



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * MARCH 2022



Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELW Prayer Book for the Armed Services

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God:

Peace and Conflict. I write to you in another time of unwelcome chaos centering around the escalating conflict in Ukraine. Though the conflict is half a world away, I'm sure it is as concerning to many of you as it is to me. The reckless abandonment of common sense and warmongering actions of the Russian leadership is dumbfoundingly irrational and (it goes without saying) dangerous. We all, as global citizens, are having our own set of emotions right now: fear, confusion, anger, numbness, apathy, and empathy. As for the

Ukrainian people, we might not have known much about Ukraine or its people before the build-up to this conflict, but we know they are people and that they are living through a time of immense turmoil and fear. May we always keep the Ukrainian people and all innocent peoples in the path of war and conflict at the center of our prayers for hope and peace.

It is hard to fathom how this came about, the rise of yet another potential war that could embroil forces from across the globe and endanger untold lives. We don't know what will happen with this event and we don't know what impacts it will have for our country and our individual lives, particularly so close to its outbreak. It is in these times, when there is so much uncertainty and when our minds and realities cannot grasp the seemingly ungraspable events of the world, it is now that we find our answers and guidance in God.

God is the source of wisdom beyond our comprehension and peace that passes our understanding. When the small-scoped, shortsighted selfishness of the world seeks to take control, it is at that moment we open ourselves to God, turning to Christ's lessons and example, and to the Holy Spirit's leadings. As Jesus said:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." ~John 14:27~

Jesus gives us the promise of peace, a peace that no weapon, no army, no war can ever take away from us. Christ has instilled in us God's divine peace, it is with us wherever we are whether in a warzone or in the comfort of our home. It is Christ's peace that we share every Sunday worship, every time we break bread together, every time we do an act of kindness for another person.

Christ's peace is the light in the darkness of uncertainty and conflict. This peace and the desire for it to manifest around us is what connects us all, all of the rational, humane peoples all over the world. Peace is what we look for, what we pray for, along with all who are experiencing the absence of it. Take courage, keep the faith, hold on to God's promise of hope and peace.

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 MARCH 2022

March begins with Ash Wednesday and continues with added Midweek study services on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome! Come worship with us and bring a friend.

- March 2** *Ash Wednesday – In person (and drive) Worship & Communion at 5:00 pm*
- March 6** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- March 9** *Mid-Week Worship and Study at 5:00 pm*
- March 13** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- March 16** *Mid-Week Worship and Study at 5:00 pm*
- March 20** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- March 23** *Mid-Week Worship and Study at 5:00 pm*
- March 27** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship and Communion at 9:30 am

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

Radio: in our parking lot still broadcasted **live** on 98.9 FM

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

-The Worship & Music Committee

A Message From Our

Church Council Presiden



President's Report for March 2022

Thanks to everyone who participated with our Annual Meeting. We needed 20 people for a quorum and 36 were present. We successfully elected our new Council Members as well as our Endowment Board Members.

Ballots Results

Ballots counted by Judy Appel, Sarge Hunter and Bea Olsen

Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Passed with 30 votes

2022 Council Members-elected by Ballots- EACH 3 YEAR TERM

Arlene Dressler, Incumbent: 32 Votes

Jerome Stoner: 32 Votes

Mike McGavran, Incumbent: 29 Votes

Diana Ward: 31 Votes

Karen Schnauer: 33 Votes

2022 Endowment Board-elected by Ballots- EACH 2 YEAR TERM (Remaining member will be an Alternate)

Pat Adams, Incumbent: 33 Votes

Thordis Moe: 30 Votes

Loni Knowles, Incumbent: 23 Votes

Jean Zeidler 21: Votes-will be Alternate

Ron Biggs: 26 Votes

Synod Assembly Representatives:

Arlene Dressler: 29 Votes

Kandie Hulme: 31 Votes

Maddie Meckler: 28 Votes

Approval of 2022 Budget: Passed with 31 votes

Once the Annual Meeting was adjourned, the new council members met. They voted on officers for the coming year.

New Council for 2022

CO-PRESIDENTS: Kandie Hulme and Amy Sinclair

VICE PRESIDENT: Jerome Stoner

SECRETARY: Arlene Dressler

TREASURER: Mike McGavran

Liaisons to Committees

Each Council member is responsible for a committee to be the official Council contact to bring information both to and from the rest of the Council:

EDUCATION: Amy Sinclair SERVICES (CHEER): Kandie Hulme

FELLOWSHIP: Arlene Dressler STEWARDSHIP: Karen Schnauffer

FINANCE: Mike McGavran W-ELCA & KITCHEN: Arlene Dressler & Diana Ward

OUTREACH: Jerome Stoner WORSHIP & MUSIC: Amy Sinclair

PROPERTY: Harold Whitford

Thank you for your support throughout the past year and your continuing support for our New Year 2022.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Cheerfully in Christ-Kandie Hulme



Each and every one of you is invited to the long-awaited Fellowship Committee Meeting! Come and share your thoughts and ideas on Monday, April 4th at 2:00 pm!

Worship Assistants

March



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
2nd: Joanne McGavran	2nd: David Moe	2nd: Annie Misko	2nd: Mike McGavran
6th: Joanne McGavran	6th: Marilyn Rieti	6th: Kandie Hulme	6th: Mike McGavran
13th: Harold Whitford	13th: Sandy Chandler	13th: Judy Appel	13th: Sarge Hunter
20th: Joanne McGavran	20th: Bill Brauer	20th: Annie Misko	20th: Mike McGavran
27th: Roderick Sinclair	27th: Valerie Holmes	27th: Kandie Hulme	27th: Lynn Bennett
Greeters (all month): Evelyn and Rudy Bosinger Attendance (all month): Arlene Dressler		Altar Guild (all month: Kandie Hulme and Sharon Seims	



Meniffee 24/7

Thanks to very generous individual donations, great things are happening to let our community know who we are and why we're here! Look for our promos in all aspects of Meniffee 24/7, and share them with your friends and neighbors!

March Birthdays



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

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| March 2, 1936 | Loni Knowles |
| March 4, 1955 | Annie Misko |
| March 5, 2003 | Allison McGavran |
| March 7, 1944 | Kay Espe |
| March 7, 1960 | Roderick Sinclair |
| March 10, 1929 | Esther Neumen |
| March 10, 1937 | Diana Ward |
| March 17, 1923 | Ruth Ditsch |
| March 24, 1944 | Dale Lawyer |
| March 26, 1945 | Gale Eury |
| March 31, 1935 | Pat Olson |

MARCH Anniversaries



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

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| March 11, 1961 | Dick & Bea Olsen |
| March 11, 2000 | Harold & Mary Ann Whitford |



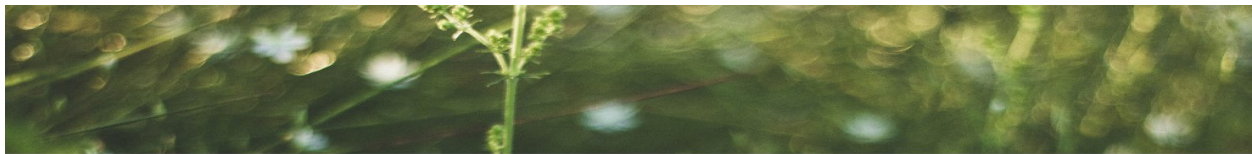
If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending December 31, 2021

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 91.1% (\$10,235 vs \$11,235).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, below budget at 94.7% (\$12,917 vs \$13,637).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, over budget at 110.3% (\$17,993 vs \$16,311).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a loss of \$5,076 vs. the expected loss of \$2,674.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$20,045.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$24,934.
- f. **Comments**
 - i) While we finished 2021 well ahead of budget, the new year start is disappointing. The budgeted income was based on last year's Actuals and we are behind those as we start the year.
 - ii) Higher expenses are due mostly to a booking error for Staff Bonuses, which will be corrected in February, and unbilled expenses from the prior year that were billed and paid in January.

Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

SUE VAN OORT

MARCH 21, 2022 AT 2:00

KEN BORCHMANN

APRIL 27, 2022 AT 2:00





Greetings, dear women of Faith!

March is the start of the Lenten season. A time to focus on the promise, “God shows God's love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

The W-ELCA Board met on Wednesday, February 16th. Plans were discussed and made for our March 17 general meeting. The proposed 2022 budget was approved and will be presented at our general meeting. The Prayer Partners were discussed to see if we would like to have that project this year.

Continuing with our winter Bible study in March, we will be studying part three “**Eternal life in the Gospel of John**”. In the fourth Gospel Jesus uses the expression “eternal life” to talk about what he called the “kingdom of God” in the other Gospels. The phrase does not just refer to life that is eternally long, but also (indeed, especially) to life that is eternally deep - life that is endless in value and meaning. We will look at some popular passages, including John 3:16 and the story of Jesus and the woman at the well to discover how our lives can be marked by love and purpose.

We would like to extend an invitation to all women of the church to join us at one of our W-ELCA Bible studies. Lydia Circle meets Tuesday, March 8, at 2:00 pm at the church and Mary Circle meets Wednesday, March 9, at 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom. **Select a day and time that fits your schedule and join us!**

Thursday, March 17 will be our first W-ELCA General Meeting of the year. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm for a business meeting and we will be celebrating and honoring Ruth Ditsch on her 99th birthday. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex with details. Please join us in celebrating Ruth's 99th birthday.

The Pacifica Spring Gathering is planned for Saturday, March 26th, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, in person and on Zoom. The event will be held at King of Glory, Fountain Valley. There will be a charge of \$25 per person. Ladies will also be asked to wear masks if not fully vaccinated. The theme is “Renewed in Christ Together”. Verse from Isaiah 57:10, “You wearied yourself by such going about, but you would not say, 'It is hopeless.' You found renewal of your strength, and so you did not faint.” A continental breakfast will be provided as well as a light lunch. For the Love Gifts we'll be collecting liquid and dry detergent, dryer sheets, and quarters for “Laundry Love”. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex with more details we receive them. As we have done in the past, we can carpool from the church. In the past this has been an enjoyable event to gather with other sisters in faith.

Coming Up: Pastor John meets with Circle Bible Study Leaders, Wednesday, Mar. 2nd, 9:30 am

Installation of W-ELCA Board: Sunday, March 6th, 9:30 am at the church

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, March 8th, 2:00 pm at the church (**new time**)

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wed., March 9th, 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 16th, 10:00 am at the church

W-ELCA General Meeting: Thursday, March 17th, 2:00 pm at the church

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Bea Olsen, President

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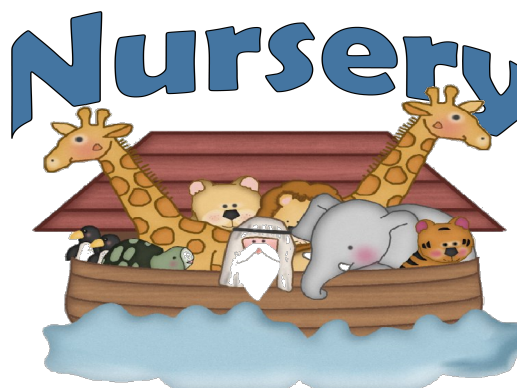


Please Note – 4 Plus 1 Small Group Date Change - for March Only.

We will gather on Tuesday, March 22nd, in person at Church at 10:00-11:00am.

What is **4 Plus 1**? It's a "**Come as you are and share your own story!**" kind of thing - small groups of four or more people plus Christ – the Plus One – who gather for scripture, conversation and prayer. ALL are welcome!





Stop by and check out our new nursery! The conference room next to the office has been transformed into a nursery! Many thanks to all who helped with this effort: Pastor John, Freddericka Bradshaw, Thelma Dyal, Connie Gibson, Kandie Hulme, Annie Misko and Diane Swarts! Thanks to these folks, caregivers and kids will be able to hear the worship service in a safe, noise-friendly space!



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March 2022

March 2022							April 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
			9:30am Bible Study Leaders Meeting 5:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	9:30am Hymn Planning-Zoom Only	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Asst Min: Joanne McGavran Lector: Marilyn Rieti Slideshow: Mike 9:30am Council & 9:30am Worship-ALL	10:00am Worship & Music-Zoom only 2:00pm Remembering & Honoring-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom 5:00pm Lenten Worship Study	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
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