



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

**May
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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Dan Watrud
President

Pete Kaland
V. President

Scott Mathwich
Secretary

Stephen Peterson
Treasurer

Jenna Peterson
Youth Rep.

Emogene Johnson

Dave Olson

Judy Sullivan

Del Yerges

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,

If you know me at all, you probably know that I'm an extrovert. I like people. I can walk into a room and make friends with just about anyone. But, when I'm in a group of people, I sometimes get the urge to say, "OK. Talk amongst yourselves." It's not that I'm feeling anti-social or I'm upset. I just like to hear people's stories.

Pastor Ed Dobson, in his video series, "Ed's Story," shares the wisdom that sometimes being with others involves simply practicing "show up and shut up" ministry. Sometimes just being present can bring more comfort, peace, and a sense of God's presence than words ever could. That just makes sense to me. We have two ears and one mouth – so it stands to reason that we should listen twice as much as we speak.

When I was on internship in Dawson, MN, I was invited to join the quilting group before I even officially started at the church. I learned so much from those ladies. But the most important thing I learned was that it wasn't about tying quilts. It was about listening and learning. It was about being present and sharing. It was about laughter and surprises. It was about God's love for us all.

So, here's where I'm going with this:

I want to hear your stories. Specifically, I want to know what drew you to Faith Lutheran Church and what makes you come back? For some of you, that means I want to know why you saw a need to form this congregation. What ideas did God put on your heart? How did things work in those early days? Where do you think Faith Lutheran is right now, and where do we go from here?

I'm inviting myself to listen. To you. Let's set up a time to chat. Maybe we can even record some of these stories. You can contact me using the information below, drop by church or invite me to your home.

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Blessings!

Pr. Jane



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 110 **chick-ens**! Our few extra coins are turned into food and livelihood for people in need, world-wide. Thank you.

Highlights of April 2023 Council Meeting

- The former Dingee property may have an Ecumenical development component.
- Faith students going to a Bible camp may have some fees sponsored by Faith Projects.
- Church Mutual will provide our insurance coverage effective April 17.
- The online photo directory will be published to participating members..



HAPPY QUILTERS OF FAITH

I would like to thank everyone who has given material or helped in any way to make quilts. More than ever have been made for LWR or given out in

our food pantry.

Please remember to watch for plain or printed cotton material during the Columbus Garage Sale coming on May 11-13.

Thank you
Dianne Patrick, Leader

MAUNDY THURSDAY FIRST COMMUNION AT FAITH



First Communion

We had our Maundy Thursday service at Faith and also First Communion on the 6th of April. The following children received their First Communion.

Hudson Elliott Dykema
Alyvia Ann Grossman
Callan Bradford Lewke
Adelyn LeAnn Lueloff

OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday May 10

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, May 10

Naomi Circle
2:00pm Tuesday, May 16
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,
May 18, 2023. Feel free to invite a friend.

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the May 25th at 7:00pm. The book we are
reading is "The Life She Was Given" by
Ellen Marie Wiseman. Hope to see you
there.

CALENDAR, LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY 2023

Lector Schedule 9:15am

7	Betsy Woodward
14	Al Strohschein
21	Kristen Hart
28	Ed Schellin

LAM 9:15am

7	Betsy Woodward
14	Henry Elling
21	Pam Larson
28	Betsy Woodward

ACOLYTES 9:15am

7	Addison Steers & Jocelyn LeClaire
14	Mason Bruss & Dexter Agnew
21	Arianna Stark & Nellie Olson
28	Tori Gillett & Abbi Fox

COUNTERS

7	Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland
14	Becky Stark & Chris Ducat
21	Jami Severson & Ginny Klug
28	Emogene Johnson & Judy Kaland

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

7	Dan & Ann Schubert & Brian & Nancy Patrick
14	Mothers Day, Men At Faith
21	Sally Price & LuAnn Miller
28	Memorial Day, No Fellowship

SENIOR GRADUATION SUNDAY 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is May 28!

Pentecost is the event that marks the start of the Christian Church – our birthday. Pentecost is 50 days after Easter when the Holy Spirit came to the people who followed Jesus, (Acts 2).

We invite you to choose from the below list of items the church uses through the year. The gifts are supplies that Faith needs throughout the year to support the mission of the church. Wrap the gifts in colorful paper. Red is the color of Pentecost, but any color is fine. Please bring your gifts starting Sunday, May 14th, and place them on the table in the Narthex.. **Thank you**

PAPERTOWLES

TOLIT PAPER

TISSUES

HAND SOAP

DISH SOAP

WHITE 8X11 COPY PAPER

STAMPS

MOGEN DAVID CONCORD

GRAPE COMMUNION WINE

Our Gradation Sunday is May 21 at the 9:15am service. Please be at church by 8:45am.



QUILTS FOR 2023 SENIORS

Parents of Graduating Seniors, First of all, congratulations! You made it. I think parents should get as much praise and their children upon graduation. That said, we would like to offer your graduating senior a quilt made by the Faith Lutheran quilters. You'll find them in the Lounge .

Please choose one and write your student's name on a piece of paper and pin it to the quilt by Sunday, May 14th. You may place the quilt in the church office if it is open.

Other wise just leave it in the Lounge and Chris will place it in the office.

FAITH IN STITCHES

Faith in Stitches recently delivered quilts to Hephatha Lutheran in Milwaukee. Pastor Mary Martha was pleased to receive the latest donations. When she performs a baptism, she gives out a quilt and they recently had a baptism, so that new member in Christ received a quilt.

While giving the quilts to Pastor on the steps of the church, a father and his daughter, Miracle, walked by on the sidewalk. Pastor Mary Martha asked Miracle if she would like a quilt. Miracle has many health issues and medical testing is not readily affordable for her. She was delighted to go through the bag of quilts and chose a brightly colored creation. Our hearts are warmed with the genuine appreciation expressed for our donations.

In addition to providing quilts to Hephatha we recently delivered help products to residents at the Meadows in Fall River. We provided clothing protectors, walker bags and fidget mats for memory care residents. The staff at the Meadows was very pleased to receive these.

The Holy Spirit is at work within all of us and we marvel at how and when.





May

- 1 Megan Apel, Les Wilken,
Jaemeson Pohlmeier, Peter Deminsky
- 2 Eddie Roelke
- 3 Juliette Peterson, Matthew Salzman,
Hudson Dykema
- 4 Aubrey Weidemann
- 7 Clayton Acuff
- 8 Graham Fagerburg, Collin Jacobs
- 9 Jamie Price
- 11 Kelli Hoffman, Jonathan Schellin
- 12 Steve Nickell
- 13 Elizabeth Pinkston
- 15 Donna Hanks
- 16 Angie Gille, Jadie Berget
- 18 Peter Kaland
- 19 Jan Boelte
- 20 Ella Steers, Joyce Walker, Matthew Sloan
- 21 Connor Westlake
- 22 Toni Fox
- 23 Troy Tadych, Aaron Abegglen,
Casey Nickerson
- 24 Ron Weiland, Felicity Schleif
- 25 Andrew Zahn
- 26 Lori Gasser
- 27 Josh Corlett, Sheri Fritz, Pierce Abegglen
- 28 Scott Mathwich
- 29 Laura Morris, Connor Jacobs
- 31 Addison Steers

Roger Kurth, Nancy Patrick, Pat Schellin,
Lisa Sebranek, Max McGee

May's Wedding Anniversary's

05/07	Cary & Brenda Hochstatter	35
05/08	Derek & Julie Berget	14
05/09	Al Strohschein & Kathy Hoch	36
05/13	John & Norri Brozek Jr.	34
05/18	Josh & Dana Dykema	10
05/26	Russell & Betty Rahn	45
05/26	Jay & Jessie Miesfeld	16

Karen Decker, Kristen Hart, Kelsey Schleif,

- 05/01 Hunter Wodill
- 05/02 Marion Kuehn, Hans Sandberg,
Kati Sandberg, Samuel Salzman,
Alex Lewke
- 05/03 Chris Miller, Mary Larson
- 05/04 Emily Anthon, Wyatt Griffin
- 05/05 Dana Gillett, Melissa Jacobs,
Andrew Zahn, Dana Kelly,
Elijah Wiersma
- 05/06 Steve Nickell
- 05/07 Joyce Abegglen, Duane Gilbertson,
Madelyn Bedford
- 05/08 Erin Bussian, Sam Kahl
Courtney Becker, Kyle Fritz,
- 05/09 Kris Behrendt, Stacy Kelly, James McGee
- 05/10 Peter Kaland, Kathy Hoch, Evelyn Rupp,
Adam Zahn, Kasimir Tadych,
Jennifer Dykstra
- 05/11 Joseph O'Brien
- 05/12 Cheryl Hoffman, Blake Conner,
Adalius Huebner
- 05/13 Dawn Donner, Mia Powers
- 05/14 Samuel Herzberg, Shavlik Schultz
- 05/15 Anola Popp
- 05/16 Jadeson Hall
- 05/17 Barb Grebe, Brady Kirchberg,
Jaxson Weisman, Hunter Stark, Natalie Stark
- 05/18 Julie Clark
- 05/20 Joyce Walker, Gene Frey, Bethany Patrick,
Wade Rosenberry
- 05/21 Alyse Anthon
- 05/22 Sara Peterson, Kaleb Kohl
- 05/23 Christi Jurgerson, Michelle Stark
- 05/25 Millie Kindschi
- 05/27 Jordan Dauman, Adelaide Udler
- 05/29 Lori McNulty
- 05/30 Sandra Schieble, Kolsyn Lueloff
- 05/31 Gavin Price, Landon Goering

2023 Leaders

Church Council	Role	Term	Term Ends
Jenna Peterson	(youth rep.)	1	January 2024
Judy Sullivan (1 yr term, LM)		1	January 2024
Dan Watrud	2023 President	1	January 2024
Stephen Peterson	2023 Treasurer	2	January 2025
Emogene Johnson		1	January 2025
Del Yerges (2 yr term, JK)		1	January 2025
Peter Kaland	2023 Vice President	2	January 2026
David Olson		1	January 2026
Scott Mathwich	2023 Secretary	1	January 2026
Pastor Jane Crawford	Advisory		
Endowment Fund	Role	Term	Term Ends
Martha Schroud		1	January 2024
Glenn Westlake		1	January 2024
DeAnn Gaska		2	January 2025
Theresa Hein		1	January 2025
Peter Kaland		1	January 2025
Claire Sampolinski		1	January 2026
Marilon Krebs		1	January 2026
Dan Watrud	Congregation President	N.A.	while Council Pres.
Stephen Peterson	Congregation Treasurer	N.A.	while Council Treas.
Pastor Jane Crawford	Advisory		
Audit Committee			Term Ends
Judy Sullivan			January 2024
Judy Kaland			January 2025
Henry Elling			January 2026
Synod Assembly	May 20, 2023		Term Ends
Judy Kaland			January 2024
Peter Kaland			January 2024
Nominating Committee			Term Ends
Pat Sullivan			January 2024
Jim Schieble			January 2024
Pastor Jane Crawford			
tentative Dan Watrud	expiring Council term		January 2024
tentative Judy Sullivan	expiring Council term		January 2024

Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2023

Dated: 03/25/2023

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	\$14,255		2021	\$59,238	\$3,386	24%
April			2022	\$73,251	\$10,447	21%
Trimester 1	\$50,876	\$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	\$10,447	21%
YTD total	\$50,876	\$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	\$2,117	\$1,456	\$4,929	\$3,912	\$21,413
Apr					
May					
June					
July					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
TOTALS	\$6,058	\$31,056	\$13,883	\$13,831	\$64,828

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

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

Faith General Account checking	\$	3,038.56	\$	(5,262.58)
Faith Project checking	\$	5,302.13	\$	5,275.27
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	\$	22,786.86
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	\$	130,564	\$	122,234

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	-\$13,952
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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.