



# Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH \* MAY 2021



## *Psalm 84: 1-2, 10-12*

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts. My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

*For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.*

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: **Join us inside!**

After much consideration, deliberation and prayer, the leadership of our congregation (including the Church Council, the Worship and Music Committee, and myself as pastor) have determined that we will be resuming in-person worship services on Sunday May 9th with that Sunday's place in the lectionary. In keeping with ELCA and government guidelines, and with the biblical commandment to "Love Thy Neighbor" our church leaders have provided the following guidelines and instructions which attendees will be required to follow when attending in-person worship:

- **Face coverings** will be required at all times. We will have extra covers if you forget yours.
- **Temperatures** will be taken at the door. Those with a fever will have to return home with their whole group.
- **Physical distancing** of 6 ft. or more will be practiced. For entrance to the church property, adherence to these policies will be required.
- **Limit touching surfaces** to help keep things sanitized.
- **If you feel ill or have had potential exposure to COVID-19, do NOT attend worship.** Also, if you are part of a high-risk population or feel uncomfortable attending in-person, we encourage you to refrain from attending and continue to access worship online or by drive in.
- **The main narthex doors** will be the only entrance and exit point.
- **Ushers will seat worshipers** from the front to the back of the sanctuary, every other row. (See the end of the document for a diagram.)
- **Ushers will direct you when to exit**, as well.
- **Do not gather inside** or by the doors before or after the service.
- **These will not be part of our service:** group responsive reading and singing, peace passing, greeting line, Sunday School and Nursery care, fellowship time.
- **Offering** will be dropped into baskets at the entrance.
- **Communion** will be "bring your own bread and drink," as we have been doing for parking lot services. There will be no distribution so please bring your own.
- **There will be no bulletins at church.** The service will be projected as before. If you need a physical bulletin, they will be available online prior to worship. You may download and print it to bring along with you if you have difficulty seeing the screens.
- **Restrooms limited to one person at a time** – Enter via the mailbox lobby and corridor; Exit via the hallway and door next to the kitchen. We ask that the bathroom only be used in urgent need due to the difficulty in keeping them sanitized between uses during the service.

- **Drinking fountains** will be turned off. If you need water, you may bring your own bottle.
- **IMPORTANT:** Finally, please refer to the following instructions on what dates your household are to attend worship.

To comply with state guidelines for church service attendance (only 25% of maximum capacity can be in attendance at one time) the congregation will be divided into 2 groups. Divided alphabetically by last name, Group 1 will be A-K last names and Group 2 will be L-Z. We will have these groups trade off every other Sunday for in-person attendance. Our first date of resumed in-person services will be May 9<sup>th</sup>, which will be Group 2’s turn to attend. The following Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, will be Group 1’s turn, with Group 2 going again on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Note that if you need to be in the group other than your own (because you ride with someone from that group to church etc.), please let the church office know and we will do our best to accommodate this. Services will be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend. If it is your off week, you can also attend worship in the parking lot which will continue to be broadcast live over the radio and if we do not fill to capacity, there will be a lottery to let those in the parking lot in until capacity is reached.

See the boxes below for an updated attendance schedule.

<u>Group 1: Last names A-K</u>	
May: 16, 30	June: 13, 27
July: 11, 25	August: 8, 22
September: 5, 19	October: 3, 17, 31
November: 14, 28	

<u>Group 2: Last names L-Z</u>	
May: 9, 23	June: 6, 20
July: 4, 18	August: 1, 15, 29
September: 12, 26	October: 10, 24
November: 7, 21	

Checklist before going to church:

- ✓ Did you check if it is your group’s Sunday to attend in-person service? If you are a guest or visitor, we invite you to come when you can!
- ✓ Do you have a face covering, bread for communion, personal hand sanitizer, your personal copies of the service if you want or need them?

For more information, please inquire in the office. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to discover this new way of being church together and we ask God to help and guide us. We are set up to seat parties or individuals at the ends in one row and in the center in the next row all the way to the last row. The pews are labeled and also balanced from side to side as shown below – “X” marks where congregants sit:

X	X		X
	X		X X
X	X	Center Aisle	X
	X		X X
X	X		X

*So, until we see each other again: “May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26).*

Yours in Christ, Pastor John Barton



*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25*

**The Council is excited for the Great News:** The reopening of our church doors on Mother's Day, May 9<sup>th</sup>. This is what everyone has been waiting for. We will start with Group 2- Last Names L-Z attending in-person church services on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will continue

to have services in our parking lot as well. Please follow the New Protocols for In -Person Service that are included in our Forecaster this month.

All our committees having been meeting monthly. Also, a couple of new small groups have been formed. We now have a 4 + 1 Group and a Call to Prayer and Worship. Please let us know if you are interested in joining a committee or small group. Also remember, we are having a Eucharistic Ministry Training class with Pastor John on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you would like to attend- all are welcome.

The Synod Assembly will be a one day zoom meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Pastor John, Amy and Roderick Sinclair will be attending from our congregation. We will be anxious for them to let us know the highlights from the assembly.

One of the projects we are working on is to have our patio area available for us to use. We are working with an Eagle Scout, Ricardo who is designing the area for us. We will have triangular shade sail canopies, four foldable picnic tables with benches and four large pots with palms. We are incredibly grateful for the 2020 Warner Trust Fund we received from Pacifica Synod.

Our next Council Meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 and we want to remind you that our meetings are open to visitors.

***Surrender to what is, let go of what was and have FAITH in what will be. Sonia Ricotti***

Cheerfully in Christ, Gale Eury and Kandie Hulme



- If you are not currently receiving the **Forecaster via Email** and would like to, please email your request to the Church Office at [FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com](mailto:FaithLutheranMenifee@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.

### STIMULUS CHECKS UPDATE

Last month, we suggested some of you might want to consider donating a portion of your Stimulus Checks to our Long Term Property Fund. For some, these checks are 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, 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.

As you may remember, your Council has begun making a list of important Property expenses likely over the next 12-24 months. The list includes some exterior painting to help preserve our aging wood structures, some possible furnace repairs/replacement, likely roof resurfacing/replacement for the flat roof areas, and parking lot repair/resurfacing/stripe painting. There are probably more items to add to the list.

Thanks to those who have already contributed! We appreciate your consideration!



Normal chores were completed. Tex Culp assisted me by changing 65 watt fluorescent bulb at end of the covered walkway, South side of church and changing 3 4' fluorescent bulbs in the office. I have an appointment with Lakeside Electric to repair 2 can lights in sanctuary, which is a 2 person job as the ceiling is 20' at that point. \$250 is the estimate.

Solis Landscaping finished Phase 1 of weed spraying at a cost of \$480. Will do Phase 2 in 4-5 weeks.

I am expecting the annual fire extinguisher inspection by Elite Fire Protection Services.

Paint bids are coming in slowly (only 1 confirmed). I specified we were looking at our 2021-2-22 budget, so maybe they're holding off.

Will have something to report on roof heaters soon.

I got an estimate to cut a hole and install a mail slot in front door; \$85 labor & hardware.

I have completed the inventory of the 2 sheds and electrical room. WHEW!

Respectfully, Harold Whitford

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



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Ending March 31, 2021

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
  - i) **For the month**, we are below budget at 84.0% (\$11,222 vs \$14,185).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, we are on budget at 99.9% (\$34,005 vs \$34,035).
- b. **Total Income**
  - i) **For the month**, below budget at 87.3% (\$14,431 vs \$16,524).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 112.4% (\$47,456 vs \$42,263).
- c. **Expenses**
  - i) **For the month**, under budget at 87.0% (\$13,921 vs \$15,996).
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, under budget at 92.5% (\$43,710 vs \$47,258).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
  - i) **For the month**, essentially on budget with a small profit of \$510, vs. the expected profit of \$528.
  - ii) **Year-to-date**, much better than expected with a profit of \$3,797, vs. the expected loss of \$4,994.
- e. **Checking balance**
  - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$19,655.
  - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$19,135.

#### What this means:

- Although January and February Offerings were above budget, we dipped this month. However, we are on budget YTD.
- Although Income was below budget, Expenses were also below budget, resulting in a modest profit for the month. For the year, Net Operating Income (Income minus Expenses) is well above budget, due to below budget Expenses and the Special Offerings in January from a deceased member.

#### How we are doing:

January and February Offerings were above expectations. Hopefully, the March dip is not the start of a trend! **Thanks for your faithfulness.**





Happy Spring, dear women of Faith!

What a blessing to enjoy the beautiful spring days and watch the array of colorful blossoms and flowers come into full bloom!

Criss Jami, a young philosopher, poet and founder of his own line of clothing, said, “We often hear about stepping outside ourselves, but rarely about stepping outside our generation.” Using our May 2021 *Gather* Bible Study devotional, “The Journey of Generations”, we will look at the shared blessings that intergenerational relationships might bring. There will be scripture passages to guide us, stories that might spark your own recollections, and questions for your reflection. May this devotional be your invitation not only to step outside your generation, but to bring the wonder of who you are to someone not matching your past experiences.

We continue with two active Bible Study Circles. Lydia Circle gathers at Church on the second Tuesday of each month, adhering to COVID-19 procedures. Mary Circle Zooms together on the second Wednesday of each month. We are hoping to resume Elizabeth Circle soon, with former and new members. Please contact Joanne McGavran (949-280-1123) if you are interested in becoming a Circle member, or just want more information. We’d love to hear any ideas you have that would make Circle meetings more accommodating for you! ALL women are always welcome to participate in any Circle, or more than one, if you wish. Try us out! We pray you will join with us for fellowship and inspiring, informative Bible Studies!

### **Pacifica W-ELCA Zoom Event – Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm**

#### **The Simplicity of Life, A Danish story about Humility, Society, and Faith**

Guest Speaker Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen will center on the Danish hymn writer and Lutheran church reformer, N.F.S. Grundtvig and how history formed the Danish way of living and being a society, where “few have too much and less too little”. Pastor Anne-Grethe closed our November 2020 Zoom Event with a wonderful meditation and prayer and she is currently serving Emanuel Danish Lutheran Church in Yorba Linda.

Here is the **Zoom Link** for this event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88188283039?pwd=MXB0a3hNYkFPSC83c3M5THZDRVpXQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 881 8828 3039    **Passcode:** 506255

**Calling in by phone? Use one of these numbers:** 669-900-6833 OR 346-248-7799

#### **COMING UP:**

- **Lydia Circle:** Tuesday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. at Church
- **Mary Circle:** Wednesday, May 12, 10:00am on Zoom
- **Bible Study Leaders meet with Pastor:** June 2, 9:30am at Church
- **W-ELCA Board Meeting:** Wednesday, June 2, 11:00am at Church

*Let us daily: “Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good,  
sing praise to God’s name for God is gracious.” (Psalm 135:3)*

In Christ,  
Pat Olson, W-ELCA Vice President



**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

To

May 10	Sheron Zolzer
May 16	Arnette Calkins
May 17	Caroline Ogden
May 20	Chris Doney
May 27	Marlene Rosselli



**ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

To

May 6, 2000	Gregg & Jennifer McGavran
May 17, 2008	Roderick & Amy Sinclair



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**

**Instant Oatmeal for May!**

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*

**Membership Directory Updates:**



Page 15: Neumens: Change address to Pacifica Assisted Living, 28333 Valley Blvd., #3045, Menifee, 92586. Phone number to remain the same for now.

Page 17: Rekstad: Change address to 1889 W. Wind Drift St., Meridian, ID 83646.

Page 18: Sinclairs: Change address to 4175 Cloudywind Rd., Hemet, CA 92545. Also add Andrew Quinn to this address. Mobile is (323) 852-2906; [andrewquinn16@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewquinn16@yahoo.com).

# Worship Schedule

## FOR MAY 2021

NOTE: Worship for May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be online this one Sunday only while Pastor is out of town. You may find it on our Website: [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com).

**Grand opening!! Beginning May 9<sup>th</sup> with Group Two, we will resume worship in the Sanctuary!! Hallelujah!!** Groups One and Two will continue alternating Sundays from that date on. **Praise be to God!**

- We will continue to mail out the worship service format to those who are homebound or otherwise unable to attend Drive-In or In-Person Worship or access it online at our Website ([faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)).
- Those in the opposite of the group attending inside may continue to attend Drive-In Worship. If there is extra room available inside the sanctuary those outside will be invited inside by a lottery system if they wish.
- The order of Service will also be available on our website ([faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)) for those who wish to print it out and bring it along for indoor or drive-in worship.
- A recording of the worship services will continue to be available after 2:00 pm on our website at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)
- 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 on Sundays).

May 2 ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY with Communion at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)

May 9 IN-PERSON Worship & Communion for GROUP TWO at 9:30 am / Drive-In Worship & Communion for all others at 9:30 am / Online Worship any time after 2:00 pm at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)

May 16 In-Person Worship & Communion for GROUP ONE at 9:30 am / Drive-In Worship & Communion for all others at 9:30 am / Online Worship any time after 2:00 pm at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)

May 23 GROUP TWO In-Person Worship & Communion at 9:30 am / Drive-In Worship & Communion for all others at 9:30 am / Online Worship any time after 2:00 pm at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)

May 30 GROUP ONE In-Person Worship & Communion at 9:30 am / Drive-In Worship & Communion for all others at 9:30 am / Online Worship any time after 2:00 pm at [faithmeniffee.com](http://faithmeniffee.com)

(Provided by the Worship & Music Committee)



## Spotlight on Ministry: Outreach

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: EXHORTATION, FAITH, PASTORAL, INTERCESSION

### Sharing God's Grace, Generosity and Love

John 3:16 says, "God so loved the world..." NOT God so loved Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Baptists or Seventh Day Adventists. God loves ALL people and all people need food, clothing, shelter and their health.

The problems of the world (i.e. Covid, pollution, global warming, prejudice, propaganda, etc.) can't be solved by one nation or even group of nations, but will require the cooperation of all people from all nations. I am convinced that neither politics, religion or ideology can solve them, but it will take the unity of the Spirit of cooperation with all of us. All of us have created these problems, so it will take all of us in cooperation with the Spirit to solve them.

Outreach means caring for people, to have empathy and concern for the needs of others and trying to understand people who appear different from ourselves.

I don't believe there are good and bad people in the world, only people who make both good and bad decisions. Jesus didn't die just for me and my sins, but he died for the sins of the whole world. That is mind-boggling.

Let us become united in the Spirit of cooperation and work with all people and not just other Lutherans.

David Moe, Chair, Outreach Committee

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

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

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# May 2021

May 2021							June 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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30	31												

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1
9:30am Worship Online - No Drive in Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
				10:00am Run through for Ushers, Greeters, 11:00am WELCA Board 4:00pm Call to Prayer &		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Lector: Roderick Sinclair 9:30am A-K Outside 9:30am L-Z Inside	1:00pm Exec Board via Zoom	10:00am Lydia Circle-In Person at Church 1:30pm Worship & Music-Zoom	10:00am Mary Circle-Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Lector: Bill Brauer 9:30am A-K Inside 9:30am L-Z Outside		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group - Outdoors at Church	1:00pm Finance Team-Zoom	4:00pm Call to Prayer & Worship - Phone or Zoom		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Lector: David Moe 9:30am A-K Outside 9:30am L-Z Inside	1:00pm Council via Zoom	10:00am Cheer Committee Meeting		10:00am Eucharistic Ministry Training 2:00pm Bible Study via Zoom		
30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4	5
Lector: Marlene Rosselli 9:30am A-K Inside 9:30am L-Z Outside	Memorial Day					

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