

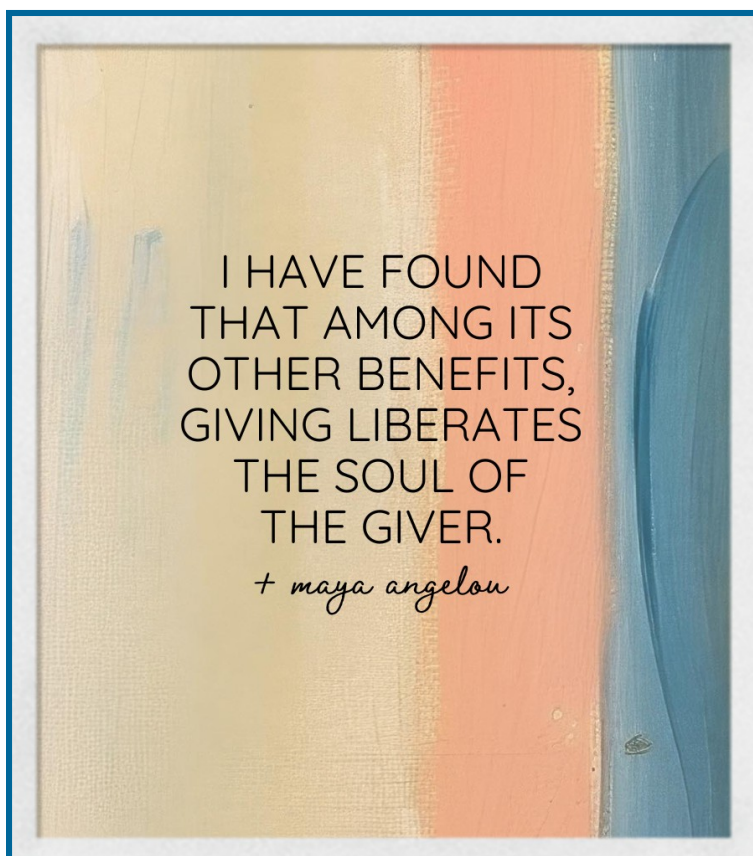


Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * October 2025



The Stewardship Campaign Starts in October!



The Stewardship Committee wants to let you know a little about our upcoming Campaign for 2026 that will take place in October and culminate with Pledge Sunday on November 2nd.

Our theme this year is “All Creatures Great and Small”. Each Sunday in October, we will feature a Lay Speaker – a member of the congregation who will speak briefly about why they pledge. Worship will also include Calls to Worship, Offering Highlights and Benedictions that follow the theme of our Campaign.

You will receive three motivational letters about giving, generosity, and caring for all creatures and each other. Your Pledge materials will be included in these letters. As we look ahead to calling a permanent Pastor, let us remember the importance of maintaining pledges and giving that will support that dream.

See you in church!!

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has continued to meet and go over potential questions for our (hopefully soon) candidate. We did a mock question session with Pastor Darryl at our last meeting and he was very impressed with our questions.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers!

Diane Swarts, Communicator



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Lay Speakers	Power Point	Ushers
5th: Roderick 12th: Candy 19th: Mars 26th: Joanne	5th: Pat A. 12th: Kathy 19th: Steve 26th: Mars	5th: Pat A. 12th: Lorna 19th: Candy 26th: Robert P.	5th: Mike 12th: Bill 19th: Bill 26th: Mike	5th: Annie 12th: Gina 19th: Judy Ad. 26th: Becky
Attendance	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sound	Live Stream/Video
5th: Joanne 12th: Judy Ad. 19th: Pat O. 26th: Kathy	5th: Walli 12th: Walli 19th: Jean 26th: Jean	5th, 12th: Kandie, Kay 19th, 26th: Mars, Diane M.	5th: Mars 12th: Mars or Steve 19th: Candy 26th: Mars	5th: Madeline 12th: Steve or Madeline 19th: Steve 26th: Steve



**Thank you, Pr. Ken for the wonderful
worship services in 2025!
We look forward to
having you back in 2026!**

Faith Lutheran is a Drop-Off Location!

The next Drop Off day is Saturday, October 4 from 9-12. We continue to collect (new) blankets for Project Linus, eyeglasses for Lions Club, used towels and blankets (no batting) for Animal Friends of the Valleys and shoes for Soles4Soles.

On the first Saturday each month we are open from 9-12 noon, and the public will have access to drop off contributions for these ministries. Please share the information with friends and neighbors. Flyers are available in the narthex. Please share the info to your Facebook page as it is posted.

Project ♥ Linus



Providing
Security
Through
Blankets



SOLES4 SOULS

On October 15th, please
bring your favorite
casserole for a pot luck!
All are welcome...bring
some friends!



Hunger Never Rests!

The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard
is in need of **Stuffing** for **October**!

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!

FINANCIAL REPORT

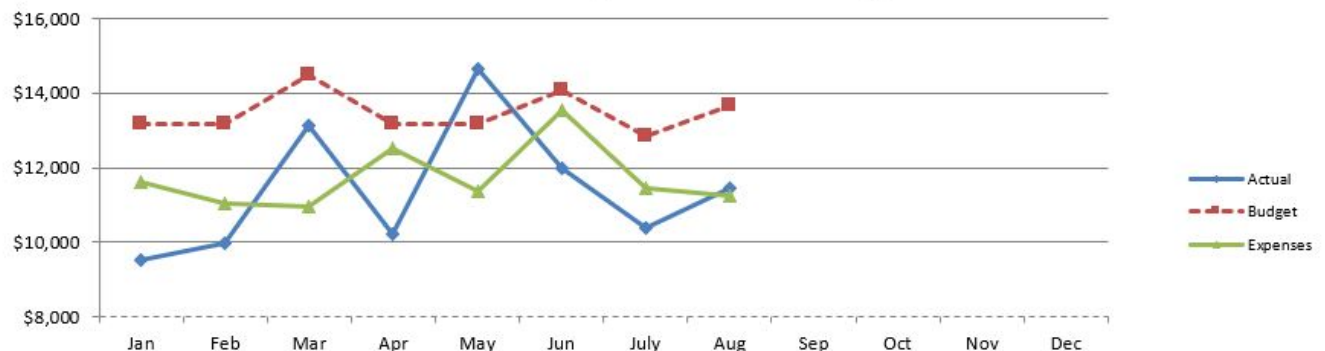
August 31, 2025

1. Comments

- a. YTD Member giving continues to be below budget and below 2024 giving.
- b. 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 Call processes.
- c. 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.
- d. The Park Land Sale has entered the escrow phase & proceeds will be deposited to the existing account at Provident Bank at the close of escrow. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures up to \$250,000 per depositor, per bank. The Finance Committee has prepared recommendations for the Church Council on how to split the funds between financial institutions to ensure that no more than \$250,000 is on deposit at any financial institution.

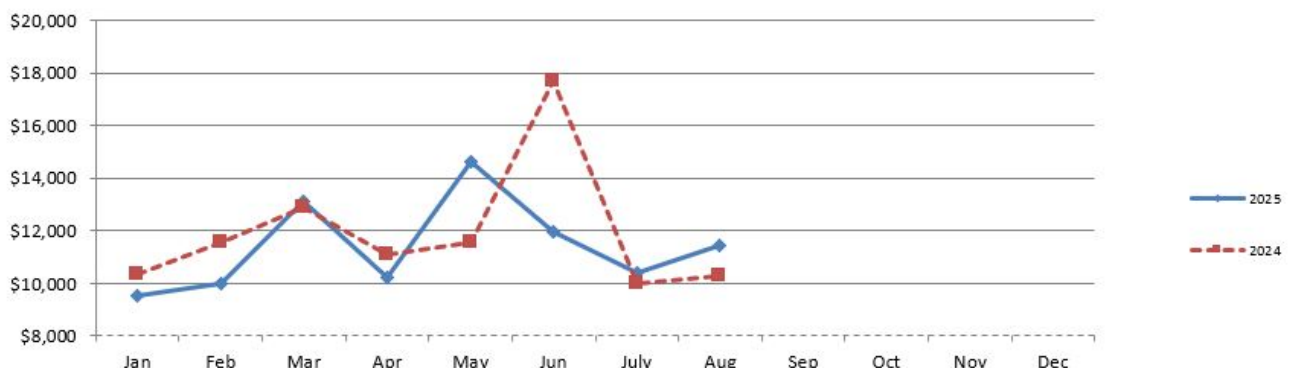
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Actual	\$ 9,541.00	\$ 9,978.00	\$ 13,127.00	\$ 10,208.00	\$ 14,631.00	\$ 11,979.00	\$ 10,391.00	\$ 11,460.00				
Budget	\$ 13,154.00	\$ 13,154.00	\$ 14,496.00	\$ 13,154.00	\$ 13,154.00	\$ 14,054.00	\$ 12,860.00	\$ 13,665.00				
Expenses	\$ 11,598.00	\$ 11,057.00	\$ 10,941.00	\$ 12,531.00	\$ 11,383.00	\$ 13,536.00	\$ 11,433.00	\$ 11,255.00				

2025 Monthly Member Offerings



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2025	\$ 9,541.00	\$ 9,978.00	\$ 13,127.00	\$ 10,208.00	\$ 14,631.00	\$ 11,979.00	\$ 10,391.00	\$ 11,460.00				
2024	\$ 10,325.00	\$ 11,538.00	\$ 12,862.00	\$ 11,070.00	\$ 11,580.00	\$ 17,721.00	\$ 9,984.00	\$ 10,310.00				

2024 vs 2025 Monthly Member Offerings



2. Financials Review

a. Offering Envelopes

- i) **For the month**, below budget at 83.87% (\$11,460 vs \$13,665).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, still below budget at 83% (\$95,805 vs \$112,244).

b. Total Income

- i) **For the month**, above budget at 90.87% (\$14,023 vs \$15,432).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 94.13% (\$120,746 vs \$128,277).

c. Expenses

- i) **For the month**, well below budget at 67.49% (\$11,255 vs \$16,675).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, well below budget at 72.38% (\$93,024 vs \$128,516).

d. Net Operating Income (Total Income minus Expenses)

- i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$2,769 vs the expected deficit of \$1,244.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$28,287 vs the expected deficit of \$239.53.

e. Checking balance

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$41,436.90.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$38,345.30.

Submitted by Madeline Puccio, Treasurer

Volunteer for Coffee, Conversation and You!



We have moved to a shared responsibility for Coffee Hour. **We need teams of two (2) volunteers on a Sunday to help with serving and cleaning up.** As we are able to get 5 teams of 2, we will develop a schedule with teams helping one Sunday a month. Coffee Hour ends at 11:30am, although people are welcome to stay and talk. With 5 teams we can assure coverage without a large task on just a few generous souls.

Additionally, **we are gladly accepting home-baked goods for Coffee Hour.** We ask that no more than two (2) people bring home-baked goods on any Sunday. There will be a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for bringing home-baked goods and a sign-up sheet for coffee hour volunteers.

Please sign up to be a team of two (2)!



Explore God's Word with Us

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



Bible Study is calling you! Come explore God's word and fellowship with us as we all stretch and grow our relationship with Christ. When was the last time you attended a Bible Study? It is never too late, and we are never too old! WELCA gives you two different opportunities to study the Word.

- **Mary Circle** uses studies from Gather Magazine. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month (October 8) at 10am in the library. The lesson will continue our series on stewardship. We tackle the easy and difficult biblical principles together.
- **Lydia Evening Bible Study** is studying women of the Bible. They meet on the third Thursday of the month (October 16) at 6pm in the library.

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



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

October 6	Doris Hays
October 8	Tex Culp
October 9	Becky Ackley
October 10	Sam Van Fleet
October 14	Joanne McGavran
October 19	Jim Loughboro
October 22	Lorna Harrison
October 24	Kent Kobersteen
October 25	Yolia-Rose Concepcion
October 26	Gregg McGavran
October 30	Jan Williams



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

October 16, 2010	Frank & Debbie Ehrig
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If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!



Meniffee Reads! (a book club) is reading “My Friends” by Fredrik Backman. The September meetings are Wednesday, October 15, 7pm and Thursday, October 16 at 2pm in the library. Join in the fun as you can! ALL ARE WELCOME! Come and join us.

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Anxious People* returns with an unforgettably funny, deeply moving tale of four teenagers whose friendship creates a bond so powerful that it changes a complete stranger’s life twenty-five years later.

Most people don’t even notice them—three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it’s just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise, and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.



Twenty-five years earlier, in a distant seaside town, a group of teenagers find refuge from their bruising home lives by spending long summer days on an abandoned pier, telling silly jokes, sharing secrets, and committing small acts of rebellion. These lost souls find in each other a reason to get up each morning, a reason to dream, a reason to love.

Out of that summer emerges a transcendent work of art, a painting that will unexpectedly be placed into eighteen-year-old Louisa’s care. She embarks on a surprise-filled cross-country journey to learn how the painting came to be and to decide what to do with it. The closer she gets to the painting’s birthplace, the more nervous she becomes about what she’ll find. Louisa is proof that happy endings don’t always take the form we expect in this stunning testament to the transformative, timeless power of friendship and art.



Interested in a Free Christmas Photo?



Your Outreach team will be announcing a new initiative for November. This project will allow families across Meniffee to get one (1) free Christmas Photo of their family by attending worship service with us on designated Sundays. (More info to come)

However, our current Faith families will be able to get a free family photo as well. Watch your email and announcements for more info as it becomes available.

Grace, Not Judgment

Friends brought a paralyzed man to Jesus, who forgave the man's sins before healing him physically. We will look at how the church responded to Jesus. We'll also examine how the church today responds to Jesus. Are we bringing people to Jesus when they are in need?

In healing the woman who had suffered from bleeding for twelve years, Jesus didn't just address her physical ailment but restored her dignity. He called her, "daughter." Whom would we consider to be our brothers and sisters?

October 9 The Healing of the Paralyzed Man

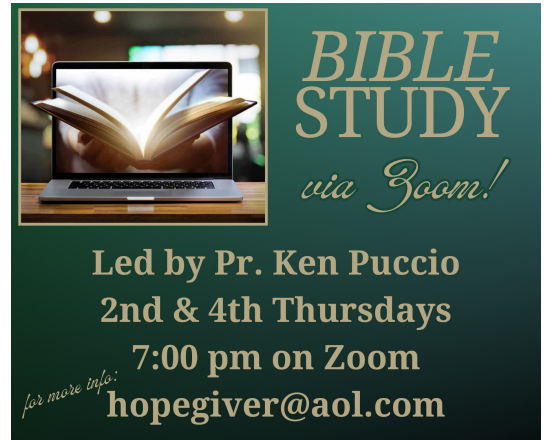
October 23 The Woman with a Bleeding Issue

Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month

Log In: 874 9381 9047

Password: 10311517 (think Reformation Day)

Contact Pastor Ken at hopegiver@aol.com to receive a copy of the lessons.



BIBLE STUDY
via Zoom!

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

God's work. Our hands.

September 7
2025




On September 7th, we took part in God's Work Our Hands, the annual ELCA Day of Service!

Thank you to our Faith family for donating to and supporting San Bernardino Community Wellness Center, formerly Central City Lutheran Mission- Lutheran Social Services! Together we were able to donate and separate over 150 of each men's personal hygiene items, granola bars and zip lock bags. Not only did we reach our goal, but we surpassed it!



With the help of a Thrivent gift card, we were also able to purchase and donate bed bug proof mattress covers!

God's Work is definitely in action at Faith Lutheran Church! It was a spirit-filled day and a wonderful time for fun and fellowship.

Thank you all for sharing your love with so many others!

- Your Outreach Committee

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
- **Food with Friends:** 3rd Wednesday at 5:00
- **Al-Anon:** Every Friday at 10:30

Fun at Faith!						
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Happy Fall!



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October 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4
					10:30am AI-Anon	9:00am Donation Drop Off
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
AM: Roderick; Lector: Pat A.; PPT: Mike 9:30am Worship Service-Pr. Rex 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	10:00am Worship & Music	10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study	4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	10:30am AI-Anon	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
AM: Candy; Lector: Kathy; PPT: Bill 9:30am Worship Service-Roderick 12:30pm Grace&Mercy		10:00am Hymn Planners 12:30pm WELCA Board 2:30pm Outreach Team	5:00pm Food with Friends 7:00pm Menifee Reads! Book Club	9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 2:00pm Menifee Reads! Book Club 6:00pm Grace & Mercy Set Up 6:00pm WELCA Bible Study	10:00am Stewardship 10:30am AI-Anon 6:00pm Grace & Mercy Event	6:00pm RF-Big Band Rehearsal
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
AM: Mars; Lector: Steve; PPT: Bill 9:30am Worship Service-Pr. Shane 12:30pm Grace&Mercy		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group 2:00pm Fellowship Team 6:00pm Call Committee 6:30pm VTG Rehearsal	1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	Forecaster Deadline 6:30pm VTG Rehearsal 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	10:30am AI-Anon	4:00pm Menifee Fall Festival
26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
AM: Joanne; Lector: Mars; PPT: Mike Reformation Sunday 9:30am Worship Service-Pr. Shane 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	6:30pm VTG Rehearsal		6:30pm VTG Rehearsal	10:30am AI-Anon	