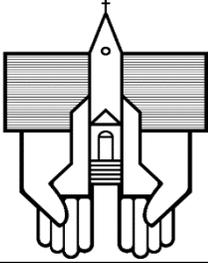


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Reach Out

Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

“Living to Eat, or Eating to Live?”

Ah, that is the question, isn't it? You may remember an old saying made popular, I believe, in some TV commercial: “You are what you eat.” If you take that literally, then someone with a sweet tooth like mine should be a very sweet person, right? Well, walking out of the doctor's office a few weeks ago with some papers in my hand, I realized the truth of the saying meant something a bit different. The papers? “Dietary and Exercise Guidelines for Lowering Triglycerides.” In no uncertain terms, the doctor told me that, indeed, I could well become what I eat, meaning that if I continue to eat as much bread and cake as I like, I, too, will become even more soft and doughy than I already am. And too many carbs and sugars can also sweeten your blood to resemble the thick, chocolate river running through Willie Wonka's chocolate factory. Not a good thing! And so, don't be surprised if you wind up seeing a new sign on my office door—“Please do not feed the Pastor.”

In a figurative way, we are often caught spiritually filling up on things that aren't good for us and neglecting those things that would build up our health. Running the danger of being too “cute,” I would like to suggest that we may need a food pyramid of sorts for Christians. Our gospel readings are pretty clear: being a healthy Christian entails eating and drinking like Christians, and taking part of plenty of activity as Christians, too. Where do the disciples meet and recognized the risen Christ? Over a meal on the road to Emmaus. At a breakfast prepared by Jesus on the shores of the lake. In gathering together at Pentecost in Jerusalem, for a “weigh-in” meeting of mutual support and conversation with others who follow the same Lord (read the first two chapter of Acts).

Like those first disciples, we, too, take in Christ's resurrection as we share the meal of Holy Communion, just as we take in Christ by hearing and speaking his words of forgiveness and promise. Each day we need the energy and nutrition Christ gives us through prayer and Scripture. Each day we need to exercise the love God has first given us by living Christ's love in this world. Regularly, we need to gather for mutual support and encouragement in the community of Christ.

Think of the your daily prayers and our corporate prayer of confession as mini-check-ups, where we are once again made aware of our need for Christ to nourish and fortify our lives, and where we are challenged to take on those activities through which we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit's presence—feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the lonely, praying for the sick, participating in Bible study, supporting ministries of the church. . . Let us eat together, and together let us become what we eat.

In Christ,
Pastor Jill



ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, June 19 following our worship service*. Please contact the church office if you would like information on how to attend virtually. *(Please note that worship will be held at 9:30 because of the Annual Meeting.)*



Beginning June 5, our weekly Sunday worship service will be held at **10:30 AM**.

(Please note that worship on June 19 will be held at 9:30 because of the Annual Meeting.)



We are looking for volunteers to occasionally provide transportation to and from worship for those unable to drive. Please contact the church office if you can help out.



Altar Flowers

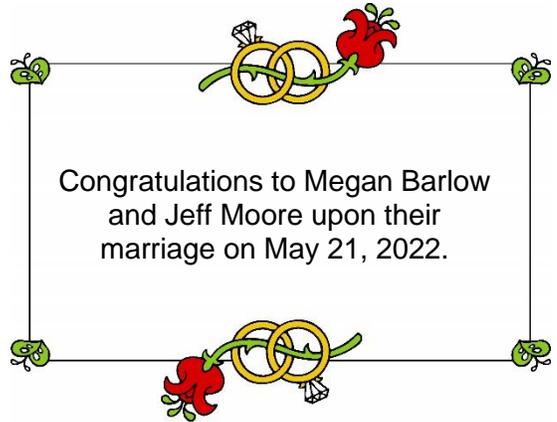
The altar flower sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. **As of June 1, the cost is \$30 per arrangement.** Payment may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. If you pay by check, please write "altar flowers" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please write your name and "altar flowers" on the outside of your envelope. Thank you!



A big THANK YOU to all the members of the congregation that replied to our recent Stewardship Pledge campaign! We are grateful for the replies that came via the mail, the online form or a simple email. We exceeded the number of replies over last year by more than 15. If you would still like to make a pledge, please check for an email from the FLC Stewardship Committee or contact Brenda Overcash (bovercas@gmail.com). The Finance Committee is currently working to include the amounts of your replies into the next budget cycle. This will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting in June.



Coffee In the Corner – Fellowship takes place each Sunday following worship, but we need your help. Please consider volunteering for set up, clean up or to bring baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.



CLOTHING DRIVE ENDS JUNE 12! Cleaning out your closets again? Have bags piling up in your trunk? Good news – the youth group is ready to take all those bags off your hands! The Tweens and Teens are hosting another Clothing Drive now!

Clean out those closets and drawers and bring the to Faith on any Sunday morning until June 12. Clothing collected will be distributed to local thrift shops and areas in need of clothing. Clothing donations will NOT be shredded. All proceeds will help send our youth to the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans in July of 2024! Donations may also be dropped off during church office hours. Please contact the church office to arrange a time.

The items we accept are as follows: Men, women and children's clothing, shoes, hats, belts, ties, handbags, coats, jackets, bed linens, bath linens and stuffed animals.

CROSS ROADS CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Cross Road summer camp programs can be found here.
Many of our youth have attended these programs over the years.

<https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/summer-programs/>

The 2022 Bishop's Cup annual golf outing to support Cross Roads is June 13th.

Information, including signing up to play golf, sponsorship of a portion of the event or RSVPing for dinner after golf can all be found here

https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/golf_outing/

Hope you can participate in the wonderful event.



Be sure to stay connected:

www.facebook.com/faithlutherannj

www.instagram.com/faith_lutheran_hillsborough/

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.



Please keep in your prayers...

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



*Our sympathies and prayers
are offered for the family and friends
of Barbara Moffat, a former member of Faith*



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| 6/1 Allison Gan | 6/18 Jenna Cauda |
| 6/2 Erin Farreny | Dick Van Arsdale |
| FaithLudvigsen | 6/20 Carl Edolo |
| 6/3 Andrew Bourey, Jr. | Jordan Naumovski |
| Adam Villano | Lillian Pfau |
| 6/4 Janice Vahl | Erica Puskas |
| 6/5 Joseph Cseh | Jack Trabilisy |
| 6/8 Kari Patane | Tori Wargo |
| Colton Reimann | 6/21 James Matsil |
| 6/12 Christopher Hardgrove | 6/24 Jim Muller |
| Daniel Pfau | 6/26 Alex Crow |
| 6/13 Ray Hannum | David Mallon |
| Allison Puskas | 6/27 Madison Markota |
| 6/17 Ray Richie | 6/29 Chris Truncale |
| | 6/30 Brody Carri |



**Faith Lutheran Church
Operating Fund
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the eleven months ending April 30, 2022**

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenue			
Envelopes	\$239,049	\$218,554	\$237,295
Other	<u>37,145</u>	<u>36,381</u>	<u>71,339</u>
Total Revenue	276,194	254,935	308,634
Expenses			
Total Mutual Ministry	209,898	193,211	185,414
Total Worship & Music	4,460	4,103	3,240
Total Property Maintenance	54,827	51,711	44,332
Total Christian Education	3,050	2,900	1,991
Total Youth	1,200	1,088	599
Total Evangelism	1,985	1,106	516
Total Social Ministry	25,410	23,292	23,191
Total Finance	41,989	38,534	38,474
Total Stewardship	200	--	--
Capital Improvement Fund	5,000	--	--
Equipment Fund	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Expenses	348,019	315,946	297,757
Special Benevolence/Social Ministry-Other	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>4,761</u>
Total Expenses after Special Benevolence	348,019	315,946	302,518
Income (Loss) Before Budget Gap	(71,825)	(61,011)	6,116
Budget Gap	71,825	55,946	--
Income (Loss)	\$ <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,116</u>

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He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 62:6

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 9:00 Silver Foxes 10:00 SHIP	4
5 Pentecost 10:30 Worship	6 6:30 Christian Ed Meeting 7:00 Finance Meeting	7 7:15 Property Meeting	8	9	10 9:00 Red, Hot & Gold	11
12 Holy Trinity 10:30 Worship Clothing Drive Ends	13	14 1:00 W&M Meeting 7:15 Council Meeting Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 Worship 10:30 Annual Meeting of the Congregation Father's Day	20	21 Summer Begins	22	23 Articles for July Reach Out due	24	25
26 Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship	27	28	29	30		