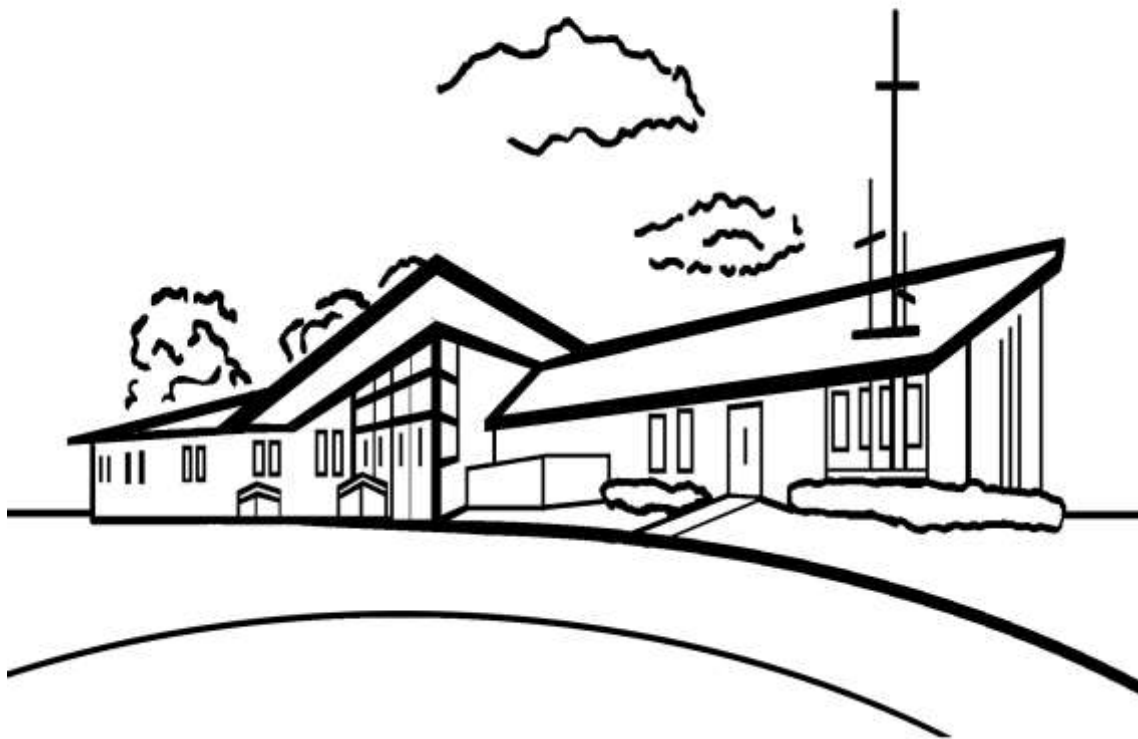


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Columbus, WI 53925
2012 ANNUAL REPORT



Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 27, 2013 - 9:30am.

1. Gathering Song
2. Meeting Called to Order by President Scott Mathwich
3. Scripture and Prayer. Pastor Moberg
4. Minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting Scott Mathwich
5. Nominating Committee Report Pastor Moberg
6. Election of 2013 Faith Council
7. Election of 2013 Endowment Fund Committee
8. Election of 2013 Synod Assembly Voting Members
9. Election of 2013 Nominating Committee
10. Pastor's Report Pastor Moberg and Pastor Nelson
11. Statistical Report Pastor Moberg
12. President's Report Scott Mathwich
13. Treasurer's Report Wendy Corlett
14. Faith Projects Report Wendy Corlett
15. Committee Reports:
 - Sunday School Pam Larson, Melody Tadych
 - Evangelism Committee Joyce Lienke
 - Multimedia Ministry Committee. Troy Tadych
 - Pastoral /Staff Support Sue Frish
 - Property Committee Brian Patrick
 - Social Ministry Scott Mathwich
 - Stewardship Committee
 - Worship Committee
 - Youth
16. Other Reports:
 - Altar Guild Julie Sennehn
 - Endowment Pete Kaland
 - Church Ladies Ministry. Ruth Nordal
 - Faith Lutheran Church Women Reta Thies, Becky Stark
 - Fur, Fin and Feathers Scott Mathwich
 - Labyrinth and Prayer Garden Scott Mathwich
 - Junior League Pam Larson
 - Senior League. Nancy Patrick
17. Presentation and Approval of 2013 Spending Plan
18. Nominations for 2012 Audit
19. Unfinished Business
20. New Business
21. Closing Prayer
22. Adjournment of the Annual Meeting

Current and newly elected council members will meet briefly after adjournment.

Annual Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2012

The annual meeting was **called to order** at 9:30 am by Council President Erin Bussian. There were 58 voting members in attendance. Pastor Bob Moberg led devotions and a prayer.

A motion was made by Joanne Sampson to **accept the minutes** from last year's annual meeting, seconded by Jim Schieble and the motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made by Joyce Lienke to **accept the minutes** from the November 6, 2011 congregational meeting, seconded by Sally Price and the motion carried by voice vote.

Pastor Bob presented his report which touched on the topics of: testing by fire, church financial concerns, staffing, Shared Ministry and the survey being taken today.

Pastor Lisa presented her report which touched on the topics of the Staffing Support committee, the milestone ministry and the upcoming National Youth Gathering.

Pastor Joan was not present because she was conducting services at Bonnet Prairie. Her report is in the annual report booklet.

Pastor Bob commented on the **statistical report**. Additional comments and discussion by the members and Pastor Bob surrounded related topics of the Covenant process, membership worship service attendance, inviting people, welcoming families with small children to worship, visitations, more children sermons, secular scheduling conflicts on Sundays and the new member process.

President Erin Bussian's report is in the annual booklet.

Betsy Woodward offered comments for the **Treasurer Report**.

Committee Reports: A motion was made by Joanne Sampson to accept the committee reports, seconded by Fritz Price, carried by voice vote.

Other Reports: A motion was made by Dennis Sampolinski to accept the "other" reports, seconded by Judy Kaland. A spirited discussion about the Endowment Fund lack of meetings and updates took place. Erin agreed improvements could be made in 2012. The acceptance motion carried by voice vote.

Nominating Report: (Pat and Brian counted votes.)

Church Council – The nominees are Jeanne Miller, Bev O'Brion, Tisha Briones and Ed Schellin.

A motion by Fritz Price to close nominations, seconded by Darlene Tjugum, carried.

Elected, by ballot, to Council are Jeanne Miller, Bev O'Brion and Tisha Briones.

Endowment Committee- The nominees are Sarah Yuds and Sharon Braddish.

A motion by Peter Kaland to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Dennis Sampolinski, carried by voice vote.

Synod Assembly- The nominees are Sandra Schieble, Reta Thies, Peter Kaland and Dennis Langfeldt.

A motion by Jim Schieble to close nominations, seconded by Ed Schellin, carried by voice vote.

Elected, by ballot, are Sandra Schieble and Dennis Langfeldt.

Next Nominating Committee- Need 3 people nominated from the floor.

Jim Schieble volunteered, Ed Schellin nominated Bridget Morris-accepted, Betsy Woodward nominated Melody Tadych-accepted.

A motion by Dennis Sampolinski to cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Fritz Price, carried by voice vote.

Spending Plan: Betsy Woodward commented on the spending plan and answered questions from the members.

A motion was made by Al Strohschein to accept the spending plan, seconded by Jim Schieble.

Discussion followed about subjects of: borrowing, income, use of CD funds skew actual giving and the purpose of the survey. **The survey** is non-binding and intended to guide the 2012 Council in making financial decisions if the necessary. The survey is for those: in attendance at the meeting, those committed to being Fellowship Hosts and the Sunday School teachers and confirmed assistants present today during the meeting time. This is meant to reflect the no absentee voting guidelines of the annual meeting.

Discussion ended.

The motion made – carried by voice vote.

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Unfinished Business: comments, questions, answers,

Judy Kaland – When does the Shared Ministry agreement end? Answer, May 31, 2012.

Judy Kaland - Is there a procedure for performance evaluations?

Pastor Lisa – The Staff Support committee needs updating.

Betsy Woodward – There are Synod Guidelines for compensation and benefits.

Al Strohschein – The Staff Support committee needs direction from Council. They do not feel performance reviews come from that committee.

Pastor Bob – The Synod is studying the subject of performance reviews.

Fritz Price – Need more ways to communicate church issues.

Claire Sampolinski – There is not much Council meeting information in the Newsletter anymore.

Scott Mathwich – The Newsletter contains brief Council meeting highlights. The full minutes are posted on the Narthex bulletin board after approved a month after the meeting. Minutes can also be obtained from Ruth.

Joyce Lienke – Why not mail the year end Giving Statements?

Erin Bussian – We were trying to reduce printing and postage costs.

A motion was made by Judy Kaland to mail Giving Statements quarterly, indefinitely, until a future congregational meeting rescinds, seconded by Merlyn Lienke. There was much discussion about: postage costs, printing and envelopes, frequency, keeping in contact with members, helping members track their giving and may lead to increased giving.

Then the fog of “Robert’s Rules” settled onto the meeting. An amendment to the motion was made by Wendy Corlett to just send them twice a year, seconded by Jeanne Jones. Judy and Merlyn accepted the change to their motion. From a show of hands to accept the change to twice a year: yes=40, no=8.

Then the motion was put to a voice vote and it carried. The Council is to decide on the timing of the mailings.

.....additional comments, questions and answers.....

Denny Langfeldt – Commented on giving tracking and the overriding value to just come to worship.

Becky Stark – Mentioned that churches they visit send them Giving Statements.

Bridget Morris – Paid tribute to and missed Betty Schubert’s presence in welcoming people to worship.

Al Strohschein – Appreciated the student’s duet in the choir this morning.

New Business: comments, questions, answers,

In answer to a general question of how we can better communicate church information and issues:

Joanne Sampson – Emphasized that not everyone uses computers.

Dennis Sampolinski – Have Ruth gather email addresses, send yours to her.

Pastor Bob – We recognize not all use technology, even on Council we communicate by traditional ways.

The surveys were distributed to those that didn’t already have them. They are due by 11:30AM next Sunday.

There is the labeled slotted box in the Narthex.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bob

A motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made by Ed Schellin, seconded by Judy Kaland, carried by voice vote. The meeting ended at 11:17AM, Sunday, January 22, 2012.

Minutes prepared by Scott Mathwich, Council Secretary.

Non-Binding - Congregational Survey - January 2012 – Response rate = 58%**(Response count is in bold)**

Based upon 2011 giving trends and without an increase in giving or fund raising we have a potential budget deficit of approximately \$10,000 in 2012. The Council would like your views to guide us in future decision making.

1. This question is aimed at learning what your income generating views are to maintain the level of ministries, Pastor staffing and fixed costs we are budgeting for. **Circle ALL** of the choices you would be in favor of:

13 I will increase my offering if we go into debt. **19** I will help with additional fund raising efforts where at least 50% of the profits go to the general fund. (If you will help to lead or plan, please contact a Council member.)

22 I am interested in supporting items on the current "Wish List" or a future "Sponsorship List".

8 There are grant monies available to organizations that complete detailed application forms.

(If you are willing to help with this effort, please contact a Council member.)

2. This question is aimed at determining how much savings you would like us to keep. Savings is primarily use to pay for building and operating expenses when regular giving is not enough. As of 1-1-2012 we have \$19,565 in total savings. In 2011 we used \$20,000 from savings to pay operating expenses for a similar sized budget as planned for 2012. **Circle one** of the following choices:

14 Deplete of all savings to pay operating expenses. **6** Deplete savings to \$1,000 and then borrow to pay operating expenses. **12** Deplete savings to \$5,000 and then borrow to pay operating expenses. **7** Deplete savings to \$10,000 and then borrow to pay operating expenses.

3. This question is aimed at determining the amount of debt you are comfortable with to pay operating expenses. If Faith must borrow money to pay operating expenses, which option do you most support? **Circle one** of the following choices:

12 Do not borrow money to pay operating expenses.

4 Borrow no more than \$5,000 to pay operating expenses.

9 Borrow no more than \$10,000 to pay operating expenses.

3 Borrow no more than \$15,000 to pay operating expenses.

6 Borrow no more than \$20,000 to pay operating expenses.

1 Borrow no more than \$25,000 to pay operating expenses.

1 Borrow no more than \$30,000 to pay operating expenses.

4 Borrow as much as you need over \$30,000 to pay operating expenses.

4. If Faith must reduce operating expenses, which of the following options do you support? **Circle ALL** of the choices you would be in favor of:

10 Reduce missions and ministries.

14 Reduce salaries and benefits for Pastors.

13 Reduce or dismiss some Pastor staffing.

9 Reduce salaries or hours for support staffing.

14 Replace our paid janitorial service with Faith member volunteers, \$5,164.

15 Replace our

paid lawn mowing service with Faith member volunteers, \$1,800.

21 Reduce our funding to the “Shared Ministry” program with Bonnet Prairie.

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General Questions: These questions are not necessarily related to 2012 budget matters.

5. Should we allow for-profit sale events at Church, for a share of the profits? **18** Yes No **20**
6. Should we allow for-profit seminars at Church, for a fee? **22** Yes No **15**
7. Do you support a study on building expansion or updates? **13** Yes No **25**

Results from the May 20, 2012 Congregational Meeting

For the record, the 05/20/2012 congregational Meeting voting results were: Shared ministry first ballot: selection ‘A’ to extend the current coverage hours and funding package= 30; selection ‘B’ to continue with reduced coverage hours and funding = 16; and selection ‘C’ to continue fellowship with no funding = 39. The second ballot was ‘A’ = 35 and ‘C’ = 45 to end the funding on May 31. The vote for the ‘Maintenance with a Mission Match’ program was adopted 49 votes to 34. Scott provided the program document to add to the council members’ binders.

The congregational task force was formed to review Pastor Lisa’s coverage for possible changes if Pastor Joan does not want to continue with the confirmation program. The duration is about six weeks, starting in June for recommendation at the August council meeting. Members include Scott Mathwich, Denny Langfeldt, Betsy Woodward, Bev O’Brion, Brian Faulhaber II, Troy Tadych, Kimberly Rowe, Pat Corlett, Linda Huebner, Bruce Zahn, Shirley Andler, Claire Sampolinski and Rod Schubert. . . More discussion will follow once we know the outcome of Pastor Joan’s decision and the recommendation from the task force.

(Taken from the June Council Meeting Minutes as approved on July 10, 2012.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
for January 27, 2013 Annual Meeting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Elected at the 2012 Annual Meeting:

Bridget Morris
Jim Schieble
Melody Tadych

Appointed by the Council:

Dennis Langfeldt
Betsy Woodward

POSITIONS TO BE FILLED:

Congregation Council:

Anne Harzberg (1st term, declines to run again)
Dennis Langfeldt (1st term, declines to run again)
Betsy Woodward (1st term, declines to run again)

Endowment Committee:

DeAnn Gaska (1st term, eligible to for reelection)
Dwane Talg (1st term, declines to run again.)

Synod Assembly, Lay Voting Members:

The Synod requires one lay male and one lay female voting member from Faith.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION:

NOTE: Candidates for election can also be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Nominees for Congregation Council:

Larry Haseman Jenny Herzberg Todd Morris

Nominees for Endowment Committee:

DeAnn Gaska (incumbernt) Erin Bussian Emogene Johnson
Reta Thies

Nominees for Synod Assembly:

Female

Male

Pastor Bob's Report 2012

Dear Friends in Faith,

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you."

That's what Paul says at the beginning of his letter to the congregation at Philippi. [Philippians 1]

As I spent a long time today thinking about the year 2012 at Faith THAT (what Paul says) is, finally, the thing I want to say about it. Something marvelous happened in me this year. Out of our ***Unbinding the Gospel*** experience came a renewal of my own prayer life – and one of the components of that is regular prayer for all of you. And out of that regular prayer for you has come a profound renewal of my gratitude for you!

You are the church, people of Faith. God has reached out, plucked you up from wherever exactly it is that you are in life, and (like God did to Abraham and Sarah) has said to you: "this is what you will be from now on, this is where you will go, and this is what you will do!"¹

Now, unless you are a superstar believer like Abraham and Sarah were, that is daunting! I never am surprised that people have trouble coming to terms with the fact that this is the identity that God has given them. I have trouble with that too.

But, God has a penchant for doing that. No wonder, then, that whenever he sends angels to bring that message he has them begin by saying: "FEAR NOT!"

And, no wonder that whenever we try to understand God's commission to us as his people, and try to live it out, it often involves struggle. We stumble sometimes and even veer off course. (So did Abraham and Moses and David and Peter and Paul!)

BUT, OUR LIFE AS A CONGREGATION IS GATHERED TOGETHER AND FASTENED UP BY THIS BIG SAFETY PIN: THAT WE ARE ALL BRINGING OUR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESS TO THE TASK OF LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST IS THIS TIME AND PLACE.

And in my prayers I have seen the vision of that valiant but uncertain effort in so many of you. Just as I know it in myself I see it in you!

SO – how did we do this year? In my humble opinion we did fairly well together; and in my certain conviction God did excellently well!

No doubt we had miss-steps. I was very sad to see Shared Ministry with Bonnet Prairie go by the boards. As I look around the larger church I think shared ministry arrangements are the wave of the future. But we were the first in our synod to explore it and we were in uncharted waters. I suspect that not only will our experience be helpful to others in our synod who may take up the experiment next, but I think the time will come round – perhaps some years down the road – when Faith will again be in a position to try something like that and we'll know better how to do it.

Of course, the economy was tough for everybody this year, but we finished the year without having to tap into our line of credit. That was despite a very low-key stewardship campaign. I am grateful for all those at Faith who take their responsibility to be good stewards of God's blessings seriously. I know it isn't easy and I love you for it!

¹ "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit," – Jn 15:16

I have not been so excited for a long time as I am today about some of the amazing things that are happening here. I mentioned what a blessing Unbinding the Gospel has been for me. I am astounded by the impact it has had on others at Faith, too. Many are raring to go on with the next phases of it.

I am also grateful for the numbers of new members that have found their way to Faith this year. Not only did we receive a large number of new members this year, but many of them have already become very active in the life of the congregation. I thank God that Faith is a place that people who want to be part of a spiritual community are attracted to!

I'm appreciative too that Faith is still a community without hardened arteries! What I mean is that we are open to new things. I think for example of the Narrative Lectionary and new ways to pray in worship. Though change is always challenging, still Faith looks for blessing in new things. Not all churches can say that, and I frequently pray with gratitude for that.

Finally, I want to say that though difficult times (especially financially difficult times) are hard on lay leaders in the church, 2012 has been a time of spiritual growth for our elected lay leaders. I feel it in them and my heart sings. You can serve on the city council or the school board coming with only your own talents. You can't do it in a leadership position in the church. The attitudes and methods are different because we don't seek our own goals. As I said before, it is God who has called each of us to our work and it is his commission that we serve.

Church leadership is like our own individual spiritual lives. We will either struggle to maintain control ourselves and be miserable, or we will surrender to God and be surprised by joy.

For all on the staff at Faith, for all in leadership positions, and for all you people of Faith (you are the church), I thank you for your companionship on this pilgrimage. And I thank God for you all every day.

I began with some words from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. I want to close with the next few verses of that same letter:

It is right for me to think this way about all of you...for all of you share in God's grace with me.... And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. [Philippians 1]

In Christ,
Pr. Bob Moberg

Pastor Lisa's Report 2012

As you may have noticed that the Church is in a big, transition period. And I mean the larger, Christian Church, not just Faith Lutheran Church. Church is no longer the only thing happening on a Sunday morning. Church is not the only charity you can give money to anymore. Church has become one option among many. As a result, worship attendance has been declining everywhere, and giving has been declining along with it. Not just at our congregation, but at just about every congregation you walk into. As a church, we can no longer go about business as usual. We can no longer expect results from doing things the way we used to do. We will have to get creative. And that, I believe, is the good news. Creativity allows the Holy Spirit more space. Being forced to change, while uncomfortable, brings growth and new life. The Holy Spirit is on the move at Faith and throughout the Church.

In the last couple of years, we have seen several, very creative ideas come out of the Church. One is *Unbinding the Gospel* (also known as *Unbinding Your Heart*) and another is the Narrative Lectionary. You've

heard a lot about Unbinding the Gospel lately. Around 100 Faith members, plus all our confirmation students, went through this 6-8 week experience in prayer and faith sharing.

The results were phenomenal! People want more of this small group experience, more opportunities to grow in their prayer and faith life, and they want to extend this opportunity to the rest of our community, especially people without a church home. There is a version of this Unbinding experience called *Unbinding the Soul*, and it's designed for people without a church connection. The Holy Spirit is truly alive and well at Faith, and I can't wait to see what the Spirit does next.

The Narrative Lectionary is another way the Holy Spirit is blowing through the Church. Some professors at Luther Seminary came up with the idea of creating a lectionary (assigned Bible readings for each Sunday of the year) that told the Biblical story from the beginning to the end. It starts in September with the Old Testament, but we chose to start right before Christmas with the New Testament. The Old Testament will come in next fall.

We will hear stories of Jesus from the gospels through the resurrection and then hear post resurrection stories and the letters from Easter to Pentecost. After that it will be summer and time for our summer sermon series. If anyone has a suggestion for this summer sermon series, please let Pastor Bob or I know. Meanwhile, listen to the Bible stories as they are recorded in the New Testament, read the stories in between the ones we share on Sunday mornings, and grow in your understanding of the story of Jesus. It is a difficult time to be the Church, but it is also a good time to be the Church. The Holy Spirit is at work in our lives individually and as a congregation. And we get to be a part of the Holy Spirit's work!

President's Report 2012

Has it been a year already?! "Time marches on" is such a true statement. Faith Lutheran is a wonderful organization of Christians willing to share their God given faith, time, talents and resources for the betterment of this Christian Church and for events and missions for the area communities in which we live. It takes all of us to make things happen and things happen at Faith Lutheran! Opportunities abound here to be involved, grow your faith and move the church forward. When we pray for leaders, we pray for all Christian who witness by example, by being involved and that respond to God's calling us, to make things happen. Check out the partial list of things happening at Faith following my report. Church Council members are simply members of the Congregation taking a turn at a church leadership role.

This year's Council did respond to concerns expressed at last year's annual meeting. The four primary concerns and our reactions were: **(1)** increased communications--more detailed newsletter information, a dedicated Council bulletin board, Giving Statements issued twice a year, *Congregational assemblies*: April 22 (vote forum), May 20 (vote) and August 19 (Town Hall), *Congregational involvement*: Council task forces Pastor Lisa's Confirmation program coverage & the Financial Process Audit recommendations, *mailings*: April vote information & November finance information, Council meeting guest speakers and the August suggestion box. **(2)** Endowment Fund committee status--Council President involved with multiple committee meetings. **(3)** "Shared Ministry" program--provided feedback opportunities and vote choices, resulting in the May 20 votes. **(4)** Pastor performance evaluations--tabled indefinitely pending a multi-year plan, significant multi-year lay commitments and consideration for update of the Staff Support committee role description.

While we did know some of the topics and issues we had to address, many more were added to the agendas. Some of the topics the Council and Pastors addressed this year were: bringing to a Congregational a vote on the "Shared Ministry" and the "Maintenance with Mission Match" programs. Also, "Wish List" updates, Synod acceptance of our Membership Covenant, Treasurer's employee status, Sabbatical fund planning, Line of Credit established and the Financial Process Audit initiated. We also created process documents for the Wish List, Maintenance with Mission Match and the Emogene Johnson Trust Distribution. A couple of work-in-progress topics are: replacing the front doors, clarifying the Faith Projects designations and updating the Staff Support committee role description. Meeting minutes are

available for all to see, either on the Council bulletin board or from the office secretary.

Personally, I am grateful for each Council member and staff that shared my walk with me this past year; Bev, Betsy, Jeanne, Tisha, Anne, Wendy, Denny, Derek, Brian, Pastor Bob and Pastor Lisa. I also thank our past Presidents that responded to me as sounding boards. Did I always agree with everyone?-No,☹. Did we reach consensus and will we walk away remaining brothers and sisters in Christ?-Yes,☺. What else is there?

I would like to close this report with a prayer by Anne Herzberg, April 2011: *“Dear Lord, Please be with us as we make important decisions in the life of this church. Help us to be inspired by your word, and to find joy in this work and our lives. In your name we pray, Amen.”*

Respectfully, Scott Mathwich, 2012 Council President

Here is a sampling of the opportunities and things that happen at Faith: Council, Committees: Education, Evangelism, Finance, Property, Social Ministry, Staff Support, Stewardship, Worship and Youth. Also, Multi-Media, Endowment Fund, Altar Guild, Sunday School students, Superintendents, Teachers, Assistants, Confirmation students, Leaders, Mentors, Youth Groups, Contemporary Worship, Choir, Bell Choir, Church Ladies Ministry, Lutheran Men in Mission, Naomi Circle, Scroll Circle, Anna Circle, Men’s small groups, Quilters, Red Tenter’s Book Club, Labyrinth & Prayer Garden, Ecumenical representatives, Nominating committee. **Events, Ministry and Mission:** National Youth Gathering, Shantytown, service events, Christmas tree decorating, Lutherdale, Memorial Day Brat Fest volunteers, assemble Newsletter & mailings, food pantry, blood drive, adult education, Lenten meal, Seder meal, Palm Sunday breakfast, Spaghetti Supper, Pumpkin Patch, July 4 parade food stand, July 4 parade float, garage sale, Fur, Fin & Feathers at Faith, mother/daughter luncheon, raking leaves, picking up sticks and litter, shoveling snow, moving chairs and tables, vacuuming, Lutheran World Relief; quilts, layettes, school kits, health kits, sewing kits, Hephatha Lutheran meals and program support, Synod Assembly, making Banners, Wish List, Giving Tree, Christmas Memory Making event, Youth fundraisers, Scrip cards, Milk Moola, Senior Fun-timers, Ecumenical Day Camp (Vacation Bible School), Pentecost gifts, Greeting Card Workshop, prayer chain, Relay for Life, Pictorial Directory, Geo-caching, Trunk or Treat, Palm Sunday procession, Ladies night out, “Unbinding” series, internet website, bulletin sponsors, Salvation Army bell ringers, faith witnessing, inviting people, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran Social Services, church library. **Worship assistants:** Lay Assisting Ministers, Communion Servers, Deacon Servers, Acolytes, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, flowers, Fellowship Hosts, Camera Operators, Offering Counters, musicians.

What are the new things that God is calling us to start doing?

STATISTICAL REPORT				
as of December 31, 2012				
MEMBERSHIP	2009	2010	2011	2012
Baptized Members	754	749	748	747
Confirmed Members	558	548	541	539
<i>All confirmed members are voting members.</i>				
ACCESSIONS				
By Baptism	15	18	7	14
By Transfer	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
By Affirmation of Faith	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
	40	38	14	35
LOSSES				
By Transfer	1	4	6	0
By Death	9	5	5	2
By Inactivity	22	15	3	18
Moved from Area	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>20</u>
	37	33	15	40
GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP				
Baptized	+2	-5	-2	-5
Confirmed	+3	-10	-7	-2
SERVICES				
Sunday Services	103	99	102	103
Ave. Weekly Attendance	189	176	162	165
% in Attendance	25%	24%	22%	22.2%
Week Day Services	9	9	8	9
Ave. Attendance	122	124	133	125
S.S. Enrollment	103	99	98	100
Communion Services	60	58	57	57
Total Number of Communicants	4998	4672	4521	4409
Average Communicants Per Service	83	81	79	77
Ecumenical Services ++	9	10	11	11
MINISTERIAL ACTS				
Baptisms	15	18	6	14
Confirmations	18	10	8	8
Weddings	7	6	4	3
Funerals	13	11	8	6

ECUMENICAL SERVICES FAITH PARTICIPATED IN DURING 2012:

Jan. 29	Fall River United Methodist Church	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Feb. 22	Olivet Congregational U.C.C.	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 29	St. Jerome Catholic Church	Lenten Service
Mar. 7	Faith Lutheran Church	Lenten Service
Mar. 14	Wisconsin Academy	Lenten Service
Mar. 21	Church of the Nazarene	Lenten Service
Mar. 28	Fall River United Methodist Church	Lenten Service
Apr. 6	Columbus United Methodist Church (1PM)	Good Friday Service
	Faith Lutheran (7PM)	Good Friday Service
Nov. 21	Faith Lutheran Church	Thanksgiving Service

MINISTERIAL ACTS – 2012

NEW MEMBERS

- Josephine Elizabeth Berget
- April Campos

Leo Kuck

- Harlow Noelle Kuck
- Nahla Henrietta Kuck
- Beckam Ray Scheeler
- Matthew Thomas Kohl
- Kaleb Michael Kohl
- Rasho Ryan Shidell Fisher
- Caden Arthur Conner
- Blake William Conner
- Cade Jefferson Kurth
- Blake Luther Kurth
- Karsen David Shroud
- Eric Alan Miesfeld

Eugene Boelte

Janice Boelte

David Thelen

Theresa Thelen

Liam Thelen

Genevieve Thelen

Kyle Kary

Amy Burbach

Barbara Conley

Joyce Miller

Kraig Kahl

Katie Kahl

Sam Kahl

Molly Kahl

Grace Kahl

Luke Kahl

Loren Rosenberry

Jay Miesfeld

Jessica Miesfeld

Jill Abegglen

- Baptized

Kenzie Jo Severson

Jacob Hunter Udell

Tristan John Watrud

WEDDINGS

Mark Ulmer and Linda Laitinen

Michael Raether and Patricia Persen

Joseph Ott and Lisa Severson

DEATHS

Muriel Nehring

Margaret Adam

Fritz Price

Herbert T. Steindorf

Cheryl Tessmann

Dan Daniels

JoAnn DeNure

CONFIRMATION

Jacklyn Ann Olson

Jessica Jean Olson

Rachel Marie Paul

Colt Michael Peterson

Erik William Rupp

2012 MEMORIALS

1. Monetary gifts given in memory of Fritz PriceMelody and Troy Tadych, Bevalee Hilbert, Scott and Sue Mathwich, Russell and Betty Rahn, Ida M. Price, Yvonne Cass family, Leanna Rittmann, Rod and Dianne Patrick, Harley and Betsy Woodward, Susan Bauer, Lynell Pettibone, John and Retta Kurth, RC and MJ Schmidt, Eleanor C. Bornitzke, Theodore and Mary Snyder, Richard and Beverly Hartl, Esther Gaumitz, Ronald and Mary Price, Ivan and Reta Thies, Emogene Johnson, Jeff and Betty Baxter, Anna Circle, Bev and Eugene O’Brion, Daryl Severson family, Jane and Bob Robbins, Ruth Juech, Maizie Anthon, Terry and Ruth Nordal, Maurice Price, Tom and Joyce Walker, Curt and Linda Hanson, Mark and Bonnie Adam, Gene and Connie Frey.
2. Monetary gifts given to the Endowment Fund in memory of Fritz Price. . . Naomi Circle, DeAnn Gaska, Lyle and Joanne Sampson, Al Strohschein, Jeanne Jones.
3. Altar Candles given in memory of Fritz Price. Sally Price.
4. Paschal Candle given in honor of our children Kylie, Courtney and Kenzie and in memory of Casie. Daryl and Jami Severson.
5. Monetary gift given to the Multimedia Fund in memory of Arletta Miller. . . Don Miller.
6. Monetary gift given to the Multimedia Fund in memory of Fritz Price. Don and Margaret Miller.
7. Monetary gift given to the Labyrinth/Prayer Garden in memory of Fritz Price. . . Judie Lueck family.
8. Monetary gifts given in memory of Margaret AdamMildred Fowler, Gene Adam (Madison-Kipp Corporation), TelecomPioneers Wisconsin Chapter #4, Mark and Bonnie Adam, Ronald and Linda Huebner, Don and Margaret Miller, Faye Underdahl, Agnes Moore, Luann Hasesnfuss, Gloria Brennan, Tom and Joyce Walker, Marian Marshall, Armin and Shirley Tessmann, Ignatius and Rosetta Weisensel, Yvonne Tjugum, John and Retta Kurth, Emile Scheeremberger, Esther Gaumitz, Eugene and Betsy Adam, Rod and Dianne Patrick, Marie Abegglen and Fred Shephard, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hasey, Richard and Beverly Hartl.
9. Monetary gift for choir music given in memory of Mary Ann Lohneis. Chuck and Rose Tiedt.
10. Case of eternal light candles given in memory of Bill Chase. Doris Chase.
11. Monetary gift toward new front doors given in memory of Fritz Price. Sally Price.
12. Monetary gift given to the Multimedia Fund for Bell Choir microphones given in memory of Cheri Tessman. The Family of Cheri Tessman (Todd, Andrea and Matt).
13. Monetary gifts given to the Youth League, Endowment Fund, Faith Lutheran Church Women, two tables for the narthex, a dehumidifier. Margaret Adam Memorial Fund.
14. Camera.Bill Chase Memorial Fund.
15. Monetary gifts given in memory of JoAnn DeNure.Thomas and Gloria Rortvedt, Charmaine Schultz and Kenneth Lybeck, Dennis and Karen DeNure, Troy and Kathleen Duborg, Phyllis Foulkes, Margaret DaValt, Anne Gero, Daniel and Brenda Besteman, Mary Steel, Darlene DeNure, Walter Priewe and Pamela DeNure Priewe, Roxanne Ayer.

2012 GIFTS

1. Copier paper. Sue Frish.
2. TV and stand. Pr. Bob and Lynne Moberg.
3. Snow removal. Robert's Small Engine.
4. Copier paper. Anna Circle.
5. Copier paper.Merlyn and Joyce Lienke.
6. Altar candles and case of eternal light candles.Scott and Sue Mathwich.
7. Video tapes.Pastor Lisa.
8. Stamps. Anonymous.
9. Copier paper.Anonymous.
10. Donation of new furnace.Thom Salzwedel and Rick Tjugum.
11. Two long tablecloths.Joyce Lienke.
12. Cantata music *Who Do You Say That I Am? Man of Sorrows, King of Glory, Lord of Light!*
 Darlene Tjugum.
13. Palms.Roger Hasz.
14. Case of eternal light candles. Bob and Ellie Hood.
15. Pottery chalics and patens. Julie Sennhenn.
16. Gloves for bell choir were purchased in honor of the years I was a member of the Faithful Ringers.
 Betsy Woodward.
17. Sponsors of 2012 Vacation Bible School. Nancy Mickelson, Mickelson Feed
 Company Inc., Jan Ulrich, Thrivent "Care in the Congregation" fund.
18. DVD recorderEmogene Johnson.
19. Flowers for the two planter boxes. Jenny Hezberg.
20. Flowers for the church sign near church entrance.Esther Gaumitz.
21. Monetary gift for sheet musicPat Schellin.
22. Donation of materials and labor for additional shelving in storage room.Nancy and Brian
 Patrick.
23. Two vacuum cleaners Rod Schubert.
24. Extension cordRod Schubert.
25. Crocheted baptismal gownApril Campos.
26. Two long tablesScroll Circle.
27. Front Door Fund – Andy and Cara O'Brion, Bruce and Jeanne Miller, Terry and Ruth Nordal, John
 and Shelly Salzman, Cheryl Hoffman, David and Lori Kikkert, Dennis and Claire Sampolinski, Don and
 Margaret Miller, Fred and Pat Hurckman, Dennis and Karen DeNure, Sharon Bradish, John and Retta
 Kurth, Eugene and Bev O'Brion, Glenn and Shirley Andler, Joyce Abegglen, Trish Kurth, Richard and Bev
 Hartl, Steve and Julie Sennhenn, Scott and Sue Mathwich, Dennis Langfeldt, Donna Hankes, Todd and
 Bridget Morris, Joel and Luanne Miller, Richard and Marcia McMullen, Dan and Chris Weatherman,
 Eugene and Jan Boelte, Darlene Tjugum, DeAnn Gaska, Jessica Gaska, Jennifer Herzberg, Anne Herzberg,
 Rod and Dianne Patrick, Merlyn and Joyce Lienke, Mark and Bonnie Adam, Ed and Pat Schellin, Bob and
 Ellie Hood, Ryan and Lisa Hasey, Troy and Melody Tadych, Scot and Karen Lienke, Pete and Judy Kaland,
 Sue Frish, Mark and Tami McNamee, Ron and Linda Huebner, Alan Strohschein and Kathy Hoch, Tom and
 Joyce Walker, Emogene Johnson, Harley and Betsy Woodward, Ben and Eva Van Horn, Rod and Betty
 Schubert, Sara Yuds, Derek and Julie Berget, Paul and Pam Larson, Todd and Linda Brumm, Rev. Bob and
 Lynne Moberg, Jami and Daryl Severson, Vic and Debbie Barth, Roger and Marjorie Westphal.
28. *Bring a Friend to Church* brochuresSue Frish.
29. Third grade Bibles Men's Group.
30. Case of copier paper. Kris Behrandt.
31. Monetary gift given to the Senior Youth League in memory of Randy Schrieber.Judie Lueck.
32. Office supplies and toiletEugene and Bev
 O'Brion
33. Altar candles and advent wreath candlesBruce and Jeanne Miller.
34. Christmas trees. Merlyn and Joyce Lienke and Rich and Marcia McMullen.

- 35. Two Christmas wreaths. Dick and Bev Hartl.
- 36. Narthex Christmas tree ornaments.Melody Tadych.
- 37. Window envelopesWendy Corlett.
- 38. Monetary gift for 2013 Audit.Pete and Judy Kaland.

Committee Reports

Sunday School Report – December 2012

There are currently 78 students enrolled in Faith’s Sunday school program for the 2011-2012 school year. Most of these students attend classes on a regular basis. Classes are currently not offered for 3-year-olds due to a low number of students and lack of staff to teach this class. Classes for the pre-kindergarten through 5th grade students are held from 9:20 to 10:20 each Sunday morning. Students participate in music for the first 20 minutes of Sunday school and then return to their individual classrooms. All classes are held in the lower level of the church. Class sizes are as follows: 4 year old kindergarten-8 students, 5 year old kindergarten-10 students, 1st grade-13 students, 2nd grade-11 students, 3rd grade-13 students, 4th grade-12 students, and 5th grade-11 students.

We are in our second year of using the “SPARK – Activate Faith” curriculum published by Augsburg Fortress. This program is divided into three parts each year: fall, winter and spring. It also alternates on a two year cycle. This curriculum is very teacher and student friendly.

Third grade students received Bibles in September and Bibles will be presented to kindergarten students in January. Pastor Lisa held teaching sessions for third grade students along with their parents prior to the church Bible presentations.

The Sunday school program has been richly blessed by so many who have answered the call to teach or be teacher’s helpers. Teachers and helpers currently alternate Sundays in a classroom. This means that it is necessary to have at least 4 people willing to serve at each grade level. We have 31 staff members who teach or assist regularly. Seven of the teacher’s helpers are students in our confirmation program and 3 additional confirmation students have helped out as well. We will be recruiting teachers for the 2013-2014 school year in the spring.

A portion of last year’s Sunday school offerings were donated to youth programs at Hepatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Students also voted to have their offerings sent to Lutheran World Relief and the Columbus-Fall River Food Pantry.

The Sunday school Christmas program was presented on December 16, 2012 during the 10:30 worship service. “Just a Little Christmas” was enjoyed by students and the congregation. Students were fortunate to have many staff members who were willing to help with this event in a variety of capacities. This program was very well attended by students and their families. Sunday school students sing during a worship service once each month in October, November, January, February, and March. Each class also serves as greeters for the 10:30 service once during the year.

The Sunday school program at Faith continues to be blessed with enthusiastic students and dedicated staff members. We are so fortunate to have the overwhelming support of the members of Faith. We look forward to another year of learning and growing in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Tadych , Co-Superintendent
 Pam Larson, Co-Superintendent

Evangelism Committee 2012

The Evangelism Committee met the 2nd Monday of each month. We are interested in promoting Faith Lutheran to the community by being visible and accessible. We also wanted an activity that involved our members so we could get to know each other on a social level.

Our meetings always consisted of sending cards to visitors, and also sending cards to the shut-ins for various holidays such as Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In July we had a float in the parade and the "Men in Mission" group helped us with this. On Halloween we had Trunk or Treat in the parking lot at Faith which consisted of our cars with trunk doors open full of treats to pass out. This was very successful. In both cases the congregation was very generous in giving us the candy to pass out.

We continue to review the 2011 and 2012 covenant and keep track of the members that have not signed them. Letters go out to these members to let them know they are missed and are required to sign the covenant to retain membership at Faith.

Cathy Elling baked loaves of bread for us to pass out to new members.

We held two "Women's Night Out" at the Cardinal Alehouse and Bowl which was very enjoyable. This will continue in the new year.

We have decided to be responsible for a lunch for new member orientation if held on a Saturday.

May we continue to work toward Faith becoming a welcoming part of the body of Christ for all those in need of his love.

Joycelyn Lienke, Chairperson

Multimedia Ministry Committee 2012

In 2012 the Multimedia Committee upgraded our video recording hardware from a VHS system to a DVD system. This switch was put in motion by the City of Columbus as it was going to stop accepting VHS tapes for public broadcasting as of September 1st. This requirement by the City stems from changes they made to their system. The added bonus is that besides Faith's services being broadcast on Charter cable television, our services are now viewable via a public web site, and therefore accessible anywhere in the world. Web broadcasting was a long term goal the Multimedia committee was very interested in but the costs were prohibitive in the past. We are very excited to offer this for our members, potential members, and the larger church community. To see our services on the web, point your browser to <http://goo.gl/6ycrJ> and select Faith in the drop-down.

Also in 2012, maintenance was performed on two microphones used by our pastors, as well as a fix to the speakers in the narthex. The fix to the speakers is the first major repair needed for our sound system since it was installed over 10 years ago.

The Committee along with the current volunteers, video tapes the service, prepares power point presentations for projection and monitors the projectors during their use in church services.

Faith's web site is also updated on a weekly basis. There is much more that the committee could be doing to support the ministry of Faith with an increase in volunteers. Please consider volunteering; the time commitment is minimal and the satisfaction of serving God is great. Don't forget that Faith's motto is "Faith serving God and serving people".

Looking toward 2013 the Multimedia Committee will continue to support Faith in its mission of serving God and serving people. One of our top priority projects includes continuing to develop a plan for projection capabilities in the overflow area. Another project will be to redevelop Faith's website <http://FaithColumbusWi.org>. An enhanced web site will allow us to continue with our current features, as well as allowing for some additional hooks into social media and other tools on the web that can help us spread our ministries and the Good News of The Lord.

Yours in the service to the Lord here at Faith,

Committee on Social Ministry 2012

Our church constitution calls this committee to support the Social Ministry objectives of the ELCA and our Synod. These objectives include: advocacy, world hunger (relief), Lutheran disaster response, justice for women, poverty ministries, social issues and ministries, campus ministry, Madison urban ministry, ecumenical relationships, green initiatives and refugee task force. Even though this committee is not active, Faith is active with programs, events and ministries that do address some of these objectives via other active committees, events, programs and efforts. Examples of these, are efforts related to the food pantry, Lutheran World Relief kits and Hephatha Lutheran. Submitted by Scott Mathwich.

Pastoral and Staff Support 2012

The committee worked with the council in updating the description of their role. There have been much discussion and revisions to this description. The final description is being presented at the Jan 2013 council meeting for their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Strohschein, Sue Frish, Maizie Anthon, Pat Schellin, Ben Van Horn

Property Committee 2012

Changes to the church property this year: Fellowship Hall furnace, Narthex hallway lights, upstairs bathroom signs, office printer, office external hard drive, two serving tables, two Narthex tables, Bell Choir table, dehumidifier, church digital camera, sanctuary smoke detector, kitchen garbage disposals, eastside bushes, three Red Bud trees, new shelving in large closet in Sunday school room, repainted lines in church parking lot and curbs, secured donations for one upstairs women's toilet.

Changes to the parsonage this year: replaced the water heater, replaced some corroded water pipes and valves.

Also, we renewed the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Columbus Community Hospital that allows defined use of our parking lot and building for mass emergency situations.

Other Reports

Altar Guild 2012

The purpose of Altar Guild is to prepare the church and altar for the various worship services, funerals, weddings and other special events. People serving on Altar Guild work together in teams cleaning and properly preparing the chancel and altar area, setting up and taking down communion, changing the paraments to match the appropriate season of the church year, arrange flowers and make sure that all items needed and used during the service are prepared and properly placed.

Altar Guild is currently chaired by Sue Frish, Bev O'Brion and Julie Sennhenn. In 2012 the following people served on Altar Guild: Ruth Nordal, Dennis Langfeldt, Jeanne Miller, Barb Bergum, Jean Paul, Margaret Miller, Donna Hankes, Joyce Lienke, Linda Huebner, Jennifer Herzberg, Jeanne Jones, Reta Kurth, Pat Hurckman, Emogene Johnson, Julie Rieck and Betsy Woodward.

We welcome anyone who would like to serve on Altar Guild as it is a very rewarding experience.

Respectfully Submitted

Fur, Fin and Feathers at Faith 2012

Our mission is to: Foster the fellowship of interested FLC members. Bring families, friends and neighbors together from the local communities. And, demonstrate a church activity in a positive way within a theme that visitors are interested in and comfortable with without knowing their personal religious background. This event is a good fit for FLC's nutshell mission of *Serving God, Serving People*, although this is not just our event due to the ecumenical involvement and support we receive.

The July 4 parade food stand fund raiser made money despite the 100+ degree day, heat warning and low parade attendance and we are grateful to the volunteers that shared part of their holiday with us, some of which have no other connection with the Fur, Fin and Feathers event. Profits from this fund raiser were distributed to the Col-FR Food Pantry, the FLC general fund and the committee to cover the expenses of the Fall event.

The 6th annual "Fur, Fin and Feathers at Faith" community event was hosted by Faith on October 25. The basic components of this lay-led event are: fellowship, guest speakers, clergy involved program, taxidermy, photography, storytelling, refreshments, information tables and door prizes. Our guest speakers represented the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center and the Wisconsin DNR via a Biologist and Game Warden. We continue to have this event as no-charge admission however, we do ask for donations to benefit the Col-FR Food Pantry. This year's committee members were: John Kurth, Rod Schubert, Roger Hasz, John Baeseman, Ed Schellin, Jim Schieble, Larry Haseman, Dawn, Tegan and Hayden Huber and Scott Mathwich-committee lead.

Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Mission Fund 2012

The Faith Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund was established in January, 1988 to assist those who want to make charitable gifts or bequests to the ongoing ministry of Christ through Faith Lutheran Church. The assets are invested and managed by the Endowment Committee, elected by the congregation. Once assets reach \$150,000 the annual earnings will be used to support outreach ministries, with the capital investment remaining invested for growth. At present the investment has reached \$91,399.69 (9/30/12).

We are currently in the "accumulation" phase and have minimal operating expenses. Gifts may be made in a variety of ways. A folder was included in the January newsletter or pick up a folder from the church office, the Kiosk, or see a committee member.

Gifts can include:

Cash, Securities, bequests from a will, life insurance proceeds, annuities, Real Estate, Trust proceeds, Life Estates, Memorial giving, and milestones events such as anniversary and birthday remembrances, or other milestone events.

Please consider giving a gift of thankfulness to God. Donations to the Faith Lutheran Church Mission Endowment fund are tax deductible under the IRS code 501 c (3).

The committee would like thank all who have contributed to the Endowment Fund this past year.

Peter Kaland, Sara Yuds, Mike Hanson, Sharon Bradish, Tony Clark and Jeanne Jones

Faith Lutheran Endowment Report 2012

Account Name	Account Number	Additions	Balance
Thrivent Life Policy	2200963 TBH.	\$356.00	\$4,791.00
F & M Passbook	200243533 EJ	\$2.53	\$812.22
F & M Passbook	200243534 EM	\$3.66	\$1,173.33
F & M CD	2338101	\$64.77	\$4,096.77
F & M Savings- 12/03/12	200248457	\$803.93	\$2,722.54
Thrivent Financial		As of 09/30/12	As of 09/30/12
	Large Cap Stock	\$3,508.77	\$27,941.97
	Money Market	\$0.00	\$9,258.32
	World Wide Fund	\$138.31	\$1,348.91
	Income Fund A	\$1,776.42	\$20,847.21
	Mid Cap Growth	\$1,608.28	\$16,108.39
	High Yield	\$253.55	\$2,299.03
	Total Thrivent Funds	\$7,283.55	\$77,803.83
Total Endowment Funds			\$91,399.69

The committee would like to thank all who have contributed to the Endowment Fund:

Spaghetti Supper Comm
 Fur Fin & Feather Comm
 Joyce & Merlin Lienke
 Joanne & Lyle Sampson
 Al & Kathy Strohschein
 DeAnn Gaska
 Family of Margaret Adam
 Sally Price
 Ben & Eva VanHorn
 Jeanne Jones
 Thelma Bergum
 Family of Erma McNamara
 Emogene Johnson

Church Ladies Ministry 2012

For the past eleven years the Church Ladies Ministry (CLM) has been *a ministry to women transitioning from incarceration back into the community*. These women, having just been released from confinement, many with young children or are pregnant, are in need of some tender loving care, and an introduction to a new social environment. A dedicated group of five faith members, Yvonne Tjugum, Reta Thies, Judy Sullivan, Emogene Johnson and Ruth Nordal, provide this care and support on a monthly basis by going to the ARC Baby House in Monona where socializing is done through conversation, demonstrating the craft of card making, enjoying refreshments, and sharing God's love for them through Bible Study, and lots of baby holding. Our main goal as part of CLM is to let them know we care about them, and as Pastor Susan would say, *"to simply love them up."* To help support this outreach program we receive financial support from the congregation through the Empties4Cash program which is the recycling of empty ink cartridges. *Thank you to all who support this outreach ministry program at Faith.*

Labyrinth and Prayer Garden Report 2012

The Labyrinth & Prayer Garden Committee members remain active and dedicated to the maintenance needs of the Labyrinth & Prayer Garden area. The committee welcomes new ideas for the area. Last year an idea was brought forward which resulted in the construction of the "Living Cross" planter. This year the planter was filled with tulips and red geraniums. Surrounding the planter are three Red Bud trees. Also this year the remaining overgrown yew shrubs on the Eastside were removed and a new planting was established.

The committee meets at least twice a year to review topics and maintenance. We will meet more often when a new feature, request or special event is initiated. The committee appreciates all the volunteer maintenance efforts by committee and non-committee members. The 2012 committee members were: Sandy Schieble, Paul Bergum, Bruce & Jeanne Miller, Sue Frish, Melody Tadych and Scott Mathwich-committee lead.

Faith Lutheran Church Women-2012

Looking for a place to gather with other women to talk about your faith? Women of the ELCA is just for you. We're a community of women where fellowship, study, service and advocacy are nurtured.

Once a month we gather for Bible study. "Gathered by God" is a word study on gather and will cover session topics such as: gather to learn, gather for fellowship, gather to support, gather to be empowered, gather to be sent. The Naomi Circle, Anna Circle, and Scroll Circle invite you to join them. Check the bulletin for time and place for these study groups.

The quilting group made 108 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to the ladies that have put in many hours to make this happen. A special thank you to Diane Patrick for leading this ministry. Thank you to everyone that donated so that 5 personal care kits, 5 school kits, and 5 layette kits could be sent to LWR.

Thank you to the FLCW leaders who continue to serve:

Co-chairman	Reta Thies & Margaret Miller
Secretary	Emogene Johnson
Treasurer	Becky Stark
Altar Guild	Julie Sennhenn, Bev. O'Brion, Sue Frish
Church Lady Ministry	Ruth Nordal
Funeral Luncheons	Esther Gaumitz and Nancy Michelson
Quilting Chairman	Diane Patrick

FLCW TREASURER’S REPORT – 2012

Balance of checking account, January 1, 2012		\$2,957.70
Receipts:		
Circle Offerings	\$ 96.26	
Funeral Food	\$ 641.19	
Blood Drive Donation	\$ 175.00	
Cookbook	\$ 30.00	
Coffee/Fellowship	\$ 487.25	
Bake Sale	\$ 339.20	
Funeral/Kitchen Donations	\$ 440.98	
LWR – Shipping	\$ 352.50	
Quilt	\$ 50.00	
Blanket Raffle	\$ 32.00	
Total Receipts 2012		\$2,644.38
Disbursements:		
Augsburg Publishing Co.	\$ 271.85	
Flowers	\$ 126.50	
Blood Drive	\$ 159.01	
Fellowship	\$ 103.87	
LWR – Shipping	\$ 352.50	
Day Camp – Counselor Meals	\$ 40.00	
Funeral Food	\$1,100.00	
Gather Subscription	\$ 40.00	
Bake Sale Start-up	\$ 50.00	
Columbus Club House Donation	\$ 60.00	
Lutherdale Donation	\$ 60.00	
Columbus Food Pantry	\$ 60.00	
Total Disbursements 2012		\$2,423.73
Balance of checking account, December 31, 2012		\$ 3,178.35

Becky Stark, Treasurer
 Faith Lutheran Church Women

Junior Leaguen 2012

Junior league has held a social event every month for 2012 (except summer months). Our most popular events were movie night and popcorn at church, lazer tag, raising money for habitat for humanity and sleeping in cardboard boxes, bowling, roller skating, and a trip to the haunted forest in October.

Senior League 2012

The senior youth league activities included making and delivering sub sandwiches for super bowl Sunday in January. In February they hosted a butter braid sale so congregation members had butter braids in time for Easter. In March they served a chili supper during lent. In April they sponsored a Culver’s night and served brunch for Palm Sunday service. In May they went to

Good Shepherd church in Verona for a Pre-National Youth Gathering kick-off event and volunteered with family members and friends at Brat Fest in Madison. Another Culver's night was held in June. July was a big month for activities it started with them holding a rummage/treasure sale at Faith and the hi-light was when they traveled to New Orleans to the National Youth Gathering. They helped lead worship in August and held an all congregation picnic afterward. They were able to pay for their trip to New Orleans and Pastor Bob's trip through their fund raising efforts and the generous support of the congregation. They also made donations to the Columbus/Fall River food pantry and Hephatha Lutheran Church youth group.

Balance as of December 31, 2012

Youth League checking account #1398866 - \$74.40

Youth League savings account #200164655 - \$2,397.87

National Youth Gathering account ##20024817 - \$1,900.93

