



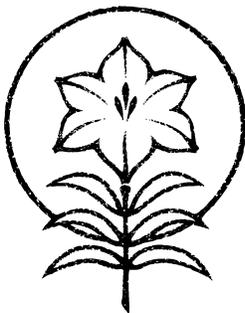
# Forecaster



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH \* APRIL 2021

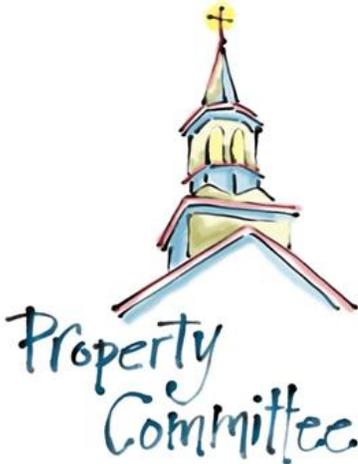
“HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!”

MARK 16:6



HAPPY EASTER

FROM PR. JOHN, SARAH, AND DANI!!!



February and March were pretty much normal with watering as needed and spraying of weeds.

We got some help from Tex Culp who trimmed the palm and Italian cypress trees in the parking lot areas. It made a big difference in the appearance of the property. Also, I was able to chop and dispose of a large collection of tumbleweeds in the very back of our lot.

In April/May we should be able to have the sides and back of the property sprayed (2 coats) with supreme weed killer.

The exterior painting and parking lot repair will have to remain on the "to do" list.

Respectfully, Harold Whitford

**The Property Committee ALWAYS NEEDS help!  
Please consider volunteering!**



### STIMULUS CHECKS – HERE'S A THOUGHT....

Many of us have already received our Stimulus checks or will shortly. For some, this will be an important addition to limited finances. However, for those whose income has not been materially affected by the Pandemic, these checks are like a bonus, just waiting for something to spend it on.

If these checks are a bonus for you, here's a thought about how you might spend some of it. Your Council has begun making a list of important Property expenses likely over the next 12-24 months. While we have some reserves for such purposes, we suspect we'll need more than what we have now.

The list includes some exterior painting to help preserve our aging wood structures, likely roof resurfacing/replacement for the flat roof areas, parking lot repair/resurfacing/painting, and some possible furnace repairs/replacement. There are probably more items to add to the list.

So, if your Stimulus check is more of a bonus than a necessity, you might consider donating 10%, 25%, 50% (or more!) of that amount to build up our Property reserves. Just add "Property Reserves" to your check's memo line. Thanks for your consideration!

### Membership Directory Updates:

Page 7: Finn, Florann: Change address to c/o Pacifica Senior Living, 1177 S. Palm Ave., Hemet, 92543

Page 11: Hunt, Marian; Remove

Page 12: Linge, Iver & Lois: Change address to 229 Occidental Dr., Oxnard, CA 93030

Page 16: Meckler, Cody: Add cell (951) 464-9951 and email [cody.mec0711@icloud.com](mailto:cody.mec0711@icloud.com)

Page 22 (Friends of Faith): Butler, Sarah: Change email to [sarahgalloway881@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgalloway881@gmail.com)



Wishing you a beautiful Easter, fresh with new joy and filled with Jesus' love. Happy Easter! Lent and Easter materials have been sent out to our church children.

We are blessed to have two Baptism Ceremonies this Holy Week. On Palm Sunday Sarah Butler's baby, Linus Emmet Ikaika Butler was baptized. On Easter Sunday, Anthony Quinn, the Sinclairs' family member will also be baptized.

Council had their first council meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our Council approved we can now have meetings in the Fellowship Hall with the following guidelines. Requests need to be approved by either Executive Council or the full Council and scheduled in advance with our Church Office Administrator. The group size cannot exceed 8 people and upon arrival the group leader will confirm each person is fever free. Remember that everyone must wear face masks. The named group leader is responsible for insuring compliance with these guidelines and making sure all surfaces are sanitized before and after the meeting.

Our Council is also revisiting our opening In-Church Services and plans to be open very soon. We are taking into consideration the right date to open our church with our Worship and Music Committee reviewing and updating our Protocols for In-Person Worship. We want to have the safest opportunities and considerations to all. This would also give us more time to have more members fully vaccinated. The vaccines are the best news we can hope for.

Council is looking at the costs for long-term property maintenance and repairs, as we have several expensive projects that will need attention soon.

Our Outreach Committee walked around our church neighborhood and passed out Easter Door Hangers last week. We are still using our Thrivent cards to donate food to Menifee Valley Community Cupboard.

We have a Eucharistic Ministry Training class with Pastor John scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you would like to attend - all are welcome.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and we want to remind you that our meetings are open to visitors.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Gale Eury and Kandie Hulme-Co Presidents



## Spotlight on Ministry: Small Groups

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: EXHORTATION, FAITH, PASTORAL, INTERCESSION  
**Sharing God's Grace, Generosity and Love**

Feeling stuck in a rut? Tired of being COVID restricted? If the answer is YES! then we have a solution – join a small group! For most of them you don't even need to leave home. Pick one or two or three of the groups listed here and **BE BOLD - JUMP IN!** Your connection with your Faith Lutheran friends is bound to make a positive difference in your life, and they're as close to you as your phone or computer screen! **"BE STRONG AND BOLD... I, THE LORD, WILL BE WITH YOU."** (Deuteronomy 31:23)



**CALL TO PRAYER & WORSHIP** – Participating in this small group is as easy as picking up your telephone and making a regular phone call! On the other end of the line, you'll be greeted by the friendly voice of Marlene Rosselli, who will invite you and the other callers to chat for a bit, ponder a scripture/devotion, and share prayer requests and prayer.

**BE BOLD – JUMP IN – on the first and third Thursdays at 4:00pm.**



**REMEMBERING AND HONORING** – This group, led by Pr. John, is aimed at supporting each other in many ways, especially in experiencing grief. Whether your grief is old or new, you are not alone! Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) **BE BOLD – JUMP**

**IN – on Thursday, April 15, 10:00am (Zoom or Phone Call).** You will find respect, love and support in Christ's hope-filled promise, and in remembering your loved ones and honoring those memories and feelings you have



**4 PLUS 1 GROUP** - Come as you are and share your own story! Small groups of four people plus Christ (the Plus One) gather outside at Church to pray and talk and laugh together for about an hour. It's a great way to learn more about each other and our generous and loving God, and get some fresh air in the process. **BE BOLD – JUMP IN – on the third Tuesdays at 10:00am. Wearing a mask and social distancing are musts; bringing your own lawn chair is optional.** Join me (Joanne McG) – I'll be so happy to see you!

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE** - These additional ongoing small groups welcome and encourage you to **BE BOLD – JUMP IN...**

- Bible Study led by Pr. John: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, Zoom at 2:00pm
- W-ELCA Circle Bible Studies: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00am

**Call-in and Zoom instructions are on page 9**

Sharing God's grace, generosity and love along with you,  
 Joanne McGavran, Stewardship Committee Chair (949-280-1123)

## FINANCIAL REPORT Ending February 28, 2021

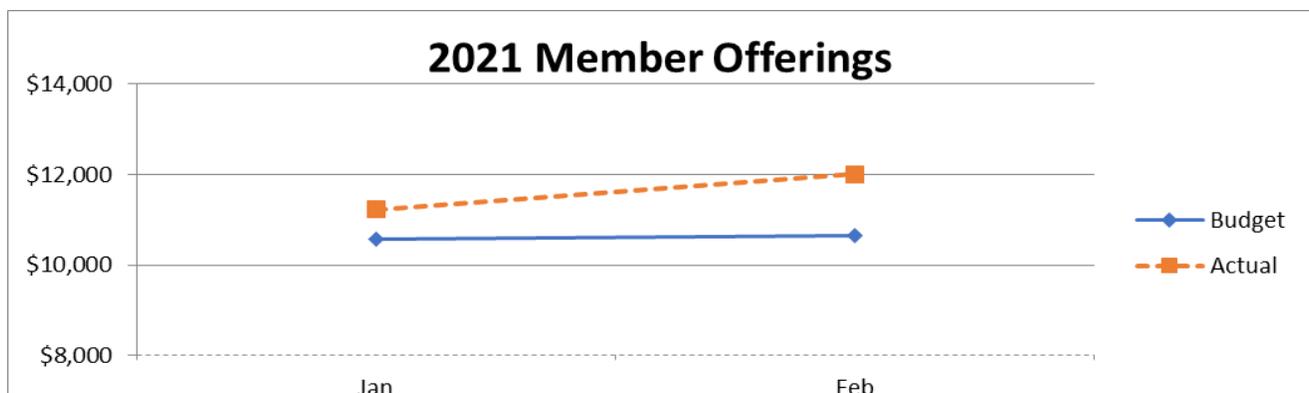
- a. **Offering Envelopes**
  - i) **For the month**, we are above budget at 112.8% (\$12,013 vs \$10,646).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, we are above budget at 109.5% (\$29,169 vs \$21,244).
- b. **Total Income**
  - i) **For the month**, above budget at 111.9% (\$14,517 vs \$12,976).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, significantly above budget at 128.5% (\$33,075 vs \$25,739).
- c. **Expenses**
  - i) **For the month**, under budget at 91.9% (\$14,162 vs \$15,411).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 95.3% (\$29,789 vs \$31,262).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
  - i) **For the month**, much better than expected with a small profit of \$355, vs. the expected loss of \$2,435.
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected with a profit of \$3,287, vs. the expected loss of \$5,523.
- e. **Checking balance**
  - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$19,135.
  - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$18,782.

### What this means:

- Our 2021 budgeted income for Jan-Sept is based on 85% of 2020 Actuals. The good news is that we may have been too conservative in that estimate, as we've exceeded budget for both January and February.
- Total Income was substantially above budget due to a \$5,000 Special Offering gift from a deceased member.
- With Expenses below budget (mostly Office and Property), the net result (Net Operating Income) was a profit rather than the expected loss.

### How we are doing:

We've started 2021 ahead of budget. Let's keep it that way! Don't forget your Lenten and Easter offerings. **Thanks for your faithfulness.**





Greetings, dear women of Faith, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Bible Study:** The final session of the 4-part Bible study series, “Journeys with Angels” is found in the April issue of your *Gather* magazine. Author Christa von Zychlin invites us to look at the “Feasting, Funny, Alleluia Angels” we find in Psalm 78, Genesis 18 and 19, Judges 6, 1 Kings 19, Mark 16, Matthew 28, and Revelation 19. Whether the Bible is new to you or is an old familiar friend, you’ll love what you find there. Discovering and sharing it with other women who love God adds a whole new dimension!

**Pick One or Both!** We currently have two active Bible study groups. **Lydia Circle** gathers at church on the **second Tuesday each month**, adhering to the COVID-19 in-person procedures approved by Church Council. **Mary Circle** Zooms together on the **second Wednesday each month**. Both Circles use the Bible study featured in *Gather* magazine. **ALL women are ALWAYS welcome to participate** in Circle Bible study, and any of our W-ELCA activities!

**Recap – March 6<sup>th</sup> Pacifica W-ELCA Zoom Event:** The question posed to all who participated in the Event was, “What is your W-ELCA group doing during the pandemic to help others beyond our doors?” The answers were as inspired and varied as the women who shared them. Discussing them will be a part of our **March 30<sup>th</sup> W-ELCA Board Meeting**. If you get this in time, **Zoom with us at 11:00am** and join the conversation about what WE might do to help others, even though we’re pretty much “stuck at home”. If you are reading this after March 30<sup>th</sup>, please call, text or email me and share your ideas about what kinds of hands-on projects YOU like to do!

#### COMING UP:

- **W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 5th, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom
- **Lydia Circle:** Tuesday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. at Church
- **Mary Circle:** Wednesday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

**FEAR NOT NON-ZOOMERS!** You don’t need a computer or fancy cell phone to participate! Just use your telephone!

- Call this number (408) 638-0968. It will prompt you to enter your meeting ID which will be 804 657 8088 and press pound (#).
- It will then say: “If you are the host, enter the host key.” You are NOT the host, so just press pound (#) again. Easy peasy!

***But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.”*** (Matthew 28: 5-6)

Celebrating with you!

Joanne McGavran, President

949/280-1123 / [jdmcgavran@gmail.com](mailto:jdmcgavran@gmail.com)



**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

To

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| April 4  | Daniel Conner  |
| April 7  | Peggy Westby   |
| April 8  | Cynthia Dillie |
| April 13 | Len Morris     |
| April 15 | Ray Olson      |
| April 17 | Bill Seel      |
| April 19 | Mary Yturralde |
| April 24 | Ken Wolfe      |



**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

To

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| April 12, 1993 | Tex & Lesly Culp |
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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**

**Rice-a-Roni for April!**

Your donations are still welcome and needed! You may 1) Drop your items off at The Cupboard at 26944 Cherry Hills Blvd (951/301-4414). 2) Call Pastor John (949/258-3452) for pick up and delivery! 3) Bring your donations to the church office during our regular hours. 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.

*Ruth Ditsch - Community Cupboard Liaison*



**Outreach Committee**

The Community Cupboard had lots of food in January due to the holiday giving, but In February, Ruth Ditsch used her Thrivent card to purchase 20 cases of corn and 3 cases of green beans that were delivered on February 24, 2021. On March 5th, Amy Sinclair used her card to purchase oatmeal packets from Stater Bros. and on March 27th, Dee Seel used her card to purchase 20 cases of corn from Costco that were delivered to the Cupboard.

*David Moe, Chair*



## APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Below is the worship schedule for the month of April, including Holy Week and Easter. We will continue to mail out the worship service to those who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend Drive-In Worship or watch it online at our Website ([faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)).

Communion will continue to be administered during Online and Drive-In Worship with each household providing their own communion elements of bread and drink.

- April 1 Maundy Thursday service Online at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)
- April 2 Good Friday Drive-In Worship at 3:30 pm (no communion)
- April 4 Easter Drive-In Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- April 11 Drive-In Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- April 18 Drive-In Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- April 25 Drive-In Worship & Communion at 9:30 am



We as a family at Faith mourn the loss of Marian Hunt; March 25, 2021

### Please note:

- If you are not currently receiving the **Forecaster via Email** and would like to, please email your request to the Church Office at [FaithLutheranMeniffee@gmail.com](mailto:FaithLutheranMeniffee@gmail.com).
- If you would like to **receive Prayer Chain emails or phone calls**, please notify the Church Office.
- **To request prayer**, contact Gale Eury: [GaleEury0@gmail.com](mailto:GaleEury0@gmail.com); Cell: 951-679-3372.



## Zoom Instructions from various devices:

### Join using your Regular Telephone:

- Call the number (408) 638-0968.
- Enter the meeting ID number: 804 657 8088 and press pound (#).
- It will then ask: "If you are the host, enter the host key." Don't worry, Pastor is the host so just press pound (#) again.
- You're there, wait for the host to let you in.
- Write down the telephone number and Meeting ID for next time.

### Join using your Smartphone or Tablet:

- Make sure you are connected to the internet. If not, use Regular Telephone directions above.
- Download the Zoom App in your app store.
- Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8046578088>; OR
- Open your Zoom app, select "Join Meeting" and use Meeting ID: 804 657 8088.
- Click and "allow joining by video" and "allow internet audio."
- You're there, wait for the host to let you in.
- Write down or save the link and Meeting ID for next time.

### Join using your Computer:

- Make sure you have internet and connect to it.
- Make sure you have a camera, a microphone, and speakers attached/installed with the computer (most laptops have these; desktops usually do not).
- Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8046578088> and click "Open Zoom Meetings" OR
- Open your Zoom app, select "Join Meeting" and use Meeting ID: 804 657 8088.
- Click and "allow join by video" and "allow internet audio."
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### Church Office Hours:

Tues & Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

### Our Staff:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2	3
Baptism of Andrew Quinn EASTER SUNDAY! Lector: Amy Sinclair 9:30am Drive-In Worship				Maudy Thursday Worship Online w/Communion Lector: Ruth Ditsch 4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Zoom	Lector: Marlene Rosselli 3:00pm Good Friday Drive-In Worship	
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				2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Lector: Marlene Rosselli 9:30am Drive-In Worship	1:00pm Exec Board via Zoom	10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church	10:00am Mary Circle-Zoom 2:00pm Stewardship via Zoom	10:00am Remembering & Honoring-Zoom 4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship-Zoom Telephone Call		1:00pm Marian Hunt's Celebration of Life
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Lector: Lynn Bennett 9:30am Drive-In Worship		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group - Outdoors at Church 2:00pm Worship & Music-Zoom	1:00pm Finance Team-Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom	Forecaster Deadline	
25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
Lector: Roderick Sinclair 9:30am Drive-In Worship	9:00am Hymn Planners-Zoom 1:00pm Council via Zoom					