



# Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH \* NOVEMBER 2022



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**“God does not need our good works, but our neighbor does”**  
**~Martin Luther~**

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God:

Reformation. It's that time of the year, the time when we as Lutherans and Protestants remember the Protestant Reformation started by Martin Luther on October 31st, 1517. It's been 505 years since Luther kicked everything off with 95 theses. Mixed in with everything Luther was trying to accomplish was to emphasize justification by faith and God's righteousness as opposed to justification by works. Luther's Revelation of justification by faith eliminated and denied the possibility to be dependent on our own good works for our salvation. He realized it just didn't work. Luther realized that nothing we did, even the best of our actions for the best of causes would earn us salvation, but that through God's grace we would already have salvation given to us as a free gift through Christ's actions and through faith in God. This was the most amazing and miraculous of good news, and left some saying now that we need to do nothing (for salvation), what will we do? Luther encouraged people to this new standpoint of serving others, not for a reward, but in response to our God justifying us in faith. In other words, get involved, do our vocations, not out of expectation that we get something out of it, but because it is the right thing to do and it is what we do to show our love for God and God's children.

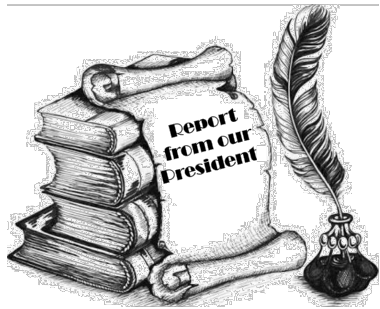
We get to show this love for neighbor in every part of our lives, and right now, as we get into the busy fall, Advent, and Christmas season, your neighbors in our church community will need your help especially. As we continue to grow out away from the pandemic, things have changed, but the need for folks to step up and get involved has not. We have the opportunity to build anew, to reform, to regrow our community of Faith Lutheran. We all have so much that we've been dreaming of, things we want to have happen at the church, to see certain things we all want to be done, and with so many wonderful things for us to do, I have a confession to make. I can't do it all. That's right, your pastor is confessing to you that I only have two hands, and I will use those hands and my voice and everything I have in my vocation and calling to be a servant leader to get everything done that I can. But my two hands could use some friends for the work, many hands make light work and all that. They're already some folks who do a lot at the church, so there are already a few hands getting things done, but I'm calling everyone who's involved in the church to do a little bit more, so that we all can see the progression of our reformation of Faith Lutheran Church happen all the quicker.

Your church needs you, your neighbor in the pew needs you, your sibling in Christ Jesus needs you, just as you need them. I know folks are busy, there are plenty of things drawing our attention these days, and some things like family absolutely should be. But if nothing else, I ask you to spend some time, find some time to pray. Pray for the leaders and workers in this church who are involved and already doing so much for the good of our community. And also pray to God to reveal to you where

you can get involved in God's church, how you can find a new way of serving your neighbor with your good work, pray that God helps remove any barrier from you carrying out your calling and vocation to serve in this way. I believe that this type of prayer is important, is powerful, and will change our congregation and all of our lives, communal and individual. And I want to let you know that I am not asking something from you that I am not already doing. I pray for you, each one of you, giving thanks for all that you already do, and holding you in prayer with God so that, God willing, we may see how our shared dreams of our church reformation realized.

*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



**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as  
members of one body  
you were called to peace. And be thankful.**

**Colossians 3:15**

This is the month of Thanksgiving and our Stewardship Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the time to focus on the importance of generosity through our relationship with God and sustain our relationships with one another. On Stewardship Sunday you will find our Church Committee Ministry Boards set up in our Fellowship Hall after the church service. Our committee chairs along with our Council liaisons will be there to answer all your questions regarding each committee. Please take time to pray and seek God's guidance to find your gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure through the ministry of our church. Stewardship, quite simply, is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are, is a gift from God and we need to be grateful and generous with those gifts.

Thank you to Marlene Rosselli and our Worship and Music Committee for coming up with a plan to have communion at the altar again. We will also be distributing a simple bulletin this month to all members attending church.

Our next Council meeting will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in person or on Zoom. All are welcome to come to our council meetings. The Church Council meeting minutes and committee reports for the previous month are being posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Volunteers Needed!** We are in need for help with fellowship after church service on Sundays. A sign-up sheet on a clipboard is found in the fellowship hall. *Please consider signing up!* Everyone, have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends this year!

Cheerfully in Christ,  
Kandie Hulme, Council President

# Calling All Youth (of all ages)!

Right after the church service on **November 13<sup>th</sup>**, head on down to the Fellowship Hall for pizza and a movie!



Help someone get their sight back! We are collecting used eyeglasses, cases, broken or the dark type for the Menifee Valley Lions Club. There is a box in the narthex for your donations! For more information, please contact Diane Swarts at 949-500-7986.

## Are you following us on social media?

The use of social media is a great way to advertise Faith Lutheran (for free!) and help us GROW! Help us by inviting friends and family to follow us, as well!



<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranmenifee>



<https://www.instagram.com/faithlutheranmenifee>



# Worship Schedule

## FOR NOVEMBER 2022

November brings with it All Saints Day and Sunday, Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent. As the rest of the world gears up for the holidays, may we slow our pace and remember to give thanks to God for all God's blessings in our lives. You may do this by attending special *midweek* worship during Advent beginning November 30. *Keep bringing your friends to church* – the statistics say the most common way people became involved in a church is because a friend invited them.

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

November 13 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am  
There will be pizza and a movie for the youth after the service.

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

November 27 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Wednesday, November 30 – Special Advent Midweek Worship Service at 3:00 pm**

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



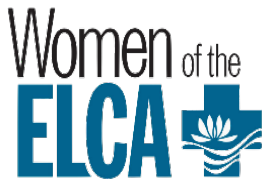
Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
6th: Roderick Sinclair	6th: Joanne McGavran	6th: Judy Appel	6th: Mike McGavran
13th: Deane Meckler	13th: David Moe	13th: Gina Howe	13th: Marlene Rosselli
20th: Roderick Sinclair	20th: Ann Conn	20th: Annie Misko	20th: Marlene Rosselli
27th: Harold Whitford	27th: Bill Brauer	27th: Marlene Rosselli	27th: Lynn Bennett
<b>Greeter:</b> Harold Whitford (all month)		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Kandie Hulme (all month)	
<b>Attendance:</b> Lorna Harrison (6 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> ); Kandie Hulme (20 <sup>th</sup> /27)			

## FINANCIAL REPORT Ending September 30, 2022

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
  - i) **For the month**, over budget at 110.6% (\$10,520 vs \$9,515).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, on budget at 99.5% (\$95,859 vs \$96,322).
- b. **Total Income**
  - i) **For the month**, over budget at 113.4% (\$13,798 vs \$12,170).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 107.6% (\$134,709 vs \$125,197).
- c. **Expenses**
  - i) **For the month**, over budget at 109.9% (\$17,893 vs \$16,284).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 102.3% (\$147,115 vs \$143,772).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
  - i) **For the month**, close to expected with a loss of \$4,094 vs the expected loss of \$4,114.
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected, with a loss of \$12,406 vs the expected loss of \$18,575.
- e. **Checking balance**
  - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$12,605.
  - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$16,569.
- f. **Comments**
  - i) Member Offerings are on budget for the year so far. However, because the budget projected a loss of over \$13,000 for the year, being on budget with member giving is still concerning overall.
  - ii) Memorials designated for our general fund have helped significantly to close the gap between total income and expenses. However, it is still likely we will end the year in the red.
  - iii) Next year's budget will be more challenging because we will no longer have the \$10,000 from the Campus Ministry fund to augment our income stream.



-Submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



Greetings dear women of Faith! Looking forward to November and our third session of our fall Bible study.

In our women's Bible study this month we will be studying our third session from the series: **Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith from our *Gather Magazine*. Session 3: "Creatures"** offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust. We need to be good stewards of God's world, people and animals alike.

You will have two opportunities to join us. **Lydia Circle** meets on Tuesday, November 8 at **10:00 am** (please note the time change) at the church and **Mary Circle** meets on Wednesday, November 9 at 10:00 am at the church and Zoom. **Select the Circle Bible study time that's best for you and join in the conversation. All are welcome.**

Last month we reported on our September 25, W-ELCA Thankoffering Sunday. We are happy to report that the amount reported has increased to a total of **\$1290!** A truly generous amount. This will be sent directly to Churchwide Women of the ELCA to support their varied and lifechanging ministries. We are thankful for the generosity of our congregation.

**The Pacifica W-ELCA Convention and Gathering  
November 4 and 5, 2022**

**at Hope Lutheran Church in Temecula**

**Pick up your registration form in the narthex & sign up to carpool from church**

**Attend one day or two**

**Contact Joanne McGavran or Arlene Dressler**

**Planning ahead:**

Our W-ELCA Christmas Gathering will be Saturday, December 3. Plan to join us for activities, lunch and fellowship. A start to the Christmas season with fun and fellowship.

**Prayer Partners:** we have not had this program for several years. Let your board know what you would like. For new members this is a program of praying for a secret prayer partner, and sending greetings and words of encouragement throughout the year. If we have this program again this year it will be put in place at our December W-ELCA meeting. Please contact Bea Olsen or any member of our W-ELCA Board with any questions you may have.

**Mark your calendar for upcoming events:**

Pastor John meets with Circle Bible study Leaders: Wednesday, Nov. 2, 9:30 am at Church

Pacifica W-ELCA Convention & Gathering: Friday & Saturday, Nov. 4 & 5

Lydia Circle Bible study: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 10:00 am at Church (**New time**)

Mary Circle Bible study: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 10:00 am at Church and on Zoom

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10:00 am at Church

Faith W-ELCA Christmas Party-With-A-Purpose: Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 am-noon at Church

**And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds -  
livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds."**

**And it was so. Genesis 1:24**

Peace and joy in Christ, Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President



## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

November 5, 1991  
 November 5, 1940  
 November 10, 1938  
 November 13, 1947  
 November 26, 2016  
 November 29, 1951  
 November 30, 1932

Pastor John  
 Nancy Blackmer  
 Dick Olsen  
 Mike McGavran  
 Ava Holmes  
 Kandie Hulme  
 Arlene Dressler

There are no official wedding anniversaries in November, 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!



We as a family of Faith mourn the loss of  
 Julie Wrangle.

Information regarding her memorial service will be  
 announced as soon as possible.

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:faithlutheranmenifee@gmail.com).

## Hunger Never Rests!

**The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of  
Cranberry Sauce (whole berries preferred)  
for November!**

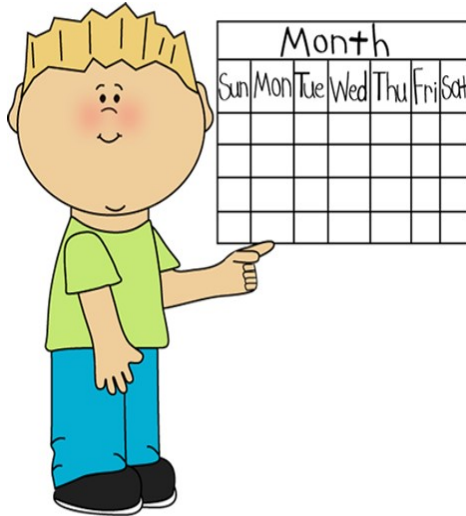


Your donations are still welcome and needed! You may 1) Drop your items off at The Cupboard at 26944 Cherry Hills Blvd (951/301-4414). 2) Call Pastor John (949/258-3452) for pick up and delivery! 3) Bring your donations to the church office during our regular hours. When you drop off your donations please 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.

*Diane Swarts - Community Cupboard Liaison*







### 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

### Other events that recur regularly (check the calendar for specific dates):

- Hymn Planners
- Remembering & Honoring
- Worship & Music
- Fellowship
- Outreach
- Movie Day/Night
- Game Day

*Note: meetings are subject to change*



## Faith Lutheran Church

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**Email:** [FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com](mailto:FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com) **Website:** [www.faithmenifee.com](http://www.faithmenifee.com)

### Church Office Hours:

Tues & Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm \* Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

### Our Staff:

**Pastor:** Rev. John Barton

**Email:** [prfaithmenifee@gmail.com](mailto:prfaithmenifee@gmail.com)

**Office Administrator:** Lynn Bennett

**Email:** [FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com](mailto:FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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AM: Harold Whitford Lector: Bill Brauer PPT: Lynn Bennett 9:30am Worship-Day 1 of Advent	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	10:00am Endowment-Zoom	3:00pm Advent Worship Service			