



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

April 2022

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love,

Welcome to another month of Christian ministry. On Sunday, April 10th, Holy Week begins. It is a week that begins with Palm Sunday and culminates with the glorious and freeing celebration of Easter on April 17th. Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday fulfilled prophecy from prophets of old that Jesus repeatedly revealed to his disciples and others during his three-year ministry. Lent and Easter are a time that builds up and confirms the faith that Jesus came to convey to a world drowning in sin and moving farther and farther away from God's original creation and intent. Easter is God's promise of eternal salvation made to a selfish, sinful humanity by his Son.

At this particular time in the history of humanity's journey, Holy Week and Easter will be observed in an atmosphere and environment of change. It is the atmosphere of change for the church as it is called to minister through the effect and aftermath of a pandemic virus of epic global proportions.

It is change as the church suffers decreasing attendance, as well as low contributions while many church congregations

struggle to keep their doors open. It is change in the midst of war and rumors of war, cultural and societal change that demands the gifts that Jesus established in His church to address contentious times such as the faithful face today. If ever there was a time needed for the faithful to witness their faith, that time is now as the church celebrates the reaffirming, freeing message of Easter. They are changes that affect every aspect of life and living in a modern 21st century world.

As Faith Lutheran Church adapts and adjust to the new normal of a post covid-19 society and world, it is presented with a renewed opportunity to affirm the values that Jesus gave to His church to represent and witness to an evolving and conflicted world in the midst of change. With this new normalcy, our Faith fellowship is poised to bring the clear Good-news message that Jesus commissioned His church to do. Holy Week expresses the agony that Jesus endured to redeem and secure human salvation. Easter confirms every promise that Jesus spoke on His way to that lonely cross.

A Message from the President

Holy Week is upon us, and I experience the most solemn time of year culminating in the most joyous celebration. HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! I wish to thank each and every one of you who will do their part to make Faith Lutheran's Easter Celebration a spiritual event in every way. Whether you spruced up the inside of the church or the grounds, purchased or placed flowers, helped with our Easter feast or any of the many, many things it takes to keep our church running and awesome. You know who you are,

and I THANK YOU. The congregation and visitors of Faith Lutheran Church THANK YOU!

Did you know that even if you don't want to be on council or participate in the service as Lector or usher, you can still help? Faith Lutheran could always use your help with things like, paper towels, coffee, coffee cups and cold drink cups, paper plates, bowls and plastic utensils. If you see a BOGO and want to bring in the extra snacks for Fellowship, the Fellowship Ministry team will put them all to good use. Please see Lynne Meinhold or Cathy Neuhardt if you wish to donate or want to know where the greatest need is.

Again, I will be in the church office on Thursdays from 10am-12pm if there is something on your mind you want to chat about. Let me know how we are doing as a council. Have some new ideas? Know someone that needs a helping hand? See a project that needs doing? Call me or stop by please.

Lastly, I want to say thank you to the members of the 2022 Church Council who work tirelessly to keep our small but mighty church running and moving forward. If you get a chance and see a council member, tell them how much you appreciate what they do. It's nice to hear sometimes.

Happy Easter,

Laura Olson

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Vice President's Report

I just want to remind everyone to try and come to Lenten services on Wednesday nights. Don't forget about Maunday Thursday night service on April 14 and Good Friday service on April 15. Easter Sunday is always an uplifting service and I'm sure this year will be fantastic and don't forget to sign up for breakfast.

If you have never joined us at Bridge of Hope, please consider trying to join us. It's not hard and we love to see new faces and we will help you find your niche.

There are plenty of opportunities to help around the church. Please consider signing up to be an usher or lector. Lynne Meinhold is in charge and you can let her know when you are available.

Please remember to sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins or the eternal candle as these are little ways everyone can help support our church.

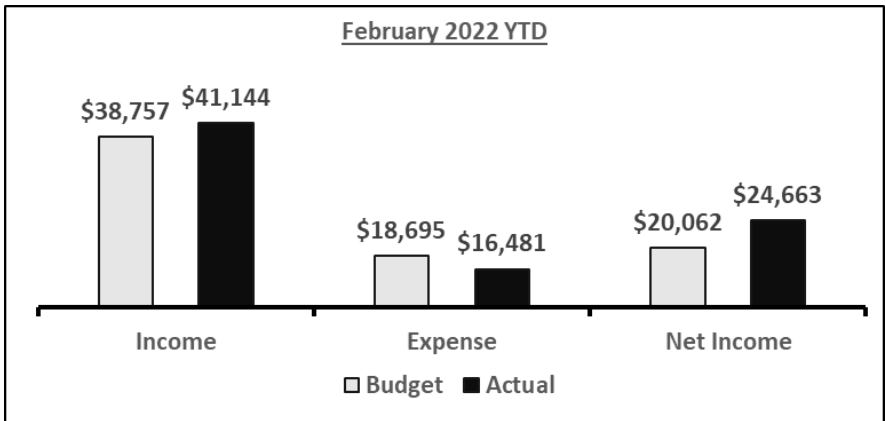
Thank you.

Wendy Eames

Vice President



Treasurer's Report



Through February, actual net income has exceeded budget by \$4,600. This was mainly due to lower staff salaries and higher than anticipated contributions. A strong start to the year!

We have now posted the position to hire a new Administrative Assistant, so hopefully we will have some qualified candidates who are interested. In the meantime, I want to thank Lynne Meinhold for the tremendous amount of help and support she gives me each week to keep the church office functioning. Thank you, Lynne.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

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The next Council Meeting will be held on April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Returning to Normal

We are all grateful that we appear to be moving past the pandemic, although we know we need to remain vigilant. You will notice a few changes on Sunday mornings as we take steps to return to normal.

- Communion by intinction every Sunday
- Holy Water in the Baptismal Font
- Hymnals returned to seat-back pockets
- Reciting of our Mission Statement

Altar Care

The adding of aspects to our worship experience is wonderful, yet means the need of having people participate in the preparation of this experience or the doing of it. By this I mean assisting perhaps with the care of altar paraments or being a communion assistant either by presenting the wine or ushering our parishioners up to the altar. So, if I approach you seeking your assistance, please consider it. You can also just volunteer when you see me or call me. Thank you,

We Serve in Many Ways,

Lynne



Fellowship Report

April, in terms of Holy Week, has us experiencing many emotions as we go from Palm Sunday right through to Easter Sunday. It has us doing deep thinking of how Jesus gave his life for us. We hope to see many of you in church worshipping together as we are led through the history of these days.

We are planning an Easter Brunch celebration after service on the 17th. You will find the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can call the office or one of us to reserve your spot. There will also be a list of what you can bring. It will be a beautiful day to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord together!

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy
Neuhardt



Property Report

Hello from Property,

The warmer weather is now upon us and Spring is in the air. Soon grass will be growing as fast as we can trim it, weeds growing and hedges sprouting all with the rain. Your property group will be hard at it.

Our next Property Day will be April 9th. We will be trimming hedges around the fellowship hall and parking lot and cutting the bank facing Granada Blvd.

We would like to graciously thank the Mikulski Family for their generous donation of mulch, ground cover and plants for the garden outside the office. All of our sidewalks and driveways have been pressure cleaned. The metal railings on either side of the fellowship hall are being scraped and painted. A big thank you to Boy Scout Troop 404 for their much-needed assistance to pressure clean and paint the railings.



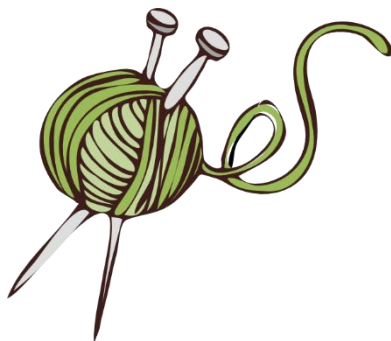
Faith Travelers

Our Faith Travelers are on the move again! The next outing is planned for Wednesday, April 23rd. The group will be leaving the church at 10:30 am and heading for the Yaupon Brothers Tea Factory in Edgewater. Lunch at Norwood's in New Smyrna Beach will follow. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Barbara Neunfeldt with any questions.



Planning

Our planning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 21st from 1-3pm in the church. If you are interested in being a member of this great group, please contact Barbara Neunfeldt at (386) 677-6017.





Please join us at Bridge of Hope to help feed the homeless on Monday, April 25th. This month we will be serving and will start at 11 am. Location: 324 North Street, Daytona Beach. For more information, please contact Kathy Mikulski at (410) 507-2826.

Crafts with Marge

Feeling the urge to express your creativity? Join Marge on Wednesday, April 27th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall to create your own etching on a 6”



plate. Cost to cover supplies is \$8.00. Contact Marge or the church office to sign up for this fun event.

Altar Flowers



- 3 The altar is not adorned with flowers during Lent
- 10 The altar is not adorned with flowers during Holy Week
- 17 Given by Marge Sykes to the Glory of God
- 24 Given by Karen Otis to the Glory of God

Bulletins

- 3 Given by Lynne Meinhold to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob
- 10 Given by Lynne Meinhold to the Glory of God and in celebration of Lisa and Matt's anniversary
- 17 Available
- 27 Available

Eternal Candles

Given by Lynne Meinhold to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Bob





April 5	Jason Mikulski
April 5	Tyler Mikulski
April 15	Kathy Grabow
April 24	Karen Otis



No Anniversaries in April