

Faith Talks

February 2022



Sunday Worship
Online & In Person 9:30 AM

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To Safe Space for hosting Winter Shelter; Pastor Gail Hill for coordinating Safe Space as a whole; Doug De Soto for daily campus walkthroughs and FLC coordination; Clark Colahan, Barbara Coddington, Doug De Soto, and our janitor Ethan for cleaning up the fire foam after the small electrical fire in the women's room; and for the members of our congregation who so lovingly cooked meals for our guests.

Don Heinz, Sherrill Heinz, and Penny Melvin for running Faith Adult Education Classes this winter.

Barb Janzen, Linda Zimbelman, and Margaret McMillan for delighting us with their musical offerings while Luke was away.

Darby Sample and Kai McDermott-Papani for taking down a plethora of Christmas lights!

Susan Kimball for her service as Vice President of the council, and Sky Sample for taking on the role of VP.

Marv, Lola, and Chris Taylor for donating and assembling a beautiful crib for our nursery.

Nelson and Sandra Hayashida for donating a beautiful *Last Supper* wood carving for our chapel.



February Birthdays

2nd Liz Youngstrom, Nola Dosch, Steve Hall / 3rd Nancy Gregory, Mark Kimmelshue / 5th Eve Carrier, Jordan Stambaugh, Luke Nicolay / 9th Char Miller, Dan Solomon / 11th Carl Johnson, Travis Johnson / 13th Carol Gates / 16th Carol Hall / 19th Bruce Heidemeyer / 22nd Ron Heath / 24th Emily Rose / 26th Linn Brownmiller / 27th Rick Bentler

Worship and Music

Sunday Worship takes place at 9:30 AM. We will not be singing as a congregation at this time; singing will resume as the spread of COVID, flu and colds lessen. Masks are required during worship. KN95 masks are encouraged and will be available at the door. Please continue to practice appropriate social distancing and hand-hygiene like washing and sanitizing. Booster shots are now available for all vaccinated individuals in California.

Bell Choir – Tuesdays from 4pm-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir is postponed until further notice.

Worship Leaders Meeting – Thursdays at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.



In the first Sunday in February, we will hear Jesus call disciples to becoming “fishers of people,” drawing people together in the net of God’s Kingdom. In the coming months we are encouraging people to be drawn together in God’s Kingdom through small group ministries.



Pastor's Article: Small Groups

By Pastor Ben Colahan

After making the first person, God says, "It's not good that the human is alone" (Genesis 2:18). We are made for community. When God says, "Let us make humanity in our image" (Genesis 1:26), notice that God is speaking in the plural, "let us make humanity in our image." God is speaking as the Trinity: Father Son, and Holy Spirit. We are made not in the image of a solitary God, but a God who exists as community.

One of the hardest aspects of these past two years is the ways in which the pandemic has caused isolation and separation. I rejoice that slowly more and more people are able to return to worship in-person. But even Jesus didn't only preach and feed the crowds; he had a small group of twelve disciples with whom he developed more intimate and mutually supportive relationships. And so, one of our major goals as a congregation for this year is to return to Faith Lutheran's long tradition of cultivating intentional relationships of mutual love and support with small groups of 6 to 12 people.



These small groups are modeled on the description of the early church in Acts 2, which says that while the earliest followers of Jesus gathered to worship together in the temple, they also met in people's homes in smaller groups. In those homes, the followers of Jesus devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings, to fellowship, prayer, and breaking bread, and to sharing what they had to take care of each other's needs.

There are many themes that might draw people together into the same small group, such as a desire to share experiences of parenting, ageing, or a yearning to get outdoors or read a book together. But no matter the theme that draws people together, every small group will ultimately be about the disciples' teachings (the Bible), fellowship (getting to know each other more deeply), prayer, breaking bread (a reference to communion that points to experiencing Christ in our midst), and taking care of one another.

During the month of January, we tried to get a sense of what themes might draw people together so that we can train an appropriate number of facilitators. We will spend the month of February providing training to our facilitators so that they can be confident and supported as they encourage the members of their small groups to grow deeper in faith together. To further support our facilitators, we will have a monthly small group specifically for them, in which they can share any challenges in their respective small groups and gain wisdom and affirmation from other facilitators.

March is when we hope to launch the small groups. Hopefully this current wave of Covid will have subsided, but we will also be offering small groups over Zoom to those who are more comfortable meeting online. If you didn't get around to filling out an interest form in January, there will still be time to sign up for the groups that are established in March.

Our goal at Faith Lutheran is to help you not only connect to Jesus on Sunday morning, but help you be the body of Christ every day of the week, by building relationships of trust with other people of faith, to dwell in God's word together, to encourage each other in life's struggles, to rejoice with each other in life's blessings, to hold each other in prayer, to recognize Jesus in your midst, and to support each other in sharing Christ through word and deed. I hope you make being a part of a small group a part of your spiritual practice in 2022.

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Ben Colahan

Do you have an idea for a Small Group? Small groups are groups of 6-12 people who meet regularly for mutual support and spiritual growth, gathering around various shared interests or needs, from parenting, to bible study, to walking in nature. But no matter the type of group, the goal of each group is first and foremost building relationships with each other and God. Groups will be available both for people who would rather meet in-person and online and we hope to launch them in March. Please let us know what types of groups you would be interested! You can type the link below into your web browser and fill out the form online, or call Michael at the office and ask for a paper form. Forms are also available every Sunday after church.

www.chicofaithlutheran.org/ministries/small-groups



All Are Welcome in This Place

Cynthia Kampf, Council President

Random Acts of Kindness Day falls on Thursday, February 17, 2022 this year. Participants are encouraged to do a kind act for another person. Alicia Ortega, author of the children's book *Kindness Is My Superpower*, writes that "A random act of kindness is an unexpected act of kindness done by one person for another without any way to have predicted it." She goes on, "Any act of kindness no matter how big or small can make a difference – especially when done intentionally."

Doing a random act of kindness can make you feel good. Paying for a stranger's coffee order, giving a compliment, holding the door open for someone, baking cookies for essential workers, or letting someone go ahead of you in the grocery store line can put a smile on your face or, now with masks on, heal your heart.



When Pastor Ben and Annalisa went on their honeymoon, I was invited to deliver the sermon on Pentecost Sunday. I talked about languages that we speak. One of those languages is kindness. It is the easiest language to learn. Just smile or show an interest – it can start a conversation. But kindness is the hardest language to remember to use, especially with children. Too often, our conversations with children are merely directions or corrections. Listen and observe others who are talking to children (without judgment.) You may notice that adults often say more than the children.

I hope that we can learn to speak kindness intentionally, not just randomly. Young children learn to speak when they feel that they are heard. Putting down the cell phone and making eye contact can allow the young person to feel your kindness. Listening is an intentional act. It is so easy to interject our own ideas, but children will talk more when they know that we value what they say.

As we start our small groups, I encourage all of us to share the kindness of listening with our Faith family. We could ask questions to follow up with another person's contribution instead of immediately sharing an anecdote of our own. We can intentionally show each other that what they have to say is important to us.

Acts of kindness do not need to be tangible gifts. Words of encouragement, thankfulness, and appreciation can help others see themselves as valuable members of our families, community, and our Faith family.

Thank you for your contributions to Faith Lutheran Church. I hope that you feel free to participate as much as you wish. We are glad that you are with us on this journey to follow Christ. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Cynthia Kampf, Council President

New Service Opportunity: Shower Trailer Project



The Social Ministry Team is excited to offer a new service opportunity for FLC members wishing to volunteer time to a worthy cause. Volunteers are needed to help staff the North State Shelter Team's (NSST) Shower Trailer Project. Volunteers are needed every Friday (days can vary depending on need) from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Teams of 6 to 8 volunteers provide showers, towels, wash rags, soap, water jug fill-ups, and with the Medspire Health team, health screening assistance, to people who do not normally have access to a shower at different homeless encampments in the Chico area. Duties include but are not limited to tabling the shower slot sign-up sheet; spraying down the shower stalls with bio-degradable disinfectant after each use; mopping out the shower stalls at the end of each shift; handing out towels, wash rags, underwear, and socks; filling soap dispensers; assisting with health screening questionnaires; loading of supplies at the end of each event. To sign up to volunteer go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ea9a72aa1f8c52>.

For additional information, please contact Doug De Soto at 530-354-1453.



Spiritual Gifts Part VI: Faith

Pastor Ben Colahan

Jamie Holmes, Stephen Ministry

ADMINISTRATION * ARTISTRY * DISCERNMENT * EVANGELISM * EXHORTATION * **FAITH** * GIVING
HOSPITALITY * INTERCESSION * KNOWLEDGE * LEADERSHIP * MERCY * MUSIC-VOCAL * MUSIC-
INSTRUMENTAL * PASTORING * SERVICE * SKILLED CRAFT * TEACHING WISDOM * WRITING

Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." It's possible to have faith in many things: that the 49ers will win, that the stock market will go up, that if the right political party gets elected social problems will disappear. But Christian faith is the assurance of *one* hope, the conviction of *one* thing not seen: that through Jesus we are God's beloved children with whom God is well pleased.

Faith is also more than agreeing with a statement or a doctrine. The Greek word for faith in the Bible is πίστις (*pistis*), which is perhaps better translated as trust. Christian faith goes beyond agreeing that there is a God known in the person of Jesus. Christian faith is trusting the God known in Jesus. Christian faith is living with the assurance and conviction that the God known in Jesus loves us unconditionally such that it changes our lives.

To trust in Jesus is to be able to admit our mistakes, because we know we are still loved, and to be able to forgive the mistakes of others, because we know that Jesus loves them also. To trust in Jesus is to work not just for our own wealth and safety but for that of our neighbors, because we trust that God will care for us. To trust in Jesus is to greet death with peace, trusting that the Spirit will raise us to a new and more wondrous life. To trust in Jesus is to look for God in our midst and follow the surprising directions that the Holy Spirit might lead us.



But as with all relationships of trust, our faith in Jesus rarely happens all at once. For most of us, learning to trust someone, God included, is a process of small risks through which the other

person proves their faithfulness. The Holy Spirit uses external means of grace to build up our trust in God. Martin Luther describes these external means of grace in the *Smalcald Articles* as: the speaking of God's Word, the sacraments of communion and baptism, and "the mutual conversation and consolation of brethren." God works through scripture, our shared worship life, and through people in our daily lives to help us trust in Christ. At Faith Lutheran Church some of the people who help us learn to trust God are our Stephen Ministers.

The definition of the spiritual gift of faith - ***"the gift that gives a believer the eyes to see the Spirit at work and the ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead"*** - describes what every Stephen Minister inevitably experiences. Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one Christian caregiving ministry where trained laypersons meet weekly with people going through a tough time. Offering non-judgmental listening, prayer and encouragement, the Stephen Ministers sometimes have moments where they feel they don't know what to say to their care receiver or how to respond in the most helpful way. Yet the Holy Spirit gives them the right words to speak at the right moment. Stephen Ministers grow in their ability to trust the Spirit's leading without indication of where it all might lead" and so do the care receivers. Through this act of faith - no matter how hesitantly or nervously made - both the caregiver and the care receiver are given "the eyes to see God's Spirit at work." What a blessing for both!



Are you a compassionate person who likes to listen, to help others, and can spend an hour a week with someone going through a hard time? Faith Lutheran's Stephen Ministry program is starting its next training on Sunday afternoon beginning February 20. The training is offered only every 2-3 years.

Stephen Ministry is a nation-wide program of distinctively Christian one-on-one caregiving where trained lay people spend an hour a week offering free and confidential support through listening, encouragement and prayer. The Stephen Ministers receive peer-group supervision and continuing education in twice-monthly meetings. If you'd like to know more, please contact Jamie, Stephen Leader, at jaeholmes@gmail.com or 530-321-7855 by Sunday, February 13th. Maybe the best recommendation for this beautiful, rewarding ministry is this: our Stephen Ministers say they get more out of the relationship than their care receivers do but the care receivers say they get more out of it! You'll be blessed if you decide to join us!



Faith Family News

Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life

The weather outside may still be chilly, and we may have just taken a snowshoe trip, but we're deep in preparing for some exciting things this season. Faith Lutheran Church is pleased to be partnering with St. John's Episcopal Church again to offer Vacation Bible School this summer! St. John's will be hosting our group this year, as we Adventure Together through the Bible. Our adventures will include learning about travel stories in the Bible, daily activities at St. John's campus, and of course, lots of provisions (snacks) consumed. We'll be kicking off our adventure in late June, and are looking to host this in the evenings to allow for more volunteers, and for parents to not have to take time off of work to transport their students. Age 4-6th grade are welcome to attend as explorers, middle school and high schoolers are welcome to help as Travel Guides, and we're excited to offer the opportunity to adults to serve as Expedition Leaders for the week. We want you to join us as we Adventure Together! If you're looking to join us, here are a few details, and ways to help.

1. Mark evenings in Late June on your calendar. We will hopefully be hosting a 4 day, evening, VBS either June 20-23 or June 27—30.
2. Check out our Amazon and bulletin board wishlists in April and May to help with needed supplies.
3. Volunteer to help build out individual craft kits, play test games, and help in packet preparation for teachers!
4. Join the Adventure by serving as a leader. Leader trainings will be scheduled for June.
5. Pray for us to have good weather and a great time!



Faith Formation at Home

Activities you can do right at your house!



Movie Bible Study: Spider-Man: No Way Home

PG-13: Violence, a few swear words,
the Statue of Liberty got a really bad makeover.

In the prior two Spider-Man movies, it's been established that Aunt May works as a community helper. We're not explicitly told what kind of community helper, but it's somewhat of a social worker/shelter and assistance center director. Aunt May has been raising Peter Parker (Spider-Man) for a number of years. She's instilled in the Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man the importance of helping others. We see a sign outside of the F.E.A.S.T center (Food, Emergency, Aid, Shelter, and Training) that tells us what the center offers for assistance.

Scripture: 1 John 4: 7-12, Ephesians 4, Matthew 22: 34-40

1. Where do you see different types of love displayed in the movie?
2. Why do you think the woman that Peter helps rescue from the bridge includes him in talking to the admissions department at MIT about giving MJ, Ned, and Peter's applications further review?
3. How does the woman from MIT reflect the ideas in Ephesians 4?
4. Why do you think Peter focuses more on his friends getting a fair chance at college admission more than himself?
5. Why do you think May feels called to help those in her community?
6. How do we see May care for those around her?
7. How do you think F.E.A.S.T's mission changed during and after the Blip? (Thanos' SNAP?)
8. Why do you think Peter is driven to help solve the issues related to Dr. Octavius' malfunctioning chip?
9. Why do you think the entire group focuses on helping solve everyone's issues, not just one or two of the resolutions?
10. How does Peter Parker demonstrate that he loves his neighbors?
11. How do you show love, kindness, and care for your neighbors?



Random Acts of Kindness Day

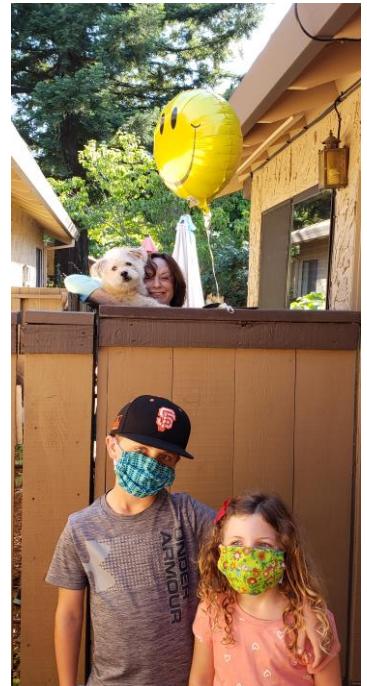
Doug De Soto, Social Ministry Chair

If you're anything like most people, then you are constantly mumbling things to yourself like, "People these days are just rude! What happened to the good days when everyone was polite?" Sound familiar? Of course it does. For those of you that wish you could change the world, National Random Act of Kindness Day on February 17th, is just for you. Random Acts of Kindness Day was initiated in 1995 in Denver, Colorado by a nonprofit organization called The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation.

On this day, the Social Ministry Team encourages you to spend the day doing random acts of kindness. One can never go wrong with kindness, and there can never be too much of it. The idea behind Random Act of Kindness Day is to cultivate feelings of kindness and brighten up someone's day. Every small act of kindness is significant. It may seem like it doesn't accomplish much but, just like the domino effect, one act of kindness can lead to more positive outcomes. Don't hold back from uplifting others with compliments and compassion on this day. Here are a few tips on how to get the job done.

- Compliment at least 5 people.
- Let the person in line behind you go ahead of you.
- Leave happy notes around town.
- Babysit for a single mom for free.
- Help an elderly neighbor take out the trash or mow their lawn.
- Help a senior with their groceries.
- Walk a neighbor's dog.
- Babysit for free.
- Take a homeless person to lunch.
- Do a favor without asking for anything in return.

"Be the reason someone believes in the goodness of people." –Karen Salmansohn



Clothes and more Drive



Random Acts of Kindness “Clothes & More” Drive

February 1st – 13th

Drop-off at the Office

Homeless encampments in the Chico area have no access to showers or regular clean water service. The volunteers at the North State Shelter Team (NSST) believe that these services are important for restoring dignity and a sense of humanity to those living without them. As a result, the NSST fundraised over \$19,000 from the local community and designed, constructed, and deployed the first solar charged mobile shower trailer dedicated to Chico's homeless. The first “shower day” was on Friday, Oct 1st, 2021 at Lost Pa rk. Since that day, over 118 showers have been provided to those without access to a bathroom. The NSST provides soap, wash rags, towels, and underwear to shower participants at no cost.

Matthew 25:31-46 teaches that God rejoices in those who give the necessities of life to the least amongst us, and that giving to these people is the same as giving to Christ personally. The Social Ministry Team is sponsoring a Random Act of Kindness Day activity called the “Clothes and More” donation drive. We are asking for donations for the North State Shelter Team that will be dropped off on Random Acts of Kindness Day, February 17th. Items needed are:

Blankets

Tampons and pads

New bath-size towels

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Men’s and women’s undergarments, plus bras

Winter wear, especially for men and especially sweat pants

Sample-size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.

Or financial contributions to support the ongoing cost related to operating the shower trailer (page 7). Checks can be made out to the North State Shelter Team and dropped off at the church office

For more information contact the church office at 530-895-3754
or Doug De Soto at 530-354-1453.



Stewardship Campaign Update

Joel Zimbelman & Tod Kimmelshue, Co-chairs

As our Stewardship Committee promised in our last mailing, we're going to be sharing with you our on-going progress toward our \$400,000 campaign goal every month or two. The good news to report is that we are making steady progress in this regard. With 17 months to go in our campaign (we will hit the finish line in June 2023), we are thankful and blessed by the level of congregational support we have experienced. As of the middle of January, we have received pledges of about \$215,000, and actual contributions of a bit over \$187,000. That is fantastic, and a testimony to the faithfulness, and confidence, that this congregation has in our ministry.

Many important capital improvements and maintenance tasks have been completed this past year at the church (a sound system, \$50,000 in heating and air conditioning upgrades). But members who frequent in-person worship and other on-campus activities know that we have lots of pressing needs that are still outstanding. As we begin to invite groups back to use our facilities; expand Bible studies, youth activities, Sunday school, and use of the nursery; and restart regular coffee service, potlucks, weddings, and funerals—we need to refocus our energies on reconfiguring, maintaining, and freshening up our building. Our regular giving is in fairly good shape given the challenges of the past two years. But we won't be able to hit our full ministry potential at Faith without the improvements only made possible by the Stewardship Campaign.

If you have not yet made a pledge to this important work, I hope you'll consider giving as you are able (pledge forms are available in the office). We should be able to begin the bathroom and nursery remodels in the education building as soon as we receive another \$30,000 in pledges—hopefully by March. Additional classroom and office improvements will quickly follow—including our prayer room, equipment to show videos and hold conference calls in Room 6, and staff spaces. We are preparing to paint the fellowship hall, sanctuary, and the exteriors of our three buildings as your support builds to our final goal in the coming year and a half.

Every day Faith Lutheran Church's life of worship, prayer, and service affirm that we are "a community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone." Your support for the Stewardship Campaign goes a long way toward supporting and energizing that ministry. Thank you!

Mary & Martha Women's Bible Study

The Mary-Martha Women's Bible Study meets on the second Thursday of each month. We use the "Gather" magazine for Bible Study. To learn more about this group and its reading material, **give Randy Franken a call at (530) 891-8634**. We look forward to learning and sharing in Christian fellowship!



LGBTQ+ Small Group Planning



A few of Faith's gay, queer, and trans identifying members are meeting over dinner on Saturday, February 12th to discuss the logistics of potentially forming a small group for Bible study, conversation and food. All LGBTQ+ identifying Faith members and visitors interested in joining such a group are invited to join us at dinner. **Please RSVP with Michael by calling (530) 895-3754 or emailing office@chicofaithlutheran.org.**

Small Group for Theater Fans



Join Cynthia Kampf at the Chico Theater company every other month or so, with dessert and discussion to follow at her home. The cost for tickets are \$25 (adult) or \$22 (senior) for one show, but season tickets are available. The next show won't be until March, but you're welcome to **give Cynthia a call at (530) 680-0925 or an email at ckampf@aol.com** and ask about dates, times and prices.



Council Minutes

Sherrill Heinz, Council Secretary

Tues. Jan 18, 2022 @6:15 PM

Present: Colahan, Kampf, Sample, Heinz, Kimmelshue, DeSoto, Groh, Melvin, Pulliam, Woods, Zimbelman

2) Welcome, Celebrations, Prayer and Covenant.

3) Devotion by Kampf.

4) Approval of Minutes of Nov 16, 2021, meeting: Kimmelshue/Pulliam/Approved.

5) Financial report by Kimmelshue: Melvin/Zimbelman/Approved.

6) Sound System: Discussion re: excess cost of “fixing” problems. Colahan and Zimbelman will set up meeting with Tri Path to clarify what the “monthly IT services” of \$290 pays for and in addition FLC will have repair people sign in and out at office so we can track time spent working on problems. Secondly, we just received our first bill from Sept-Dec on Jan 11. The payment will be held until we have the clarification meeting.

7) Nomination and Selection of council V.P.: Susan Kimball resigned; Sky Sample has accepted this position for rest of term. Congregational vote and installation will take place on Jan. 23rd.

8) Social Ministry Report by DeSoto:

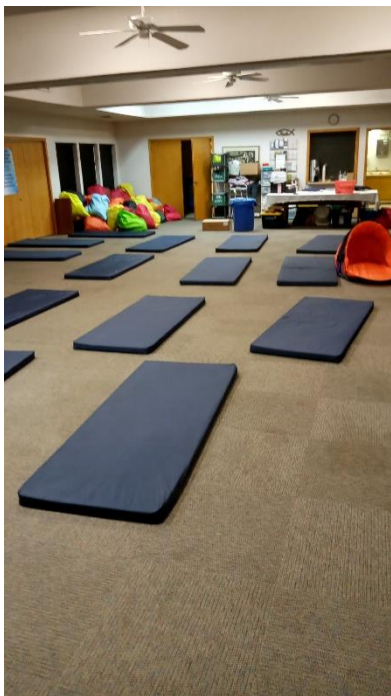
Safe Space: set up and started 1/16/22 until 1/30/22, going well at this time.

Shalom Free Clinic: requested use of a classroom on Sundays. Melvin/Pulliam approved. Also asking for volunteers

North State Shelter Team: shower trailer is working, needs volunteers. We will be collecting travel size personal hygiene items for use with this project.

9) Covid-19 update: Agreed to continue as we have been doing, plus start using N95 or KN95 masks during worship (to be provided at church.)

- 10) Stewardship: There will be a report in the Feb “Faith Talks” also some discussion re updating some of the classrooms as we are getting requests for use. A donation of furniture for room 7-8 has been offered. Zimbelman/Pulliam/ approved to accept donation.
- 11) Audit: A list of names was suggested to do an audit this year. Pastor Colahan will talk/ask if those people will accept. ELCA has an audit guide that we can use.
- 12) Small Group update: A list of names of potential facilitators will be put together and training class will be set up in Feb. Groups will be starting in March.
- 13) Holden Village: because of Covid-19 this trip will be put on hold for this year.
- 14) Prayer and adjournment.



Featured photos: Safe Space Winter Shelter



Financial Report

Mark Kimmelshue, Council Treasurer

Faith Lutheran Church
General Fund Finances as of 12/31/2021

	Budget	Actual	Percent Of
	To Date	To Date	Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$245,080.38	\$220,903.91	90.14%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$241,797.35	\$223,032.79	92.24%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$3,283.03	(\$2,128.88)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2021		\$46,984.43	
Net Revenue through 11/30/21		(\$2,128.88)	
Ending General Fund Balance		\$44,855.55	

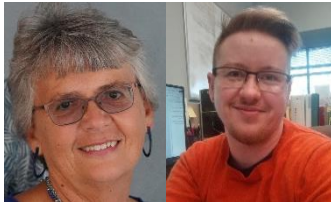
In an effort to be transparent and keep the Faith Lutheran Community up to speed and in touch with the finances of the Church, this report will be posted in Faith Talks on a monthly basis.

As shown above, for the first 6 months of the year, expenses have exceeded income by \$2,128.88. To maintain a strong General Fund Balance, monthly giving will need to increase for the next 6 months.

Thank You All for your continued support.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

Mark Kimmelshue
530-520-8228
kimmelshue@armcorice.com



Benevolence Report

Lynette Stensrud, Financial Secretary
Michael Nicholson, Manager



This January marks 7 months of monthly giving to the Hunger Trolley Helpers Group and to Chico Housing Action Team. C.H.A.T. wrote to us this month to let us know that, “in addition to [our] other donations throughout the year [we] gave a total of \$4,651.71 in 2021.” In other news, \$100 was used to purchase a safe house for a survivor from the ELCA Good Gifts program. From the end of December to mid-January, \$255.75 was donated through giving to the Disaster Relief fund. In the last month, \$343.98 were given from the Joseph Project directly to three individuals in need. Even before our Clothes & More Drive had begun, we have started receiving an influx of supplies like towels, socks, and more, which will be distributed to those in need on February 17th – Random Acts of Kindness Day – by the Social Ministry Team.

For questions about giving, please contact Lynette at (530) 966-7004.

In Search of Kindness

February's theme is "kindness," both in scripture and in social ministry.
How many kindness (or Faith Talks) related words can you find?

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