly better than expected with a loss of \$1,947 vs. the expected loss of \$2,155.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected with a profit of \$6,816, vs. the expected loss of \$14,616.

e. **Checking balance**

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$22,813.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$24,768.

f. **Comments**

- i) After 2 months of above-budget Member giving, we fell short of budget for August. Hopefully we'll regroup for September. The good news is that our YTD member giving is on budget at 100.8%.
- ii) YTD Total Income and YTD Net Operating Income continue well above budget due to \$15,000 in Special Offerings from deceased members earlier this year.



Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



Greetings, dear sisters in Christ!

If you are looking for stimulating, inspiring conversation, and the company of spirited and Spirit-filled women, then Circle Bible Study is perfect for you! Two opportunities to jump in await you each month – Lydia Circle on the second Tuesday, and Mary Circle on the second Wednesday. Meeting times and locations are posted in the *Forecaster* - in the Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA) article and on the church calendar. **Come! You are ALWAYS welcome!!**

Our monthly Bible study material, along with a number of moving and thought-provoking articles, is printed in *Gather* magazine. October's focus is **Breath of God: Reviver and Reformer**, session 2 of the 3-part series on the gift of the Holy Spirit. Author Rev. Sara Olson-Smith reminds us that the Holy Spirit is the breath of God, giving life and building community. Beginning with the breath God gave that first human, continuing with the breath that made dry bones dance, God's Spirit continues to revive us. We will see the ways that the Spirit gives life—not just to us as individuals, but to our communities, reconciling us and forming us into life-giving communities, even in our diversity. **Select the Circle Bible study time that's best for you and join in the conversation!**

Announcing: 2021 Pacifica Women of the ELCA Convention and Gathering
Theme: Spiritual Discipline

For our safety and well-being, we'll need to forgo personal contact, and connect via Zoom. However, bold women that we are, there will be no lack of inspiration and celebration! Here's the schedule, the Zoom link and phone info. Love gifts will be monetary this year - the recipients not yet announced.

CONVENTION (BUSINESS & ELECTIONS)

Friday, November 5th, 6:30-8:30pm on Zoom

GATHERING (WORSHIP, SPEAKERS, DELIGHTFUL SURPRISES)

Saturday, November 6th, 1:00-4:00pm on Zoom

(UNABLE TO ZOOM?? Call me by Nov. 4th and I'll Zoom for us at Church!)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634217328?pwd=aWE3S1ltNmpPdTZDQVdwOHl0QW9iUT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3421 7328 Passcode: 713252

By phone: (669) 900-6833 -OR- (253) 215-8782 (Same meeting ID and Passcode)

COMING UP:

Pastor John Meets with Circle Bible Study Leaders: Wednesday, OCT 6, 9:30am at Church

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, OCT 6, 11:00am at Church and Zoom

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wednesday, OCT 13, 10:00am at Church and Zoom

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, OCT 12, 10:00am at Church

Pacifica W-ELCA Convention & Gathering: NOV 5 & 6 (see above)

Faith W-ELCA Christmas Party-With-A-Purpose: Saturday, DEC 4, 10:00am-noon at Church

**“Jesus said to those gathered, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’
 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”**

Serving WITH you in Christ's peace, Joanne McGavran, W-ELCA President



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS
To

October 6, 1934	Doris Hays
October 8, 1971	Tex Culp
October 11, 1936	Joni Gray
October 14, 1946	Joanne McGavran
October 18, 1939	Doris Backstrom
October 22, 1945	Lorna Harrison
October 24, 1926	Julie Chevraux
October 26, 1967	Gregg McGavran
October 27, 1925	Wilma Parker
October 30, 1940	Jan Williams



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

There are no official wedding anniversaries in October, so feel free to celebrate your own regardless of when it is! You can never celebrate too often, right?!



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
Boxed Stuffing or Mashed Potatoes for October!**

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



Spotlight on Ministry: Stewardship Emphasis 2021 Let your light shine – to the glory of God!

Yaaaaay!!! It's Stewardship Emphasis time – the time when we as the family of Faith Lutheran focus on how generously God gifts us, and on how we can generously respond by putting our gifts to good use to the glory of God.

This month, we will hear during worship from three Faith members about how God has worked and continues to work in their lives, and how they respond to God's generosity through their gifts of time and energy, talents and skills, and monetary giving.

We, too, will have opportunities to express our own responses. **Completing and returning the 2022 financial Pledge Card** we receive in the mail this month is one way. Tossing our tokens in the **Time & Talent Bucket Toss** – a fun way of indicating which ministry areas we'd like to serve in - is another. The Bucket Toss will be all set up and ready for us October 17th through November 14th, on Sundays and during regular church office hours. Our names will be pre-printed on our tokens, then inserted into a plastic baggie and put in our church mailboxes. We'll retrieve them when we get to church, then toss the tokens into the ministry area buckets of our choosing. If you are unable to get to church, no worries! Time & Talent sheets will also be available via mail, email or personal delivery so everyone is able to participate.

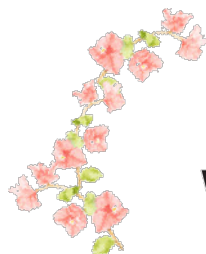


Time & Talent Bucket Toss

Our worship service on **In-Gathering Sunday, November 7th**, will be an opportunity of a different sort. It will be a time to acknowledge and give thanks to all who so generously gave their time, talent and monetary gifts through prayer, worship and service this past year. A special little something to help our **lights shine** will be gifted to everyone who's with us that day, and later delivered to our homebound.

As Jesus encouraged his followers, so we encourage each other to **“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”** (Matthew 5:16)

In Christ's light and love,
Joanne McGavran, Stewardship Committee Chair



Pray
Without Ceasing

1st Thessalonians 5:17

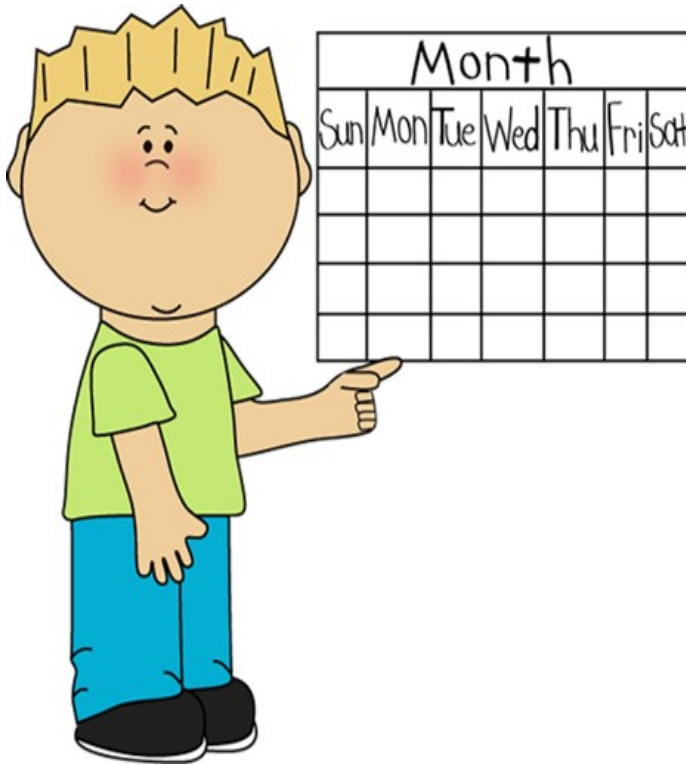
Worship Assistants

October



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
3rd: Joanne McGavran	3rd: Amy Sinclair	3rd: Judy Appel	3rd: Mike McGavran
10th: Marlene Rosselli	10th: Pat Adams	10th: Volunteer please!	10th: Sarge Hunter
17th: Joanne McGavran	17th: Andrew Quinn	17th: Erma Hinkel	17th: Mike McGavran
24th: Roderick Sinclair	24th: Sandy Chandler	24th: Annie Misko	24th: Lynn Bennett
31st: Marlene Rosselli	31st: David Moe	31st: Volunteer please!	31st: Sarge Hunter
Greeters (all month): Jean Miles and Peggy Westby		Altar Guild (all month): Kay Espe and Kandie Hulme	





To help you plan ahead, this is a list of the events that recur each month:

- 4+1 group meets the third Tuesday of each month
- Bible Studies are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
- Call to Prayer and Worship meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month
- Council meets the last Monday of each month
- WELCA Leaders Bible Study and board meeting are the 1st Wednesday of the month
- WELCA Circles: Mary Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday and Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday
- Finance meets the Wednesday before the Council meeting
- Al-Anon meets every Friday

These meetings are subject to change. If you see a meeting is missing from this list, please let the office know!

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Church Office Hours:

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

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

Our Staff:

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October 2021

October 2021							November 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2
Asst. Minister: Joanne Lector: Amy Sinclair WELCA Thankoffering 9:30am Worship-ALL	4	5	6	7	8	9
			9:30am Bible Study Leaders Meeting	10:00am Mutual Ministry-In Person 4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone or	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Asst. Minister: Marlene Lector: Pat Adams 9:30am Worship-ALL 11:00am New Member	1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church 4:30pm Education Committee-Zoom	10:00am Mary Circle-Zoom	Cancelled - Bible Study	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Asst. Minister: Joanne McGavran Lector: Andrew Quinn 9:30am Worship-ALL	10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group - Church	10:00am Finance Team-Zoom	2:00pm Endowment Board-Zoom 4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone &	2:00pm Endowment Board-Zoom 4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone &	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	Forecaster Deadline
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Asst. Minister: Roderick Lector: Sandy Chandler 9:30am Worship-ALL 11:00am New Member	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	9:30am Hymn Planners-Zoom	10:00am Stewardship-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6
Asst. Minister: Marlene Lector: David Moe New Member Sunday! 9:30am Worship-ALL						