



Faith Lutheran Church

October 2021

"The Maintenance of Relationships"

It takes two people to take out the trash at my house: me to actually wheel the can to the street and my wife to remind me. Truthfully and on a regular occasion my wife takes care of it all by herself. If I have a late meeting on Tuesday, she dutifully takes care of my job knowing I'll forget. I don't mean to forget, but I just do.

Someone once said, "Marriage may be made in heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth." I might add "and it's never a 50 - 50 endeavor." No, the maintenance of marriage is never shared evenly. Someone is always putting in more time, effort, and responsibility than the other.

Marriage demands two people to work together. Perhaps some days it is more of a duel than a duet, but the goal is to assist the other in every affair. Clearly, I don't shine when it comes to my duties of taking out the trash.

I was told that marital bliss can be achieved if both husband and wife plan to put in more effort than the other. Then neither will ever be disappointed. This is the maintenance of marriage, assuming to put in more than received.

What about our relationship with God? What is this maintenance like? Surly it has to be time spent with God. Sure God is all around us, but what I mean is time on my part to honor God with my prayers and praise. Worship has to be the number one way of maintaining a relationship with God.

What happens when we don't attend worship, pray, or read the Bible? Perhaps the same thing when we neglect our spouse and seldom arrange special times together.

God's relationship to us never changes. God's love burns bright every day and God showers His blessings on us. The maintenance of this relationship, on our side, demands time set aside to worship, pray, and study the Bible.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Ron Nichols

COUNCIL REPORT

The Faith Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Pastor Ron reported that confirmation has begun with 7th and 8th grade students, with a total of 13 students. He continues to monitor COVID in the area to ensure that Faith Lutheran remains safe. At the present time, he does not plan any changes. He will be on vacation the last week of September and will need pulpit supply for Sunday, October 3, 2021.

The council is developing offering money protocol to safeguard the integrity of the individuals handling the money and maintain the privacy of contributions.

There was discussion about the need to cut expenses. The council discussed the staffing of other area churches, none of which have a full-time secretary. The council believes that Faith Lutheran's secretarial duties can be accomplished with a 20-hour work week. Therefore, the office hours will change to 9-1 daily. The church will remain open during the day, but the office will not be open in the afternoon.

There was a discussion about the church food stand and the need to have a younger generation begin to take leadership roles. This discussion was tabled as WELCA needs to be involved.

Council elections will be in November. There are two positions open as Dave Kriese and Mark Siegert have reached their term limits. A nominating committee is being appointed to seek candidates for these positions.

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

W-ELCA NEWS

Ruth Circle- 10/12@ 9:30am

Hannah/Lydia Circle- 10/13 @ 9:30am

- ♦ A big THANK YOU to all who, once again, made Faith Lutheran Food Stand a success at the LQP County Fair. Total receipts including pies, donations, food sold and the 4 days at the Fair brought us \$22,485.86. Total disbursements so far are \$12,679.41. \$2,500.00 was put into Savings which leaves a profit of \$7,306.45.

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

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.

We are looking for a new Office Manager as Jessica Borstad takes a new employment opportunity in our community. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Ron. If you know of someone who might be interested please have them call Pastor Ron. We thank Jessica for working with us.

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



Notes from Linda

Senior Choir will start rehearsing on Sunday, October 10. We will meet in the balcony around 10:25 AM. Please join us!

Fall Women's Retreat is November 6. Tickets are on sale now. We would "bee blessed" to see you that morning!

No Joyful Noise Choir or Faith Ringers on October 20.

Confirmation Sunday is on Reformation Sunday, October 31st.

Arndt, Matthew	Call, Mackenzie	Mortenson, Kaden
Asfeld, Kylee	Erp, Tyler	Nygard, Eric
Bendel, Aspen	Hacker, Sadie	Oie, Hannah
Bissett, Daytona	Kranz, Kya	Shelstad, Kendyl
Borstad, Drew	Long, Tygan	Wells, Blake



OCTOBER

WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS

Acolyte

3 - Marley & Brianna
10 - Zoey & Gavin
17 - Malcom & Greta
24 - Lyndsey & Jace
31 - Macy & Jax

Lay Reader

3 - Gail Smith
10 - Contemporary
17 - Sherry Deyo
24 - Gail Smith
31 - Eileen Trelstad

Ushers

3 - Team 4
10 - Team 3
17 - Team 2
24 - Team 1
31 - Team 7

Screen

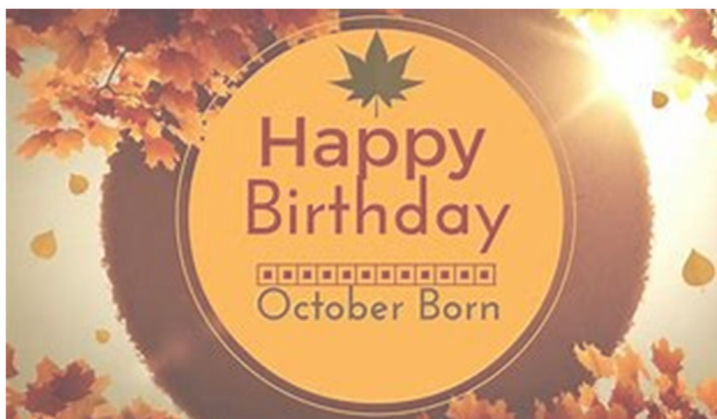
3 - Lorrie
10 - Jeanene
17 - Lorrie
24 -
31 - Jeanene

Videographer

3 - Jeff H.
10 - Maynard
17 - Dan W.
24 - Dan L.
31 - Jeff H.

Communion

3 - no communion
10 - Tammy W., Lori E.
17 - Tamara B., Fran S.
24 - Gail S., Diana S.
31 - Eileen T., Becky M.



1 Kelle Thompson
2 Chad Bissett
3 Larry Loterbauer
3 Claire Larson
4 Betty Boysen
4 Rachel Harrison
4 Daren Schmidt
4 Evelyn Young
6 Rita Harwick
6 Arlette Johnson
6 Alton Lindquist
6 Jeanene Munsterman
8 Kelly Zahrbock

9 Gail Mortenson
10 Jace Daline
11 Natoli Giles
12 Annabell Engebretson
13 Skip Blahosky
13 Pam Struck
14 Joel Swenson
15 Aubrey Dvorak
15 Doug Peterson
16 Terry Halvorson
16 Brittany Engesmoe
17 Justin Weber
18 Tammy Heinrich

18 Melanie Miller
19 Ashtyn Oie
20 Betty Johnson
20 Kim Omland
20 Kathy Strei
21 Yupa Carlson
21 Kim Kuechenmeister
21 Dylan Lillejord
22 Alexandra Dvorak
23 Mary Koosmann
23 Casey Schellberg
24 Joyce Hansen
24 Connor Oie
25 Dee Dee Erp
25 David Johnson
26 Herbert Leeseberg Jr.
27 Quinn Pillatzki
29 Macie Lund
29 Wyatt North
29 Barb Shelstad
30 Bret Deyo
30 Myron Halvorson

Statement of Activities

September 30, 2021

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Income				
GENERAL OFFERINGS Totals:	12,769.94	25,271.71	184,052.68	303,260.50
MISC. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	1.49	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVE. INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	857.14	1,250.00	11,644.11	15,000.00
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	210.00	233.34	2,122.00	2,800.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	75.00	0.00	1,820.65	0.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	0.00	0.00	21.87	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	120.00	0.00	3,415.00	0.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	0.00	0.00	111.87	0.00
INTEREST Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.00
INCOME Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CD Totals:	0.00	0.00	2.85	0.00
BEQUESTS Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income Totals:	14,032.08	26,755.05	203,192.90	321,060.50
Expense				
BD OF LAY MIN/EVAN Totals:	10,827.78	17,746.22	142,277.44	212,954.50
BD OF WORSHIP Totals:	736.93	827.09	4,398.91	9,925.00
BD OF EDUCATION Totals:	143.76	925.50	1,380.59	11,106.00
BD OF STWRDSHP/PARISH FELL. Totals:	29.97	172.91	258.47	2,075.00
BD OF YOUTH Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OF CHURCH PROPERTY Totals:	6,201.15	5,558.35	44,588.30	66,700.00
BD OF GLOBAL MISSIONS Totals:	750.00	1,500.00	3,319.71	18,000.00
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE Totals:	118.88	25.00	229.92	300.00
Expense Totals:	18,808.47	26,755.07	196,453.34	321,060.50
Income - Expense:	(4,776.39)	(0.02)	6,739.56	0.00

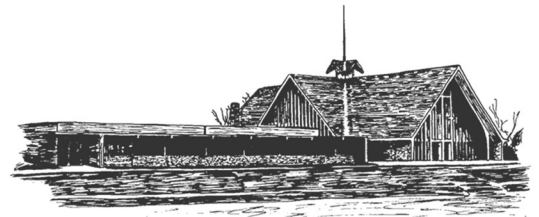
Thank you! We appreciate your continued gracious giving.
 Tithes and offerings can be mailed, made online at www.faithlutheranmadison.org
 or PayPal (to faithluthsecretary@gmail.com)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 3pm High Tea	4	5 8-3pm Preschool Screening	6 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Board Worship Mtg.	7	8	9
10 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 10:25am Senior Choir	11	12 9:30am Ruth Circle	13 9am Hot Muffins 9:30am Hannah/Lydia 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 3:30-5pm Confirmation 6pm Faith Ringers 7pm Church Council Mtg.	14 8:30-12pm Do Day	15	16
17 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Confirmation	21	22	23
24 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	25	26	27 9am Hot Muffins 3:30-5pm Confirmation 3:30-5pm Joyful Noise 6pm Faith Ringers	28 8:30-12pm Do Day 11:30-12:30pm Second Harvest & Meal	29	30
31 9am Worship- -Confirmation Sunday 10am Sunday School	<div> <div>if you can be anything, be kind.</div> <div>October 2021</div> </div>					

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**Evangelical Lutheran
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)

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

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