



Forecaster

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * JUNE 2023



“Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”). John 20:16

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go.” Psalm 32: 8

Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: **We can't spell “YOUth education” without “YOU”!**

We take a break in your regularly scheduled “Did You Know” Forecaster programming to bring you this message: we need Sunday School Teachers!

Here is the situation, we would all like to make a welcoming, instructive, and inviting community for all generations to enjoy. In particular, Faith's education team is making an intentional effort to recruit, train, and qualify Sunday School volunteers so that we may begin Sunday School on August 20, the week after the Blessing of the Backpacks! Here is what we have: we were awarded a \$1000 grant from the synod to cover fingerprint and background checks for our teachers, making our program certified with CA law AB506. We have a prepared, full curriculum, complete with videos, activities, and lesson plans, making it simple and fun for our volunteers to step into their teacher's shoes and not have to reinvent the wheel. All we need is you!

Our goal is to have 10 people (at least) involved to have a healthy and sustainable team that can rotate throughout the month. There are different ways to help in three roles: Teacher, Assistant, and Backup. Teachers prepare by familiarizing themselves with the pre-prepared lessons which are ready for you in the curriculum. Assistants compliment the teacher by aiding in activities the teachers have explained, as well as providing additional adult presence. Backups would be folks who are oriented in the program but won't necessarily be on the regular schedule- as the name implies if an assistant can't make it some Sunday, we can have backups to fill that place and maintain our necessary two adults per class policy. We need more volunteers in all three of these crucial roles.

I personally invite anyone who has an inkling of God's call to help teach our youth to please contact Amy Sinclair (council president and education chair) or me. We need you and are eager to have a conversation with you about what our Sunday School program is and how to grow it. Please

prayerfully consider joining the team and thank you in advance for making this essential ministry possible!

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



"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything... Then you will experience God's peace... His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ...Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable... Keep putting into practice all you learned... everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you." - Philippians 4

In May the church council had a constructive special meeting with our Pacifica Synod Bishop, Dave Nagler. The meeting helped us to understand more about our church constitution and bylaws.

Our Church 60th Anniversary Celebration is happening in October. The planning meetings are the last Sunday of each month after worship. Please get involved and see what action item(s) you can help out with. This is OUR celebration of our Church and we want as many members to participate as possible. You can contact the church office for more information.

The Park/ Land Sale: We should have another update regarding our land sale to the City of Menifee for their Park project, hopefully around the end of June or the beginning of July.

Thrivent Financial and Action Cards.

Consider becoming a member of Thrivent Financial, an investment and life insurance company and much more. Once you are a member, you can apply for a grant called an "action card". Action cards are small grants worth \$250 dollars, to be used toward the costs of church and community events. If you are interested in more information, you may contact church member Joanne McGavran, 949-280-1123, or contact Thrivent Financial directly at 800-847-4836 or on their website at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership> .

Council Meetings.

As a reminder, the church council meetings are open to all members, and you are invited to attend. The council minutes and committee reports are posted on the front Narthex bulletin board for all to review.

In Loving Service to Christ, Amy Sinclair, Council President

LET'S CELEBRATE

Please welcome Adriene Kay Astorga, born to Madison Hamilton and Jonathan Astorga on May 8, 2023!



Congratulations to Alonna Lopez and Deane Meckler who both graduated from high school on May 24, 2023!



Congratulations to Roderick and Amy Sinclair who renewed their wedding vows in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary!



Happy Father's Day to all the Fathers and Father-Figures out there! You are true heroes!

Worship Schedule

FOR JUNE 2023

- June 4** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- June 11** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- June 18** In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
- June 25** 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 on *live* broadcast. Tune to 98.9 FM
- **Online:** on our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday



Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Power Point
4th: Roderick Sinclair	4th: Bill Brauer	4th: Judy Appel	4th: Lynn Bennett
11th: Deane Meckler	11th: Sandy Chandler	11th: Gina Howe	11th: Marlene Rosselli
18th: Harold Whitford	18th: Marlene Rosselli	18th: Annie Misko	18th: Ann Conn
25th: Joanne McGavran	25th: Marilyn Rieti	25th: Walli Weitz	25th: Mike McGavran
Greeter: To be determined		Altar Guild: Marlene Rosselli & Helpers	
Attendance: To be determined			

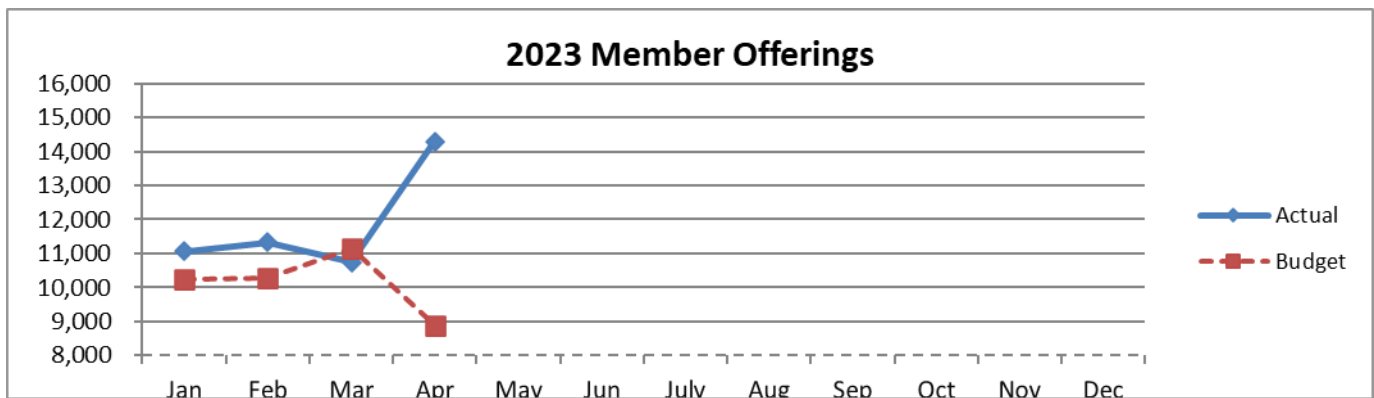
If you are not currently receiving the **Forecaster via Email** and would like to, please email your request to the Church Office at FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com.

- 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending April 30, 2023

1. Comments

- a. After a dip last month, our member giving exceeded budget by a significant amount for April. As a result, we are still above budget YTD. Hopefully, our next several months will continue this trend!
- b. Please keep in mind that this year's budget expects a loss of over \$11,000, even with \$20,000 from Endowment. Giving more than expected will help reduce that \$11,000 to a more manageable amount by year-end.
- c. There are still many opportunities to get involved in the work of the Church. Please give prayerful thought to ways you can help our church grow our community of Faith this year.



2. Financials Review

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, dramatically over budget at 161.3% (\$14,295 vs \$8,863).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 117.1% (\$47,438 vs \$40,527).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, over budget at 132.7% (\$23,747 vs \$17,895).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 114.2% (\$70,487 vs \$61,710).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, on budget at 100.0% (\$15,990 vs \$15,997).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, on budget at 101.0% (\$65,696 vs \$65,034).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a significant surplus of \$7,757 vs the expected surplus of \$1,898.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$4,791 vs the expected loss of \$3,325.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

June 3, 1945	Judy Adams
June 5, 1949	Sandra Miller
June 6, 1996	Patrick Culp
June 6, 2006	Amy Rae Meckler
June 6, 1955	Candy Pellechio
June 6, 1978	Andrew Quinn
June 9, 1974	Jennifer McGavran
June 10, 1938	Colleen Yarchever
June 12, 2003	Maddie Meckler
June 13, 1938	Dee Seel
June 14, 1984	Jamie Lopez
June 15, 1973	Lesly Culp
June 17, 1945	Diane Swarts
June 25, 1941	Thordis Moe
June 29, 1991	Bryant Holmes



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

June 12, 1965	Dave & Thordis Moe
June 22, 1966	Bill & Susan Brauer



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

Hunger Never Rests!

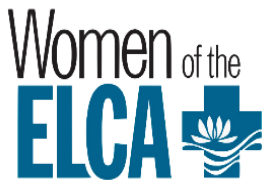
The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard is in need of 16 oz jars of peanut butter for June!



Your donations are always welcome and needed! Bring your donations to the church office during our regular hours or you may drop your items off at The Cupboard at 26944 Cherry Hills Blvd (951/301-4414). 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

The **Menifee Valley Community Cupboard** needs a volunteer team to operate the Romoland Mobile Pantry at Heritage High School on the 4th Friday of each month from 10am-2pm. If you are interested in volunteering 1 time or being part of a permanent team please email Dawn Smith at endhunger@mvcupboard.org or text to 951-746-0295.



Greetings, dear women of Faith!

It is June and summer is here! This month we are studying the first session of our summer study in the *Gather Magazine*.

Session One: Promised Salvation Now—Jesus Brings Wellness

Of all the gospel writers, John is uniquely concerned about the effectiveness of Jesus' immediate presence. One clue is his regular use of the word "now," a tiny but powerful word which appears more here than the other gospels combined. Together, we'll note a few instances of the "Now," and delve into John's observations about the way John focuses not so much on the "hereafter," but more on sharing the difference that Jesus makes in people's lives, straight away.

Please note this month we will be holding a Lydia and Mary joint circle meeting with Pat Adams as our leader. We will meet in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, June 14, at 10:00 am. Come join in the conversation. All women are welcome.

Snip and Stitch Quilters: Five women met last month to sort and organize our material. The quilters will be meeting this month on **Thursday, June 1, 9:00-12:00**. No experience as a quilter is needed. There will be various things to do and we would love to have you. Please bring a bag lunch if you wish, for lunch and fellowship when we finish. We look forward to seeing you and having you join us to work on a worthwhile project and fellowship together.

W-ELCA June Fundraiser: Our annual W-ELCA fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, June 24 at 10:00 am**. This is open to all women of the church. The cost will be a \$15 donation and will include entertainment by the Rancho Rockers, a seven-piece ensemble to entertain you, drawings for gift baskets and lunch and fellowship. Come and join us and invite your friends. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex or you can call Bea Olsen at 951 370-3600 to be added to the list. **We need you to RSVP.**

Sunday Coffee: Just a reminder your help is needed to continue to have this coffee and fellowship after our church service. Help with the set-up is provided by Evelyn. We would like volunteers to help clean up after our Sunday coffee. Please sign up and give it a try.

Coming up this month:

Snip & Stitch Quilters: Thursday, June 1, 9-12 noon in the fellowship hall at church

Lydia and Mary Circle Bible study: Wednesday, June 14, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall at church. This month will be a joint circle led by Pat Adams.

W-ELCA Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 10:00 am at Church

W-ELCA June Fundraiser: W-ELCA Annual Fundraiser-Saturday, June 24, at 10:00 am. Sign up in narthex or RSVP to Bea Olsen, 951 370-3600.

**Faith Lutheran Women of the ELCA
(W-ELCA)**

**Annual Fundraiser &
Luncheon**

Recipient: Alternatives to Domestic
Violence

(Local Shelter for Women and Children)

Saturday, June 24, 2023

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Suggested Donation: \$15

ALL women are welcome!

Come - bring your friends!



In Christ's love, Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President, 951 370-3600

Endowment Fund Board News

Thanks to Pastor Barton's interviewing and computer skills, the Endowment Fund Board has a special treat for you. In 2022, the Board awarded scholarships to two international students at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary: Charbel Zgheib from Lebanon and Steven Namburi from India. As you may recall, during two worship services earlier this year, Pastor shared edited interviews of Charbel and Steven. Now Pastor has posted the longer form of those conversations for you to enjoy whenever you wish. Just go to <https://faithmenifee.com/scholarship> and scroll down past the scholarship application until you reach this heading: FLC Endowment Scholarship Recipient: Alumni. Now your fun will begin.

Keep in mind that these interviews were conducted during 2022 while both Charbel and Steven were still seminarians. The first video conversation takes place with Charbel. Pastor has also included a link to a bonus article from *Living Lutheran* magazine that includes an interview with the recently ordained Pastor Zgheib, whose unique ministry focuses on Arab and Middle Eastern Christians. (How privileged we are at Faith to have been able to award scholarships twice to Charbel during his seminary years!) The second video features a conversation with Steven, who shares details of his personal faith journey.

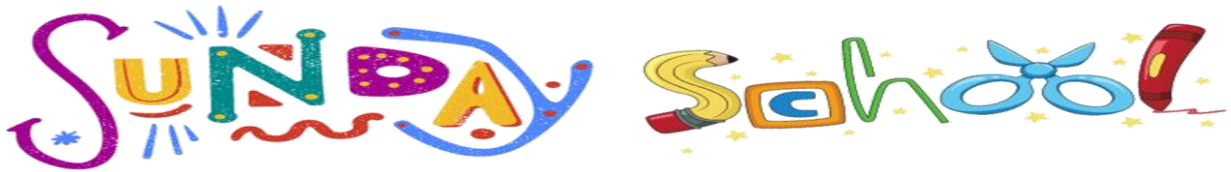
It is through the generosity of the Faith family that the Board is able to offer scholarships annually. Thank you for your continued support of this program. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor or Pat Adams.

Submitted by Pat Adams, Chairperson of the Endowment Fund Board



Pr. Steven Namburi, 3rd from the left





We Need YOU! Help us bring back our Sunday School classes!

The education committee is in need of volunteers! During June and July, we are hoping to get volunteers prepared to help out with Sunday School in the Fall. We need teachers for the lessons and adult assistants who sit in on the class but do not need to teach. We need two adults per class to be able to have Sunday school.

Adult assistants for Sunday School, only need to be available to sit in with the teacher and children in the classroom during part of normal Sunday worship. To be an assistant you do not need any teaching or youth worker experience.

In order to be in compliance with new regulations in the State of California, all adult teachers and assistants need to have fingerprinting and a background check for the safety of our young folks.

We have received a \$1,000 dollar grant to cover the costs of fingerprinting and background checks for anyone who works with our children/youth.

If you have any interest in finding out more, please contact Amy Sinclair 562-174-0707 or Pastor John 949-258-3452, or contact the church office 951-679-1518.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration to help this ministry.

In Service to Christ,
Amy Sinclair, Education Committee / Sunday School



Altar Flowers Needed!

Currently most of June, July and August and some dates beyond that are available! The cost is \$35. Please go ahead and start filling up those dates before your favorite occasions and holidays get taken by someone else!



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June 2023

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July 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
AM: Roderick; Lector: Pat PPT: Lynn 9:30am Worship Service		3:00pm Outreach-In Person & Zoom		9:00am Snip 'N' Stitch	10:30am AI-Anon - Library	
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AM: Deane; Lector: Sandy; PPT: Mars 9:30am Worship Service	1:00pm Exec Board-In Person & Zoom		10:00am Joint Circle Mtg-In Person & Zoom		10:30am AI-Anon - Library	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
AM: Harold; Lector: Mars; PPT: Ann 9:30am Worship Service		10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	10:00am WELCA Board-In Person 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	2:00pm Canceled-Bible Study	Forecaster Deadline 10:30am AI-Anon - Library	10:00am WELCA Annual Fundraiser
25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
AM: Joanne; Lector: Marilyn; PPT: Mike FIC Pay Day 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Planning	1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom				10:30am AI-Anon - Library	