



# *Pathways of Faith*

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Faith Lutheran Church

September 2023

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## *The Pastor's Space*

Grace, Peace and Love,

We are well into the Season of Pentecost, the season of the Holy Spirit of God. Its role is to lead the way to holy and righteous living that begins first with the wisdom that leads to love of God and neighbor. Wisdom for the age before us, a challenging age that provides us with the capacity to maneuver the changes and chances it presents with the spirit's lead. The result is that we, with that same spirit's lead, make the path straight for those seeking to live life with its guidance.

Pentecost is the longest season of the liturgical church year for a reason. It is the season to which Jesus will return. It is the season that teaches lessons for spiritual growth. It is in Pentecost that the spiritual lessons that change life are taught. It is with intent that a clear focus on the words being lifted in our worship and fellowship time together be understood with clarity. The wisdom of each Pentecost lesson provides the cleansing necessary for eternity. Its message is always the message of love for God and humanity.

It is in the spirit of Pentecost that I am encouraged with the progress of our work together as God's church in the world. With limited resources and attendance numbers showing moderate increase, our ministry remains strong. Reduced to limited and minimum worship by Covid, beginning anew with the basics for worship ministry together, coming together for the sole purpose of word and sacrament ministry; however limited, we have crossed a major hurdle. We begin to realize the benefits of interim ministry and the renewal it can bring for future, meaningful ministry that truly makes a difference in the lives of those touched by our work together.

As our pace and routine changes in preparation for a new fall schedule, may the spirit that we bring to the activities ahead bring renewed wisdom for life and living. The work that we do together as God's Church in the world is work that leads to the abundance that Jesus spoke of in John 10:10. The work we are called to do as God's Church in the world is real and it is ours by faith!

With Peace That Passes All Understanding



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

Gods Work Our Hands is Sunday September 10, 2023. Please reach out to Julie Hoyle with your donations for our Thank You gifts for our local Police Dept.

As I stated in church on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Faith is facing a large project of replacing the fellowship roof after 20 years and the damaged fascia. Please prayerfully consider donating to help us meet this large financial obligation.

STEWARDSHIP – we are close to that time of year, so I ask that you begin reflecting on how your time, talents and treasure will be utilized this year.

2024 Church Council – are you willing to serve? I will be presenting the council needs and available positions in the next few weeks. Please stay tuned.

Thank you to everyone who consistently shows up in every way to make Faith Lutheran Church a valuable presence in our community and in our hearts.

Respectfully,

Laura Olson

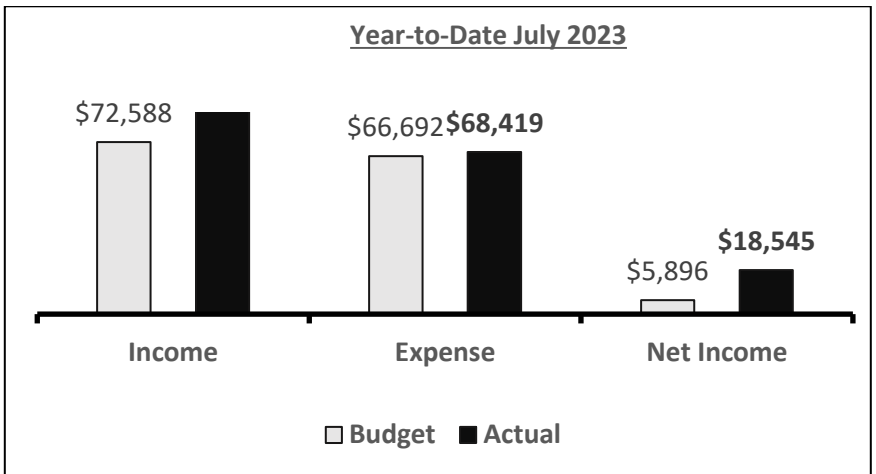
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## ***Council Meeting***

The next council meeting is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



## *Treasurer's Report*



We continue to outperform budget. Thank you for continued support of our church.

- ◆ Actual net income through July was \$18,545
- ◆ Actual versus Budget:
  - Higher than expected weekly offering - \$8,382
  - Recovery of stolen funds - \$3,353

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Karen Otis, Treasurer

561-251-3594

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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 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 'God's Work Our Hands'.

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, we will honor the Ormond Police Department for their continued presence at Faith Lutheran Church. We look forward to receiving your donations before September 10<sup>th</sup> to provide some kind of lunch and refreshments for the police department.

As we start the Fall season, let's remember "Stewardship" Time, Talents and Tithing for 2024.

In Faith,  
Julie Hoyle

## ***Property Report***

As we round out the third quarter of 2023, you will see that our property has never looked better. It is only by the very dedicated efforts of our members that we keep it looking great. Gutters have been cleaned, downspouts repaired, shrubs pruned and grass mowed. A general cleanup of our property is done each month. Our lawn care service is doing an excellent job of keeping the front of our property looking great. Please note-some of the grass is a good bit taller and this is due to standing water which makes mowing temporarily difficult.

Our most recent endeavor is adding a new roof to our fellowship hall along with replacing the fascia board behind the gutters. Although costly, the fellowship hall will be protected for years.

With the peak of hurricane season nearing (Sept 10), your supplies, preparations and plans should all be complete. If not, please complete them soon. Another hurricane tip is to make sure any low hanging limbs, large trees and large shrubs are trimmed far enough back to prevent injury to yourself and others and damage to your home. For further information, you can access a hurricane survival guide online from local TV stations or possibly at a local grocery store.

Our next property day will be September 9 @ 8AM. We will be pruning hedges and shrubs, mowing grass and general clean-up of the property. Have a great month.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Bob Neuhardt

## ***Fellowship Report***

I actually thought July was hot, and then along came record-breaking August. We can only hope September shows us some relief. As our church attendance continues to stay at higher numbers, so does our fellowship hour. Many have commented on how nice this social time is. If we want to continue with great food and times, more of our members must step up and participate. One of our members recently made this well known to us. We realize that some can't do, provide and serve functions. On the other hand, we are unable to fill in the blank calendar dates all the time. It takes an "all hands effort." Please consider stepping up Sundays this year. We plan to do Welcome Fall Sunday again this year. It was so well received! Please note the signup sheet in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your forthcoming participation.

Blessings,

Lynne Meinhold and Cathy Neuhardt



## ***Bridge of Hope***

The next Bridge of Hope opportunity to feed the homeless will be Monday, September 25th at 8:30 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, September 21st 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 September 22nd at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some pizza, play some games and share good company!

# MENS UNITY LUNCHEON

Join the men of All Saints, Faith and Hope  
Lutheran Churches

Lunch will be served

## WHEN

Saturday, September 16, 2023 - 11:30 AM

## WHERE

Red Lobster  
2625 International Speedway Blvd  
Daytona Beach, Florida

Please make a reservation by September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Email

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Join us for reflection, great food, conversation and laughs!



***Altar Flowers***

- 03 -----
- 10 Jane Kramer – In Celebration of her Birthday
- 17 Annabelle O’Neill – In Celebration of Charlie & My  
Mutual Birthdays
- 24 John & MaryEllen Meehl – In Memory of Parents

***Bulletins***

- 03 Bob & Cathy Neuhardt – In Celebration of Daughter-  
in-law Inana’s Birthday/ Jeremy & Sydney Anniversary
- 10 -----
- 17 -----
- 24 Laura Olson – For God’s Blessings

***Candles***

Rich & Wendy Eames – For God’s Blessing and Faith  
Lutheran



September 05	Jackie Hanes
September 07	Carolyn Hixon
September 13	Jane Kramer
September 21	Annabelle O'Neil Charlie Hoyle
September 22	Pastor Keeley
September 29	Pat Cromwell



September 07	Pat & Ken Huntley
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