



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

June 2022

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love,

On Sunday, June 5th, the Liturgical Calendar will change from Easter to Pentecost, the Season of the Holy Spirit. The story of Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and Easter has brought us to Pentecost knowledge and awareness. In the season of Pentecost, God sends his spirit to continue its work of creation in and for a fallen humanity, the breach away from God's creative love.

The work of The Spirit, God's Holy Spirit, is as John said at Jesus' baptism: "to make the way straight." The last few years for the church can be characterized with the word change. Change that, for this congregation, is to see the many facets of the human condition brought on by our common, human connection. It is in and through our connection to one to another that we are able to heal.

As the church learns to adapt its mission and message in an evolving world growing and changing, those willing to be led with the Spirit's lead on the way that's constantly being made straight.

These are challenging times for the church, these are challengingly, changing times for people of faith - (church). These are the times that test the faith of the faithful and Pentecost has been called to lead the faithful - (church) into its future, a future that accomplishes God's Will.

As Faith Lutheran Church moves to accomplish the vision established in the Interim Ministry Development Plan, constrained at the behest of the challenging events of our times, I am still very much interested in strengthening our present ministries with particular interest in beginning weekly "Sunday School/Bible Study."

As the lessons of Pentecost are revealed to us each week in worship, we will be able to see the Pentecost Spirit at work. Enable the lessons of the season to guide the way as the church engages the many circumstances of life and living.



A Message from the President

Thank you to all of the Faith Members that came out to support Boy Scout Troop 404's spaghetti dinner. I thought it was awesome. They did a great job, and the food was amazing! It was fun watching those teen boys have their first experience serving as waiters!

As we get ready for summer here in Florida, please make your hurricane preparations now. If you need any assistance or have any concerns Faith can help with, please call the church office. Also, please remember your offerings even if you travel out of town on vacation (we need you)! Keep your eyes peeled because very soon we will start our annual backpack drive for local foster kids.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me and I will do my best to help and/or address any needs. I feel very blessed to be halfway through my first time serving as Council President.

In Christ's love,

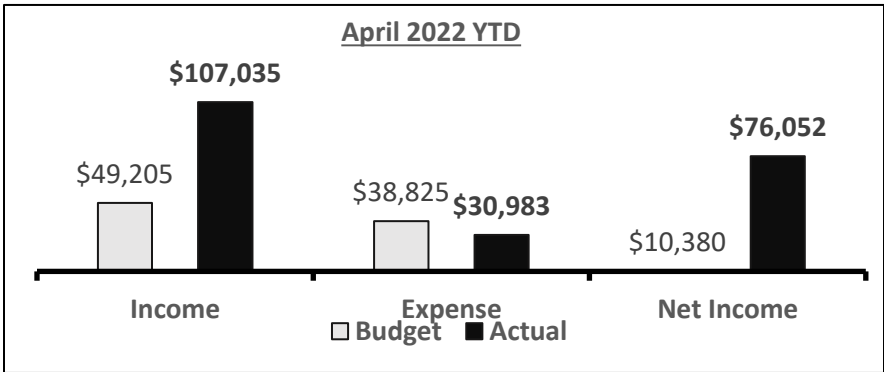
Laura Olson

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**President's
REPORT**

Treasurer's Report



I am pleased to be able to report that we have received the claim payout of \$50,000 from our insurance company for the funds that were stolen from the church. The recovery of these funds gives us some breathing room in our financial outlook.

Actual year-to-date net income (income after expenses) through the end of April was significantly higher than budget. Our original budget for the year was a loss of \$30,500 and thankfully we are no longer tracking to report a loss.

- Lower staff salaries
- Recovery of \$53,636 of stolen funds
- Higher than expected offerings

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

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**Treasurer
Report**

Fellowship Report

May certainly burst in on us. There are so many lovely flowers out there along with flowering trees; however, all that comes with humidity and Florida's summer rains (which our lawns require).

Our May, as far as Fellowship goes, was great. Mother's Day was well attended and yummy delights were shared by all. Decorations changed from spring themed to patriotic as we honored fallen veterans with an old-fashioned indoor Memorial Day lunch. Thank you to all who attended and provided the delicious foods. We plan to leave Fellowship Hall adorned in red, white and blue through the Fourth of July.

As a church, we were so pleased to have the Boy Scouts use our facility for their recent fundraiser dinner. They put on a delicious, well-organized and successful dinner. It was good to have so many church members support them too!

In June, we wish all of you fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers a very Happy Father's Day!

To all our vacationers - Travel safely and enjoy yourselves!

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



Property Report

HELLO FROM PROPERTY

The extremely hot weather is now upon us and that means less time outside while staying safe inside. Please remember to hydrate (water, Gatorade or drinks with electrolytes are great sources) regularly if you must work outside for extended periods. Wear a hat to cover your head from direct sun light. Try to keep your outdoor activities to the early morning hours and finish up by noon.

Our Boy Scout troop #404 had a very successful spaghetti dinner on May 14th and were able to reach their goal to support their summer camp trip to North Carolina. The fee for one scout to attend a one-week camp is over \$500.00 plus the cost of transportation. Thank you to all for your generous support in this very worthwhile cause.

Our property is looking very good as always. Grass and shrubs are trimmed regularly, gutters have been cleaned out, dead trees removed as needed and weeding done as needed. Thank you to all of our property group and Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt for keeping our church and fellowship hall spotless.

Our next Property Day will be June 18 at 8 AM. Lastly, please remember your church and fellowship hall have been sanitized after each service for you protection. Have a great month.

Yours in our Lord's Service,
Bob Neuhardt



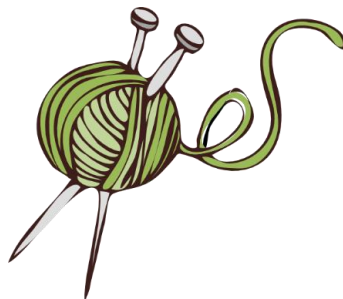


The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 13th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Plarning

Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. On Sunday, May 22nd, Pastor Keeley blessed nine mats, which will be distributed to those in need.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 16th 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.



Unity Breakfast

Here is an opportunity for the men of Faith Lutheran Church to build relationships with the men of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Lutheran Church. A breakfast will be served at All Saints Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 11th at 8:45 am. All Saints is located at 751 Dunlawton Avenue in Port Orange. If you would like a ride, transportation will be provided. Please contact Charlie Hoyle at (386) 843-2747 for more information.



Crafts With Marge

Feeling creative?

Marge will be holding her next class on Thursday, June 23rd at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

This month you will create a cement base/container.

Cost of materials is \$8.00

To register, please contact Marge Sykes

Marge.sykes@hotmail.com

Cell – (703) 475-3200

Please register by Sunday, June 19th.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.



School Supplies Drive

Yes, I know the current school year is not over yet, but it's not too early to start thinking about preparing for the start of the next one.

Beginning in July, you will start to receive information about the joint effort between Youth and Social Ministry and Faith Lutheran Church. Together we provide Community Partnership for Children (CPC) with backpacks and school supplies for local foster children.

So, shoppers please keep your eyes open for big sales! Below is a list of some examples of the supplies that will be needed.

- Backpacks for elementary boys and girls
- Backpacks for teenage/high school young men and ladies
- Folders and binders
- Scissors (rounded)
- Pencils (standard and large)
- Pencil boxes/cases
- Lunchboxes
- Spiral notebooks
- Blue, red or black pens
- Glue sticks
- Notebook paper
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Rulers
- Tissues
- Highlighters

Altar Flowers

- 5 Available
- 12 Available
- 19 Given by Wendy & Rich Eames to the Glory of God and in celebration of their grandson Haydn's 5th birthday
- 26 Available



Bulletins

- 5 Available
- 12 Given by Laura Olson to the Glory of God
- 19 Available
- 26 Available

Eternal Candle

Given by Karen Otis to the Glory of God





June 4

Brigitte Emick

June 13

Barbara Neunfeldt

June 18

Joseph Cromwell

June 21

Terry DeVaux

June 29

Steve Wise



June 8

Stephanie and Dave Walsh

June 27

Barbara and Harold Neunfeldt