

## **“Fishing for people” Mathew 4:19-20**

It’s been a while since I last went fishing. My rods and reels sit in the corner of the garage collecting dust. I’ll get back to it someday as I’ve always enjoyed fishing.

In the Gospel text of Matthew 4, Jesus invites four men to join in a different kind of fishing adventure. He calls them to fish not for fish but for people. How would one go about fishing for people?

Well, firstly, like regular fishing for fish, one must go where the fish are. In our case we don’t have far to go as there are our family and friends which we see almost every day. We start with those closest to us. What would we say? We simply tell of what we experience in our walk of faith. We most likely haven’t memorized the Bible, but we do have our own story of faith. The proper equipment here is not to argue the faith, but to share the faith. We don’t give people faith, the Holy Spirit does.

While fishing for people, also like regular fish fishing, we must be patient. It’s called “fishing” and not “catching.” Some people wouldn’t be interested but we still have a story to tell. We need patience and persistence. If you think of your own faith and those who have influenced you, I’m sure you have several remembrances of those people sharing their faith with you. It wasn’t just one conversation or instance, but many.

Jesus has chosen us to fish for people. In many ways it’s like regular fishing for fish. God equips us with whatever it takes to share the Good News. We need to go where the people are, share our story of faith, and have patience.

Together in Christ,  
Pr. Ron Nichols

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, January 11, 2023.**

**Pastor Ron reported that the World Day of Prayer will be March 3, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at the Madison Healthcare Chapel. Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023.**

**The pictorial directory should be available in the next four to six weeks.**

**A Food Stand Committee has been formed and will meet Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to start discussing the future of the fair stand and repair or reconstruction of that stand.**

**Members are reminded that they must sign a communion card at least once a year and contribute financially to remain active members of Faith Lutheran Church. If contributing cash, members are asked to put it in a donation envelope with their name so that they can get credit for it.**

**The Site Profile prepared by the Call Committee has been submitted to the Synod and has been approved.**

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

**Handbell Substitutes are needed - if you are interested or want more information, contact Linda.**

**Looking ahead - our annual Spring Splash event will be Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. @ Faith Church.**

**Needed: Lenten Partners! If you would like to be a partner (during the weeks of Lent) to a Joyful Noise Choir member, please contact Linda. It is for six weeks - starting February 22 and concluding the week of Easter. It is a great opportunity to get to know some of our younger members!**

## **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: Melanie Miller  
 Secretary: Kristin Ludvigson  
 Treasurer: Kristin Ludvigson  
     Judy Kriese  
     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  
 Amy Brehmer

#### **W-ELCA**

Kathy Harwick  
 Karen Nesvold  
 Eileen Trelstad

#### **Property Committee**

Dave Amundson  
 Ron Toenies  
 Mark Siegert  
 Michael Arndt

#### **Worship Committee**

Linda Anderson  
 Mary Wodrich  
 Lorrie Ehrenberg  
 Kelly Kallhoff  
 Angie Arndt

#### **Stewardship Board**

Jerome Kallhoff  
 David Kriese  
 Shirley Hanson  
 Maynard Meyer

Kevin Tollefson

#### **Global Missions**

Kris Hanson  
 Jody Dahle  
 Stan Olson  
 Curtis Seefeld  
 Betty Tollefson  
 Char Heinzen  
 Ruth Glomstad

#### **Technology Committee**

Judy Kriese  
 Maynard Meyer  
 Lorrie Ehrenberg  
 Jeanene Munsterman  
 Jessica Borstad  
 Eric Nygard  
 Curtice Kranz  
 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.

## **From the Worship Committee**

**The 2023 list of Altar Guild and Flower Volunteers are out. Please check your church mailboxes for your list.**

**Ash Wednesday Service will be February 22nd at 7 pm. Mark it on your calendar. We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer Service at the Lenten Services on Wednesday nights at 7p.m.**

**Sponsors are needed for the radio broadcast, bulletins and altar flowers. It can be in honor or memory of a loved one. Call or stop by the office for more information. Prices are radio-\$51.00, flowers-\$50.00, and bulletins \$25.00.**

## **WELCA**

**Wednesday, February 8: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study**

### **Global Missions News**

**Operation Starfish will launch on Ash Wednesday and run through Easter Sunday. As always, it is our prayer to be able to build a home for a most deserving family in the Caribbean through Food for the Poor. Stay tuned!!**

### **Discipleship News**

**The Discipleship committee welcomed 6 families in January as new members.**

**We completed our pictorial directory - thank you to all those who helped put this together! It was a large project and we could not have done it without those volunteers.**



## FEBRUARY

### Acolyte

5 - Brycen & Noah  
12 - Jace & Aidyn  
19 - Brianna & Teagan  
26 - Greta & Aidyn

### Lay Reader

5 - Tamara Bissett  
12 - Contemporary  
19 - Gail Smith  
26 - Greta Fernholz

## WORSHIP

### Usher

5 - Team 4  
12 - Team 3  
19 - Team 2  
22 - Team 1 Ash  
Wednesday  
26 - Team 7

### Screen

5 - Lorrie  
12 - Jeanene  
19 - Lorrie  
26 - Lorrie

## ASSISTANTS

### Videographer

5 - Jeff H.  
12 - Maynard  
19 - Dan L.  
22 - Jeff H. Ash Wednesday  
26 - Maynard

### Communion

5 - Jody D. & Tamara B.  
12 - Cindy H. & Fran S.  
19 - Gail S. & Diana S.  
26 - Tammy W. & Deb. M.

2 Scott Halvorson  
3 Wesley Ludvigson  
5 Dain Mortenson  
6 Gene Koosmann  
7 Corbin Larson  
8 Stan Olson  
9 Eloise Peterson  
9 Emma Gloege  
9 Knox Kuechenmeister  
9 Penelope Anderson  
10 Craig Kanstrup  
10 Molly Halvorson  
10 Archer Boyens  
11 Ritch Smith  
11 Sherry Deyo  
11 Alivia Haas

11 Keaton Haas  
12 Alexander Neyens  
12 Max Strand  
14 Michael Deyo  
16 Claire Mork  
17 Kyle Ludvigson  
18 Kelli Larson  
18 Lori Broin  
18 Easton Mork  
19 Sharon Kallhoff  
19 William Anderson  
20 Cindy Vaala  
20 Nancy Kells  
21 Ronda Helgemo  
22 Matthew Arndt  
22 Alex Kittelson  
23 Richard Zahnow

25 Jonathan Daline  
25 Donald Shelstad  
25 Miranda Bendel  
25 Addyson Bonn  
26 Larry Clark  
27 Kenneth Beyer  
27 Sandra Harwick  
27 Lois Skallerud  
27 Diane Gollnick




**Statement of Activities - With Date Range**

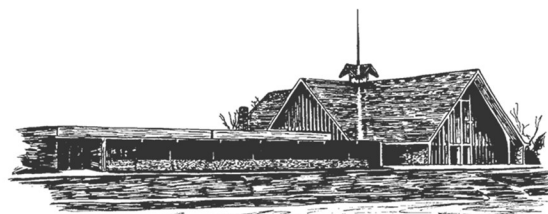
January 1, 2023 - January 25, 2023

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	Current Period Budget vs. Actual
<b>Income</b>			
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	18,793.55	26,910.62	(8,117.07)
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	1,078.42	2,156.84	(1,078.42)
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	194.25	333.26	(139.01)
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	54.24	(54.24)
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	240.00	241.74	(1.74)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,458.26	(1,458.26)
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	20,306.22	31,154.96	(10,848.74)
<b>Expense</b>			
CAPITAL IMPROVE. EXPENSE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF DISCIPLESHP Totals:	10,272.26	19,995.64	9,723.38
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	328.62	774.78	446.16
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	65.74	1,058.87	993.13
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	25.60	127.39	101.79
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	7,534.49	6,866.74	(667.75)
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,792.00	1,792.00
Expense Totals:	18,226.71	30,615.42	12,388.71
Income - Expense:	2,079.51	539.54	1,539.97

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Worship/ Baptism  10am Sunday School  10:30am Senior Choir			9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Bible Study 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers	8:30-12pm Do Day		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9am Contemporary Worship  10am Sunday School	<div> <div>Newsletter Articles Due</div>  </div>		9am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am Worship 10am All Ages Day 10:30am Senior Choir			9 am Hot Muffins 3:30pm Joyful Noise 3:30 pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Lenten Service	8:30am-12pm Do Day  11:30-12:30 Second Harvest/Meal		
26	27	28				
9am Worship 10am Sunday School						

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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](http://www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org)

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