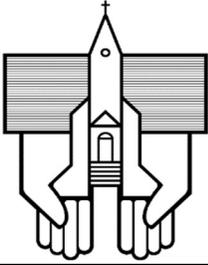


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Reach Out

Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church

## The Easter Table

***And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)***

As we enter more deeply into the season of Easter, I am continually called back to the table in the upper room where the disciples hid and huddled together in the days after the crucifixion—in fact, even a whole week after Christ was raised. (John 20: 19-30) This is a table of misfits, of folks who have one foot locked away in fear and another itching to go out and explore, fearing and hoping things are different than they were before. Easter has rocked creation off its course of brokenness and death, yet they (and we!) are just slowly discovering what that means for how we go about life now. Around the table are gathered the wishy-washy and the tentative...the denying and the doubting...and yes, I believe, even the betraying...people who one day lavished love on Jesus, the next night kept their distance in his hour of need, and several days after that began to believe he was, in fact, alive. These are people who, step by step, sometimes excitedly and sometimes with great hesitation, began to live changed lives, touching the world with forgiveness and love, acceptance and purpose, and third, seventh, and seventieth chances. They became—as we are becoming—people who realize that we are called to live differently, because eternal life is forever, **and** it starts right here and now.

If we want to criticize Thomas—or really any of the other disciples hiding away a full week after Easter—then we have to ask ourselves whether we are living out loud, as if the resurrection is TRUE?!?! How are we being transformed? How are we playing our part in transforming the world with God's love? Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, accompanying the lonely, announcing God's love, and refusing to adapt to ways of the world that draw us from the ways of God.

***So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (2 Cor 5:17)***

The Easter table is filled with folks who are in the midst of being transformed. Meaning? "Be patient, God isn't finished with us yet." The Good News is that, with Peter and Thomas and possibly Judas at the table, there is certainly a place for US at the table, too. Just don't expect to get up from the Easter table and remain essentially unchanged.

The poet, Mary Oliver, in her poem, "The Summer Day," calls us to imagine and discern the Easter way of life with one beautiful question:

***Tell me, what is it you plan to do/  
With your one wild and precious life?***

May this be our Easter question, yours and mine, and this Faith community's, too. May we walk with it this Easter season and always, helping one another figure it out as we go, reminding one another that life has the last word, and we have work join in on—God's work, making all things new.

Alleluia!  
Pastor Jill



Our annual Stewardship pledge campaign has begun. The materials were sent in an email earlier this week. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office. If you would like a paper copy, please let Brenda Overcash know (908) 359-7279. We appreciate your prayerful consideration when completing this important part of the process for supporting our church ministries.

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The Social Ministry Committee and Cafe Brio would like to express their sincere thanks to the members of our congregation who so generously donated to the Ukrainian humanitarian effort. Your donations were packed, shipped and in the hands of those in need.

In keeping with humanitarian efforts around the world, we are now going to be assembling personal care kits to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief. These kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, natural disaster, conflict and more.

They provide much-needed self-care and critical germ fighting tools. Each week we will collect new items to be used in assembling the kits. The collection schedule is as follows:

- May 1 – one light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- May 8 – two bath-size bars of soap (8-9 oz.) in original wrapping
- May 15 – one adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- May 22 – one metal nail clippers
- June 5 – one sturdy comb

All donations can be left in the white basket in the narthex. The personal care kits will be assembled and boxed for shipping on Sunday, June 12 after service. Donations to offset the cost of supplies and/or shipping will also be accepted; please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Williams ([gwilliams5684@gmail.com](mailto:gwilliams5684@gmail.com)) or any member of the Social Ministry Committee.

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Memorial Day Parade Table: The Evangelism Committee is seeking volunteers to hand out water and pre-packaged treats to the Memorial Parade-goers to increase our visibility to the community on Saturday, May 28, from 9:30-11:30 AM.

Donations of pre-packaged treats/snacks (with ingredient labels), napkins, small water bottles, juice boxes and medium plastic/paper cups would be appreciated. Donations can be placed in the box located in the narthex. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and "man" the table. Please see the sign up sheet posted on the narthex bulletin board for more information.

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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!

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.

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## 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 13<sup>th</sup>.  
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/](https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/golf_outing/)  
Hope you can participate in the wonderful event.

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**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.

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

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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 | + Azlin Sibilia       |
| + Andrew Wishnow  | + Pastor Zimmermann   |



*Our sympathies and prayers  
are offered for the family and friends  
of George Rider (Steve Majewski's uncle)*



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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 5/1 Mike Kandell  | 5/7 Jill Hockenbury   | 5/12 Susan Flynn       |
| 5/3 John Faryniak | Vanessa Markota       | 5/13 Karen Blumenthal  |
| 5/4 Nicholas      | Andy Ossman           | Corinne Magliaro       |
| Christopoulos     | 5/8 Joel Barlow       | 5/14 Kendall Crow      |
| Joseph Gerbino    | Jack Marvits          | Christine Mastakas     |
| Sarah Turck       | Melissa Nobile        | 5/18 Benjamin Magliaro |
| 5/5 Jeff Cowan    | 5/10 Daniel Illein    | 5/19 Kate Truncale     |
| Nick Fanizzi      | Lauren West           | 5/20 Cathy Stampoulos  |
| 5/6 Erik Johnson  | 5/11 Paul Ludwig, Jr. | 5/22 Cathy Staszczyk   |
|                   |                       | 5/23 Linda Gerbino     |
|                   |                       | 5/26 Tom Ramsey        |
|                   |                       | 5/29 Aidan Adamo       |
|                   |                       | Jeffrey Mallon         |
|                   |                       | Ginny Williams         |
|                   |                       | 5/30 Tom Williams      |



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

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Envelopes	\$239,049	\$198,058	\$215,552
Other	<u>37,145</u>	<u>34,408</u>	<u>68,268</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>276,194</b>	<b>232,466</b>	<b>283,820</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total Mutual Ministry	209,898	176,818	169,810
Total Worship & Music	4,460	3,714	3,090
Total Property Maintenance	54,827	46,884	41,451
Total Christian Education	3,050	2,775	1,991
Total Youth	1,200	947	546
Total Evangelism	1,985	1,020	516
Total Social Ministry	25,410	21,175	21,085
Total Finance	41,989	35,079	35,020
Total Stewardship	200	--	--
Capital Improvement Fund	5,000	--	--
Equipment Fund	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Expenses	348,019	288,412	273,510
Special Benevolence/Social Ministry-Other	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>4,761</u>
<b>Total Expenses after Special Benevolence</b>	<b>348,019</b>	<b>288,412</b>	<b>278,271</b>
<b>Income (Loss) Before Budget Gap</b>	<b>(71,825)</b>	<b>(55,946)</b>	<b>5,549</b>
<b>Budget Gap</b>	<b>71,825</b>	<b>55,946</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ <u>0</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>5,549</u></b>

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>            9:30 Worship            10:30 Adult Forum/            Confirmation Class/            Sunday School</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 Silver Foxes            10:00 SHIP</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>2:00 Eagle Court of Honor</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>            9:30 Worship            10:30 Adult Forum/            Confirmation Class/            Sunday School</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:15 Christian Ed Meeting (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal            7:00 Finance Meeting (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:00 Red, Hot &amp; Gold</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>            9:30 Worship            10:30 Adult Forum/            Confirmation Class/            Sunday School</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7:00 Finance Meeting (Zoom)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7:15 Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>            9:30 Worship            10:30 Adult Forum/            Confirmation Class/            Sunday School</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:00 Long Range Planning Meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Articles for June Reach Out due</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Ascension Day</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>            9:30 Worship</p> <p>Tithe Sunday</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Committee reports for Annual Meeting due</p>				