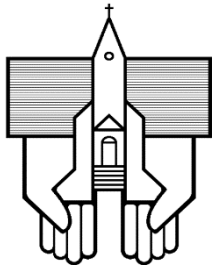


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# Reach Out

Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

## “CONNECTING WITH CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER.”

At Faith's Annual Congregational Meeting in June, we took time to give thanks to God for holding this community together during the challenges of the pandemic. We also focused on moving forward, noting how crucial it is to find ways to re-connect with one another, strengthening our relationships with God and with one another. In this spirit, we have planned a very special summer-time celebration: **Christmas in July**. What better way to mark a time of re-gathering than to immerse ourselves in the story of God's coming among us in the flesh as Emanuel—God With Us?!

If, like me, you have missed a fuller celebration of Christmas in Christian community these past couple of Decembers, mark your calendars for Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Faith will be all decked out in Christmas finery. We will sing a whole bunch of Christmas carols. Worship will include an impromptu Christmas pageant and the scriptures of the season. The festivities will continue after worship with a special coffee hour. There also will be a Giving Tree, **giving us** an opportunity to respond to the gift of Jesus by sharing our blessings with folks who are in the kind of need experienced by the Holy Family back in Bethlehem.

We hope you will be part of the joy of Christmas in July. Be there with bells on!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jill

### Making it Festive!

Here are some suggestions for filling Faith's "Christmas in July" celebration with holiday cheer:

- Bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies or other treats to share after worship.
- Wear red and green, holiday accessories, even a Christmas sweater if weather allows.
- Be ready to belt out your favorite carols.
- Invite family and friends to share in the Christmas spirit.



Our Office Administrator will be on vacation July 4-15. The church's answering machine will be checked regularly but emails will not be answered until after July 18. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Jill at [pastorcollict@verizon.net](mailto:pastorcollict@verizon.net)

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**Christmas in July Giving Tree** – The Evangelism/Social Ministry Committees are organizing a Giving Tree for our Christmas in July celebration. If you are interested in getting into the Christmas Spirit of giving, please consider taking a gift tag off the Giving Tree and signing the giving list in the Narthex. Most of the gift requests are for gift cards from major stores and shopping sites (Amazon, Walmart, Target, Stop & Shop, etc.). This makes it convenient for you and the recipient who are currently clients at the Agape House.

Agape House is a shelter located in Somerville that provides emergency services for homeless families and single individuals, helping them work towards achieving self-sufficiency and independent living. Residents are provided with 24-hour staff support and supervision, case management, workshops, housing, supplemental food, clothing and household items. Clients can stay at the shelter as long as it takes for them to get back on their feet.

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Thrivent Member Network is hosting a fun night out at a Somerset Patriots baseball game. All Thrivent members should have received a detailed email with a link to purchase tickets as well as all the details surrounding the event. The event will be held Sunday July 24 at 4pm in the TD Bank Ballpark, with the game starting at 5pm. This is open to all Thrivent members, and you are encouraged to bring one non-Thrivent member along for the fun! The tickets are \$15 each.

If you are not yet a Thrivent Member and would like to attend the game, please contact Tom Marvits at (908) 332-9553 or [thomas.marvits@thrivent.com](mailto:thomas.marvits@thrivent.com).

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Summer Fellowship will take place each Sunday through September 4 following worship. Please consider signing up for a Sunday as a family, group or committee to provide set up and clean up of coffee and goodies! Sign up sheet is in the narthex or you can use the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAC2DA4FF2-summer1>

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**Bring a Mug, Share a Story** – Who doesn't have a conversation-starter mug in their collection? The Evangelism committee encourages you to bring your favorite mug to church on Sundays to use during Coffee in the Corner. Not only will it make you the life of the party, when you regale your fellow parishioners of the story/adventure/memory that goes with it, but it will also reduce our environmental impact. Feel free to wash and store the mug at church or bring a new one each week. Thank you, and...let the stories begin!



Thank you to all who have been praying for and helping out the Metcalfe family. Kristi continues to rest with the family and appreciates all everyone has done. Providing meals is still the best way to help them out at this time. Please use the following link to see more information and to sign up: [www.mealtrain.com/dyo5rl](http://www.mealtrain.com/dyo5rl)

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### Hospital Stays/Prayer List Updates

Please notify the church office with any additions, deletions or changes to our prayer concerns or when you or someone you love is hospitalized (also when you or your loved one is released from the hospital).

### Need or want to talk with the Pastor?

Please call the church office at (908) 369-3201 or you may email Pastor Jill at [pastorcollict@verizon.net](mailto:pastorcollict@verizon.net).



*Please keep in your prayers...*

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| + Martin Boer     | + Lorraine Capobianco |
| + Betty Hannum    | + Rudy Harding        |
| + Tara Joswick    | + Christine Kennette  |
| + Kristi Metcalfe | + Bob Perrone         |
| + Andrew Wishnow  | + Pastor Zimmermann   |



*Our sympathies and prayers are offered for the family and friends of Pastor Jack Denys*



**Be sure to stay connected:**

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[www.instagram.com/faith\\_lutheran\\_hillsborough/](http://www.instagram.com/faith_lutheran_hillsborough/)

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**JULY**  
Birthdays

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|------|--|------|--|
| 7/1  | David Shannon<br>Ryan Strachan   | 7/16 | Erica Haynes<br>Stephanie Markota                                  |
| 7/2  | Travis Haynes<br>Brenda Redmond<br>Norah Shannon                       | 7/17 | Brianna Carri<br>Jaclyn Hockenbury<br>Jeremy Sporn<br>David Mallon |
| 7/3  | Noel Mastakas<br>Zoe Mastakas  | 7/20 | Andrew Advani<br>Melanie Bourey<br>Becky Majewski                  |
| 7/6  | Sarah Richie   |      |  |
| 7/8  | Andy Cowan   | 7/21 | Teresa Feeser<br>Joan Perrone                                      |
| 7/9  | Rachel Cowan<br>Colleen Marvits  | 7/22 | Karen Johnson  |
| 7/10 | Patricia Plytynski   | 7/25 | Grace Canonica<br>Lore Harding<br>Lydia Haynes                     |
| 7/11 | Everett Metcalfe   |      |  |
| 7/12 | Mark Greco   | 7/26 | Kelley Cowan   |
| 7/13 | Karen Patane   | 7/27 | Tom Staszczyk  |
| 7/14 | Seth Bunting<br>Marilyn Kulaszewski<br>Melva Murray<br>Wayne Plytynski | 7/29 | Liam Weisenbach  |
| 7/15 | Garrett Grega<br>Carol Jones<br>Hazel Pfau<br>Joe Westhusin            | 7/30 | Ed Porowski  |



**Faith Lutheran Church  
Operating Fund  
Statement of Revenues and Expenses  
For the twelve months ending May 31, 2022**

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Envelopes	\$239,049	\$239,049	\$261,341
Other	<u>37,145</u>	<u>37,145</u>	<u>72,873</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>276,194</b>	<b>276,194</b>	<b>334,214</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total Mutual Ministry	209,898	209,898	196,746
Total Worship & Music	4,460	4,460	3,840
Total Property Maintenance	54,827	54,827	47,545
Total Christian Education	3,050	3,050	2,020
Total Youth	1,200	1,200	678
Total Evangelism	1,985	1,985	516
Total Social Ministry	25,410	25,410	25,272
Total Finance	41,989	41,989	42,449
Total Stewardship	200	200	--
Capital Improvement Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
Equipment Fund	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Expenses	348,019	348,019	324,065
Special Benevolence/Social Ministry-Other	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>4,786</u>
<b>Total Expenses after Special Benevolence</b>	<b>348,019</b>	<b>348,019</b>	<b>328,851</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Budget Gap</b>	<b>(71,825)</b>	<b>(71,825)</b>	<b>5,363</b>
<b>Budget Gap</b>	<b>71,825</b>	<b>71,825</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ <u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>5,363</u></b>

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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 9:00 Silver Foxes 10:00 SHIP	2
3 <b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:30 Worship	4 Office Closed <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7	8 9:00 Red, Hot & Gold	9
10 <b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:30 Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:30 Worship	18	19	20 7:15 Council Meeting	21	22	23
24 <b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:30 Worship  <b>Christmas in July</b>	25 <i>Articles for August Reach Out due</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Reach Out published</i>	30
31 <b>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 10:30 Worship						