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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * JULY 2022



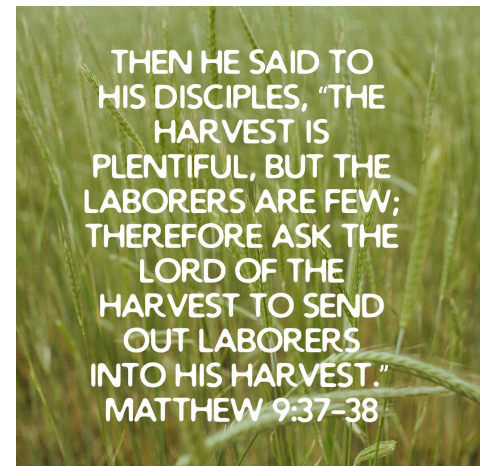
Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God:

We as a church have a tendency to think of stewardship as a once-a-year thing, a stewardship season, or a stewardship drive. But when we really look at the tenants of stewardship, it is something to be studied and applied throughout the year. We also have a tendency to only think of the financial aspect of stewardship, the treasure if you will. But in this letter, we could take an honest look at the stewardship elements of time and talents as well. That is to say, how we give of ourselves not in objects or funds, but of our time spent using our talents to serve one another, expand, and sustain the ministries of the church.

The spirit behind stewardship and of giving of ourselves is really one of giving thanks for what we have been given, gifts from God, choices and abilities that make us unique as individuals, and connected by those unique gifts as children of God. We have much to give thanks for this day even with things we are concerned about mixed in. While the pandemic is still going, we can give thanks that we are at a place where many of our ministries and activities have been able to resume in one way or another and we've even been able to start new ones. Well, we give thanks for the ability to have these ministries again, we encounter the issue addressed in the verses selected from the gospel of Matthew, we have great opportunities and plentiful ones to do ministry in the church, but as we rebuild and regrow the opportunities for ministry are outstripping those who are involved in carrying it out. In other words, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. What this means is we have a great small group of volunteers who are already in the harvest but who could really use the company of our fellow faith members to also participate in the implementation of ministries new and old.

We have some volunteers already, but the simple fact is that we need more. The council leadership has tallied it up in approximate numbers and has counted about 60 positions or jobs in the church ministries with about 30 unique people performing those jobs (many of whom do multiples of those jobs) and there are a couple of positions left unfilled.

In order to sustain these different ministries for the long term and prevent burnout and overworking of those taking on many roles already, I'm asking more people to heed the call from the church ministries and get more involved in the ministry of the church. We all benefit from and enjoy these ministries, ministries like worship and music, fellowship, outreach, and of course coffee hour. For this example in particular, I think we are all overjoyed that we have been able to renew the coffee hour and the ministry of fellowship that comes with it. However, coffee hour requires some intentional, not overly physically complicated, volunteers to make it happen. Currently, we have a small and mighty group of folks who have been fulfilling the coffee hour duties, **and** they need **YOUR** help! They'll teach you how to do it, where everything is, and support you in joining the ministry of providing refreshment and fellowship for your fellow Faith members. Put your name on the sign-up sheet or talk with Arlene Dressler for more information.



If you have wondered how you can help with the congregation, what you can do in the church, and how you can be a giving steward of your time, coffee hour is a perfect opportunity to help harvest the gifts God gives us. I encourage you to prayerfully consider signing up with your family, friends, or another group you are involved with.

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



Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4th as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. We will be singing patriotic hymns on Sunday, July 3rd for our celebration.

We have New Members Classes set up for July 10th and 17th with our New Member Sunday being on July 31st.

Fellowship has planned a Bingo Game Day on Wednesday, July 13th at 2:00 pm. Everyone please plan to attend a fun social event with us that day.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour after worship on Sunday mornings. We have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to set up before church or serving and clean up after church. Fellowship and WELCA will be providing the food, so we only need help with setting up or cleaning up each Sunday. A ***What to Do Information Sheet*** is posted in the fellowship hall on the wall next to the sign-up form. Please call Arlene Dressler or Bea Olsen if you have any questions.

Our next council meeting will be held on July 25th at 1:00 pm in person or on zoom. All are welcome to come to our council meetings. As a reminder, the church council meeting minutes and committee reports for the previous month are being posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen
for his own inheritance. Psalm 33:12**

Cheerfully in Christ, Kandie Hulme, Church Council Co-President

Worship Schedule

FOR JULY 2022

Welcome to summertime worship! During these months, we will be holding a few “Themed” Worship Sundays. July includes “Patriotic” and “Cowboy/Country Western” worship. Join us and bring a friend or two!

- July 3 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am featuring patriotic music. Dress in red, white and blue!
- July 10 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 17 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 24 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- July 31 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am featuring a Country Western theme. Wear your ranching gear! We are planning a BBQ lunch following worship.

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

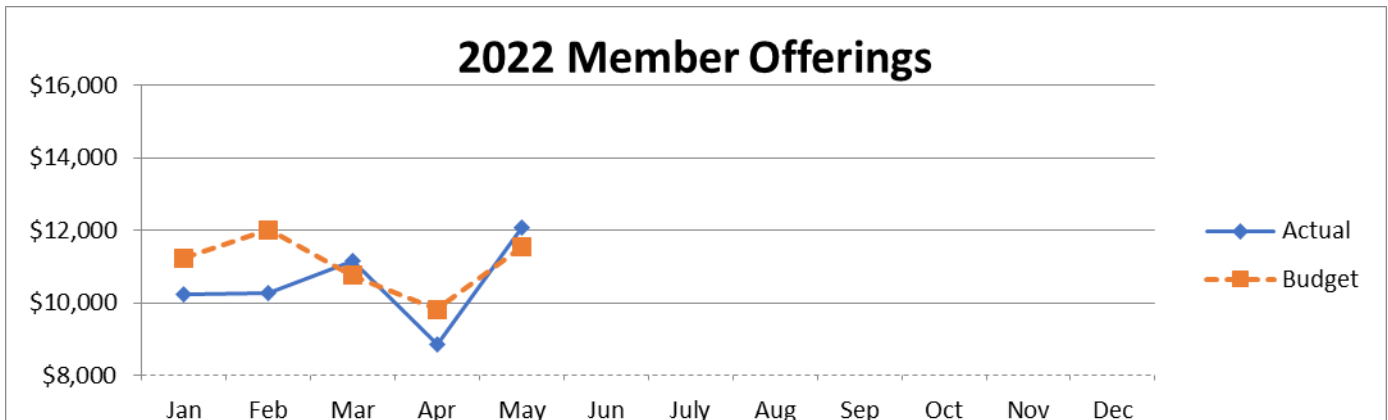
- **Radio:** in our parking lot still broadcasted **live** on 98.9 FM
- **Online:** at our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday

-The Worship & Music Committee



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
3rd: Harold Whitford	3rd: Pat Adams (video)	3rd: Annie Misko	3rd: Sarge Hunter
10th: Roderick Sinclair	10th: David Moe	10th: Judy Appel	10th: Marlene Rosselli
17th: Joanne McGavran	17th: Bill Brauer	17th: Marlene Rosselli	17th: Mike McGavran
24th: Marlene Rosselli	24th: Amy Sinclair	24th: Kandie Hulme	24th: Lynn Bennett
31st: Marlene Rosselli	31st: Madison Hamilton	31st: Annie Misko	31st: Sarge Hunter
Greeter: Rudy & Evelyn Bosinger (all month) Attendance: Connie Gibson (all month)		Altar Guild: Kandie Hulme and Lynn Bennett (all month)	

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending May 31, 2022



a. **Offering Envelopes**

- i) **For the month**, over budget at 104.8% (\$12,087 vs \$11,533).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, continues under budget at 95.0% (\$52,614 vs \$55,357).

b. **Total Income**

- i) **For the month**, over budget at 105.0% (\$14,927 vs \$14,213).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 95.5% (\$69,560 vs \$72,836).

c. **Expenses**

- i) **For the month**, on budget at 100.6% (\$16,477 vs \$16,382).
- ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 102.2% (\$80,044 vs \$78,308).

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

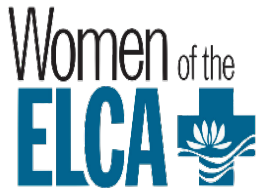
- i) **For the month**, a loss of \$1,550 vs the expected loss of \$2,168.
- ii) **Year-to-date**, a significant loss of \$10,484 vs the expected loss of \$5,482.

e. **Checking balance**

- i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$14,451.
- ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$16,011.

f. **Comments**

- i) Although May member Offerings exceeded budget, For the first 5 months of the year, they have been below budget 3 of the 5 months. As a result, YTD Offerings are just 95% of what we expected. Keep in mind that for these 5 months, our budget was based on what we actually received last year.
- ii) As a result, our year-to-date loss is nearly twice what we had projected. If this trend continues, we will significantly exceed the projected budget deficit of \$13,000.
- iii) However, we are hoping that the positive trend shown in May (actual Offerings higher than expected and our loss for the month less than expected) will continue through the next months, so a loan from the Endowment Fund can be avoided.
- iv) If you have overlooked sending in your offerings thus far, this would be a good time to get caught up.



Dear Women of Faith,

Our Bible study in July is the second session in our “Crafted in Christ” summer Bible study, and it is “Cutting and Piecing”. The study will continue to use the concept of quilting in Session 2. We will consider “cutting to preserve what matters most.” “Cutting the fabric”, letting go of things or habits to better our lives. “Piecing together what is torn”.

The focus verse for this session is as follows. “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Our June Bible studies were well attended with Lydia Circle having 9 in attendance and Mary Circle had 12.

Ladies, you are invited to join us at one of our two Bible studies this month!

Lydia Circle meets Tuesday, July 12 at 2:00 pm at the church

Mary Circle meets Wednesday, July 13 at 10:00 am at the church and Zoom

Select the Circle Bible study day and time that's best for you and join us for study and conversation!

Sunday Coffee Hour

Volunteers are **still** needed to assist with set up before church and serving and clean up after. You can sign up for either time or both. Ask a friend to join you. The food will be provided and you only need to set up or clean up. A sign-up sheet and “what to do” information is posted in the Fellowship Hall. With questions please contact Bea Olsen or Arlene Dressler.

Coming Up:

Circle Bible Study Leaders meet with Pastor John: Wednesday, July 6, 9:30 am

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

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

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

All Circle Bible Study: Thursday, August 11th, 10:00 am at the church

Fall W-ELCA Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 10:00 am at the church

In Christ,

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



W-ELCA Hawaiian Beach Party Fundraiser and Luncheon

The W-ELCA Luau Fundraiser held on June 25th was a great success with 25 ladies in attendance, including four ladies from the Methodist Church here in Sun City! Our guest speakers, Pastor John and Deniece Marshall, Lutheran Social Services in Riverside shared with us the mission and activities of Luther Glen Farm and Camp and Lutheran Social Services. Over \$700.00 was raised to be given to these two organizations and gift baskets and opportunity prizes were won by many! All attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Gracie's Lunchbox here in Sun City. We all were happy to be able to once again host our Annual Fundraiser and to be together in fellowship with our Sisters in Christ!





**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

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| July 2, 1941 | Betty Heiling |
| July 3, 1936 | Joyce Stromberg |
| July 4, 1950 | Ruth Maser |
| July 9, 1948 | Susan Brauer |
| July 11, 2002 | Cody Meckler |
| July 12, 1934 | Marilyn Rieti |
| July 13, 1953 | Milton Maser III |
| July 14, 1935 | Jan Simon |
| July 16, 1951 | Rich Chandler |
| July 17, 1939 | Jane Benedict |
| July 18, 1942 | Rose Thompson |
| July 21, 1930 | Marlin Jay |
| July 25, 1942 | Pat Adams |
| July 25, 1925 | Betty Petrich |
| July 26, 1966 | Lynn Bennett |
| July 30, 1928 | Florann Finn |



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

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| July 4, 2000 | Milton & Ruth Maser III |
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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
Canned Chili with Beans for July!**



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.

Diane Swarts - Community Cupboard Liaison

Care and Maintenance of our Newly Paved Parking Lot

The paving company says that newly applied asphalt can take 6 to 12 months to fully cure and harden so there are tips and rules that should be followed.

- Probably one of the easiest and most important is to keep SPEED down. This is equally important for the safety of our guests and church members.
- Another is to NOT turn your wheels while the car is completely stopped as this can create “asphalt divots” (yes, like in golf). This usually occurs when you are pulling out of a parking spot and the asphalt is HOT. If you will get your car slightly moving before turning the wheels, it will not only save the asphalt surface, but your tires as well.
- They also say not to “peel out” or accelerate rapidly, but I pray none of us are still feeling those “wild oats.” I am proud of the way our property is looking!



Harold Whitford –Chair, Property Committee



A note from Esther Neumen

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during Ron’s illness and death. We have been members of Faith Lutheran for over 30 years and Ron served on many committees and shared God’s love. We are thankful for those who attended the

service at Riverside National Cemetery and happy thoughts at the fellowship luncheon. Your thoughts and prayers were felt and greatly appreciated.

ALTAR GUILD AND USHER MEETING

Calling all those who serve on Altar Guild and those who Usher! Calling anyone interesting in joining either or both of these Ministry Teams or learning more about them! Since the Covid shut down, we have lost almost half or more of both these teams and would welcome any new or returning team members.

As the Church Council continues to evaluate returning to more “normal” distribution of Communion, we who prepare the elements and we who assist congregants as they come forward need to meet to discuss, revise and update procedures.

Join us in the **Sanctuary Wednesday, July 20 at 10:00 am** to begin making plans and brushing up on what will need to be done. Questions?? Feel free to call Marlene Rosselli at 951-246-0590 or text to 805-405-6938.

During the month of June, Faith Lutheran was blessed to welcome two sweet baby boys into Christ's family of God!



Benjamin Daniel
Astorga
Baptized
June 5, 2022



Jackson Miller
Neumeier
Baptized
June 26, 2022



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July 2022

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Jun 26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AM: Harold Whitford Lector: Pat Adams PPT: Sarge Hunter 9:30am Worship-ALL	Independence Day (United States)	2:00pm Mutual Ministry-Pacifica	9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 11:00am Cheer/Eucharistic-In	10:00am Mary Circle-In Person and Zoom 10:00am Worship & 2:00pm Game Day	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
AM: Roderick Sinclair Lector: David Moe PPT: Marlene Rosselli 9:30am Worship-ALL	10:00am Outreach-In Person and Zoom 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	9:00am Hymn Planners-Zoom 2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	10:00am Altar Guild-In Person 10:00am WELCA 1:00pm Finance	2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
AM: Joanne McGavran Lector: Bill Brauer PPT: Mike McGavran 9:30am Worship-ALL	10:00am Fellowship-In Person	1:30pm Educational Safe Procedures-In Person	10:00am Altar Guild-In Person 10:00am WELCA 1:00pm Finance	5:30pm Movie Night	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	Forecaster Deadline
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
AM: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Amy Sinclair Pastor: Shane PPT: Lynn Bennett	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom			2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall	10:30am Al-Anon - Fellowship Hall
31	Aug 1	2	3	4	5	6
AM: Marlene Rosselli Lector: Madison New Member Sunday! PPT: Sarge Hunter						