



# ***Pathways of Faith***

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Faith Lutheran Church

April 2023

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

Grace, Peace and Love,

Monday, April 3, 2023, begins "Holy Week", that time of supreme agony and pain for Jesus as he voluntarily sacrifices his life for erring humanity. As mentioned in worship: Lent is a time for personal reflection and spiritual renewal. It is the spiritual renewal that we take into "Easter", confirmed by Easter and Jesus rising from death. Our celebration on Easter Sunday, April 9, confirms our faith in God through the work and words of His son Jesus.

The story of "Holy Week" provides a graphic portrayal of the final week of Jesus' human life. To think that God would sacrifice his own son for lost humanity, providing them a way back to His good graces; that's love, that's God's Love. The spiritual side of Jesus could not be defeated. Remember, God is Spirit, meaning that the spiritual side of the believing faithful also cannot be defeated.

Convicted of the false charges of sedition and claiming to be king at an illegal trial could not defeat Jesus' spirit. Being spat on, whipped and scourged while being lead through Jerusalem streets carrying his own cross could not defeat his spirit. To be painfully nailed to a cross, hand and foot, could not defeat his spirit. To be humiliated and hung with criminals on a cross could not defeat his spirit. God's Spirit cannot be defeated. By rising from death on Easter Jesus confirmed the truth that he came to reveal.

Just as Sunday worship is the crowning event of our weekly worship journey together, Easter is the crowning event of our faith journey walk together. Through it, the faithful become more focused on the spirit- lead, as we work to have God's will be done in the world. Our worship together through the liturgical seasons is made more meaningful and relevant by Jesus' Easter rising.  
**HALLELUJAH, CHRIST HAS RISEN!**

Lent's Personal Reflection and Spiritual Renewal leads to Easter's Reward.



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

Holy Week – Such a meaningful time of year. Please join us as we celebrate every blessed event here at Faith culminating with Easter Morning service of worship and music followed by a delicious brunch!

Thank you to everyone who has donated their time, talent and treasure to sprucing up the church inside and out as well as the property to make our church home so lovely and inviting.

We have many community service projects to undertake this spring. Please ask how you can help. If you have any community outreach ideas, please let a member of council know.

I encourage and invite every member to come check out one of our council meetings. Come and see what it takes to keep this church moving forward and all the people who work hard at keeping our doors open.

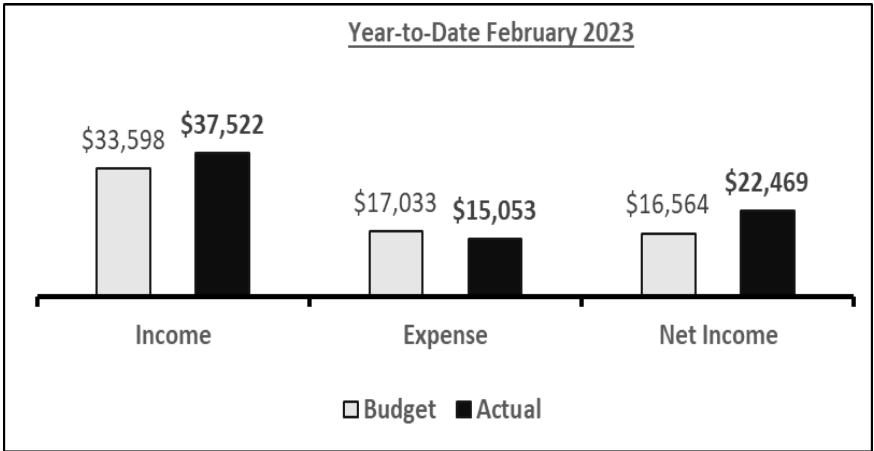
In The Lord's Service,

Laura Olson

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## Treasurers Report

Graph for March 2023 Pathways



I am pleased to report that we our strong start for the year has continued. Actual net income as of the end of February was \$22,469.

Actual versus budget:

- Higher than expected weekly offerings - \$1,454
- Recovery of stolen funds - \$1,093
- Timing differences in payment of electricity and church insurance

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

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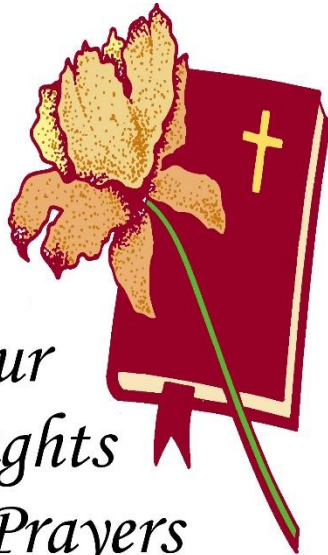
## ***Council Meeting***

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

## ***Bereavement***

The Faith family expresses sincere condolences to our member, Bill Navarra. We were informed at the March 19th church service that Grace has gone home to be with our Lord.

*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

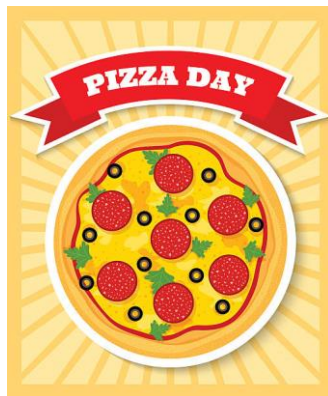


## ***Social Ministry***

**Thank you all for the donations this past month to the grocery basket for items provided to the Salvation Army pantry. We donated 76 pounds, bringing the total this year to 204 pounds!**

**Thank you for gently- used clothing and blankets for the Homeless community. Gently- used clothes are made available to the homeless for job interviews.**

1. **For our May schedule, let's get together and provide a "Pizza Day" for the Boy Scouts of America affiliated with Faith Lutheran. They were instrumental in getting all the doors painted a fresh coat of red paint. When you donate monies for pizza, please note on your contribution "For Pizza Day."**



## 2. Birthday Cake Boxes for those in Need

I purchased the items at Dollar Tree, approximately \$6.00 for the entire presentation to include Birthday candles. Any single items appreciated for donations.



1. 9×13 disposable aluminum foil pan – get the ones with the lids with it to package it all up neatly.
2. a box of cake mix, flavor of choice.
3. 1 can of sprite or other lemon lime soda (store brand will work) in case the recipient doesn't have eggs or oil (more on this later)
4. birthday candles

In Faith,

Julie Hoyle

## ***Fellowship Report***

Hope everyone is enjoying longer days thanks to Daylight Savings and the fact that we are officially in the season of Spring. So many things in the very beginning of April: namely, the joyous day of Palm Sunday followed by the somber times of Holy Week which culminate on the day we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday.

Speaking of Easter Sunday, we will, as usual, have a beautiful spread of foods for you to choose from after Church Service. Please be sure to look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to both sign up that you will attend and what you can bring if you are so able to do. It is bound to be a great day for Faith fellowship.

Eating mostly green foods in March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day was fun. What a good variety we had!!  
Thanks to all who helped out!

The Fellowship general sign-up sheet is pretty bare for the upcoming months. Please think about picking a Sunday to provide the goodies for your fellow parishioners.

Blessings to all as we enter the Easter Season of the Church Year!

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



## ***Property Report***

Hello from Property

As we head into the 2nd quarter of 2023, our property care and maintenance are in full swing. Weekly and monthly grass cutting, hedge and tree trimming along with general property maintenance are proceeding. In addition, all of our church and fellowship doors which required painting have received a fresh double coat of paint. This was drastically needed as the doors had not been painted for years and were in very poor shape. Our deep gratitude goes out to the Mikulski family for their time, talent and resources for doing a great job on upgrading our gardens and borders around the church and fellowship hall with new weed guard, fresh mulch and new plants. Great job folks! We would also like to send out a huge thank you to several anonymous and generous families for their donations of funds for paint and supplies to paint the exterior doors and some other small projects. Another anonymous family donated a new cob web cleaning brush to get hard to reach areas of our church and fellowship hall ceilings and a new battery- operated leaf blower to remove debris and leaves from our portico. I truly enjoy serving our church in the property capacity and want to sincerely thank all of our members who give 110% of their time, talents and generous resources to keep our campus looking great. Our next Property Day will be Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8 AM. We will be trimming hedges around the church and fellowship hall. We could use your assistance.

Yours in Christ's service,

Bob Neuhardt

## ***Bridge of Hope***

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, April 24th at 10:00 AM.

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

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





***Altar Flowers***

- 02 Bat & Ceil Masterson – To the Glory of God
- 09 Yvonne Magill – To the Glory of God
- 16 Annabelle O’Neill – To the Glory of God
- 23 Joseph & Pat Cromwell – Celebration of 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 30 Marge Sykes – Celebration of Marge’s Birthday

***Bulletins***

- 5 Lynne Meinhold – In Loving Memory of my Husband Bob
- 12 Lynne Meinhold – Celebration of Lisa & Matt Pettit  
Anniversary
- 19 Rita Highley – To the Glory of God
- 26 -----

***Candles***

- Lynne Meinhold – In Loving Memory of my Husband Bob



April 07

Tyler Mikulski

April 07

Jason Mikulski

April 16

Kathy Grabow

April 24

Karen Otis