

Faith Talks

December 2023



Christmas Eve Family-Led Service 9:30am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 9:00pm
Christmas Day Service 9:30 am

About the Cover

The original painting *Madonna and Child* was a tempura painting created in the late 13th, early 14th century by Duccio di Buoninsegna.

The word "Madonna" is literally Italian for "My Lady," referring to Mary, the child being baby Jesus. There have since been many renditions of *Madonna and Child*. The image on the cover is an A.I. image tailored to capture the love between mother and baby, and includes blue - - the color of the liturgical season!



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Pastor's Article

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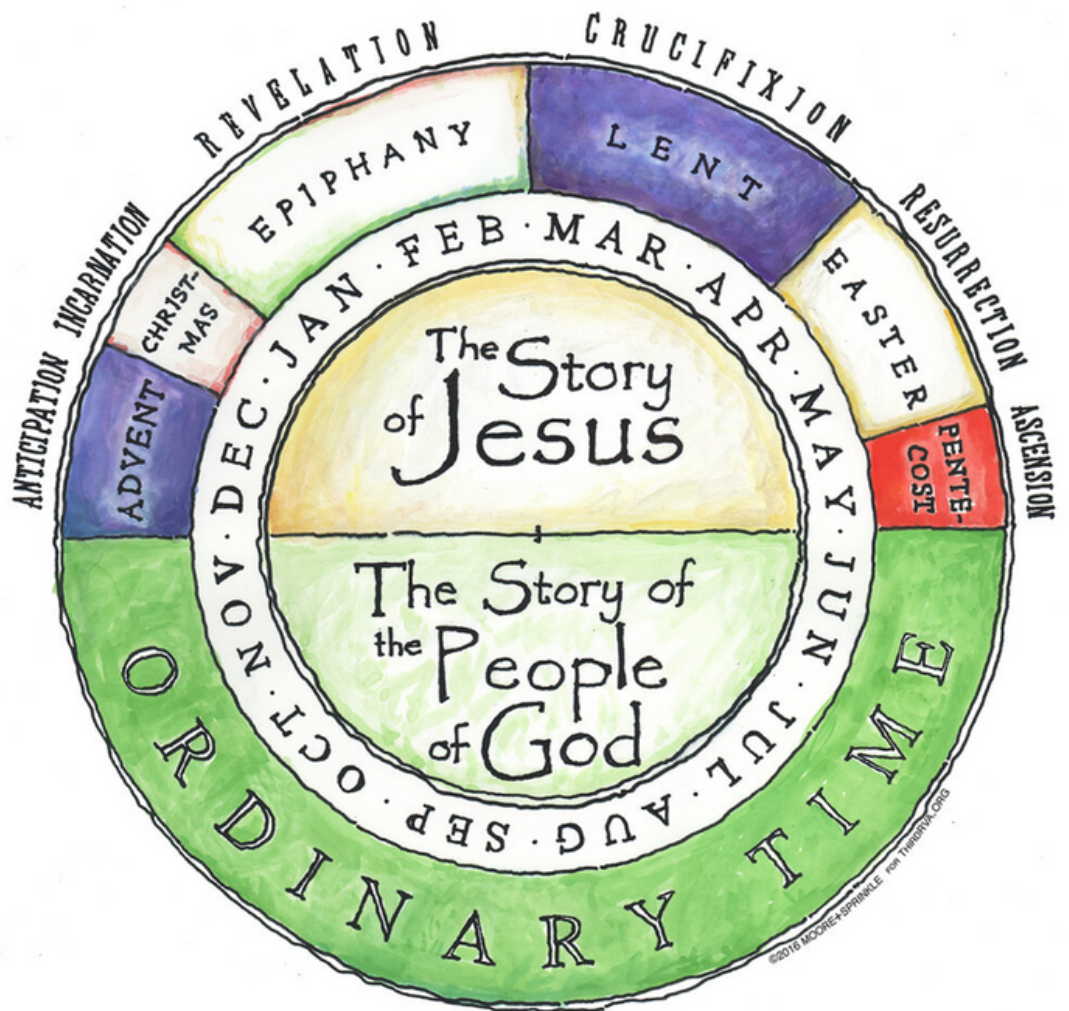
A NEW WAY TO TELL THE OLD STORY

The scriptures we hear on Sunday invite us to live out the story of Jesus together each year as a church. We start Jesus' story over again each December by reading scriptures about anticipating Jesus' arrival. This season of anticipation is called Advent. And as the year continues, our Sunday scriptures continue to tell the story of Jesus' life, from his birth at Christmas, through the ways that he reveals his divinity in the season after Epiphany, to his preparation for the cross in Lent, to Christ's resurrection in Easter, and the sending the Holy Spirit in Pentecost.

Currently, we determine the specific scriptures we read each Sunday through the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of texts that each year tells the story of Jesus from the perspective of a single gospel writer. For instance, we have just finished telling the story of Jesus through the gospel according to Matthew. The previous year we told the story of Jesus through the gospel according to Luke.

I very much appreciate using a lectionary. It forces me to start with the scriptures for

the week and ask what the Holy Spirit is saying to the congregation through them rather than me deciding what I want to say to the congregation and finding a scripture to support it. However, this will now be my twelfth year as a pastor, which means I've gone through the same cycle four times.



Starting in Advent of this year, I am planning to join a group of other pastors in our synod in using a lectionary that tells the story of Jesus, not from the perspective of one gospel writer, but from the perspective of the women in each of the four gospels. We'll still have the same church calendar of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, but the scriptures each week will tell those stories using Bible passages that include women. For instance, this Advent, rather than our gospel texts focusing on John the Baptist prophesying about Jesus, our gospel texts will follow Mary's journey of learning that she is miraculously pregnant, visiting her cousin Elizabeth, and making peace with her very surprised fiancé. Our Old Testament readings will focus on the stories of women in the Hebrew scriptures who, like Mary, have surprising pregnancies and make hard choices about how to faithfully care for their children. John the Baptist will still show up in our readings, but not until February when he baptizes Jesus.

This will give me an opportunity to preach on some parts of the Bible that are usually overlooked on Sunday. In December, we'll hear about Samson's mother and her surprising connection with Jesus. In January, we'll learn about the women that are listed in Jesus' genealogy. This lectionary should also connect well with the Bible study on women in the Bible that we had this past autumn and will continue again in the spring.

In a year, we will likely return to the three year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary. So I hope you savor this year of remembering that God's story of salvation in Christ includes so many more saints than we often remember. I include you among those saints.

*Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Ben Colahan*





Partnerships at Faith

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How do we decide which events to host and which organizations to partner with? Faith Lutheran Church hosts dozens of events and organizations throughout the year. Some events are one-time or yearly affairs like Safe Space Winter Shelter, Chico Children's Choir Concerts, Trans Day of Remembrance, and the Steve Troester Memorial Blood Drive. Some are hosted weekly or monthly in collaboration with local non-profit organizations like our Parking Lot Food Bank, P.E.O., Scouts, and 12 Step groups. These partnerships allow us to leverage our facilities to serve far more people and in far more ways than we could do on our own.

Historically, we have not solicited these partnerships. Nearly all these organizations approached Faith Lutheran and asked if they could partner with us. When an organization asks to partner with us for the first time, the church council asks: 1) Does the event/organization align with our mission to be a community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone? 2) Would this event/organization interfere with the other ways that we are living out our mission? 3) Are there legal or liability restrictions with partnering with this organization? For instance, renting space to a for-profit organization would force us to pay property taxes.

Our facilities are a resource that serves the Chico community. Partnerships serve our neighbors beyond our own ability to coordinate. For several years, we partnered with the Chico Fire Department to wrap toys they collected to give to families each Christmas.

When the fire department ended their toy collection program, we lost this joyous service opportunity. Do you know an organization or event that aligns with our mission? Could you imagine ways for us to collaborate with them that would benefit the wider community? **We currently do not have a direct partnership with first responders, service members, or veterans. These are areas where we as a congregation could reflect more of God's love. So if you are connected to an organization that would be interested in partnering, please encourage that organization to reach out to Pastor Ben, the church office, or a council member.**





An Opportunity to Give

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The equipping team is excited to share our Service Project for the upcoming season of Lent. As we have said to the congregation, we want to help each one of you connect to the Church in a way you want. Our Lenten Service Project for 2024 is also providing an opportunity to give. Give your time and passion to an organization as a volunteer. We want to make it very clear; we are not asking for money. We are asking for you to investigate organizations we will present and consider giving your time and talents as a volunteer during the season of Lent.

The Equipping Team is working to have organizations come to Faith on Sundays starting in January to provide information about what they do. We will all have the chance to ask questions to these organizations and see where our interests lie. The GOAL is to have as many of us as possible volunteer with an organization of our choice and keep track of our hours for the 40 days of Lent. Our Equipping Team and Pastor Ben will be setting a goal for total hours for our congregation. We will be setting up a system to track the hours weekly and keep a running total for all to see.



As we all saw with the incredible work we accomplished on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, we can do the same and even exceed that amazing effort with the Lenten Service Project. Faith Lutheran has demonstrated time and again what we can do.

We also know many of you are currently volunteering at many places and organizations. We want you to continue in this endeavor. Please do not close that door. We are asking to open another door and volunteer with another organization.

With the time we are asking of you, the number of hours you choose to volunteer is completely up to you. We want you to be comfortable and please do not overreach your time and abilities. The purpose of this project is help us connect to our community. When I met with the CEO of the Chico Chamber of Commerce, I asked him for a list of organizations in the Chico area that might need volunteers. He then asked why I wanted

the list. I explained our plan and he was blown away. The concept of a local church wanting to volunteer in the community was a big surprise to him. What an opportunity for us to provide volunteers to the city of Chico and the local area. We can continue to make a difference. Here are a few examples of organizations you will be able to volunteer. A complete list will be provided to you in January.

- "Making a Difference in your Parks and Greenways!" Make a positive difference through the City of Chico by volunteering for a couple of hours removing debris from various areas of the parks. Various days and times.
- Volunteer on Tuesday mornings from 9-12 noon with Project Save. Project S.A.V.E. (Salvage All Valuable Equipment) brings hope and help to those in need, both locally and around the world. Donated medical equipment is repaired, repackaged, and sent by containers to different parts of the world. They are asking for help in the local warehouse packing and cleaning and possible repair work. They also need help with picking up usable medical equipment from the Chico area and bringing to the warehouse to be repurposed.
- Bringing your musical talent to Prestige Assisted Living in Chico and entertaining the residents on "Musical Mondays."

If you have an organization you would like to add to the list, please contact me. Maybe you volunteer and need extra people, or you have a friend or family member who volunteers and needs extra volunteers. Also, if you want, provide us with the organization you are currently volunteering with. We want to track those hours as well during the Lenten Service Project.

Your Equipping Team is working behind the scenes to provide all of us this tremendous opportunity to give our time and talents back to the community. Our team of Mary Schweder, Annette Jefferson, Judy Struck, Margaret McMillan, Dave Rush, Favi Camacho, Dottie Erhardt, Vicki James and Kim Schweder have been working to provide us with a comprehensive list of organizations. Let us all dive in and get behind a fantastic project and make a difference in our community. We want to thank you and commend you in advance for giving your time and talents as you sign up to volunteer and join our Lenten Service Project.

God's Blessings, The Equipping Team



Safe Space Winter Shelter

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And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. –Luke 2:7

During the winter, half a dozen churches take turns transforming their spaces into a sort of manger for those who have no other place to stay. This collaboration is called Safe Space Winter Shelter. Just like Jesus' manger, Safe

Space often includes a menagerie of animals since it's one of the few shelters that allows guests to bring their pets.

While the shelter rotates, guests check in at one location all winter and are shuttled to the shelter. In the morning, they are shuttled back to the check-in spot. This allows guests to know where to go each week, and also ensures that people don't hang around shelter sites during the day. In addition to a warm safe place to sleep, guests are given dinner and morning coffee. Safe Space has a team of volunteers and paid supervisors who, like shepherds, stay awake throughout the night keeping watch over the flock of guests.

We'll host about 50 guests from January 7th-21st. As before the pandemic, we are once again invited to make and serve dinner, as well as play music with and for guests. On December 17th after worship, Quin Troester with Safe Space will host a short presentation about our shared ministry and how you can be involved.

I encourage you to consider serving for your sake as much as the guests'. *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me"* (Matthew 25:40). Serving at Safe Space gives us the opportunity to get to know people we might otherwise shy away from; it gives us the opportunity to see Jesus through them. So please talk with friends, your small group, or your ministry team. Sign up together for an evening to make and serve a meal or play music. This Christmas, see Christ in the manger; this Christmas, be Christ *for* the manger.



Worship & Music

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Music Practice

Handbell Choir Practice - Tuesdays at 5pm

Choir Practice - Thursdays at 5pm

Contemporary Music Practice - Thursdays at 6:30pm



Wed. December 6th & 13th at 6:00 p.m. - Soup Supper and Holden Prayer

On December 6th and 13th, supper will start at 6pm and Holden Prayer will start at 7pm. During Holden Evening Prayer, Pastor Ben will explain how the Bible came to take the form that it has.

Sat. December 9th at 2:00 p.m. - Installation of Bishop Jeff R. Johnson

Your prayers and presence are requested at the service of Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Installation for the 6th Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Rev. Jeff will be installed on December 9th at 2pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 399 Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, CA.

Sun. December 10th after Church - Quilters Winter Bake Sale

The Quilters are holding a bake sale after worship on Dec. 10th. Proceeds will go to Toys for Tots, a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes Christmas toys for children in need. They will also be using the proceeds to purchase materials to make pajamas for 6th Street Center for Youth, a safe place in Chico where youth experiencing homelessness can acquire the skills, resources and opportunity they need to transition into healthy independent living and adulthood. And to top it off, we'll be blessing quilts during worship.

You are invited to contribute baked goods and boutique items as well! If there is anything you'd like to contribute in order to raise money for this organization, please let the church office know and we will connect you with the quilters.

Sun. December 17th - Homemade Cookies and Communion Bread Tasting

On Dec. 17th, we invite you to bake and bring your favorite homemade holiday baked goods to share for coffee hour. We also encourage you to bring your favorite homemade **gluten-free** bread for a taste-testing contest. Please include the ingredient list. The winner has the honor of their recipe being used for Faith's communion bread.



Sun. December 17th, St. John's Episcopal Church at 5:00 p.m. - Lessons & Carols

Join the choirs of St. John's Episcopal and Faith Lutheran for an annual celebration of lessons and carols for the advent and Christmas season. During this celebration, you'll hear lessons and carols by choirs, bell choirs, and instrumentalists. There is no cost, but freewill offerings are accepted.

Sun. December 24th at 9:30 a.m. - Family-Led Worship & Christmas Eve Service

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, what better time to bring families together than our usual 9:30 a.m. worship time! Check out Miss Dani's article on page 15 to see how your family can actively participate in worship.

Sun. December 24th at 9:00 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Each year, we pull out all the stops and make Christmas bright with our candlelight service - - and we mean that literally. This service features organ, choir, bells, and hand chimes in a room alight with the glow of candles.

Mon. December 25th at 9:30 a.m. - Christmas Day Service

A special Christmas Day service will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Monday. This service is comfy and casual, and all are welcome...pajamas too! Coffee hour will not take place afterward, but you are welcome to bring a cup of coffee with you to worship.



OFFICE CLOSED: Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Jan. 1.

Carol...of the Bells

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My story of becoming a member of the Hand Bell Choir at Faith Lutheran Church may be a bit different than many of our other musicians. I did not come from a musical family, nor did we have extensive musical training. My musical training is limited to playing the flute in middle school and high school well over 50 years ago. I also did play hand bells at my previous church for several years, but in a very limited

capacity. When Luke arrived at Faith Lutheran, Steve and I were new members at the time. When Luke reached out to the congregation and asked for members interested in trying the Hand Bells, I did not volunteer and never said a word. I did not see myself as musical.

Lo and behold, as I was gardening at Patrick Ranch with Bonnie Pulliam (both of us were volunteer gardeners at the time), Bonnie enthusiastically and skillfully, suggested I give hand bells a try. Bonnie had joined the group when Luke had gotten it started during Covid. At first, I was only going to cover for Bonnie when she was unavailable. As it worked out, Bonnie and Glenn were traveling more to visit their four sons. I became an official member of the hand bell Choir. Quite reluctantly at first.

When I began my Faith Lutheran hand bell playing experience, I discovered my ability to read music had vanished! I was horrified that skill was no longer there. How was I going to contribute and pull this off? I could still remember note durations, some musical terminology and I could count. Using Bonnie's old music, I observed she had highlighted the notes she needed to play. That strategy worked beautifully for me as well. Now if you look at my music, I highlight all my notes in different colors.

Playing in the Hand Bell Choir has been a blessing and a challenge. Luke has pushed us all in a good way. The music he selects is more complex than I was used to, but I appreciate it. Luke also makes the effort to assign different bells to us for different musical arrangements. In my past hand bell experience, I only played the very large bells in the bass clef. Now, I have played many different bells in both the bass and treble clef. Challenging, yet so much fun.

Recently, as many of you may know, through Luke's musical vision, Faith purchased hand chimes. I feel confident saying, the Hand Bell Choir is truly excited regarding the addition of the chimes. We have been practicing with them and they will be included in our next performance. We love the sound! Hand bells have more of a bright sound and hand chimes have more of a mellow sound. Chimes are also sturdier and an instrument our children and youth can benefit from. We are currently rehearsing a song where we go back and forth between hand bells and the hand chimes. It feels a bit like juggling.

My husband Steve would say that he has no musical or instrumental talent. I must agree with him. His talents and skills better serve the church in other ways. However, Steve along with many of you, admires those who share their musical gifts with the congregation. We both look forward to the music each week. Thank you all for that.

I am so grateful to be able to contribute to the beauty of music in my own way. I am grateful for the teaching style and expertise of our musical director Luke. I am truly grateful for the many gifted members of our congregation that give so much of their time and talent to bless us with beautiful music.

Sincerely, Carol Hall

Staff Away Time

Luke will be leave after Christmas Day's service and will return on Monday, January 8th.

Pastor Ben will leave on January 1st and return on Tuesday, January 9th.



Blue Bags

If you have nonperishable goods you would like to donate to the Chico Food Pantry, please bring them by the church office by Friday, Dec. 8th.



New Members



MacKenzie Wilson is originally from Berkley, however once she graduated from CSU, she put down roots in Chico. She lives on a joint property with her husband and son (both Garys) along with her parents, and puppy Maggie. Her interests are neuroscience, behavioral science, childcare, exploring, hiking, biking, and art.

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Alex Jia was baptized in Baltimore in 2007. He continued to attend church in China until he arrived in Chico last July.

He likes communicating with friends, helping those in need, and receiving spiritual help from other Christians. He is developing his English by reading more and more. He is interested in the way the church runs.

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Esther Jia was born in China and attended church since she was 8 years old. She used to be a nurse and worked in school as a school nurse. She came to America 3 months ago, and now she is learning English in Butte College and the library. She loves travelling, music, and working out. She attends Time Out for Art, Bible study, and worship.

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Ben Vandersluis is an editor, publisher, and occasional writer who loves all things horror. He recently earned his M.A. in English from Chico State and now works in document production for a local nonprofit. He lives in Chico with his wife, son, and cat, and has lived in the area since 2014. He is originally from Santa Rosa, CA.





Suzanne Steel is a retired elementary school teacher who taught for 23 years in the US and Australia. She has two children, Barbara and Zack, and three granddaughters. She enjoys camping, traveling, quilting (art quilting in particular,) gardening when it's not 110 degrees; camping, kayaking, and walking her high-energy golden doodle.

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Mary Elizabeth Collins is a healer, artist, writer and teacher. She has served as an ELCA Assistant Minister in St. Paul Minnesota in 2000, and at Faith Lutheran, Chico from 2001 to 2004. She has a natural and trained talent for music, commits to meeting each person and each day with an open heart, and a commits to inspiring and practicing inclusivity with a special passion for Interfaith connections.



Marnie is an educator and an administrator. Prior to the Camp Fire she worked as a vice-principal in Paradise. Currently she is back teaching in the classroom in Gridley. Collectively, she and her wife Eileen Wayne are mothers to two sons, two daughters, and menagerie of cats and dogs.

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Faith Family News

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It's beginning to look a lot like Advent and Christmas here at Faith Lutheran Church. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, and we will be holding a family led worship service during our 9:30 am service time. We are inviting the children to present 2 songs that they have been learning during Sunday School, as well as fill a wide variety of roles during the worship service. If you have a child, youth, or young person in your life that would like to be part of this service, please let Luke or Dani know here at the church.

Speaking of songs! I want take a moment to highlight the great work Emily Puerta is doing with teaching our kids music! Emily joins us weekly during the beginning of Sunday School, where she is helping our kids learn great music. We will be singing *Away in the Manger* and *Go Tell It On the Mountain* as part of our Christmas Eve Family worship service.



On December 17th, we will have a treats potluck after worship. This is a time for you to bring your favorite holiday treats and share with others here at the church. Kringle, baklava, spritz cookies, holiday breads and more are all welcome! If you've wanted to try out a recipe from Great British Bake Off, this is a great day to bring a new item to share!

The Youth Group will have their Christmas party on December 17th at 1 pm. Bring a \$15 dollar or under gift-exchange gift. We will be doing 3 different party games and the exchange. Our youth would like to invite the young adults to compete in a head to head matchup in these feats of wisdom, strength and creativity.



Council Minutes

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Faith Lutheran Church Council – Regular Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. FLC Conference Room

Members Present: Pastor Ben Colahan, Jill Bentler, Steve Hall, Mark Kimmelshue, Sky Sample, Alyssa Manes, Pat Snyder, Sharon Prindle, Martha McDermott, Elaine Lund, Leanne Chrisman, Mary Schweder. Guests present: Michael Nicholson-Dick, Luke Nicolay.

CALL TO ORDER, READING OF THE COVENANT, WELCOME, DEVOTIONS/PRAYER

MINISTRIES REPORTS

- Safe Space/Parking Lot Food Bank/Pride Ministry – Michael Nicholson-Dick
 - Pride ministry is going great; have all the support needed.
 - Safe Space: They will be giving a presentation here during December, and will have the shelter again in January. We might have different ministries cook and serve a meal while Safe Space is here.
 - Parking Lot Food Bank: We have changed the time to Fridays 3-5 (when neighboring businesses are closed), and it has been going smoother. They could use more volunteers.
- Torres Shelter – Sky Sample: They have had the same 5 teams serving meals for over 10 years, serving about 120 people each time. The budget is still ok but eventually with the price of groceries increasing, they will need a larger budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2023/approved

OLD BUSINESS: Book Study: Rich Church, Poor Church, Ch 5: The church runs on giving. We should be able to discuss it like adults.

FINANCIAL REPORT– Mark Kimmelshue

The money in the checking account was \$13,941. \$5000 was given Tanzania as a mission project for a Lutheran seminary. It was \$10,000 for electricity this year (\$3000 increase from a year ago). Do we need to raise the rates for groups who use our space? Financial report approved. Staff Report, Safety Team, and Landscaping project: reports were sent by email and not discussed in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Adding a second service: We could go from one service to two, or we could fit more chairs in the sanctuary. Pros and cons of two services discussed. Pro: potentially serve more people. Cons: We would have to be really intentional to keep cohesive community, more volunteers would be needed. For now, we will rearrange chairs, then revisit the discussion after Pastor Ben's sabbatical.
- Council Liaisons: Liaisons from council would connect with different ministry groups. This would support staff but having a reservoir of other people to help out, and we want the decisions/energy to not lie solely on the staff when other people might have more time/insight/wisdom to help. Goal to implement it in January.
- Council Christmas party/December meeting: Tuesday the 12th of December, 6pm.
- End of year giving letter: End of year giving was great last year, but we don't know if it was related to the end of year giving letter or not. Ben will write a letter this year too.
- Equipping information: sharing of Lenten Service Project - Steve Hall, Mary Schweder. Steve wrote a letter for Faith Talks asking people to volunteer during Lent. There are almost 100 organizations they are talking to, asking them to come to church 8 per Sunday, show what they do, give people a chance to volunteer.
- Staff Advent meals: Signup sheet sent around, no banana or tomato products, for Dani, Luke, Michael. No sweets!
- Sunday Council Representative: happy that we are being present/visible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Refreshments for January will be decided when we meet in December. Ben will do devotion for next month's meeting.

PUT IT IN THE PLATE - Gluten-free bake-off in January? Or Dec. 17 we have people bring holiday baked goods. Maybe potluck? We could put it in Faith Talks.

ACTION ITEMS, CLOSING PRAYER, ADJOURNMENT



Financial Report

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Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 10/31/23

	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$148,904.69	\$168,617.17	113.24%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$182,498.64	\$180,057.25	98.66%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$33,593.95)	(\$11,440.08)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2022		\$25,381.31	
Net Revenue through 9/30/2023		<u>(\$11,440.08)</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u><u>\$13,941.23</u></u>	

The figures shown above are for the first 4 months of the fiscal year. As shown, we continue to do better than budget. However, expenses continue to exceed income which is reducing the General Operating Fund balance which could impact our ability to pay our operating costs on time. Hopefully, this will be reversed as we all generously increase our holiday giving.

Thank You All for your continued support.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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Roses

Bob Bay for installing our security camera and solar battery.

All those who baked cookies and contributed to Transgender Day of Remembrance, with a special thank you to Carol Hall who served warm drinks, and the youth for baking cookies.

Each and every one of you who came out to help with the landscaping by planting trees, moving rock, and everything in between. A very special thank you to Jill Bentler for overseeing this project.

Sebastian and Christine, and the Synergism Women's Chorus for their musical offerings in November.

All those who gave blood, and who helped organize and execute the blood drive.

Our Stephen Ministers who help hurting people see God's love.

Those who contributed to the Reformation Day potluck, the musicians who made Reformation Day special.

The Chrismans and Barnums for changing out our worship banners.



We can't believe the holidays are already approaching! With the holidays come home made gifts, specifically the edible kind. While gifts of cookies, chocolate, and other Christmasey treats nourish the spirit, we are working hard to nourish our bodies throughout the Advent season. We kindly ask that instead of sugary treats, treats shared with the staff include vegetables, protein, or other essentials that will positively fuel our bodies. So that you are aware, we have one staff member with tomato and banana allergies.

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