



# Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH \* JANUARY 2022



Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God:

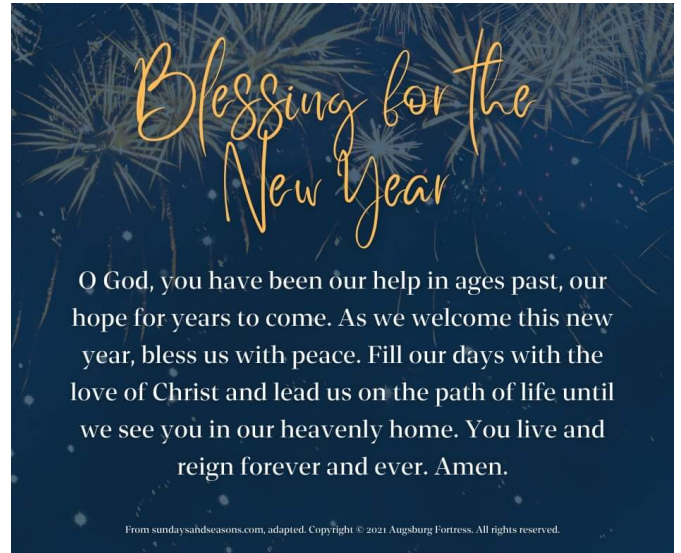
Happy New Year! And let me begin by saying thank you for all the Christmas cards. They really helped brighten our Christmas season!

In these ongoing extraordinary circumstances we find ourselves in, I believe it is so wonderful to have all of you in the congregation be such blessings to me and to each other. I look forward to this new year, to the new ways in which God is leading us to

be new blessings to ourselves and our neighbors. As we take down our calendars of 2021, may we reminisce on the good memories, honor the hard times, and let it all fuel us for what is going to be written on the 2022 calendars. Whatever this year brings, may each one of us be filled with the love of Christ, who leads us, walks with us, and propels us along the pathways of life, whatever that may mean for each of us. God is with you, the Holy Spirit is with you, Jesus Christ is with you! Hallelujah!

*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



O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. As we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. Fill our days with the love of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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**Mark your calendar and save the date!**

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on**

**February 27, 2022**

# Worship Schedule

## FOR JANUARY 2022

- January 2**                    In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am.
- January 9**                    In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- January 16**                   In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- January 23**                   In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- January 30**                   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*



<b>Asst. Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Power Point</b>
2nd: Joanne McGavran	2nd: Harold Whitford	2nd: Kandie Hulme	2nd: Mike McGavran
9th: Roderick Sinclair	9th: Bea Olsen	9th: Annie Misko	9th: Marlene Rosselli
16th: Marlene Rosselli	16th: Andrew Quinn	16th: Judy Appel	16th: Sarge Hunter
23 <sup>rd</sup> : Harold Whitford	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Marilyn Rieti	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Marlene Rosselli	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Lynn Bennett
30th: Marlene Rosselli	30th: Mike McGavran	30th: TBD	30th: Sarge Hunter
Greeters (all month): TBD Attendance (all month): Joanne McGavran		Altar Guild: All members of Altar Guild and anyone who wants to help.	

A Message From Our

Church Council President



“Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto man His Son hath given; While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth. “

-Martin Luther

Happy New Year! We have come a long way this year. Last year at this time we had our first parking lot Church Service in our cars for Christmas Eve. This year we were able to celebrate the coming of Jesus inside our church for our Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Every year we make New Year’s resolutions with thinking about our personal goals. Entering a New Year is where new beginnings and unexpected twists await. Let’s feel more content and practice gratitude for the blessings we have been given and really be present in the moment. Whether it’s starting to read a Bible passage or devotion each morning or going to a Bible Study which might inspire you, let’s deepen our faith with God.

The Council is working on getting information to you for our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on February 27, 2022. 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. We will be contacting and inviting you to our committee meetings if you either completed a Time & Talent sheet or tossed your tokens into the ministry buckets.

I want to remind everyone that you are invited to our general Council meetings. 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

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**Thank you!**

**Thank You** to everyone who contributed to our Christmas cause this year! We received over \$500.00 in Target Gift Cards! We will give electronic toys to kids that are in a children's home who are awaiting foster care. God's Blessings to you all!



## FINANCIAL REPORT Ending November 30, 2021

a. **Offering Envelopes**

- i) **For the month**, significantly over budget at 137.5% (\$14,177 vs \$10,314).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, we are above budget at 103.4% (\$122,093 vs \$118,027).

b. **Total Income**

- i) **For the month**, significantly over budget at 142.1% (\$18,687 vs \$13,152).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 115.0% (\$170,451 vs \$148,270).

c. **Expenses**

- i) **For the month**, slightly over budget at 106.3% (\$16,603 vs \$15,614).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 97.2% (\$1165,311 vs \$170,157).

d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)

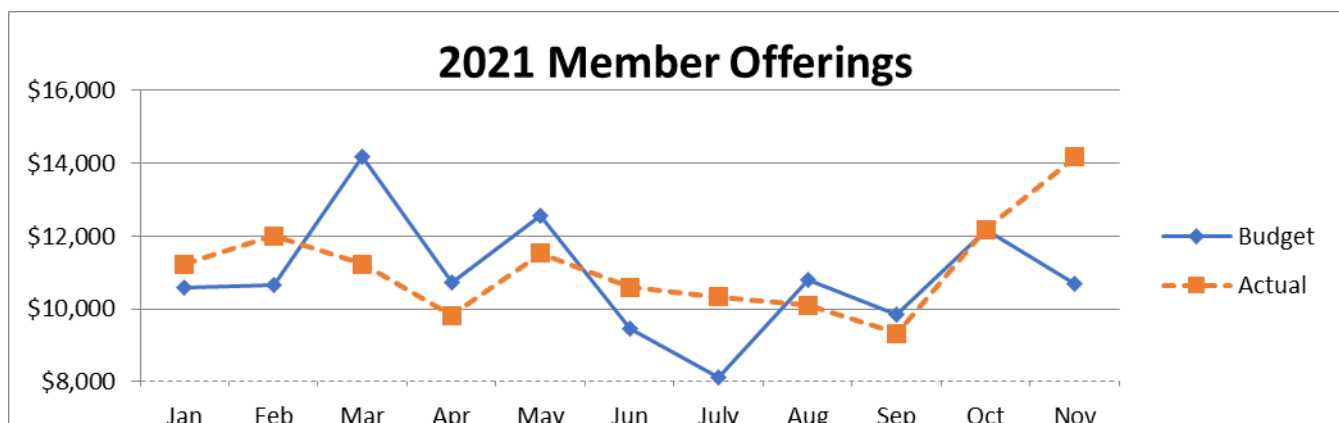
- i) **For the month**, much better than expected at \$2,084 vs. the expected loss of \$2,462.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, significantly better than expected with a profit of \$5,140, vs. the expected loss of \$21,886.

e. **Checking balance**

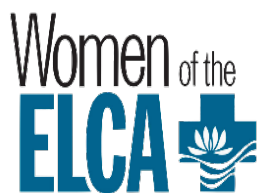
- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$21,127.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$19,074.

f. **Comments**

- i) Faith Members continued their support with above expected offerings, putting us ahead of budget for both the month and YTD! What a blessing!
- ii) Instead of facing a loss for the year, it appears we will finish the year with a surplus to help start the new year.



*Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer*



Dear Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you for a blessed New Year filled with love, joy, hope, and good health! In January, why not make a resolution to try out one of our Circle Bible Studies! All women are welcome to participate in all W-ELCA activities. In December, Lydia Circle had 5 in attendance; Mary Circle had 8 in person and 1 on Zoom.

**Circle Bible Study: January thru April from *Gather* magazine, “The kingdom of God: What does it mean for God to be in charge?” by the Rev. Mark Allan Powell**

New Testament scholar Mark Allan Powell looks at a widely used biblical image and invites us into a discussion of what it might mean for Lutheran women today. The phrase “kingdom of God” and similar expressions turn up repeatedly in sayings of Jesus, so understanding what that expression means helps us to make sense of numerous parables and popular Bible passages (including the Lord’s Prayer). There may be some surprises: the phrase refers to an activity, not a location—and it has nothing to do with God being a “king,” at least so far as that image suggests a (usually male) tyrant who gives orders and dominates the lives of his subjects. Powell is author of the world’s best-selling New Testament textbook and editor of the *Harper-Collins Bible Dictionary*.

Our **January study** is “**Beautiful feet: Announcing the reign of God.**” The prophet Isaiah said, “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who announces, ‘Your God reigns!’” No one has ever fit the description better than Jesus, who talked more about the reign of God than he did about anything else. We will ask, what would it mean for God to be in charge of our lives? And why would that be good news?

Our **Christmas Party with a Purpose** was enjoyed by 22 ladies. It was such a treat to all to be working together again! We made little Christmas gifts and wrote Christmas notes to our homebound members. Christmas note cards were also written for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services’ “Hope for the Holidays”. Election of 2022 officers for the W=ELCA Board was also held: President – Bea Olsen, Vice President – Karen Schnaufer, Secretary – Peggy Westby, and Treasurer – Arlene Dressler. Installation will be at a Sunday service in the new year.

At our December 15<sup>th</sup> W-ELCA Board meeting, we decided that **\$1,200 be distributed** to the following organizations: Lutheran Social Services, Central City Lutheran Mission, (San Bernardino), Luther Glen Camp at Oak Glen, and Menifee Valley Community Cupboard. A **BIG thank you** to all of you who so faithfully and generously continued to give during COVID so these gifts could be possible!

**Coming Up:**

- **Pastor John Meets with Circle Bible Study Leaders:** Wednesday, **JAN 5<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30am at Church
- **W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Wednesday, **JAN 5<sup>th</sup>**, 2:00pm at Church
- **Lydia Circle Bible Study:** Tuesday, **JAN 11<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00am at Church
- **Mary Circle Bible Study:** Wednesday, **JAN 12<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00am at Church and Zoom

**In this New Year, let us “Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; give to God glorious praise!”**

# WELCA Christmas Party with a Purpose



We as a family of Faith mourn  
the loss of  
Edy Rose. Please keep her  
family and friends in your  
prayers.





**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**  
To

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 1, 1935  | Betty Baumann   |
| Jan. 17, 1966 | Thomas Biebers  |
| Jan. 19, 1928 | Betty Volkert   |
| Jan. 20, 1940 | Judy Appel      |
| Jan. 21, 1942 | Sheila Neal     |
| Jan. 23, 1929 | Norma Dawson    |
| Jan. 24, 1933 | Pat Myers       |
| Jan. 25, 1924 | Frances Key     |
| Jan. 26, 1939 | Carol Morris    |
| Jan. 30, 1940 | Ellie Borchmann |

There are no official wedding anniversaries in February, 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!

## Hunger Never Rests!

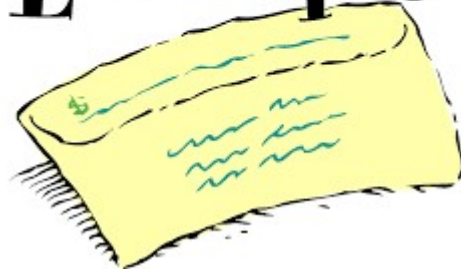
**The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of  
Soup for January!**

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.

*Ruth Ditsch - Community Cupboard Liaison*



# Offering Envelopes



The 2022 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 2021 envelopes you may have.







The rains have come to So Cal, much to our relief AND the good news seems to be that our roof is holding. I have been checking for drips and water stains and all appears dry.

Please notice the new porcelain signs made by Pastor John's mom! One is located above the double doors existing the sanctuary and the other is located at eye level existing the Narthex into "The Mission Field." Very nice!

We got a good scare the last two Sundays with no heat in the Sanctuary. A call to our regular repairman didn't help as he was on Christmas vacation. A call was made to a friend who does that kind of work and he got us going. Pray that our old equipment holds up for a good while longer!

*Respectfully, Harold Whitford, Property Committee Chair*



- 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).

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### Church Office Hours:

Tues & Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

### Our Staff:

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# January 2022

February 2022

January 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 22 New Year's Day (United States)
2 Asst Min: Joanne McGavran Lector: Harold Whitford 9:30am Worship-ALL	3 Asst Min: Joanne McGavran Lector: Harold Whitford 9:30am Worship-ALL	4 2:00pm Hymn Planners-Zoom	5 9:30am Bible Study Leaders Meeting 2:00pm WELCA 3:00pm Endowment	6 9:30am Bible Study Leaders Meeting 2:00pm WELCA 3:00pm Endowment	7 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall 1:00pm SCE Scheduled Power Outage	8 10:00am Altar Guild-Dismantle Xmas Decor
9 Asst Min: Roderick Sinclair Lector: Bea Olsen 9:30am Worship-ALL	10 10:00am Outreach Brainstorming-In 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	11 10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church	12 10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom	13 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	14 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	15
16 Asst Min: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Andrew Quinn 9:30am Worship-ALL	17 Martin Luther King Day (United States)	18 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group - Church	19 10:00am Worship & Music-In Person & Zoom	20 3:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Phone & Zoom	21 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	22
23 Asst Min: Harold Forecaster Lector: Marilyn Rieti 9:30am Worship-ALL	24 2:00pm Remembering & Honoring-In Person	25	26 1:00pm Finance Team-Zoom	27	28 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	29
30 Asst Min: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Mike McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL	31 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	Feb 1	2	3	4	5