
Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

October 2020

The Pastor's Space:

Grace, Peace and Love



Within the church's seasonal calendar, we are well into the Liturgical Season of Pentecost. Before we close this liturgical church year to begin the story of salvation anew, the remaining crowning events of the season will be celebrated in worship. The message of Pentecost tells of the Spirit's presence in the work we do. Over the designated period of the season, we are continually being reminded of salvation's redemptive call to humanity.

I will be the first to acknowledge the awkward and peculiar times that are upon the church today. It is a time that has changed the configuration of our interaction with one another. The realities of ministry in this unprecedented condition, bring challenge to our called work in the world. That importance serves the church well in such times when its voice must be the one heard over the many other competing voices in God's world.

The church exists to be that voice for those in the world whose voices are not heard because its pitch is not high enough to transcend. The times have increased their number and the urgency of resolution is before us, all while the seriousness of COVID-19 looms.

For "FAITH LUTHERAN Church", in our time of spiritual discernment and growth, at this time of internal interim review,

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we are poised and have been given the opportunity to establish its vision for future ministry.

The challenge is to understand and prepare to serve those important ministries with our many forms of service. The challenge begins by asking ourselves: are we up to the challenge that we are blessed to serve as "FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH?"

I suggest that you take a moment over these closing weeks of Pentecost, take a little time to reflect on the times, and the church's role in it. As we prepare to close one church season and open another refreshed to tell the story anew, take the time to appreciate Pentecost Presence.



THE 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE-

We are looking for members of the congregation to serve on Council for the 2021 term. Please help by sharing your time and talents in this important task. Please contact Julie Harris for more information and to let us know you are interested.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members of Faith Lutheran, we know Covid 19 has brought challenges to Faith Lutheran and the entire community! Good news, Church Council has voted to approve the tentative reopening of in-person service on Reformation Sunday, October 25. It is 'Time' to make in-person worship part of our weekly gathering. This hymn comes to my mind as we move forward with in-person worship:

Lead me, guide me along the way
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Or just open my eyes that I may see
Lead me, oh Lord, won't you lead me
In Faith,
Julie Hoyle

Please Join us at Bridge of Hope to help feed the homeless on the 4th Monday of every month. We will be there on October 26th. This month we will be serving and will start at 11:00am. Please join us at 324 North Street. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. For location and time info or if you have any questions, please contact Julie Harris.



Fellowship Committee

Even though our church is not yet open for in-person services, we continue to observe Fellowship in various ways. We listen to Pastor Keeley's weekly sermon and pray at home, sometimes with family and friends.

We call each other just to check in and share news and concerns. One of the best ways to stay in touch is with FaceTime, which has been great for me personally. It's so good to see someone's face when you talk! Your Church Council is holding meetings via ZOOM where we not only hear each other but see everyone's reactions on the screen.

When our church reopens, the Fellowship Hall will remain closed for a while longer to protect each other as much as possible. As one Faith member said, "we need to be socially responsible so this virus will end." As we continue to reach out to one another during this time, remember that our Lord is watching over us and telling us, **"Do not be afraid, for I am with you always"**.

Asking for God's blessings for all of us,

Brigitte Emick

Welcome to October!!

Blessings and Peace to you all!



Due to the Pandemic, so many families have lost jobs and have no income and are in desperate need of food to help feed their families! Our grocery cart is one of several outreaches to our community. We are going to do our Thanksgiving Basket Brigade Campaign this year. We would love to receive information on families in need so we can help them with a basket of love and food. But, we need your help so please help us with this request! It will be held in confidence.

Please always remember your BOGO'S and also assist our food cart in the Narthex!

I hope and pray all is well with our Faith Church families and please do not hesitate to contact our Julie in the office with any needs.

Thank you also to our wonderful Pastor Keeley with his amazing Virtual Services that have kept us going for many months, and the many others behind the scenes to keep it going also, thank you!

Prayers and love to all,

Pat Huntley
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Thanking you in advance for your wonderful support!



A lady had recently been baptized. One of her coworkers asked her what it was like to be a Christian. She was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer, but when she looked up, saw a jack-o'-lantern on the desk she answered: "It's like being a pumpkin."

Her coworker asked to explain that.

"Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins. Then he cuts off the top and takes all the yucky stuff out from inside. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then he carves you a smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all to see.

It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine or come inside and be something new and bright."

I WILL NEVER LOOK AT A PUMPKIN IN THE SAME WAY AGAIN!!!

Greetings from Stewardship,

Our Stewardship Drive at Faith Lutheran is in full swing. Our theme this year is "The Building Blocks of Stewardship" and they are Time, Talent, Resources and Commitment. There will be a temple talk each week pertaining to the Building Blocks.

We began with Julie Hoyle talking about "Time." In addition, Dave Walsh has given a temple talk on COMMITMENT. In the next couple of weeks you will hear talks from Bob Neuhardt on RESOURCES and Christine Herman will be speaking about TALENT!

Soon, you will be receiving your Stewardship Packets. It will contain your time and talent sheets, your pledge cards for 2021 and a letter to the congregation! Stewardship Sunday will be November 1, 2020. You may drop your packets, when complete off at the church office or mail them in. For those not able to do either, someone will contact you and will pick up your packets.

Thank you in advance for your support, dedication and assistance in this year's Stewardship Program. God Bless !

Julie Hoyle & Bob Neuhardt





- October 1 Landon Walsh
- October 6 Matt Walsh
- October 7 Harold Neunfeldt
- October 13 Dave Walsh
- October 14 Wendy Eames
Annette Fappiano
- October 15 Paul Kumpf
- October 17 Charlie Mollenkopf
Janet Stoerkel
- October 21 Rose Sylvia
- October 29 Carol Rundell



- October 19 Lois & Ken Ackerman 68 years

Hello from Property



After our first property day since March, we have our church grounds looking very nice. Hedges were manicured, grass was cut and our flower beds were trimmed. Since then, we have installed a new pull-down ladder in the small kitchen closet off the sanctuary for access to the attic. There is room for storage up there, but please be careful pulling down the ladder and accessing the space as there is no available lighting to see. We have also installed at the church entrance (driveway) a NO Trespassing sign by Order of the Ormond Beach Police Department, NO Over-Night Parking Sign (towing and repairs at owners expense) and a CHURCH BUSINESS ONLY sign. We are looking forward and now planning a property day for October 17 @ 8 AM. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. Until then, God Bless !



We have a planning group and they make beautiful mats for the homeless! Currently, they are doing this from home; so if any of you are able to collect plastic grocery bags, save them and bring them in, that would be great! We can also use people to cut and make balls out of them. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Neunfeldt. Thank you to all who help make this possible!

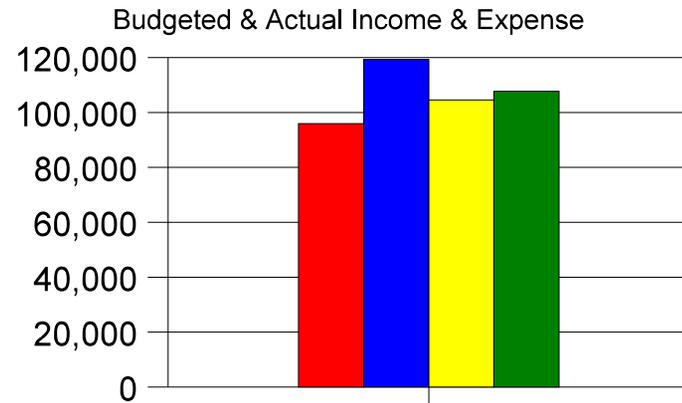


I want to give a BIG thank you to ALL of the amazing people that helped out in the church office in September! We are working together and building friendships at the same time! I want to give a HUGE thank you to Lynne Meinhold! She has been here to help whenever needed! Also to Bob Culgin who has stepped up and is now handling all of the treasurer duties. Thank you to Bob Neuhardt, he is in the office whenever needed to help with various things and to handle anything that needs to be fixed. Thank you Bob! Thank you to Carolyn Hixon for continuing to help with our monthly card ministry. This has been a very challenging time and I am still blown away by all of the wonderful people here at Faith.

Julie Harris
Administrative Assistant



We are looking for someone who would like to take over the Memorial Banner Ministry. This would consist of changing the names on the banner as needed. Please let Julie Harris know if you are interested.



YTD Through August 2020

- Actual Income \$95,959.56
- Budgeted Income \$119,285.92
- Actual Expenses \$104,562.79
- Budgeted Expenses \$107,728.6

Year to date, through August, our expenses were higher than our income by \$8,603.23. The expenses are still tracking close to what we budgeted, but our income is still down. Giving is definitely known to be “down” during the summer months, plus the effect of not being able to have live services is also an issue. Your continued generous support is needed more than ever and is always greatly appreciated.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

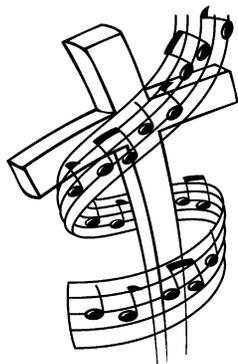
Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, our worship and music has been greatly impacted. We have had Sunday worship online since the mandated lockdown in early March. Thank to Pastor Keeley, Dave Walsh, Dan Smith and the rest of our “technology crew” we have been able to worship Sunday services and Bible Study online. I would like to thank them for the gift of worship during this trying time.

We started with a concise worship, with Gospel, sermon and organ music. We later added at home communion on the first Sunday of the month with communion meal being consecrated by Pastor Keeley. In September, Faith members began reading lessons of the day. These worship online services filled a void for members of Faith. As the council contemplates the re-opening of in-person worship services, we must consider health, CDC and Synod recommendations and mandates. The council is considering this carefully and prayerfully.

A most grateful thank you for those who have worked unselfishly to keep us all centered on worship of our Lord and Savior. With hope and prayer, we look forward to a return to corporate worship in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Main

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC****...FROM THE ORGANIST / CHOIR MASTER**

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Saints'

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS ON NOVEMBER 1, 2020. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT ANY NAMES OF THOSE THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE NOVEMBER 1, 2019 PLEASE SEND THOSE NAMES IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU!