

Faith



Faith Lutheran Church

May 2021

Consumer Church

Church is seen as a dispenser of religious goods and services. People come to church to be “fed”, to have their needs met through quality programs, and to have the professionals teach their children about God.

I go to church

Missional Church

A body of people sent on mission who gather in community for worship, community encouragement and teaching from the Word in addition to what they are self-feeding themselves throughout the week.

I am the church

Is different from

Obviously, the Bible teaches us that the right side of the diagram is how we are to understand ourselves. The left side portrays what might be called a more modern view. The left side of the diagram seems to be the most prevalent nowadays.

It's difficult not to get caught up in the modern culture that teaches “bigger is better” and “too much is never enough” mentality. As a result, some churches anxiously pour over attendance records and financial reports convincing themselves that bigger numbers means a job well done. But, is this what Jesus teaches?

I am often reminded of Pr. Lyle Schaller's “M Theory.” He states that if your church is mostly concerned with the three M's, “Members, Maintenance, and Money,” you have misunderstood the purpose of the church. “Mission” is the first and primary activity of the church. Mission always includes its own members, but must focus attention outward rather than inward. Mission minded churches see the right side of the graphic above as the highest priority.

God never asks us to be a successful church. God always asks us to be a faithful church. As we put mission as the foremost priority of this church, God will continue to bless our every effort.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Pastor Ron reported that Easter services were well attended and that in-person worship services are going well. Coffee time will still have to be on hold due to COVID restrictions. He will be meeting with the stewardship committee to discuss possible programs that incorporate not only the financial aspect, but also participation in church, inclusion of activities for children and encouraging involvement.

A number of issues were addressed during the meeting. The Education Board would like to see a basketball hoop installed in the parking lot for youth to use. This will be looked into. The work that Deb Meyer and Darcie Daline are doing with the Sunday School children is very much appreciated. Joyful Noise will be providing music during a couple of services this spring.

There will be a new member recognition at worship Sunday May 2 2021.

The area church ministerium is planning a cookout and ecumenical worship service on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, with the meal at 5:30 and worship at 6:30. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Wednesday, June 9, 2021. All area churches are invited to participate.

The Discipleship Committee (formerly Lay Ministry) is discussing holding a meet and greet to welcome Pastor Ron. This is still in discussion with more information coming soon.

The funeral policy has been updated to clarify the policies of Faith Lutheran Church.

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 Siegert

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 Siegert

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.

Good News from

WE GIVE HUMBLE THANKS TO OUR FAITH FAMILY- By the grace of our Lord Jesus, we more than DOUBLED our Operation Starfish goal of \$3,800 and we are able to send Food for the Poor \$7,600 to build a double home with solar lighting and sanitation in the very poorest of poor countries- Haiti. Cydney Hartner, our contact and a missionary at Food for the Poor, is hoping to return to Faith and bring her message of hope and inspiration and tell us first hand about our gift of a home to a family in Haiti in desperate need of a safe place to live. The past year has at times been very dark and lonely for many. The response we had to Operation Starfish shows that God really is a WAYMAKER! When all seems impossible and bleak, he is our light in the darkness- he found a way to multiply our gifts and stirred up a passion for giving in our members souls to be a miracle to someone else. THAT is who our Christ is and we can trust him always! As Christian writer and Holocaust Hero Corrie ten Boom wrote, when you're on a train traveling through a deep, dark tunnel and all seems lost, do you jump out? No, you hold on tight to who you know you can trust and soon, the train will emerge from the tunnel and our fears are washed away! God never promised it was going to be easy but he DID promise to never leave or forsake us. Hope blooms larger than ever this Spring!

We trust you Jesus! Global Missions

Notes from Linda



Little Blessings Preschool will be presenting its spring program "It's About Life" on Thursday, May 6, at 6pm in the church sanctuary.

Joyful Noise Singers/Ringers will have its last rehearsal for the spring on Wednesday, May 19. Their annual Lock-In will be Friday evening, May 28.

"Do you sing, ring bells, play piano, or play organ, play an instrument?" is usually the first question I ask when I meet someone who will be joining Faith. I must admit I forget to ask the same question to those who are already members! If you are interested in volunteering in this way, please contact me. You would be so welcome to do so!

Thank you for a wonderful (and challenging) year to all our musicians. You are appreciated.

Worship Committee News by Gail Smith



- Pentecost Sunday May 23rd. Remember to wear Red!
- Needed: Someone to do altar guild for July or October. Please contact Gail Smith

May 11- Ruth-9:30

W-ELCA NEWS

May 12- Lydia/Hannah-9:30

Just a reminder: Sign a communion card a few times a year. The sign-in sheet is not used for this.

Thank you seniors for being a part of Faith. We wish you the best!

Faith has many boards and committees with each managing their activities (Alter Guild, Flowers technology, etc.)

WELCA or Women of the ELCA has many church projects including help for funerals and the church fair food fair stand where each confirmed member (men and women) are asked/expected to help. WELCA organizes the event for the church (gets workers, servers, orders supplies, helps with food preparation and disperses the money). Together we get things done.

Money from the stand supports a child from Uganda and one from Sierra Leone, Green Lake Bible Camp and student camp grants, Little Blessings, Do Day, Bible Study, and church upkeep.

Some of the projects include: kitchen upgrade (counter tops, dishwasher, coffee machine, stoves, kitchen cleaning and, kitchen supplies); Fellowship Hall (painting, lighting, seasonal decorations, new tables and chairs). Money painted the orange outside doors, furnished entry rugs, bathroom and sidewalk upgrades, and \$10,000.00 towards windows, needed things but that are not always in the regular church budget.

According to current guidelines the LqP County Fair Faith food Stand cannot serve food. However, if allowed, several possibilities have been mentioned.

1. Take out only-stand/church 2. Fundraiser another time 3. Reduced menu

We will let you know more when we know something. "God's Work, Our Hands"

MAY

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

2 - Drew & Tyler
9 - Sadie & Kya
16 - Hannah & Kendyl
23 - Macy & Zoey
30 - Daytona & Malcolm

Lay Reader

2 - Eileen Trelstad
9 - Contemporary
16 - Bart Hill
23 - Tamara Bisset
30 - Ed Olson

Ushers

2 - Team 5
9 - Team 4
16 - Team 3
23 - Team 2
30 - Team 1

Screen

2 - Jessica Borstad
9 - Jeanene Munsterman
16 - Lorrie Ehrenberg
23 - Lorrie Ehrenberg
30 - Jeanene Munsterman

Videographer

2 - Dave Berg
9 - Dan Larsen
16 - Jeff Hanson
23 - Maynard Meyer
30 - Paul Engesmoe

Communion

2 - Sharon R., Gail S.
9 - Jody D., Bev H.,
16 - Bart & Julie Hill
23 - Tamara B., Maxine T.
30 - Arlette J., Cindy H.

1 Diana Smith
1 Drew Borstad
2 Doris Monson
3 Curtis Shelstad
4 Alicia Hancock
4 Aspen Bendel
4 Megan McFarland
5 Scott Croatt
8 Tori Zahrbock
9 Bernice Oellien
9 Terri Leeseberg
11 Dan Croatt
11 Brady Kemen
11 Sylvia Halvorson
12 Sandra Hoium
13 Robert Jacobson
13 Paul Struck
14 Macy Zahrbock
15 Judy Maasjo
15 Ashley McFarland
16 Kiyoko Dolman



Birth-

17 Janice Novak
17 Landry Streich
17 Pamela Jacobson
17 Kris Hanson
18 Casey Chester
20 Lucas Mortenson
20 Norma Knopp
20 McKenzie Long
20 Zachary Mork
21 Les Boraas
21 Julie Geerdes
21 Morgan Schmidt
21 Alexis Nygard
22 Carol Olson

22 Grant Bjerke
23 Randy Mortenson
23 Jodi Streich
23 Connor Croatt
24 Parker Kallhoff
24 Kylee Asfeld
25 Mac Buer
25 Mya Mortenson
26 Betty Schulz
26 Teagan Conroy
27 Eric Nygard
28 Tyler Struck
28 Malachi Schulz
29 Eugene Isfeld
29 Axel Nicholson
30 Jax Engesmoe
31 Deb Hoffmann

Statement of Activities

April 30, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	18,649.09	25,271.71	72,487.58	101,086.82	303,260.50
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	1,663.24	1,250.00	6,757.11	5,000.00	15,000.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	345.00	233.34	455.00	933.28	2,800.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	140.00	0.00	670.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	0.00	0.00	720.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	82.87	0.00	92.87	0.00	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	215.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	2.85	0.00	2.85	0.00	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	20,883.05	26,755.05	81,402.13	107,020.10	321,060.50
Expense					
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	17,402.71	17,746.22	69,743.78	70,984.74	212,954.50
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	363.95	827.09	1,613.05	3,308.28	9,925.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	124.40	925.50	326.67	3,702.00	11,106.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	29.07	172.91	107.35	691.72	2,075.00
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	3,822.57	5,558.35	20,802.47	22,233.20	66,700.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	6,000.00	18,000.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	13.88	25.00	55.52	100.00	300.00
Expense Totals:	21,756.58	26,755.07	92,648.84	107,019.94	321,060.50
Income - Expense:	(873.53)	(0.02)	(11,246.71)	0.16	0.00

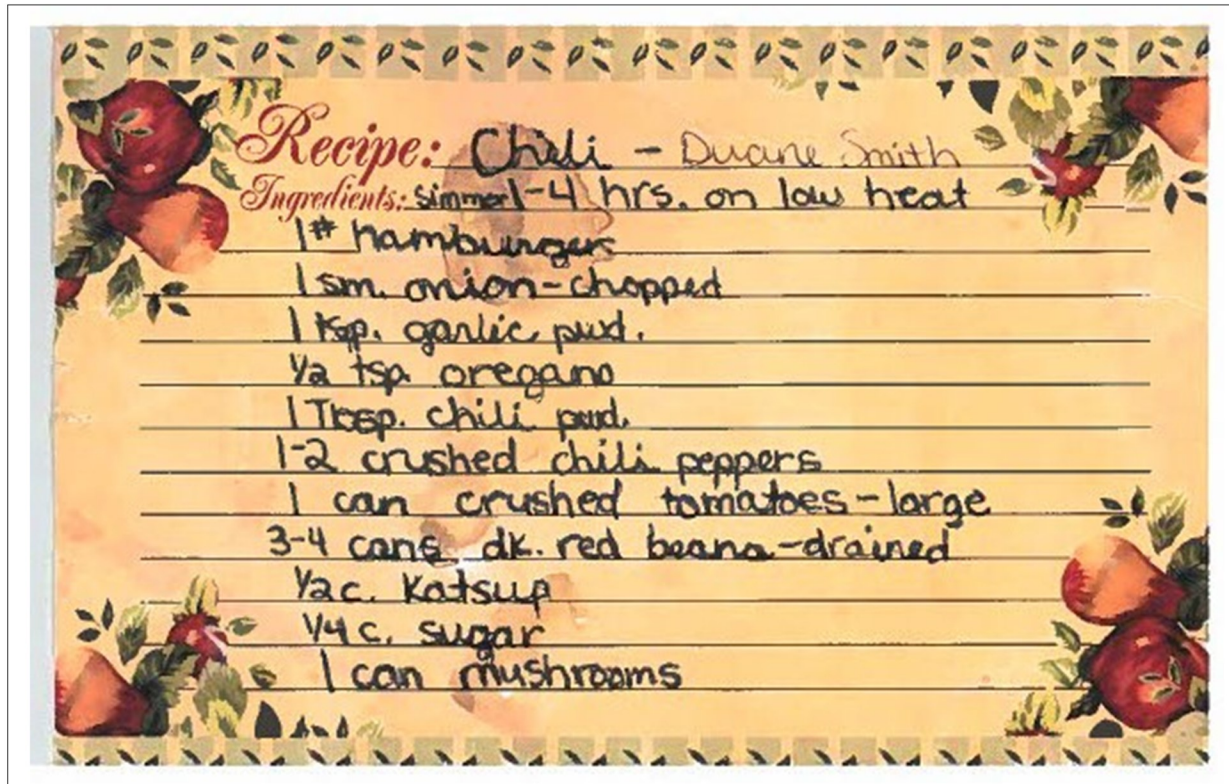
Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

Happy Mother's Day!



Homemade
GIFTS MADE EASY

jessica's Hangry! (hungry + angry)



Lenten Partners Party 2021



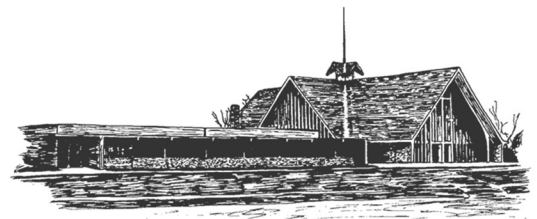
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	3	4	5 9am Hot Muffins 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Bells	6 6pm Little Blessings Program	7	8
9 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	10 Pastor Ron on vacation through the 16th.	11 9:30am Ruth Circle	12 9am Hot Muffins 9:30 Lydia/Hannah Circle 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs NO Confirmation 6pm Bells 7pm Council Mtg.	13 8:30am Do Day	14	15
16 9am Worship <i>Pastor Jon Anderson</i> 10am Sunday School (Last Day)	17	18	19 9am Hot Muffins 3:30 Joyful Noise Choirs 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Bells	20	21 Newsletter Articles Due 	22 Lee Wedding
23 / 30 9am Worship <i>Pentecost Sunday (Red)</i> <i>Senior Recognition</i>	24 / 31	25	26 9am Hot Muffins	27 8:30am Do Day 12-1pm Second Harvest	28 Joyful Noise Lock-in	29

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Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.



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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)

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