



Forecaster



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH * SEPTEMBER 2023



As we celebrate the beginning of this new Sunday School class and its faithful formation of our youth, let us pray:

Dear God,

We are excited to learn more about you, to read the Bible and hear stories. Thank you that we can play games together. Thank you that we can create and make things that remind us of you. You made a brilliant world. Blue skies and fluffy clouds. Warm sun and night time stars. Flying birds and swimming fish. Tall mountains and deep sea. Kind grandmas and fun granddads. Funny brothers and caring sisters. Lovely moms and fantastic dads. And wonderful me! Thank you! This church is a family. Help us to learn together, to worship together, to share together, to play together, to pray together, to come together, and to reach out to everyone with family love! Amen.

Yours in Christ, Pastor John Barton



Dear Family of Faith:

I hope everyone survived the storm! We are thankful there was no damage to the church!

We have so much to be thankful for!

1. New Members and Pastor John for leading them!
2. David Moe and Crew for the fabulous spaghetti dinner, including those who made the food and those who set up and cleaned up!
3. All of the food collected for the Community Cupboard and to Rudy and Evelyn Bosinger for making the deliveries to the Cupboard!
4. Root Beer Floats! Thank you to Jerome Stoner, Sarge Hunter and Crew who provided the fixings, set up, served and cleaned up!
5. Our Church Council members who were willing to shift duties!

Please keep the Church Council in your prayers and know that we are here to serve. If you have questions or ideas, please reach out to any of our Council members.

Our next Council meeting is on Sept. 25 at 1:00. All are welcome to attend!

A couple of important events are coming up!

Sept. 3rd Sunday School begins!

Sept. 10th is "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday!

Land Sale/Park Project: We watched surveyors going over the property the week of August 14th. Something is happening! Yay!

Diane Swarts, President



We Started the New School Year with Jesus!

On Aug. 13th, students and teachers brought their backpacks to Worship and received a special blessing from Pastor John!



Worship Schedule

FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Have you invited a friend or neighbor to worship with us recently?

September 3 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
Sunday School begins after Worship

September 10 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday after worship

September 17 In-Person (and Drive-In) Worship & Communion at 9:30 am
Guest Preacher: Pastor Shane Freiberg

September 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 on *live* broadcast. Tune to 98.9 FM
- **Online:** on our website, any time after 2:00 pm each Sunday

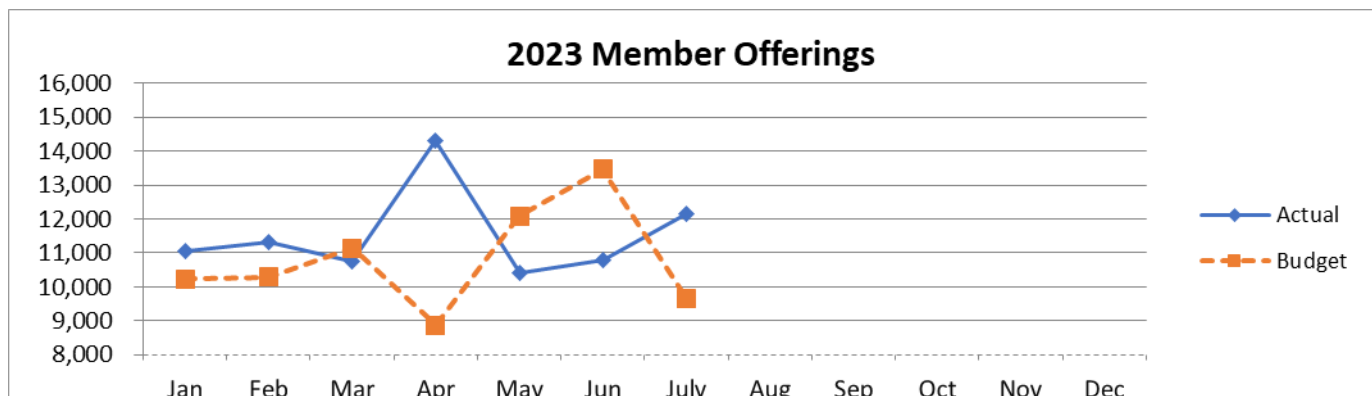


Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Power Point	Ushers	Greeters	Attendance
3rd: Roderick	3rd: Amy	3rd: Lynn	3rd: Annie	3rd: Mike	3rd: Joanne
10th: Marlene	10th: Pat	10th: Bill	10th: Gina	10th: Dave F.	10th: Shirley
17th: Joanne	17th: Bill	17th: Mike	17th: Judy	17th: Diana	17th: Marlene
24th: Harold	24th: David	24th: Candy	24th: Walli	24th: Judy	24th: Kandie
Altar Guild: 3rd, 10th, 17th: Marlene & Helpers; 24th: Kandie & Helpers					

FINANCIAL REPORT Ending July 31, 2023

1. Comments

- a. Unlike the previous 2 months, Member giving was above budget, and we are also over budget year-to-date.
- b. Keep in mind that being over budget doesn't mean we have a surplus, as the budget reflects an overall deficit of over \$31,000. At this point, we're gaining slightly on the deficit, but have a long way to go. We need to continue to give faithfully!



2. Financials Review

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, significantly over budget at 126% (\$12,149 vs \$9,648).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 106.7% (\$80,805 vs \$75,726).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, on budget at 99.8% (\$21,006 vs \$21,046).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, over budget at 103.7% (\$117,153 vs \$112,963).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, under budget at 91.8% (\$15,532 vs \$16,920).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, on budget at 100.9% (\$116,624 vs \$115,569).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$5,474 vs the expected surplus of \$4,126.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$530 vs the expected loss of \$2,606.
- e. **Checking balance**
 - i) **Balance at Month-end** is \$8,751.
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$3,322.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

Sept. 2, 1954	Connie Gibson
Sept. 8, 1941	Gina Howe
Sept. 9, 1992	Valerie Holmes
Sept. 11, 1942	Lou Anne Fraser
Sept. 15, 1942	Linda Blanche
Sept. 17, 1938	David Moe
Sept. 18, 1982	Tina Peteroski
Sept. 19, 2019	Danielle Barton
Sept. 19, 1933	Ellie Nony
Sept. 29, 2013	Emma Peteroski



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

Sept. 29, 2018 To Pr. John & Sarah Barton



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. plastic jars of peanut butter for September!



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

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.



Greetings, dear women of Faith! September is here and this year is going much to quickly! I am still at our summer home in Minnesota enjoying the cooler weather than everyone is having in Menifee.

This month we are studying the first session of our fall study in the *Gather Magazine*. This first session has been prepared by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni. Rev. Aelabouni is an ELCA missionary living in Jerusalem.

Session One: We will be studying “Holy Places: Home”

In this September study we will study various definitions of home. Home can be the place we lay our head and the people we call home. Home can be our community or homeland. Home is also found wherever we truly and fully belong. This month, we consider the complexity and the promise of “home” through the stories of Israel's exile, the ministry of Jesus, and the promises of Revelation.

Please note, Lydia and Mary circles will meet on Wednesday, September at 13, 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. Come join in the conversation and fellowship. All women are welcome.

Snip and Stitch Quilters: Our quilters are meeting this month on **Thursday, September 7, 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 Triennial Gathering in Phoenix AZ – September 21-24, 2023

Three of our members, Joanne McGavran, Lynn Bennett and Marlene Roselli will be attending this gathering. Please pray for their safe journey and their participation in this gathering. We look forward to hearing their report at our December W-ELCA meeting.

Sunday Coffee: Just a reminder your help is needed to continue to have this coffee and fellowship after our church services. 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:

Thursday, September 7, 9-12 noon: Snip and Stitch Quilters meet in the fellowship hall

Monday, September 11, 9:30 am: Pastor's Circle Leaders *Gather Magazine* Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:00 am: Lydia and Mary Circles Bible study in the fellowship hall

Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am: W-ELCA General Meeting in the fellowship hall

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

September 21-24: W-ELCA Triennial Gathering in Phoenix AZ

Future events:

Sunday, October 22: 60th Anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church

November 3-4: Pacifica W-ELCA Convention and Gathering, Yorba Linda CA

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am: December Christmas General Meeting

In Christ's love, Bea Olsen, W-ELCA President,
Cell # 951 370-3600 beaolsen@yahoo.com



I'm sure you've seen Evelyn Bosinger on Sunday mornings sitting outside with Rudy while they welcome you to church!! BUT...Evelyn is always, always, always busy doing things behind the scenes that most of you don't know about! Have you ever gone into the Fellowship Hall and thought, "WOW, the tables look so beautiful!" ?? Have you ever wondered how your food donations actually get to Menifee Community Cupboard? Well, those are just a few of the many things Evelyn does around here!

Thank you, Evelyn, for all you do to help and support Faith, our ministries and our members!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 10, 2023

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

We will be making hygiene kits for the homeless again this year and we need donations! Please bring your items to the church and put them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall no later than September 3rd. The following travel size items are some suggestions for donations to our kits:

Toothbrush/Toothpaste Dental floss Mouthwash Lotion Socks Razors
 Hair conditioner Shampoo Comb/brush set Deodorant Powder Washcloths
 Granola Bars Fruit snacks Applesauce Crackers with peanut butter or cheese

On September 10th after church, we would appreciate volunteers to help assemble our kits and place in zip lock bags. We will be delivering some of them to the police station, but we can also keep some in our cars and give out to someone in need. Please let us know if you have any questions!



Endowment Fund Scholarships

The Endowment Fund Board has some wonderful news to share with the congregation. For the 2023-2024 school year, four scholarships totaling \$3600 have been awarded. For the first time since the online scholarship application was instituted a few years ago, two types of scholarships were available. The first type, restricted to students pursuing the fields of education and/or church ministry, was awarded to three recipients: Breanna Freiberg, Andrew Priddy, and Nicole Storz. Both Breanna and Andrew want to become teachers. Since Breanna is a student at California Lutheran University, the Board applied for matching funds for her through the Congregational Partners in Education Award Program. Andrew plans to study at Indiana Wesleyan University. Nicole is pursuing a master's degree in school social work at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois.



The second category of scholarships is for students majoring in fields other than education and/or pastoral ministry. This scholarship, which is limited to current or former members of Faith and students who have another direct connection to the congregation, was awarded to Faith member Allison McGavran. A student at Grand Canyon University, Allison plans to become an occupational therapist.

Upon learning of the awarded scholarship, each recipient expressed enthusiastic gratitude. What a joyful privilege it is for the Faith family to be able to award scholarships to deserving students! Through the years, donations to the scholarship funds of the Endowment Fund Board have made such scholarships possible. May we continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Pat Adams, Chairperson of the Endowment Fund Board

Blessing of the Animals

**All will be blessed: Pets, Pet Owners,
Pet Mementos, Stuffed Animals
Treats for Pets and People**

Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, 10:00am

**Pick up a flyer at church and share it
with your pet-loving friends!**

All Are Welcome!



Welcome New Members!

If you haven't already welcomed and gotten to know these new members, please do!

So far in 2023, we have had 13 new members join our Faith Family and we will be welcoming more in October!

A directory insert with our new members' contact information will be in your church mailbox soon!



Many thanks go to Dave Moe, his Crew, and everyone who was involved in making our spaghetti lunch a huge success! The food and fellowship were wonderful and we raised some funds to use for our 60th anniversary celebration! Thank you, thank you!!

Faith Lutheran Church

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October 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	2
AM: Roderick; Lector: Amy; PPT: Lynn Sunday School Begins! 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am *Baptized We	4 Labor Day	5 2:00pm 60th Ann. Planning	6 9:30am Bible Study Leaders-In Person 2:00pm Remembering & Honoring-In Person	7 9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 1:00pm Movie: National Treasure	8 10:30am AI-Anon Fellowship Hall	9 10:30am AI-Anon Fellowship Hall
10 AM: Mars; Lector: Pat; PPT: Bill God's Work Our Hands 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am *Baptized We	11 10:00am Mutual Ministry 1:00pm FR&D (Faith R&D)-In Person & Zoom	12	13 10:00am Joint Circle Meeting-In Person & Zoom	14 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person & Zoom	15 10:30am AI-Anon Fellowship Hall	16 10:00am WELCA General Meeting
17 AM: Joanne; Lector: Bill; PPT: Mike 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am *Baptized We Live* Study	18	19 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group-In Person	20 10:00am WELCA Board-In Person 1:00pm Finance Team-In Person & Zoom	21	22 WELCA Triennial Gathering 10:30am AI-Anon Fellowship Hall	23 Forecaster Deadline 10:00am Blessing of the Animals
24 WELCA Triennial Gathering AM: Harold; Lector: Dave; PPT: Candy 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am *Baptized We	25 1:00pm Council-In Person & Zoom	26 10:00am Hymn Planners-Zoom 2:00pm Worship & Music-In person & Zoom	27 10:00am Remembering & Honoring-In Person 3:30pm Outreach	28 2:00pm Bible Study-In Person and Zoom 3:30pm Cheer Committee-In Person	29 10:30am AI-Anon Fellowship Hall	30