

FAITH TALKS

A photograph of a church interior. In the background, a modern organ with tall, thin pipes is set against a wall with blue and gold swirling patterns. In the foreground, a Christmas Eve service is in progress, featuring a large, lit purple candle, a white candle, and a red candle, surrounded by green pine branches and gold and red striped ribbons.

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE
9:00 PM WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 2022

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ROSES

For our Torres Shelter Servers

Sept...Sample family

Oct...Karen

Nov...Elise

Dec...Kathy/Grace

For the marriage of Michael and John.

For all of the wedding helpers.

For Shelly Fairchild's strings group,

For the choir

For the brass orchestra

For those who set up the altar,

For all of our beloved Saints

For the Equipping Ministry for organizing the For All The Saints

Potluck.

For our new members

For Jill Bentler preaching while Pastor Ben was visiting family

For Bill Kees presiding while Pastor Ben was visiting family and

then had Covid

For the Quilters and the beautiful afghan they made for Michael

and John





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HOPES AND FEARS OF ALL THE YEARS

*Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*
-- O Little Town of Bethlehem, Phillips Brooks

Sunday, Nov. 27th marks the beginning of the church year. That's because the church calendar isn't based on the movement of the Sun, it's based on the movement of the Son! Each year we tell the old story of Jesus anew, starting with the anticipation of his birth in the season of Advent, which means, "he comes."

While we tell the same story of Jesus every year, each we tell it from the distinct perspective of one of the gospel writers. Last year, we told the story of Jesus from the perspective of Luke's gospel. This year, we'll tell Jesus' story from Matthew's perspective.

Matthew is particularly concerned with showing that Jesus isn't just any savior, he's the Jewish savior. Matthew wants you to know that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham and David. Literally the very first thing Matthew's gospel does is tell you that Jesus is "the son of David, son of Abraham."

Matthew wants to make clear that Jesus isn't a new story; he's the fulfillment of a very old story. Matthew's refrain as he tells the Christmas story is "this was to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet." Matthew wants you to know that specific people have been waiting for Jesus for centuries. Or as the carol goes, "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

Having been born after Jesus, we know he's a big deal. But this Advent season, we'll be taking time to get to know the people who had hoped and feared for all the years that a child, son of David, son of Abraham, would be born in Bethlehem. Who were they? Why would they hope for a child to be born in small town? Why would they both hope and fear such a birth? And as we consider who these people were, we'll ask, what is it we hope for Jesus' birth on Christmas? What is it we hope for Jesus' return? What is it we hope for Jesus entering our lives? And maybe, what are we afraid of?

This past month, I was able to visit my grandmother in Mexico and introduce her to her first great-grandchild. It was an incredible vision to behold the ancient joyously cradling the child. That is the vision Matthew wants us to understand about the birth of Jesus: young and old are united together in ancient dreams and future promise. May we cherish young and old together in our congregation, may we tell the stories of our ancestors and empower the possibility of our youth, may we discover how Christ is fulfilling our past and proclaim that the Spirit is unlocking our future.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Ben Colahan



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022

Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th, Dec. 14th

Soup Supper at 6pm; Worship at 7pm

This Advent season we'll be exploring the ways the Gospel of Matthew connects Jesus'; birth to the fulfillment of Hebrew prophecy, why those connections mattered 2000 years ago, and why they matter for us today. We'll also have candlelight services of music and prayer in the style of Holden Village.

Please come at 5:30pm on Nov. 30th, to help hang the greenery around the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS EVE

4PM Family Christmas Service and Pageant

No rehearsal is required for kids to participate in the Christmas pageant. Show up with your children, we'll provide costumes, and the Bible will provide the script! The service will include favorite Christmas hymns and end with the lighting of candles.

9PM Candlelight Service

The fullness of Faith Lutheran's choir, bells, and artistry come together to joyously proclaim the birth the good news of Jesus' birth. In word and sacrament, carols and candles, we celebrate Christ's birth in the world and in our hearts.

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30 AM Sunday Morning Service

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, so all the joy of a typical Sunday service will be united with the merriment of Christmas morning.



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FAMILY LIFE AT FAITH

It has been a busy fall at Faith Lutheran. You may have seen photos of many of our adventures and activities. Our youth participated in many musical pursuits this fall including State Honor Choir, Harvest Fest, the Fall Choral Arts Show, and of course their TikTok channels! Our young adult crew hung out at the pumpkin patch, participated in Michael and John's wedding in many capacities, and went to Wakanda Forever.

On Sunday, December 4th, following worship, we will host a few craft stations to make decorations for both our sanctuary and our homes. We are looking for station leaders for this event. We have 3 stations presently and would love to have more!

This December our kids and youth will be focused on making the season merry and bright. Our Sunday school kids, with the help of our quilters, will be crafting a scrap quilt to wrap our baby Jesus in for Christmas Eve. In a season when the damp and the cold can bring us down the cozy can help us remain cheerful. Sunday school will also learn more about Jesus' birth through their class time together. We meet Sunday mornings during the first portion of our worship service starting at 9:30 a.m.

Our youth and young adults will be celebrating with Christmas parties this season. If you would like to donate items for these times we are in need of the following:

- Unfrosted sugar cookies in holiday shapes
 - Frosting
 - Sprinkles
- Charcuterie or cheese board items or completed board
- Hot cocoa packets
- Two oven mitts
- Giant roll of Saran Wrap (yes, brand specific!)
- Holiday candy, treats, Christmas ornaments
- \$5 gift cards to coffee shops, movie theater, etc (stuff youth and young adults would like)
- Four Christmas stockings you no longer need for a youth game



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SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

If you have an idea for a small group that you would like to facilitate, we'd love to hear your ideas and empower you to become a facilitator. Chat with Dani Vogel if you'd like to start up a new small group this fall and winter season. We have a new small group forming for January, and some groups returning to regular schedules!

WE WILL BE FEATURING A NEW WEEKEND ART GROUP.

Time out for Art will start on January 14th. Contact Sherill Heinz for details!

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING IS BACK!

Part 4 of McLaren's Book study will resume on Sunday, January 8 on Zoom. This group is welcoming new members and friends!



YOUTH ART TIME ~ DEC 4 AT 1P.M.

Come and create some art projects for our Sanctuary as we discuss the Reason for the Season and eat cookies.

WILDERNESS WORSHIP- DEC 10 AT 1 PM

Bird Watching at Greylodge Wilderness Area [Difficulty: EASY]

Experience the abundance of waterfowl and migrating birds that come to our valley each winter as we stroll along paved paths through the wetlands near Sutter Butte. Because of the flat terrain, frequency of benches, and leisurely pace, this outing is ideal for seniors and young children. Meet at the church parking lot at 1pm to carpool. Please bring water, snacks, warm clothing and binoculars.



YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTH ~ DEC 18 AT 4 P.M.

Come and join a head to head competition in games, trivia, mystery gift exchange during this head to head match up.

QUILTERS ~ EVERY TUESDAY AT 10AM-NOON

Meet in the fellowship hall with these awesome quilters. You can quilt, sew, crochet, or do any related craft that tickles your fancy. We serve coffee and snacks.



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MUSIC BY LUKE

Season's greetings to you, dear friends and Faithers! Can you believe that we are here again in December? It's hard to believe, first of all, that it's December again. It seems like so much has happened this year. The choir has returned, the bells have been hard at work, many small groups have met and so much more! It's truly a gift to be here and to be able to work alongside each of you to enliven and enrich our worship experiences at Faith Lutheran.

Firstly, as we plunge into this Advent season we will be focusing on the theme of "the child fulfilling the dreams of the elders" and how the young and the old are united in Christ. During the services you will see some of our elder members paired with our younger members to light the candles and to help start/lead the services. In addition, we will read and examine many texts speaking to the fulfillment of prophesies during the times leading up to the birth of Christ.

In addition, we will also return to our Wednesday evening Holden Evening Prayer Services at 7:00 PM. Each week we will come together to sing, pray, and meditate together. This will kick off on Wednesday, November 30th with our first Advent Soup Supper at 5:30 PM, the Hanging of the Green at 6:30 PM, and Holden Evening Prayer at 7:30 PM. Please come and join us for a time of food, decoration, and fun.

As you might have guessed, the month of December is a busy one, so here's a few additional goings-on for you to mark on your calendars:

1- Advent Crafts- Sunday, December 4th immediately following worship. Join us in the parish hall following worship to enjoy some Advent crafts to adorn our homes and trees with. There will be some yummy treats, good music, and lots of fun! For more information or to help with this event, please contact our Director of Family Life at danifaithlutheran@gmail.com.

2- Festival of Lessons and Carols- Sunday, December 18 th at 5:00 PM- Faith Lutheran Church. Join the choirs of St. John's Episcopal and Faith Lutheran for an evening of music that will help to support the shower trolley. During this time we will celebrate the long-awaited coming of Christ with song and word that will feature many musicians from the community, as well as opportunities for the audience to join us in singing carols for the season. If you have any questions or would like more details please contact Director of Worship and Music, Luke at lukenicolay1@gmail.com.

3- Christmas Eve Children's Service- Saturday, December 24 th at 4:00 PM. Join us as we tell the story of the birth of Jesus with our young friends. If you have any questions or would like to assist, contact our Director of Family Life, Dani at danifaithlutheran@gmail.com.

4- Christmas Eve Service- Saturday, December 24th at 9:00 PM. Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ through Word, Eucharist, and song. During this service we will hear from Pr. Ben, the handbell choir, the sanctuary choir, the contemporary team, and more about the wonders beheld on the night of Christs' birth.

5- Christmas Day Service- Sunday, December 25th at 9:30 AM. As we journey on to Christmas Day, please join us as we continue the celebration of Jesus' birth. On this day we will celebrate with Word, Eucharist, and with all of the familiar Christmas carols.

During this season, it's often easy to forget why we celebrate. We get so caught up in the parties, the gifts, the wrapping, and the outings. However, in the midst of all the activities and the chaos, we anticipate and find joy in the coming of the Christ child; we rejoice in the refuge and strength of loved ones and celebrate all that has been given for us and to us. As we go into this holiday season, I wish you rest, peace, comfort, and joy. I pray that these things will visit each of you.

With great anticipation for the coming of the Christ-child,
Luke Nicolay, Director of Worship & Music

HANDBELL PRACTICE

TUESDAYS @ 5PM

CHOIR PRACTICE

THURSDAYS @ 5PM

CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE

THURSDAYS @ 630PM





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FAITH TALKS

I have never really thought about the title of this monthly newsletter. As I contemplated what my message would be this week, my mind was a swirling stream of the events of the past week.

FAITH TALKS through answered prayers. I mentioned last month that my brother has lung cancer. In the six weeks since his diagnosis, he is now cancer free. His surgeon was able to remove a third of his right lung which contained the quarter sized cancerous tumor. Surgery on Tuesday. Dancing a happy dance and being released from the hospital on Friday! I stopped to see him in Napa on Saturday morning at his daughter's house and he said that it was the best week of his life.

FAITH TALKS through family relationships. I visited my nephew in New York City last week. His son will turn two on December 11th. When my nephew was born in 1981, I made him the quilt seen in the picture. It was my first attempt at quilt making and it was a labor of love for a baby who was born after two previous pregnancies ended at 6 months. I called my sister-in-law yesterday to see if she still had the baby quilt. She found it and I will take it to my nephew when I return to New York City in December.

FAITH TALKS through challenges. On my first day in New York City, I received a phone call expressing a need for assistance for our weekly quilters group. Setting up 5 tables gets a bit harder in your 70's and 80's. Thinking that it would be an easy fix, I said that Dani or Luke would be the right ones to ask, not knowing that Dani was injured and Luke was home sick. Our capable staff of 4 was down to 0. Covid, honeymoon, sprained arm, and sick. It was like the play I saw that night ("Six") about the six wives of Henry VIII. Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived. My apologies to the lovely woman who called asking for help. If only there was SOMEONE who could help them. As usual, that someone was a woman who happened to be in the office. Judy Struck is that someone every time I turn around. She is the quiet, gracious presence everywhere there is a need.

On Wednesday, I saw The Music Man on Broadway. The song "Good Night, My Someone" is classic. It inspired me to seek a solution to the occasional "I can't help you" by adding "but I will find someone who can." Are you a willing SOMEONE? What if Michael had a go to list in the office of people who would be available occasionally to be that special SOMEONE? You could call Michael and ask to be added to the SOMEONE list. Specify morning or afternoon and any other limited availability. It would expand the number of Faith family members who are willing to serve in a time of (limited) need.

Obviously, the need for tables for our quilters is an ongoing weekly need. Leaving five tables down for their Tuesday morning gatherings is an easy fix. The quilters contribute so much through their devoted efforts. Special quilts for gifts to members of the staff and congregation, scholarships for college students, and transportation vouchers for elderly worshippers all come from their work. We appreciate you!

FAITH TALKS, but FAITH also WORKS. Let us find ways that we can assist each other as one Faith family. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Thank you for being an important part of the family.





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900 VOLUNTEER HOURS was what it took to bring together planning, decorating, cooking and worship for All Saints Day!

First, thank you so much to all who participated. MANY went far above and beyond to make this celebration of saints past and saints present.

The worship experience, Pastor Ben's powerful message of saints present and saints past, the music that was over the top. Still as a relatively new member at Faith, the celebration of the saints was the most powerful I have ever seen. It melted my heart to see so much emotion and connection with people during worship...even for me. The purpose of not only "For All the Saints Sunday" but also the entire "Welcome Home" season was to highlight our God given gifts!

The time leading up to All Saints Day was to celebrate gifts, create excitement, and most of all to create connections.

Your Equipping Team is still in the process of evaluating the day. I can only speak for myself but I personally witnessed at least 3 new potentially strong and lasting connections. It might not sound like a big number, and I hope there were many others, but from my point of view, it was mission accomplished. Through the planning and setup process, I met many dedicated and gifted individuals who I had not yet had the opportunity to know.

What is the importance of these connections? We have a great preacher of the Gospel in Pastor Ben, Luke assembles musicians and worship experiences that are over the top. There is no doubt in my mind that one of the greatest assets of Faith Lutheran Church is its people. I believe we have many out there who desire to be more connected but who have perhaps just not been invited. We have visitors who are sometimes there because they are visiting town, or sometimes who are looking for something else, but sometimes they are just looking for an invitation to connect.

It is heart warming to see so many of our people involved and willing to become more involved. Many willing to serve in more than one area of ministry on any given Sunday. In January, the Equipping Team will be talking more about how we can better serve FLC in making new connections. How can we better develop a culture that embraces giving our ministry away in order to make more connections?

The Equipping Ministry model we have using several "axioms". One of those axioms is "Give your ministry away and you will never run out of ministry". That admittedly is a difficult concept around which to wrap your head. The team will be diving into that more after the first of the year.

The second concept we have been talking about since the Equipping Team began nearly 4 years ago. That concept involves looking at FLC through the eyes of a visitor. Did you know that the Barna Institute for Church Growth studied and concluded that in the first 7 minutes from the time a visitor's touch the curb of our driveway, they have generally made a decision as to whether or not to return for another visit.

Think

about that. They might not even have yet experienced how we worship at FLC. They certainly haven't heard the magnificent Gospel teaching message from our pastor. That puts the ball back in each of our courts as individuals to be watchful for people you don't know, pick up our nametags for those of us who have difficulty remembering names, and inquire about their lives and what we can do for them.

"For All the Saints"...was it meaningful, emotional, helpful, informational and filled with new energy and excitement? Did it make connections in new ways? As always, we invite your comments.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry Advent Activities

Advent Giving Tree

This December, the Season of Giving, look for the Social Ministry Team's Advent Giving Tree in the Sanctuary. The tree will be adorned with ornaments, each a service opportunity in which to support the ELCA on a global level. These donations go to purchase water filters to outfit families with clean water; broods of chicks for farmers; school supplies for a child; Bibles for the global church and so much more!

Choose from more than 50 gifts that grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. Gifts start at \$10. The Giving Tree will be made available at our Holden Evening Worship on November 30th and will stay throughout Christmas day.

Until All Are Fed

The Social Ministry Team is providing offering envelopes throughout most of December for those wanting to contribute to the ELCA World Hunger fund. Your gift will help the ELCA respond to the root causes of hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries around the world, including the United States. For more information about ELCA Word Hunger, go to www.ELCA.org/hunger.

Second Annual Holiday Sock Drive

The Social Ministry team is sponsoring FLC's second annual holiday sock drive! We are soliciting donations of adult socks for our unhoused neighbors in the Chico area. We are asking folks to gift-wrap their socks (please affix a note identifying the socks as either for males or females) and attach a Christmas greeting as well. If you do not have the time or resources, we will wrap them for you.

You can drop off the socks any time from December 4th -18th at the office or in the collection bin located in the Sanctuary entrance. These gifts will be distributed at homeless encampments in the Chico area on December 24th at 11:00 am. If you would like to assist with the distribution of the gifts, please contact Doug De Soto at 530-354-1453 or ddesoto5@yahoo.com. You may also make a financial donation by writing a check to FLC and annotating "sock drive" on the memo line. For more information, contact the office or any member of the Social Ministry Team.



SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART XVI: GIVING

The Gift of Giving

As we come into the season of Advent, the Social Ministry Team encourage you to look for opportunities where you can give and help others. Truly giving from the heart fills your life with joy and nourishes your soul. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "To find yourself, lose yourself in the service of others." Service opportunities at Faith Lutheran Church where you can be in the service of others include:

The Blue Bags project collects non-perishable food items that go to local area food banks where they are distributed to needy families. In line with scripture, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food," individuals can donate food items to the Blue Bags project which are collected every two-months. FLC members can leave their donations in the church office or request the donations be picked up by Blue Bags volunteers.

Food Bank Volunteer: No one should have to choose between making ends meet or a meal. If you are interested in volunteering with the food bank operating out of the FLC parking lot the first and third Friday of every month, either on an on-going basis or just as a one-time event, duties include but are not limited to helping unload the pallets of food from the truck, sorting and bagging the groceries, and loading the food and produce into vehicles as they drive-thru. Volunteer hours are from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Hunger Trolley Helper's Group mission is to provide lifesaving meals and essential supplies to anyone in need. The Hunger Trolley operates out of the FLC kitchen the last Friday of each month from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm preparing, packaging, and delivering food to homeless encampments in the Chico area. If you are interested in volunteering duties include assisting with cooking and preparing snack bags as needed, assisting with packing hot meal to-go, driving to the delivery location, distributing meals, and cleaning-up the church kitchen. Volunteers welcome on a one-time basis or as often as your situation allows!



The Mercy House is a collaboration between the Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) and FLC to provide housing and support to medically fragile, homeless women. Mercy House volunteers from FLC provide friendship and oversee weekly "House" meetings with the residents of the Mercy House to support them in their journey to stability and security. The volunteer team meets weekly for one hour with the residents at the Mercy House. Volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of 6 months of service. Volunteers are screened through the CHAT office.

Shower Trailer Project occurs every Friday (days can vary depending on need) from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Teams of 6 to 8 volunteers provide showers 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; and filling soap dispensers.

Torres Shelter Dinner is a program where teams of volunteers from FLC purchase ingredients for and prepare and serve the dinner meal at the Torres Shelter the first Tuesday of each month. The time frame for prepping and serving each meal usually last from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Each team typically serves two to three meals over the course of the year. As one team leader stated, "Volunteering at the Torres Shelter is not as intimidating as people might think; it is fun and rewarding."

For more information or referrals to these volunteer opportunities contact any member of the Social Ministry Team or contact the church office.



HOLY LAND HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

FAITH ADULT CRISTIAN ED. SUNDAYS 11 AM

Join us for a month of Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. (right after our morning worship) for a study of The History and Geography of the Bible and the Holy Land.

Faith Lutheran Church will be sending a few members on a trip to Israel in January. This short FACE class is to help orient them to their visit and to give the rest of us an armchair view of what they will experience. Come learn about Israel: The land, the people, the battles; the way in which "place" and "sacred space" made the Bible, its characters; the ministry of Jesus and the Church; and the enduring importance of Jerusalem in the modern world. Maps, timelines, scripture reading, and introduction to characters bring our study to life as we travel across the dusty roads and into the hamlets and emerging urban centers of the Levant. Lots of good recommendations for future reading (and movies) as well. Classes will be taught by Joel Zimbelman, Emeritus Faculty Member in the Department of Comparative Religion and Humanities at CSU Chico.

December 11: The World of the Old Testament. A basic introduction to the land of Israel before it was Israel! Who were the people who settled the Holy Land and set the stage of its importance over centuries? The Ancient world of the Levant and the Patriarchs 3000 BC-1500 BC, Egyptians, Exodus from Egypt, conquest over the Philistines, the making of a united Israel and its monarchy, division, collapse, and exile.

December 18: New Faces on an old land. We'll start our study today with the return of the exiles, the building of a Second Temple, the coming of the Greeks and Romans in Palestine, and the ministry of Jesus and the early church. The Greek Decapolis, the Herodians in power, Roman Occupation and subjugation, Messianic Judaism and Jesus, the end of Jerusalem, Jewish diaspora, the birth of a new church.

January 8: The Biography of Zion/Jerusalem- 1000 BC-2000 AD:
How did a dusty village become one of the most important cities in the ancient world, and how did the city grow up and grow old? David's Jerusalem and the monarch's home, rebirth and a second temple, Greeks and Maccabees, Roman occupation, revolt and Masada's and Jerusalem's destruction, diaspora, Christian origins, a place of pilgrimage, the Crusades, new real estate for Islam and the Ottomans.

January 15: Biblical lands in modern times: 1917-2023. We will end our study looking at the last 104 years of the land: The end of the Ottomans and the flourishing of Zionism, WWII holocaust and Israel's independence, the Six-Day War, current regional relations, the Israeli/Palestinian divide, new walls, changing demographics, and other issues.

COUNCIL REPORT

**Members present: Kampf, Sample, Kimmelshue,
Heinz, Bentler, Manes, Snyder**

Absent: Colahan, Groh, Hall, Woods, Zimbelman

1) Welcome and celebrations

2) Covenant and devotions

**3) Approval of 9/19 minutes:
Snyder/Sample/approved**

**4) Financial report by Kimmelshue:
Bentler/Snyder/approved
Discussed sending letter in Dec Faith Talks**

**5) Front Lawn/landscaping update and report from
congregational meeting by Bentler:
Discussed getting a subcommittee together to
decide next steps.**

**6) Synod Theologian in Residence from San
Salvador will be present at at event Jan 13,
At Faith. All Conference congregations will be
invited**

**7) Next council Christmas get together Dec 18
@6:30 PM**

8) Closing Prayer and adjournments



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Financial Report

Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 10/31/22

	Actual	Budget	
	To Date	To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$158,246.10	\$124,428.61	78.63%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$177,508.33	\$162,663.80	91.64%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$19,262.23)	(\$38,235.19)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2022 \$56,320.95			
Net Revenue through 10/31/22 (\$38,235.19)			
Ending General Fund Balance \$18,085.76			

Income continues to fall short of expenses. Year end giving has made up for this deficit in past years and has provided a buffer for the second half of the fiscal year. However, the current deficit is larger than has occurred

in the past and will require a larger amount of giving in November and December to maintain the level of programs that Faith Lutheran is currently able to offer. Please consider this as you make your year end giving plans.

The Church Council continues to address this issue, but the Council can't solve the problem without increased giving from each of you. Please prayerfully consider an increase in your General Fund giving.

Thank You All for your continued support.

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