



Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * June 2025



Honoring Our Heavenly Father: A Special Reflection for Father's Day



In honor of Father's Day, as we celebrate fathers worldwide, we turn our hearts to God, the ultimate Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. The love of our heavenly Father is profoundly expressed in the Scriptures: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1, ESV). This divine love is astonishing and humbling.

Without Jesus Christ, approaching a God so holy and just would be daunting. However, Scripture reassures us that we have not received a spirit of fear but the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15). The sinless Savior's sacrifice has freed us from sin, turning us from enemies into cherished children. May those who believe in Christ's atoning death and resurrection live in the fullness of this truth.

We give thanks for all the fathers in our midst: those about to become fathers, new fathers, seasoned fathers, and grandfathers. We appreciate their sacrifices and their efforts to reflect God's love to their children. Help them recognize the privilege and responsibility of fatherhood, guiding their children with grace and discipline. Strengthen those who are weary, and empower them with your Spirit.

We also thank you for our fathers, whether by birth or adoption. For those blessed with good fathers, we are grateful for their love, guidance, and presence. May we honor them through our words and actions. For those with difficult memories of their fathers, we pray for inner strength through your Spirit, that Christ may dwell in their hearts and they may know the surpassing love of Christ. Grant them patience, mercy, and the courage to stand firm in the gospel truth.

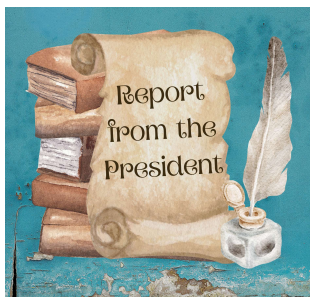
For fathers estranged from their children and those unreconciled with their fathers, we ask for the fulfillment of Malachi 4:6: "And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers." For those who have never known their father, remind them that you are

the “Father of the fatherless” and that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jesus, thank you for reminding us of our heavenly Father’s care: “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” (Matthew 6:26). This assurance brings us comfort and peace.

“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us” (Psalm 62:8, ESV). Let us continue to seek and trust in our heavenly Father, drawing strength and comfort from His everlasting love.

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It Takes a Trio

We at Faith Lutheran of Menifee are officially sharing our Sunday church services **live** on YouTube and posting those services on our web site. I like to think of it as **sharing the Joy** with *anyone anywhere* who can access the internet. You have probably seen us in the back of the room in the control center operating the equipment that makes all this sharing possible. To make it happen, we always need three people:

Sound: Manage the microphones, do sound checks, adjust sound levels, and open or close mics as needed during the Service.

PowerPoint: Operate the computer, play music, and advance the slides that are projected on the screen as we move through the service and sing the hymns.

Live Stream: Start the live broadcast of the service, choose and adjust the cameras to catch all of the action, then close down the show at the end.

Each of us also knows how to set up before the service and how to shut everything down after the service.

Interested in helping us share the joy? If you are interested in helping out, we would be delighted to teach you any one, or all of these roles. It probably *looks* more complicated than it is. Just stop by the control center after the service if you think you might like to try it out. We certainly could use a few more volunteers!

Kindness and Grace,
Steve Kent, President



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Power Point	Ushers	Attendance	Greeters
1st: Roderick	1st: Amy	1st: Candy	1st: Annie	1st: Kathy	1st: Jean
8th: Candy	8th: Kathy	8th: Lynn	8th: Gina	8th: Shirley	8th: Jean
15th: Joanne	15th: Pat A.	15th: Mike	15th: Judy Appel	15th: Pat O.	15th: Dave
22nd: Candy	22nd: Danielle	22nd: Bill	22nd: Diane M.	22nd: Connie	22nd: Judy Adams
29th: Mars	29th: Roderick	29th: Mike	29th: TBD	29th: Joanne	29th: Jean
Altar Guild: 1st: Kandie, Mars 8th, 15th: Kandie, Kay 22nd, 29th: Diane M., Mars					

Grace, Not Judgment

Pastor Ken's Thursday evening, 7:00 P.M. Zoom Bible study is examining a number of vignettes where the religious leaders of Jesus' time would have expected Jesus to join them in condemning people who did not measure up to their moral standards.

Instead, Jesus responds with grace, not judgment. In these lessons, we will see how Jesus' actions are the model for our own in dealing with other people. Contact Pastor Ken at hopegiver@aol.com for log in information.

BIBLE STUDY
via Zoom!

Led by Pr. Ken Puccio
2nd & 4th Thursdays
7:00 pm on Zoom
hopegiver@aol.com

for more info:

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

The Fellowship Team invites you to enjoy the Ice Cream Sundae Summer Socials, the 4th Wednesday of each month during the summer from 6:30 – 7:30.
Mark your calendars for: June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th, and September 24th!
Please sign up to enjoy the fun! Bring your friends! All are welcome!



Transition Team Update

The Transition Team is nearing the home stretch in completing Faith's Ministry Site Profile (MSP). We are nearly done incorporating the congregation survey answers and the valuable input we received from the small group meetings. Once the final editing of the MSP is finished, the Transition Team will meet with the Church Council in order for the Council to approve the MSP.

We are happy to report that many people who worship with us completed the congregation surveys and participated in the small group meeting. The input from both is tremendously helpful as we complete the content of the MSP. Thank you all for the ideas and feedback.

The Church Council is in the process of appointing church members to the Call Committee, per our church Constitution and Bylaws. Soon the Council will announce the members of the Call Committee, who will then be installed during regular worship on June 22, 2025.

One of the final responsibilities of the Transition Team will be to host a meeting called the Four-Way Meeting in order to review and approve the final MSP. The attendees at this meeting will be the Church Council, the Transition Team, the Call Committee, and the Synod Bishop's Representative, Pastor Darryl Kozak. This meeting will take place on June 22 at 1:30 p.m.

On behalf of our church's Transition Team, I want to express gratitude for your incredible input and your continued prayers as we move forward with this vital work.

Blessings in Christ,

Amy Sinclair, Transition Team Chairperson



The Outreach Team continues to look at new ways to expand our impact of doing good in our local Menifee community. We would like to expand our work with MilVet, a local non-profit dedicated to connecting the military community to programs and resources to enrich the lives of deployed troops, veterans, and their families. Here are several ways you can get involved in supporting MilVet in their mission:

- ✓ Attend one or many of the MilVet monthly packing events. Here, care packages are assembled for deployed troops. Registration for the monthly events can be done on www.milvet.org.
- ✓ One month out of each quarter we will collect items MilVet needs to go into care packages for deployed troops. This past month, we collected 255 disposable razors and 273 single servings of instant coffee, as well as 4 \$10 Target gift cards and several toiletries. Stay tuned for our next opportunity to contribute starting in July. See Kathy Kent with questions.
- ✓ Plan to attend the WELCA Fundraiser June 21 to benefit MilVet (see fundraiser article in this Forecaster).

FINANCIAL REPORT for April 30, 2025

1. Comments

- YTD Member giving continues to be significantly below budget.
- Expenses continue substantially below budget because, while we budgeted for a half-time Pastor, that position is currently vacant. Our Pastoral expenses will contain only payment for Supply Pastors during the Transition and Call processes, plus the expense for our Transition Facilitator for the next several months.
- During the previous year, we managed to set aside monies in the New Pastor Reserve Fund which now total \$84,891.61. Current thinking is that we do not need to add to this amount, so until we call our next Pastor, we will continue to run under budget in expenses due to the open Senior Pastor position.
- While our overall budget will likely run a surplus due to the low Pastoral Expenses, **the Congregation should pay attention to Member Giving as a measure of our overall financial health.** It is possible that we would continue to see monthly surpluses even as Member Giving runs under budget. If so, this would result in an unhealthy trend that would adversely affect our Church once we fill our vacant Pastoral position.



2. Financials Review

- Offering Envelopes**
 - For the month**, below budget at 78% (\$10,208 vs \$13,154).
 - Year-to-date**, significantly below budget at 79.42% (\$42,855 vs \$53,958).
- Total Income**
 - For the month**, slightly below budget at 93.84% (\$16,119 vs \$17,176).
 - Year-to-date**, below budget at 88.91% (\$58,852 vs \$66,189).
- Expenses**
 - For the month**, significantly below budget at 81.93% (\$12,531 vs \$15,295).
 - Year-to-date**, significantly below budget at 72% (\$46,127.37 vs \$64,061).
- Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - For the month**, a surplus of \$3,587 vs the expected surplus of \$1,881.
 - Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$12,725 vs the expected surplus of \$2,128.
- Checking balance**
 - Balance at Month-end** is \$25,946.00.
 - Previous Month-end balance** was \$22,332.93.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

June 3, 1945	Judy Adams
June 5, 1949	Sandra Miller
June 6, 1996	Patrick Culp
June 6, 2006	Amy Rae Meckler
June 6, 1955	Candy Pellechio
June 6, 1978	April Quinn
June 9, 1974	Jennifer McGavran
June 10, 1938	Colleen Yarchever
June 12, 2003	Maddie Meckler
June 14, 1984	Jamie Lopez
June 15, 1973	Lesly Culp
June 17, 1945	Diane Swarts
June 25, 1941	Thordis Moe
June 29, 1991	Bryant Holmes



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

June 12, 1965	Dave & 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

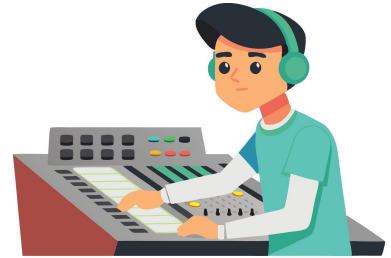
Hearty Soup (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky) for June!

Our partners, Menifee Community Cupboard have been impacted by recent federal programs cuts. Most of us have not experienced food insecurity, but many locally do experience it, both seniors and families. Let's remind ourselves to do all we can to help those in need here in Menifee! As you are able, be Christ in action, add the monthly item to your shopping list and add it to the collection bin by mailboxes!

Are You a TECHIE??

Volunteers are needed to be trained to run the **Sound** system. We MUST have 3 techs per Sunday - Power Point, Sound and Video to make it all flow seamlessly. Please see Steve Kent or Marlene Rosselli if you are interested and we will set up training sessions as soon as possible. If you cannot do it yourself, please pray that God will provide the needed volunteers.

- *Worship & Music Team*



Coffee, Conversation and You

Can you help at Coffee Hour on a Sunday to help Bonnie with serving and cleaning up? Coffee Hour starts after worship service and ends at 11:30am, although people are welcome to stay and talk. See the sign-up sheet for coffee hour volunteers and get involved!

Additionally, **we are gladly accepting home-baked goods for Coffee Hour.** Up to two (2) people bring home-baked goods on any Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for bringing home-baked goods.

Please sign up for a Sunday and head down to coffee hour to meet, greet and fellowship with our Faith family!



Thank you to our Sunday School kids for gifting all the mothers with the Mother's Day cards they made! What a sweet surprise!



W-ELCA Annual Fundraiser – Saturday, June 21st at 10:00am!!



The W-ELCA Annual Fundraiser benefiting MilVet is almost here!

Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now. The Rancho Rockers are scheduled to play and plenty of goodies will be raffled off. Bring family, friends and neighbors to fill Fellowship Hall. ALL are welcome. Help us make this event the best one yet, while supporting our veterans and active-duty service members. Tickets are moving quickly! **Do not miss out on the fun!**

Gift Baskets Donations are Due Now!

Our annual WELCA fundraiser is just a few weeks away (June 21). If you have contributions, baskets, items or gift cards, please let Candy know ASAP. Gift basket building will begin in early June.

Still want to contribute? Gift Cards are needed and can be easy addition to any basket.

Donations should be received by Sunday, June 1, 2025. If you missed the deadline, don't sweat, just call, text or email Candy Pellechio at cepellec@gmail.com or 908-601-4540.



Blessing of the Animals

Thank you to all the pet lovers who turned out in the cooler, windy weather for the pet blessings. Here are some pictures from the event. This was a wonderful event that grows a bit each year. Thanks to Kahoots in Menifee and Thrivent for their contributions of pet food treats and human treats to bring smiles to all!



Explore God's Word with Us

a ministry of Women of the ELCA (W-ELCA)



Exploring God's word helps us grow our relationship with Christ. WELCA gives you two different opportunities to explore His word in fellowship with others.

- **Mary's Circle** uses studies from Gather Magazine. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month (May 14) at 10am in the library.
- **Lydia Evening Bible Study** is studying women of the Bible. They meet on the third Thursday of the month (May 22) at 6pm in the library.

Come when you can and challenge yourself to grow in faith in 2025!

COMING SOON *From Outreach!*

Faith Lutheran Church will soon start a pilot project of being a Drop Off site for Project Linus blankets and Soles4Souls shoes. This means that one Saturday a month we will be open from 9-12 noon, and the public will have access to drop off contributions for these ministries. The information will be published on the non-profits' websites and on social media. We are working through documenting how this will work and how you can help. Watch for more details! Talk with Candy Pellechio or Kathy Kent should you have questions.

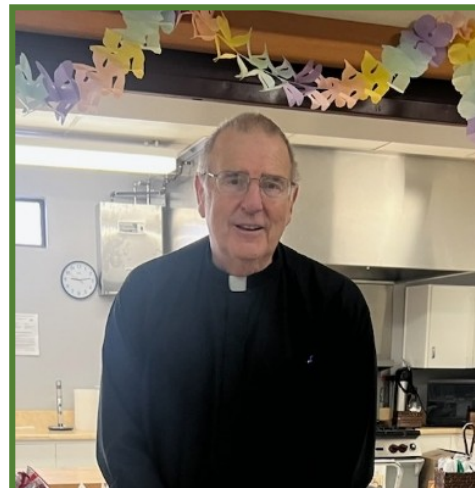
The Outreach Committee continues to look for opportunities to serve our community and increase our footprint in Menifee. Come join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm for an Outreach meeting. **You do not need an invitation; you only need a heart that wants to love, serve and support our community. All are welcome!**



Project Linus

SOLES4 SOULS

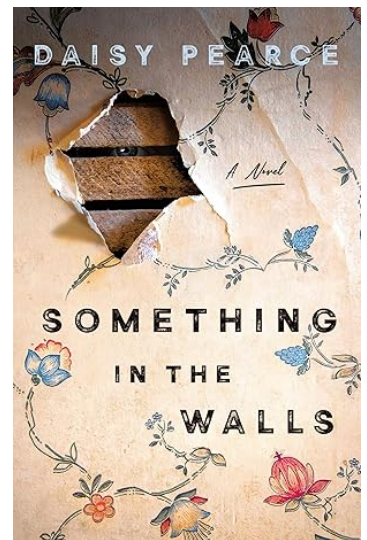
**Thank you, Pr. Rich Ajer for
being one of our supply**





Meniffee Reads! (a book club) is reading *Something in the Walls* by Daisy Pearce for June. The June meetings are Wednesday, June 18, 7pm and Thursday, June 19 at 2pm in the library. Join in the fun as you can! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Newly-minted child psychologist Mina has little experience. In a field where the first people called are experts, she's been unable to get her feet wet. Instead she aimlessly spends her days stuck in the stifling heat wave sweeping across Britain, and anxiously contemplating her upcoming marriage to careful, precise researcher Oscar. The only reprieve from her small, close world is attending the local bereavement group to mourn her brother's death from years ago. That is, until she meets journalist Sam Hunter at the grief group one day. And he has a proposition for her.



Alice Webber is a thirteen year old girl who claims she's being haunted by a witch. Living with her family in their crowded home in the remote village of Banathel, Alice's symptoms are increasingly disturbing, and money is tight. Taking this job will give Mina some experience; Sam will get the scoop of a lifetime; and Alice will get better, Mina is sure of it.

But instead of improving, Alice's behavior becomes increasingly inexplicable and intense. The town of Banathel has a deep history of superstition and witchcraft. They believe there is evil in the world. They believe there are ways of...dealing with it. And they don't expect outsiders to understand.

As Mina races to uncover the truth behind Alice's condition, the dark cracks of Banathel begin to show. Mina is desperate to understand how deep their sinister traditions go—and how her own past may be the biggest threat of all.



PARK SITE LAND SALE STATUS

Things are progressing, albeit at a slow pace. We received a copy of the Preliminary Title report, which contained several items which needed to be cleared, so the Title company could issue the usual Title insurance policy benefiting the City. We provided documentation and explanation which addressed all but two items.

Mineral Rights - It turns out that in 1957, mineral rights to what would later become the Church property were given to a third party. This means that the Church owns our property, but not the mineral rights under the property. It appears that this is not uncommon for a significant portion of Sun City. So, when property is sold, it's common to simply exclude these rights from property being sold, so the original third party keeps the rights, and the new buyer (homeowners, businesses, and, yes, churches) gets title to the land but not the mineral rights. This was not discovered during an initial Title search done by the City last year, but was found this past month.

We proposed to do what others do, which is to simply exclude transferring these mineral rights to the City, since we don't own those rights to our property. However, since funding to purchase the Park Site is coming from the State, the agreements must now go back to the State for another review, and hopefully, approval to move forward by excluding these rights. This may take a few months.

First Right of Refusal - The other issue results from the Agreement the Church made with Verizon when the Cell Tower was erected. Verizon was given First Right of Refusal should we decide to sell any portion of our property, not just the portion actually being used by Verizon. Although the Park Site we are selling does NOT include the Cell Tower area, nor the easements to use our parking lot, etc., because of how the Agreement was worded, we are required to formally give notice of our intent to sell. Verizon has 30 days to meet the current offer by the City, including the price and all of the terms and conditions governing the sale. It seems unlikely that Verizon would be motivated to pay nearly half a million dollars for the Park Site, and then be required to develop the site into a Park, per our agreement with the City. Verizon will receive the formal notice before the end of May, which will start the 30-day clock.

Although it seems nothing is happening, the City continues to work on the development plans, etc. They are highly motivated to get this deal done and complete the only City park in Sun City.

Thanks for your continued patience!

Mike McGavran and Diane Swarts



Christmas in July

We will be celebrating our military and veterans and their families in need by collecting gift cards for Target, any grocery store or gas station. The donations go to MilVet of Murrieta, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

Please visit our patriotic giving tree in the Narthex from Memorial Day through July. Help our military and veterans if you are able.

Choose an ornament made by our Sunday School kids, purchase the gift card (save any activation or validation receipt), bring it back to church, and place in a provided baggie.

Please respond by July 4th. Thank you!



The Cheer Committee Spreads ...Cheer!

The Cheer Committee met at Pacifica in May for fellowship, fun, food, devotions and communion.

Norma Dawson, Diana Ward, Esther Neuman, Edna Darby (and her niece, Janice), Annette Caulkins, Kay Espe and a Pacifica resident, Molly, joined in the fun.

Our group meets once a month at Pacifica, and calls/visits and brings communion to many of our other homebound members throughout each month.

We'd love to have you join the Cheer Committee! Come see what we're all about.

Questions: See Freddericka Bradshaw, Kandie Hulme or Debbie Ehrig.





Robert Jeckell

Welcome
New Members



May 2025



Karla Kadow

FOOD WITH FRIENDS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH: IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:00PM - 6:30PM

JUNE 18

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Hunter, Ava, and Thunder

Omaha, the Official Bat Dog

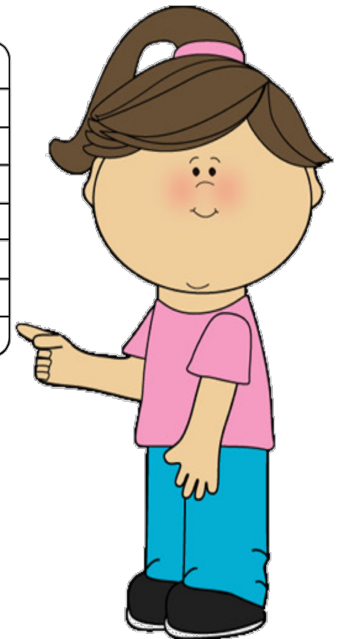
LAKE ELSINORE
STORM

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

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

- **Snip 'N Stitch:** 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00
- **Worship & Music:** 1st Tuesday at 10:00
- **Hymn Planners:** 2nd Tuesday at 10:00
- **Outreach Team:** 2nd Tuesday at 2:30
- **WELCA Bible Study:** 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 and 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm
- **WELCA Board:** 2nd Tuesday at 12:30
- **Meniffee Reads!:** 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 and the Thursday following the 3rd Wednesday (either the 3rd or 4th Thursday) at 2:00pm
- **4+1 Group:** 3rd Tuesday at 10:00
- **Fellowship Team:** 3rd Tuesday at 2:00
- **Stewardship Team:** 3rd Friday at 10:00
- **Finance Team:** 4th Wednesday at 1:00
- **Council:** the last Monday of each month at 1:00
- **Cheer Team:** 2nd Thursday at 4:00
- **Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study:** 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00
- **Strategic Planning:** 2nd Wednesday at 1:00
- **Transition Team:** Fridays, every 2 weeks
- **Food with Friends:** 3rd Wednesday at 5:00
- **Al-Anon:** Every Friday at 10:30

Fun at Faith!						
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Special thoughts and prayers to....

Those who are fathers

Those who have lost fathers

Those yearning to be fathers

Fathers who have lost children

Those with difficult father relationships

Those who don't know their fathers

Father figures in all forms

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June 2025											
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29	30										

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 1 9:30am Worship Service-Pr. Rex 11:00am AF-Unbirthday Celebration 1:00pm AS-Grace&Mercy	2 1:00pm Strategic Planning	3 10:00am Worship & Music	4 10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study	5 9:00am Snip 'N Stitch	6 10:30am AI-Anon 1:00pm Transition Team	7
8 Pentecost 9:30am Worship Service-Pr. Shane 1:00pm AS-Grace&Mercy	9 1:00pm Strategic Planning	10 10:00am Hymn Planners 12:30pm WELCA Board 2:30pm Outreach Team	11 10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study	12 4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	13 10:30am AI-Anon	14
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22 9:30am Worship Service-Pr. Shane 1:00pm AS-Grace&Mercy 4:00pm RF-Vagabond Callbacks	23 Forecaster Deadline	24	25 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom 6:30pm AF-Ice Cream Social	26 6:30pm RF-Vagabond 1st Read Thru 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	27 10:30am AI-Anon 6:30pm RF-Vagabond	28
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