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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Matters

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WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAYS— 9:00 A.M.
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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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The Breath of Life

Prayer is the breath of life in our relationship with God, both individually and as a congregation. It's not something we do to please God, but to stay connected to God. It is two way: we speak to God, and we also listen for that still small voice within. It is important to *not* make prayer into a chore, or a work, but a part of our love for God, like communicating with a beloved parent or mentor. It can be as quiet and simple as just being aware that God is there and that God cares: practicing God's presence.

Many years ago, I heard a teaching on prayer by Pastor Rick Foss. What stuck with me was that we have all learned how to talk with and to others. We know how to share our needs, express gratitude, say we are sorry and ask forgiveness, how to say what is important to us, speak words of love, and we learn how to listen to one another. Prayer is simply doing what we already know how to do, but with God.

One of the key ways Jesus showed his love for his Father was by regularly engaging in prayer. Throughout the Gospels we read how Jesus "went up to a mountain to pray" or "knelt down and prayed" or "continued all night in prayer." As Jesus prayed, he gained a clearer sense of who he was (his identity) and what he was to do (his mission). Before he taught or healed, before choosing the Twelve or submitting his will to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed. Whatever the opportunity or challenge, Jesus turned to his Father first and sought the guidance and help of God the Father.

As Jesus' disciples we need to follow in his example. Especially as we journey through 2022. Faith is in the call process. There are still questions to be answered. We need to seek God's guidance and divine help. Remember the Call Committee and Church Council in your prayers. Pray that God would help them have a clearer direction in this call process. Ultimately, the future of Faith is in God's hands. So pray!

Serving Christ better together,
Pastor Jim

In the Life of Faith

YOU **CAN** HELP



Do you have interest in getting the Bell Choir started again? Would you like to be a member of this choir? If so, please give Sue Riesterer a call at 920-775-4190.

Soup for the Souls recently made beef barley soup. It is available for our homebound members and is in the freezer in the Gathering Space. Please share with them when you visit.



Faith's Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Toilet paper
- Kleenex
- Paper towel
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Dish and laundry soaps
- Cleaning supplies
- Canned meals
- Canned fruit
- Pancake syrup
- Mayo and Miracle Whip
- Barbeque sauce
- Jelly and Jam
- Bisquick

Items can be placed in the bins marked Faith's Pantry at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space.

Senior Christians will meet Tuesday, February 15 at 9:00 am at the Fork and Knife in Manitowoc.



Our youth presented a Charlie Brown Christmas this year, teaching us the true meaning of the season!



Finances

Income - December 2021

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$25,063.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$17,414.00			
General Fund Income	\$42,477.00	\$25,816.83	\$308,489.54	\$309,802.00
Dedicated Income	\$685.00		\$21,032.96	
Total Income	\$43,162.00		\$329,522.50	

Operating Expenses - December 2021

Benevolence	\$3,387.06			
Board & Other Expenses	\$5,972.55			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$15,273.41			
General Fund Expense	\$24,633.02	\$25,485.48	\$278,925.51	\$321,405.81
Dedicated Expense	\$685.00		\$21,147.99	
Total Expenses	\$25,318.02		\$300,073.50	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income: \$29,564.03



A heartfelt thank you is extended to Keith Schultz for his 35 years of service as Treasurer of the Endowment Committee. Thank you for your dedication and time over these years. You have done a wonderful job and will be missed. Please welcome Bonnie Gordon as the new Treasurer for the Endowment Committee.

Several 2022 offering envelopes remain at the church. They are located at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space. Please take the time to pick up your envelopes. This will save the church \$2.56 for each envelope that needs to be mailed.

Please Note: Any offerings received in the church office by mail or in person dated after December 31, 2021 will be put toward your 2022 statement.



Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Funeral Joyce Lodel

Membership

Baptized 808
Confirmed..... 590
Famillies 110

Worship Attendance

	Sunday	Wednesday
12/12	Worship—94 Video—70	31
12/19	Worship—198 Video—103	15
12/24	Worship—368 Video— n/a	
12/25	Worship—70 Video— n/a	
1/2	Worship—83 Video— 92	18

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

February **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*

March **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

Lectors

2/2 Cheryl Duchow
2/6 Tiffany Jandrey
2/9 Kelly Meyer
2/13 Garrett Ulness
2/16 Susan Christel
2/20 Joan Pritzl
2/23 Lorin Berge
2/27 Erin Lenzner

Communion Servers

2/2 Cheryl Duchow
2/6 Tiffany Jandrey
2/16 Susan Christel
2/20 Joan Pritzl

Acolyte Schedule

2/2 DJ Schisel
2/6 Mollie Junk
2/9 DJ Schisel
2/13 Whitney Ulness
2/16 Tristan Teuke
2/20 Lucas Spindler
2/23 Tristan Teuke
2/27 Addison Spindler

Head Ushers

Lee Evenson and Mark Zutz

Greeters

2/2 Carter Valleskey
2/6 Tom and Kathy Muench
2/9 John and Kerry Schnell
2/13 Makenna Kaderabek
2/16 Carter Valleskey
2/20
2/23 Ron and Kaye Jandrey
2/27 Ava Ulness

Ushers

2/6 Austin and Stetson McCulley
2/13 Loren Ulness and Bob Wigen
2/20 Brian and Mary Thomsen
2/27 Mark and Jen Zutz Family

Sound Operator

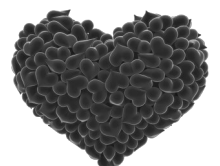
2/6 Erin Lenzner
2/13 Lyle Roehrig
2/20 Makenna Kaderabek
2/27 Hunter Spindler

Video Operator/Live Stream

2/6 Hunter Spindler
2/13 Jake Kaderabek
2/20 Hunter Spindler
2/27 Gage Spindler and Mike Lenzner

Projection

2/2 Timber Schuler
2/6 Gage Spindler and Erin Lenzner
2/13 Lyle Roehrig
2/20 Gage Spindler and Stefanie Kaderabek
2/27 Makenna Kaderabek



Thank You

The Board of Lay Ministry (BOLM) would like to sincerely thank the numerous hard working, diligent, dedicated volunteers, altar guild members, decorators of the church proper, video and projectionist operators, technical support and live stream operators, paid staff members and Pastor Jim Wilson. All these individuals along with other unnamed persons helped to further the FLC ministry to ensure meaningful worship experiences to members and guests alike.

This again has been an unusual and challenging year where traditional worship practices have been impacted and perhaps changed, but, the remarkable resilience of the FLC members have made the difference. Again, a heartfelt “Thank You” to all. The BOLM truly values and appreciates your contributions of time, talent, and effort.

HOW CAN WE
thank
= GOD =
ENOUGH FOR YOU?

– 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV –

Many years ago, a faithful and dedicated member of Faith decided to be our Financial Secretary. Ruth Torrison has spent numerous years counting money, doing paperwork and making sure our envelope offerings come out correctly weekly.

We thank you for your years of dedicated service to our church and especially for helping Christine in the office. You will be missed every week, but now it is time to have a well deserved rest. Please welcome Robert Pautz as our new Financial Secretary.

February Stewardship

Fabric Kits

Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Fabric should have no stains or holes and cut into pieces measuring:

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards of 60" wide fabric (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. total) or

3 yards of 44" wide fabric (6 yds. total) or

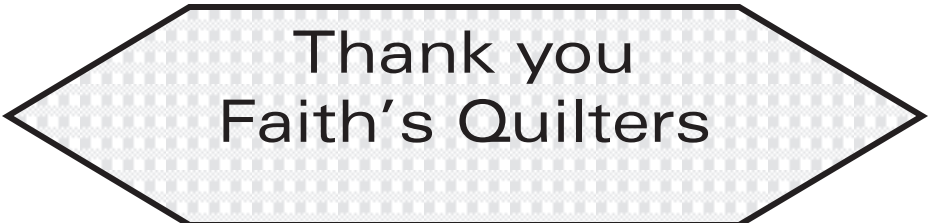
4 yards of 36" wide fabric (8 yds. total)

2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread

(250–300 yards each)

Look for material on sale. Items donated should be marked fabric kits and placed inside the stewardship cabinet at the top of the stairs near the church office.

If you want to only get 3 yards of material, get the 44" wide and include 1 spool of thread. Look for the cheaper bolts. Mark how much material you have. We can match the same color material to make up the 6 yards needed.



Thank you
Faith's Quilters

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt and prayers for Jim Loritz. The transplant has gone well. We are now waiting for his body to accept it.

Thank you again for your support!

With kind regards,

Sara Jensen

Thank you for the beautiful quilt, good thoughts and prayers.

Peace and Joy!

Lynn Burzynski

Thank you for the beautiful quilt that was given to Shari. It will keep her warm during those cold winter months.

Again, thanks to all of you.

God Bless!

Lee W. and Shari Evenson

A note to thank you for the most beautiful quilt that is carefully made by your group. It will keep us warm during the real cold weather. We are unable to express our gratitude for thinking of us at this time. Norma loves the design, it made her feel at home.

God Bless you all,

Robert and Norma Argall

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—December 20, 2021

Pastor's Report

Visits: Included 5 home visits, multiple phone calls and emails and funeral service.

Meetings: The Senior Breakfast and meetings with the Board of Evangelism, Youth and Education and the Council. Confirmation classes were held on Wednesdays and Sundays.

****OLD BUSINESS****

Policy: Use of the Church: Change was made to “no use of alcohol”. Added fellowship hall maximum capacity 427 people (11 sq. ft. per person). A discussion point came up for possible future consideration: do we need to add the possibility of an activity being bumped (i.e., for something like a funeral)? How do we handle that sort of thing- do we want to set a policy or treat it as a case-by-case situation? Probably we should think it over and discuss again.

Seasonal decorations in gathering space, and Christmas greenery on choir loft. Julie Hartmann did a good deal of decorating with the total of receipts of \$316.46. These decorations are reusable and will not need to be repurchased. Altar Guild (which is under the BOLM) has money, mostly from Mary Haupt, and doesn't mind using some of the money for reimbursing Julie. Motion was made and carried to reimburse Julie Hartman for the seasonal decorations used in the church with money to be taken from Altar Guild memorial funds.

****NEW BUSINESS****

Budget proposal to be presented at the Annual Meeting reflects the following: Changed benevolence; an increase in the amount given to the ELCA. Properties maintenance was increased. Tech support; a line was added to separate tech support from Pulpit as this is actually not part of the pulpit but something separate and distinct. Which of 3 budgets to approve? Only one budget can be presented. The choice was made.

Motion made and carried to raise Benevolence to ELCA by .25% (total Benevolence goes from 7.75% to 8%).

Motion made and carried to add a separate line for technology support instead of leaving it as part of pulpit supply. Motion made and carried to accept and propose to the congregation the 3rd column budget, which plans allowance for Pastor Jim remaining part time and the possibility of a new full-time pastor for a total budget of \$77,528.

Thrivent Money: Right now, goes to Hands on Mission and Faith's Pantry; (Pantry establishes it is fine right now). \$3,000 is ball park amount we will get. This year: ½ to National Youth Gathering; ½ to the Bible Camp fund in the memorial fund. Motion made and carried to approve these funds.

Ballot for Annual Meeting (January 23rd): Bill Riesterer for Vice President Elect. Auditing Committee: Cheryl Duchow; Kerry Schnell; Earl Griffin. Nominating Committee: Mike Zutz. Youth rep for Council: Garret Ulness.

Evangelism – Julie Endries. Just a reminder: Pastor Asher will be present for a continuing conversation from the December meeting at the Board of Evangelism meeting on February 1st at 6:00.

Property – Lyle Roehrig. In the fellowship hall, they are not going to replace the ceiling tiles after all, but will be doing the lights, LED only and fixing the broken fixtures. It was pointed out that the blinds in there are tired and could use replacing. They will look into that.

Call Committee – Ron Jones. During the 1st week of January, the Call Committee will be interviewing a possible candidate for pastor; it is a married couple; both could have something to offer us, as he is a pastor; she has training as youth director if we might want to hire one in the future. A note of caution though; at this point there is no motion by personnel to hire a youth minister; so, for the moment we can't talk about that with her, not until personnel has a meeting and recommends to Council for approval the hiring of a youth minister.

Adjourn - Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:09 pm.

Next meeting on January 17, 2022 at 6:30. Devotions by Joyce Sorenson.

Judy Harris,
Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

FEBRUARY

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|-----|---|-----|--|
| 2. | Travis Schisel | 16. | David Jeske
Garrett Jeske |
| 3. | Debra Linzmeier
Craig Zutz
Tristan Teuke | 17. | Donald Christianson |
| 5. | Gregory Saueressig
Garrett Ulness | 18. | Greg Wilker |
| 6. | Marcus Galien | 19. | Loren Ulness
Michael Zutz |
| 7. | Virginia Schwoerer | 21. | Richard Christianson
Brenda Platten |
| 8. | Lawrence Naidl
Eli Nelson | 22. | Joan Griffin |
| 9. | Maribel Christianson | 23. | Char Manke |
| 10. | Cynthia Pederson
Stephanie McCulley | 24. | Erin Reinke |
| 11. | Linda Menza
Tyne Peterson | 25. | Eric Thomsen |
| 12. | Sawyer Wenzel | 26. | Aubree Boll |
| 13. | Rick Evenson | 27. | Trenton O'Leary
Gracelyn Mulhaney |
| 14. | Patricia Christianson
Ronald Pederson
Alisa Madson
Brian Schnell | 28. | LuAnn Helgeson
Jesse Schwoerer |
| 15. | Jayme Hetland
Paul Sorenson
Ryan Wenzel | 29. | Alyssa Schwoerer |

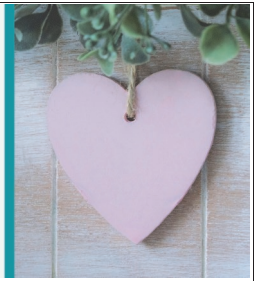
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| 2. | William Griffin
Peter Steinberg
Andrea Christel
Ava Petska
Wendy Kuenstler |
| 3. | Roger Reichardt |
| 5. | James Sousek |
| 6. | Gerald Petska |
| 7. | Roger Larson
Gregg Valleskey
Angie Ulness |
| 8. | Stephen Kalies
Katherine Bubolz
Jeremy Peterson
Gretchen Spindler |
| 9. | Malachi Blanke |
| 10. | Jake Kaderabek |



February

WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.
1 JOHN 4:19



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7-4 Valders Stone & Marble in Gathering Space 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Board of Evangelism	2 7-4 Valders Stone & Marble in Gathering Space 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	3 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	4	5
6 8:00 Boards of Christian Ed and Youth 9:00 Worship Baptism—Colton William Meidl 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 10:15 9th grade confirmation	7 6:00 Tel. Worship & Jazzercise	8	9 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	10 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary's Meeting 6:00 Jazzercise	11	12 9:00 Saturday Circle
13 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	14 6:00 Tel. Worship & Jazzercise 	15 9:00 Senior Christians at Fork and Knife Newsletter info due	16 6:00 Card Making 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	17 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	18	19 9:00-10:00 Open Pantry Rosie Hawk and Brian Otto Wedding
20 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour	21 <i>No Mail—</i> President's Day 6:00 Tel. Worship & Jazzercise 6:30 Council	22	23 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	24 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	25	26 He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun...  Matthew 17:2, NRSV
27 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School, Fellowship Hour 	28 6:00 Tel. Worship & Jazzercise					

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