



# Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH \* SEPTEMBER 2022



NOW THE LORD CAME AND  
STOOD THERE, CALLING AS  
BEFORE, "SAMUEL!  
SAMUEL!" AND SAMUEL  
SAID, "SPEAK, FOR YOUR  
SERVANT IS LISTENING."

1 SAMUEL 3:10

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: **"Speak, for your servant is listening."**

In the King James version \* The word speak is mentioned 513 times \* The word speaketh is mentioned 74 times \* The word speaking is mentioned 62 times \* The word speakest is mentioned 17 times \* The word spake is mentioned 587 times.

While the spoken word is not the only mode of communication in the Bible, it is obviously an important one, and is a part of the overall emphasis on interpersonal dialogue and communication encouraged in the Bible as a necessary part of the practice of our faith. So when young Samuel says **"Speak, for your servant is listening,"** he is showing faith and wisdom beyond his years. Even at a young age, he realizes that he needs to hear God's word guiding him in his life and also that God is calling him to serve and to listen to God's people.

Samuel would become one of the great prophets, venerated in all the Abrahamic faiths, and would play a pivotal role in the transition from the period of the biblical judges to the institution of a kingdom under Saul and then David. There is plenty of complexity and nuance within that transition period, but again, right at beginning were the words of the servant leader Samuel: **"Speak, for your servant is listening."**

Here at Faith Lutheran Church, we continue to experience our own transition, different and separate from the one which Samuel took part in, but still one of the most impactful in our congregation's history. As we continue to transition from the pandemic to endemic in the world, our church is also continuing to transition how we practice our faith. Thus, it makes sense that we would draw on our ancestors in faith, like Samuel, to best navigate a transition this important to each individual member of our congregation and to the community of faith itself. And so the servant leaders of this congregation would like to say to each person they are called by God to serve: **"Speak, for your servant is listening."** Your servant leaders (the church council and myself) have coordinated with the Mutual Ministry team, who created and will conduct a congregational survey. The survey will be mailed to you and we ask that you prayerfully complete it at an in-person session with the Mutual Ministry Team or at home and return it to the church no later than **September 18th**. In either case, with any concerns and all the joys and dreams you have for Faith, we want to hear you so **"Speak, for your servant is listening."**

*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



We are all invited to participate in **God's Work, Our Hands**, the ELCA Day of Service, on **Sunday, September 11th**. During the coffee hour that day, we will assemble hygiene kits and pre-packaged snacks for the Menifee Police Dept. to give to those in need. Before that, though, we're asking that each of you, as you are able, please purchase items listed on this half-sheet flyer (travel size), bring them to church, and put them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Then plan to stay after worship on September 11<sup>th</sup> to join the fun of helping assemble what we've gathered!

Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Razors	Dental floss	Lotion
Mouthwash	Washcloths	Shampoo	Socks
Hair conditioner	Applesauce	Comb/brush set	Granola Bars
Deodorant	Fruit snack	Powder	
Crackers with peanut butter or cheese			

**"...just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)**



***Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands---O prosper the work of our hands!***  
***Psalm 90:17***

Our Lutheran Study Bible states “***What is the Lutheran understanding of vocation?*** Every baptized person has a vocation or special calling to serve God and neighbor. Any job or career is holy when Christian carries it out as part of this calling. The daily work of vocation can happen in a workplace, but it can happen in the home, school, church, community, and world as well. Vocation can include being a father, mother, sister, brother, friend, student, co-worker, boss and so on.”

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in American has a day of service - God’s Work. Our Hands on September 11<sup>th</sup>.** We will be making hygiene kits for the homeless again this year. Scripture is saturated with God’s command to his people to help others, care for the poor, imitate his generosity with helpfulness. The good news is serving others doesn’t just make your heart feel good, studies have shown that there are mental and physical health benefits to serving, like reducing depression, and distracts us from our own problems and allows us to engage in a meaningful activity. Instead of helping others once a year we are encouraged to live generously by giving to people in need throughout the year.

Our next council meeting will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in person and on Zoom. All are welcome to come to our council meetings. As a reminder, the church council meeting minutes and committee reports for the previous month are being posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Cheerfully in Christ,  
 Kandie Hulme, Council President



Help someone get their sight back! We are collecting used eyeglasses, cases, broken or the dark type for the Menifee Valley Lions Club. There is a box in the narthex for your donations! For more information, please contact Diane Swarts at 949-500-7986.

IN LOVING   
*Memory*

We as a family of Faith mourn the loss of Marlin Jay.

Memorial gifts were given to Faith’s Endowment Fund in honor of Marlin.

# Worship Schedule

## FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

- September 4: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- September 11: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am  
"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday; LRCC Camp Staff attending and leading music
- September 18: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- September 25: In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am  
"Thankoffering" Sunday for Women

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

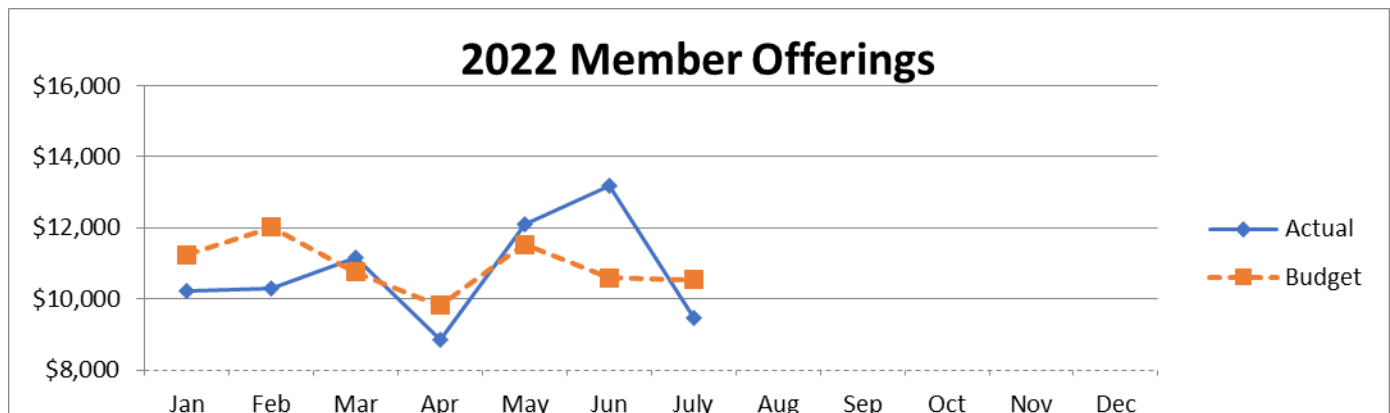
*-The Worship & Music Committee*



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
4th: Roderick Sinclair	4th: Harold Whitford	4th: Annie Misko	4th: Marlene Rosselli
11th: Harold Whitford	11th: David Moe	11th: Judy Appel	11th: Marlene Rosselli
18th: Marlene Rosselli	18th: Pat Adams	18th: Gina Howe	18th: Lynn Bennett
25th: Joanne McGavran	25th: Ann Conn	25th: Marlene Rosselli	25th: Michael McGavran
<b>Greeter:</b> Thelma Dyal (all month) <b>Attendance:</b> Lorna Harrison (4th, 11th); Kandi Hulme (18th, 25th)			<b>Altar Guild:</b> Kandie Hulme

## FINANCIAL REPORT Ending July 31, 2022

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
  - i) **For the month**, under budget at 89.7% (\$9,459 vs \$10,540).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, on budget at 98.4% (\$75,273 vs \$76,498).
- b. **Total Income**
  - i) **For the month**, over budget at 122.2% (\$16,680 vs \$13,649).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 103.2% (\$102,911 vs \$99,700).
- c. **Expenses**
  - i) **For the month**, slightly under budget at 97.8% (\$15,871 vs \$16,237).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 101.1% (\$112,525 vs \$111,243).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
  - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$809 vs the expected loss of \$2,588.
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, a loss of \$9,613 vs the expected loss of \$11,543.
- e. **Checking balance**
  - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$15,325.
  - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$14,535.
- f. **Comments**
  - i) For the month, Member Offerings continues to lag budget. YTD looks good, but is due to “prepaid offerings” received last month. Overall YTD income looks good, due to the movement of undesignated Memorial Funds into the general account.



*Submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer*

## Is Your Church Directory Outdated???

We are in the process of updating the church directory! If you would like your photo updated since the last edition, Pr. John will take your photo after the worship service every Sunday in September!

Please sign up in the Narthex!



Greetings, dear women of Faith, in the name of our Lord and Savior!

It's September, and yet it still feels like summer! Why not beat the heat with your sisters in Christ by coming to Circle Bible Study this month - where the church will be cool and welcoming, and the study refreshing and uplifting!

**Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith is the theme of the Fall 2022 study in *Gather* magazine.** The author, the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, has this to say about it: *Jesus often turned to the natural world in teaching, opening our eyes to see creation not just as something to be cared for, but as our teacher and kindred. It is no mistake that Jesus, who lovingly spoke of soil and plants, was thought to be a gardener that first Easter morning. This three-session Bible study will shift our perspectives and allow nature to be our teacher, through the words of Jesus and other parts of Scripture. The trees, the soil and the creatures will offer us new perspectives on the character of God and challenge us to deepen our stewardship of God's precious creation. **Session 1: Trees** will tap into Biblical images of trees and explore why planting and protecting trees is important, while rooting us in models of interdependence and mutuality.*

**Choose the Circle Bible Study that works best for you and plan to come!**

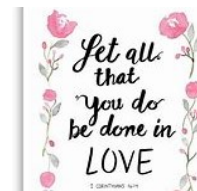
- **Tuesday, September 13: Lydia Circle** meets at 2:00pm in person
- **Wednesday, September 14: Mary Circle** meets at 10:00am in person and on Zoom

**Thank you to Pastor John** for leading our August 11<sup>th</sup> All Circles Bible Study in the third and final session of **Crafted in Christ — A Summer of Rest and Renewal**. 19 of us gathered in the Fellowship Hal for this Spirit-fed, Spirit-led discussion.

**Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Sunday is September 25<sup>th</sup>.** Each year our congregation is invited to participate in Thankoffering by giving a special gift, over and above our regular giving, in support of Women of the ELCA ministries here in the U.S. and abroad. Look for the Thankoffering envelope in your church mailbox. Please make your **check** out to **Faith W-ELCA**, with the **MEMO: Thankoffering**, and bring it to church or pop it in the mail.

On **Thursday, SEPT 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our **Faith W-ELCA General Meeting and Luncheon**. We'll begin at **10:00 a.m.** with coffee, conversation, and a brief business meeting before turning it over to our special speaker, Jason White, Founder of Great Life Senior Care. A salad luncheon will wrap up our time together. Plan to come, and invite someone to come with you! The sign-up sheet awaits you in the narthex.

**The Pacifica W-ELCA Convention & Gathering is happening on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Hope Lutheran Church in Temecula.** Pick up a Registration Form in the narthex for this exciting event. The Convention portion on the 4<sup>th</sup> is 2:00pm-8:00pm; the Gathering on the 5<sup>th</sup> is 9:00am-4:00pm. It's just down the road from us, we'll be able to load up our cars and carpool... yahoo!



Walking, praying and serving WITH you!

Joanne McGavran

## September Birthdays



### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

Sept. 2, 1954	Connie Gibson
Sept. 5, 1937	Ray Fenstermacher
Sept. 8, 1941	Gina Howe
Sept. 9, 1992	Valerie Holmes
Sept. 11, 1942	Lou Anne Fraser
Sept. 11, 1946	Sharon Seims
Sept. 15, 1942	Linda Blanche
Sept. 17, 1938	David Moe
Sept. 18, 1982	Christina Peteroski
Sept. 19, 2019	Danielle Barton
Sept. 19, 1933	Ellie Nony
Sept. 20, 1929	Emily Rasmussen
Sept. 27, 1940	Ed Fultz
Sept. 29, 2013	Emma Peteroski



### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

Sept. 29, 2018 Pr. John & Sarah Barton

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**

**Dry Pasta and Pasta Sauce for September!**

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*



David Moe and grandson, Ryan delivering food to the Community Cupboard

*Please Welcome our Newest Members*



Tom & Judy Brosz



Ann Conn



Dave Fisher & Shirley Houghton



Mikey & Berenice Varsobia





# 4 Plus 1



**What is 4 Plus 1?** It's a "Come as you are and share your own story!" kind of thing - small groups of four or more people plus **Christ – the Plus One**. We'll sit at our new patio picnic tables, or bring your own lawn chair. If it's too warm outdoors, we'll go inside. We pray, discuss a scripture passage, talk and laugh together on the **third Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00am**. It's a great way to learn more about each other and our generous and loving God!

**Come on over... Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

Questions? Call or text Joanne McGavran (949/280-1123)



*Happy Anniversary, Pastor John!*

## Faith Lutheran Church

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### Church Office Hours:

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

### **Our Staff:**

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# September 2022

September 2022						
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October 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3
4 AM: Roderick Sinclair Directory Photo Opp Lector: Harold Whitfor PPT: Marlene Rosselli 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	5 Labor Day (United States)	6	7 9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 2:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Ministry-In Person	8 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	9 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10
11 AM: Harold Whitford Directory Photo Opp 9:30am Worship-God's Work. Our Hands	12	13 2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	14 10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom 2:00pm Worship & Music-In Person & Zoom	15 2:00pm Game Day-Dominos!	16 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	17
18 PPT: Lynn Bennett AM: Marlene Rosselli Directory Photo Opp Lector: Pat Adams 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	19 10:00am Mutual Ministry-In Person 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	20 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	21 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person	22 10:00am W-ELCA General Meeting-Fellowship Hall 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	23 Forecaster Deadline 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	24
25 AM: Joanne McGavran Directory Photo Opp Lector: Ann Conn PPT: Mike McGavran 9:30am WELCA Thankoffering Service	26 10:00am Outreach (Pr. Tom)-In Person 11:30am Outreach-In Person 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	27	28 10:00am Fellowship-In Person	29	30 10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	Oct 1