



# Pathways of Faith

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Faith Lutheran Church

March 2022

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## *The Pastor's Space*

Grace, Peace and Love:

As you read this month's Pathways, we are about to enter the new Liturgical Season of Lent. The new Lenten Season officially begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2. Lent is a season of penance, fasting and almsgiving. On Ash Wednesday, we sign ashes on the forehead in the shape of a cross to remember our own mortality as we begin the journey of penance.

Like Advent, when we prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas, in Lent the faithful also prepare to make ready for the Easter Resurrection. Lent is a solemn time of reconciliation when we ask God's forgiveness for our own personal sins. There is no better time to reconnect and deepen our faith than during Lent. It is during this time that we can draw nearer to God as we prepare for the Easter Resurrection.

The season of Lent can be an incredibly rewarding time for the faithful. It reawakens our faithful commitment to the promises of God coming through Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Lent is the season where we recognize our brokenness as sinners seeking renewal with God through Jesus, God's Son.

Ashes symbolize our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, but our souls will live on in infinite eternity. The cross of ash means that we are making a commitment to reconcile our brokenness to God through his son Jesus.

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## *A Message from the President*

Just a brief update of some things happening here at Faith Lutheran. Beginning this month, Pastor Keeley will also be providing worship and leadership to Hope Lutheran on a part time basis due to the abrupt departure of their Pastor. This will not affect worship here at Faith or his commitment to our congregation as he will be splitting his time.

A brief update on the theft and fraud from the church by former secretary, Julie Harris. The investigation is ongoing and moving forward. A special thank you to our treasurer, Karen Otis, who has spent countless hours researching how pervasive and insidious the theft has been. She has also prepared and submitted a slew of documentation to our insurance company and law enforcement as required. Another thank you to Dave Walsh who has been there to assist and provide insight as needed.

Beginning on Thursday 3/17/22, I will be working from the church office from 10am to 12pm. I will attempt to do this every Thursday morning; so if you would like to come and chat, please let me know. I would love to hear what each and every one of you has to say, on a one-on-one basis.

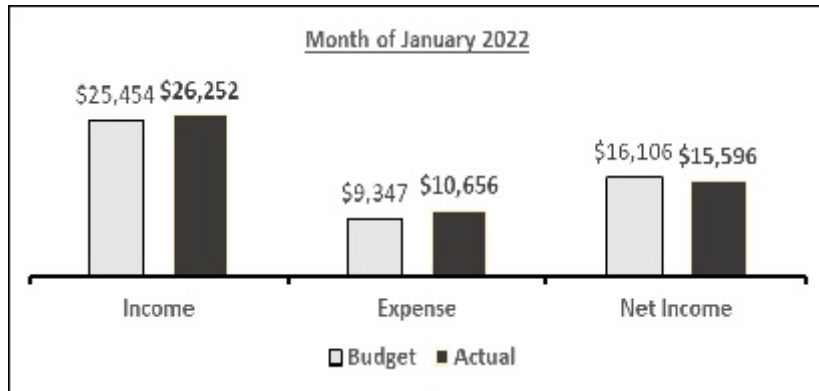
As we enter into the Lenten Season, a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us test our self-discipline and reflect on Jesus' own sacrifice of fasting and prayer for 40 days in the desert before he made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us.

Yours in Christ,

Laura Olson

386-846-1976

### Treasurer's Report



We are off to a strong start to the year with income exceeding budget and net income just slightly below budget.

Please contact me if you would like any additional information. I welcome your questions.

Karen Otis - Treasurer (561) 251-3594 or klotis24@gmail.com



The next Council Meeting will be held March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### FELLOWSHIP

Wow! It is March already and Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season are in front of us. It is a time of personal reflection and prayer leading us to the joy of Easter Sunday.

Our February celebration of Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day was well received. We continue to gather each Sunday to catch up with each other and and share in

some coffee and goodies. We very much need more people to bring these goodies in each week. Please consider this.

Hope to see many of you on Sundays and now for mid-week Lenten Services.

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



**PROPERTY**

Hello from Property

Wow.....here we are headed for March already and the weather is warming up for the hot days of summer. The management of our property continues to be a work in progress. The church and fellowship hall continue to be sanitized after each use for your safety and self assurance. Before our next Property Day on April 9th, the Boy Scouts will be painting the rails on either side of the fellowship hall and doing some needed pressure cleaning of our driveway and side walks. Our church grounds will be pruned for Holy Week and Easter. Our thanks goes out to not only our Property Group but also Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt for the hard, steady work in keeping the inside of our church and fellowship hall clean and safe for all of us. Have a great month and we will see you soon.

In Christ's Service,

Bob



Next Property Day - April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am

Please join us at Bridge of Hope to help feed the homeless on Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This month we will be prepping and will start at 9:00am. Location: 324 North Street, Daytona Beach. For more information, please contact Kathy Mikulski (410) 507-2826.



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Our planning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless!

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 1- 3 pm at the church. If you are interested in being a part of this great group, please contact Barbara Neunfeldt (386) 677-6017!



As I continue to learn my way around the office and work toward the point when we will be able to hire a permanent Administrative Assistant, I am appreciative of all the support I receive. Being here in the office, I see first hand the efforts put into keeping our church up and running. Bob Neuhardt does so many behind-the-scenes things in the way of repairs and maintenance and he has saved us many dollars by not having to hire repairmen from the outside. This past month he fixed a leak in the sacristy kitchen and replaced the cabinet floor, which had rotted out from water damage. Thank you, Bob, for all the things you do for Faith Lutheran. You are much appreciated!

Karen



Don't forget to sign up for altar flowers, bulletins or eternal candles in celebration of a special occasion or as a memorial to a relative or friend. Sign-up sheets and pricing are in the narthex.

THERE ARE MANY SPOTS OPEN AND THIS HELPS DEFRAY THE COSTS!

**ALTAR FLOWERS**



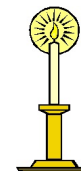
The Altar is not adorned with flowers during Lent

**BULLETINS**

- 6                      Given by Rita Highley to the Glory of God
- 13                     Given by Rita Highley to the Glory of God
- 20                     Available
- 27                     Available

**ETERNAL CANDLES**

Given by Karen Otis to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, Evelyn and Gunther Kamp.





March 23	Dan Ross
March 25	Stephanie Walsh



March 3	Dan & Elise Ross	32 years
March 27	Bat & Ceil Masterson	51 years

## Five Week Lenten Journey

### Theme: A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

Week 1 - March 9<sup>th</sup>

JOURNEY IN THE WILDERNESS

“A wandering Aramean was my ancestor”  
(Deuteronomy 26:5)

Week 2 - March 16<sup>th</sup>

WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

“I must be on my way”  
(Luke 13:33)

Week 3 - March 23<sup>rd</sup>

VULNERABLE IN THE WILDERNESS

“O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul  
thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a  
dry an weary land where there is no water”  
(Psalm 63:1)

Week 4 - March 30<sup>th</sup>

TRANSFORMED IN THE WILDERNESS

“They ate the crops of the land”  
(Joshua 5:12)

Week 5 - April 6<sup>th</sup>

A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

“Do you not perceive it?”  
(Isaiah 43:19)

Services will be held at 5:30

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

There are several opportunities available for you to share your gifts and talents.

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday to make coffee and supply a light snack for Fellowship. There are always extra hands in the kitchen to help.

Or, show your creative side by volunteering to update the bulletin board in the narthex.

Or perhaps, offer to video the Sunday Service and upload it to YouTube so that those who are unable to attend in person can still share in our service.

Please contact Lynne Meinhold or the church office if you are interested in any of the above opportunities.



*“Flowers are the music of the ground from earth’s lips spoken”*

*Charles  
L. H.  
Wagner*

Once again this year, we will be decorating the chancel area of our church with plants as a part of our celebration of **The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday**. We invite you to participate in making this lovely addition to our worship services. You may take your plants home with you after the Easter service.

I/We would like to give \_\_\_\_ plant(s) for use on Easter Day at Faith Lutheran Church. Flowers (plants) - \$8.00 each.

Please place this order in the offering plate or mail it to the church office by **Sunday, April 10, 2021**. Please put your check or money in a envelope with your name and “Easter Flowers” clearly indicated on the outside so it may be properly recorded or use your “Easter Flowers/Special Offering” envelope.

Thank you!

Giver’s Name:

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Lilies

In Loving Memory of: #:

In Honor of: #:

In lieu of flowers, I will make a contribution to the Glory of God for the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church \$