



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * APRIL 2022



“He is not here; He is risen!”

Luke 24:6



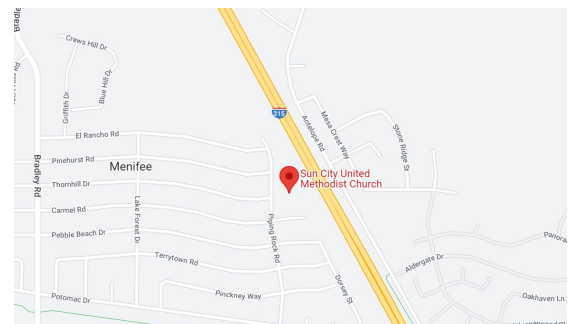
Easter Sunday is April 17th!

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: Welcome to Holy Week!

Joining closer to the other members of the body of Christ, we will hold ecumenical Holy Week Services with Sun City United Methodist Church. This means that our Maundy Thursday Worship Service will be at 5 pm at Sun City United Methodist Church. We will host the Methodists at Faith Lutheran Church for Good Friday Worship at 5 pm on April 15th.

Below are directions from Faith to Sun City Methodist:

1. **Faith Lutheran Church** 28200 Portsmouth Dr, Menifee, CA
2. Take Cherry Hills Blvd to Bradley Rd (1.6 mi)
3. Turn right onto Bradley Rd (0.7 mi)
4. Continue on El Rancho Rd to your destination (0.6 mi)
5. **Sun City United Methodist Church** 30220 Carmel Rd, Sun City, CA 92586



See below for the outlined Orders of Service for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

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

Maundy Thursday at Sun City United Methodist Church April 14, 5:00 pm

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| • Prelude Music | Virginia Pritchard |
| • Welcome to all our guests and friends | Rev. Dr. David Jamir |
| • Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" | UMH#292 |
| • Prayer of Confession in Unison | Rev. John Barton |
| • The Reading of the Gospel | Rev. Rex S. Wignall |
| Matthew 26:6-22 | |
| • Procession of the Twelve Disciples | |
| (each disciple will share their reflection of the moment at the last supper) | |
| • The Holy Sacrament | |
| (This is an open communion table for all) | |
| • Hymn: "Jesus, Jesus" | UMH#432 |
| • The Benediction | |

Good Friday at Faith Lutheran Church April 15, 5:00 pm

- Stripping of the Altar
- Prayer of the Day
- First Reading: Isaiah 52:13--53:12
- Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25
- Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 263)
- Gospel: John 18:1--19:42
- Sermons: Rev. Barton, John 18:1-27. Rev. Dr. Jamir, John 18: 28-19:16. Rev. Wignall, John 19: 17-42.
- Hymn of the Day *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (ELW 338)
- Bidding Prayer
- Procession of the Cross
- Departing Hymn *Were You There* (ELW 353)

Worship Schedule

FOR APRIL 2022

April brings the reflective quiet of Holy Week followed by the joy of Easter. All are welcome to share in all these worship experiences. Bring a friend!

- April 3** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- April 10** **Palm Sunday** In-Person Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- April 14** **Maundy Thursday** at Sun City United Methodist Church, 30220 Carmel Rd, Sun City at 5:00 pm
- April 15** **Good Friday** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 5:00 pm
- April 17** **EASTER** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- April 24** 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 still broadcasted **live** on 98.9 FM
- **Online:** at our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday

-The Worship & Music Committee



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
3rd: Roderick Sinclair	3rd: Lorna Harrison	3rd: Judy Appel	3rd: Sarge Hunter
10th: Harold Whitford	10th: Amy Sinclair	10th: Annie Misko	10th: Sarge Hunter
15th: Harold Whitford	15th: Marlene Rosselli	15th: Judy Appel	15th: Mike McGavran
17th: Marlene Rosselli	17th: Bill Brauer	17th: Annie Misko	17th: Lynn Bennett
24th: Joanne McGavran	24th: Marlene Rosselli	24th: Marlene Rosselli	24th: Mike McGavran
Greeters (all month): Evelyn and Rudy Bosinger Attendance (all month): Kandie Hulme		Altar Guild (all month): Kandie Hulme/Marlene Rosselli and Karen Schnauer	

God be with us all during this prayerful Lent season and journey.

“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.”

Psalm 130:5-6

The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to pause, to recognize our sinful nature, and to repent.

We open our hearts as we prepare for the coming of Easter.

Easter materials have been sent out to our youth.

Holy Week Worship:

April 14th: Maundy Thursday worship at 5pm. Join us over at the Sun City United Methodist Church.

April 15th: Good Friday worship at 5pm in our sanctuary at Faith Lutheran Church.

April 17th: Easter Sunday worship at 9:30am.

Our next church council meeting is April 25th at 1pm in-person and on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Please check out our new advertisement on the Menifee 24/7 website. Many thanks to those who made this possible.

Blessings to all as we prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to Easter morning when we can all say: “Christ has risen! He has risen indeed, Hallelujah!”

Prayerfully in Christ,

Amy Sinclair, Church Council Co-President



Nothing really significant happened in early March, but I have some good news to report for April! Thursday, March 24th Amber A/C & Heating started the preliminary work on our A/C units and they are now working!

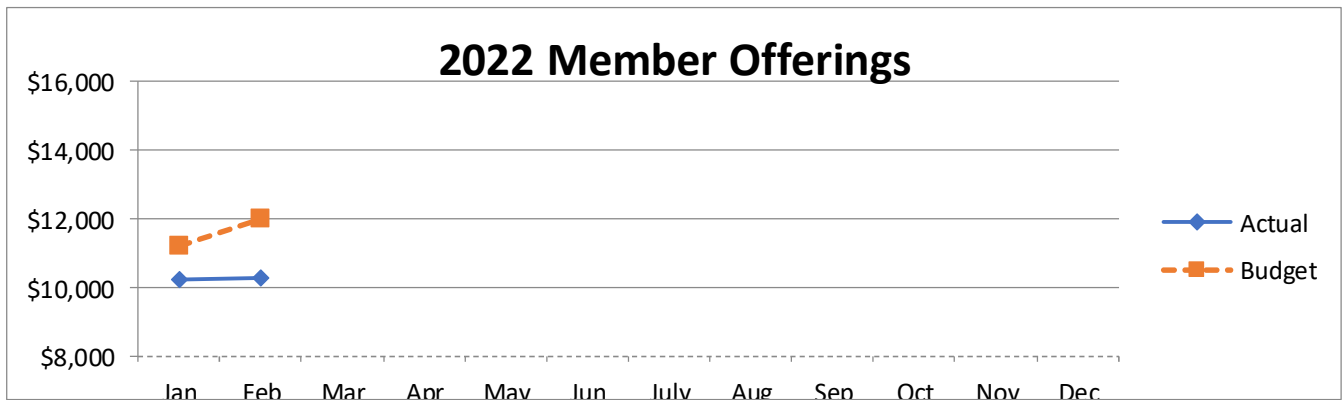
The roofing company will come in soon for maintenance and the asphalt/paving company will also be coming to seal-coat and stripe the parking lot. We're gonna have a busy month!

Respectfully, Harold Whitford, Property Committee Chair

**FINANCIAL REPORT
Ending February 28, 2022**

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, significantly under budget at 85.6% (\$10,284 vs \$12,013).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, well under budget at 88.3% (\$20,519 vs \$23,248).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, significantly below budget at 82.6% (\$11,943 vs \$14,457).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, well below budget at 88.5% (\$24,860 vs \$28,094).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 94.9% (\$14,617 vs \$15,410).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly above budget at 102.8% (\$32,609 vs \$31,721).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a loss of \$2,673 vs the expected loss of \$953.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a significant loss of \$7,749 vs the expected loss of \$3,627.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$117,191, due to the addition of \$100,000 from the new loan.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$20,045.
- f. **Comments**
 - i) Offerings for February continue to be well below expectations. This is especially concerning as the budgeted income was based on last year’s Actuals, so we have some work to do.
 - ii) Our checking account balance is high due to the receipt of the \$100,000 new loan proceeds in February. This will be normalized in the March Financials which will reflect the Thrivent Mortgage payoff and the transfer of the remaining Loan proceeds to the Long Term Property account, from which we’ll pay for the various improvements to be done.

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY – For those who shop on Amazon, sign in to **Amazon Smile** (smile.amazon.com) instead. Same user-id and password as you use for regular Amazon. Then, in the upper left area, you can select a charity to receive a portion of what you spend at no cost to you. Simply select/change your charity by searching for **“Faith Lutheran Church Menifee”** and you should find **“Faith Lutheran Church Pacific S/W Synod”**. Select that as your new charity and they will send a donation to us based on how much you spend with Amazon. Remember to always sign on to **Amazon Smile** instead of plain old Amazon to turn your purchases into donations to Faith!





Greetings, dear women of Faith!

April is our celebration of Easter. Let us rejoice. *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)

The W-ELCA Board met on Wednesday, March 16th. Plans for our March 17th general meeting and celebration of Ruth Ditsch's 99th Birthday were finalized. Bea Olsen, Arlene Dressler, Pat Olson and Kandie Hulme met after the board meeting to decorate and finish the setup of the fellowship hall for our general meeting. A big thank you to Harold Whitford and his crew who set up the tables in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, March 15th.

We will be studying the final session of our four-part Bible study in April. Our study will be **"Looking to the Future: Life forever with God"**. Most of the time that Jesus talks about the kingdom of God or eternal life, he is referring to something we experience here and now – not later in heaven. But sometimes, he *does* talk about that future life and in this final session we will learn as much as we can about "the glory that awaits us." What will it be like to be perfect people in a perfect world, living forever with God and one another?"

We would like to extend an invitation to **all women of the church** to join us at one of our W-ELCA Bible studies. Lydia Circle meets Tuesday, April 12, at 2:00 pm at the church and Mary Circle meets Wednesday, April 13, at 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom.

Select a day and time that fits your schedule and join us!

Thursday, March 17 was our first W-ELCA General Meeting of the year. It was great to be back together again. We had 22 members attending in our St. Patrick's Day themed fellowship hall. The highlight of the afternoon was the celebration of Ruth Ditsch's 99th Birthday. Those in attendance heard and shared highlights of Ruth's long life filled with years of giving of love and service to her family, friends and community.

The Pacifica Spring Gathering was held Saturday, March 26th, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm, at King of Glory Church, Fountain Valley. The theme was "Renewed in Christ Together". Although none of our members were able to attend this year, several participated on Zoom. The morning speakers were Jim Pijloo, Area Director of Lutheran Social Services, Orange County and Laura Pephens, Christ Lutheran, San Clemente, Coordinator of Laundry Love. Laundry Love was the Love Gift Recipient this year, and liquid and dry detergent, dryer sheets and quarters were collected for this project.

Coming Up: Pastor John meets with Circle Bible Study Leaders, Wednesday, April 6nd, 9:30 am

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, April 12th, 2:00 pm at the church (**new time**)

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wednesday April 13th, 10:00 am at the church and on Zoom

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 20th, 10:00 am at the church

June Fundraiser: Saturday, June 25th, 10:00 am at the church **Save the date**

One in spirit with you!

Bea Olsen, President * beaolsen@yahoo.com * 951 370-3600

Happy 99th Birthday, Ruth!



A message from Ruth:

My humble and gracious thanks for the wonderful celebration on my birthday! It was totally unnecessary, but your presentation was delightful and memorable for me. It was great to meet in the Fellowship Hall again and to see all the happy and familiar faces. God has walked with me all these years for which I am truly thankful. His blessings along with the smiles and greetings and with the cards, calls, floral arrangements, good cupcakes, thanks to WELCA, and the many other gifts. The birthday serenade along with Pastor's story about St. Patrick made the day beautiful.

God's blessings to all with my thanks and love,
Ruth Ditsch





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

April 4, 1948	Daniel Conner
April 7, 1938	Peggy Westby
April 13, 1937	Len Morris
April 15, 1932	Ray Olson
April 17, 1934	Bill Seel
April 19, 1938	Mary Yturralde



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

April 12, 1993	Tex & Lesly Culp
April 13, 1960	Ed & Carol Fultz

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!



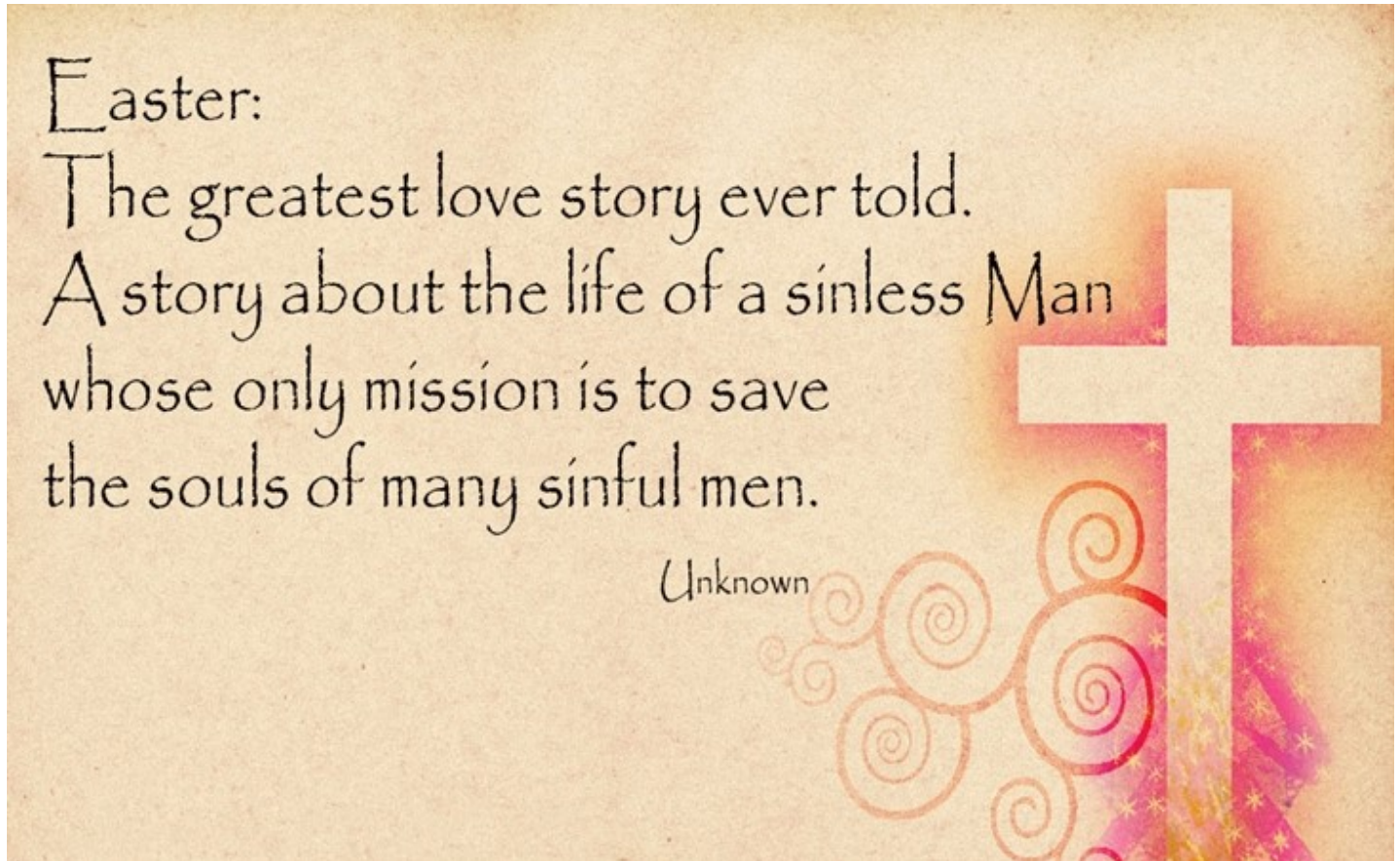
Hunger Never Rests!

**The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of
Pasta Sauce 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





Faith Lutheran Church

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

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

Our Staff:

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April 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
Asst Min: Roderick Sinclair Lector: Lorna Harrison PPT: Sarge Hunter 9:30am Worship-ALL 10:30am New Member	2:00pm Fellowship Committee-In Person	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Asst Min: Harold Whitford Lector: Amy Sinclair PPT: Sarge Hunter 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom 5:00pm Maundy Thursday-SC Methodist	Asst Min: Harold Whitford Lector: Marlene Rosselli PPT: Mike McGavran 10:30am Al-Anon - 5:00pm Good Friday	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Asst Min: Marlene Rosselli Easter Sunday! Lector: Bill Brauer PPT: Lynn Bennett 9:30am Worship-ALL	Tax Day	10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	1:00pm Finance Team-In Person			Forecaster Deadline
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Asst Min: Joanne McGavran Lector: Marlene Rosselli PPT: Mike McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL are Welcome!	10:00am Remembering & Honoring 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Ken Borchmann Celebration of Life	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom 3:30pm Outreach-In Person	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom 3:30pm Outreach-In Person	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall