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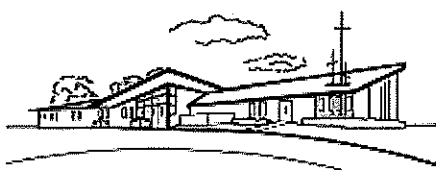


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God's work. Our

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<https://scsw-elca.org/news/>

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

**January
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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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,

Happy New Year!

Did you know that people did not start celebrating a new year until 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII developed the Gregorian Calendar? Prior to that, the new year didn't begin until March. Now you know!

So, here we are...again. Another new year is upon us. As I write this, I am looking at a decoration that someone made for my husband. It says, "God is still writing our story."

And here we are, another year of starting something new. Another opportunity to stay true to our resolutions. Another chance to begin again. These are the ideals on which this congregation was founded. Evangelism and excitement for the Word of God.

What are we going to do to make this year better than the last? How can we improve on all that has happened in our lives over the past twelve months?

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For surely I know that plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

This passage may sound familiar to you because it is used quite often at graduations, or confirmations. When someone is going through some hardships in life, it can be used to uplift them. Some pastors will use it to profess their calling and their vision. This passage may sound simple enough, but there is actually a lot going on.

This passage is actually talking about to the whole community of Israelites. The ones that had been wandering in exile for many years. Offering words of promise that there is a plan in mind for them. Our God is a God of redemption. God wants to put people on a path of wholeness, just as God wanted the Israelites to be redeemed and whole again. God listened to their prayers when they sought God with all their heart, and in God's own time, God brought them out of exile. Not just as individuals, but as a whole community. The same can be said for us in this new year. It looks like we are starting to come out of the pandemic, and we've established some normalcy to our church life.

Remember, that we are all in this together. The image painted within the Jeremiah passage is one of individuals in community, like the Body of Christ. It is a bunch of people, worshiping God together, hoping for redemption.

Many of us want to know what God has in store for us as individuals but let the prophet Jeremiah remind us that it's not all about us, and it may not look like we think. But, if we work together, even if there are differing opinions and strategies, there can and will be a future with faith, hope and love.

My prayer for you this new year ...

God of new beginnings, thank you for the year past – the joyful moments and the growing moments, the celebrations, and defeats. Give to all the strength to entrust this new year to you, knowing that with you, there is a bright future. Amen.

It's time. Consider this your call to action.

Blessings!

Pr. Jane



ANNUAL MEETING

Faith's Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29 after the 9:15 service.

INTERESTING ARTICLE

When Pastor Jerry Wendt was our Pastor we always felt his wife Nancy was such a part of his ministry at Faith. Everyone that was part of our church at that time I'm sure felt the same way. In Whitewater she just received some recognition for her life she lived helping others. If you go to Whitewaterbanner.com you can see the article. A woman writes about interesting people who have been an asset to the community. Nancy made the list. How fun to have known her. Enjoy!

LOVE PACKAGES

We are collecting your extra Bibles, of all translations, and certain forms of Christian materials like; non-fiction Christian books, devotionals and commentaries. This collection will be at least until next summer, so you have time to gather, sort, re-read and decide.

The items are for worldwide missionaries via the organization "**Love Packages**". Please visit their website at www.lovepackages.org for their history and mission.

Place your items in the light green basket in the Narthex. Please see the **handout** on the Narthex table, or the information on Faith's website, for the complete list of items wanted and items **not** wanted. To date, there has been 230 items donated, including 14 Bibles. *Thank you.*

ANNUAL REPORTS

A reminder that all committee reports for the **2022 ANNUAL REPORT** are due to Chris by Thursday, December 29. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR

REPORT TO faith@faithcolumbuswi.org



THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who were a part of sharing generosity with others by purchasing gifts for the "Giving Tree". They were very appreciative of the beautiful gifts we shared. We brightened 36 peoples Christmas's. Lutheran Social Services was thankful for our participation in helping their clients have a Merry Christmas. Thank you!

Highlights of December 2022 Council Meeting

- Cookies made by confirmation students were taken to St. Mark's Church in Madison
- Confirmation class will have a Christmas party and students were asked to bring mittens, socks, etc. to be brought to St. Mark's Church
- Job description for custodian was discussed
- Purging the membership list was discussed. Dan will meet with the Evangelism Committee to discuss how this can be done
- Graceland Christmas Program went well

OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday January 11

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, January 11

Naomi Circle
2:00pm Tuesday, January 17
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,
January 19, 2023. Feel free to invite a
friend.

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the January 26th at 7:00pm. The book we
are reading is Mayflower : A story of
Courage, Community, and War by Nathaniel
Philbrick. Hope to see you there..

CALENDAR , LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY 2023

Below are the list for Lectors, LAMS and
Acolytes for the Month of January.

Lector Schedule 9:15am

1 Betsy Woodward
8 Kristen Hart
15 Ed Schellin
22 Liz Mitchell
29 Judy Sullivan

LAM 9:15am

1 Henry Elling
8 Pam Larson
15 Dennis Samolinski
22 Henry Elling
29 Pam Larson

ACOLYTES 9:15am

1 Tori Gillett & Hallie Graffin
8 Matthew Salzman & Mason Dykstra
15 Ariana Stark & Zoe Shepard
22 Brody Lewke & Gavin Price
29 Connor Jacobs & Finnley Deminsky



ELCA "Good Gifts"

The **spare change** con-
tainer is in the Narthex,
within the goose de-
coy. The mission for
your spare pennies,
nickels and dimes is the

ELCA "Good Gifts" program. Lets see how
large we can grow the flock this year
2023! Our few extra coins are turned into
food and livelihood for people in need, world-
wide. Thank you.

2022 COOKIE EXCHANGE

60 dozen homemade cookies and candies arrived at Faith Lutheran church on Sunday, December 18, 2022 for the cookie exchange. What a great opportunity to share Christmas treats. The instructions were simple: bring a dozen and take a dozen. The cookies were packed in groups of six or twelve, so the exchange was made easily and each participant got a variety of treats. We even exchanged mice (no cheese involved). We had leftover treats, so some of our members were able to enjoy home baking.

As I selected my recipes and did my baking for the exchange I had fond memories of Christmas baking growing up. Some of my recipes were my Mom's and Grandma's to make it more special.



January



- 2 Oliver Setz
- 3 Taya Kurth
- 4 Kalab Kohl, Matthew Kohl
- 6 Sophie Gille, Breanna Kelly, Bennett Emler
- 7 Kevin Watrud
- 8 Linda Huebner, Dwane Talg, April Abufares
- 9 Landon Poster
- 10 Hailey Hole
- 11 Natalie Severson
- 12 John Popp, Josiah Crawford, Kacy Crawford
- 13 Claire Westlake, Betsy Woodward
- 15 Gunner Steers, Jackie Price, Melody Tadych
Harlow Kuck, Leo Kuck, Nahla Kuck
- 18 Skye Farr, Lynne Dhein
- 21 Graham Lauer
- 22 John Baeseman, Alex Zahn,
- 26 Megan Ferrera, Derek Berget
- 28 Trevor Miller, Ryan Hasey, Connor Kelm
- 29 Leonardo Gonzalez
- 31 Sarah Pocan

Cliff Destree, Brenda Hochstatter, Cary Hochstatter

- 01/01 Skyler Peterson
- 01/02 Gloria Spaete
- 01/03 Mark McNamee,
Madison O'Brion,
Isaac Olson
- 01/04 Graham Fagerburg
- 01/05 Tina Miller
- 01/06 Augustus Tadych, Lester Small
- 01/07 Ashley Cooper, Logan Marshall
- 01/09 Casey Nickerson, Adrian Morter
- 01/10 Ariel Baeseman
- 01/12 Judy Rubert, Carolyn Gorman,
Bonnie Adam
- 01/13 Jami Severson, Dustin Miller,
Owen Deprey
- 01/14 Heidi Agnew
- 01/15 Mitchel Steiner, Skyler Steiner,
Molly Kahl
- 01/16 Dylan Foulkes
- 01/17 Jay Miesfeld, Hudson Dykema
- 01/18 Gary Selje
- 01/20 Dominic Etter
- 01/21 Janice Boelte, Ariana Stark
- 01/22 Connie Frey, Brian Dauman,
John Baseman
- 01/23 Jean Paul
- 01/24 Cathy Elling
- 01/25 Avery Jacobs
- 01/28 Paul Larson, Sienna Sell, Matthew Salzman
- 01/29 Jenny Anthon
- 01/30 Porter Taylor
- 01/31 Craig Rohrbeck, Brooke Goering

January Wedding Anniversary's

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|-------|-------------------|----------|
| 01/05 | Tim & Amanda Hole | 13 Years |
| 01/30 | John & Anola Popp | 60 Years |

Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2022

Dated: 09/10/2022

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	\$68,399		
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			2020	\$66,651		
Trimester 3	\$49,319	4,800	2021	\$68,855	\$12,952	26%
YTD total	\$179,568	\$0	Trend	\$91,302	\$39,681	22%
				\$223,966		

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					
TOTALS	\$23,794	\$13,570	\$45,233	\$49,540	\$232,137

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

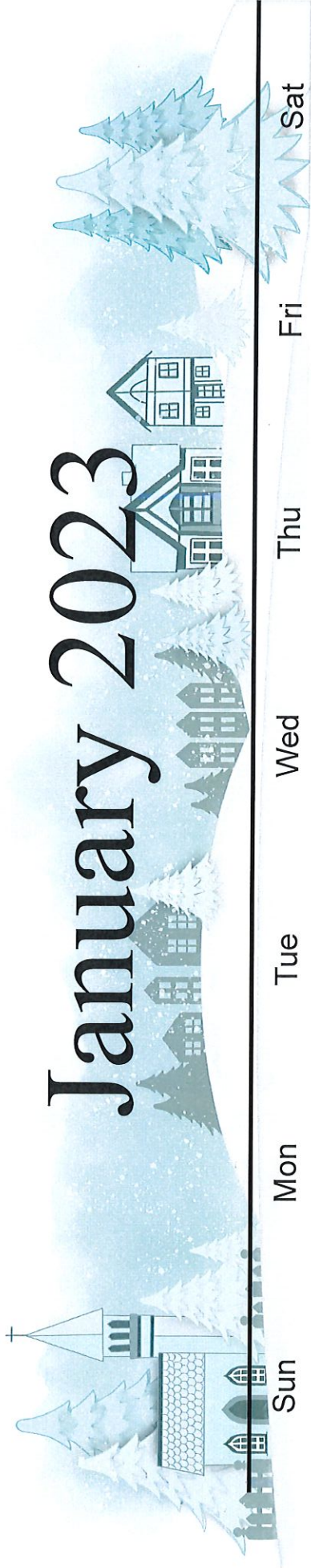
Fund balances this month - Ending balances from Summary of Cash Activity Reports

Faith General Account checking	\$	(550.32)	\$	(733.54)
Faith Project checking	\$	3,397.88	\$	2,968.25
FP ELCA Demand Investment 1	\$	1,259.80	\$	-
FP ELCA Demand Investment 2	\$	27,261.20	\$	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	\$	20,329.84	\$	20,329.84
PP Mission Investment Fund CD 3	\$	41,142.46	\$	41,142.46
Total	\$	125,977	\$	124,011

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	-\$52,569
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 22% of total revenue to date

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Parameters: W Worship 9:15	2	3 6:00 Men's Bible Study @ Julie Java House	4 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade	5	6	7
8 Parameters: W Baptism Of Our Lord Worship 9:15	9	10 8:00 Java With Jane 6:30 Evangelism Meeting	11 9:00 Anna Circle 10:00 Scroll Circle 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade	12	13	14
15 Parameters: G Worship 9:15 12:00 Faith In stitches	16 8:00 Faith In Stitches 6:00 Council Meeting	17 6:00 Men's Bible Study @ Julie Java House 2:00 Naomi Meeting	18 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade	19 5:30 Third Thursday For Men	20	21
22 Parameters: G Worship 9:15 Baptism Wyatt James Gensch	23	24	25 6:00 Graceland 5k-5th grade Sunday School Confirmation 6-8 grade	26 7:00 Red Tenters Book Club	27	28
29 Parameters: G Worship 9:15 Annual Meeting	30	31 6:00 Men's Bible Study @ Julie Java House				