



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * JANUARY 2023



Hi! Your Pastor here!

I wanted to let you know that I am starting a new informational article from time to time. During the last month, I was in conversation with some members and they had some questions about the different things that I was wearing, since I had changed my "vestments" (distinctive clothing worn by worship leaders) and "paraments" ("hangings in the liturgical colors often used on the altar, pulpit, and lectern"*) to the blue Advent variety.

From these conversations, I figured I would share some information about what you see worship leaders, including myself, wearing during worship. I am by no means an expert, but I do like to explain why and how certain things can bring extra meaning to worshipping God and growing in faith. So, *did you know that*:

"Vestments are the distinctive dress worn by the many clergy, choir, acolyte, crucifer, verger, and others when performing the liturgical duties and participating in other ceremonies of the Church. Vestments, like many of the practices and traditions of the Church, are rooted in ancient practices-in this case the ceremonial garb of the ancient world. In the early Church, vestments were not particularly distinct from clothes worn by the general public. Eventually long tunics and mantles were discontinued in general wear, but the Christian clergy continued to use them in the church, as they had become associated with the ceremony and celebration of the liturgy. Gradually, a grand system of vestments evolved that to the modern worshiper is at once celebratory and mysterious-oddly appropriate to celebrating the sacramental mysteries!

The Reformation made its mark on vestments as well as on liturgical practice. Different churches had different policies and attitudes about vestments, but in general, the Reformers tended to simplify or in some cases eliminate vestments completely."*

As with many objects and symbols in worship, investments carried with their other meaning the addition of trying to help explain what was going on in worship and who was who. The idea was that based on the combination of vestments leaders are wearing, church goers in the pews could have context clues about various leader's roles and functions within the worship and the church. Congregations and denominations are more or less particular about who can wear vestments and what times to wear which ones. At Faith Lutheran, you'll notice that I take a practical approach during the summer and do not wear an old, but only my clerical collar and stole. But on holidays you'll see more vestments to mark the day of celebration. Pictured at the end of the article are various examples of vestments, many you will not find at our church or even our denomination, but some you'll find familiar. The following is a list of some of the most common vestments:

"alb. (Latin, *alba*, "white. "looks sort of like a *dress* or long tunic) An ankle-length white vestment with sleeves symbolizing purity. It is worn by all clerics at liturgical celebrations. Tied at the waist with a cincture, it may be worn with a stole and chasuble over it.

chasuble. (Latin, "little house." looks like a *poncho*) A vestment made of silk or other material, matching the color of the liturgy. The celebrant wears it over the alb at Holy Communion and high festivals. It is oval-shaped and sleeveless, with an opening for the head near the center. The celebrant may don this vestment immediately before beginning the Holy Communion or may wear it throughout the Mass.

cincture. (Latin, "girdle.") Symbolic of priestly purity, a cincture is a *rope* with a tassel or a four-inch-wide band of silk with a fringe, worn around the waist over the cassock or alb. With the new fitted-style albs, the cincture may be an unnecessary vestment today."*

clerical collar. The linen or plastic collar which goes around the neck or shows in the square opening at the top of the button of a usually black clerical shirt or cassock. These collars are a sign of a person's religious calling and commitment to serving God's people, and help others in the community to identify them, regardless of their faith.

"cope. (looks and sounds like *cape*) A flowing, full-length cape. It matches the color of the liturgy and is worn over an alb and stole at ceremonies other than the Mass. It is fastened over the chest by a morse, a clasp made out of precious metals and sometimes ornamented with a precious jewel.

stole. A long *scarf* of fabric matching the color of the liturgy and usually decorated with embroidered symbols. It is worn over the left shoulder and tied on the right side by deacons and over both shoulders by priests and bishops as a symbol of ordination, representing the yoke of Christ."*

So when vestments are worn, they're not just fancy clothes for show- they have meaning and purpose to elevate worship and symbolize different elements of faith. Let me know if you have



questions about vestments, other parts of the church, worship, or faith in general and I will be happy to talk with you!

Now you know! Thanks for your curiosity,

Pr. John Barton

**Within these articles, I will frequently be using information from the book Worship Without Words ~The signs and symbols of our faith~ by Patricia S. Klein.*



The start of a New Year - Happy New Years!

You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourself with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

At the beginning of the year, it is good to be reminded that God is eternally merciful and renews His love for us repeatedly. He is our portion for our daily needs and carrying that hope into the new year will provide strength and courage to face our trials.

Martin Luther's teaching and that of reformation, is often summarized in three solos. By Faith Alone, By Grace Alone and Scripture Alone. The key to reformation theology is found in God's Love for People. In the coming of a new year let's show God's love by showing our love to all God's people.

The Council is working on getting information to you for our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on February 26, 2023. Please consider that your spiritual gifts may be to serve on the new Council, Endowment Board, or any committee we have at Faith Lutheran Church.

I want to remind everyone that you are invited to our general Council Meeting. All are welcome to participate in person or on Zoom in the council meetings as well as other church committee meetings.

"May you shine the light of Christ in the New Year."

Cheerfully in Christ, Kandie Hulme, Council President

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- 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 faithlutheranmeniffee@gmail.com.

Worship Schedule

FOR JANUARY 2023

Blessings to all as we begin yet another New Year in 2023. Our prayer is for good health and warm relationships for all, including welcoming new faces and in the New Year. January 1st is a Sunday – what better way to begin a new year than in the House of the Lord. What a privilege and joy for all! Hope you plan to be there.

- January 1 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
(Celebrating the Name of Jesus)
- January 8 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
(Celebrating Epiphany)
- January 15 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- January 22 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- January 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

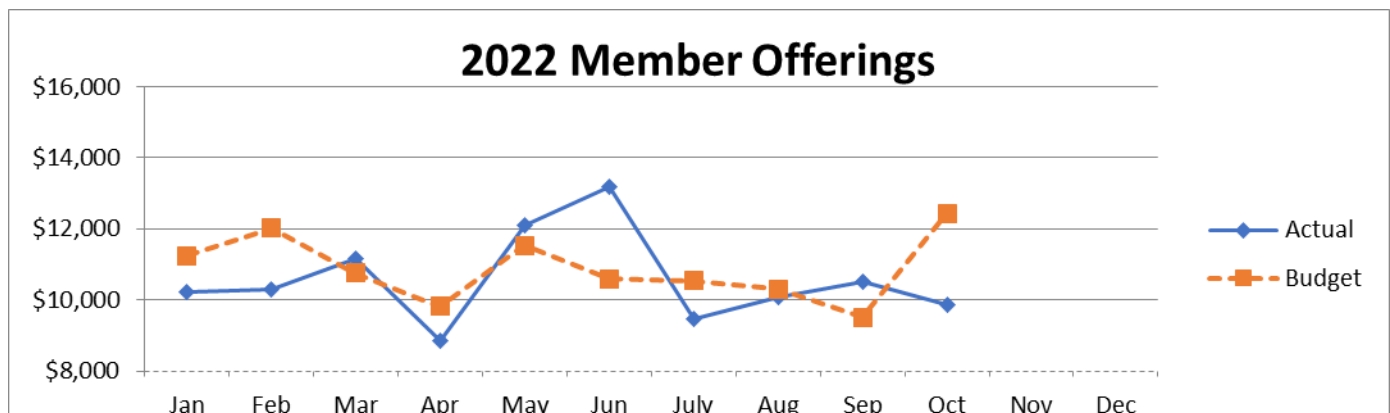
Keep bringing your friends to church - statistics show that the most common way people became involved in a church is because a friend invited them.



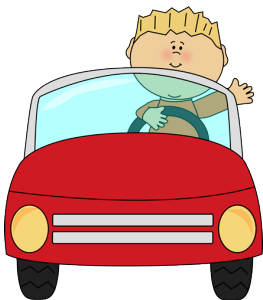
Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
1st: Roderick Sinclair	1st: Amy Sinclair	1st: Annie Misko	1st: Mike McGavran
8th: Deane Meckler	8th: Pat Adams	8th: Gina Howe	8th: Marlene Rosselli
15th: Marlene Rosselli	15th: Sandy Chandler	15th: Annie Misko	15th: Lynn Bennett
22nd: Harold Whitford	22nd: Roderick Sinclair	22nd: Kandie Hulme	22nd: Lynn Bennett
29th: Marlene Rosselli	29th: David Moe	29th: Judy Appel	29th: Mike McGavran
Greeter: Harold Whitford (1 st , 8 th); Sharon Seims (15 th , 22 nd , 29 th) Attendance: Freddericka Bradshaw (1 st), Judy Adams (8 th -29 th)			Altar Guild: Marlene Rosselli

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending November 30, 2022

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, significantly under budget at 79.3% (\$9,856 vs \$12,434).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, on budget at 97.2% (\$105,715 vs \$108,756).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 97.7% (\$14,360 vs \$15,156).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 106.2% (\$149,068 vs \$140,353).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 95.4% (\$15,953 vs \$16,727).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, just over budget at 101.6% (\$163,068 vs \$160,499).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, close to expected with a loss of \$1,593 vs the expected loss of \$1,571.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected, with a loss of \$13,999 vs the expected loss of \$20,146.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$10,951.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$12,605.
- f. **Comments**
 - i) October was a disappointing month with Member Offerings well below budget. In spite of this, our YTD loss is much lower than projected thus far, due to lower than projected expenses YTD and Memorials designated for our General Fund. If we can hit our Budget Income and Expense numbers in November and December, we may be able to end the year with a loss of \$6-7,000, instead of the projected \$13,000 loss.
 - ii) 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



We are looking for volunteers to pick up people on Sunday mornings who aren't able to transport themselves and bring them to church! We would like to build a list of people who are willing and able to be part of this important ministry! Please let the church office know if we can add you to our list.

On-Line / Electronic Giving

Faith Lutheran does not currently offer On-Line giving via our Web Site, for a variety of reasons. BUT, if you find that giving electronically (not having to write a physical check) to be your preferred method of donating to Faith Lutheran, you can always use your bank's Bill Pay service. If you already pay your bills that way, it's easy to add Faith Lutheran to your list of regular payees. Simply add a new payee/vendor (depending on what your bank calls people/companies you pay via Bill Pay) using the following address: FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 28200 PORTSMOUTH DR, MENIFEE, CA 92586. Put your First and Last Name in the "Account Number" field (don't enter your envelope number as the account number, as that can change from year to year).

When you use your bank's Bill Pay service, they will print a physical check and mail it to the church. The Account Number (your First and Last Name) will be on the check, making it easy for us to credit your donations record with your gift. If your check is for something other than your regular offering, just indicate what the check is for in the Memo Line area when you use the Bill Pay service. And, if you give a specific amount each week or month, you can use your Bill Pay service to automatically send that amount to Faith Lutheran, making it even easier! For questions, see Mike McGavran.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

January 1, 1935	Betty Baumann
January 12, 1932	Jean Zeidler
January 15	Vicki Crow
January 17, 1966	Thomas Biebers
January 20, 1940	Judy Appel
January 21, 1942	Sheila Neal
January 23, 1929	Norma Dawson
January 26, 1939	Carol Morris
January 30, 1940	Ellie Borchmann



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

There are no official wedding anniversaries in January, 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!

The funeral for Loni Knowles will be held January 9th at 11:00 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. A memorial service will also be held here at Faith on January 25th at 2:00.

IN LOVING 
Memory



Hunger Never Rests!

The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of Canned Chili for January!

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

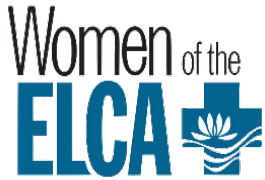
Endowment Board Scholarships

On an annual basis, the Faith Endowment Fund Board accepts scholarship applications. For the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, the Board has revised the online application to offer two types of scholarships, each with a value of at least \$500. The restricted scholarship is offered to students pursuing the fields of education and/or ministry. The second type of scholarship, the unrestricted scholarship, is available to students majoring in fields other than education and/or ministry. The unrestricted scholarship is limited to current or former members of Faith Lutheran Church and students who have another direct connection to our congregation.



Please encourage students to apply by accessing the scholarship application form online at faithmenifee.com. Applications will be accepted from February 1, 2023, through May 1, 2023. Recipients will be notified by June 1, 2023. Thanks for helping to spread the word about this opportunity, and thanks for the financial support that enables this program to continue.

Pat Adams, Chair of the Endowment Board



Greetings dear women of Faith!

We are looking forward to January and the beginning of the New Year, one filled with happiness, hope, love, joy and good health. We welcome, all of you, to any and all of our activities and events.

Circle Bible Study:

Get ready for our Winter/Spring Bible Study! We will be studying the Ten Commandments January thru April. The four-session study will be presented in our Gather Magazine by Rev. Christa von Zychlin, an ELCA pastor. She will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. **Select the Circle Bible study time listed below that's best for you and join in the conversation. All women are welcome.**

Our **December W-ELCA Christmas Party with a Purpose** was enjoyed by 15 of our church women on Saturday, December 3. Election of 2023 officers for the W-ELCA Board was also held. Congratulations to our new board: President – Bea Olsen, Vice President – Eileen Johnson, Secretary – Connie Gibson, and Treasurer – Arlene Dressler. Installation will be at a Sunday service in the new year.

Prayer Partners for 2023 were chosen at our December meeting for those who wished to participate. If you were unable to attend the December 3 meeting and would still like to have a Prayer Partner for 2023, please contact the Lydia or Mary Circle Chairs or Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President for details.

Sunday Coffee after church services. We are in need of volunteers to serve refreshments after services each Sunday. We all like to gather for a cup of coffee and social time with other members, but we need volunteers to give a little bit of their time to make sure the coffee is set up and then serve the refreshments and clean up after. Sign up with a friend. “No experience needed”. Everything will be provided, we just need your help to enable us to continue having our coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Please sign up so we can continue our Sunday Coffee.

Upcoming Events:

Pastor John Meets with Circle Bible study Leaders: Wednesday, **Jan. 4**, 9:30 at Church

Lydia Circle Bible study: Tuesday, **Jan. 10**, 10:00 am at Church

Mary Circle Bible study: Wednesday, **Jan. 11**, 10:00 am at Church and on Zoom

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, **Jan. 18**, 10:00 am at Church

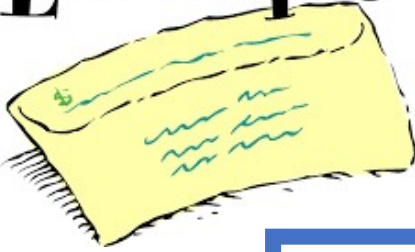
In this New Year, let us “make a joyful noise to God, and all the earth; give to God Glorious praise!”

Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President



If you are planning to bring food to church, please notify Arlene Dressler (951-805-7682) at least two days in advance. All foods still need to be pre-packaged.

Offering Envelopes



The 2023 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up from your church mailbox. If you are homebound or otherwise unable to stop by the church office to pick them up, please call the church office so they can be either delivered or mailed to your home.

To help avoid any confusion in record keeping, please discard any remaining 2022 envelopes you may have.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9:30 am

(951) 679-1518

FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com

www.faithmenifee

Outreach “Fund the Banner” Project

If you feel as though Faith Lutheran Church is one of the best kept secrets in Menifee, you’ll be happy to know that the Outreach Team is hard at work trying to change that. In 2022, FLC “ads” appeared in print, on line, on signage, a mass mailing, and even on golf club score cards. The funding for these projects has not impacted our church budget, thanks to the inspiring generosity of a handful of members.

Now, to keep momentum up, and 2023 budget hits down, we’d like to invite YOU to help fund our next project – the purchase of 2 weather-proof banners like the one shown above. They will be hung on both sides of the brick sign in front of the church, in the same way our Christmas and Easter banners are hung. The cost for the two banners is just under \$400.00. Anyone who sees the banners will have no doubt they are welcome here, our Sunday worship time, and our contact information.

If you are able to contribute, please make your check out to Faith Lutheran Church, and write “Banner” on the memo line.

Faith Lutheran Church

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Email: FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com **Website:** www.faithmenifee.com

Church Office Hours:

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

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January 2023

January 2023							February 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28				
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 AM: Roderick; Lector: Amy PPT: Mike 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	2 11:00am Loni Knowles-Funeral in Whittier (Rose Hills) 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	3 10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church 1:30pm Endowment-Zoom 3:00pm Outreach-In	4 9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person	5 11:00am Fellowship	6 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	7 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
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15 AM: Marlene; Lector: Sandy PPT: Lynn 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome! 11:00am Un-Birthday	16 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-Canceled	17 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-Canceled	18 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person & Zoom	19 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person & Zoom	20 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	21 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
22 AM: Harold; Lector: Roderick PPT: Lynn 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	23 Forecaster Deadline 2:00pm Movie Day-A Night With a King	24 Annual Reports due	25 10:00am Finance Team-In Person & Zoom 2:00pm Loni Knowles-Memorial	26 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	27 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	28 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
29 AM: Marlene; Lector: David PPT: Mike 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	30 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	31	Feb 1	2	3	4