



Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * August 2024



We are deep in the heart of summer. The days are long and hot. The sun washes everything in glowing light. Gardens of vegetables and flowers are growing high and colorful. The pavement is blisteringly hot, and it feels good to wear sandals and wiggle our toes. It is truly the definition of summertime right now.

A few years ago, I was walking to church and noticed on my last few steps along the sidewalk before turning to go to the front doors that a tomato plant had somehow started to grow in the crack of the pavement. It was sprawling along the edge with several small, green tomatoes. I couldn't believe that this plant had been able to take root, grow, and thrive in the midst of the hot, steamy sidewalk and was even producing fruit. I watched over it the next few weeks as more fruit grew from its branches and ripened into lovely red tomatoes. I showed my daughters and we picked ripe tomatoes to share with congregants at church. When we would explain where the tomato was growing, everyone was always amazed and would head out to take a look.

There is beauty in the world right around us, and sometimes we don't even realize it. Walking down the street there are signs of God's creation growing at our feet. Whether we are in the city or the country, the suburbs or the farm, God's creation envelopes us every day. The heart of summer is a wonderful time to experience the Creator. We feel the summer sun, the heat, and remember how God created "the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." We see and smell the deep green vegetation around us and know that God has provided all we need. We hear the twitter of birds and feel ourselves surrounded by all creatures great and small. We feel the cool water of the pool, the lake, the hose, or the stream and know that God has washed us in living waters.

Dear God, we praise you for creating the world. We thank you that we are part of that creation. We see, hear, smell, touch, and taste the wonders of nature. Thank you for giving us the beauty that surrounds us today and always. Amen.

Written by Ruth Sall



Dear Family of Faith:

I hope you are surviving this heat!! Our new FaithWear shirts have arrived and they look fabulous. Thank you to our Outreach Team!!!

We all had a wonderful time at our first Ice Cream Sundae Summer Social and can't wait for the next one!! Thank you to our Fellowship Team!!!!

More thanks go out to Mars for getting our supply Pastors and to our newest member, Pastor Ken Puccio, for providing communion when we do not have a supply Pastor.

I would like to convey my excitement at all the fabulous happenings here at Faith and hope that you are partaking in some of our amazing programs.

Last month I said "Baseball, did I hear baseball"? Well, baseball came and it was a blast. See photos below, Faith shirts and all!

"Enriching Lives Through Faith and God's Grace"! God's Blessings,

Diane Swarts, Council President





Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Power Point	Ushers	Greeters	Attendance
4th: Roderick	4th: Diane M.	4th: Candy	4th: Annie	4th: Judy Adams	4th: Diane S.
11th: Candy	11th: Pat A.	11th: Lynn	11th: Gina	11th: Dave	11th: Shirley
18th: Steve	18th: Kathy	18th: Bill	18th: Judy Appel	18th: Diane M.	18th: Pat O.
25th: Marlene	25th: Lorna	25th: Mike	25th: Diane M.	25th: Kathy	25th: Joanne
Altar Guild: 4th, 11th, 18th: Kandie, Debbie 25th: Marlene, Kay					



Hunger Never Rests!
The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in
need of
side dishes (mashed potatoes, rice-a-roni,
stuffing) for August!

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 Diane Swarts at (949) 500-7986.

Diane Swarts - Community Cupboard Liaison



FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2024

1. Comments

- Member giving was outstanding this month, the best since last December. As a result, we are on budget for the year-to-date! And, expenses for the year are nicely below budget. As a result, our Net Operating Income shows a surplus year-to-date, instead of the projected modest loss so far. We are a FAITHful congregation!
- This month, we were able to transfer \$8,616 to the New Pastor Reserve Fund, by charging our Pastoral Expense categories to the full budgeted amount.
- As a reminder, Pastor Shane is available to provide Pastoral Care to our congregation during our transition. If you would like to talk with him, just call the Church Office and Lynn will get you connected.



2. Financials Review

- Offering Envelopes**
 - For the month**, significantly above budget at 132% (\$17,721 vs \$13,422).
 - Year-to-date**, on budget at 100.6% (\$75,096 vs \$74,629).
- Total Income**
 - For the month**, well above budget at 127.4% (\$19,757 vs \$15,514).
 - Year-to-date**, on budget at 99.6% (\$110,468 vs \$110,971).
- Expenses**
 - For the month**, on budget at 99.5% (\$17,932 vs \$18,031).
 - Year-to-date**, under budget at 93.2% (\$104,618 vs \$112,237).
- Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - For the month**, a surplus of \$1,824 vs the expected loss of \$2,518.
 - Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$5,850 vs the expected loss of \$1,266.
- Checking balance**
 - Balance at Month-end** is \$9,294.
 - Previous Month-end balance** was \$7,499.

Submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS To

August 2	Mardene Miller
August 4	Ron Biggs
August 5	Jackie Culp
August 9	JoLynne Buehring
August 14	Tom Brosz
August 14	Pam Heinz
August 22	Eileen Johnson
August 26	Judy Brosz
August 29	Sandy Chandler



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS To

August 5	Robert & Becky Ackley
August 9	Bryant & Valerie Holmes
August 11	Steve & Kathy Kent
August 13	Rich & Sandy Chandler
August 13	Ray & Pat Olson



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!

*I scream, you scream,
we all scream for ice cream!*

The Fellowship Team invites you to enjoy the last of our Ice Cream Sundae Summer Socials for this year! We hope to see you on Wednesday, August 28th at 6:30! Please sign up to enjoy the fun! Bring your friends! All are welcome!





Greetings dear Women of Faith!

August is quickly upon us and despite the heat, we continue to celebrate this community! We welcome and invite all of you to all our activities and events. Join in the support and fellowship of the women at Faith Lutheran Church!

Our daytime Bible study (Mary's Circle) for August will be another part of After Certainty: Community and Compassion by Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni on August 14 at 10am. The evening Bible Study (Lydia's Circle) will be on Esther on August 15 at 6pm. Please join us for one or both of our Bible study sessions. We look forward to the conversation and fellowship. All women are welcome!

Important Dates:

October 18-19, 2024: The Pacifica W-ELCA Convention and Gathering will be held at Spirit of our Savior, San Bernardino. Save the date if you are interested and we will provide you with more information.

September 21, 2024: The WELCA general meeting and luncheon at 10:00 am. We hope all women will attend this time of fellowship at Faith. Guests are also welcome.

December 14, 2024: The WELCA General meeting and Christmas luncheon at 10:00 am.

Coming up this month:

- August 1, 2024: Snip and Stitch: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- August 13, 2024: WELCA Board Meeting at 12:30 pm
- August 14, 2024: Bible Study Mary Circle 10:00 am
- August 15, 2024: Snip and Stitch: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- August 15, 2024: Bible Study Lydia's Circle 6:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE 2025!

June 21, 2025: WELCA Luncheon and Fundraiser. Plan ahead and have your friends book the date now! Plan to be part of the FUN!!

Let us pray: "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good, sing praise to God's name for God is gracious."
(Psalm 135:3)

In Christ's love, Candy Pellechio, Women of the ELCA Board Member



Come and join us for Bingo!

Thursday, August 8th at 4:00

Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church

Fellowship, snacks and Bingo!

Blessing of the Backpacks!



As We Eagerly Anticipate the New School Year, we invite you to join us for a special tradition that embraces our community and blesses our students. The Blessing of the Backpacks! This milestone will take place during worship on Sunday August 11th, 2024 at 9:30am.

What is the Blessing of the Backpacks? The Blessing of the Backpacks is a moment where we gather as a church family to pray for our students of all ages, teachers, and administrators, as they embark on a new academic year. It's a time to come forward during worship and receive a small gift – a token of our support and encouragement for the journey ahead.

Why does it matter? Starting a new school year can be both exciting and challenging for students and their families. The Blessing of the backpacks is our way of lifting each other up in prayer. It's a reminder that we are a community that cares deeply for one another and seeks God's guidance in all that we do.

Everyone is Welcome: Whether you are a student, parent, grandparent, teacher, or simply someone who cares about and wants to support our youth, you are warmly invited to participate. This event is for everyone in our church family and beyond. Let us come together to celebrate this milestone and impart God's blessings upon each student and educator.

Save the Date! Mark your calendars for August 11th. We encourage you to bring your backpacks, bookbags, briefcases, or any symbol of the upcoming school year that you would like blessed. Let us fill our sanctuary with joy, hope, and prayers as we embark on this new journey together.

Go forth in peace to share God's love,
Mrs. Amy Sinclair
Sunday School Teacher & Coordinator
Faith Lutheran Church Menifee



*Hunter and Ava are showing off
their new church name tags!*



SO COOL!

WISH LIST: OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

What is God calling you to do?

The Faith Church Council would like to invite you to take an active role in our Ministries. Here are some of the positions available.

Treasurer Replacement/Finance Committee Chairperson. Please speak with any church council member for more information.

Web Designer: Maintain church website, contact the church office for information, (951)679-1518.

Musician/Accompanist to play piano, organ, guitar, during worship on Sunday mornings. For information contact Marlene Rosselli (805)405-6938.

Volunteers to Run Concessions 6 times for the Vagabond Theater Group performances in the Fellowship Hall in October, 2024. Please speak to Steve Kent (347)344-8055 for information.

Facilities & Property Maintenance: Upkeep of the facilities requires many hands and a variety of skills. Contact Frank Ehrig to help out, (951)316-7252.

Technical Support for Computers, Sound System, Multimedia, and Live Streaming. Please speak to Steve Kent (347)344-8055 for more information.

New Member Coordinator: Welcome visitors and new members. Contact Candy Pellechio (908)601-4540, for further information.

Pet Blessing Coordinator: Help host our pet blessing event this Fall 2024. Contact Candy Pellechio (908)601-4540, for more information.

Special Music: Vocals, instrumentals, groups, or soloists to perform during worship. Contact Marlene Rosselli (805)405-6938, for information.

Sunday School Assistants are still needed. Contact Amy Sinclair, (562)714-0707.

Coffee Hour after Worship: Get together with a few others and sign-up to prepare coffee & treats on Sunday morning. Contact Connie Gibson, (909)635-4497.

PowerPoint Operators during worship services. Contact the office to be trained and added to the schedule, (951)679-1518.

Continued Prayers for all our Ministries.

Pickup Truck: The Outreach Team needs your help to deliver our shoe donations to the San Bernardino warehouse a few times a year. Please contact Candy Pellechio (908)601-4540.

Thank you for considering these ministry opportunities!

Do you know something that belongs on our Wish List? Please contact Amy Sinclair (562)714-0707. God Bless Us All!



God's work. Our hands.

**Sept. 8
2024**



ADVOCACY IN SERVICE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

The Outreach Committee has begun collecting men's personal hygiene items for Central City Lutheran Mission, San Bernardino!

Items needed:

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste (travel size)

Disposable Razors

Shaving Cream (3.7 oz)

Pick Combs

Amazon.com sells many of the items on their site, in bulk. If you are unable to shop for these items, but would like to contribute, monetary donations are also welcome! Please help those less fortunate in whatever capacity you are able.

Last year we had 80 large bags of items donated to the homeless. We're hoping to have **100** this year for the men the center serves.

For questions, please call or talk to Debbie Ehrig, 951.317.5977. Thank you for all the ways we do God's Work, Our Hands!

Let's talk about social media...

Are you following us on social media?

The use of social media is a great way to advertise Faith Lutheran (for free!) and help us GROW! Help us by going to the links below to follow our page and be sure to invite your friends and family to follow us, as well! In addition, you can write a review on Facebook, Instagram and Google, as well! The more interaction we get on our social media pages, the higher we'll place in the algorithm, which makes us easier for others to find us, follow us and join us for worship!



<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranmenifee>



<https://www.instagram.com/faithlutheranmenifee>



<https://g.page/r/Cekm6HPOyDnHEB0/review>



Welcome New Members!

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

A directory insert with their contact information is in your church mailbox!

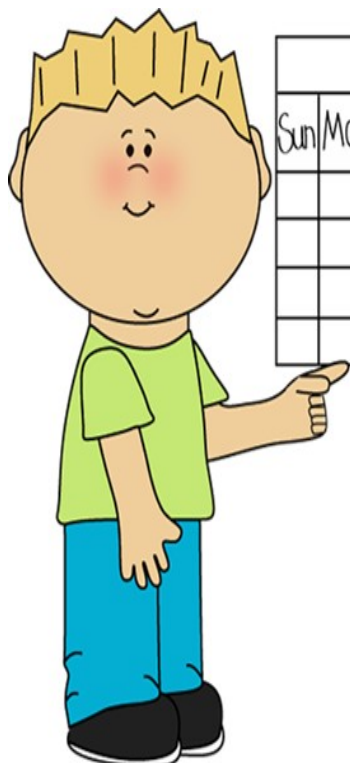


**James
Loughboro**



**Pr. Ken &
Madeline
Puccio**

To help you plan ahead, this is a list of the events that recur each month:



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

- Snip 'N Stitch: 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00
- Worship & Music: 1st Tuesday at 10:00
- Strategic Planning: 2nd Monday at 1:00
- Hymn Planners: 2nd Tuesday at 10:00
- Outreach Team: 2nd Tuesday at 3:30
- WELCA Bible Study: 2nd Wednesday at 10:00
- WELCA Bible Study: 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm
- Remembering & Honoring: 2nd Wednesday at 2:00
- 4+1 Group: 3rd Tuesday at 10:00
- Fellowship Team: 3rd Tuesday at 2:00
- WELCA Board: 2nd Tuesday at 1:00
- Stewardship Team: 3rd Friday at 10:00
- Finance Team: 4th Wednesday at 1:00
- Council: the last Monday of each month at 1:00
- Al-Anon: Every Friday at 10:30

Summer BBQ!

Faith Lutheran Church Fellowship invites you to a

Summer BBQ (Grill)

Saturday September 28, 2024 starting at 4 PM
In the Fellowship Hall and on the Patio



We will provide: Hamburgers, Veggie burgers, and Hotdogs with all the trimmings.

We will provide bottled water. BYOB if you want something else.

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share.

If you cannot bring a dish to share, NO WORRIES. We will have plenty of food.

We will put out a signup sheet for attendance and planned dish to share. Last minute decisions welcome.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
ALL ARE WELCOME!



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August 2024

August 2024							September 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 28	29	30	31	Aug 1 Lynn Out 9:00am Snip 'N Stitch	2 10:30am AI-Anon	3
4 AM: Roderick; Lector: Diane M.; PPT: Candy 9:30am Worship Service	5 AM: Roderick; Lector: Diane M.; PPT: Candy 9:30am Worship Service	6 10:00am Worship & Music-Zoom only	7	8 Lynn Returns 4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team 4:00pm Bingo!	9 10:30am AI-Anon	10
11 Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School AM: Candy; Lector: Pat A.; PPT: Lynn 9:30am Worship Service	12 1:00pm Strategic Planning	13 12:30pm WELCA Board 3:30pm Outreach Team	14 10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study 2:00pm Remembering & Honoring	15 9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 6:00pm WELCA Bible Study-In Person & Zoom	16 10:00am Stewardship-In Person & Zoom 10:30am AI-Anon	17
18 AM: Steve; Lector: Kathy; PPT: Bill 9:30am Worship Service 9:45am Stewardship: Steve	19	20 2:00pm Fellowship Team	21	22	23 Forecaster Deadline 10:30am AI-Anon 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	24
25 AM: Marlene; Lector: Lorna; PPT: Mike 9:30am Worship Service	26 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	27 10:00am Hymn Planners	28 6:30pm Summer Ice Cream Social	29	30 10:30am AI-Anon	31