



# *Pathways of Faith*

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Faith Lutheran Church

October 2022

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## *The Pastor's Space*

Grace, Peace and Love,

Autumn has emerged upon the Liturgical Season of Pentecost, giving way to the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical season and year. The lessons of Advent introduce the story of how God chose to save and redeem faithful humanity through Jesus, his son. The anticipated excitement of the new season marks the beginning of festive holiday and year-end activities. The message behind it all opens the discovery of new epiphanies in and for life and living.

The excitement of the seasonal journey is further heightened with the symbolism of season's close, holiday customs and rituals. For the church faithful, I pray that the spirit of our faith becomes contagious. I pray that the spirit of our journey together becomes even more visible in the things we do as God's believing church in the world today.

In the remaining weeks that transition the liturgical journey to the beginning new season of Advent, may the spirit of the church we serve witness our calling and our work with

greater spiritual insight and fervor. It is the story that God's faithful church is called to tell, live and show in a world that tends to be moving farther and farther away from its influence.

So, as the church moves closer to the beginning of a new Advent Season, we also begin preparing to receive the renewed Advent messages of faith. That same renewed Advent faith message strengthens and renews our commitment to the mission that faith draws us to.

To the faithful of an evolving and changing world, Jesus in "Roman's 12:2" reminds: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

For God's church in the world today: "This is the time to strengthen the ministry that we have collectively chosen to pursue as God's church in the world today!"



## ***A Message from the President***

October is the month that we look forward to here at Faith Lutheran. We have a couple events planned, so please mark your calendars. On Sunday, 10/23/22, the Church Council is holding a **Congregation Appreciation Luncheon** in fellowship hall after church. A big THANK YOU for being faithful and sticking with us through Covid and some difficult times. I would love for each and every one of our members to attend. We are trying to be mindful of everyone's busy schedules starting at this time of year, so we will also be combining brief Stewardship and Visioning topics into this luncheon. It's going to be fun, fellowship and excellent food. PLEASE plan on attending.

There are a few things I would like you all to think about prior to this luncheon please. **Stewardship**; how can you support Faith Lutheran with your time, talent and treasure? **Visioning**; where do we see Faith Lutheran in the future, how do we grow? **Church council next year**; who wants to lend their time and talents to leading our church?

For Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022, look for more info and a sign-up sheet for potluck fellowship. Remember to wear red to church and return your Stewardship packets!

The Church Council has talked about a modified yard sale project (nothing giant like we used to do). We have a good framework but just need someone to lead the project. Please let me or any council member know if you are interested.



We have a busy season in front of us, so keep your eyes peeled for more information coming soon for;

Basket Brigade

Advent worship with soup & sandwich fellowship

Christmas Angel Tree

Blessed to serve,

Laura Olson (386) 846-1976

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The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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Council will be hosting a member appreciation luncheon on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to kick off our Stewardship drive. So please begin thinking about how you may be able to serve the Church. Maybe run for Council or head up a ministry? Please give it some thought.

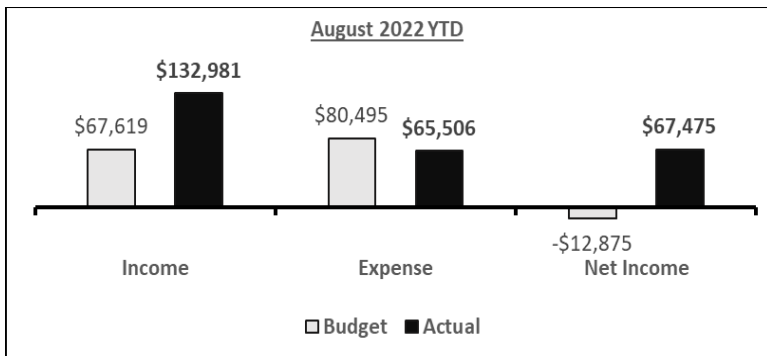
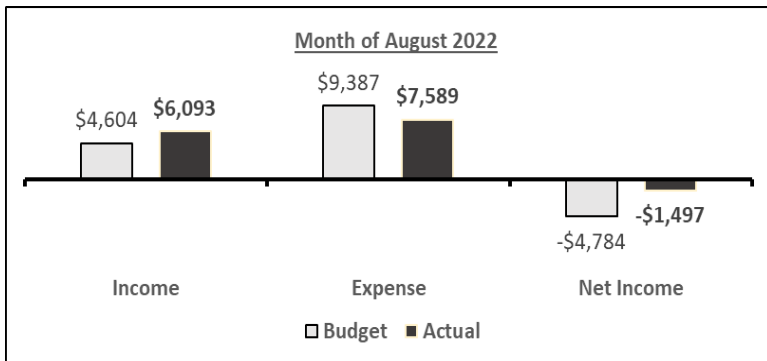
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## ***Reformation Sunday***

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, will be pot luck during Fellowship Hour – but think German!



## *Treasurer's Report*



Actual net loss for the month was \$1,497, which was better than budget. Through August, we are doing \$67,475 better than expected.

- Lower staff salaries - \$14,943
- Recovery of stolen funds - \$53,636
- Higher than expected weekly offerings - \$9,137

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

561-251-3594

klotis24@gmail.com

## ***Fellowship Report***

Can you believe September is already behind us and we are in a favorite Florida season – Fall. Fellowship Hall is looking good in all the great Fall colors. Our Fellowship Hour celebrating Fall's arrival was packed with flavors of pumpkin, apples, cinnamon, etc. So appreciate all who contributed.

We had two other major occasions during the month. We enjoyed celebrating Pastor Keeley's Birthday and the special 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Annabelle O'Neill.

October holds Stewardship and Reformation celebrations. Read all about them in your newsletter.

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold & Cathy Neuhardt

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## ***God's Work Our Hands***

Thank you to every congregant who participated in this year's ELCA's God's Work Our Hands project. We had a vast variety of dinners and breakfast homemade meals, frozen breakfast foods, frozen meals and vegetables and also gift cards.

Now we can use your help in seeing these gifts of kindness go to people in need. Church members and their families or friends, neighbors, friends, co-workers – any one of these in times of need from surgeries; loss of loved ones; down on luck, etc. Just come and ask for some meals to help them.

Bless You All,

Lynne Meinhold

## ***Property Report***

Hello from Property

Well, here we are in Fall already and fingers crossed the temperatures come down to reasonable levels where it will be comfortable outside. We are still in hurricane season, so please don't let your guard down. Make sure you have ample supplies of water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, tarps, duct tape, some form of heavy rope or cord, batteries, a two-week supply of your current medications and other supplies. Your local TV stations have full lists on their websites. In addition, an escape plan if conditions call for it. Let family members know where you are and where you may be going, such as schools, community centers, hospitals or other types of shelters set up by your city or county.

Our church property continues to look very good and presentable to any potential members who like the appearance of our campus. I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to our members who go above and beyond in keeping our property, both inside and out, looking spectacular, including those who have stepped up to the plate during my absence and took care of some necessary repairs and upgrades.

Currently, your property folks and Council are working on a large project of upgrading and potentially replacing our AC system in our Fellowship Hall due to half of it not functioning. We are currently seeking quotes from various vendors on this project and will keep you abreast of events unfolding as we get more information.

A new roof vent was installed by Roberson Roofing to increase release of hot air trapped in the ceiling of our church and to alleviate any mold and mildew. This will

hopefully help to lower energy cost and make it less expensive to operate in the summer months.

Our next Property Day will be Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

Thank you to all for your hard work.....have a great month.

Yours in our Lord's Service,

Bob Neuhardt

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### ***Planning***

Our planning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 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

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### ***Bridge of Hope***

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

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

Please contact Kathy Mikulski with any questions.

(410) 507-2826



## 2022 Thanksgiving Basket Brigade



The following foods are being collected for the Volusia County Basket Brigade. We are doing this by weeks, but you can bring what you wish whenever! Thanks!

<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b> Carrots Corn Onion Strings	<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b> Cranberry Sauce Sweet Potatoes (Yams) Mashed Potatoes
<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Gravy Cream of Chicken Soup Stuffing	<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b> Jiffy Mix Canned Ham Mini Marshmallows
<b>November 5<sup>th</sup></b> Packaged Cookies Cake/Brownie Mix Cream of Mushroom Soup	<b>November 13<sup>th</sup></b> Pasta Pasta Sauce Scalloped Potatoes

## ***Game Night***

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for October 28th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share good company!



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## ***Crafts With Marge***

**When: Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM.**  
**(About two hours)**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Cost: \$5 covers all supplies**

**To register, contact Marge Sykes**  
**[marge.sykes@hotmail.com](mailto:marge.sykes@hotmail.com)**  
**Cell: (703) 475-3200**

**Register by Friday, October 7th**

**Coffee and snacks will be provided.**

**Join us for a fun crafts project and fellowship!**



***Altar Flowers***

- 2 Laura Olson – Loving Memory of Grandson, Gaike Mills
- 9 Available
- 16 Laura Olson -Honor of Son Garrett’s Birthday
- 23 Available
- 30 Carolyn Hixon - Honoring John on Our Special Day

***Bulletins***

- 2 Available
- 9 Available
- 16 Lynne Meinhold – In Loving Memory of Grandson Andrew’s Birthday
- 23 Available
- 30 Lynne Meinhold - Celebration of Daughter Lisa’s Birthday

***Eternal Candle***

Given by the Neuhardts - Celebration of Jeremy & Eva’s Birthdays





October 7	Harold Neunfeldt
October 13	David Walsh
October 14	Wendy Eames
October 17	Janet Stoerkel
October 21	Rose M. Sylvia



October 19	Kenneth & Lois Ackerman 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
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