



Forecaster



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * NOVEMBER 2023



Liturgical music must be like John the Baptist: always pointing to Christ, never calling attention to itself.

(BROTHER ROGER OF TAIZE)

Hi friends! Your Pastor here!

Have you ever wondered about the Music of Worship, also known as “liturgical music” like the quote from Brother Roger calls it? To start, the word liturgy comes from a Greek term meaning “public work or work done on behalf of the people.” Liturgy is the various forms and formulas of worship, the different pieces which make up the worship service such as the readings, prayers, and the musical elements. In the Lutheran expression of the Christian movement, to receive the liturgical elements, including music, we draw on various parts of Judeo/Christian history and ancestors in faith. *So did you know:*

THE VOICE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

And you have all been formed into one choir, to...sing God's song together and praise the Father with one voice through Jesus Christ, that when he hears you he may realize from what you have done so well that you are of his Son's members. (IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH)

The Church has its roots deep in Jewish worship, and the music of Christian worship grew out of the music of Jewish worship, resplendent with psalms and hymns from the Scriptures. Paul encourages the Ephesians to "...be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:18-20). Among the oldest sacred song forms still used in the church today are psalms and canticles, the music from the Scriptures.

canticle. (Latin, "little song.") A sacred song or prayer (other than one of the psalms) from the Bible used in liturgical worship, particularly in the Divine Office (in the Roman tradition). Old Testament canticles include the two Canticles of Moses (Exod. 15:1-18 and Deut. 32:1-43); the Canticle of Habakkuk (Hab. 3:2-19); the Canticle of Isaiah (Isa. 12:2-6); the Canticle of Hezekiah (Isa. 38:10-20);

and the Canticle of Hannah (1 Sam. 2:1- 10). The three major New Testament canticles, Benedictus, Nunc Dimittis, and Magnificat (or the "evangelical canticles"), are all taken from the Gospel of Luke.

Benedictus. (Latin, "blessed.") A canticle beginning "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel," or in Latin, Benedictus Dominus Deus.

Magnificat. (Latin, "magnify.") A major canticle beginning Magnificat anima mea Dominum or "My soul doth magnify the Lord." The words are those of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth found in Luke 1: 46-55. This canticle, which is sometimes called the Song (or Canticle) of Mary, is sung daily in Vespers. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly"

A musical performance also softens hard hearts, leads in the humor of reconciliation, and summons the Holy Spirit. (HILDEGARD OF BINGEN)

antiphon. A response sung in connection with the antiphonal reading (or singing) of a psalm or canticle.

antiphonal. (Greek, "voice against.") Singing responsively on alternate verses of a psalm or canticle, usually between two choirs.

chant. Monophonic music in which the text is repeated often and usually sung acapella (without instrumental accompaniment). Chant is used in worship liturgies, particularly Christian worship, which has its roots in Jewish worship. The most familiar Christian chants may be Gregorian.

Gregorian chant. (Also called Plain Chant or Plain Song.) Psalms and canticles chanted on eight tones with dignity and in unison, with the text determining the rhythm. Named after Gregory the Great (7th century), writer of a collection of chants called "Antiphonar" and lent his name to the Latin rite that would later become the rite celebrated in most of Western Europe.

MUSIC OF THE REFORMATION

In truth we know by experience that song has great force and vigour to move and inflame the hearts of men, to invoke and praise God with a more vehement and ardent zeal. (JOHN CALVIN)

A significant feature of the Reformation was the increase in the availability of Scripture and spiritual knowledge among the laity (non-clergy). What was once the province of clergy now became available to the congregation. This was no less true in the realm of church music. Martin Luther, who was instrumental in restoring hymn-singing to the congregation, affirmed, "I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise." The years following the Reformation were rich in the creation of Christian music, by composers such as Georg Frederick Handel, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Felix Mendelssohn, and hymn-writers such as Charles Wesley, John Newton, and Isaac Watts.

hymn. A Christian song in stanza form sung by the congregation at worship.

hymnal. A book containing hymns and the orders of service for worship.

hymnody. The singing or composition of hymns or the great body of hymns available.

praise music. Worship music arising out of the charismatic movement that celebrates especially the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians.

stanza. Refers to the grouping of the lines of poetry of a hymn. Each stanza requires one playing of the hymn tune.

verse. Each line in the stanza of a hymn.

I am not satisfied with those who despise music, as all fanatics do; for music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of other persons. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful; one forgets all anger, unchasteness, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise. (MARTIN LUTHER)

Now you know! Thanks for your curiosity!

Pr. John Barton

Bonus Theological Fact: **"THE SEVEN CONTRARY VIRTUES"** from A Theological Miscellany by T.J. McTavish. pg. 75

These "Virtues" are derived from the poem "Psychomachia" ("Battle for the Soul") by Prudentius, around 410. The virtues are the antidotes for the corresponding Seven Deadly Sins.

1. Humility. 2. Kindness. 3. Fasting. 4. Decency. 5. Patience. 6. Liberality. 7. Diligence.

*Within these articles, I will frequently use information from the book Worship Without Words ~The signs and symbols of our faith~ by Patricia S. Klein. Think of this sort of like a "Word Collage."



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Power Point	Ushers	Greeters	Attendance
5th: Roderick	5th: Amy	5th: Lynn	5th: Annie	5th: Kandie	5th: Diane
12th: Mars	12th: Dave M.	12th: Candy	12th: Gina	12th: Kent	12th: Carol
16th: None	16th: Mars	16th: Lynn	16th: Walli	16th: Freddericka	16th: Mars
19th: Harold	19th: Pat	19th: Bill	19th: Judy	19th: Shirley	19th: Dave F.
26th: Joanne	26th: Sandy	26th: Mike	26th: Walli	26th: Bosingers	26th: Nancy

Altar Guild: Mars, Debbie (5th, 12th), Kandie (26th)



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect”

(Romans 12:2)

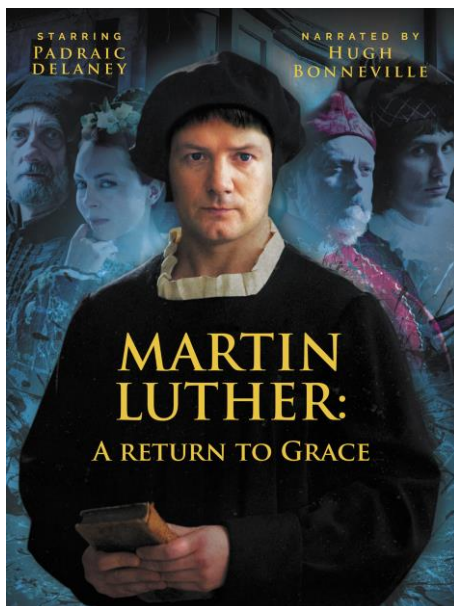
Our spiritual calling affects how we decide to use what we have, and the effects of our faith-filled generosity can be seen in our communities of faith. Paul, the author of Romans, writes that we can be transformed, and that from that transformation, we can do good in our church, society, and world. We are called as people of faith to take care of one another and to live in peace with one another. Through our giving, we have the capacity not only to change as individuals but to bring about great change around us. We all make decisions, large and small, about how and where to direct our financial resources. We can ask ourselves: What matters to me? How can I make a difference?

We have been asked a few times now what “Faith R&D” stands for. It stands for Faith Research & Development. This replaces the Executive Council meeting that was previously held on the second Monday of the month.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you to everyone who participated in the making of our fabulous 60th Anniversary party! The decorations, food and fellowship were all outstanding! Let’s do it again for the 70th!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or any of our Council Members.

Diane Swarts, President



**Did someone say
coffee and a show?!**

MORNING MOJO

**Nov. 30th
10:00 am**

Worship Schedule

FOR NOVEMBER 2023

Heading into November and the end of the church year, we celebrate All Saints Sunday and Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the church year. It is also the time for us to focus on how we show the generosity of our time, giftedness/talents, and treasures. This is the month of Thanksgiving where we show our thanks by giving back to the church and each other. A special Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday, November 16th. Invite friends and family and come join us to celebrate!

- November 5** **In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am**
All Saints Sunday - Roderick Sinclair will preach
Temple Talk by Pat Adams
- November 12** **In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am**
Temple Talk by Lisa Higginbotham
- Thur., Nov. 16** ***Joint Service of Thanksgiving, with Sun City Methodist Church at 5:00pm***
Pumpkin Pie Social following worship
- November 19** **In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am**
Pledges and Time & Talent forms offered
- November 26** **In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am**
Christ the King Sunday / Gathering of Thank Offerings

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



November 26th is Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Sunday!

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending September 30, 2023

1. Comments

- a. Member giving was above budget again this month, and we are also over budget year-to-date. We have exceeded budget in 6 of the 9 months this year. This amounts to \$3,451 more income YTD than budgeted. This is a great trend so far.
- b. If we stay on this trend, the budgeted deficit of \$11,179 will be reduced to \$7,728, so we have a ways to go to eliminate that deficit completely.



2. Financials Review

a. Offering Envelopes

- i) **For the month**, over budget at 103.3% (\$11,081 vs \$10,730).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 110.3% (\$106,650 vs \$96,723).

b. Total Income

- i) **For the month**, on budget at 100.1% (\$13,037 vs \$13,019).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 102.4% (\$146,833 vs \$143,382).

c. Expenses

- i) **For the month**, significantly over budget at 115.5% (\$20,468 vs \$17,716).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 103.0% (\$154,550 vs \$150,109).

d. Net Operating Income (Total Income minus Expenses)

- i) **For the month**, a loss of \$7,431 vs the expected loss of \$4,697.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, a loss of \$7,717 vs the expected loss of \$6,727.

e. Checking balance

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$317, the lowest in recent years.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$7,185.

Submitted by Finance Committee

*Give thanks to the LORD, for
he is good; his love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34*





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO

November 2, 1992	Lucas Concepcion
November 5, 1991	Pr. John
November 10, 1938	Dick Olsen
November 13, 1947	Mike McGavran
November 26, 2016	Ava Holmes
November 29, 1951	Kandie Hulme
November 30, 1932	Arlene Dressler



There are no official wedding anniversaries in November, 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 **canned chili** for **November!****



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.

Also, **The Cupboard Could Use OUR Help With...** Sorting & pricing donations, food distribution, and staffing the Christmas Store. Give Dawn Smith a call at 951-301-4414.

Diane Swarts - Community Cupboard Liaison





Greetings, dear women of Faith! Looking forward to November and our third session of our fall Bible study.

In November our women's Bible study will be the third session of our fall study in the *Gather Magazine* prepared by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni.

Session Three: "Holy Places: Pilgrimage"

In this study we will learn that pilgrimage, a journey to a sacred place, is a spiritual practice with a long history in Christianity (and many other religions). In the Bible, pilgrimage is not only about the destination, but also about the "holy place" of the journey itself.

Please note, Lydia and Mary circles will meet on Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. In January we will be adding an evening W-ELCA Bible study. Stay tuned for more information to follow. Come join in the conversation and fellowship. All women are welcome.

Snip and Stitch Quilters: Our quilters will meet on Thursday, Nov. 1, 9:00-12:00 in the Fellowship Hall. No experience as a quilter is needed. There will be various things to do. Please bring a bag lunch if you wish, for lunch and fellowship when we finish. Look forward to seeing you and having you join us to work on a worthwhile project and fellowship together.

Our 60th Anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church was celebrated on Sunday, October 22. What a wonderful day of celebration it was. From the musical inspiration provided by His Voice Musical Ministry to the uplifting words from Bishop Nagler. Greetings from the Mayor of Menifee, from many former pastors and interns, and past members all added to the day. The Fellowship Hall was filled with beautiful decorations, our many members and friends and wonderful food. A beautiful quilted banner was made by several of our ladies also to commemorate this special celebration. Our thanks go out to all who helped set up, decorate, provided the food, helped serve and clean up. There were many who helped and all of the help was much appreciated.

Pacifica W-ELCA Convention and Gathering, November 3 and 4 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda. Contact Bea Olsen or Joanne McGavran for further information.

Sunday Coffee – just a reminder your help is needed to continue to have this 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:

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 9:30 am – Pastor's Circle Leaders *Gather Magazine* Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 2, 9-12 noon - Snip and Stitch Quilters meet in the fellowship hall

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

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10:00 am - Lydia and Mary Circles Bible study in the fellowship hall

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

Sunday, November 26 – Thankoffering Sunday

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am – Decorate the church

Saturday, December 9, 2023, 10:00 am – W-ELCA Christmas Party and General Meeting

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

Servant Spotlight

Mary Mazy



We all owe Mary Mazy a HUGE thank you! The next time you walk into church, check out the bulletin boards in the Narthex, the Foyer, and the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall! Mary has been a busy bee working hard to update our boards to make them more inviting and pretty! She has spent several hours over the past few weeks and the results are proof of her hard work!

Thank you, Mary, for all you do to help and support Faith, our ministries and our members!



Christmas Giving Tree

The holidays are upon us...time to start our shopping! This year, Faith Lutheran is donating gift cards for senior citizens in our area through Menifee Vally Community Cupboard. Gift cards to grocery stores, Target and gas stations (in that priority) are requested and a Christmas Giving Tree will be up soon to pin the cards to!



Thank you to those who helped plan and to everyone who attended our 60th Anniversary Celebration!



Welcome

New

Members!

If you haven't already welcomed and gotten to know these new members, please do!

A directory insert with our new members' contact information will be in your church mailbox soon!



Robert, Becky, Jackson Ackley



Barbara Bivens



Kent & Carol Kobersteen



Richard Konrad



Robert Posey



Jason Young

Oct. 2023



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November 2023

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December 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
AM: Roderick; Lector: Amy; PPT: Lynn; Daylight Savings Time; Temple Talk: Pat Adams; 9:30am All Saints Sunday			9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person; 1:00pm Worship & Music-In Person & Zoom	9:00am Snip 'N' Stitch	10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	Pacifica WELCA Convention & Gathering; 11:00am Doris Anderson's Funeral-Miller Jones
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AM: Roderick; Lector: Amy; PPT: Lynn; Daylight Savings Time; Temple Talk: Pat Adams; 9:30am All Saints Sunday		3:30pm Outreach-In Person & Zoom	10:00am Mary & Lydia Circle-In Person & Zoom		10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AM: Mairs; Lector: Dave M.; PPT: Candy; Temple Talk on Legacy Stewardship-Lisa; 9:30am Worship Service	1:00pm FR&D (Faith R&D)-In Person & Zoom	3:00pm Fellowship Team-In Person & Zoom; 4:00pm Cheer Team-In Person	10:00am WELCA Board-In Person	Lector: Mairs; PPT: Lynn; 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person & Zoom; 5:00pm Thanksgiving; 6:00pm Pumpkin Pie	10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
AM: Harold; Lector: Pat; PPT: Bill; 9:30am Worship Service		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	Forecaster Deadline	10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2
AM: Joanne; Lector: Sandy; PPT: Mike; Thankoffering Sunday; 9:30am Christ the King Sunday	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Remembering & Honoring-In Person		10:00am Movie Night - "Martin Luther, A Return to Grace"; 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom		