



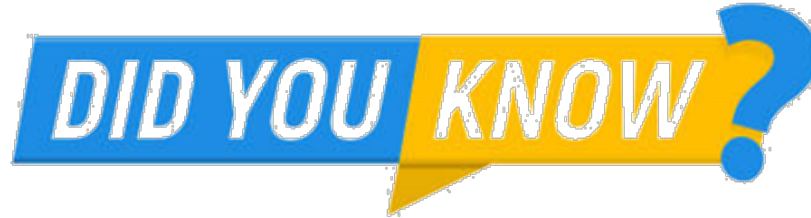
Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * MARCH 2023



Luke 22:19-20

“¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.””



Hi friends! Your Pastor here!

We have begun our Lenten Journey together. Lent is a season for self-reflection, for fasting and/or taking on practices, and also for education. With that in mind, I am continuing the “Did You Know” series on explaining what things are in the church building and why we have them. These articles are an introduction to these topics, not exhaustive, but help us to understand the setting in which we gather together as the church and worship God in our community of faith. This article will talk about **the altar** and the objects on and around it. Given that we are preparing for Holy Week, including the remembrance of the Last Supper and Jesus’ institution of Holy Communion, the altar area is particularly pertinent. So, *did you know that:*

“The altar is the most important furnishing of the church; it is the church's focal point. In fact, a church is built for its altar and not the other way around. At its simplest, the altar is a table of wood or stone from which the Holy Communion is consecrated and administered. It is the Lord's Table.”*

It almost goes without saying that the altar is a sacred place. It's something that seems very common knowledge, but in the effort of being intentional in how we consider our holy space, it is good to start with the focal point. Especially in our context with the cross directly behind the altar, the combination of the area gives us our place to focus our attention, to place our site and our gaze as we worship. The whole area around the altar delineated by the altar rail and including the cross behind it is called the chancel. You can think of this sacred setting in parallel to a secular setting like a stage. We of course are not performing though; we give heartfelt praise and worship to God around the Lord's table.

“The altar occupies the holiest spot in the church. The church has itself been set apart from the world of human work, and the altar is elevated above the rest of the church in a spot as remote and separate as the sanctuary of the soul. The solid base it is set on is like the human will that knows that God has instituted man for his worship and is determined to perform that worship faithfully. The table of the altar that rests upon this base stands open and accessible for the presentation of sacrifice. It is not in a dark recess where the actions may be dimly glimpsed, but uncurtained,

unscreened, a level surface in plain sight, placed, as the heart's altar should be placed, open in the sight of God without proviso or reservation.

The two altars, one without and the one within, belong inseparably together. The visible altar at the heart of the church is but the external representation of the altar at the center of the human breast, which is God's temple, of which the church with its walls and arches is but the expression and figure. (FR. ROMANO GUARDINI)"

As with many objects and symbols in worship, the altar and its furnishings have various meanings but usually one specific purpose. At Faith Lutheran, we use various altar articles, some used by other denominations, and other denominations will have additional objects in the altar area. Pictured at the end of the article is one example of an altar. The following is a list of some of the most common altar furnishings:

"altar rail. The railing in front of an altar, enclosing the sanctuary, that separates the chancel from the nave of the church. In many churches, worshipers kneel at the altar rail to pray or receive Holy Communion. The original function of the altar rail was to keep dogs and other animals away from the altar in the early reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

altarpiece. A work of art that decorates the space above and behind an altar, such as a triptych (Greek, "threefold"), a painting or carving made in three panels, with the outside panels folding over the center one like doors.

candle lighter/extinguisher. A wax taper inside a metal tube with a long wooden handle is used to light the altar candles. Attached is a small metal bell, a snuffer, to extinguish the flame. (Pr. John likes to call these "acolyters" because the acolytes use them to light the candles.)

missal stand. A low wooden or metal, usually brass, bookrest that holds the altar book, prayer book, or missal and stands on the mensa of the altar.

office lights. The candles placed beside or behind an altar and lighted for the Divine Office. These candles may be lighted for any service, but are not required, even for the Office. They may be single candles (alone or in groups), a candelabra, or pavement lights. Also known as vesper lights.

sanctuary lamp. A lamp hung in the sanctuary and kept permanently burning with olive oil or beeswax to remind the worshipers of God's presence in the building. In the Roman Catholic Church, the custom eventually grew to burning a candle in front of the tabernacle or aumbry in which the sacrament is reserved, signifying the presence of God in the host.

SACRAMENTAL LINENS:

burse. A flat stiff envelope covered with material in the liturgical color appropriate for the day. The corporal, pall, and chalice veil kept in the burse for carrying to and from the altar at a celebration of the Holy Communion.

chalice veil. A small cloth that may be embroidered and white to cover the chalice only. One of the sacramental linens kept in the burse.

corporal. A square piece of linen about the size of a napkin which is placed on top of the fair linen on the altar. On this, the sacramental vessels are placed. The corporal may have one white embroidered cross at the front edge. It symbolizes one of the Lord's grave cloths.

funeral pall. The linen that covers a casket as it is brought into the church for a Christian funeral.

mundatory. A small linen cloth used to wipe the chalice, paten, and fingers. It is oblong in shape and may be embroidered with a cross in the center (aka a napkin).

pall. A piece of cardboard or aluminum about eight inches square, covered with white linen. Usually, it has a cross or some other symbol embroidered in white in the center. It is placed over the chalice.

purificator. A small rectangular piece of linen used to wipe the edge of the chalice as the Communion is administered.

veil. A large square of fine linen used to cover the sacramental vessels. The chalice may have its own cover, called the chalice veil. It is proper to have crosses embroidered in white on either or both.

HARDWARE:

chalice. (Latin, "cup.") A metal or ceramic cup used to administer the wine at Holy Communion. The classical style is goblet-shaped and made of precious metal. The chalice is representative of the cup used at the Last Supper (1 Cor. 10:16 and 11:25-27).

ciborium. (Greek, "cup.") A companion piece in style and material to the chalice, it contains the bread of the Holy Communion. The cover of the cup may be topped with a cross. Also called a bread box.

cruet. A small pitcher-like vessel of glass or silver with a stopper; used to hold the wine and water for Communion.

paten. (Latin, "dish.") A small dish of precious metal to hold the bread for the Holy Communion. The center may be depressed like a saucer.

pyx. A container made of precious metal used to hold the reserved host in the tabernacles in the church. A less pretentious one in the shape of a watch-case may be used to carry the host to the sick.

tabernacle. A small cabinet in which the consecrated elements are kept."*

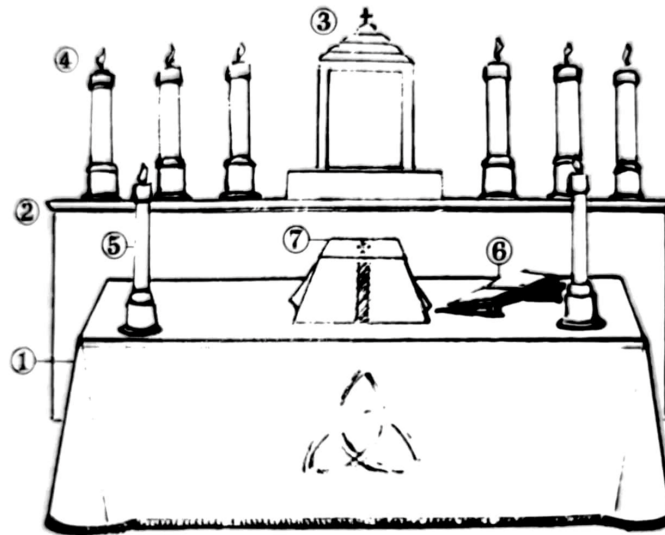
When we see these items and objects used during worship, we treat them as important tools and helpers to accomplish the distribution of the sacrament. Let me know if you have questions about the altar, other parts of the church, worship, or faith in general. I invite you into these discussions and to be curious about your worship, worship space, and your faith - I am eager 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 Altar



THE ALTAR

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| 1. Altar | 5. Altar Lights |
| 2. Gradine | 6. Missal Stand |
| 3. Tabernacle | 7. Veiled Chalice |
| 4. Office Lights | |



Thanks to everyone who participated with our Annual Meeting. We needed 18 people for a quorum and 38 were present. We successfully elected our new Council Members as well as our Endowment Board Members.

BALLOTS RESULTS

Ballots counted by Judy Appel, Lynn Bennett and Marlene Rosselli

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING 2/27/2022: 30 VOTES

2023 Council Members-elected by Ballots- EACH 3 YEAR TERM

Jean Miles, Incumbent: 32 Votes

Connie Gibson (1 Year): 30 Votes

Kim "Sarge" Hunter (3 Years): 32 Votes

Diane Swarts (3 Years): 32 Votes

2022 Endowment Board-elected by Ballots- EACH 2 YEAR TERM

Berenice Varsobia: 32 Votes Freddericka Bradshaw: 31 Votes

Sandy Chandler: 32 Votes

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Lynn Bennett: 27 Votes Marlene Rosselli: 31 Votes

Approval of 2023 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 2023

PRESIDENT: Amy Sinclair

SECRETARY: Connie Gibson

VICE PRESIDENT: Diane Swarts

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): Diane Swarts

FELLOWSHIP: Arlene Dressler

STEWARDSHIP: Sarge Hunter

FINANCE: Mike McGavran

W-ELCA & KITCHEN: Connie Gibson

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 2023.

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, Council President

Blessing of the Animals

**All will be blessed: Pets, Pet Owners,
Pet Mementos, Stuffed Animals** 

Treats for Pets and People

Saturday, March 25, 2023
10:00am in our Parking Lot

**Pick up a flyer at church and share it
with your pet-loving friends!**

All Are Welcome!





Worship Schedule

FOR MARCH 2023

All the Midweek Lenten Study Worship times will take place in March. Each Wednesday we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Soup Supper provided by member volunteers. Make plans now to attend and then join in the Midweek Lenten Worship Soup-Studies in March. Be sure to invite a friend!

March 1 Midweek Lenten Study-Worship following Lenten Soup Supper at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

March 5 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

March 8 Midweek Lenten Study-Worship following Lenten Soup Supper at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

March 12 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

March 15 Midweek Lenten Study-Worship following Lenten Soup Supper at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

March 19 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

March 22 Midweek Lenten Study-Worship following Lenten Soup Supper at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

March 26 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

March 29 Midweek Lenten Study-Worship following Lenten Soup Supper at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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

- **Radio:** in our parking lot still on *live* broadcast. Tune to 98.9 FM
- **Online:** on our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday



Worship Assistants

March



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
5th: Roderick Sinclair	5th: Ann Conn	5th: Annie Misko	5th: Marlene Rosselli
12th: Deane Meckler	12th: Dave Moe	12th: Gina Howe	12th: Lynn Bennett
19th: Harold Whitford	19th: Sandy Chandler	19th: Judy Appel	19th: Lynn Bennett
26th: Marlene Rosselli	26th: Joanne McGavran	26th: Walli Weitz	26th: Mike McGavran
Greeter: 5 th , 12 th : Kandie; 19 th , 26 th : Marlene Rosselli		Altar Guild: Marlene Rosselli & Helpers	
Attendance: 5 th , 19 th , 26 th : Freddericka Bradshaw; 12 th : TBD			



March Birthdays

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

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 31, 1935	Pat Olson



March Anniversaries

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

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!

100 & FABULOUS

Come and celebrate
Ruth Ditsch's 100th birthday
on Sat., March 18th at 1:00!
To attend, you **MUST** RSVP!

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending January 31, 2023

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, over budget at 108.1% (\$11,063 vs \$10,235).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, over budget at 105.3% (\$12,817 vs \$12,177).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 95.2% (\$15,930 vs \$16,733).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a loss of \$3,113 vs the expected loss of \$4,556.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, same.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$5,107.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$8,285.
- f. **Comments**
 - i) The good news is that Member giving exceeded budget, and we managed to keep expenses under budget, so our monthly loss was less than expected.
 - ii) It will be important to remember as we go through the year, that, even if Member giving meets budget, we will still be looking at a loss for the year, since the budget as presented shows a loss of over \$11,000 for 2023, even with \$20,000 from Endowment.
 - iii) We need to view our church as one who is (re-)starting out after the Pandemic, so having some financial challenges is to be expected. If we all do our part in the coming years in the sharing of our Time, Talent, and Treasure, we can overcome these challenges, and re-grow our congregation to pre-pandemic levels.



Submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer

Hunger Never Rests!

The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of **16 oz. Bags of Rice and Beans for March!**



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

- 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.



Greetings Dear Women of Faith!

March 1 is our first Lenten Service. This is the time to focus on God's promise, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). (KJV)

Welcome ladies, *all* of you, to any and all of our activities and events.

Our Winter/Spring Bible Study continues! In session 3, we'll study the sanctity of life and love (Commandments 5 and 6). In our third session, we will review some of the major murders of the Bible. We'll also delve into the scriptural witness to the spirituality of sex and the covenant of marriage. We will be studying two of the shortest commandments in the bible.

"Thou shalt not kill." (Exodus 20:13)

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14)

Select the Circle Bible study time listed below that's best for you and join in the conversation. All women are welcome.

Pacifica Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering: Saturday, **March 4**, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Encinitas CA. This is a Saturday event open to all women of the church. If you have not registered and wish to attend, please call Bea Olsen, (951) 370-3600 by Feb. 28. You will be able to pay the \$25 at the door. We will carpool from the church at 7:30 am and a ride will be provided if needed.

Thursday, March 16 will be our first W-ELCA General Meeting of the year. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am for our business meeting and program. Lunch will follow. Sign-up sheet will be in the narthex and there will be a \$5.00 charge to cover lunch.

Just a Reminder: Sunday morning coffee hour is in need of your help. 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. Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Coming up this month:

Pastor John Meets with Circle Bible Study Leaders: Wednesday, **March 1**, 9:30 am at Church

Pacifica Spring Gathering: Saturday, **March 4**, 9:00 am, Encinitas CA

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wednesday, **March 8**, 10:00 am at Church and on Zoom

Installation of W-ELCA Officers: Sunday, **March 12**, 9:30 am at Church

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, **March 14**, 10:00 am at Church

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, **March 15**, 10:00 am at Church

W-ELCA General Meeting: Thursday, **March 16**, 10:00 am at Church

Planning ahead – Mark your calendar – W-ELCA Annual Fundraiser – Saturday, **June 24**, 10:00 am

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

In Christ's love,

Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President

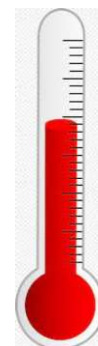
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ALL ARE WELCOME!
Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9:30 am

(951) 679-1518
FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com
www.faimenifee

**Outreach “Fund the Banner”
 Project Update**

We’re getting close to achieving our goal of funding the banner! \$225.00 has been received for 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. THANKS to all of you who have donated thus far!! The cost for the two banners is \$349.84, so we only have \$124.84 more to go.

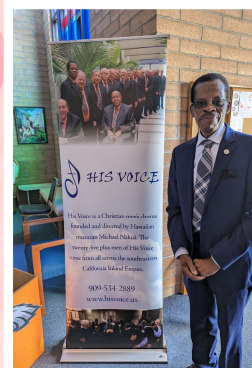
If you are able to contribute, please make your check out to Faith Lutheran Church, and write “Banner” on the memo line.

His Voice

Thank you to “His Voice” for the singing our Musical Offering during worship on February 12th and for the lovely Valentine’s Day concert following the service!



His Voice



Valentine's Concert



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March 2023

March 2023							April 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4
			9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 5:00pm Lent Soup & Study	1:00pm Lent Bible Study at SC Methodist	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	9:00am Pacifica WELCA Spring Gathering (Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 925 Balour Dr, Encinitas, CA 92024,
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AM: Roderick; PPT: Marlene Lector: Ann New Member Sunday! 9:30am Worship Service	10:00am Outreach-Pr Tom in person & Zoom	10:00am Worship & Music-Zoom 3:00pm Endowment Fund Board-Zoom	10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom 5:00pm Lent Soup & Study	2:00pm Lent Bible Study-In Person & Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AM: Deane-PPT: Lynn-Lector: Dave 9:30am Installations 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Plan: 60th	1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church	SM Posts-Church 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person 5:00pm Lent Soup & Study	10:00am WELCA General Meeting	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	1:00pm Ruth's 100th Birthday Party! Reservations Required!
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
AM: Harold; PPT: Lynn Lector: Sandy 9:30am Worship Service	10:00am Remembering & Honoring 2:00pm Hymn Planners-Zoom	10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom 3:00pm Outreach 5:00pm Lent Soup & Study	Forecaster Deadline 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:00am Blessing of the Animals-Parking Lot
26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
AM: Marlene; PPT: Mike Lector: Joanne 9:30am Worship Service	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom		5:00pm Lent Soup & Study	3:00pm Endowment-Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	