



# ***Pathways of Faith***

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Faith Lutheran Church

February 2023

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## ***The Pastor's Space***

Grace, Peace and Love,

It is said that "time waits for no one." After the holidays, the New Year and a new month, we are already in February, the second month of the year. This is an important time in the life of our church to lay the foundation for the work that is before us for the new year. The report of the annual meeting provides the congregation with the annual plans and goals to pursue in the new year. And the approved budget provides us with the financial and stewardship means to get there.

Here, at the beginning of the calendar year, the initial first steps of the annual plan are executed. With the diligent effort of our collected work together we can look to expand and broaden the ministry given us to accomplish. The focus of our collective effort is important to the successful completion of our ministry objectives.

By the time of the next Epiphany season, this congregation should be able to see and acknowledge the spiritual growth that has come into our lives and the fellowship of our ministry together. It is my hope that we have grown in spirit with the ability to see God in new and different ways that broaden our knowledge of HIM.

Epiphany provides spiritual growth that leads to the season of Lent. In the coming season of Lent, we revisit the story and narrative of Jesus's passion. As the Christian story is repeated the faithful are strengthened and enlivened for the task ahead for the church.

As the world changes all around us, the one stabilizing influence of the faithful is Jesus. It is with this stabilizing influence that we pursue the mission and ministry of our work and service for the church.

We are at the beginning of a new year and as we work to witness spiritual presence in this new year, let us be strengthened for the work that is ahead for us. Let our efforts together as God's church be fruitful for the message that Jesus commissioned his church to accomplish.



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

First of all, I need to correct an error/omission I made on the annual report and at the annual meeting. I forgot to mention that Julie Hoyle is remaining on the council, as an at-large member, for her second year of her two-year term. I totally blanked out and I am truly sorry for this omission, especially for someone as unforgettable and valuable to our council as Julie. Mea culpa.

As we look forward in 2023, let's take a note from Pastor's recent sermons. What is Faith Lutheran going to do in our community to perpetuate Jesus' work? Do you have any ideas of projects we could lead in the community? Any new programs you would like to reach out to and assist? Would anyone like to become a ministry leader? What are YOU willing to do to keep Faith Lutheran vibrant and relevant. Me.... I'm going to serve as council president, probably lector sometime, sign up to make goodies for fellowship. I will also coordinate the backpacks for foster kids, be a teller and help with other projects as time allows. What are YOU going to do? We need to let everyone know in Ormond Beach, who we are here at Faith Lutheran. Let's grow our congregation! Invite friends and neighbors to worship. Tell everyone you can about our great church.

Faith Lutheran needs ministry leaders, we have openings for the follow leaders;

Evangelism

Youth (we need some)

Christian Education

Social Ministry

Worship & Music

Stewardship

If you don't know what to do, we can provide some guidelines, but you can make it your own. If each one of us pitches in, what's the old saying? Many hands make light work.

I am excited for this new year and all the opportunities that are within our grasp this year. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns,

Prayerfully,  
Laura Olson  
386-846-1976

## ***Council Report***

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Council for 2023 is as follows:

President	Laura Olson
Vice President	Wendy Eames
Secretary	Cathy Neuhardt
Treasurer	Karen Otis
Property	Bob Neuhardt
Members-at-Large	Julie Hoyle
	Jerry Mikulski
	Bob Neuhardt

## ***Men's Unity Meeting***

There will be a Men's Unity Meeting at Faith on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting in fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served. We hope you will join us!

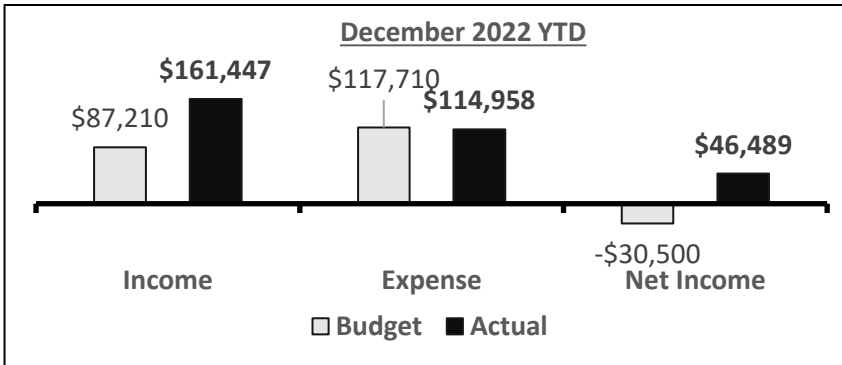
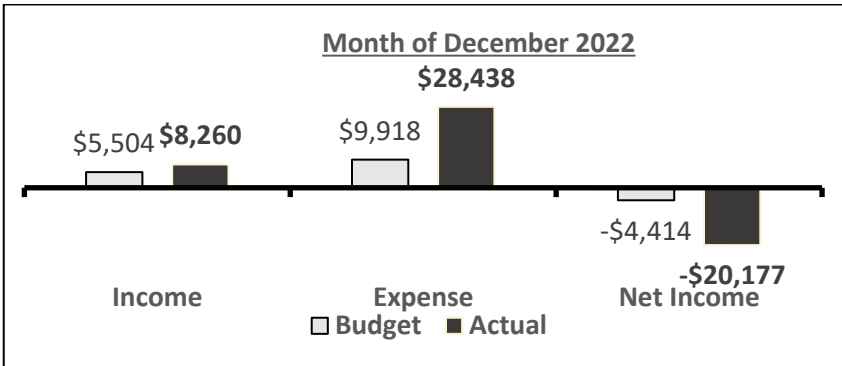
Please contact Jerry Mikulski or Pastor Keeley with any questions and to confirm your attendance.

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# Men's Fellowship

## **Treasurer's Report**



Actual net loss for the month was \$20,177. This month we replaced one of the air conditioning units in the Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$19,300.

We ended the year with net income of \$46,489.

- Lower staff salaries - \$20,280
- Recovery of stolen funds - \$53,636
- Higher than expected weekly offerings - \$16,481

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer  
561-251-3594  
klotis24@gmail.com

## ***Fellowship Report***

Can you believe we are sliding into February already? We ended 2022 with a well-attended, delicious Christmas Brunch coupled with a raffle of a lovely centerpiece created by Marge Sykes and a candy jar guessing contest. Brigitte Emick was the happy winner of the raffle and Jim Sykes won a McDonald's gift card for his close guessing. Fun day!

January was a quieter month as we regenerated from the holidays. In February, we will have special goodies on the 12<sup>th</sup> for Valentine's Day and Super Bowl Sunday. Be sure to attend. Be on the lookout for information about Lenten Worship coupled with Soup and Sandwiches.

As a reminder, we have a weekly sign-up sheet for bringing goodies. We cannot rely on the same folks to provide treats for everyone.

Also, get with either of us if you have a suggestion for a special event, etc. More time in fellowship is a good thing!!!

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold & Cathy Neuhardt

## ***Property Report***

Hello from Property

Here we are into February already and beginning a good year at Faith. January's Property Day was very successful. Bushes and trees were trimmed around the fellowship hall and church along our driveway. Several sprinkler heads were repaired. A big thank you to those who came out to brave the cold temperatures.

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, a general cleaning of the inside of the church and fellowship hall was performed by church members. Items that were of no use or outdated were discarded and storage areas were cleaned. Out with the old and in with the new!!

Our next Property Day will be on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

Wishing you all a great month.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Bob Neuhardt



## ***Thank You***

As we begin 2023 and I think back on the ups and downs at Faith Lutheran last year, I can't help but be grateful for those people we can always count on. There are many of our members who unfailingly donate their time to help keep our church running smoothly, but I especially appreciate our Property and Fellowship Ministry leaders.

Bob Neuhardt is always on top of all the little, as well as the big things that need repair. Much of this is done behind the scenes and you are never aware that he spent many hours fixing leaks, pressure washing, painting and whatever else needs attention.

Cathy Neuhardt and Lynne Meinhold give so much of their time organizing the many Fellowship gatherings we have. Not only the standard Sunday coffee after service, but holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, etc. I am always amazed at how willingly and cheerfully they give back to our church.

I also rely on Lynne for guidance as we transition through the different liturgical seasons. She reminds me and Yvonne when it is time to include things like the lighting of the Advent candles in the service bulletin and time to order palms for Palm Sunday. I truly count on and appreciate her input.

I know that I have not named all of the many others that give their time and talents. I know you do this out of love for our church and not for the recognition, so I trust you will forgive my omission.

Gratefully,

Karen

## ***Bridge of Hope***

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, February 27th at 10:30 AM.

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

Please contact Kathy Mikulski with any questions.

(410) 507-2826





### ***Altar Flowers***

- 5 Ron & Susan Krause – In Memory of Orville Haught  
Passed in December of 2022 at 100 years of age
- 12 Bat & Ceil Masterson – In Honor of Our Birthdays
- 19 Rich & Wendy Eames – Celebration of Our  
36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 26 Lent – No Flowers

### ***Bulletins***

- 5 Laura Olson – In Honor of Joan’s Birthday
- 12 Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – Celebrate Granddaughter’s  
Birthday & Bob & Cathy’s Anniversary
- 19 Laura Olson – In Honor of Joan’s Birthday
- 26 Laura Olson – In Honor of Joan’s Birthday

### ***Candles***

Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – In Celebration of Daughter’s  
Wedding, Granddaughter’s Birthday, and Bob & Cathy’s  
Anniversary



February 2	Lois Shea
February 2	Jerry Mikulski
February 13	Bat Masterson
February 16	Ceil Masterson
February 21	Marcia Cox
February 23	Judy Culgin



February 16	Bob & Cathy Neuhardt - 38 years
February 21	Rich & Wendy Eames - 36 years
February 24	Bert & Brigitte Emick - 61 years