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It All Belongs to God

*"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world,
and all who live in it." Psalm 24:1*

October is our annual stewardship emphasis month. This year we want to say, **"THANK YOU!"** We have come through this year of COVID 19 in good financial condition because of the continued **generosity** of you, the people of Faith.

I write this article the day after "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday. It was great to see so many come together working, cooking, drawing, and praying; living out our mission to "Share God's Word, Show God's Love, and Serve God's World."

We are called to be people caring about people out of love for God. Our culture preaches individualism; the Bible teaches one body working together for the good of all. Jesus's radical command is "love one another as I have loved you." It is radical because he laid down his life for us. That is true stewardship, giving from the heart, not half-hearted giving. And it's not just about giving money; it's also about giving of our time and talents. May we follow and imitate the kind of love and trust we see in Jesus Christ, growing in faith to love and serve.

On Wednesday, September 30, and Sunday, October 4, we begin our fall stewardship theme, "It all belongs to God." Mr. Rogers, pastor and television personality, once said, "Life is deep and simple, and what our society gives is shallow and complicated." As we think about stewardship, begin with this simple truth, everything I am and have comes from God and belongs to God. We are **stewards** of His gift of life. But it's not a transfer of ownership, but a transfer of responsibility. How are we being faithful stewards of all God has placed under our care: our family, our work, our church, our community, everything? It is a simple, but deep, question. At the center is: **"It all belongs to God."**

Just as there was great joy working together on "God's Work, Our Hands." Sunday, there can be great joy in serving God throughout our life. Luther wrote, "There is no true, basic difference between laymen and priests, princes and bishops, between religious and secular... The works of monks and priests, however holy and arduous they may be, do not differ one whit in the sight of God from the works of a farmer in the field or a woman going caring for her family, but all works are measured before God by faith alone." "All that counts is faith active in love" (Gal. 5:6).

Serving Christ better together, Pastor Jim

In the Life of Faith



Faith's Open Pantry is running low on items, so I'm putting out a plea to help restock the pantry with a list of items WE NEED and what we DON'T NEED.

1st, please make sure your providing the Pantry with items that have not been opened then taped shut, or expired items. We will dump those.

2nd, items we DON'T NEED AT THIS TIME include: Peanut butter, peas, corn and green beans, mac and cheese, noodles of any kind, I have enough to last until next June! Cereal, I have enough to last until March! Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, toothbrushes paste, floss and bar soap I have enough until next June! THESE ARE ITEMS WE DO NOT NEED

Below is a list of items needed:

*Soup, all varieties *canned meals *brown beans in regular size cans, not party size *cake mixes/brownie, dessert mixes/frosting *flour *sugar/brown sugar *vanilla *spices *assorted flavored chocolate chips *baking soda/powder *evaporated milk *regular size canned pumpkin *box pie crust mix *assorted tomato products; stewed, diced, whole, paste, sauce *mixed veggies *boxed meals *stuffing *assorted potato flavors *regular size mashed potatoes *tuna/canned chicken or packets *Jello/pudding *Suddenly Salad *Knor products *Rice a Roni *minute rice, regular size boxes only *assorted crackers *gluten free items *candy/snacks *salsa *chips/pretzels, etc. *men's & women's deodorant *shampoo *body wash *laundry soap (Tide, Cheer) *dish soap (Dawn) *Klennex *toilet paper *paper towel

These are items we need to restock our pantry! Please do not supply us with items we don't need at this time. The items take up space and will expire if I can't disperse on a monthly basis. Thank you very much for your help!

— Sandy Halverson

The following received their Holy Bible during worship on September 20. May God always be with you in your life journey.

Pre-Kindergarten: Rylee Endries, Oliver Franz, Chase Reinertson, Marcus Simon, Levi Wenzel, Sawyer Wenzel.

Third Grade: Blake Bergel, Tucker Franz, Ashlin Hill, Garrett Jeske, Macy McDonald, Maximus Moskow, Peytyn Peterson, Sage Peterson, Trevor Pinkerton, Skyler Schuler, Morgan Simon, Grace Sorenson, James Sousek, Eliza Wilker.

Seventh Grade: Madison Bergel, Peter Cigler, Makenna Kaderabek, DJ Schisel, Whitney Ulness, Carter Valleskey.

Sunday school teachers were installed during worship on September 20. Thank you to the following for guiding and ministering to our young people at Faith: Stacy Wilker, Sage Meyer, Courtney and Brandon Platten, Brenda Platten.

Thank you to all members of Faith who have included our brother Paul in your prayers! Paul had an unexpected, very problematic recovery from a quadruple bypass surgery in early October of 2019. There were many times when we thought we were losing him. We were told by his Doctor in early April that he did not believe Paul's returning home was possible. However, we are happy to report that Paul's condition has greatly improved, allowing him to return home on August 30th!!

We thank you for all your prayers - God has blessed Paul with a miraculous turn-a-round in his recovery. He still has a long way to go in regaining his strength but is committed to work hard to allow as full a recovery as possible. Through all of this his wife, Annette, has never given up hope and has been there for Paul as much as possible. We owe her an enormous debt of gratitude as well.

Sincerely,
The Haupt family



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.



Finances

Income - August 2020

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Actual</i>	<i>YTD Budget</i>
Envelope Offerings	\$ 19,780.00			
Other Income and Offerings	\$ 222.00			
General Fund Income	\$ 20,002.00	\$ 24,983.50	\$ 197,254.69	\$ 174,884.50
Dedicated Income	\$ 1,595.00		\$ 6,731.00	
Total Income	\$ 21,597.00		\$ 203,985.69	

Operating Expenses - August 2020

Benevolence	\$ 1,400.15			
Board & Other Expenses	\$ 5,309.22			
Personnel Salaries/Benefits	\$ 12,540.03			
General Fund Expense	\$ 19,249.40	\$ 23,976.54	\$ 184,221.37	\$ 191,812.32
Dedicated Expense	\$ 1,595.00		\$ 6,472.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 20,844.40		\$ 190,693.37	

Year to Date General Fund Net Income : **\$13,033.32**

Capital Appeal

7/31/2020	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$98,496.71	
Payment Amount			\$1,000.00		
Additional payment			\$2,590.00		
Total August Payment		\$3,259.82	Principle paid	330.18	Interest paid
08/31/20	BANK FIRST NATIONAL			\$95,236.89	

Liturgical Roles ~ Worship Responsibilities

Pastoral Acts

Funerals.....Edward Streckert and Francis Groelle

Membership

Baptized..... 795
Confirmed 595
Famillies..... 112

Worship Attendance

	Sunday		Wednesday
8/23	Worship—49	Video—56	27
8/30	Worship—46	Video—63	25
9/6	Worship—34	Video—70	14
9/13	Worship—72	Video—62	19

Altar Guild Servers

Communion:

Oct/Nov **Bev Torrison**, *Chair (Committee #2)*
December... **Marlene Evenson**, *Chair (Committee #1)*

Lectors

10/4 Joan Pritzl
10/7 Sue Christel
10/11 Bob Wigen
10/14 Lorin Berge
10/18 Brian Ulness
10/21 Cheryl Duchow
10/25 Ava Ulness
10/28 Jill Backus



Communion Servers

10/4 Joan Pritzl
10/7 Sue Christel
10/18 Brian Ulness
10/21 Cheryl Duchow

Acolyte Schedule

10/4 DJ Schisel
10/11 Carter Valleskey
10/18 Makenna Kaderabek
10/25 Whitney Ulness



Head Usher Schedule- Sunday

Lee A. Evenson and Paul Franz

Greeters

10/4 Don Schreiner
10/7 Tom and Kathy Muench
10/11 Bob and Julie Wigen
10/14 Tammy Meyer
10/18 Ava Ulness
10/21 Delton and Cheryl Duchow
10/25 Mardell Tienor
10/28 Cathy Luckow

Ushers

10/4 Jim Ahrens and Wayne Huske
10/11 Ron Jones and Tyler Madson
10/18 Dean and Rose Behnke Family
10/25 Keith Lippert and Lori Propson

Sound Operator

10/4 Terry Huske
10/7 Kayla Hildebrandt
10/11 Bill Riesterer
10/14 Kelly Meyer
10/18 Loren Ulness
10/21 Shelia Kalies
10/25 Lyle Roehrig
10/28 Kayla Hildebrandt



Video Operator

10/7 Kayla Hildebrandt
10/14 Kelly Meyer
10/21 Kai and Kelly Meyer
10/28 Kelly Meyer

Projection

10/4 Terry Huske
10/7 Lauren O'Leary
10/11 Bill Riesterer
10/14 Otis Berge
10/18 Stefanie Kaderabek
10/21 Shelia Kalies
10/25 Lyle Roehrig
10/28 Kayla Hildebrandt

Hands on Mission Update

This year the COVID 19 has made things so different from the usual. We had to cancel brat fry fundraisers, the Community Dinner and practically everything else.

But, what we can do is share what we have with others. Thanks to all who directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars to FLC. Hands on Mission still received half of the dollars for us to share with others. The money received was \$1,729.00. Our committee brainstormed for activity ideas during COVID and it was decided that monetary sharing would be the best way to help during this time. Here are the groups and organizations and how they use their funds.

Soup for the Souls—\$200.00 This FLC group makes soup as needed to be shared with our homebound members, those that are sick, struggling, grieving, etc. *One meal shared can say a lot about how we cared.*

Salvation Army—\$500.00. SA is always there to help so many families in need. Whether it's do to home displacement, job loss, or other hardships. They also help reach out through their pantry, free medical clinic and youth activities including free Music Lessons that start September 19. The Salvation Army is a very important organization to support for all of Manitowoc County.

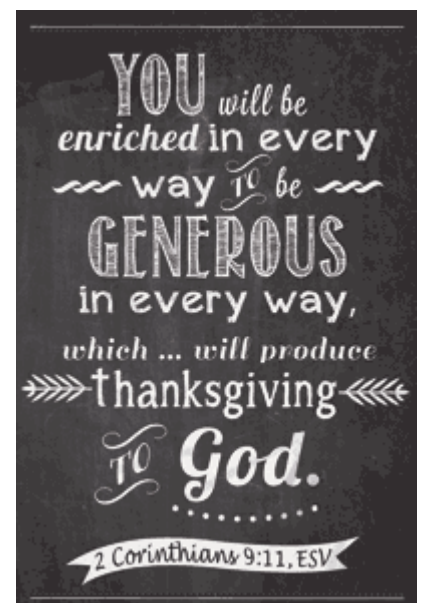
Hope House—\$250.00. Donations help homeless families and individuals. Every \$100 provides two nights of shelter for a family of 4; a month of life skills classes for guests; or 5 hours of case management. This all helps households to progress toward self-sufficiency.

In Courage (formerly Domestic Violence Center) - \$250.00. Staff and clients are appreciative of the support received to enable this important program to continue to help the victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Manitowoc County.

The Haven—\$250.00. Donations help to provide emergency housing for homeless males in Manitowoc County. The shelter can serve up to 12 men with shelter, food, and case management to help them become self sufficient again.

For more information on the importance of these charities and what they do, check out the Thank you letters posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

Thank you for your support!! — Terry Huske



October Stewardship/Mission Masks

OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP is InCourage (formerly Domestic Violence Center)

GENERAL ITEMS: dishwasher detergent, dish detergent, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes, bleach, mops, brooms, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, kitchen utensils, silverware, food storage containers, freezer bags, kitchen towels, dish cloths, bath towels, wash cloths, pillows, pillow cases, twin & full vinyl mattress covers, alarm clocks, laundry baskets, baby monitors, AA & AAA batteries, full size sheet sets.

NEW CLOTHING FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN: socks, underwear, sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts in all sizes, mittens/gloves, hats & scarves. *Clothing must have tags on them or gift receipts attached.*

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS: infant, child & adult cold, flu & allergy medicine, cough drops, lip balm, feminine products, lotion, face wash/body wash, baby bottles, sippy cups, bottle brushes, teething toys, diapers & pull-ups (size 2, 4, 5 & 6), wipes, diaper rash cream, combs, brushes, hair dryers.

FOOD: non-perishable food items.

GIFT CARDS: gas, groceries, local stores, movie rentals, calling cards. Any gift cards or cash can be left in the church office for pick up.

Anything purchased for InCourage should be clearly marked and placed inside the stewardship cabinet near the church office.

Thank you for your continued support.

— Terry Haupt

Your Thrivent Choice Dollars of \$250 supports a new group that began April 1. FLC's April Meyer saw a real need for reusable masks for everyone in order to contain this virus. This group of volunteers from Faith, including our Faithful Quilters and others, make masks for our community. The masks are packaged and labeled, "Faith Lutheran Church Outreach." Masks are given to local churches, nursing homes, Valders Piggly Wiggly, all the Valders schools, and Holy Family and Aurora hospitals and their clinics. This energetic group has made 2,529 masks to date.

You have seen the masks at the entrances when coming into church. They make sizes for all ages and will even customize to your size if they don't fit. There are even fun patterns for Halloween and Christmas.

If you want more information about these masks or to make a donation of material you may have or money, you can contact April directly at 920-860-3154 and leave a message. She can let you know if your material works for masks.

April would also like to thank everyone who helps make these free masks for so many, and also for the monetary donations received. Thrivent Action Team cards for \$250 have also been received.

God's Work—Our Time, Talents and Treasures! We can all do something to help during this unusual time.

Faith Lutheran Church Minutes—August 17, 2020

****Housekeeping Items****

One Application received for Youth Coordinator Position: The position has been posted in multiple sites. An interview with a candidate is set for Thursday. A copy of the application was given to members of the Personnel Committee.

Welcome to Vice President Elect Mike Zutz: Bill expressed our personal welcome to Mike Zutz with our thanks for accepting the challenge; Bill will send his email and phone number to members of the Council.

2020 Synod Assembly Reps: Typically, 2 council members attend the synod assembly. This year it will be a virtual assembly meeting online. Bill will sign up as one volunteer from the Council.

Update on Sound System: Connectors have arrived. Now waiting for balance of hardware to be shipped, and that will be installed as soon as it gets here.

Pastor's Report: Re-opening of worship in the sanctuary is going well, boards are meeting and planning things for fall, communion is being done on 1st and 3rd Sundays as recommended by Lay Ministry. He has done many phone visits to members as well as some home visits and emails. He met with the BOLD and BOCE; had a Zoom Meeting with the Synod. Because of the Covid-19 virus, much of his time off was cancelled, so he would like our blessing to carry over to next year what vacation he hasn't used this year? (would add a possible 9 days). A motion was made and carried to allow Pastor Jim to roll over to next year his unused vacation from this year.

****OLD BUSINESS****

Faith Lutheran Church: brainstorming for the next 3 months. Throwing out plans and ideas for the next 3 months with the start-up service again:

Sunday School: Erin/Chloe- they will be going back to in-person Sunday school w/ masks & distance; they had been looking at plans to make a few changes but this is not a great time for it. Instead they will add an option every month or two weeks; make a take-home activity kit concerning the lesson for the week, tailored to families most likely to stay away most often. If something changes with the schools in town, then Sunday School will follow the same changes. question, survey went to every SS parent- how many? Not certain, estimate 30-40 using current list of baptized members. May need help with assembling of kits. Still need teacher for pre-K/K.

Lay Ministry: Communion now being done with each person taking a little cup, Pastor (with gloves) hands out wafer (people were having trouble unwrapping wafer pkgs). We need to plan for the long of this re-opening, most likely until vaccination becomes common. Discussion took place concerning singing, communion, both with masks, do people feel safe in coming here? Length of time this has been going on is a concern that we could face losing members, that people may feel distanced from the church. To bring people in— there is a feeling that music brings in people; on Wednesday especially, encourage upbeat music on keyboard. Check on AC (noise and cold). Can we work with other churches in the area? Can we put videos (ex. last year's youth gathering) on our Facebook page? Many parishioners are in nursing homes and must fill out a form that they are receiving a Christian service. Suggestion was made to get our videos to those place as they welcomed.

Stewardship: There is a meeting of the committee coming up on Thursday. It is Stephanie's idea, because of all the chaos and problems caused by the virus, that this year's drive be more of a thank you for what has been done rather than request for money, especially by those who have managed to keep up their giving.

****NEW BUSINESS****

Concerning the Idea of joining two Boards- Youth and Family & Christian Education—the two boards should get together to discuss this. Might make sense if Youth Coordinator is hired. Would increase efficiency. Actually, the two boards would still be two boards, but would meet together instead of separately. Motion to combine two boards, the Board of Youth and Family with the Board of Christian Education--- not made at this time.

Fellowship – They will do Soup for the Soul for God's Work, Our Hands. with 6-ft. distancing. Quilting; They are making quilts but not shipping; they are making masks and those will be shipped to LWR –a suggestion made that school kits might be handed out with food pantry items to those who need.

Property – Windows- should really be fixed this year yet. Company has been contacted and should be getting back to us. Carpeting- on the agenda for next year.

Youth and Family Ministry – National Youth Gathering cancelled till 2022. Are there any resources available to youth directors? There are concerns about how many things we want kids doing on computers with so much already being done on computers.

Adjourn

Having completed all business, a motion was made and the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:51 pm.

Next meeting on September 21, 2020 at 6:30. Devotions by Bobby Jo Robley.

Judy Harris,
Secretary

Celebrating Your Birthday!

OCTOBER

1. Judy Jorgenson
Hannah Evenson
2. Michael Goehring
3. Skyler Schuler
Kevin Schultz
4. Linda Berge
Myranda Manke
Connor McDonald
5. Caroline Berge
Michael Propson
6. Stefanie Kaderabek
Jill Lippert
Lisa Otto
7. Darcie Bauknecht
Addysyn Blanke
Harper Frank
9. Gail McCulley
Trevor Griffin
Judith Tracy
10. Evan Brick
Delton Duchow
11. Dorothy Ulness
Taylor Pederson
Joan Kanter
12. Brian Brill
13. Ronald Jandrey
Beth Popp
Mary Evenson
Charles Lippert
Gail Olm
15. Morgan Simon
17. Ralph Christianson
Kaye Jandrey
18. Whitney Ulness
Brittany McCulley
Deacon Conrad
19. Robert Pederson
21. Roger Manke
Lorin Berge
Peter Holst
Phillip Steinberg
Zoey Zutz
22. Michael Jeske
Grace Sorenson
Brenda Freiberg
23. Lynda Pautz
Michele Schmidt
Carol Ulness
Roxanne Bubolz
Connie Kimmes
Dexter Valleskey

NOVEMBER

24. Erin Lenzner
Elaine Zutz
Sonja Gilbertson
25. Trevor Schwoerer
Stetson McCulley
26. Bobbi Jo Robley
27. Thomas Muench
Reegan Kaderabek
Lynn Schuler
29. Marjorie Klessig
Kristie Evenson
Anthony Zucchi
30. Margaret Evenson
31. Nakula Tan
1. Sandra Lemberger
Judith Voss
Dominic Gorgas
2. Amber Meidl
Donald Gilbertson
Carson Staudinger
3. Peggy Madson
Darlene Posey
Janice Behnke
Tanyia Sorenson
Blake Bergel
4. Donald Schisel
Aaliyah Williams
Mollie Junk
Damon Erskine
Ryah Sabourin
5. Chelsea Reinertson
Halle Frank
6. Anderia Frank
Janet Persinger
8. Julie Jeske
9. Jeanne Wenzel
10. Joyce Lodel





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Card Making in Community Room	2 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal	3 8:00 Jazzercise 3:00 Alyssa Meidl and Shane Erskine Wedding
4 8:00 Board of Christian Ed. 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school, 9th grade confirmation class	5 5:00 Board of Lay Ministry 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship	6 8:30-5:30 Lifeline Screening in fellowship hall 6:00 Board of Evangelism	7 5:00 Hands on Mission 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	8 8:00 Quilting 8:30 Secretary Meeting 6:00 Jazzercise	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10 8:00 Jazzercise 9:00 Open Pantry
11 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school, 9th grade confirmation class 	12 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship <i>Columbus Day—No Mail</i>	13	14 5:00 Board of Stewardship 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	15 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise Newsletter info due	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 8:00 Jazzercise
18 9:00 Worship Baptism—McKenzie Ott 10:15 Sunday school, 9th grade confirmation class	19 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship 6:30 Council	20	21 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	22 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Card Making in Community Room	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 8:00 Jazzercise
25  9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday school	26 6:00 Jazzercise 6:00 Televised Worship	27	28 6:15 Worship 7:15 Confirmation	29 8:00 Quilting 6:00 Jazzercise	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31 8:00 Jazzercise

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