

# “Well, Hello There

*Faith Lives*

Faith Lutheran Church

July 2021

## “Asking for Too Much”

In the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 14, reveals the story of Jesus multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over 5000 people. A short summary goes like this: Jesus is teaching a massive crowd of people. The disciples realize it's getting late. They are most likely tired and hungry themselves. Maybe even Jesus needs a break and should send the people to town for supper. They say to Jesus, “... send the crowds away, so they may go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus' surprising reply is “They need not go away you give them something to eat.”

Why do you suppose Jesus asks the disciples to do something that they clearly were incapable of doing? The food they had was merely lunch for one or perhaps two. It was not enough. Anyone could see that.

We might ask a similar question. Why does God ask of us more of what we are capable of giving? For that matter, why does our church, community, and family ask more of us than what we can muster? Are not there times when we feel overwhelmed with the demands of the day?

And what about our faith? Jesus calls us to love even our enemies. He asks us share the gospel even when we might be rejected. We might think “Too much! I just don't have what it takes.”

The sad thing is that we are exactly right! Jesus does ask of us more than what we have of time, talent, and possession. We simply do not have enough to get the job done. However, there is good news.

While Jesus asks of us more than what we have, he simply is not expecting us to do this on our own. The disciples gave Jesus all they had and Jesus then made it adequate. This is how it works.

Jesus always invites himself to assist us in any endeavor. We give him what we have and he then makes it adequate. Notice the disciples gave Jesus all they had as little as it was, but Jesus then blessed it and shared it with others. It was enough, and more than enough.

Does Jesus ask of us more than we are capable of giving? Oh my, yes! This is so because we are never left unassisted and reliant only upon our own devices. We give all we have to Jesus and he makes it enough, even more than enough.

Together in Christ,

Pr. Ron Nichols

## COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, June 9, 2021.

Pastor Ron is planning on moving full time to Madison by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and will need assistance with the move. He is now able to visit members of Faith Lutheran Church who are in nursing homes and assisted living. He will be gone July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>, but will be here for Norma Larsen's funeral that weekend.

Faith Lutheran Church welcomes Amy Brehmer and Braelyn Brehmer as new members.

The Second Harvest banquet will re-start in June. This meal for those who receive food boxes through Second Harvest was on hold during the pandemic.

Coffee hour is again being offered after Sunday worship. There was discussion on how to get people to sign up to serve. If all members took part, any one family would only need to serve once every year or so.

There was discussion about taping things to the windows and doors. Nothing should be hung without approval of the church office, including on bulletin boards. All posters should be brought to the office for review. Nothing should ever be hung on the doors. Mark Siegert said that doing so damages the doors.

Pastor Ron's contract has been extended to the end of May, 2023.

Faith Lutheran Church is still waiting for the Synod to approve its constitution. Pastor Ron will have Jessica follow up on this.

The church is still in need of an Education Director.

Ryan Giles will discuss with the Properties Committee whether it would be possible to install a basketball hoop somewhere on church property for children's use. The call committee, the synod and the council are all in agreement that Pastor Ron's contract be extended for two years. The call committee will suspend its search for a new pastor until closer to the end of Pastor Ron's contract.

Faith Lutheran Church is still in need of an education director. There was discussion about suggesting that two to three people might consider working together instead of just one person handling the position.

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

Seeking applicants for Coordinator of Education and youth activities within the church. Salary Position. Deep love of children, computer skills, and leadership skills with children and adult volunteers preferred.

Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office for job description and to leave resume. 320-598-3630

## Faith Lutheran Staff & Officers

### **Pastor Ronald Nichols**

#### **Office Staff**

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager/ Financial Secretary:  
Jessica Borstad

Education Coordinator:

Little Blessings Teacher: Kelli Fernholz

Senior Choir Director: Gary Boraas

#### **Executive Council**

President: Ryan Giles

Vice-President: David Kriese

Secretary: Jeanene Munsterman

Treasurer: Becky Mortenson

Mark Siegart

Linda Anderson

Kelly Zahrbock

Melanie Miller

Taylor Shelstad

#### **Education Committee**

Jodi Kallhoff

Deb Meyer

Jessica Borstad

Becky Mortenson

Darcy Daline

### **W-ELCA**

Kathy Harwick

Karen Nesvold

Eileen Trelstad

#### **Property Committee**

Dave Amundson

Ron Toenies

Mark Siegart

#### **Worship Committee**

Gail Smith

Linda Anderson

Mary Wodrich

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jerome Kallhoff

#### **Discipleship Committee**

Melanie Miller

Tamara Bissett

Kelly Zahrbock

Brittany Engesmoe

#### **Stewardship Board**

Jerome Kallhoff

Darcy Daline

David Kriese

### **Global Missions**

Kris Hanson

Jody Dahle

Stan Olson

Curtis Seefeld

Betty Tollefson

Char Heinzen

#### **Technology Committee**

Judy Kriese

Maynard Meyer

Lorrie Ehrenberg

Jessica Borstad

Jeanene Munsterman

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.

## Discipleship Committee News

As we previously were called "Lay Ministry," we are up and running! Please be patient with us as we are all new to this committee and are working diligently to get accustomed. A huge "thanks" to Pastor Ron for providing us with guidance and advice.

We welcomed our new members in May and presented Pastor Ron with a welcome gift.

We are planning a float for the July 17th parade – Linda has asked the Joyful Noise Singers to join us. If there is anyone willing to help prepare this, please let Melanie know.





Loretta and I wish to thank all the helpers that showed up to help us move to town. Thank you to all who supplied food and drink. You have made us feel very welcome here.

-Pastor Ron and Loretta Nichols

## Worship Committee News by Gail Smith

On June 16th, the Agape Singers were at Faith Lutheran. A meal was served to them before the service and desert was served after the service to those in attendance. Thanks to all who helped make that possible.

An outside service is planned for July 18th at 9am. Please bring a chair and join us.

The Gospel readings for July 25th and August 1st are about the bread of life.

### Needed: Faith Fair Food Stand Workers-All shifts

Money goes for Faith projects.

If you have not been contacted yet, please contact Kathy 320-361-0243 for available times.

**There is still time to order your pies for \$13.00 in the Church office.**

"God's Work Our Hands"



## Faith Builders

Barn Quilts are again up for sale on our church website: [www.faithlutheranmadison.org](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org) Just click on the link "Barn Quilts" on the front page. Then order your design by number. If you have any questions please call Deb Meyer @

Please share this news with your friends and family! It is a wonderful fundraiser that they do to help support the missions they do.

## JULY

## WORSHIP

## ASSISTANTS

### Acolyte

4 - Kylee & Tygan  
11 - Drew & Tyler  
18 - Hannah & Kendyl  
25 - Macy & Zoey

### Lay Reader

4 - Lorrie Ehrenberg  
11 - Gail Smith  
18 - Contemporary  
25 - Jeanene Munsterman

### Ushers

4 - Team 3  
11 - Team 2  
18 - Team 1  
25 - Team 7

### Screen

4 - Lorrie Ehrenberg  
11 - Jeanene Munsterman  
18 - Lorrie Ehrenberg  
25 -

### Videographer

4 - Maynard  
11 - Dan W.  
18 - Dan L.  
25 - Dan W.

### Communion

4 - Bob G., Deb M.  
11 - None  
18 - Gail S., Diana S.  
25 - Jody D., Kathy H.

1 Jade Martin  
3 Syllas Griess  
3 Ed Shelstad  
4 Jim Helgemo  
5 Erica Fernholz  
6 Gage Thompson  
7 Ruth Glomstad  
7 Haliegh Strei  
7 Carter Young  
8 Joshua Bjerke  
8 Kristin Tebben  
10 Peter Bendel  
11 Mya Conroy  
11 Austin Croatt  
11 Brian Fernholz  
11 Lily Fernholz  
12 Dawn Croatt  
12 Chloe Ludvigson  
12 Daniel Nelson  
13 Jaden Kallhoff  
14 Jerome Kallhoff  
14 Hadley Lillejord  
14 Ryan Ludvigson  
15 Zachary Flickenger



15 Molly Hacker  
15 Peggy Lund  
16 Duane Borstad  
16 Steve Dahle  
16 Bob Diller  
17 Jordan Maland  
17 Becky Trygestad  
18 Fran Siegert  
19 Maynard Meyer  
20 Kenneth Boraas  
21 Paul Engesmoe  
21 Zoe Helgemo  
22 Merlyn Drake  
23 Val Halvorson  
23 Lil Lyng  
24 Kristi Larson  
24 Cooper Smith

25 Bev Hiepler  
25 Arnie Streich  
26 Paul Weber  
27 Colton Mortenson  
28 Daniel Olson  
28 Noah Stone  
29 Lana Arneson  
29 Shelby Jacobsen  
29 Ty Kanstrup  
29 Lexi Wollschlager  
30 Robin Allen  
30 Aria DuFrane  
30 Kylie DuFrane  
30 Jan Lindquist  
31 Marlene Johnson  
31 Sharon Ronglien  
31 James Tonn



## Statement of Activities

June 30, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>					
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	14,927.28	25,271.71	103,243.57	151,630.24	303,260.50
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.88	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	866.62	1,250.00	10,786.97	7,500.00	15,000.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	0.00	233.34	560.00	1,399.96	2,800.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	200.00	0.00	1,488.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.95	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	0.00	3,220.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	19.00	0.00	111.87	0.00	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	2.85	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	16,012.90	26,755.05	119,415.35	160,530.20	321,060.50
<b>Expense</b>					
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	14,381.46	17,746.22	101,344.86	106,477.18	212,954.50
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	(33.81)	827.09	2,448.38	4,962.46	9,925.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	0.00	925.50	243.81	5,553.00	11,106.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	29.34	172.91	167.62	1,037.54	2,075.00
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	3,735.53	5,558.35	30,422.32	33,349.90	66,700.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	9,000.00	18,000.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	13.88	25.00	83.28	150.00	300.00
Expense Totals:	18,126.40	26,755.07	134,710.27	160,530.08	321,060.50
Income - Expense:	(2,113.50)	(0.02)	(15,294.92)	0.12	0.00

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))



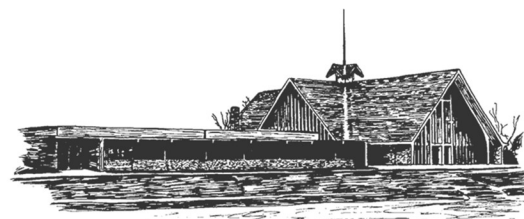
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9am Worship 	5 	6	7 9am Hot Muffins	8 8:30am Do Day	9	10
11 9am Worship  7	12	13	14 9am Hot Muffins 7pm Church Council Mtg.	15	16	17
18 9am Worship - <i>Outdoor Service</i>	19	20	21 9am Hot Muffins	22 8:30am Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Second Harvest	23 	24
25 9am Worship	26	27	28 9am Hot Muffins	29	30	31

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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](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranChurch)

Website: 3:30 p.m. [www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org](http://www.faithlutheranchurchmadison.org)

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