



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * OCTOBER 2022



Matthew 5: 1-12

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: God's blessings

Over the last month, in one of my sermons, I shared the poem below. Several folks wanted to share this, so I figured, let's give it to everyone here. Blessing in the style of the Biblical Beatitudes found in the Gospel of Matthew, the poem is an homage to those 12 verses. Though it is not entitled this way, it seems to me like it should be called the Senior Beatitudes, written from the point of view of a senior who blesses those helpers around them.

blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand

blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to catch the things they say

blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow

blessed are they who looked away when I spilled the coffee at the table today

blessed are they with a cheery smile who take the time to check for a while

blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays

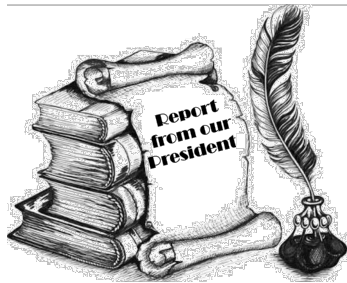
blessed are they who make it known I'm loved, respected and not alone

God gives us many blessings and inspires us to be blessings for each other. The dream of having the blessing of long life is often held up as the ideal way to live, but it is optimized by having understanding, compassionate accompaniment through the years together. Whether you are young or old, God provides and is the ultimate accompaniment with us, and goes beyond that by

connecting us to others through faith who need and desire the same. That is one of the distinguishing characteristics about an organization called church; we're invested in each other's lives, loving each other for the sake of the one who loved us first, Christ Jesus. This love and a compliment steps over barriers, pierces through differences we hold up against each other, surpassing anything that would get in our way of fulfilling our call to be blessings to one another. As we look towards fall, and the seasons change God stays with us. As the seasons of our life change, Christ stays with us. As the people around us change, which happens from time to time when you live long enough, The Holy Spirit stays with us and stays with those people who we've accompanied and who accompany us. Remember the Beatitudes, let's be blessings for each other this season and all seasons, giving thanks to our Great Companion, God, who changes not, but loves us always.

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



Let us live in awe of the Lord our God, who gives the rain in its season, the autumn rain, and the spring rain, assuring us of a harvest when the time is right.

Jeremiah 5:24

Scriptures for autumn are filled with the images of the harvest, of creation by singing the glory of God. This season holds biblical significance. We can study Scripture and its theme of harvest to gain a deeper perspective of fall. Autumn signifies the gospel and the coming of Jesus. All these images were created by God to show us spiritual truths. Autumn and harvest remind us of God's abundance. Scriptures for autumn tell us our God and His word will endure forever.

Below are some upcoming events we have planned in October:

- * Lunch is scheduled with Miller-Jones Mortuary October 6th at 11:00 a.m. We have a sign-up sheet in the narthex
- * Pat Myers Memorial Service is October 13th at 2:00 p.m.
- * Emily Rasmussen Memorial Service is October 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Our next council meeting will be held on October 31st at 1:00 p.m. in person or on Zoom. All are welcome to come to our council meetings. The church council meeting minutes and committee reports for the previous month are being posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Cheerfully in Christ,
Kandie Hulme, Council President

We as a family of Faith mourn the loss of
Emily Rasmussen, Jan Simon and Pat Myers.

A memorial service for Pat Myers will be held at Faith on
October 13 at 2:00.

A memorial service for Emily Rasmussen will be held at
Faith on October 24 at 2:00.

Memorial gifts were given to Faith's Endowment Fund in
honor of each of these ladies.



Help someone get their sight back! We are collecting used eyeglasses, cases, broken or the dark type for the Menifee Valley Lions Club. There is a box in the narthex for your donations! For more information, please contact Diane Swarts at 949-500-7986.

Are you following us on social media?

The use of social media is a great way to advertise Faith Lutheran (for free!) and help us GROW! Help us by inviting friends and family to follow us, as well!



<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranmenifee>



<https://www.instagram.com/faithlutheranmenifee>



4 Plus 1



What is 4 Plus 1? It's a "Come as you are and share your own story!" kind of thing - small groups of four or more people plus Christ – the Plus One. We'll sit at our new patio picnic tables, or bring your own lawn chair. If it's too warm outdoors, we'll go inside. We pray, discuss a scripture passage, talk and laugh together on the **third Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:00am**. It's a great way to learn more about each other and our generous and loving God!

Come on over... Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Questions? Call or text Joanne McGavran (949/280-1123)

Worship Schedule

FOR OCTOBER 2022

Fall is upon us and there is a bounty of activity at Faith this month. Besides Reformation Sunday the 30th – a landmark celebration for Lutherans – we will also be confirming three Youth and receiving more New Members. October 16 we will resume coming forward to the altar to receive Holy Communion, but with some minor logistical changes. Once again we will be blessed by the preaching of Pastor Rex Wignall. Be here and be a part of these special Worship times. Invite a friend!

- October 2 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
(Guest Preacher: Pastor Rex Wignall)
- October 9 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
(Guest Preacher: Pastor Rex Wignall)
- October 16 **BRING A FRIEND to CHURCH SUNDAY** at 9:30 am
(Resuming Communion Distribution at the Altar)
- October 23 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- October 30 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
(Reformation Sunday, Confirmation, Reception of New Members)

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



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
2nd: Roderick Sinclair	2nd: Mike McGavran	2nd: Kandie Hulme	2nd: Lynn Bennett
9th: Deane Meckler	9th: Lorna Harrison	9th: Gina Howe	9th: Marlene Rosselli
16th: Marlene Rosselli	16th: Bill Brauer	16th: Annie Misko	16th: Mike McGavran
23rd: Harold Whitford	23rd: Sandy Chandler	23rd: TBD	23rd: Marlene Rosselli
30th: Joanne McGavran	30th: David Moe	30th: Marlene Rosselli	30th: Mike McGavran
Greeter: Bosingers (2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 30 th); McGavrans (23 rd) Attendance: Shirley Houghton (all month)		Altar Guild: Lorna Harrison & Ann Conn (all month)	

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending August 31, 2022

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, just under budget at 97.6% (\$10,066 vs \$10,309).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, just under budget at 98.3% (\$85,339 vs \$86,607).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, over budget at 135.1% (\$17,999 vs \$13,326).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 107.0% (\$120,910 vs \$113,026).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, slightly over budget at 102.8% (\$16,697 vs \$16,245).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, slightly over budget at 101.4% (\$129,222 vs \$127,488).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$1,302 vs the expected loss of \$2,919.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a loss of \$8,312 vs the expected loss of \$14,462.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$16,569.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$15,325.
- f. **Comments**
 - i) For the month and YTD, Member Offerings are just below budget. While this is an improvement compared to earlier in the year, it is still concerning. This is because the budget assumed a deficit of over \$13,000 for the year. So, even if overall income and expense match our budget expectations, we would end the year with a deficit.
 - ii) The good news is that we've been blessed with a sizable memorial gift designated by the family for our general fund. This is why our Total Income exceeds budget expectations, and why our YTD deficit is just \$8,312 instead of the expected \$14,462.
 - iii) In the absence of any other such unexpected income, it is likely we will end the year with a deficit. Next year's budget will be more challenging for that reason and because we will no longer have the \$10,000 from the Campus Ministry fund to augment our income stream.

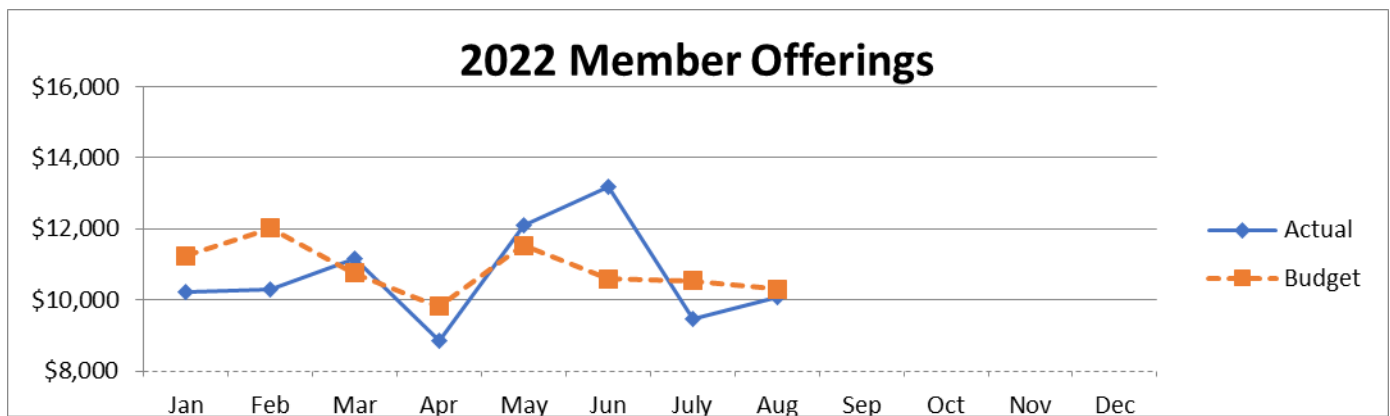
CLARIFICATION re BORROWING ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Based on comments from some members, it appears some may be unclear about the Constitutional change allowing the Church to borrow monies from Endowment. Here is the language change to Section B5.05.07 of the bylaws which was approved by the Congregation at the 2019 Annual Meeting:

Regardless of any other provision in the bylaws to the contrary, if Faith Lutheran Church is unable to financially support its ministry to the congregation, community and beyond, the Endowment Fund shall loan the amount necessary to offset budgetary deficits from available Undesignated Accounts upon the approval of two-thirds written vote of those voting members present and voting at a legally called congregation meeting for said purpose. Amounts loaned shall be re-paid without interest when and if it is determined financially feasible at a subsequent legally called congregation meeting upon the approval of two-thirds written vote of those voting members present and voting.

You may remember we were without a full-time Pastor for several years. Our finances had diminished as a result. The only way we could responsibly issue a Call to a new Pastor was to have a means to pay for him while our membership increased and strengthened as a result of the new Call. And, of course, the Pandemic has not helped the situation since.

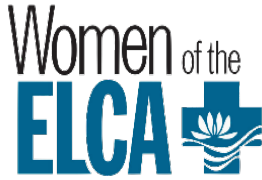
As a result, when a deficit budget is presented to the Congregation, it is clearly stated that voting to approve the deficit budget “means you approve borrowing undesignated monies from the Endowment Fund as needed, as previously approved at the 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting.” The intent is that the Council, not the Treasurer, would make the determination whether to borrow from the Endowment Fund. To date, we have NOT borrowed any monies from the Endowment Fund. If you have any questions, contact me or any Council member.



-Submitted by Mike McGavran, Treasurer

Congratulations to Ricardo Sierra for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout!





Greetings dear women of Faith! October has arrived and we are looking forward to those cooler days.

In our women's Bible study this month we will be studying our second session from the series: **Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith, from our *Gather Magazine*. Session 2: "Soil"** will dig deeply into the parable of the soil (otherwise known as the parable of the seed, Matthew 13) and other Biblical accounts that relate to the care for this part of creation, while looking at models of growth that involves wholeness and wellness. You will have two opportunities to join us. **Lydia Circle** meets on Tuesday, October 11 at 2:00 pm at the church and **Mary Circle** meets on Wednesday, October 12 at 10:00 am at the church and Zoom. **Select the Circle Bible Study time that's best for you and join in the conversation. All are welcome!**

18 women gathered for the September 22nd W-ELCA General Meeting and Luncheon. We were delighted to learn that guest speaker Jason White was not only the founder and president of Great Life Senior Care, but an accomplished singer, deeply committed to helping seniors and their families. Our time together, which began with Lorna Harrison's devotion, wrapped up with salads, ice cream sandwiches, and lots of laughter and conversation.

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in the September 25th W-ELCA Thankoffering. \$1,040.00 was received and will be sent directly to Churchwide Women of the ELCA to support their varied and life-changing ministries.



**The Pacifica W-ELCA Convention and Gathering
November 4 and 5, 2022
Hope Lutheran Church in Temecula**



Inspiring Speakers, Worship, Service Event, and More!

**Pick Up Your Registration Form & Sign Up to Carpool at Church
Financial Help Available – Contact Arlene Dressler or Joanne McGavran**

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

The Circle Bible Study Leaders scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 5, 9:30 am has been canceled

Lydia Circle Bible Study: Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2:00 pm at Church

Mary Circle Bible Study: Wednesday, Oct. 12, 10:00 am at Church and on Zoom

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 19, 10:00 am at Church

Pacifica W-ELCA Convention & Gathering: Nov. 4 & 5, Hope Lutheran, Temecula

Faith W-ELCA Christmas Party-With-A-Purpose: Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 am-noon at Church

**“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.” (Isaiah 55:12)**

Peace and joy in Christ... Bea Olsen / Joanne McGavran



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

October 6, 1934
 October 8, 1971
 October 10, 1947
 October 11, 1936
 October 14, 1946
 October 18, 1939
 October 22, 1945
 October 24, 1926
 October 26, 1967
 October 27, 1925
 October 30, 1940

Doris Hays
 Tex Culp
 Sam Van Fleet
 Joni Gray
 Joanne McGavran
 Doris Backstrom
 Lorna Harrison
 Julie Chevraux
 Gregg McGavran
 Wilma Parker
 Jan Williams

There are no official wedding anniversaries in October, so feel free to celebrate your own regardless of when it is! You can never celebrate too often, right?!



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 (1# or 2# bags) for October!

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

- 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.
- 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.



BRING A FRIEND to CHURCH SUNDAY

Invite your friends, neighbors and family members to join you for Worship, followed by a special "Coffee Hour" in the Fellowship Hall on

Sunday, October 16, 2022

On Sunday, September 11th, Faith took part in **God's Work, Our Hands**, the annual ELCA Day of Service. Our members were generous with their donations of hygiene products and we were able to assemble 70 hygiene kits for the Menifee Police Dept. to give to those in need.



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Tues & Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm * Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

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October 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
2 AM: Roderick; PPT: Lynn Lector: Mike 9:30am Worship-ALL	3 Columbus Day 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	4 10:00am Endowment-Zoom 2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	5 9:30am Hymn Planners-Zoom 10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom	6 10:00am Communion Distributors 10:00am New Member 2:00pm Pat Myers	7 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	8 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
9 AM: Deane; PPT: Marlene Lector: Lorna 9:30am Worship-ALL	10 Columbus Day 1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom	11 10:00am Endowment-Zoom 2:00pm Lydia Circle-Library	12 9:30am Hymn Planners-Zoom 10:00am Mary Circle-In Person & Zoom	13 10:00am Communion Distributors 10:00am New Member 2:00pm Pat Myers	14 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	15 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
16 AM: Marlene; PPT: Mike Lector: Bill 9:30am Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!	17 AM: Marlene; PPT: Mike Lector: Bill 9:30am Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!	18 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	19 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person & Zoom 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	20 2:00pm Movie - Martin Luther	21 Forecaster Deadline 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	22 Forecaster Deadline 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
23 AM: Harold; PPT: Lector: Sandy 9:30am Worship-ALL 10:30am New Member	24 10:00am Remembering & Honoring 2:00pm Emily Rasmussen Memorial	25 10:00am Outreach-In Person & Zoom 2:00pm Worship & Music-In Person and	26 10:00am Outreach-In Person & Zoom 2:00pm Worship & Music-In Person and	27 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom	28 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall	29 10:30am AI-Anon - Fellowship Hall
30 AM: Joanne; PPT: Mike Lector: David 9:30am Confirmation, 9:30am New Member	31 Halloween 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	Nov 1	2	3	4	5