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

**October
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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Judy Sullivan

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's that time of year again. Fall is officially here, school and confirmation have started and we look forward to the Rite of Confirmation on Reformation Sunday.

Each year, I assign the following project for confirmands to share with the congregation on Confirmation Sunday. But I got to thinking about it and realized that it's a good reminder for all of us to assess and reflect on our faith journey from time to time.

So, I am extending this assignment to all of you. How would you communicate your faith? If you would like to share it, even better.

Blessings!
Pastor Jane

Faith Lutheran Confirmation Faith Statement Project

Please answer *five* (5) of the questions from the list below in one of the following ways: write a statement/essay, write a poem, create a Power Point type presentation, write/sing a song, create an original piece of art, create a visual aid, or another option approved by Pastor Jane.

Think back to your Confirmation instruction and Sunday School experiences to answer the questions. What did you learn about the Old and New Testaments, the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion, Baptism, the Apostle's Creed, and Martin Luther? Think back to service events, youth gatherings, small groups, time spent with your Mentor or anything else connected with the years you have spent in Christian Education. As part of your project, please include your favorite Bible verse and explain how you will continue to serve the Church after Confirmation. Please put some *real thought* into your project.

Take some time to really think and pray about the questions. **These answers will form the basis for your presentation to the congregation in the weeks leading up to the Confirmation service.**

Questions:

I am grateful to my congregation for helping me grow in my faith. I have found that my experience in _____ and/or certain people have helped me grow in the following ways: _____.

I find God at work in my life each day in the following ways: _____.

The following people/experiences/occasions have helped me in my faith journey in the following ways: _____.

I want to thank my parents/mentor/other adults for sharing their faith and values with me. It was most helpful to me when they talked to me about _____.

Faith in God has helped me get through _____.

It is important for me to pray regularly because, _____.

I read the Bible because _____.

I need to work in the following ways to keep my relationship with Jesus foremost in my life by _____.

I will serve the Lord in the following ways: _____.

I will share my faith in Jesus Christ with others by doing/saying/living in the following ways: _____.

Remember: Choose *five* of the questions above as the basis for your project, cite your favorite Bible verse and explain how you will continue to serve the Church after Confirmation.

SAVE THE DATE “OCTOBER 15”

The Faith Lutheran Evangelism Committee is sponsoring the –

Stoughton Norwegian Dancers at the Columbus High School. It starts at 2:00 and is about a 45 minute program. They have toured the world since 1953. This past summer they were in Norway on tour.

We hope Faith members will support and attend this event.

There is seating for the handicap.

No admission – there will be a free will offering.

Any questions contact any member of the Evangelism Committee:

Joyce Lienke, Erin Bussian, Judy Kaland, Linda Huebner, Terri Messer, Sally Price, Marcia McMullen

The community is invited and bring your friends!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Lutheran World Relief is a non-government organization that responds to the needs of people world wide.

Faith Stitches and the Quilting Group have been working all year to help fulfill those needs.

A special thank you to Diane Patrick for heading up the quilters. They were able to sent 170 quilt this year.

Thank you to all who made that possible.

Thank you to those who helped with the packing and delivering them to the train: Diane Patrick, Rod Patrick,

Dan Schubert, Pat Tesch, Marcia McMullen, and Judy A Lenz.

We also sent 2 school kits, 3 personal care kits, and 2 fabric kits.

All items will be shipped to St. Paul, MN. We appreciate Thrivents donation of \$500 to pay for shipping.



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

Highlights of September 2023 Council Meeting

- Scott Mathwich presented a report On recent Property Committee meeting
- Treasure's report indicated we have Seen some improvement in funds. We Did not need to borrow from line of cred this month.
- Council is aware Chris will help Olivet Church on her own time with bulletins Until Olivet hires a new secretary.

OUR CIRCLES ARE UP AND RUNNING AGAIN

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday, October 11

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, October 11

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

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the 26 of October at 7:00pm. The book
we are reading is "The Sentence" by Louise
Erdrich. Hope to see you there.

CALENDAR, LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR OCTOBER 2023

Lector Schedule
9:15am

1 Judy Sullivan
8 Barb Bergum
15 Carolyn Gorman
22 Pete Kaland
29 Henry Elling

LAM
9:15am

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

ACOLYTES
9:15am

1 Ariana Stark & Kailey Schroud
8 Brody Lewke & Gavin Price
15 Kendra Abegglen & Hallie Graffin
22 Mason Bruss & Ryder Rozinski
29 Nellie Olson & Joycelyn LeClaire

COUNTERS

1 Jami Severson & Ginny Klug
8 Becky Stark & Chris Ducat
15 Emogene Johnson & Judy Kaland
22 Barb Bergum & Meegan Griffin
29 Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

1 Betsy Woodward & Deanne Gaska
8 Pat Hurckman & Carolyn Gorman
15 Chris Ducat & Becky Stark
22 Karen Small & Eva Van Horn
29 Suzanne Zahn & Karin Westlake

FAITH IN STITCHES

Faith in Stitches had a busy month for outreach. We had multiple projects going throughout the meeting:

- * Made 65 backpack bags for Dodge County Special Olympics participants
- * Made several lap robes for the Veterans Hospital
- * Tied several lap robes for the Veterans Hospital
- * Sewed doll quilt top together.
- * Prepared 14 quilts for Public Television to distribute to refugee children relocating throughout Wisconsin

Here are some pics from the September Faith in Stitches. Welcome, Julie:



October



- 1 Bob Ayer, Chris Behl, Ginny Klug
- 2 Hallie Graffinn, Jeffrey Herrick
- 3 Haley Schultz
- 4 Presley Beck
- 6 Mitchell Hasey, Colleen Miller
- 7 Eric Miesfeld
- 8 Alex Watrud
- 9 Amber Bussian, Bryella Grossman
- 11 Peggy Agnew, Maddox Klossner, Brody Lewke, Callan Lewke
- 12 Leverett Tadych
- 13 Kim Steers, Tanner Wescott
- 14 John Hood, Josh Selje, Heidi Agnew
- 15 Skyler Byrne, Emily Fritz
- 16 Lydia Agnew
- 18 Bridget Morris
- 19 Chelsea Powers
- 20 Ava Rozinski, Norma Krahenbuhl
- 22 Noah Sebranek
- 23 Andrea Herrick
- 24 Betty Rahn, Grace Kahl, Matt Ehrke
- 25 Darlene Tjugum, Sydney Kluetzman
- 26 Alyssa Homman
- 27 Tracy Brozek
- 28 Dylan Hart, Riley Kaminski
- 29 Carson Herrick
- 31 Eric Anthon

Joe Destree, Dawn Kaminski, Helen Setz, David Weisman

October

10/03	Cheryl & Daryl Hoffman	25
10/07	Kevin & Sheri Fritz	28
10/07	Michael & Marie Peterson	28
10/09	Kenn & Dana Gillett	41
10/11	Jameson & Jill Pohlmeier	9
10/12	Rod & Dianne Patrick	60
10/12	Daryl & Jami Severson	38
10/14	Jeff & Theresa Hein	45
10/14	Kayla & Leslie Hunt	6
10/15	Derek & Rachel Gensch	7
10/18	Craig & Wilhelmina Mickelson	27
10/18	Connor & Meegan Graffin	20

Erin Bussian, Cheryl Hoffman, Laurie Niehoff, Stacy Walz

October Birthdays



- 10/01 Shontell Baeseman
- 10/02 Jayce Pavloski
- 10/04 Chelsea Powers, Samantha Setz
- 10/05 Toni McGee
- 10/06 Samantha Alvarez, Dan Schubert
- 10/07 Becky Klosowski, Vance Berget, Leonardo Gonzalez
- 10/09 Derek Berget
- 10/10 Betty Rahn, Nathan Emler
- 10/11 Arlene Oelke, Elizabeth Gilbertson, Kelly Miller, Josie Berget, Felicity Schleif
- 10/12 Joe Destree, Matt Ehrke Jr.
- 10/13 Fred Grebe, Ryan Rortvedt, Wyatt Gensch
- 10/14 Sophia Gille
- 10/15 Jeff Kirchberg
- 10/16 Izak Wilken, Connor Kelm, Garrett Campbell
- 10/19 Rowdy Seibt, Linda Miller
- 10/20 Dawn Rohrbeck, Dylan Raether
- 10/21 Brian Patrick
- 10/22 Marilyn Weiland, Helen Setz, Russ Rupp, Dwane Talg, Ashley Schultz
- 10/23 Pat Corlett, Aaron Corlett, Bram Aeschlimann
- 10/24 Oliver Setz, Zelda Hegge
- 10/26 Julie Berget, Anna Rupp
- 10/28 DeAnn Gaska, Taya Kurth, Zoe Shepard
- 10/29 Steve Rubert, Debra Meister
- 10/30 Travis Bruss, Kacy Crawford
- 10/31 Elizabeth Pinkston, Ben Emler

Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2023

Dated 09/10/2023

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		
Trimester 1	\$65,881	\$10,000	Trend	\$64,979	\$3,553	18%
					\$3,425	25%
May	\$19,694		2019	\$62,122	\$3,380	20%
June	\$13,925		2020	\$52,143	\$3,493	22%
July	\$17,080		2021	\$55,134	\$13,851	21%
August	\$15,889		2022	\$56,997		
Trimester 2	\$66,588	\$0	Trend	\$59,599		
September			2019	\$88,329		
October			2020	\$66,651		
November			2021	\$68,855		
December			2022	\$77,457	\$27,609	21%
Trimester 3		\$0	Trend	\$75,323		
YTD total	\$132,470	\$10,000		\$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	\$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	\$2,117	\$9,057	\$4,770	\$3,040	\$18,984
Aug	\$1,683	\$9,429	\$4,473	\$2,433	\$18,019
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
TOTALS	\$16,210	\$80,317	\$37,596	\$32,716	\$166,839

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

Fund balances Prior Month Current Month

F&M Bank General Checking	\$ 1,004.34	\$ (1,257.73)
F&M Bank Line of Credit	\$ (5,000.00)	\$ (5,000.00)
F&M Bank FP Checking	\$ 4,559.66	\$ 4,849.90
ELCA Demand Act FP Checking	\$ 27,397.28	\$ 27,397.28
F&M Bank PP Checking	\$ 793.66	\$ 793.66
ELCA Fund A PP Fund A	\$ 26,274.52	\$ 26,274.52
Edward Jones PP 9 Month CD	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Edward Jones PP Money Market	\$ 15,459.47	\$ 15,459.47
MIF ELCA PP 3 Year CD	\$ 41,728.01	\$ 41,728.01
Total	\$117,217	\$115,245

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	-\$34,369
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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.