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

**February  
2024**

### 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

### 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)**

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## 2024 COLUMBUS ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES

Theme:  
“Who do you say that I am?”

**Ash Wednesday**  
February 14 5:00 Meal,  
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service  
**Columbus United Methodist Church**

February 21 5:00pm Meal, 6:30 Lenten Service  
Fall River Church will have cookies & coffee only.  
**Fall River United Methodist Church**

February 28 5:00pm Meal, 6:30 Lenten Service  
**Church Of The Nazarene**

March 6 5:00pm Meal, 6:30 Lenten Service  
**First Presbyterian**

March 13 5:00pm Meal, 6:30 Lenten Service  
**Olivet UCC**

March 20 5:00pm Meal, 6:30 Lenten Service  
**Faith Lutheran**

March 29, 6:30pm Good Friday Service  
**CCC Nazarene**

**All services begin at 6:30. Soup suppers to begin at 5. UMC-FR will have coffee and cookies only on their night.**



## Highlights of January 2024 Council Meeting

- Discussion of Lenten Services at Faith on March 20, 2024 , Sandy Schieble will lead the service
- And will be compensated. Faith will host a soup supper prior to the service.
- Discussion of call process timeline and topics to present to Synod Representative, Marie Leafblad On January 22, 2024.

## Other Items From Council

### Meeting with Representative:

- Discussed positives of FLC
- Expressed Faith Lutheran Church concerns and financial issues.
- Discussed Interim Pastor Position and possible sharing Interim Pastor with another congregation.

First Communion with Second Graders will be on a Sunday after Easter, Not Maundy Thursday.

When have more information about an Interim Pastor Assignment, Council will plan a date and Notify parents.

Bibles will be given to Sunday School Students on a Sunday after Easter. Families will be notified of plans.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS  
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18  
AFTER SERVICES.**

## PASTORAL ACTS



**Dennis Sampolinski**

**01/06/2024**



**January 21, 2024**

**Reece David Adams**

**Parents Lukas & Natalie Adams**

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, February 18, there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to discuss the pastoral transition. Please plan on attending.



### 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 **30chickens!** Our few extra coins are turned into food and livelihood for people in need, world-wide. Thank you.

## FAITH SOCIAL GROUP WITH DENNY AND PAT

The Social Group/Coloring Group has started up again. It is held on the second and forth Monday's at 1:00pm. Please come join us for a relaxing time.



## FOOD PANTRY

For the month of March Faith will be hosting the Food Pantry. I will be needing 2 people to help out each week. I will put a calendar with the date highlighted in the Narthex for sign-ups. Thank you for helping with this great cause.

Chris

## Highlights of December 2023 Council Meeting

- Pastor Jane submitted her resignation
- Leaky roof was investigated, relocating vent pipes and repair roof would solve the problem. Council asked Property Committee to obtain up to 3 bids for repair.
- May all have a Blessed and Happy New Year.

## Women's Circles At Faith

**Scroll Circle**  
**10:00am, Wednesday, February 14**

**Anna Circle**  
**9:00am, Wednesday, February 14**

**Naomi Circle**  
**1:00pm Tuesday, February 20**  
**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 6:00 p.m., Thursday,  
February 15. Feel free to invite a friend.

### **THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB**



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall  
on the February 22nd at 7:00pm. The book  
we are reading is "Lessons In Chemistry" by  
Bonnie Games. Hope to see you there..

## **CALENDAR , LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

### **Lector Schedule 9:15am**

**4 Pete Kaland**  
**11 Henry Elling**  
**18 Al Strohschein**  
**25 Kristen Hart**

### **LAM 9:15am**

**4 Henry Elling**  
**11 Betsy Woodward**  
**18 Ed Schellin**  
**25 Pam Larson**

### **ACOLYTES 9:15am**

**4 Karsen Schroud & Kailey Schroud**  
**11 Jocelyn LeClair & Stella Gille**  
**18 Karsen Shroud & Connor Jacobs**  
**25 Kailey Schroud & Nellie Olson**

### **COUNTERS**

**4 Barb Bergum & Meegan Graffin**  
**11 Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland**  
**18 Jami Severson & Emogene Johnson**  
**25 Justin Stark & Chris Ducat**

### **FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

**4 Suzanne Zahn & Karin Westlake**  
**11 Chris Ducat & Becky Stark**  
**18 Jamine Kurth & Martha Lewke**  
**25 Angie Gille & Susie Krakow**

## February



1 Mary Kohl  
 4 Ana Tjugum  
 5 Abram Mathwich  
 6 Augustus Tadych  
 7 Mason Bruss  
 8 Jenny Erdmann  
 11 Nick Cass, Bram Aeschlimann  
 12 Josh Ritchie, Jeramy Grossman  
 14 Garrett Patrick  
 15 Anna Miller, Bay Peterson  
 16 Karen DeNure, Erin Weisman  
 19 Ashley Cooper, Kali Shephard,  
 Karli Hochstatter, Kayden Sampolinski  
 20 Elizabeth Elling  
 21 Barb Bergum  
 23 Joyce Lienke, Odyn Lueloff  
 26 Greyson O'Brion, Mitchel Steiner,  
 Skyler Steiner  
 28 Victoria Gillett

Jenny Anthon, Bill Bussian, Jim Setz

02/01 Stephen Peterson,  
 02/02 John Stark, Roxann Kirchberg  
 02/03 Claire Sampolinski, Scott Hoffman,  
 Sydney Kluetzman  
 02/04 Gene Boelte, Jenna Peterson  
 02/05 Gwenn Gmeinder  
 02/06 Ella Steers  
 02/07 Bill Bussian, Lori Weidemann  
 02/09 Mark Fagerburg, Matthew Paul  
 02/10 Jim Setz  
 02/11 Lynn Shephard  
 02/12 Tony Clark, Lilylyn Loecher, Josh Dykema  
 02/13 Jill Abegglen, Alyvia Grossman  
 02/14 Sally Price, Jeff Hein, Megan Miller,  
 Mitchell Cooper, Pierce Abegglen  
 02/15 Rachel Gensch  
 02/16 Lois Heiman, Hannah Fox, Brody Lewke  
 02/19 John Brozek Jr. April Abufares  
 02/20 Patrice Clifford, Bruce Zahn, Sara Yuds,  
 Austin Zahn, Devin Talg, Joycelyn LeClair  
 02/21 Kenn Gillett, Meegan Graffin,  
 Juliette Peterson, Drake Schultz  
 02/22 Connor Jacobs  
 02/23 Jan Kurth  
 02/24 Chuck Tiedt, Marissa Aeschlimann  
 02/25 Mary Destree, Olivia Severson,  
 Dane Sloan, Jennifer Miller  
 02/26 Fred Zielder, Sue Mathwich, Easton Gensch  
 02/27 Jim Smith, Jodi Smith, Cara O'Brion,  
 Max McGee  
 02/28 Laurie Niehoff, Nicole Schiesl,  
 Jenny Hasenfuss, Ronda Huebner  
 02/29 Elizabeth Morris

## February Wedding Anniversary's

02/11 Jim & Helen Setz 30  
 02/14 Stephen & Sara Peterson 22  
 02/25 David & Audrey Jakel 40  
 02/27 Darrin & Jennifer Miller 14

## Faith Lutheran Church - Financial Dashboard - 2023

Dated 12/4/2023

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	\$3,380	20%
June	\$13,925		2020	\$52,143	\$3,493	22%
July	\$17,080		2021	\$55,134	<b>\$13,851</b>	21%
August	\$15,889		2022	\$56,997		
<b>Trimester 2</b>	<b>\$66,588</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Trend</b>	<b>\$59,599</b>	\$3,502	22%
					\$3,655	23%
September	\$16,159		2019	\$88,329	\$3,749	21%
October	\$15,957		2020	\$66,651	\$3,350	11%
November	\$17,958		2021	\$68,855	<b>\$14,256</b>	<b>18%</b>
December	\$30,967		2022	\$77,457	\$41,865	<b>20%</b>
<b>Trimester 3</b>	<b>\$81,041</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>Trend</b>	<b>\$75,323</b>		
<b>YTD total</b>	<b>\$213,510</b>	<b>\$10,000</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	\$10,455	\$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	\$1,533	\$9,062	\$4,537	\$2,481	\$17,614
Oct	\$75	\$9,062	\$4,929	\$2,990	\$17,056
Nov	\$75	\$9,062	\$4,929	\$2,684	\$16,751
Dec	\$75	\$9,062	\$4,611	\$2,792	\$234,800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$17,968</b>	<b>\$116,566</b>	<b>\$56,602</b>	<b>\$43,663</b>	<b>\$234,800</b>

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

Fund balances Prior Month Current Month

F&M Bank General Checking	\$ 1,501.93	\$ 1,746.64
F&M Bank Line of Credit	\$ (12,200.00)	\$(2,276.48)
F&M Bank FP Checking	\$ 8,458.68	\$ 8,922.95
ELCA Demand Act FP Checking	\$ 27,438.59	\$ 27,452.08
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	\$ 15,521.84	\$ 15,521.84
MIF ELCA PP 3 Year CD	\$ 41,728.01	\$ 41,728.01
Total	\$114,517	\$124,584

<b>Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date</b>	<b>-\$21,289</b>
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 20% of total revenue to date

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