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# Pathways of Faith

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Faith Lutheran Church

September 2021

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## THE PASTOR'S SPACE

Grace, Peace and Love:

In the liturgical season of Pentecost as we enter the month of August with all the progress made through the Covid-19 virus and the Interim Ministry Process, our attention is again drawn to the more virulent “DELTA” strain.

As we continue in our effort to maintain a healthy worship environment, dutiful vigilance will be followed. These are challengingly, interesting times for the church generally and for Faith Lutheran specifically. In the midst of change that affects our social and political well-being, know that the church is God’s tool attempting to bring a healing theological focus, attention and divine sense of it all.

As Faith Lutheran begins the visioning phase of the Interim Ministry Process that envisions the potential of spirit-led ministry with the gift of time from talented and resourceful members, let us remain focused. Pentecost calls the faithful (church) to rest its spiritual confidence in the Spirit’s role to lead.

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Faith Lutheran’s tenacity over these recent times of disruptive church and societal change and challenge has kept the fellowship physically and spiritually healthy. Since opening the church to in-person worship 38 weeks ago, steady positive progress has brought a balanced stability. I believe it to be a stabilizing influence that strengthens and supports the promisingly potential ministry of worship and church that emanates from our fellowship together as Faith Lutheran Church.

Pentecost, the longest season of the Liturgical Church Year, provides ample occasion and opportunity for spiritual growth. For the faithful (church), it is spirit-led growth that the humble might continue to grow in the will of God.

As we observe and celebrate the remaining months of the Season of God’s Spirit, may this particular time of ministry challenge and change, mean physical and spiritual growth for the Faith Lutheran Family.

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**AND**

**Sunday Worship Service**

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## President's Report

Our church, like many other institutions in Florida, is struggling to return to a more “normal” time. As noted in my last message, Council had relaxed our face covering rules as well as our guidelines for fellowship gatherings. This directly resulted from a noticeable reduction of Covid-19 infections and hospitalizations in Volusia County.

Unfortunately, changed circumstances now require that we return to more strict safety guidelines. All persons, vaccinated or not, must wear facial coverings while inside our church buildings. The pastor will conduct communion using the disposable wine containers that we have used in the past. Those who meet for fellowship after Sunday service must wear face masks except when actually drinking or eating. We also must keep a “social distance” of no less than 6 feet from one another while on church property.

These safety guidelines are necessary because the infection rate in Volusia County and the State of Florida has climbed to the highest level since the pandemic began! Local hospitals have reached maximum capacity in their Intensive Care Units resulting in non-Covid patients being turned away from treatment! The positivity rate for those tested now is at 20%! This is an exceedingly high level. It suggests that the true rate of infection is much higher than what is reported.

We will watch this very closely to see whether further changes in our safety procedures are needed. In the meantime, please observe the rules for the sake of your health and the health of other members of the congregation. If you are not comfortable attending services in person, please watch our services online. We will continue to record them for as long as necessary.

Please pray for those who are ill, for our Pastor, and for the return to a healthy environment.

In Christ's Love, David Walsh.

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The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm via ZOOM. All are welcome! Please let Julie Harris or Dave Walsh know if you would like to be added to the list for Zoom. Thank you!

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## Vice President's Report

Summer is almost over, on the calendar anyway! Stewardship is the next event I would like us to focus on. As our congregation shrinks, we need to think of ways to keep things going until more wonderful people discover what Faith has to offer. We need all hands on deck! If you feel like you don't want to make a huge commitment with your time and talents, please prayerfully consider how much our church means to you and what you can contribute time wise. There are a multitude of small tasks that need doing, so please ask. If you're not sure of how or what to do, there are many of us willing to show you. And remember, it's good for the brain to learn new things!

Nominating committee is up and running. We need volunteers for church council positions for next year. Please consider trying something new, we need you! It is not as daunting as it seems, if I can do it with a full-time job, I bet anyone can. Please prayerfully consider serving if asked or even better please volunteer.

Please contact me at the number below if you have any questions, concerns or would like to provide some feedback on how we as your Council are doing.

Blessings,

Laura Olson- 386-846-1976

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5 September 2021

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

Wow! We are already into the month of September - where has the time flown? Even though we in Florida won't experience the changes in temperature for awhile, we can appreciate the vibrance that the colors of the season of Fall bring us, Next weekend we celebrate Labor Day, Let us appreciate those among us who are still out there in the workforce.



Our fellowship has been running smooth, thanks to all who have volunteered to serve and bring in refreshments. It is so good to see our members join in for fellowship after service. Whether we have ten folks come to the Fellowship Hall on a Sunday or twice as many, it is still a special time to gather with each other and catch up on family happenings or vacation pictures and stories. We do need folks to sign up to bring treats for Fellowship Hour, so check out the vacancies on the schedule. Thank you.

Check out Game Night this month on Friday, September 24th, at 5pm. for a fun evening!

Stay safe out there and take care of yourselves. See you in church!

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt

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Please Join us at Bridge of Hope to help feed the homeless on the 4th Monday of every month. We will be there on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will be setting up and will start at 9:00am. There's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us at 324 North Street. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Mikulski.



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Our next Game Night is going to be Friday, September 24, 2021 5pm-8pm. Join us for a fun time of fellowship and pizza! There's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Our planning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless! They are at the church planning once a month on Thursdays at 1pm. In September they will meet on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm. If you are interested in being a part of this great group, please contact Barbara. If you know of someone in need of a mat, let us know. Sometimes we come across those that look like it may make their day to receive a mat. Feel free to call the church office and we will arrange for you to pick one up.

Barbara Neunfeldt

386-677-6017



Don't forget to sign up for weekly flowers or bulletins or monthly candles for 2021 in celebration of a special occasion or as a memorial to a special relative/friend. Please select your dates. Sign-up sheets and pricing are in the narthex. **THERE ARE MANY SPOTS FOR BULLETINS IN SEPTEMBER OPEN AND THIS HELPS DEFRAY THE COSTS!**

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## SOCIAL MINISTRY

WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER!!

Hello to all and I hope this day finds you all well and happy and healthy! This is a tough time of year, very hot, possibility of Hurricanes, families still having tough times and we as a Church Family cannot let our neighbors down.

We are still collecting food and our “Loose Change “ bowl is still there for donations to help the needy with gift cards in time of need! I have received news of many families in dire needs as family members are suffering with Covid and are unable to provide! This is where we the loving family of Faith, can help these families get through a rough time. I cannot begin to thank you all with your ongoing love, prayers and support to assist our Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Just a few coins multiplied with many givers can reach out and touch those in need. Thank you so very much!

Great news on the “Back-pack” project, 37 children were given new Backpacks and school supplies! Thank you AGAIN, for your continued support! Thank you Laura Olson and the many helpers who assisted her! Truly a labor of love!

I also want to thank our Julie Harris for her continued great support and work, Pastor Keeley for his wonderful kindness and love and support to keep OUR Faith Church moving along smoothly!!

Special thanks to David Walsh and Karen Otis for taping our services , so that those unable to attend worship can share in our beautiful worship services!

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I also want to support our Nominating Committee as they continue to do their special work in getting members to serve on Council. If you receive a call please say yes, support and love your church with your great talents and knowledge, it is rewarding!

In closing I want to say thank you to an Amazing Congregation! Our “Little Church on the Corner” is an amazing church!

Peace and Blessings!

Pat Huntley

386-290-5312

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Here is an opportunity to help our church! If you shop on Amazon, please go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and log in and they will donate a percentage of each purchase to your favorite charitable organization at no cost to you. You just login and choose Faith Lutheran Church of Ormond and start shopping! Please call the church office with questions.



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## PROPERTY MINISTRY

Hello from Property.....We look forward to bringing you our monthly Pathways articles from Pastor Keeley, our Council and Office, and enjoy offering all facets of life centered in and around Faith Lutheran Church and our Congregation. Our Property Report included. Unfortunately, our last Property day had to be postponed due to inclement weather. However we will be hard at it this Property Day on September 11th @ 8:00 AM. Please keep in mind it is also Patriot Day. Please wear a mask.

We will be pruning hedges and shrubs, mowing grass around specific areas of our property and beginning a new project of cleaning out the flower garden located by the office and planting new plants and mulch. This project will be funded by members of our congregation. In addition, work was just completed on the Fellowship Hall with regard to a leaky roof. A very well established local roofing company did the work and we are confident the problem was solved. The price of the repair and replacement work done was \$900.00. If any of our congregation would like to contribute toward defraying the cost of the roof repair, please feel free to mark on a separate envelope "roof repair" and either place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. It would be greatly appreciated and very helpful at this time. As a side note and for your safety, as you all know, it is nearing the peak of hurricane season. So far we have been blessed with no storms in our central Florida area however its not the time to let your guard down as the next 3 months are usually the most active. The end of hurricane season is November 30. Please be sure you have a plan in place for you and your loved ones and or pets. A hurricane supply kit is very important. Flashlights, extra batteries for lights, clocks and radios are good as you may experience power outages in your area for some time. One gallon of water per day per person and pets in your household should water service be interrupted, knowledge and

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location of local shelters should you choose to leave your home is good. In extreme conditions, thoroughly clean your bath tub and fill with cold water to flush your commode and wash your hands. Extra non perishable food items and beverages in your pantry, tarps, duct tape and rope and a well stocked first aid kit. Also, remember to let distant family members know if you leave your home and seek shelter elsewhere and where you would be. If you carry a cell phone, make sure your cell phone and cell phone charger are fully charged at all times. Remember to stock up extra food for your pets. If you take any kind of prescription medicine, make sure you have enough for two weeks extra as pharmacies and delivery services may be interrupted. If you have a generator, please DO NOT operate in your garage or home. A front porch area with sealed windows (exhaust facing out) or a separate garage from your home or patio with cover will be fine. DO NOT operate it in the rain. If you purchase generator, read all instructions carefully before attempting to operate. You will need some 50 or 100 foot extension cords (not lamp cords) and a few extra 5 gallon gas cans. Example, 5 gallon of gas can will operate a 5500 watt generator for 12 continuous hours so plan accordingly. If you are in a flood zone and told to vacate your home please seal all of your important papers (wills, deeds, birth certificates, etc.) with you in water tight bags or containers NOW. As long as you have power or a generator and are able to operate electrical products, follow directions from local TV, Internet and radio stations as set forth by the department of Emergency Management. Most TV stations have Hurricane Survival Guides you can find on line. Above all please don't wait to the last minute and try go out and purchase all of these items as you will be sadly disappointed because of shortages and long lines at the stores. PREPARE NOW and Be Safe !!!

In God's Service,

Bob Neuhardt

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11 September 2021



A HUGE thank you to ALL who helped with the flower bed project outside of the church office. A big thank you to Bob Neuhardt for organizing the project! Thank you to Jerry, Kathy, Jason & Tyler Mikulski as well as Bob Neuhardt for many hours of manual labor to get everything pulled out and mulch and flowers back in. It looks great! Thank you to Charlie & Julie Hoyle, Karen Otis, Jerry & Kathy Mikulski and Bob & Cathy Neuhardt for donating the flowers, mulch and other supplies. It took a team effort and boy, do we have a great team! Thank you all!

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We would like to extend a special thank you to Jim & Marge Sykes. The flowers each week are absolutely beautiful. From the hours you spend getting supplies to the hours you spend making the arrangements and the time you spend each week picking up the pots and dropping off the arrangements, we truly are thankful for you both! You are both special to us and we are thankful you are a part of our amazing church family!

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Soon it will be that time for our annual Stewardship Program to begin. If any other year were important, 2021/2022 stands out as number one for several reasons. As you read Pathways every month, our Treasurers Report depicts monthly income is down and our monthly expenses go on regardless. In addition, the Covid Virus/Delta

Variant continues to plague our society, especially Florida with growing uncertainty and apprehensiveness and rightfully so. These are putting it bluntly very troubling and tenable times for all of us. So in essence, it is even more important that our strength at Faith Lutheran Church comes from us in banding together offering our support even more so in these extremely tough times. Your weekly, monthly and yearly offerings are more important now than literally any other time in the history of our church. We truly are not able to stress enough how grateful we all are for the tremendous support we have received from our Congregation not only for our church's survival but also the valued ministries we have shared with our community and other countries through heart felt giving. This is not only a financial issue for survival, but includes your support to bolster our programs and activities at Faith in volunteering to lend a hand.. Please remember Stewardship is basically fostering, supporting and caring for something you have been given. We think you'll agree, we have been given a beautiful church and loving and caring congregation since they laid the corner stone in 1985. In order to maintain and keep this precious gift we must have your full support not just now but for our future. During the coming months, we will have several temple talks from members of our congregation which you may use as a guide posts. The title or theme for this year's Stewardship Program will be "The most precious gifts we've been given." As our Stewardship Program nears, please begin thinking about Faith Lutheran Church as one of our precious gifts from Our Lord and how we can step up to help keep Faith healthy and strong as good Stewards. Thank you.

In God's Service, Bob Neuhardt

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

5 Given by Ken & Pat Huntley to the  
Glory of God in  
celebration Isabella's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.



12 Given to the Glory of God and in  
celebration of Jane Kramer's birthday.

19 Given by Crystal Keeley to the Glory of God and in  
celebration of Pastor Keeley's birthday.

26 Available

**BULLETINS**

5 Available

12 Available

19 Available

26 Available

**ETERNAL CANDLES** for the month of September

Given by Bob & Cathy Neuhardt to the Glory of God and in  
celebration of Jeremy and Sydney's anniversary.

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September 5 Jackie Hanes

September 7 Julie Harris

September 13 Jane Kramer

September 20 Pat Hansen

September 21 Annabelle O'Neill

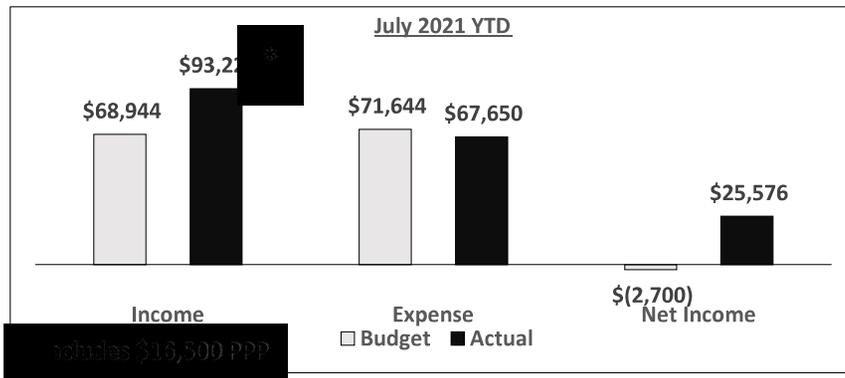
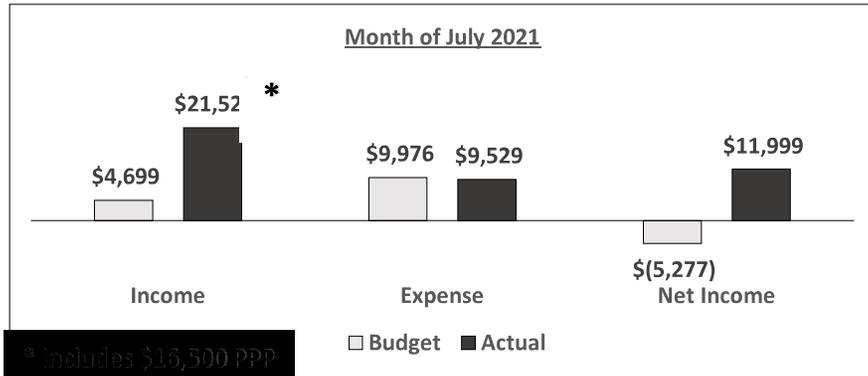
Charlie Hoyle



September 7 Ken & Pat Huntley 55 years

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**



With the forgiveness of the 1st Draw PPP loan, we recorded additional income of \$16,500 in the month of July. Without the PPP transaction, the actual loss for the month was \$4,501, slightly better than budget. Through the end of July, Net Income was \$25,576 (including \$16,500 PPP funds). Excluding PPP funds, net income through July was \$9,076, which was better than expected. Most of this was attributable to higher than budgeted offerings. **Karen Otis**

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**Friends of Music at Faith Lutheran**

*I am proposing that members and supporters of Faith Lutheran Church be given the opportunity to donate to a music fund separate and supplemental from pledges to the general fund. This fund will be called “Friends of Music at Faith” and provide funding to enable the music department to feature guest musicians for worship services e.g. at Christmas and Easter.*

*These donors could be acknowledged for their contributions in the service leaflet, and worded as is presently established for altar flowers, “In memory of” or “in celebration of” for a designee.*

*The beauty of such a fund in a time of shrinking budgets is that it affords an opportunity for the addition of orchestral instruments or vocal soloists for the enhancement of the worship service while at the same time offering a venue for members of the congregation to contribute to a ministry for which they have a particular interest.*

*If you would like more information please contact Daniel Perkins Smith. All donations can be made to Faith Lutheran church and memo marked “Friends of Music”*

**Daniel Perkins Smith**

