



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * AUGUST 2021



Where in the world are Pr. John and family?



Hello from the beach in Portland, OR!

For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, and I rejoice to see your morale and the firmness of your faith in Christ. Colossians 2:5 NRSV

*Yours in Christ,
Pr. John, Sarah, and Dani*



**YESSSSSSSSSS, it's true!!
Sunday School resumes August 1st!!
Spread the news!!
Invite your family!!
Invite your friends!!
Invite your neighbors!!
Shout it from the roof tops!!
Sunday School is back!!!**

Please join us in saying a huge THANK YOU to Ken Borchmann for all of his years of faithful service as Financial Secretary, Mutual Ministry chair, PowerPoint operator, and much more!

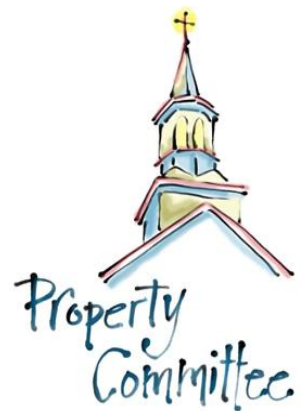


There wasn't a whole lot happening in July. I had hoped that the painting job would be well underway, but you just can't paint when it's 100 plus degrees. We have to be patient to be sure the job is done well.

I got 2 estimates that would be suitable for our parking lot. Both tried to push for a complete tear up of all existing asphalt, re-compacting, all new asphalt laid down, then re-striped. Both were around \$90,000 (wow!). NPG Asphalt gave a decent bid to power blast (clean), seal oil spots, apply 2 coats of seal coat, and re-stripe the parking area (measures 47,000 sq. ft.). The cracks we have would not be filled as they are not that bad and would cost an extra \$3,375 to fill them. We feel 2 coats of sealer would fill them \$8,050. It's kind of a 5 year band aid.

We still don't really have a handle on the A/C and heater problem; will keep trying. Good news is the roof hasn't leaked! HA HA!

Respectfully, Harold Whitford, Property Committee Chair



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- If you would like to **receive Prayer Chain emails or phone calls**, please notify the Church Office.
- **To request prayer**, please contact Lynn Bennett at 909-553-5080 or faithlutheranmenifee@gmail.com.



And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1Corinthians 13:13

SPREAD FAITH, HOPE & JOY

Faith – Strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof. Complete trust or confidence in someone or something. How do we spread our FAITH? It is to share your Faith by being an example and represent Jesus in the best possible way.

Hope - Feeling of expectation, a desire for a certain thing to happen and a feeling of trust. How do we spread HOPE? Reach out to someone who seems to be struggling and offer a helping hand. Do acts of kindness daily. While faith is a function of the intellect, hope is an act of the will.

Joy - Feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Having joy includes feeling good cheer but in its fuller spiritual meaning of expressing God's goodness. How do we spread JOY? Express gratitude and truly listen to people. A smile is a great way to spread a little happiness around you.

Through the Word of God, we are shown the life and death of Jesus and what it means to love others first. God is the example of love. Because of the love God has shown us, we are called to show one another love. In fact, God tells us this is the greatest commandment! In August we have five Sundays to worship and be together in our church. Five Sundays to have Faith, Hope and Joy along with Loving our neighbors.

Cheerfully in Christ,

Gale Eury and Kandie Hulme, Co-Presidents

Special Giving

Thank you to all who donate to the Community Cupboard, World Hunger and Disaster Relief. **As a reminder, please make your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church**, and indicate the purpose on the check's Memo line. If you make your check payable directly to the organization, we cannot deposit the check, and so, we will need to return it to you so you can either mail it directly yourself, or replace that check with one made out to the Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending June 30, 2021

a. **Offering Envelopes**

- i) **For the month**, we are above budget at 111.9% (\$10,601 vs \$9,471).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, we are just under budget at 98.8% (\$65,958 vs \$66,795).

b. **Total Income**

- i) **For the month**, above budget at 112.5% (\$13,079 vs \$11,631).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 115.4% (\$98,182 vs \$85,083).

c. **Expenses**

- i) **For the month**, under budget at 96.0% (\$14,797 vs \$15,417).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 95.5% (\$88,445 vs \$92,658).

d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)

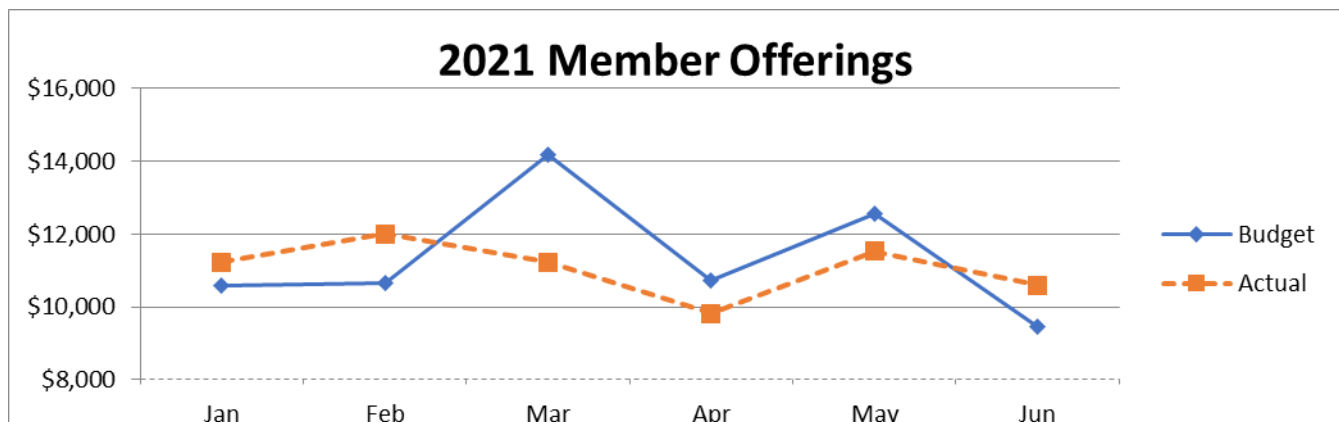
- i) **For the month**, we had a small loss of \$1,719 vs. the expected loss of \$3,786.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected with a profit of \$9,737, vs. the expected loss of \$7,575.

e. **Checking balance**

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$25,729.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$27,389.

f. **Comments**

- i) June Member giving was above budget for the first time since February. The below budget giving has now pulled down our YTD member giving to under 97% of budget. Hopefully, being back to full in-person Worship services will keep us on target in the coming months.
- ii) YTD Total Income and Net Operating Income are way above budget due to \$15,000 in Special Offerings from deceased members earlier this year.



Prayerfully submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer



Greetings, dear women of Faith!

It's August – All Circles Bible Study Month! That means we'll all come together at the same time, with Pr. John as our study leader. Woohoo! We will be discussing the conclusion of the three-part summer Bible study series, **“Just L.I.F.E (Liberation is for Everyone): Just HOPE”**. We will look at our role as the body of Christ. How are we called to be co-creators with God in transforming our communities into a more just society? Filled with resurrection hope, we'll look to the prophet Ezekiel and his miraculous encounter in the valley of dry bones, and we'll share how God's amazing activity continues to unfold in our own lives. Come and bring your friends!! **ALL women are MOST WELCOME!! – August 11th, 10:00a.m. at Church (and on Zoom)!**

COMING UP:

- **Women of the ELCA 11TH Triennial Convention – On Zoom August 3, 4 & 5.** You will find the agenda on the Women of the ELCA website, along with constitutional changes, budget, nominations and other business items. To access the site, **you must use a computer** – your cell phone won't work.
 - Click on this link or type it into your browser: <https://web.lumiagm.com/288702048> .
 - Click on the **“Accept”** box on the Acknowledging Browsers box.
 - You are a Guest, not a Voting Member. Type in **your email address** and the required password, which is: **welca2021** (all lower case). Then click **“Enter”**.
 - After logging into the virtual meeting platform, you must give Zoom permission to use your microphone and camera inside of the Lumi virtual meeting platform. **Click Allow – then mute your microphone.** Only Voting Members may speak.

I love the business sessions! It's where we get to hear what's in the hearts and minds of women all over the US and its territories, and how God is working in their lives and in their W-ELCA units. These steps may look complicated, but you will hopefully find your efforts worthwhile!

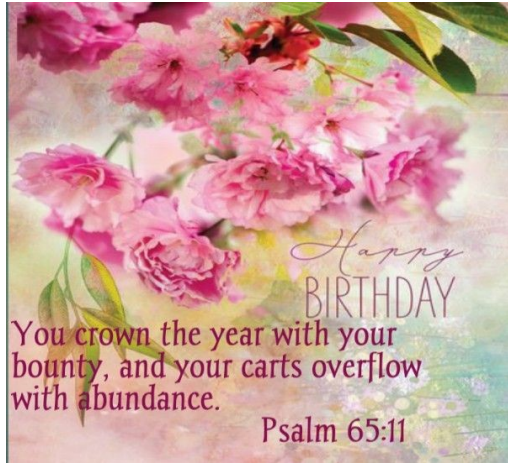
- **All Circles Bible Study:** Wednesday, AUG. 11th, 10:00 at Church & on Zoom
- **W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Wednesday, SEPT 1st, 11:00am at Church

To subscribe to *Gather Magazine*, call (844) 409-0576 or email Gather@CambeyWest.com. I'd be happy to share my back issues with you if you'd like to check the magazine out before subscribing!

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 12:12)

Walking, praying and serving WITH you!
Joanne McGavran, W-ELCA President



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

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| August 2, 1932 | Mardene Miller |
| August 5, 1997 | Jackie Culp |
| August 8, 1926 | Julie Wrangle |
| August 9, 1943 | JoLynne Buehring |
| August 14, 1946 | Pam Heinz |
| August 16, 1932 | Bill Hallahan |
| August 29, 1951 | Sandy Chandler |



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

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| August 9, 2015 | Bryant & Valerie Holmes |
| August 13, 1978 | Rich & Sandy Chandler |
| August 13, 1960 | Ray & Pat Olson |
| August 24, 1953 | Ron & Esther Neumen |



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 August!**

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



Spotlight on Ministry: Christian Education

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: EVANGELISM, TEACHING, FAITH AND WISDOM

Sharing God's Grace, Generosity and Love

Hello Faith Family, I hope you are having a good summer. This month's spotlight on ministry is focusing on Christian Education. The spiritual gifts are Evangelism, Teaching, Faith and Wisdom.

Did you know that we have a lending Library, "Luther Library", and you are welcome to borrow books and videos? We have many books available on various topics supporting living as a Christian in the world.

We have Bible studies. Our twice a month Bible studies offer dynamic Bible lessons and discussions led by Pastor John. These sessions are a wonderful way to increase your Bible knowledge and discuss how Biblical principles and Christian teachings relate to our lives today. We would love to have you join us as we explore the Bible.

Calling all young people! We are resuming Sunday School and Confirmation Classes on August 1, 2021 and we invite all children and youth to participate.

Would you like to help our young people grow in faith and learn to love like Jesus? Our Sunday School is supported by volunteers. Let us work together and teach our youth how to live the values Jesus taught. We will teach our youth using easy to follow, age appropriate, Bible lessons, prayers, games, songs, and activities based on Christian theology.

Sunday School will be held during worship services on Sunday mornings, after the children's lesson in the main sanctuary. Sunday School will be dismissed, and children brought back into the church sanctuary to participate in communion with their families.

For more information on any of these ministries, please contact the Church office at 951-679-1518.
- Amy Sinclair



We as a family at Faith mourn the loss of the following members:

Ken Wolfe

Services to be held August 4th at 1:30 in the sanctuary.

Bobbi Solomon

More information to follow.

Worship Schedule

FOR AUGUST 2021

Welcome!! It is so good to see more and more members returning to worship as they feel more safe attending. Welcome also to the many guests and friends of members who are coming to worship every Sunday. Please join us and bring a friend!

Communion will continue to be administered during all worship services with each household providing their own communion elements of bread and drink (water only in the sanctuary). Wafers are available on the left side table in the Narthex if you forget your own.

Trouble reading the monitors? Remember you may print your own paper version from the website (faithmenifee.com) and bring it with you on Sunday morning as a bulletin.

August 1 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
with Pastor Shane Freiberg, Guest Pastor

August 8 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

August 15 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

August 22 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

August 29 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am

Those hesitant to be in larger crowds may continue to worship by choosing one of the following alternatives:

- **Radio:** in our parking lot broadcasted live on 98.9 FM at 9:30 am
- **Online:** at our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday
- **USPS:** Receive a paper copy of the service via mail

The Worship & Music Committee

*The Call to Prayer and Worship is on hiatus during August
and will resume September 2nd*



“Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.”

(Psalm 30:5 NRSV)

Remembering and Honoring Group

What Is It? Pastor-led conversations about how God’s love, grace and tenderness can strengthen, uplift and renew us on our journey through sadness and loss. In this past year and a half, we have all suffered in some part due to the Pandemic. Suspending in-person worship, restrictions on personal interactions with family, friends and neighbors, and losing loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord recently or in the past, are just a few in a list that can feel overwhelming.

Why Participate? Acknowledging our sadness and loss, and remembering and honoring those who have gone before us, in a loving supportive group setting, can lighten our spirits and deepen our walk with Christ and with each other.

When and Where? Wednesday, July 14th, 2:00pm, In-person at Church.

Who? EVERYONE is welcome! Many of you are probably familiar with Stephen Ministries, a not-for-profit Christian training and educational organization known for equipping people to do ministry and for publishing quality educational materials. One of its well-known resources, *Journeying Through Grief*, consists of a series of four short books written by Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk, the founder and executive director of Stephen Ministries. A pastor and clinical psychologist, Dr. Haugk wrote this easy-to-read series after seeing his wife through a lengthy ordeal with cancer. His message reflects his personal experiences and professional work as well as what he has learned from other grieving individuals. Through the years, his insights have brought compassion and hope to countless persons including some Faith members and friends.

Beginning in August, three sets of the *Journeying Through Grief* series that have been donated to our church library will become available for members to check out. May these materials convey God's comfort and assurance to those who are traveling the grief journey.

- Pat Adams

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Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 1 First Day of Sunday School! Lector: Allison McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	2	3 WELCA Triennial Convention-Zoom	4 10:00am Remembering & Honoring-In Person 1:30pm Celebration of Life--Ken Wolfe	5 WELCA Triennial Convention-Zoom	6 10:15am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	7 10:15am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
8 Lector: Madison Hamilton 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	9 10:00am Mutual Ministry 1:00pm Exec Board-At Church and Zoom	10 4:30pm Education Committee-Zoom	11 10:00am All Circle Meeting-At Church and Zoom 2:00pm Stewardship-At Church and Zoom	12 9:30am Hymn Planning-Church 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person	13 10:15am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	14
15 Lector: David Moe 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	16 9:30am Worship & Music-Zoom	17 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group - Church 11:00am Altar Guild-At Church 1:30pm Endowment Board	18	19	20 10:15am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	21
22 Lector: Andrew Quinn 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	23 Forecaster Deadline	24	25 1:00pm Finance Team-Zoom	26 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person	27 10:15am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	28
29 Lector: Amy Sinclair 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	30 1:00pm Council-At Church and Zoom	31	Sep 1	2	3	4