



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

July 2022

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love,

The liturgical church Season of Pentecost is before us. In Pentecost the work of the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is made evident to the faithful of the world. For the 21st century church of today, the work of the Spirit is to lead and make clear God's Will and God's Way. As we take on the challenges of a changing 21st century world, ours is work that people of faith (church) have been called to pursue in faith in this evolving world.

Over the last few years Faith Lutheran Church, like so many other churches, has come through times of challenge that, for the faithful, gives reason for divine reflection, reflection that speaks to church health, survival and the way forward in a sin-prone divided world. The challenge for the church is great and the work it calls the faithful (church) to do is formidable. But we, the faithful, must never lose sight of Pentecost's protecting and guiding spiritual presence.

As the readings of the Pentecost Season reveal important lessons for life and living, be open and receptive to the Spirit's wisdom, lead and guiding presence. Scripture says: "the Spirit will lead in all truth" - for those who have subjected themselves to God's will, those who have allowed God's Spirit to guide their way. Pentecost is Jesus' gift specifically given to the faithful to be a spiritual aid in the changes and chances of life and living. Pentecost Spirit is God's presence actively working in the world today. It is a divine force and presence working in the lives of the faithful (church) today and in every age past and forward.

As the lessons of Pentecost awaken the spirit within, the committed of "FAITH's" faithful continue in the effort to grow the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church in the surrounding community. Let the message of Pentecost be found in our service in the world and may that service witness the power of faith to bring others to its abundant blessing and eternal presence.



A Message from the President

I want to thank all members of Faith Lutheran Church for your ongoing support during these challenging times. We remain small and mighty despite all of the negativity that the world has thrown at us!

Back to school will be here before you know it. You will see our school bus in the Narthex. We are asking for new school backpacks for local children in foster care. This is a ministry that Faith has been participating in for 12 years! Please take a name sheet (as many or as few as you like) and get a backpack and supplies for that child. Return the filled backpack to the Narthex with the name paper stapled/taped to the backpack. Linda will be sending out lists of items each grade may need in case you are unsure. PLEASE NOTE: you do **not** have to purchase everything on these lists for the backpack. Kids basically need notebooks and pencils, anything else is a bonus. If you would just like to purchase some supplies or just the backpack, please do so and toss it in our school bus. If you would like to make a cash donation and have us do the shopping for you, there is a SpongeBob metal lunchbox in the Narthex where you can leave your donation. The School Sales Tax holiday begins **Monday, July 25, 2022**. **The last day to drop off backpacks in the Narthex will be Sunday August 7, 2022.**



I need to plant some seeds please. Faith Lutheran will need to start thinking about putting forward a new council very soon. Please search your heart to see if you have skills that could benefit the council and please consider being willing to serve. Some positions are 2 years and some are 1-year commitments. We meet once monthly for about 1.5 hours.

As always, I try to maintain office hours on Thursdays; so if you would like to meet and chat, please text or call me at the number below. Feel free to call anytime you may need anything. I am blessed to lead your council at this time.

In God's grace,
Laura Olson
386-846-1976



**President's
REPORT**

A Message from the Vice-President

As the heat of summer is with us and we travel, just a reminder to not forget to either mail or Easy Tithe your offerings. Don't forget to get your supplies together for hurricane preparedness and to make a plan if a hurricane should head our way.

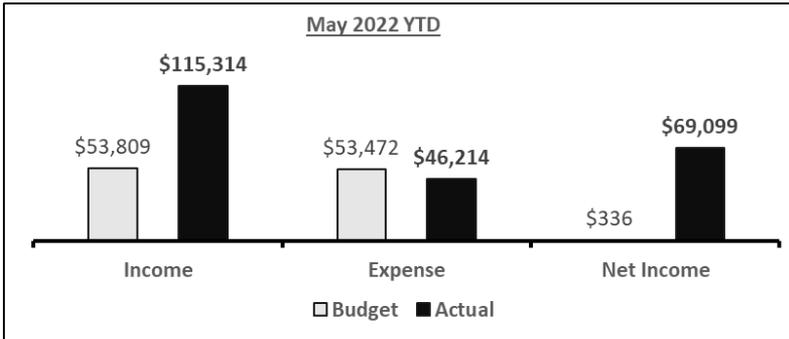
We pray you have a happy and healthy summer and safe travels.

Respectfully,
Wendy Eames
Vice President



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

Treasurer's Report



Net Income (income after expenses) through the end of May was \$69,099. This was significantly higher than expected due to lower staff salaries, recovery of stolen funds, and higher than anticipated member offerings. Thank you!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

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Fellowship Report

June has been a good month, even though attendance has been down some Sundays. We know a lot of you are traveling or spending time up north. We celebrated Father's Day on Sunday the 19th with several of our fathers and grandfathers joining us. We have kept up the Memorial Day decorations and will be leaving them through the 4th of July. Then we will bring out the summer theme.

To everyone who is traveling this summer, have a safe and fun time. To the ones who stick around, we can always use volunteers to sign up to bring in some goodies and/or help serve. If you prefer to donate in your name for a Sunday, we can pick up something for that week.

Please keep in mind that we are into the hurricane season, and you should have a few extra supplies and water just in case. We are looking forward to the 4th of July coming up and the summer months. Try to keep cool and join us on Sundays at church and fellowship.

Respectfully Lynne & Cathy



Property Report

Hello from Property

It is always a pleasure to report to you that the appearance of our church, both inside and out, continues to look great. Our grounds and buildings are continually upgraded and cared for by some very caring members and lawn care specialists. So, thank you to all who assist in working so hard to keep our church a wonderful place to worship.

As stated in our recent weekly announcements, we are currently in hurricane season and awareness is a key factor in your safety and well-being. Preparation is very important right now and there are several ways to educate yourself and your family for readiness. One way is go to WESH.com or any of the local TV stations. On their websites, you can view and/or download their Hurricane Preparedness Guides. Bob Neuhardt will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Hurricane season is from June 1 to November 30. Please heed these dates.

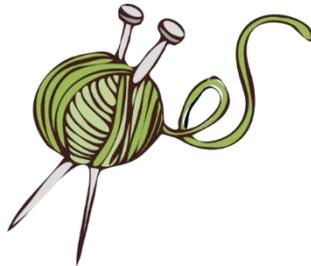
In addition, regarding weather, if you must be outside for extended periods, please remember to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water or electrolyte drinks like Gatorade or Pedialyte before, during and after outside activities. Wear a hat to keep your head covered from direct sun light. Use SPF-30 or greater sunscreen for skin protection and remember to take frequent breaks in a building or in the shade. This will assist you in surviving the extreme heat we are experiencing. Our next Property Day will be July 9th at 8:00 AM.

In our Lord's Service,
Bob Neuhardt

Plarning

Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 21st from 1-3 pm in the church. If you are interested in being a member of this group, please contact Barbara Neunfeldt at (386) 677-6017.



Game Night

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for Friday, July 22nd at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share good company!



Bridge of Hope

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, July 25th at 8:30 am.

Location: Hope Place
1340 Wright Street
Daytona Beach, FL 32117

Please contact Kathy Mikulski with any questions. (410) 507-2826.



Altar Flowers



- 3 Given by Judy and Bob Culgin to the Glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary
- 10 Available
- 17 Given by Jim Sykes to the Glory of God and in celebration of his 80th birthday
- 24 Given by Gisela Schafer to the Glory of God and in honor of her daughter, Madeline's birthday
- 31 Available

Bulletins

- 3 Given by Judy and Bob Culgin in celebration of their wedding anniversary
- 10 Given by Lynne Meinhold in celebration of her son, Timothy's 40th birthday
- 17 Available
- 24 Given by Lynne Meinhold in celebration of her granddaughter, Katharine's 13th birthday
- 31 Available

Eternal Candle

Given by Lynne Meinhold in loving memory of her in-laws, Willy and Elise Meinhold





July 13

Bob Neuhardt

July 14

Dorothy Wise

July 17

Jim Sykes

July 26

Julie Hoyle



July 4

Judy and Bob Culgin