

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jesus said: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." ~Matthew 18:20~

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God:

It is that time of year to gather for the ANNUAL MEETING of our congregation.

Annual Meeting

I would like to invite you to participate in the Annual Meeting of our congregation, to be held directly after worship on Sunday, **February 27**th, **2022** in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars. When worship has concluded, instead of leaving, we will stay in the sanctuary and proceed with the business of the annual meeting.

This meeting gives us the opportunity to celebrate the past year and anticipate our ministry together for 2022. We will hear from our ministry leaders and we will hold elections for new Council and Endowment Board members. We will review our financials and vote on the new budget for the 2022 year. We will look forward to sharing our hopes and dreams for our ministry together.

In addition, at this time we will not be voting on the sale of the land behind the church to the city of Menifee for use as a park. This vote will be moved to a future special meeting. This will be an exciting opportunity to mutually benefit our congregation and our community. Money from the sale will be available for various expansions of our ministry here together.

For clarification purposes, whereas we completed our annual meeting last year via mail, that mode of meeting was only done in response to our inability to hold an inperson meeting of any kind at that point in the pandemic. Our congregational constitution does not permit absentee or proxy voting. Thus, this year in order for members to vote, you will need to attend in person. We understand that this is not ideal for some of our members, but in an effort to be in adherence to the constitution, this is how the meeting will be run.

Thank you

Part of the meeting will involve giving thanks for your faithful service to the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church. These past two years have held times of transition, change, and difficulty. And they have most certainly been times of accomplishments, successes, and enduring faith. You have walked humbly with God through these times, and pray God continues to walk with us in this next year.

Blessed

We have been blessed in so many ways this year. It is time to give thanks to God, to offer our praise and worship to Christ our Lord. Your involvement is important, your voice is vital, our action together will help to inspire our future vision for the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

"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