

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
 120 Faith Drive Columbus WI 53925
 Evangelical Lutheran Church
 in America – ELCA
 South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

February
2023

MISSION STATEMENT

Joyfully recognizing God's commitment and faithfulness to us, FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH exists to serve God through serving God's people. We eagerly work towards the realization of God's Kingdom by:

- Offering praise-filled worship to God.
- Nurturing individual spiritual growth.
- Fostering an environment of caring and acceptance.
- Reaching out to serve the needs of our community.

God's love stirs us to touch others with the same love we have received—and invites them to share our life of praise and service.

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) Columbus, Wisconsin

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Youth Rep.

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**AS MEMBERS OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH WE
 PROMISE:**

- To attend services regularly.
- To support the congregation financially.
- To live responsibly as a Christian witness.
- To become as involved as possible in the total life and work of the congregation.

And this we promise to do by the help of God.

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

Hebrews 11:1

We're on the web:
www.faithcolumbuswi.org

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JANE

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have been talking a lot about working together through evangelism and community. With that in mind, I thought I would share the promises I made in my ordination. You may notice some similarities in the Sacrament of Baptism, Rite of Confirmation and Ordination services. In all three, we are reminded that promises are made.

When children are brought to be baptized, parents, sponsors, and the congregation are given responsibilities:

to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *their* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *them* in faith and prayer,
so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

At Confirmation, the same promises are made by each student.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

In ordination, the candidate is presented to the assembly and is then questioned.

Address and Questions

The presiding minister addresses the candidate.

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

The presiding minister addresses questions to the candidate.

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions? [Note: do you see baptism here?]

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God's love may be known in all that you do? [Note: proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.]

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen.

There are prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, hymns, and a prayer for the candidate. I kneeled before God and (Former) Bishop John Anderson, along with other pastors laid hands on me and prayed,

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jane and fill her with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless your servant's proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments, so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service. Make Jane a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things Jane may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

I was presented with a red stole by my family, and given a charge – my duty and responsibility as a pastor.

Charge

Jane Crawford, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

My point, dear friends, is that we're all in this together. I may be the pastor, but we all need each other.

Blessings!

Pr. Jane

FOOD PANTRY

For the month of March Faith will be hosting the Food Pantry. I will be needing 2 people to help out each week. The month of March has 5 Thursday's. I will put a calendar with the date highlighted in the Narthex for sign-ups. Thank you for helping with this great cause.

Chris

PASTORAL ACTS



January 22, 2023

Wyatt James Gensch

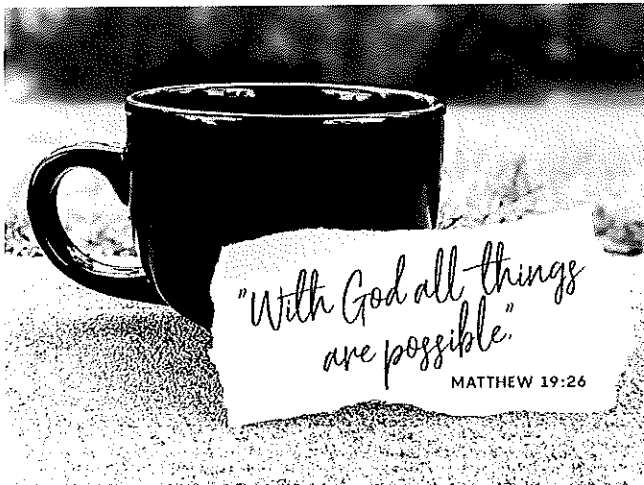
Parents

Rachel & Derek Gensch

Sponsors

Riley Kaminski

Tracy Lewke



LOVE PACKAGES

We are collecting your extra Bibles and certain forms of Christian materials like; non-fiction Christian books, devotionals and commentaries, will continue until this summer. You still have time to gather, sort, re-read and decide. The items are for worldwide missionaries via the organization "**Love Packages.org**". Place your items in the light green basket in the Narthex. For the complete list of items wanted and items **not** wanted, please see the **handout** on the Narthex table, or the information on Faith's website > by selecting the "Holy Bible" **picture** link. To date, there has been 951 items donated, including **50 Bibles**.

Thank you.

Highlights of January 2023 Council Meeting

- Cottage meetings regarding worship days/ times postponed
- Graceland continues and children will sing at various Sunday worship services
- Bibles will be presented to children kindergarten through fifth grade
- Evangelism Committee to work on updating membership list
- Mission Investment Fund \$20,000 Certificate of Deposit will not be renewed
- Congregational meeting agenda set
- 2023 Spending Plan approved to be presented to congregation at annual meeting
- Time and Talent discussion tabled until later date
- Pastor Crawford will be moving to Oconomowoc in April

OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday February 8

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, February 8

Naomi Circle
2:00pm Tuesday, February 21
In Fellowship Hall

†*third Thursday*

For men only...
third Thursdays at Faith

Hosted by the Java men (Denny, Pat, & Al).
Come for food, fun, fellowship and a little
faith exploration at 5:30 p.m., Thursday,
February 16, 2023. Feel free to invite a
friend.

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB

BOOK CLUB

The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the February 23rd at 7:00pm. The book
we are reading is "The Rosie Project" by
Graeme Simsion. Hope to see you there.

CALENDAR, LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Lector Schedule 9:15am

5 Carolyn Gorman
12 Pete Kaland
19 Henry Elling
26 Betsy Woodward

LAM 9:15am

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12 Dennis Sampolinski
19 Henry Elling
26 Pam Larson

ACOLYTES 9:15am

5 Nellie Olson & Jocelyn LeClaire
12 Addison Steers & Kendra Abegglen
19 Abbi Fox & Kailey Schroud
26 Stella Gille & Hallie Graffin

COUNTERS

5 Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland
12 Ginny Klug & Becky Stark
19 Emogene Johnson & Judy Kaland
26 Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

5 Pat Schellin & LuAnn Miller
12 Cathy Elling & Pam Larson
19 Pat Hurckman & Carolyn Gorman
26 Julie Sennhenn & Barab Bergum

February



1 Mary Kohl
 4 Ana Tjugum
 6 Augustus Tadych
 7 Mason Bruss
 8 Jenny Erdmann
 11 Nick Cass, Bram Aeschlimann
 12 Josh Ritchie, Jeramy Grossman
 14 Garrett Patrick
 15 Anna Miller, Bay Peterson
 16 Karen DeNure, Erin Weisman
 19 Ashley Cooper, Kali Shephard,
 Karli Hochstatter
 20 Elizabeth Elling
 21 Barb Bergum
 23 Joyce Lienke, Odyn Lueloff
 25 Jack Roelke
 26 Greyson O'Brion, Mitchel Steiner,
 Skyler Steiner
 28 Victoria Gillett
 Jenny Anthon, Bill Bussian, Jim Setz

02/01 Stephen Peterson,
 Breleigh Deminsky
 02/02 John Stark, Roxann Kirchberg
 02/03 Claire Sampolinski, Scott Hoffman,
 Sydney Kluetzman
 02/04 Gene Boelte, Jenna Peterson
 02/05 Gwenn Gmeinder
 02/06 Ella Steers
 02/07 Bill Bussian, Lori Weidemann
 02/09 Mark Fagerburg, Matthew Paul
 02/10 Jim Setz
 02/11 Lynn Shephard
 02/12 Tony Clark, Lilylyn Loecher, Josh Dykema
 02/13 Jill Abegglen, Alyvia Grossman
 02/14 Sally Price, Jeff Hein, Megan Miller,
 Mitchell Cooper, Pierce Abegglen
 02/15 Rachel Gensch
 02/16 Lois Heiman, Hannah Fox, Brody Lewke
 02/19 John Brozek Jr. April Abufares
 02/20 Patrice Clifford, Bruce Zahn, Sara Yuds,
 Austin Zahn, Devin Talg, Joycelyn LeClair
 02/21 Kenn Gillett, Meegan Graffin,
 Cliff Sweney, Juliette Peterson,
 Drake Schultz
 02/22 Gyneth Erdmann, Connor Jacobs
 02/23 Jan Kurth
 02/24 Chuck Tiedt, Marissa Aeschlimann
 02/25 Mary Destree, Olivia Severson,
 Dane Sloan, Jennifer Miller
 02/26 Fred Zielder, Sue Mathwich, Easton Gensch
 02/27 Jim Smith, Jodi Smith, Cara O'Brion,
 Max McGee
 02/28 Laurie Niehoff, Nicole Schiesl,
 Jenny Hasenfuss, Ronda Huebner
 02/29 Elizabeth Morris

February

Wedding Anniversary's

02/11 Jim & Helen Setz 29
 02/14 Stephen & Sara Peterson 21
 02/25 David & Audrey Jakel 39
 02/27 Darrin & Jennifer Miller 13

Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2022

Dated: 01/05/2023

Prepared by Stephen Peterson,
Treasurer

	Total General Account Offerings, Donations	Borrowed from Parsonage Proceeds	Trimester Giving history		Simply Giving portion of total	% Simply Giving
January	\$18,252		2018	\$70,394	\$3,515	19%
February	\$11,914		2019	\$67,292	\$3,210	27%
March	\$17,882		2020	\$60,135	\$3,291	18%
April	\$25,204		2021	\$59,238	\$3,375	13%
Trimester 1	\$73,251	\$0	Trend	\$64,265	\$13,392	18%
May	\$14,426				\$3,421	24%
June	\$16,734		2018	\$70,399	\$3,271	20%
July	\$13,231		2019	\$62,122	\$3,225	24%
August	\$12,606		2020	\$52,143	\$3,431	23%
Trimester 2	\$56,997	\$0	2021	\$55,134	\$13,347	
			Trend	\$59,950		
September	\$11,308				\$3,225	29%
October	\$18,599	\$4,800	2018	\$89,327	\$3,345	18%
November	\$19,412		2019	\$88,329	\$6,381	33%
December	\$2,137		2020	\$66,651	\$3,175	21%
Trimester 3	\$77,457	4,800	2021	\$68,855	\$16,127	21%
YTD total	\$207,705	\$0	Trend	\$78,291	\$42,866	21%
						\$202,505

General Account Expenditures by Categories in Treasurer's Report

	Mission	Pastoral Support	Staff Support	Operations	Total
Jan	\$2,117	\$9,944	\$2,316	\$6,230	\$20,606
Feb	\$2,117	\$10,341	\$3,893	\$3,834	\$20,185
Mar	\$2,117	\$10,32	\$4,595	\$3,436	\$20,472
Apr	\$2,117	\$10,304	\$4,173	\$11,190	\$27,784
May	\$2,625	\$10,245	\$4,454	\$2,664	\$19,988
June	\$2,117	\$10,263	\$4,913	\$6,467	\$23,760
July	\$2,117	\$10,340	\$4,276	\$1,838	\$18,571
Aug	\$2,117	\$10,291	\$4,718	\$3,407	\$20,533
Sep	\$2,117	\$10,245	\$4,384	\$3,377	\$20,122
Oct	\$2,117	\$11,028	\$4,423	\$4,010	\$21,578
Nov	\$2,117	\$1,245	\$3,087	\$3,087	\$18,536
Dec	\$2,117	\$10,245	\$3,068	\$2,320	\$17,750
TOTALS	\$25,911	\$123,815	\$48,301	\$51,860	\$249,886

Operations combines Worship Programs + Education + Administration + Operations + Misc

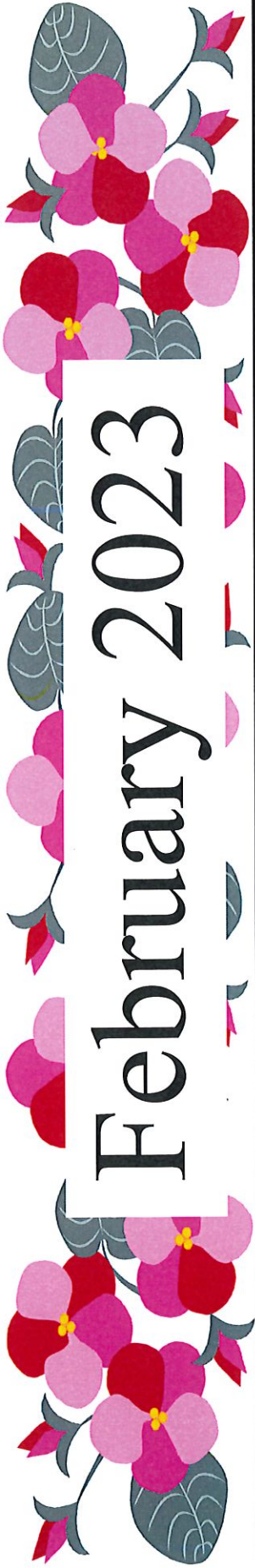
Fund balances this month - Ending balances from Summary of Cash Activity Reports

Faith General Account checking	\$ (733.54)	\$ 9,694.35
Faith Project checking	\$ 2,968.25	\$ 5,297.42
FP ELCA Demand Investment 1	\$ -	\$ -
FP ELCA Demand Investment 2	\$ 27,247.37	\$ 27,247.37
Parsonage Proceeds checking	\$ 10,311.81	\$ 10,311.87
Parsonage Proceeds MIF Fund A	\$ 22,778.86	\$ 22,778.86
PP Mission Investment Fund CD 1	\$ 45.52	\$ 45.52
PP Mission Investment Fund CD 2	\$ 20,239.84	\$ 20,239.84
PP Mission Investment Fund CD 3	\$ 41,142.46	\$ 41,142.46
Total	\$ 124,011	\$ 136,768

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	-\$42,182
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 21% of total revenue to date

Accounting system treasurer reports are posted on the Council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



February 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade 7:15 Senior Choir	2	3	4
5 Paraments: G 8:00 Bells Worship 9:15 Baptism Abram Mfhwich	6	7	8 9:00 Anna Circle 10:00 Scroll Circle 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade 7:15 Senior Choir	9	10	11
12 Paraments: G 8:00 Bells Worship 9:15 No LIVE Streaming Today	13	14 6:00 Men's Bible Study @ Julie Java House	15 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade 7:15 Senior Choir	16 5:30 Third Thursday For Men	17	18
19 Paraments: W 8:00 Bells Worship 9:15 Installation of Church Council Members 12:00 Faith In Stitches	20 8:30 Faith In Stitches 6:00 Council Meeting	21 2:00 Naomi Meeting	22 Ash Wednesday 12:00 Service 6:30 Service Both At Faith 7:30 Senior Choir	23 7:00 Red Tenters Book Club	24	25
26 Paraments: B First Sunday Of Lent 8:00 Bells Worship 9:15	27	28 6:00 Men's Bible Study @ Julie Java House				