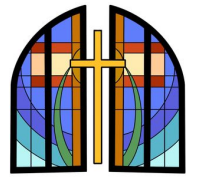




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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * MAY 2022



*“On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they gathered together... suddenly two angels in dazzling clothes stood beside them... the angels said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, **BUT HAS RISEN!**” ~Luke 24: 1-5~*

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: Jesus is Risen!

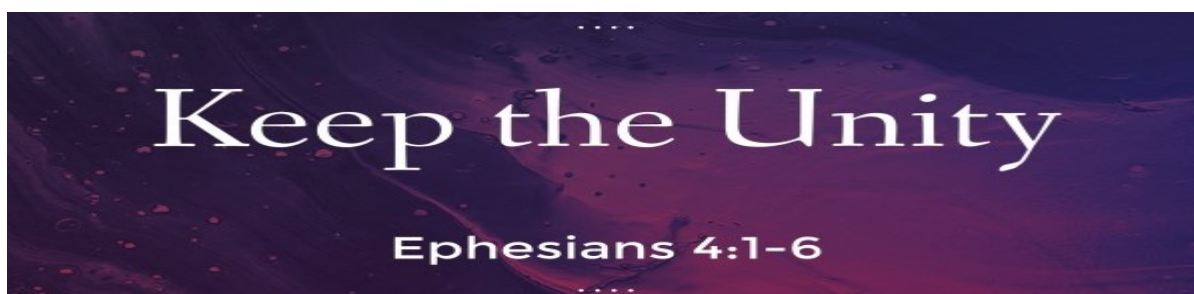


On Easter morning we as the people of Faith Lutheran Church gathered to proclaim Jesus' Resurrection, that he has risen from the dead, Hallelujah! (Pictured from top then bottom left) the Peteroski-Meckler-Lopez family with Sharon Seims and many joyful noises were heard as the congregation met little Benjamin Astorga (son of Madison Hamilton and Jonathan Astorga). Finally, I was so happy that Danielle, Sarah (who took the picture), and everyone from Faith could join

together for us all to celebrate our first inside Easter Sunday since my start at FLC. It was truly a joyous celebration, and it continues on - God be praised!

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



I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6

Now that our church services will be with masks optional and we are back to having fellowship after church, things are beginning to be the new normal. It was just last Mother's Day, May 9th that we were excited to have half our congregation meeting in the church because before that day we were having parking lot services. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Together in Christ is the theme for our Pacifica Synod Assembly this year. Arlene Dressler, Maddie Meckler and I will be attending this year, May 19 through May 21st. 2022 is a Bishop election year to call the next bishop to the Pacifica Synod. This Synod Assembly will be held in person, while the main sessions will be live streamed for viewing. Voting members will only be able to participate in-person. We are asking for our congregation to please pray. Pray for the voting members, pray for all the ministers of Word and Sacrament whose names appear on the ballot for Bishop and pray for all those involved in this process, as together in Christ, we elect and call the next bishop to Pacifica.

Our next council meeting will be held on May 23rd at 1:00 pm in person or on zoom. All are welcome to come to our council meeting.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Kandie Hulme, Church Council Co-President

Worship Schedule

FOR MAY 2022

Wasn't it wonderful to see all the members, guests and visitors at church for Easter Worship!! Did you know that Easter is followed by the "Season" of Easter when the Resurrection continues to be highlighted in worship? This year the entire month of May will be part of the Season of Easter leading up to Pentecost Sunday in June. Come continue the celebration and bring another friend. Five Sundays in May including Mother's Day.

- May 1** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- May 8** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am (Mother's Day)
- May 15** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- May 22** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
(Guest Preacher: Pastor Rex Wignall)
- May 29** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & 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



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
1st: Harold Whitford	1st: Joanne McGavran	1st: Kandie Hulme	1st: Sarge Hunter
8th: Marlene Rosselli	8th: Valerie Holmes	8th: Judy Appel	8th: Lynn Bennett
15th: Joanne McGavran	15th: Lorna Harrison	15th: Marlene Rosselli	15th: Mike McGavran
22nd: Marlene Rosselli	22nd: David Moe	22nd: Annie Misko	22nd: Marlene Rosselli
29th: Roderick Sinclair	29th: Mike McGavran	29th: Kandie Hulme	29th: Sarge Hunter
Greeters (all month): Sharon Seims Attendance (all month): Arlene Dressler		Altar Guild (all month): Marlene Rosselli and Lorna Harrison	

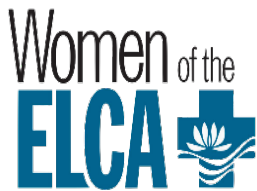
**FINANCIAL REPORT
Ending March 31, 2022**

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, significantly under budget at 85.6% (\$10,284 vs \$12,013).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, well under budget at 88.3% (\$20,519 vs \$23,248).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, significantly below budget at 82.6% (\$11,943 vs \$14,457).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, well below budget at 88.5% (\$24,860 vs \$28,094).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 94.9% (\$14,617 vs \$15,410).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly above budget at 102.8% (\$32,609 vs \$31,721).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a loss of \$2,673 vs the expected loss of \$953.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a significant loss of \$7,749 vs the expected loss of \$3,627.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$117,191, due to the addition of \$100,000 from the new loan.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$20,045.
- f. **Comments**
 - i) Offerings for February continue to be well below expectations. This is especially concerning as the budgeted income was based on last year’s Actuals, so we have some work to do.
 - ii) Our checking account balance is high due to the receipt of the \$100,000 new loan proceeds in February. This will be normalized in the March Financials which will reflect the Thrivent Mortgage payoff and the transfer of the remaining Loan proceeds to the Long Term Property account, from which we’ll pay for the various improvements to be done.

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY – For those who shop on Amazon, sign in to **Amazon Smile** (smile.amazon.com) instead. Same user-id and password as you use for regular Amazon. Then, in the upper left area, you can select a charity to receive a portion of what you spend at no cost to you. Simply select/change your charity by searching for **“Faith Lutheran Church Menifee”** and you should find **“Faith Lutheran Church Pacific S/W Synod”**. Select that as your new charity and they will send a donation to us based on how much you spend with Amazon. Remember to always sign on to **Amazon Smile** instead of plain old Amazon to turn your purchases into donations to Faith!



Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



Greetings, dear women of Faith! May is a time to think of Spring and to celebrate Mother's Day. Let's celebrate this time.

The W-ELCA Board met on Wednesday, April 20th. Plans are underway for our annual Spring fundraiser that will be held on Saturday, June 25th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a program and lunch. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex starting in mid-May. This event is for all women of the church. Mark your calendar and please plan to join us.

It has become a tradition that in May we take a break from our regular, multi-session Bible studies. This month we will spend our time together studying our Devotional, "Across the Generations". The study will consider intergenerational relationships and what Scripture says about their importance. This month several of *Gather's* authors have been invited to share their stories of those who've reached out across barriers of age, race and ability to bring people together and share hospitality.

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, May 10, at 2:00 pm at the church and Mary Circle meets Wednesday, May 11, at 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom. **Select a day and time that fits your schedule and join us!**

Coming Up:

Circle Bible Study Leaders meet with Pastor John: Wednesday, May 4th, 9:30 am

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, May 10th, 2:00 pm at the church (**new time**)

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wednesday, May 11th, 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 18th, 10:00 am at the church

June Fundraiser: Saturday, June 25th, 10:00 am at the church - **Save the date**

All Circle Bible Study: Thursday, August 11th, 10:00 am

In Christ,

Bea Olsen, President * beaolsen@yahoo.com * 951 370-3600



We will be collecting used eyeglasses, cases, broken or the dark type for the Menifee Valley Lions Club. Shortly there will be a box in the narthex for this collection.

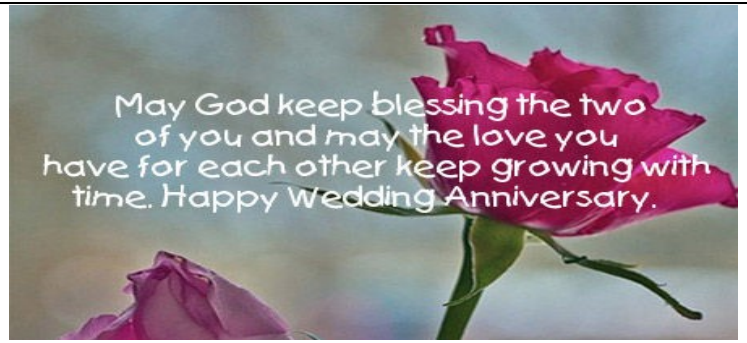
For more information, please contact Diane Swarts at 949-500-7986.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

May 10, 1938	Sheron Zolzer
May 13, 1999	Madison Hamilton
May 16, 1931	Arnette Calkins
May 17, 1943	Caroline Ogden
May 20, 1937	Chris Doney
May 21, 1938	Rudy Bosinger
May 27, 1947	Marlene Rosselli



May God keep blessing the two of you and may the love you have for each other keep growing with time. Happy Wedding Anniversary.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

May 6, 2000	Gregg & Jennifer McGavran
May 17, 2008	Roderick & Amy Sinclair



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 (no jars) for May!

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



BTV CLEAN UP CREW

With all of the anti-government, anti-LGBTQ, anti-abortion, anti-immigrant and other hate groups out there today, there is a positive side. In July 2019, a group in Burlington, Vermont was organized called the *BTV Clean Up Crew*, motivated to confront hate and extremism in their community.

When a hate group posts flyers and stickers in their area, this group removes those flyers and stickers and other roadside trash in their community. The group's fundraising model tallies the number of hate stickers they have removed, then ask for donations from Facebook followers who pledge a monetary amount per sticker to a local nonprofit of the Crew's choosing, so the more stickers hate groups post in their area, the larger the donation to local progressive organizations.

This is a clean-up organization model that can be adopted by progressive churches, civic organizations, colleges and other institutions as a counter to all the negative action and propaganda of extremist groups. Domestic terrorism and intimidation must be brought to an end, because it is dividing the country, to the point that nobody trusts anyone, government, banks, teachers, etc.

Group members do not alert the police or local media to the flyers and stickers, but quietly remove them along with other types of trash. If you are interested in creating such a group, the BTV Clean Up Crew recommends making a strong distinction between the bigotry espoused and politics, but rather recognize it for what it is.

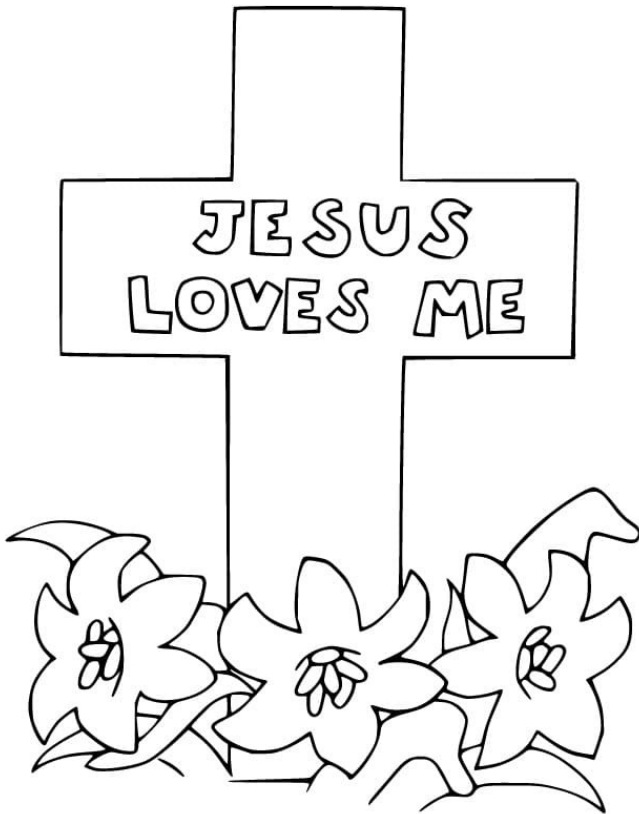
Submitted by David Moe



Yep, you guessed it! We're having movie time at Faith! Come on over to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 11th at 2:00 for the movie, "Jesus Christ Superstar." Popcorn and beverages will be provided! Thank you to the Fellowship Committee for planning this for us!



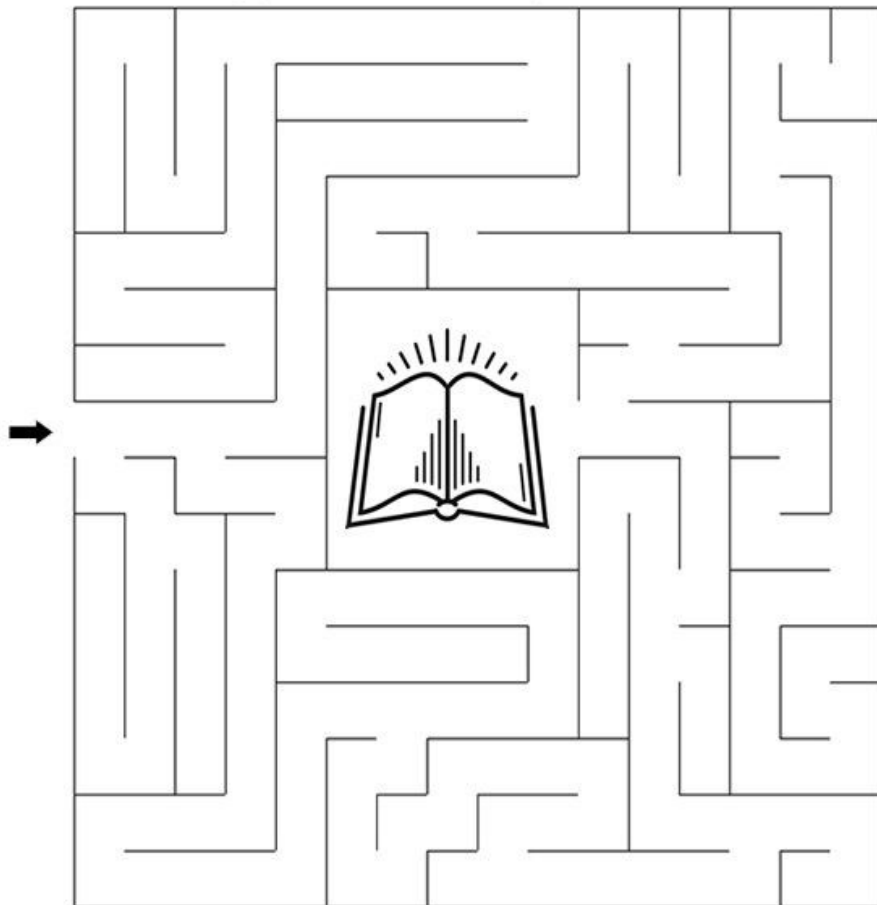
Activities for the Young AND Young at Heart

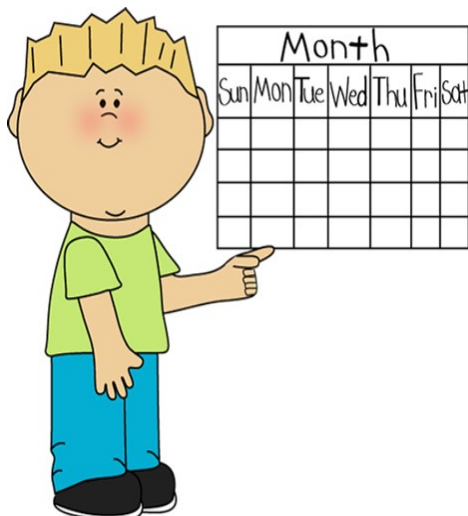


THE BIBLE

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Beginning Bible Genesis
 Gospels Revelation Sixty Six





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

- 4+1 group meets the third Tuesday
- Bible Studies are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays
- Council meets the last Monday
- WELCA Circles: Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday and Mary Circle meets the 2nd Wednesday
- Finance meets the Wednesday before the Council meeting
- Al-Anon meets every Friday

Note: meetings are subject to change



The Fellowship Hall is now open after church services for coffee and...fellowship! See the sign-up sheet there to donate and help offset the cost. See you there!

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May 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1 Asst Min: Harold Whitford Lector: Joanne McGavran PPT: Sarge Hunter 9:30am New Members!	2 10:00am Cheer Committee-In Person & Zoom	3 9:30am Hymn Planning	4 9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 11:00am Francis Key-Celebration of Life-Riverside Nat'l	5 2:00pm Endowment Board-Zoom	6 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	7 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
8 Asst Min: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Valerie Holmes PPT: Lynn Bennett 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	9 10:00am Worship & Music-In Person & Zoom 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	10 2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	11 10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom 2:00pm Jesus Christ Superstar Movie-Fellowship Hall	12 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	13 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	14 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
15 Asst Min: Joanne McGavran Lector: Lorna Harrison PPT: Mike McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	16	17 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	18 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person	19	20 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	21
22 Asst Min: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Dave Moe PPT: Sarge Hunter 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	23 Forecaster Deadline 10:00am Remembering & Honoring-In Person 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	24	25	26 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	27 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	28
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