



# ***Pathways of Faith***

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Faith Lutheran Church

March 2023

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

Grace, Peace and Love,

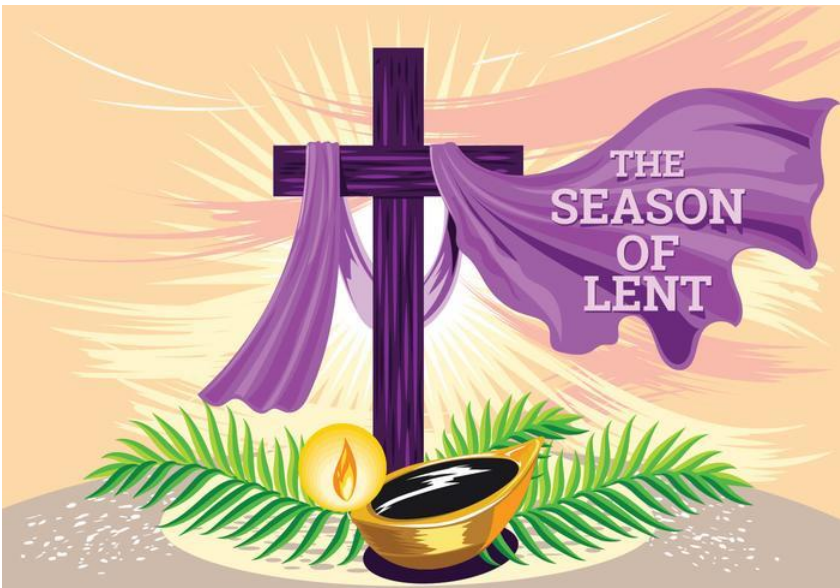
The month of March places us in the last month of the 1st quarter of the new liturgical and calendar year, 2023. Now is the time to embrace the church's ministry plan objectives for the new year. As we begin to bring the ministry plan to its fruition, we will also be beginning again the narrative and story of Jesus' death. The liturgical season of Lent lays the foundation for understanding the reason for Jesus' coming and the meaning of his death for all humanity.

Lent is a very special time in our Christian journey together. It helps to bond the faith we share as we work to accomplish God's will of making Christ known from the church platform provided. It is in our church platform of faith and Christian ministry that we have been commissioned to share our faith with others in the world. Lent is the time to examine the individual and personal spiritual growth derived from our unified faith commitment together. It is a time to give greater appreciation for Jesus, God's gift to the world.

So, as we embark on this five-week journey together that began on Ash Wednesday and culminates on Easter, let us do so knowing that Jesus chose you/us and our church fellowship together to make his way straight for all seeking to travel along its path. We have been given the privilege to be his example in this broken world of selfish desire, hubris and pride.

Being a part of God's faith community, in and for the world, is an awesome responsibility and privilege. Lent asks us to reflect on where we are in our own personal spiritual journey. It asks "Where do you want to go?". Is it the promises that Jesus made of a life in him or humanity's concepts of what the life of this world should be?

In the Spirit of Lent, the wisdom of our efforts to fulfill God's will as his church, we are to seek the spiritual discernment of God and be ready to wait for it. Remember, Lent takes us to Easter.



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

2023 is well under way and your Faith Lutheran Council is working hard to make this a bigger and better year here at Faith. This year we are looking to expand our footprint in the community so look for opportunities to help us serve. Pastor Keeley is also looking forward to helping us grow spiritually over the next year with a planned Bible Study and other learning opportunities coming up. As members of Faith Lutheran Church, we are truly blessed to have such dedicated people that become our "church family". We all look out for each other, lift each other up, pray for each other. I know there is no place I would rather worship.

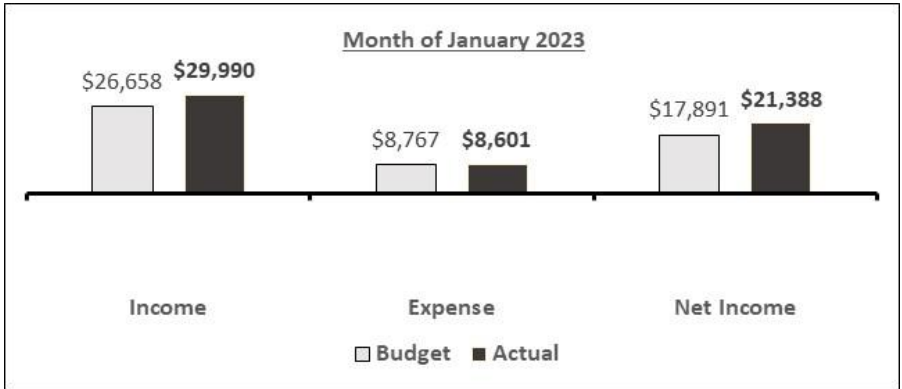
I am hoping that this year you are willing to try something new here at Faith. Maybe you can assist with Fellowship? Maybe you can join a project or committee, maybe you would even like to lead a project or committee. Maybe you will help at property day, serving the homeless or join us for game night or planning. There are plenty of activities taking place at Faith Lutheran and the more the merrier! If you are nervous about trying or doing something new, don't worry, so was I when I first started. Now look at me, I am the Council President (how did that happen?!). My point being, step outside your comfort zone and try something new, grow your spirit, we are all here to help! As we enter the Lenten season, remember prayers, fasting and almsgiving. A period of penitential preparation for the coming of Our Lord!

Prayerfully,

Laura Olson

386-846-1976

## ***Treasurer's Report***



I am pleased to report that we are off to a strong start for the year. Actual net income for the month was \$21,388.

- Higher than expected weekly offerings - \$1,496
- Recovery of stolen funds - \$1,000

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

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## ***Council Report***

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

## ***Spring Food Drive***

Spring is just around the corner, and so is Easter. A time when a lot of families get together to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, three days after his crucifixion. Just as we do with our Faith Family, we have a nice Easter Brunch. Wouldn't it make you feel good to know you are supplying some food for families who can't afford to buy much food, with the way the economy is now. We have come up with a way to provide for these families. You, as a congregation, could help by purchasing some items and along with Thrivent can make many families happy. The list will be in your bulletins as well as listed below. So please take a look at the list and provide what you can. We will start and do this through the month of March and have it ready for distribution the week before Easter. We will make our contribution to the Salvation Army. Thank you all, you always come through on our projects. Many Blessings to you all.

Spring Food Request List:

Canned Ham – Mashed Potatoes – Macaroni & Cheese

Carrots – Green Beans – Pineapple – Jiffy Mix

Your Thrivent Liaison,

Cathy Neuhardt

## ***Social Ministry***

2023 will be an exciting time for Social Ministry at Faith Lutheran! What can 'we at Faith Lutheran' as a congregation do help our church and the Ormond Beach community?

1. We have already delivered 74 Mylar blankets to the Salvation Army to help the Homeless in the cold temperatures.
2. We have a group 'Plarning mats' for the homeless.
3. We can donate out gently used coats and blankets for those less fortunate.
4. Blessing Bags for the homeless to include socks, travel size toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.
5. Lenten meal, note flyer in church bulletin for items needed.
6. Provide Pizza for the Boy Scouts that assist in so many tasks at our church.
7. Contact a Rehabilitation Center/Nursing home, offer to buy Ice Cream sandwiches to share with the residents and staff.
8. Contact a 'Group' home, offer to buy Pizza for dinner.
9. Birthday Cake Kits for people in need.



1. 9x13 disposable aluminum foil pan with lid.
2. 1 box of cake mix
3. 1 can of Sprite or other lemon-lime soda in case the recipient doesn't have eggs(more on this later)
4. Birthday candles

And we have just gotten started!

Please share ideas that you feel are important for you and our church!

In Faith, Julie Hoyle

### ***Lent Mid-week Services***

The Lentem Theme is “The Kingdom” – Five parables about the Kingdom that Jesus spoke on his way the the cross.

Mid-week Soup/Supper will begin with a light meal at 4:45 with our study/discussion at 5:30. The schedule is as follows:

March 1 – Hope Lutheran

March 8 – Faith Lutheran

March 15 – Hope Lutheran

March 22 – Faith Lutheran

March 29 – Hope Lutheran

See the Sunday bulletins for further details.

## ***Fellowship Report***

Welcome to March which is known for its windier days (which were actually here in February), Lenten season and St. Patrick's Day. You will notice that Fellowship Hall is decorated for the latter. Who knows, we might even have a Sunday with green foods.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a nice spread with foods for Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day. Speaking of foods with a meaning, check out your newsletter for Stewardship's Lenten/Easter Food Drive. Our way for giving to others.

Be sure to think of an upcoming Sunday when you can provide the food for fellowship with your friends and sign yourself up. We all need to pitch in. There is also a sign-up chart specifically for the Wednesday Lent Soup/Sandwich and Discussion Nights with Hope Lutheran.

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



## ***Property Report***

Hello from Property

As the days begin slowly to grow longer and temperatures begin to warm, spring is just around the corner. Our mission at Faith will begin soon to mow grass more regularly, trim bushes and shrubs and clean up after winter. As the end of the first quarter is upon us, we look to a new season of projects at Faith to keep our property and buildings looking good at all times. In addition, our Boy Scout Troop 404 has graciously volunteered to assist us with projects this year as they have in the past. Prospective projects this year will include but not be limited to painting of all church and fellowship hall doors, cleaning out our sheds and discarding unused or useless items, inspecting and cleaning the ceiling of our church, tree trimming and smaller projects which may occur as the year progresses. We invite all who would like to assist the property group in keeping our campus in good shape. Generally, unless otherwise notified, our Property Day is held the second Saturday of each month at 8AM. March's Property Day will on March 11, 2023.

Yours in Christ's Service

Bob Neuhardt

## ***Bridge of Hope***

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, March 27th 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***

- 5 Lent – No Flowers
- 12 Lent – No Flowers
- 19 Lent – No Flowers
- 26 Lent – No Flowers

### ***Bulletins***

- 5 Rita Highley – To the Glory of God
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### ***Candles***

Rich & Wendy Eames – To the Glory of God



March 16

Bill Navarra



March 27

Bat & Ceil Masterson - 52 years

March 29

Joseph & Pat Cromwell - 15 years