



# Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH \* JULY 2023



“Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). John 20:16

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.” Psalm 32: 8

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: **We can't spell “YOUth education” without “YOU”!**

Because this is so, so important, I am repeating last month's plea: **we need Sunday School Teachers!**

Here is the situation, we would all like to make a welcoming, instructive, and inviting community for all generations to enjoy. In particular, Faith's education team is making an intentional effort to recruit, train, and qualify Sunday School volunteers so that we may begin Sunday School on August 20, the week after the Blessing of the Backpacks! Here is what we have: we were awarded a \$1000 grant from the synod to cover fingerprint and background checks for our teachers, making our program certified with CA law AB506. We have a prepared, full curriculum, complete with videos, activities, and lesson plans, making it simple and fun for our volunteers to step into their teacher's shoes and not have to reinvent the wheel. All we need is you!



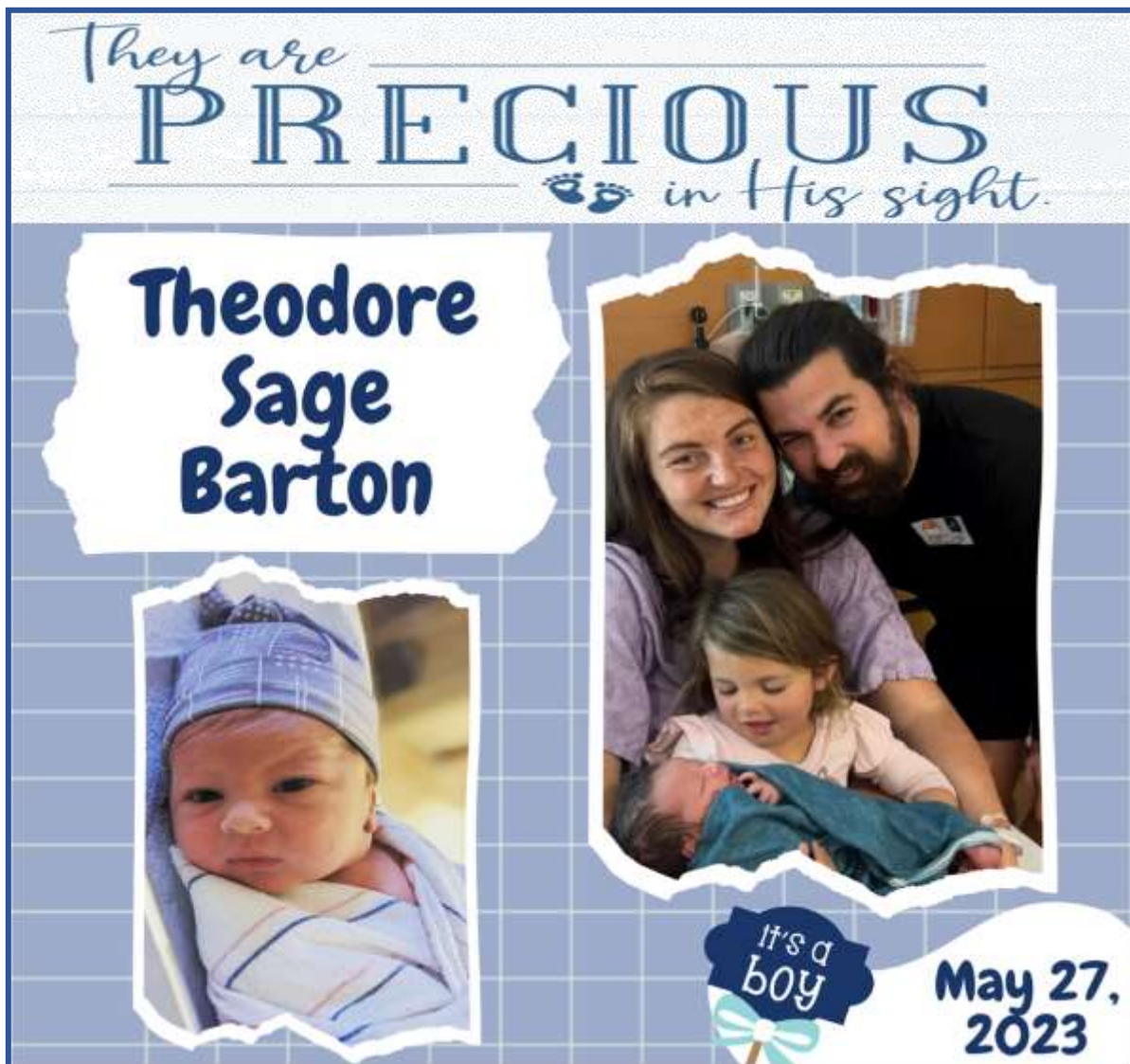
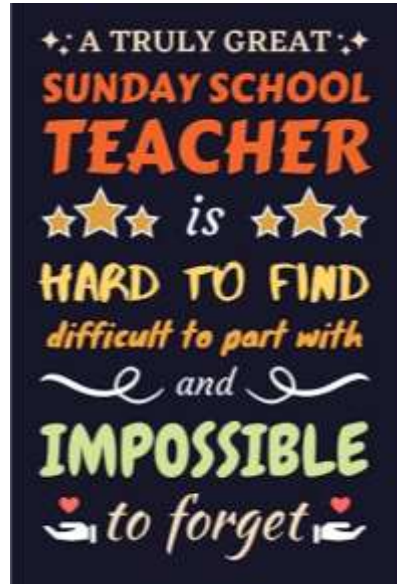
Our goal is to have 10 people (at least) involved to have a healthy and sustainable team that can rotate throughout the month. There are different ways to help in three roles: Teacher, Assistant, and Backup. Teachers prepare by familiarizing themselves with the pre-prepared lessons which are ready for you in the curriculum. Assistants compliment the teacher by aiding in activities the teachers have explained, as well as providing additional adult presence. Backups would be folks who are oriented in the program but won't necessarily be on the regular schedule - as the name implies if an assistant can't make it some

Sunday, we can have backups to fill that place and maintain our necessary two adults per class policy. We need more volunteers in all three of these crucial roles.

I personally invite anyone who has an inkling of God’s call to help teach our youth to please contact Amy Sinclair (council president and education chair) or me. We need you and are eager to have a conversation with you about what our Sunday School program is and how to grow it. Please prayerfully consider joining the team and thank you in advance for making this essential ministry possible!

*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*



## NOTES FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL



Deuteronomy 31; 6 & 8: 6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." ... 8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Hello Faith Family and Friends,

Hoping that this newsletter finds you in good health and in good spirits.

Here are some important updates from the Church Council.

We need a Treasurer. The Church Council is currently looking for a new church Treasurer since our current treasurer, Mike McGavran, is retiring at the end of July. We have reached out to congregation members directly and we are still searching. If you have any interest in the position or any ideas for someone who might be able to do this, please contact the council president, Amy Sinclair at 562-714-0707. Right now, our office administrator, Lynn Bennett is performing most of the daily and weekly tasks as an assistant to the Treasurer. She is willing to continue to do these tasks, but we need a Treasurer who can attend church council meetings and be responsible for the Treasurer duties. We also currently have a bookkeeper and we will continue to do the bookkeeping duties. Further information will be forthcoming. If you have any urgent questions or concerns, please contact the Council President, Amy Sinclair 562-714-0707 or Pastor John Barton 949-258-3452.

Sound System Project: The church Sanctuary Sound System Upgrade Project is moving along. Recently about 17 requests for proposals/bids, were sent out to sound system engineering companies. The leader of the sound system project, Sarge Hunter, will be at church to host open house; time for company representatives and engineers to come and see our system and ask questions. This will take place on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Park – Land Sale: Regarding the sale of our land to the city for a park behind our property, there is no real update at this time but the city is working with the state and their own internal departments to get things moving along. We were told that there might be a community question and answer event in early Fall to discuss the park project further. This event would be open to residents of Menifee as well as congregation members.

Thank you to each of you, for all you do to support Faith Lutheran Church of Sun City.

Next **Council Meeting is on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, at 1pm** in person or on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

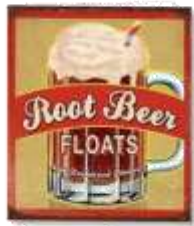
*Faithfully in Christ, Amy Sinclair, Council President 562-714-0707*





**FLOAT THRU SUMMER!**  
**FREE ROOT BEER FLOATS & POPCORN**  
 Wednesdays – 6:30-7:30pm  
 July 19<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup>  
 In the Fellowship Hall

**Kids  
Activity  
Table**



**Bring  
Your  
Friends!**

*Nothing says  
summer like a root  
beer float!  
Come on out and  
bring your friends!*

We would love to have you as a new member of Faith Lutheran Church! If you would like to learn more about us and the Lutheran church, sign up for our new member classes led by Pastor John!

Classes: July 30 & August 6 at 11:00  
 New Member Sunday: August 20



# Worship Schedule

## FOR JULY 2023

Summer means vacations and visitors! If you are gone, find a church where you can worship. If you have summer guests, invite them to join you at worship!

- July 2** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 9** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 16** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 23** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 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 on *live* broadcast. Tune to 98.9 FM
- **Online:** on our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
2nd: Roderick Sinclair	2nd: Amy Sinclair	2nd: Judy Appel	2nd: Marlene Rosselli
9th: Joanne McGavran	9th: Lorna Harrison	9th: Gina Howe	9th: Mike McGavran
16th: Marlene Rosselli	16th: Harold Whitford	16th: Kandie Hulme	16th: Mike McGavran
23rd: Deane Meckler	23rd: Pat Adams	23rd: Walli Weitz	23rd: Lynn Bennett
30th: Harold Whitford	30th: Bill Brauer	30th: Judy Appel	30th: Lynn Bennett

**Greeter:** Rudy & Evelyn Bosinger **Altar Guild:** Kandie Hulme & Helpers

**Attendance:** 2nd: Lorna Harrison; 9th: Eileen Johnson; 16th: Joanne McGavran; 23rd: Kandie Hulme; 30th: Walli Weitz

## FINANCIAL REPORT Ending May 31, 2023

### 1. Comments

- a. This month's Member giving was below budget for the month, but we are still over budget year-to-date.
- b. Keep in mind that being over budget doesn't mean we have a surplus, as the budget reflects an overall deficit of over \$31,000. We need to continue to give faithfully!
- c. Our expenses were higher than budget for the month, mostly due to "catch-up" billings from 2 of our vendors who overlooked invoicing us in the last few months.



### 2. Financials Review

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
  - i) **For the month**, under budget at 86.2% (\$10,419 vs \$12,087).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 110.0% (\$57,857 vs \$52,614).
- b. **Total Income**
  - i) **For the month**, under budget at 90.7% (\$12,793 vs \$14,101).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 109.9% (\$83,280 vs \$75,811).
- c. **Expenses**
  - i) **For the month**, over budget at 112.2% (\$18,927 vs \$16,867).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 103.2% (\$84,623 vs \$81,901).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
  - i) **For the month**, a loss of \$6,134 vs the expected loss of \$2,766.
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, a loss of \$1,343 vs the expected loss of \$6,090.

### TIME FOR A CHANGE

This will be my last Forecaster article as your Treasurer. I've been serving in this capacity, either officially or unofficially, for the past several years. Now, circumstances make it necessary for me to step away from this role, and let someone else pick up this Council responsibility. Although I will no longer be on Council, I intend to continue as Chair of the Finance Committee for the time being, but am unable to continue as Treasurer as well. I will also continue to work on special projects, such as the Park project (the land sale to the City).

During my time as Treasurer, we've developed many processes to standardize and simplify the job, including transferring many of the routine aspects to our Office Manager, Lynn Bennett. It's my hope that one of our newer members is ready to take over the remaining Treasurer duties, and I'm happy to assist during the transition. It's been my honor to serve as your Treasurer.

Mike McGavran



### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

July 2, 1941	Betty Heiling
July 3, 1936	Joyce Stromberg
July 4, 1950	Ruth Maser
July 9, 1948	Susan Brauer
July 11, 2002	Cody Meckler
July 12, 1934	Marilyn Rieti
July 15, 1937	Patsy Loughboro
July 16, 1951	Rich Chandler
July 18, 1942	Rose Thompson
July 25, 1942	Pat Adams
July 25, 1925	Betty Petrich
July 26, 1966	Lynn Bennett
July 30, 1928	Florann Finn



### ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

July 4, 2000 Ruth & Milton Maser



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 **canned chili** for July!**



Your donations are always welcome and needed! Bring your donations to the church office during our regular hours or you may drop your items off at The Cupboard at 26944 Cherry Hills Blvd (951/301-4414). 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*

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).





**Greetings, dear women of Faith!**

**It is July and summer continues!** This month we are studying the second session of our summer study in the *Gather Magazine*.

**Session Two: Tangible Salvation Now — Christians Bringing Wellness**

Following Jesus means expressing our solidarity with Jesus and his mission, in all we do. Because Jesus is the bringer of salvation, in his name, so, too, are we. Where there are wounds and brokenness, we are called to bring Jesus and the salvation he embodied. Together we'll examine the biblical and theological reasons for not waiting for it to all come out in the wash later, but for us to become faithful ambassadors of Jesus' salvation now.

**Please note this month we will again be holding a Lydia and Mary joint circle meeting. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, July 12, at 10:00 am. Come join in the conversation and fellowship. All women are welcome.**

**Snip and Stitch Quilters:** Seven women met last month to sort and organize our material and tie quilts. The quilters will be meeting this month on **Thursday, July 6, 9:00-12:00**. No experience as a quilter is needed. There will be various things to do and we would love to have you. Please bring a bag lunch if you wish, for lunch and fellowship when we finish. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us to work on a worthwhile project and fellowship together.

**W-ELCA June Fundraiser:** Our annual W-ELCA fundraiser was held on **Saturday, June 24** (see photos below). We were entertained by the Rancho Rockers. A group of six seniors from Rancho Cucamonga entertained us with lively music and sing a long country western and rock and roll. We raised \$680 thru ticket donations and \$240 from the sale of opportunity tickets. Funds raised will benefit Alternatives to Domestic Violence, a women's shelter here in Menifee. Over 41 members and friends were in attendance, and everyone had a great time. I want to thank all those who worked so hard to make this day a success.

**Sunday Coffee:** Just a reminder your help is needed to continue to have coffee and fellowship after our church service. Help with the set-up is provided by Evelyn. We would like volunteers to help clean up after our Sunday coffee. Please sign up and give it a try!

**Coming up this month:**

**Snip & Stitch Quilters:** Thursday, **July 6, 9-12 noon** in the fellowship hall at church

**Lydia and Mary Circle Joint Bible study:** Wednesday, **July 12, 10:00 am** in the Fellowship Hall

**W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Wednesday, **July 19, 10:00 am** at church

**Planning ahead –**

August All Circle Bible Study led by Pastor John: Thursday, August 17, 10:00 am

September W-ELCA General Meeting – Saturday, September 16, 2023, 10:00 am

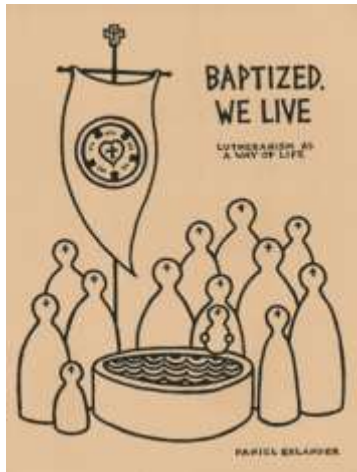
Pacifica W-ELCA Convention and Gathering – November 3-4, 2023, Yorba Linda CA

December Christmas General Meeting – Saturday, December 2, 2023, 10:00 am

In Christ's love, Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President | 951 370-3600 | beaolsen@yahoo.com







## BAPTIZED, WE LIVE

*“The way of teaching, worshiping, and living as Christians which comes from a sixteenth-century church renewal movement should continue within the beautiful diversity of the whole Christian church. Let’s do it and do it well. Then let’s invite people of all races, cultures and national backgrounds to join us.” – Daniel Erlander*

Starting on Sunday July 9, we will begin an eight-week series of classes discussing Daniel Erlander’s book about the place of Lutheranism within the wider Christian community. The book is fun to read, with lots of cartoons to inspire reflection and discussion. Some of us have read parts of the book already for the confirmation and new members’ classes, but here is a chance to read it all the way through.

The classes will take place after worship on Sundays and each class will last for no more than one hour. Whether you are a cradle Lutheran, new to Lutheranism, or somewhere in between, please join us as we explore this book together.

For more details, please contact Roderick Sinclair at [rsinclai@aol.com](mailto:rsinclai@aol.com) or 714.204.2176.

## The Outreach Committee: Getting Things Done!

New signs are ready to be placed on the corner of McCall & Murrieta and on Valley Blvd. welcoming our community to worship with us! They need help getting there, though! **Can YOU help With This Once or Twice a Month? If YES, or you’d like more info,** please contact Joanne McGavran (949/280-1123). Here’s what needs to be done:

1. Get two “sandwich boards” and bicycle locks from church on Friday evening or Saturday morning
2. Attach one sign to the light post on the corner of McCall and Murrieta Rd.
3. Attach the other to our direction sign on Valley Blvd. and Roanoke
4. Detach and return them both to the church after Sunday worship



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#### Church Office Hours:

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

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# July 2023

July 2023							August 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
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Assis: Rodenck, Amy. Mars			9:30am Bible Study Leaders- In Person 1:00pm. Worship & Music.	9:00am Snip N' Stitch 10:00am. Hymn Planners.	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
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Assis: Joanne, Lorna, Mike 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Baptized We Live	1:00pm Special Council Mtg.-In Person & Zoom 3:00pm Outreach-In Person & Zoom		10:00am Joint Circle Meeting- In Person & Zoom	10:00am Remembering & Honoring 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person & Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Assis: Mars, Harold, Mike 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Baptized We Live		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	10:00am WELCA Board-In Person 1:00pm Finance Team-In 6:30pm (Root Beer) Float	3:00pm Endowment-Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Assis: Deane, Pat, Lynn 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Baptized We 11:00am New Member			6:30pm (Root Beer) Float Thru Summer	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	4:00pm Jay Robinson-using Fellowship Hall for Bday Party
30	31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5
Assis: Harold, Bill, Lynn 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Baptized We 11:00am Plan-60th Ann.	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom					