

Faith Lives



Faith Lutheran Church

August 2022

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)

I will never completely understand why God uses you and me as the primary examples of His good grace and mercy. There must be a better way to introduce people to the Gospel other than through the words and deeds of those that call themselves Christian.

For example, wouldn't it be more effective to just force people to believe? Faith could be placed in each person at birth. People need not hear the Gospel in order that the Spirit stir in their hearts to believe. People would have no choice; they would just simply believe. This might be more effective but it is obviously not the manner that God has chosen to make disciples.

Or, would it not be more convincing for God to write his name in the stars or create an undeniable miracle to impress even the most ardent of doubters? Wouldn't this be a better plan to promote God's will on earth through some kind of personal experience that could never be denied or refuted? Perhaps, but again, this is not the manner in which God brings faith to the hearts of His people.

No, God has indeed chosen you and me as the means by which others come to know Jesus Christ. And, thanks be to God it is not by our perfect behavior or precise choice of words that brings others to Jesus, but by our sincerity and earnest desire to share the Good News.

It is by God's design that you and I are the very means by which the Kingdom of God grows or declines. We might think of this truth in a manner that makes us fearful or overwhelmed with a burdensome responsibility or we might think in terms that this is a joyous opportunity to partner with God. Share the "Good News" with word and deed!

Together in Christ,
Pastor Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Pastor Ron reported that there were two baptisms and two funerals since the last council meeting. He enjoyed his vacation with his family.

The parsonage sustained water damage from the recent storms for which insurance funds were received. There was also hail damage to the parsonage roof at some point and \$12,000 was received toward replacement of the shingles. Once a contractor has been able to provide a quote to replace the shingles, this will be forwarded to the insurer.

Becky Mortenson has resigned as the treasurer for Faith Lutheran Church. The Council accepted her resignation with thanks for her service in that position. There are two applicants for the treasurer position and a determination will be made by the Council shortly.

There will be a new outreach ministry starting this fall called "Secret Prayer Sisters" for all women/girls (no age limit). It will be an opportunity to uplift each other, pray for, encourage, care for, and seek blessing for each other in the walk of faith. There will be more information coming on this ministry.

Madison Healthcare Services is asking local churches to financially support its building project in sponsoring the new chapel as well as asking the donation of time to bring Jesus to the residents of Madison Healthcare Service through ongoing worship services, Bible studies and visits with residents and hospital patients. It was determined that a financial contribution should be discussed by the congregation at the annual meeting.

The full minutes of the meeting are posted on the bulletin board across from the office and copies are available in the Church office.

**"Rally Day" and "Bless the Backpacks" will be on
Sunday, September 18, 2022.**

**Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 25,
2022!**

Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

Pastor Ronald Nichols

Office Staff

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager: Sharon Ronglien

Financial Secretary: Lorrie Ehrenberg

Treasurer: Kristen Ludvigson

Education Coordinator: Darcy Daline

Helper: Lisa Strand

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

Executive Council

President: Jerome Kallhoff

Vice-President:

Secretary: Jeanene Munsterman

Treasurer: Becky Mortenson

Judy Kriesie

Linda Anderson

Kelly Zahrbock

Melanie Miller

Taylor Shelstad

Steve Dahle

Discipleship Committee

Melanie Miller

Tamara Bissett

Kelly Zahrbock

Brittany Engesmoe

Education Committee

Jodi Kallhoff

Deb Meyer

Darcy Daline

Lisa Strand

Amber Boyens

W-ELCA

Kathy Harwick

Karen Nesvold

Eileen Trelstad

Property Committee

Dave Amundson

Ron Toenies

Mark Siegert

Worship Committee

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

Stewardship Board

Jerome Kallhoff

Darcy Daline

David Kriesie

Shirley Hanson

Global Missions

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

Technology Committee

Judy Kriesie

Maynard Meyer

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jeanene Munsterman

Jessica Borstad

Eric Nygard

Ryan Giles

Linda Anderson

Gail Smith

*The Executive Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

**All other committees are to meet once a month and report to the Executive Council.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022 through Thursday, August 11, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Light supper will be served. Closing program will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Do Day will only be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 from 8:30-12:00 p.m. during the month of August.

Discipleship News

The discipleship committee has been working diligently to prepare for upcoming pictorial directory update. This is planned for beginning of November. It is essential we have all members' information updated so we ask ALL members to please update demographic information either online or at church. Thank you to those who have already done so.

We participated in the Dragonfest parade this past month. Our theme coincided with our mission statement of "Moving forward in Faith."

"Secret Prayer Sisters"

"Secret Prayer Sisters" is an outreach ministry we are starting this fall. It is for all women/girls---no age limit---we are all spiritual sisters. It is an opportunity to uplift each other, pray for, encourage, care for, and seek blessing for each other in our walk of faith.

If you would like to be involved, there will be a form at the church office or online starting August 7 to fill out no later than September 15. The official starting date of the program will be October 1. On September 18 names will be drawn to reveal your "Secret Prayer Sister" who will be SECRET throughout the coming year until September 2023 when we will all meet for a gathering where the identity of your "Secret Prayer Sister" is revealed. You will become a silent prayer partner...your "sister" will not know who you are, and you will know also that someone else will be doing the same for you, too!

There will be more information explaining this event at the church office. We hope you will find this an exciting adventure! If you have questions, contact Kris Hanson, Ruth Glomstad, Betty Tollefson or Linda Anderson.

AUGUST

Acolyte

7 - Malcolm & Greta
14 - Greta & Jace
21 - Macy & Jax
28 - Marley & Brianna

Lay Reader

7 - Jerome Kallhoff
14 - Contemporary
21 - Bart Hill
28 - Jane Boraas

WORSHIP

Ushers

7- Team 4
14 - Team 3
21 - Team 2
28 - Team 1

Screen

7- Lorrie
14 - Jeanene
21 - Lorrie
28 - Lorrie

ASSISTANTS

Videographer

7- Dan L.
14 - Jeff H.
21 - Maynard M.
28 - Dan L.

Communion

7 - Jodi K. & Angela A.
14 - Bev H. & Becky M.
21 - Bart & Julie H.
28 - Gary & Jane B.

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Ivy Nesvold | 17 | Tyler Engesmoe | 25 | Cayden Loterbauer |
| 4 | Carol Matthies | 17 | Darcy Daline | 25 | Colt Kells |
| 5 | Laurel Ehlenz | 17 | Nolan Johnson | 26 | Matt Carmody |
| 5 | Hank Mortenson | 18 | Alice Johnson | 26 | Zachary Smith |
| 6 | Donn Larson | 18 | Taylor Shelstad | 27 | Rebecca Mortenson |
| 7 | Alexandra Borstad | 19 | Avan Kells | 28 | Bill Bungarden |
| 8 | Robert Glomstad | 19 | Cindy Hansen | 28 | Rick Weber |
| 8 | Patty Thompson | 19 | Tyler Erp | 28 | Emily Kennedy |
| 9 | Dylan Nicholson | 19 | Gunnar Tucholke | 29 | Mitchell Lillejord |
| 10 | Aaron Roggenbuck | 19 | Sutton Bornhorst | 29 | Kathy Bungarden |
| 10 | Nathan Heinrich | 20 | Judy Kriese | 30 | Kathy Harwick |
| 10 | Alyson Call | 20 | Todd Trost | 30 | Phyllis Hauck |
| 11 | Zachary Kittelson | 20 | Megan Seefeld | 30 | Betty Tollefson |
| 11 | Lainey Olson | 21 | Cynthia Albrecht | 30 | Grant Trygestad |
| 12 | Mya Call | 21 | Merlyn Munsterman | 30 | Brody Wollschlager |
| 13 | Boise Halvorson | 21 | Grace Haas | 31 | Paige Nesvold |
| 13 | Marissa Kemen | 22 | Glenda Kennedy | 31 | Aidyn Bonn |
| 16 | Carter Call | 23 | Mandy Weber | | |
| 17 | Sharon Webber | 23 | Holly North | | |
| 17 | Peter Weber | 24 | Berdell Boraas | | |
| 17 | Sandy Johnson | 24 | Ramona Niven | | |
| 17 | Dallas Schellberg | 24 | Sadie Zahrbock | | |

**Happy
Birthday**


Statement of Activities

July 31, 2022

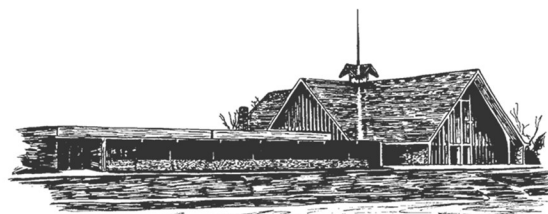
| | Current Month Actual | Current Month Budget | YTD Actual | Annual Budget | YTD Last Year | Last Year Annual Budget |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals: | 20,892.71 | 23,639.30 | 137,127.27 | 283,671.62 | 155,992.80 | 303,260.50 |
| MISC. INCOME Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.23 | 0.00 | 1.17 | 0.00 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals: | 0.00 | 1,250.00 | 10,176.30 | 15,000.00 | 10,786.97 | 15,000.00 |
| BD OF WORSHIP Totals: | 348.00 | 275.01 | 3,320.91 | 3,300.00 | 1,707.00 | 2,800.00 |
| BD OF EDUCATION Totals: | 0.00 | 33.33 | 100.00 | 400.00 | 1,488.00 | 0.00 |
| BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 21.84 | 0.00 | 21.85 | 0.00 |
| BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals: | 0.00 | 241.66 | 0.00 | 2,900.00 | 3,245.00 | 0.00 |
| BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals: | 0.00 | 1,208.33 | 0.00 | 14,500.00 | 111.87 | 0.00 |
| INTEREST Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.00 |
| TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CD Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25.82 | 0.00 | 2.85 | 0.00 |
| BEQUESTS Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Income Totals: | 21,240.71 | 26,647.63 | 150,779.98 | 319,771.62 | 173,357.85 | 321,060.50 |
| Expense | | | | | | |
| CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals: | 16,847.91 | 17,524.23 | 122,879.18 | 210,290.62 | 115,927.91 | 213,254.50 |
| BD OF WORSHIP Totals: | 760.86 | 787.52 | 3,985.40 | 9,450.00 | 3,237.38 | 9,925.00 |
| BD OF EDUCATION Totals: | 384.00 | 992.17 | 1,245.64 | 11,906.00 | 707.18 | 11,106.00 |
| BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals: | 27.99 | 172.91 | 194.05 | 2,075.00 | 197.57 | 2,075.00 |
| BD OF YOUTH Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals: | 4,803.25 | 5,670.83 | 46,928.36 | 68,050.00 | 34,641.18 | 66,700.00 |
| BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals: | 1,403.39 | 1,500.00 | 6,613.39 | 18,000.00 | 1,819.71 | 18,000.00 |
| TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Expense Totals: | 24,227.40 | 26,647.66 | 181,846.02 | 319,771.62 | 156,530.93 | 321,060.50 |
| Income - Expense: | (2,986.69) | (0.03) | (31,066.04) | 0.00 | 16,826.92 | 0.00 |

Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

August 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|--------|----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 9am Worship | VBS - 5:30-7:30 p.m. | VBS - 5:30-7:30 p.m. | VBS - 5:30-7:30 p.m. 7pm Church Council | VBS - 5:30-7:30 p.m. 7pm VBS Closing Program | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 9am Contemporary Worship | <div> <div>Newsletter Articles Due</div>  </div> | | | 8:30am-12pm Do Day | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9am Worship | | | 6pm Little Blessings Orientation | 11:30-12:30 Second Harvest | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| 9am Worship | | | | | | |

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Sunday Worship at Faith: 9:00 a.m.

Broadcast on KLQP 92.1 FM: Sundays 11:30 a.m.

Cable Channel 8: Sundays 3:30 p.m.

Facebook: 3:30 p.m. [Faith Lutheran Church](#)

Website: 3:30 p.m. www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org

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