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

**August  
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

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Assistant to Treasurer

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Dan Watrud  
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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](http://www.faithcolumbuswi.org)**

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JANE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some groups and individuals in the congregation have been working on the membership list for Faith Lutheran. Previous calculations appearing on the ELCA website put our membership at 770 members, and that is simply not accurate. Honestly, it's a bit of a daunting venture. There are many twists and turns, whys and why nots to consider.

According to our church constitution [which was originally adopted in February 1970, and most recently revised on January 28, 2018],

*C8.01. Members of this congregation shall be those baptized persons on the roll of this congregation at the time that this constitution is adopted and those who are admitted thereafter and who have declared and maintain their membership in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws.*

*C8.01.01 The membership of this congregation at any given time shall consist of those persons who have been accepted as members and whose names appear on the Membership Covenant for that year. Confirmed members of this congregation shall continue their membership by annually signing the Membership Covenant. (C8.04) The covenant signature represents a personal commitment to Faith Lutheran Church made directly by each individual; therefore proxy signatures are not appropriate for confirmed members.*

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*C.8.02 Members shall be classified as follows:*

- a. Baptized members ...*
- b. Confirmed members ...*
- c. Voting members ...*
- d. Associate members ...*
- e. Seasonal members ...*

We can't know who are until we know who is with us. So, I encourage you all to contact the church office to update addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Let us know if you are attending another church and need a letter of transfer. Talk to me if you have questions about your membership – becoming a member, reasons you no longer want to be a member, or life changes. We don't know what we don't know. But, we love you and want what is best for you.

Thank you for your support of this congregation.

Blessings!

Pr. Jane

## THANK YOU DEAR FRIENDS

Thank you, dear friends, for your financial support in the first half of 2023! Thus far, year to date expenses have *exceeded* income by more than \$30,000.

To offset this difference, we have borrowed \$5,000 of our \$25,000 Line of Credit that we *will have to pay back, with interest*. In addition, we have borrowed \$10,000 from Parsonage Proceeds. This was approved according to a previous annual meeting approval vote. We are unable to transfer any additional funds without a congregational meeting and approval.

How can you help?

There are many ways to make your offerings:

- Using offering envelopes on Sundays, (if you need envelopes, contact Chris in the office),
- free will offerings,
- US mail,
- office hours drop offs,
- our website [www.faithcolumbuswi.org](http://www.faithcolumbuswi.org), via the “Donate” link,
- the QR code,
- an IRA – Required Minimum Distribution
- portfolio grant programs,
- electronic giving, the authorization form is in the Narthex.

Thank you for your continued support.

Faith Lutheran Church Council



## ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Faith Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund has a \$1,000 scholarship available to members of Faith Lutheran Church who will be attending a Lutheran college, university, or seminary. Applications are available in the church office and need to be returned by August 17th. For more information contact a member of the Endowment Committee.

Peter Kaland

Endowment Committee Chairman



The 37th ANNUAL LUTHERDALE 2016 QUILT AUCTION FEST is set for Saturday, August 12th, rain or shine, at Lutherdale Bible Camp, N7891 U.S. Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI. Bidder registration and Quilt Preview begins

Friday, August 11th with a Fish Fry from 4-7pm.

You can preview quilts, silent bid on quilts. Also bid on Silent Auction Baskets. There's a gift gallery, crafts and fabric sale.

The Live Quilt Auction begins at 10am on Saturday, August 12th and continues until all quilts are sold. The auction is an annual fundraiser that helps Lutherdale to maintain its ministry throughout the year. Please set your calendars and join us for a day full of fresh baked goods, crafts and odds & ends sales, silent auction bidding, kids programming, a men's lounge, and of course our LIVE AUCTION! Come on August 12th and enjoy good food, homemade bakery good, art and crafts AND MORE....



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

## Highlights of July 2023 Council Meeting

- The FLCW is planning a Chili Dinner/ Pumpkin Patch fundraiser for October 14 – save the date.
- Graceland day will change to Sunday morning this Fall; Confirmation remains on Wednesday.
- Giving Statements will be made available.

## FELLOW FAITH MEMBERS

We are celebrating our 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 5, 1 to 5

p.m. at the Fat Apple Farm Event Center, W11042 Van Buren Rd., Columbus. Please come if you can. No gifts please, we’re trying to get rid of stuff. We would appreciate a call or text saying you plan to attend (Jim’s phone 920 763 3433 or Sandy’s 608 712 2910).

We’ll have food and beverages, live music from Arizona by Sandy’s sister, June, and her husband Manny, and a great venue. We’re doing our 49<sup>th</sup> because we were both born in 1949 and our 50<sup>th</sup> summer is very busy with other events. Check out the Liverseed’s facility at <https://www.fatapplefarm.com/>.

Jim and Sandy Schieble

## “GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS”

This is an ELCA event initiative to serve our community. This year the annual day of service is on Sunday, September 10. We are seeking member leader(s) to contact local government, or organization, leaders to find out what we can help with and then plan and lead the effort(s). All task ideas are welcomed and appreciated. Usually, the service work takes place on that Sunday morning for 1-3 hours. Additional information can be found on the [ELCA.org/DayofService](http://ELCA.org/DayofService) website. Please advise Scott Mathwich or Del Yerges if you will be a leader for this event. Thank you.

## CELEBRATIONS



**Camryn Sue Corlett  
&**

**David Allan Corlett  
July 23, 2023**

Parents are Aaron & Bailee Corlett  
Sponsors Jason & Ashley Corlett  
Bradley & Mandy Kensmoe

**Mylah Rae O’Brien  
July 30, 2023**

Parents are David & Kelsey Obrien  
Sponsors are Kendrick & Jenny Wall  
Jennifer O’Brien

## OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

**Scroll Circle**  
10:00am, Wednesday August 9

**Anna Circle**  
9:00am, Wednesday, August 9

**Naomi Circle**  
2:00pm Tuesday, August 15  
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,  
August 17, 2023. Feel free to invite a friend.

### THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall  
on the 24th of August at 7:00pm. The book  
we are reading is "Persuasion" by Jane Aus-  
tin.. Hope to see you there.

## CALENDAR , LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST 2023

### Lector Schedule 9:15am

6 Barb Bergum  
13 Carolyn Gorman  
20 Pete Kaland  
27 Henry Elling

### LAM 9:15am

6 Henry Elling  
13  
20 Betsy Woodward  
27 Dennis Sampolinski

### ACOLYTES 9:15am

6 Kendra Abegglen & Abbi Fox  
13 Brody Lewke & Matthew Salzman  
20 Kendra Abegglen & Nellie Olson  
27 Ryder Rozinski & Mason Dykstra

### COUNTERS

6 Emogene Johnson & Judy Kaland  
13 Barb Bergum & Meegan Griffin  
20 Julie Sennhenn & Pete Kaland  
27 Jami Severson & Ginny Klug

### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

6 Jamie Kurth & Martha Lewke  
13 Angie Gille & Susie Krakow  
20 Theresa Hein & Nikki Grossman  
27 Dan & Ann Schubert &  
Brian & Nancy Patrick

# SCHOOL KITS

## SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- If you are looking to purchase backpacks, the preferred style is often used in the U.S. for youth to carry athletic equipment. Try your local sporting goods store or search online using the keywords, “buy drawstring backpacks.”
- Before purchasing backpacks, make sure they meet the size requirements (14” x17”) and General Assembly Instructions. You can download a list from our website of suppliers who have appropriate bags available for purchase in bulk.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group’s name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

## INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT

**FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8” x 10 ½”;

**ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

**ONE** pencil sharpener

**ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

**FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

**FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

**ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons

**ONE** 2 ½” eraser

**ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14” x 17” with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

## HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Place ruler between notebooks. Place all items neatly into the bag and draw the drawstring together.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

# PERSONAL CARE KITS

## SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

## INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

**ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended

**TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

**ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*

**ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging

**ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

- Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

## HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

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# FABRIC KITS

## SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Fabric should have no stains or holes.
- Pieces do not need to match in size or color/pattern as long as they fit into one of the three size options.
- Each spool of thread should match one of the pieces of fabric included. Neutral thread is also a good option.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags

## HOW TO PACK YOUR KITS OF CARE

- Wrap one piece of fabric and spools of thread inside the other piece of fabric, ensuring nothing will fall out. Secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents.

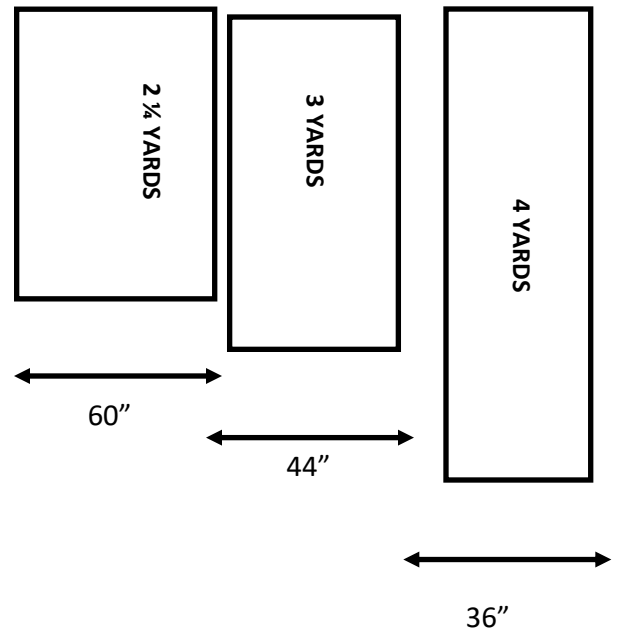
## INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH FABRIC KIT

**TWO** spools of neutral-colored, general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

**TWO** pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should match one of the sizes below:

- 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric

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## FAITH IN STITCHES

July 2023 was an outreach month for Faith in Stitches. Bindings were added to several charity quilts and we delivered one more quilt to Lutherdale for their fundraising quilt auction. Our group tied a quilt after reconstruction to save a quilt that needed refurbishment. Show and tell included a memory quilt design based on the tile floor in the Chicago train station. Our potluck dinner was brats and hot dogs and picnic food. The action of the month was our mascot helping with pest control to eliminate an unnecessary woodchuck. It doesn't get much better than this! Join us.



## August



1	Kelli Campbell
3	Hannah Fox, Avery Jacobs
6	Bethany Patrick, Gavin Bruss
7	Charli Weidemann
8	Ted Miller, Jocelyn LeClair
9	Abigail Fox, Grady Ganta
10	Tisha Kurth, Larry Haseman, Hunter Wodill
11	Norri Brozek
13	Dana Kelly
14	Jim Agnew, Jay Pohlmeier
16	Alex Lewke
17	Hunter Hurckman
18	Scott Vick
19	Emma Baxter, Blake Kurth, Cade Kurth
20	Shavlik Schultz, Gary Ducat, Boyd Weisman
21	Mitchell Freeman
22	Kelsey Dauman, Melissa Miller, Don Link
	Kailey Schroud, Mary Larson
24	Sienna Sell
26	Jason Gaska
27	Teegan Weidemann, Emily Anthon,
	David Olson
28	Dustin Miller
29	Jessica Gaska
30	Danielle Ayer, Karin Westlake
	Rachel Paul

Connor Graffin, Wilhelmina Mickelson,  
Jacob Peterson, Lucas Simons, Rick Tjugum

## Wedding Anniversary's August

08/02	Jim & Jodi Smith	26
08/03	Jim & Sandy Schieble	49
08/03	David & Kelsey O'Brien	04
08/05	Bill & Linda Bussian	51
08/06	Eric & Heather Schultz	18
08/07	Tim & Kristie Rozinski	24
08/07	Adam & Carrie Poster	08
08/08	Lynn & Diane Dhein	53
08/12	Peter & Judy Kaland	56
08/13	Steve & Judy Rubert	57
08/14	Bill & Trina Byrne	30
08/15	Gene & Connie Frey	64
08/16	Eric & Jenny Anthon	20
08/17	Carl & Beth Simons	27
08/26	Joel & Luanne Miller	45
08/26	Danielle & Lucas Lueloff	6

08/29	Rick & Sandy Tjugum	4
08/31	Fred & Pat Hurckman	55

Donna Hanks, Christi Jurgerson, Dawn Kaminski,  
Kim Steers, Linda Ulmer

## August Birthdays



08/01	Karen Decker, Tisha Kurth, Trina Byrne
08/02	Gary Ducat
08/03	Cindy Nickell, Karin Westlake
08/04	Jim Agnew, Colleen Miller, Tanner Wescott,
	Drew Dykstra, Lilly Weigen
08/05	Dick Hartl, Eric Carney, Joseph Morris
08/06	Wilhelmina Mickelson, Meredith Campbell
	Dexter Agnew
08/07	Teegan Weidemann
08/08	Retta Kurth, Presley Beck
08/09	Kristen Hart, Amber Bussian
08/10	Jan Ulrich, Megan Ferrera
08/11	Carson Herrick
08/12	Peggy Agnew, Jarod Alvarez, Ellie Benter
08/13	Justin Stark
08/14	Connie Schulz, John Hood III, Breanna Kelly
08/15	Brody Scheeler
08/16	Zach Rohrbeck
08/17	Graham Lauer, Myron Crawford
08/20	Fred Hurckman, Bob Ayer,
	Pastor Jane Crawford
08/21	Stephanie Dykstra, Ginny Klug
08/22	Debbie Talg, Lillian Schuster, Jeff Klug
08/24	Reta Thies, Luanne Miller, McKenzie Bruss
08/25	David Jakel
08/27	Heather Schultz, Jamine Kurth, Josh Kirchberg
08/28	Sandra Ebert, Caroline Morris, Noah Sebranek
08/29	Emily Fritz
08/31	Darlene Tjugum, Holly Schuster,
	Noelle Niehoff

## Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2023

Dated: 06/17/2023

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
					\$3,851	16%
					\$3,210	24%
January	\$23,373	\$4800	2019	\$67,292	\$3,386	24%
February	\$13,248		2020	\$60,135	\$3,310	22%
March	\$14,255		2021	\$59,238	\$13,757	21%
April	\$15,005	\$5,200	2022	\$73,251		
<b>Trimester 1</b>	<b>\$65,881</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Trend</b>	<b>\$64,979</b>	\$3,553	18%
					\$3,425	25%
May	\$19,694		2019	\$62,122		
June	\$13,925		2020	\$52,143		
July			2021	\$55,134	\$6,976	21%
August			2022	\$56,997		
<b>Trimester 2</b>	<b>\$33,619</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Trend</b>	<b>\$59,599</b>		
September			2019	\$88,329		
October			2020	\$66,651		
November			2021	\$68,855		
December			2022	\$77,457	\$20,735	21%
<b>Trimester 3</b>			<b>Trend</b>	<b>\$75,323</b>		
<b>YTD total</b>	<b>\$99,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$196,901</b>		

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	\$2,117	\$10,442	\$4,611	\$5,756	\$22,926
May	\$2,117	\$10,399	\$5,088	\$2,825	\$20,430
June	\$2,117	\$9,933	\$4,770	\$4,832	\$21,652
July					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,409</b>	<b>\$61,830</b>	<b>\$28,353</b>	<b>\$27,244</b>	<b>\$129,836</b>

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

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

Faith General Account checking	\$	2,189.89	\$	-16.61
Faith Project checking	\$	5,469.94	\$	5,722.69
FP ELCA Demand Investment 1	\$		\$	-
FP ELCA Demand Investment 2	\$	27,247.37	\$	27,247.37
Parsonage Proceeds checking	\$	793.66	\$	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
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>\$119,828</b>	\$	<b>117,874</b>

<b>Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date</b>	<b>-\$30,336</b>
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 21% of total revenue to date

**Accounting system treasurer reports are posted on the Kiosk in the Narthex.**