



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

**April
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,

The Lenten journey is often filled with heartfelt prayer and contemplation that, hopefully, ends with a sense of healing and a good dose of amazement at the love of our Savior. We've spent 40 days following Jesus and his disciples, witnessing miracles, and coming face-to-face with mortality.

But, in return, we have witnessed in triumph, the Son of Man ride into Jerusalem amidst cries of Hosannah!

We have seen the righteous anger of the Son of God as Jesus entered the temple and overturned the tables of the money changers who dared to disgrace his father's house.

We watched in curiosity as the One who is called Healer and Rabbi washed the feet of those who did not comprehend who He is. We are amazed as the Prophet broke bread and drank from the cup with his disciples one last time.

We have agonized as Jesus was betrayed by a beloved friend for thirty pieces of silver and taken prisoner. We cringed as he was put through an unfair trial for daring to oppose the ones in authority by showing love and compassion for others, ALL others.

We have seen Peter, the Rock, deny his Lord, not once, not twice, but three times. We have pondered the injustice with Pilate. We flinched as the Messiah was flogged, beaten, humiliated, spat upon, and defiled; as he carried his own cross up to Golgotha, the place of the skull where he screamed, writhing in pain.

We have mourned with his mother, Mary, as she watched from afar, broken, and unable to protect Emmanuel, God with us.

We have averted our eyes as spikes were driven through his flesh and bones, causing such intense pain that would bring most humans to death.

Then, we too felt the forgiveness in our hearts as the Bread of Life offers that same forgiveness and a place in paradise to two common thieves.

We have strained to hear the Good Shepherd, whose voice we know so well, as he cried out with his last breath, begging his father to forgive his tormentors.

We mourned as the Only Begotten Son's body was taken down from the cross and lain in a tomb meant for another; even as the entrance is sealed with a stone. We waited for three days in darkness, caught up in our doubts, wondering if all that he said and did was real.

And, finally, *finally*, we marveled in the mystery of the One who was dead, but now *lives*.

Now, we can breathe again as we have come through the darkness and into the light of Easter. We are an Easter people, living in a world filled with hate. So, how do we strive for joy, how do we continue to seek healing from our God?

We continue to love God and love others. We love our neighbors as ourselves. We talk to God, and we continue that relationship. We ask God for grace. We look to our Savior as the example.

Blessings!
Pr. Jane



Highlights of March 2023 Council Meeting



ELCA "Good Gifts"

The **spare change** container is in the Narthex, within the chicken container. The mission for your spare pennies, nickels and dimes is the ELCA "Good Gifts"

program. Starting this new year the flock is up to 100 **chickens**! Our few extra coins are turned into food and livelihood for people in need, world-wide. Thank you.

- Inactive Faith Projects accounts will be consolidated into active Faith Projects accounts.
- The bulk mailing permit will not be renewed.
- An elected leaders illustration is adopted.
- Several members expressed interest in administering the security system.

OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday April 12

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, April 12

Naomi Circle
2:00pm Tuesday, April 18
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,
April 20, 2023. Feel free to invite a friend.

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the April 27th at 7:00pm. The book we
are reading is "Halfway to the sky" by
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Hope to see you
there.

CALENDAR, LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL 2023

Lector Schedule 9:15am

2 Judy Sullivan
9 Barb Bergum
16 Carolyn Gorman
23 Pete Kaland
30 Henry Elling

LAM 9:15am

2 Pam Larson
9 Dennis Sampolinski
16 Henry Elling
23 Dennis Sampolinski
30 Betsy Woodward

ACOLYTES 9:15am

2 Ryder Rozinski & Brody Lewke
MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30PM
6 Kendra Abegglen & Jocelyn LeClaire
9 Abbi Fox & Hallie Graffin
16 Kailey Schroud & Stella Gille
23 Matthew Salzman & Gavin Price
30 Connor Jacobs & Leverett Tadych

COUNTERS

2 Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland
9 Jami Severson & Ginny Klug
16 Becky Stark & Chris Ducat
23 Emogene Johnson & Judy Kaland
30 Barb Bergum & Meegan Griffin

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

2 Palm Sunday Brunch @ 10:30am
9 Easter-No Fellowship
16 Becky Stark & Justin Stark
23 Angie Gille & Susie Krakow
30 Karen Small & Eva Van Horn



April

04/01 Bailey Wilson, Ashley Alvarez, Jarod Alvarez
Samantha Alvarez, Molly Sloan, Drake Berget
Chuck Tiedt
04/02 Izak Wilken
04/03 Savannah Conley, Chris Ducat, Liz Kraemer,
Tom Hole, Zachary Hole
04/05 Nicole Schiesl, Eric Yerges
04/06 Porter Taylor
04/08 Andrew Peterson
04/10 Brianna Jakel
04/11 Nellie Olson, Reece Weisman
04/12 Lorelet Olson, Rachel Gensch
04/14 Delaney Agnew, Paden Agnew,
Scott Hoffman, Rhonda Huebner, Becky Stark,
Marilyn Weiland
04/15 Brynna Gonzalez, Todd Morris,
04/17 Ahrrora Scheeler, Brody Scheeler
04/18 Ryder Rozinski
04/19 Emogene Johnson, Mark McNamee, Jim Smith
Wyatt Graffin, Colt Peterson,
Elizabeth Sandberg
04/20 John Stark, Carmen Briones, Judy Seier
04/21 Marissa Aeschlimann, Lillian Schuster
04/24 Jenny Hasenfuss, Toni Peterson
04/27 Bodie Krakow
04/28 Holly Schuster, Logan Marshall
04/29 Kraig Kahl
04/30 Corbin Scheeler

Judy Fiedler, Martin Powers, Bruce Zahn

April Wedding Anniversary's

04/03	Pat & Judy Sullivan	30
04/03	John & Shontell Baeseman	25
04/07	Scott & Sue Mathwich	33
04/09	Dwane & Debbie Talg	29
04/13	Steve & Cindy Nickell	38
04/17	John & Becky Stark	41
04/21	Joe & Mary Destree	33
04/23	Dan & Ann Schubert	25
04/27	Brian & Dawn Donner	38
04/28	Jamie & Jackie Price	16

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

04/01 Pat Schellin
04/02 Dianne Tiedt
04/03 Carmen Briones
04/04 Katerina Hart
04/05 Audrey Jakel, Rachel Paul, Ryan LeClair
04/06 Norma Krahenbuhl, Harley Woodward,
Todd Brumm
04/07 Brant Rosenberry
04/08 Pat Hurckman
04/09 Adrian Shepard, Abbigail Olson,
Ashley Olson
04/11 Dan Watrud
04/12 Lori Gasser, Jonathan Schellin,
Kailey Schroud
04/13 Geraldine Yegers, Pam Larson,
Paden Agnew, Kendall Carter
04/14 Matthew Sloan
04/15 Sophia Conley
04/16 Bodie Krakow
04/17 Nancy Patrick, Kenzie Severson
4/18 Amy Roelke
04/19 Judy Sullivan, Henry C. Elling
04/20 Donna Hanks,
Collin Jacobs, Gavin Bruss
04/21 Paul Bergum, Roger Kurth, Kevin Watrud
04/22 Henry Elling, Brielle Berget
04/23 Delaney Agnew, Ethan LeClair,
Molly Graffin
04/24 Ron Weiland, Sheri Fritz, Derek Foulkes,
Troy Tadych, Aaron Abegglen,
Eli Goering
04/25 Lisa Sebranek, Treyton Rozinski,
Stella Gille
04/26 Robyn Ehrke, Reece Weisman
Jamie Knudson, Adelyn Lueloff
04/27 Becky Oehlert, Danielle Lueloff,
Ava Rozinski
04/28 Megan Apel, Caden Conner, Ezra Kurth
04/29 Joshua Corlett, Cooper Anthon,
Jay Pohlmeier
04/30 Scott Mathwich, Kylie Severson,
Eleanor Sandberg



Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2023

Dated: 01/05/2023

Prepared by Stephen Peterson,
Treasurer

	Total General Account Offerings, Donations	Borrowed from Parsonage Proceeds	Trimester Giving history		Simply Giving por- tion of total	% Simply Giving
January	\$23,373	\$4800	2019	\$67,292	\$3,851	16%
February	\$13,248		2020	\$60,135	\$3,210	24%
March			2021	\$59,238		
April			2022	\$73,251	\$7,061	19%
Trimester 1	\$36,621	\$0	Trend	\$64,979		
May			2019	\$62,122		
June			2020	\$52,143		
July			2021	\$55,134		
August			2022	\$56,997		
Trimester 2		\$0	Trend	\$59,599		
September			2019	\$88,329		
October			2020	\$66,651		
November			2021	\$68,855		
December			2022	\$77,457		
Trimester 3			Trend	\$75,323	\$7,061	19%
YTD total	\$23,373	\$0		\$196,901		

General Account Expenditures by Categories in Treasurer's Re-
port

	Mission	Pastoral Support	Staff Support	Operations	Total
Jan	\$2,117	\$9,461	\$4,502	\$5,011	\$21,091
Feb	\$1,825	\$11,140	\$4,452	\$4,908	\$22,325
Mar					
Apr					
May					
June					
July					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
TOTALS	\$3,942	\$20,601	\$8,954	\$9,919	\$43,416

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

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

Faith General Account checking	\$	11,957.19	\$	3,038.56
Faith Project checking	\$	5,297.42	\$	5,302.13
FP ELCA Demand Investment 1	\$		\$	-
FP ELCA Demand Investment 2	\$	27,302.31	\$	27,2302.31
Parsonage Proceeds checking	\$	10,793.66	\$	10,793.66
Parsonage Proceeds MIF Fund A	\$	22,778.86	\$	22,778.86
Edward Jones PP 9 Month CD	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Edward Jones PP 6 Month CD	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00
MIF ELCA PP 3 Year CD	\$	41,338.41	\$	41,338.41
Total	\$	139,483	\$	130,564

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	-\$6,795
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 19% of total revenue to date

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