



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * JUNE 2022



God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died at Tops markets in Buffalo New York, Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, and more. We commend them to your eternal love. Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence. That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray: make us instruments of your peace. Amen

*“Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.”*

(Opening words of a hymn by Marty Haugen based on Psalm 23)

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God:

The lyrical line above from Marty Haugen’s hymn invokes the emotional, faithful writings of the ancient psalmist. When hearing the hymn or reading the scripture, we can hear the writer of the 23rd Psalm expressing a cry of grief, but also of underlying faith and hope. We use this Psalm and other pieces of scripture to ground ourselves when we feel adrift, to bolster our faith when doubt and fear close in around us. It is a plea but also a statement of faith that God shepherds us through the shadow of the valley of death, whether that shadow darkens the path of ourselves, the path of known friends and family, or those known only known to us through terrible and terrifying news reports like those of the shootings over the last couple weeks.

We often feel helpless, our spirits feel raw and aching at the collective assault on our shared human connection, our bond through the Holy Spirit. We feel our frustration and that of people around us with different political leaning, trying to find different solutions to the same terrible problem, trying to prevent this from ever happening again. We ask why this could happen, again, and never really find a resolution to satisfyingly answer the question. In times like this, we call out: *“Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.”*

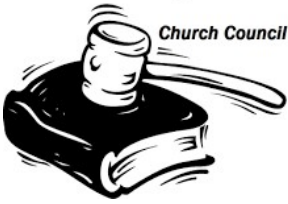
When you feel lost and like there is no path forward, trust in God to be there with you, with the survivors of these terrible events, and most certainly with those who have lost their lives. If any of you wish to talk more about these events, anything else going on in your lives, or have any pastoral care needs- please reach out to me and we will sit down, talk, and pray with God.

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

A Message From Our

Church Council President



On the day of Pentecost, when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover was fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; manifested, given and communicated as a divine person. Among the symbols representing Pentecost, are Flames of Fire, Wind and Water, and a Dove.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." ... "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." - Acts 2, NIV

Dear Faith Family and Friends,

We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday June 5th 2022, please wear red for the color of the day. We look forward to worshipping with you all and we have a special worship service planned.

Recently our congregation sent Kandie Hulme, Arlene Dressler and Maddie Meckler, to the Pacifica Synod Assembly as our church representatives. Please read the Forecaster newsletter article regarding our new Bishop Reverend David Nagler.

Special thanks to Ricardo Sierra (grandson of Dee and Bill Seel), for choosing our church to perform the service of his Eagle Scout project. In May we had a presentation of the completed project; picnic style tables and benches on our outside back patio, with shade umbrellas and a few nice artificial plants to brighten up the space and make it more user friendly.

You may have noticed that our parking lot is looking good. A new topcoat and sealant were put down and new paint stripes for the parking spaces was completed. Many thanks to our property team for all of their work.

Our movie afternoon was well attended and we look forward to hosting more fun social events.

As a reminder, the church council meeting minutes and committee reports are being posted on the bulletin board for all to review. As always, our church committee meetings are open to all members, and you are invited to attend our monthly church council meetings.

Please join us in the church Fellowship Hall for coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings.

Prayerfully in Christ,

Amy Sinclair, Church Council Co-President 562-714-0707 mobile



We as a family of Faith mourn the loss of Ron Neumen. Please keep Esther in your prayers.

There will be a graveside service for Ron on June 16th at Riverside National Cemetery. The service begins at 11:45, so plan to arrive no later than 11:15. There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00.

Worship Schedule

FOR JUNE 2022

June begins with Pentecost Sunday and Holy Trinity Sunday before beginning the long schedule of Sundays after Pentecost which take us through Summer and early Fall. Paraments will be green – the color of life - and living our lives in Christ's love is our focus during these months. Join us for worship.

June 5	In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
June 12	In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
June 19	In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
June 26	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



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
5th: Marlene Rosselli	5th: Bill Brauer	5th: Judy Appel	5th: Sarge Hunter
12th: Roderick Sinclair	12th: Sandy Chandler	12th: Annie Misko	12th: Marlene Rosselli
19th: Joanne McGavran	19th: Harold Whitford	19th: Marlene Rosselli	19th: Mike McGavran
26th: Marlene Rosselli	26th: Madison Hamilton	26th: Judy Appel	26th: Lynn Bennett
Greeters 5th: Gina Howe 12th: The Bosingers 19th & 26th: Harold Whitford		Attendance Kandie Hulme (all month) Altar Guild Karen Schnauer (all month)	

The incorrect Financial Report was in the Forecaster last month, so the reports for the periods ending March 31 and April 30 are both shown here.

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending March 31, 2022

a. **Offering Envelopes**

- i) **For the month**, just over budget at 103.6% (\$11,145 vs \$10,757).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, continues under budget at 93.1% (\$31,664 vs \$34,005).

b. **Total Income**

- i) **For the month**, over budget at 104.0% (\$16,137 vs \$15,513).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 94.0% (\$40,997 vs \$43,607).

c. **Expenses**

- i) **For the month**, under budget at 95.5% (\$14,631 vs \$15,316).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, on budget at 100.4% (\$47,241 vs \$47,037).

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

- i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$1,506 vs the expected surplus of \$198.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, a significant loss of \$6,243 vs the expected loss of \$3,429.

e. **Checking balance**

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$18,682, due to the transfer of the new loan \$100,000 to Long Term Property.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$117,191.

f. **Comments**

- i) Offerings for March slightly exceeded budget expectations. Given both January and February were below budget, this is encouraging.
- ii) Now that the \$100,000 new loan proceeds have been moved from Checking to the Long Term Property account, our checking account balance back to a more normal amount. The Thrivent Mortgage was paid off in March from the Long Term Property account. Going forward, the improvements (HVAC replacement, parking lot, etc.) will be paid from this account.

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY – For those who shop on Amazon, sign in to **Amazon Smile** (smile.amazon.com) instead. Same user-id and password as you use for regular Amazon. Then, in the upper left area, you can select a charity to receive a portion of what you spend at no cost to you. Simply select/change your charity by searching for **“Faith Lutheran Church Menifee”** and you should find **“Faith Lutheran Church Pacific S/W Synod”**. Select that as your new charity and they will send a donation to us based on how much you spend with Amazon. Remember to always sign on to **Amazon Smile** instead of plain old Amazon to turn your purchases into donations to Faith!



Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT
Ending April 30, 2022



a. **Comments**

- i) As you can see, our member Offerings are running significantly below our budget expectations for 3 of the last 4 months. Keep in mind that this year's budget is based on ACTUAL giving last year.
- ii) As a result, our year-to-date loss is two and a half times more than projected. If this trend continues, we will significantly exceed the projected budget deficit of \$13,000.
- iii) If you have overlooked sending in your offerings thus far, this would be a good time to get caught up.

b. **Offering Envelopes**

- i) **For the month**, significantly under budget at 90.3% (\$8,863 vs \$9,819).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, continues under budget at 92.5% (\$40,527 vs \$43,824).

c. **Total Income**

- i) **For the month**, significantly under budget at 90.9% (\$13,636 vs \$15,006).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 93.2% (\$54,633 vs \$58,613).

d. **Expenses**

- i) **For the month**, over budget at 109.7% (\$16,327 vs \$14,890).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 102.7% (\$63,567 vs \$61,927).

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

- i) **For the month**, a loss of \$2,691 vs the expected surplus of \$116.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, a significant loss of \$8,934 vs the expected loss of \$3,314.

f. **Checking balance**

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$16,011.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$18,682.

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Dear Women of Faith,

Summer is here and beginning in June we will enjoy a three-session Bible study, “Crafted in Christ: A Summer of Rest and Renewal”. The study will use the concept of quilting to explore rest, renewal and Christian community. Session 1 focuses on choosing patterns and re-assessing the shape of our lives. We find life-giving patterns in worship, Sabbath and service.

Ladies, you are invited to join us at one of our two Bible studies!

- Mary Circle meets Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00 am at the church and Zoom
- Lydia Circle meets Tuesday, June 14 at 2:00 pm at the church

Select the Circle Bible study day and time that's best for you and join us for study and conversation!

Sunday Coffee Hour

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up before church and serving and clean up after. You can sign up for either the time before or after church service, or both. Ask a friend to join you. The food will be provided and you only need to set up or clean up. A sign up sheet and “what to do” information will be posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bea Olsen or Arlene Dressler.

Spring Fundraiser in June

Plans are underway for our annual Spring fundraiser that will be held on **Saturday, June 25th** at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is our annual event and tickets will be \$15. Your \$15 donation includes a program, lunch, gift basket drawing, beach hat contest and more!

- Our speaker will be Jason White, Founder of Great Life Senior Care.
- Funds raised will be donated to Lutheran Social Services and Luther Glen Farm/Camp.
- Invite your friends and come join us for a fun morning followed by lunch.

A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. Contact Bea Olsen (951)370-3600 or Arlene Dressler (951)805-7682 with any questions. This event is for all women of the church. Mark your calendar, invite a friend and please plan to join us.

Coming Up:

Circle Bible Study Leaders meet with Pastor John: Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 am

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wednesday, June 8, 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, June 14, 2:00 pm at the church (new time)

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 10:00 am at the church

June Fundraiser: Saturday, June 25th, 10:00 am at the church

All Circle Bible Study: Thursday, August 11th, 10:00 am

In Christ,

Bea Olsen, President * beaolsen@yahoo.com * 951 370-3600

Our Fellowship Committee is very active in planning special events for all Faith Lutheran Church members, families and friends. Therefore, we would like to invite all members who would like to be a part of this committee to please come to our next meeting on Monday, June 6 at 2:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you! Thank you for your consideration!

- *Arlene Dressler Chairperson*





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

June 5, 1946	Sandra Miller
June 5, 1949	Diane Swarts
June 6, 1978	Andrew Quinn
June 6, 1996	Patrick Culp
June 6, 2006	Amy Rae Meckler
June 9, 1974	Jennifer McGavran
June 10, 1938	Colleen Yarchever
June 12, 2003	Maddie Meckler
June 13, 1938	Dee Seel
June 14, 1984	Jamie Lopez
June 15, 1973	Lesly Culp
June 23, 1935	Gloria Anderson
June 25, 1941	Thordis Moe
June 29, 1991	Bryant Holmes



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

June 12, 1965	David & Thordis Moe
June 22, 1966	Bill & Susan Brauer

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
Protein/Cereal Bars for June!**

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



We will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Faith Lutheran Church in the year 2023! We are asking for any photographs or memorabilia that could be used for the very special 60th Anniversary celebration. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Arlene Dressler or leave any items with Lynn Bennett, Office Administrator.

Congratulations to Rev. David Nagler, the newly elected Bishop of the Pacifica Synod!

Current Position: Pastor

Congregation Membership: Christ Lutheran Church

Date of Birth: July 19, 1964

Date of Ordination: January 30, 1993

Previous Positions:

Pastor and CEO, Central City Lutheran Mission

Pastor, Nativity Lutheran Church, Bend, OR

Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, San Diego, CA

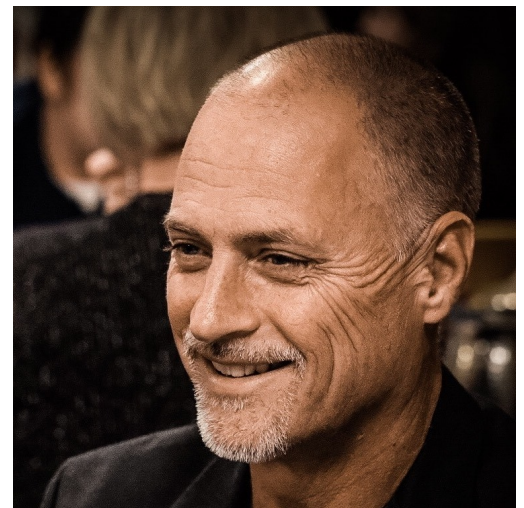
Director, Project Shalom, Antsiranana Madagascar

Education and Earned Degrees:

M.Div. Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, 1992

M.A.Ed. University of Redlands, 1989

B.A. in Psychology, Humboldt State University, 1986



“Whether serving in a congregation, social service agency, board or as part of a synodical team I have learned to trust my sense of creative vision for the future and my ability to communicate that vision effectively. I draw inspiration from visionary leaders who dare to push their communities beyond their comfort zones trusting that God is leading them to a new and more life-giving reality. I have a passion for keeping the good news of God’s love good news for everyone, no exceptions! I rely on the witness of scripture, input from sources that have been marginalized, my intuition, and a sense of adventure to guide the communities I serve. I have studied and employed the tactics of adaptive leadership to address complex problems that don’t have technical solutions. If you ask my dog, I’m also kinda funny.” – Bishop Rev. David Nagler

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Dee and Bill Seel used their \$250.00 Thrivent card to purchase rice, chili, and oatmeal packets that Bill and David Moe purchased at Costco. Thordis and Dave delivered the food to the Community Cupboard



Please Welcome our Newest Members



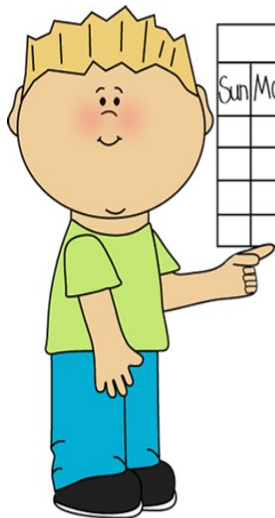
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Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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

Note: meetings are subject to change

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

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June 2022

June 2022							July 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
AM: Harold Whitford Baptism: Benjamin Astorga Lector: Bill Brauer PPT: Sarge Hunter 9:30am Pentecost	10:00am Cheer/Eucharistic Ministry-In Person & Zoom 2:00pm Fellowship-In Person	9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 11:00am Outreach-In Person and Zoom 2:00pm Mutual Ministry-Pacifica	9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 11:00am Outreach-In Person and Zoom 2:00pm Mutual Ministry-Pacifica	4:30pm Church Education Committee-Zoom	10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AM: Roderick Sinclair Lector: Sandy Chandler PPT: Marlene Rosselli 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	10:00am WELCA Board-In Person	11:15am Graveside Service-Ron Neumen 1:00pm Luncheon (Ron Neumen)-Fellowship Hall	10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
AM: Joanne McGavran Father's Day Lector: Harold Whitford PPT: Mike McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	1:00pm Finance Team-In Person	Forecaster: Deadline 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:00am W-ELCA Fundraiser-Fellowship Hall
26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
AM: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Madison Hamilton PPT: Lynn Bennett 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	10:00am Remembering & Honoring-In Person 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Endowment Board-Zoom				