



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

June 2023

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love,

Sunday, May 28, begins the liturgical season of Pentecost, the season of the Holy Spirit. Our journey together through Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, has placed us in our journey with God's Spirit for the time-given physical life to live and work. God's Holy Spirit is the person of our age. Pentecost, the age to which Jesus will return, is the longest season of the liturgical year. It is full of spiritual expressions that remind us from where we come and to where the faithful are headed.

Pentecost spirit is the gift that the faithful offers that speaks to the work that the faithful have been tasked with and the time given to do it. For those churches going through meaningful renewal in unfamiliar changing times, Pentecost Season is a most appropriate tool to grow and learn for life and eternity. God is spirit and the work of the faithful is spirit powered, spirit guided and spirit lead, that we may show the spirit's way to those seeking it.

All liturgical church seasons have important messages that bring meaning to life and living. The liturgical season of Pentecost is

always contemporary. The intent is to bring a spiritually meaningful presence to contemporary life. As the readings of the Pentecost Season reveal important lessons for life and living, be open and receptive to the Spirit's wisdom and guiding presence. Scripture says: "the Spirit will lead in truth", for those who have subjected themselves to God's will; those who have allowed God's Spirit to guide their way.

Pentecost is Jesus' gift specifically given to the faithful to be of spiritual aid in the changes and chances of life and living. Pentecost Spirit is God's active presence actively working in the world today. It is a divine force and presence, working in the lives of the faithful church today and every age past and future.

As the lessons of Pentecost awaken the spirit within, the committed faithful will grow in their ways to make Jesus known. Let the message of Pentecost be found in our service to and in the world.



Message from the President

Summer is here! Unfortunately, so is hurricane season. Please keep in touch with the church office when a storm is approaching so we know everyone is safe. If you need help with Hurricane Prep, please let us know and we can help.

Thank you to everyone who is helping to remove some high maintenance landscaping in an effort to make our property more “senior friendly” for upkeep. Please reach out to Bob Neuhardt if you can help on property day!

Back to School will be here before you know it, so keep your eyes peeled for our Backpacks for Foster Children program again this year.

I want to thank the Faith Lutheran Congregation who continue to be so friendly and welcoming. I enjoy watching our church grow!

Blessings,
Laura Olson
386-846-1976

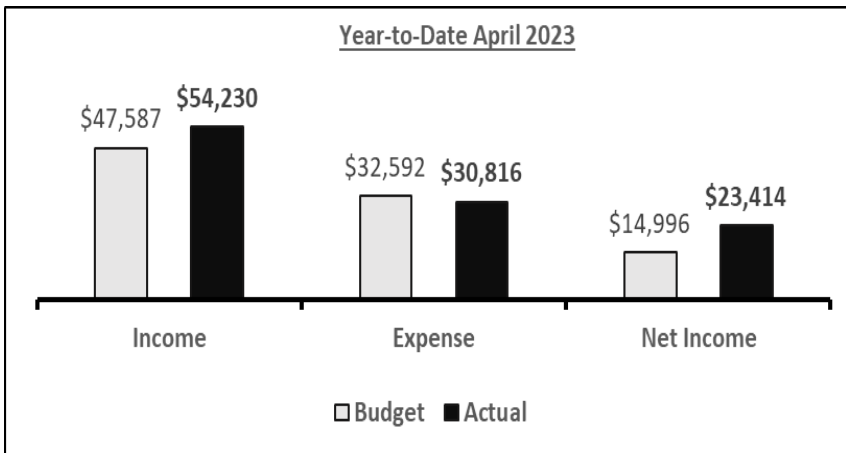
Vice President’s Report

I wish each of you a great start to summer. Don’t forget to help around the church as you are able. We can always use help hosting fellowship. Maybe try greeting on Sunday mornings. Ushering the congregation to communion is an easy job and summer is a good time to help as a lot of people are traveling.

Thank you and God bless you.

Wendy Eames

Treasurer's Report



Your continued support of our church drives our improving financial position – thank you.

- ◆ Actual net income through April was \$23,414
- ◆ Actual versus Budget:
 - Higher than expected weekly offering - \$2,914
 - Recovery of stolen funds - \$1,645
 - Timing differences in payment of church insurance and electricity

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

561-251-3594

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Council Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Social Ministry

Thank-you all for the donations this past week to the Grocery basket for items provided to the Salvation Army pantry. Our year-to-date donation is 479 pounds.

The Birthday Cake Boxes were a great hit at the Friday Pantry for the needy.

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

The Salvation Army is so thankful for the Planning Mats! Michel Fredette called me to express her heartfelt thank-you!

Our May Schedule provided Pizza Day for the Boy Scouts of America affiliated with Faith Lutheran on their Awards night gathering. Thank-you for helping to make their award night a success!

As we look forward to August, we will be providing backpacks for the Foster Children in Volusia County as we have in the past. A list of needed materials will be in the July Pathways!

In Faith,

Julie Hoyle

Fellowship Report

Although temperatures concur, it is hard to believe that summer will be officially here in a few short weeks. With many folks taking off on vacations, visiting families, attending graduations. etc., we need your help to step up and bring goodies on Sundays for Fellowship Hour please.

I know we all enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day with the yummy cake and then on Memorial Day weekend honoring our Servicemen who gave their lives for our freedom with our picnic lunch amidst patriotic decorations. All the food that was brought in to share was much appreciated.

We want to give a shoutout of appreciation to both Carolyn Hixson and Dorothy Wise. Carolyn has donated a huge supply of great decorative paper products which we will enjoy using. Hopefully you all took notice of the pretty colorful centerpieces that Dorothy put together for our tables. Thanks ladies.

Fellowship was pleased to assist Bob in helping out with the refreshments for the Boy Scouts' recent Awards Night. It was a very nice program.

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold

Cathy Neuhardt

Property Report

As you attend church on Sundays or visit the campus during the week, you will notice a dedicated group of our church members have been working very hard to enhance the beauty of Faith's campus, both inside and out. Please join me in thanking these hard-working souls who dedicate their time, resources and talent literally each week to upgrade and maintain our property.

As you are aware by now, the summer heat is starting to grow and we are once again in the 90's. If you must be outside for work or recreation, please remember to hydrate before, during and after working in the sun. Wear some type of hat to cover your head, face and neck and a light long sleeve shirt for extended stays. Wear sunscreen with at least an SPF 50 to help to protect your skin.

Currently we have been mowing, removing old and overgrown shrubs to enhance the church and fellowship hall and still painting exterior doors. Several of our scout troop fathers, one of which is a licensed electrician, have graciously agreed to put lighting in our large rear storage shed for easier access and working purposes. There would be NO charge to our church for materials or labor.

As we mentioned in our May Pathways, hurricane season is just a few weeks away and it is never too early to prepare. This month's tips: MEDICINES- make sure you have at least a 2 to 3 weeks supply of needed medications. Stock enough non-perishable food items for each person in your home for at least 2 to 3 weeks.

Canned vegetables, fruits, pasta dinners, soups, stews, drink mixes, bottled electrolyte drinks like Gatorade, canned meat and fish (chicken, tuna, salmon and beef), powdered milk are some examples. If you purchase items like ground coffee or tea ahead of time, you can keep in your freezer until needed. Other non-perishable items can be purchased depending on your diet. Don't forget if you have a pet, stock up on canned dog food and medicines if possible. Dry dog food in a bag may grow stale if kept too long. A hurricane preparedness kit can easily be assembled with a large storage tub. In there you need a battery-operated radio with batteries and of course different size batteries for lighting, clocks and other battery-operated devices. If the smoke alarms in your home are battery operated or battery back-up, stock batteries for them. They are usually 9 volt. Non-perishable food items. A well supplied first aid kit, duct tape, rope, tarps and other items you may need for extended periods with no power or flooding situations. Paper cups, paper plates and plastic silverware can be stock piled. This will cut down on water usage should the city water supply be temporarily discontinued due to contamination. Next month we will talk about generators and other necessary preparedness tips. All of our local news channels come out with Hurricane Preparedness Guides which you can get online.

Our next work day will be Saturday, June 10 @ 8AM. Have a great month folks.

Yours in Christ's Service

Bob Neuhardt

Bridge of Hope

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, June 26th at 10:30 AM.

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

Please contact Kathy Mikulski with any questions.

(410) 507-2826

Plarning

Our plarning group makes beautiful mats for the homeless.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 15 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.

Game Night

Join your fellow church members for a fun evening out. Our next game night is scheduled for June 23rd at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share good company!

Pastor's Classes

Bible Study

Pastor Keeley is leading a Bible Study class on Mondays at 11:00 AM at Faith Lutheran Church. Please join your fellow Lutherans for some interesting discussions.

Confirmation Classes

Pastor Keeley is conducting a Lutheran religion informational class on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM at Hope Lutheran Church. This class is not only for those interested in joining our church, but also for those who would like a refresher on the confirmation classes you took so many years ago! If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Keeley or the office.

Thank You

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ken Magill once again. He crafted a beautiful wood base for the altar flowers to rest on so they are more visible. Ken went above and beyond our request. Be sure to take notice the next time you attend service!



Altar Flowers

- 04 Jane Kramer – In Loving Memory of Ross Kramer
- 11 Annabelle O’Neill – To the Glory of God
- 18 Karen Otis – To the Glory of God- In Loving Memory of Her Dad
- 25 Gisela Schafer – In Honor of my Son Andrew’s Birthday

Bulletins

- 04 Laura Olson – To the Glory of God
- 11 -----
- 18 -----
- 25 -----

Candles

Rich & Wendy Eames – To the Glory of God



June 04	Brigitte Emick
June 11	Geraldine Mariani
June 13	Barbara Neunfeldt
June 18	Joseph Cromwell
June 21	Terry DeVaux
June 29	Steve Wise



June 27	Harold & Barbara Neunfeldt
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