



Pathways of Faith

Faith Lutheran Church

August 2023

The Pastor's Space

Grace, Peace and Love,

Our journey further into the lessons of Pentecost will continue for months. The longest liturgical season of the church year will continue conveying its message for months to come. It is a contemporary message, providing instruction and guidance for the times before us and the changing times to come.

It is important that the faithful live and communicate the Pentecost message that takes the Spirit's lead as we travel the moral/ethical and theological path to best discern God's will for his church in these different times. The charge of the faithful contemporary church of today is to be the church that Jesus, Peter and Paul describe in their ministries to the world; that of a humble church, whose center recognizes the divinity of Jesus as God's Son.

As our ministries have benefited from the re-assessing role of interim ministry, we have been renewed in our efforts to be God's Church in a world that is far from acknowledging the mission and ministry that Jesus came to tell. And it is for that reason that our fellowship together as God's church in the world is so manifestly needed in building God's Kingdom in the world.

Our church has successfully overcome some major ministry hurdles that now encourage us to fulfill the purpose for which we have been renewed.

I am pleased to acknowledge the small steps to greater ministry. If we all but remember the context and path we are privileged to possess today, that in that possession our church has been strengthened for the ministry opportunities ahead.

With so many more Sunday celebrations remaining to reveal the Pentecost message, be open and receptive to its direction and guidance. The small steps taken to stabilize a foundation since "Interim Ministry" have infused our renewed church fellowship with the strong possibilities that promote spiritual church growth.

So, enjoy the remaining lessons of the Pentecost season and the seasonal pleasures of Summer, that we may begin a new church year excited, empowered and renewed!



Message from the President

Back to school backpack drive is winding down. **The last day to drop off backpacks in the Narthex will be Sunday August 6, 2022.** Thanks to everyone who has donated, shopped and helped! We will have filled approximately 65 backpacks for local foster children this year!

Gods Work Our Hands is Sunday September 10, 2023. Please reach out to the council if you have any ideas for a community project this year.

Interested in trying something new at church? We have a wide variety of church ministries that you may be suited for, give it a try! We offer FREE training! (wink wink)

I am so thankful for Pastor Keeley & Crystal every week. I know it is their presence at Faith Lutheran Church that has led to our growth and rejuvenation. Thank you both for your dedication and faithful devotion. We love you and are blessed to have you!

In humble service,

Laura Olson

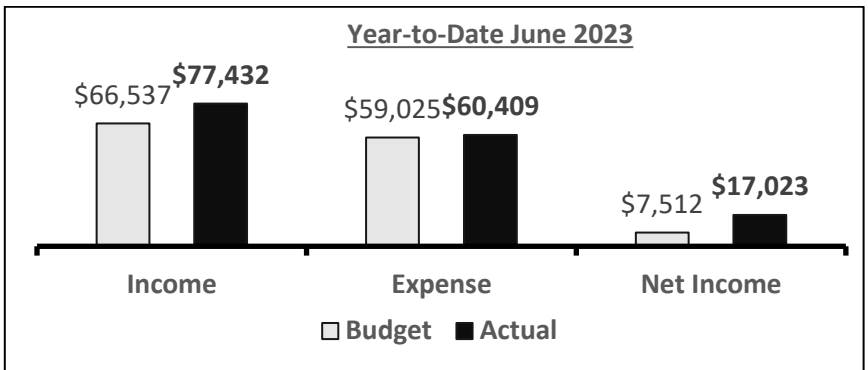
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Council Meeting

There will be no council meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11th at 6:30 pm.



Treasurer's Report



We continue to outperform budget. Thank you for supporting your church.

- ◆ Actual net income through June was \$17,023
- ◆ Actual versus Budget:
 - Higher than expected weekly offering - \$5,487
 - Recovery of stolen funds - \$2,784

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

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Social Ministry

Thank-you for your contributions to the Backpacks for the Foster Children in our area! Blessings to you all!

September 10, 2023, marks the 10th Anniversary of 'God's Work Our Hands'. Another way to help our community – Faith Lutheran has the 'Ring' camera both at the entrance to the office and at the doors to the Narthex. We have been blessed to have the Ormond Beach police patrol our church premises for suspicious persons or activities around our church.

For God's Work Our Hands this September, how can we honor the Ormond police department for their continued presence at Faith Lutheran church?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Have a delivery of Pizza, Salad and soda/water on September 11 to the station for lunch.
2. Cold Sandwiches, Chips and soda/water available for day and afternoon shifts.
3. Blessing Bags available for police officers as they patrol the street of Ormond Beach
4. Council is 'open to suggestions' for ideas for God's Work Our Hands!

Please give your ideas to one of our council members!
We can make this happen for September 10th 2023!

Property Report

We are entering the 3rd quarter, and that means summer is here in full force. Please, if you must be outside for work or any activities, remember to hydrate before, during and after your outing. Water is truly your life blood in this dangerous weather. Please also wear a hat of some kind and take frequent breaks indoors or in the shade.

Our church grounds, as you may have noticed, are looking very good. We had a great turn out for July's Property Day and accomplished a great deal. So, a huge thank you to all who turned out to brave the heat. Recently, we had our handicapped signs and directional sign stolen from the south side of the church yard. We believe it happened on Friday night or Saturday morning. It was pitch black in that area and we were unable to see any activity on our Ring system recording. Please, if you are out in the evening after 8:00 PM and see any persons and or vehicles on our campus do not approach them. Please give me a call or text (386-679-2986) and I will get Ormond's finest involved. Because of this incident, we are hanging new handicapped signs and installing two new motion lights on the breezeway. We may have to install a motion light out by our handicapped signs in the near future. Our next property day will be Saturday, August 12 @ 8AM.

Hurricane tip of the month-Last month we discussed generator purchase, installation, operating procedures and storage. Make sure when purchasing a generator or operating an existing one that requires extension cords, you use the correct extension cords suitable for use with your unit. If you already have a generator and it is wired into your home's electrical service you should be ok and not require cords. Never use lamp cord as an extension cord. Your generator owner's manual should explain what type of extension cord to use for safe operation.

You can also access this type of information from our local TV station's Survival Guide. The guides should be available on line or possibly in a local grocery store or city building.

Note of interest: The Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner was a great success, and as usual, the food was excellent. Thanks to all who attended. The Scouts reached their financial goals and will be able to do one more camping excursion before they return to school. The Scouting administration, along with the parents, truly want to thank the Council and members of Faith for their continued support.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Bob Neuhardt

Fellowship Report

Hello everyone. As you can see and most definitely feel, Summer is in full swing! We are happy to see many faces showing up in fellowship hall after service. It makes for interesting conversations as well as a nice cool place to spend some time.

We had a nice 4th of July luncheon. So glad to see our new members join us and grateful to them for sponsoring a Sunday. We appreciate everyone who signs up to help with fellowship, and could use some more help in this month. We appreciate all who sign up to help!

Have a safe and fun summer. Hopefully cooler weather is on its way!

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt

Bridge of Hope

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, August 28th at 10:00 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, August 17th 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 August 25th at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share good company!



We offer our condolences, but in addition, this man definitely deserves a celebration of his life! Eddie Vrona was a welcome visitor here at Faith. Following is an obituary that was online:

For Ed Vrona, the secret to a rewarding existence involved a combination of intelligence, curiosity, humor and kindness, a mixture that he enthusiastically embraced in a remarkable life that stretched across more than a century.

A World War II veteran and beloved resident for many years at the Aberdeen at Ormond manufactured home community in Ormond Beach, Vrona died on Friday, July 14th, just 10 days after his 104th birthday on the Fourth of July.

"I'm the luckiest guy I know," Vrona said during a 2019 luncheon celebration of his 100th birthday at the Aberdeen clubhouse. It was a phrase that his family and friends will tell you that he repeated often.



Altar Flowers

- 06 -----
13 Annabelle O'Neill – To the Glory of God
20 -----
27 Ken & Pat Huntley – To the Glory of God
 In Celebration of Granddaughter Isabella's 16th
 Birthday

Bulletins

- 06 Rich & Wendy Eames – Grateful for Our Family at Faith
13 Rich & Wendy Eames – Celebrate Rich's Birthday
20 Rich & Wendy Eames – Thankful for God's Blessings
27 Ken & Pat Huntley – To the Glory of God

Candles

Lynne Meinhold – In Memory of Parents, Evelyn &
Herbert Bernhardt



August 14

Pat Huntley

August 17

Anna Charla

Rich Eames

August 21

Kathy Mikulski

August 24

Lynne Meinhold

Barbara Rebar

August 26

Cindy McCarthy

August 26

Crystal Keeley