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

**March
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

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Youth Rep.

Emogene Johnson

Dave Olson

Jan Boelte

Stephen Peterson

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 Our Council President Del Yerges

IS IT SPRING? IS FAITH THRIVING?

Thank you to all Faith Lutheran Church members. You are great volunteers.

Everyone is welcome to help with a favorite activity or come, join a new activity, meet new friends and join the new movement. We are The Church.

It was exciting to have congregational meetings with enthusiasm, positive thinking, and valuable discussion. Not everyone agreeing is healthy.

Council is grateful to have heard all the ideas, thoughts and suggestions. It is important to us, keep them coming, please. We are listening.

We are fortunate to have Pastor Peter Bredlau serving us on Sundays. He is impressed with our congregation. He likes the activity level for all ages.

He feels we are a very welcoming church. His interesting sermons keep our attention!!

Thank you, Pastor Peter. (He is only our Pulpit Supply Pastor.)

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!!

WE ARE MOVIN FORWARD!!

WE ARE THRIVING; EXCITEMENT EXISTS!!

May the Lord continue to Bless us,

Del Yerges

President



A SURPRISE!!

Faith Lutheran Church has received the request from Synod that we've been waiting for. "Form A Call Committee" I hope this is a good sign for us.

Voting members of the congregation are eligible to be on the Call Committee. If you are interested on being on the Call Committee, or would like to nominate someone for Call Committee, please contact Chris at church. Names should be submitted by noon on March 11, 2024. We will have a congregational meeting after church on March 17 to select the call committee.

2024 COLUMBUS ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES

Theme:

“Who do you say that I am?”

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

It will be held at Faith

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

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

**Faith Lutheran will not be having it's own
Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Service**

March 28 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
First Presbyterian Church

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

All services begin at 6:30.

Soup suppers to begin at 5.



Highlights of February 2024 Council Meeting

- Pulpit supply cost- increase to \$210 from \$175, plus mileage at IRS rate.
- Del Y and Judy S attended the LEAD conference and attended sessions on finance and transition
- Del Y will reach out to neighboring ELCA congregations in Beaver Dam and Sun Prairie to see if they can assist with pastoral emergencies until we have a transition minister in place
- Faith will not host services during Easter week, but will encourage members to attend the ecumenical services already scheduled
- The congregational meeting held on 2/18 showed that a majority of those in attendance preferred FLC proceed with searching for a FT pastor

First Communion Classes

First Communion Class has been delayed until after Easter.

First Communion class will be held for Sunday School Students in Second grade or older students who have not had the class.

Parents should attend the class with their child after church on April 14. A repeat class will be held April 21. The First Communion Day is April 28.

Students and Parents should meet with Pastor Peter at the front of the church after the 9:15am service.

PASTORAL ACTS



February 25, 2024
Louise Patricia Julson
Parents Michael & Megan Julson

FAITH SOCIAL GROUP WITH DENNY AND PAT

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



BIBLE DAY AT FAITH

On Sunday, April 7th, we will be giving out the bibles to the K-2nd grade children along with 3rd-5th grade children. This will be at the 9:15 service.

K-2nd Grade

Emmeline Schleif
Kayden Sampolinski

3rd-5th Grade

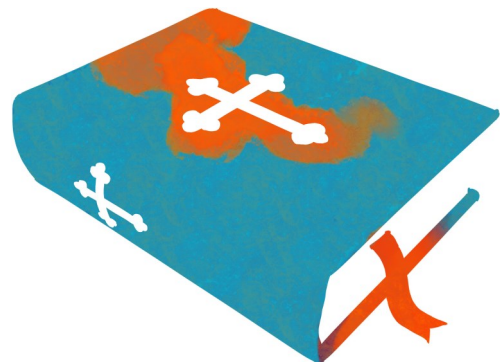
Eli Goering
Felicity Schleif
Landon Goering
Tyler Sampolinski
Hudson Dykema
Avery Jacobs



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.



Women's Circles At Faith

Scroll Circle
10:00am, Wednesday, March 13

Anna Circle
9:00am, Wednesday, March 13

Naomi Circle
1:00pm Tuesday, March 19
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,
March 14. Feel free to invite a friend.

THE RED TENTERS' BOOKCLUB



The book club is meeting in Fellowship Hall
on the March 21st at 7:00pm. The book we
are reading is "The Adventures of Mildred
Budge Of Cloverdale" by Daphne Simpkins
Hope to see you there..

CALENDAR , LAM & ACOLYTES AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MARCH 2024

Lector Schedule 9:15am

3 Ed Schellin
10 Judy Sullivan
17 Betsy Woodward
24 Ed Schellin
31 Pete Kaland

LAM 9:15am

3 Pat Sullivan
10 Henry Elling
17 Betsy Woodward
24 Ed Schellin
31 Pam Larson

ACOLYTES 9:15am

3 Mason Dykstra & Dexter Agnew
10 Stella Gille & Bryella Grossman
17 Blake Kurth & Connor Jacobs
24 Andrea Herrick & Nellie Olson
31 Hallie Graffin & Jocelyn LeClair

COUNTERS

3 Becky Stark & Ginny Klug
10 Barb Bergum & Meegan Graffin
17 Julie Sennhenn & Peter Kaland
24 Jami Severson & Emogene Johnson
31 Justin Stark & Chris Ducat

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

3 Dan & Ann Schubert &
Brian & Nancy Patrick
10 Sally Price & Melody Tadych
17 Sunday School k-2nd Grade
24 Palm Sunday Brunch
31 NO FELLOWSHIP TODAY

WHAT HAS FAITH IN STITCHES BEEN UP TO?

Faith in Stitches had the pleasure of donating two quilts to the 2024 Columbus Club House Annual Fund Raiser. Thank you to Faith in Stitches sewers and to the Club House.





- 1 Isaac Olson, Jessica Sampolinski
- 3 Owen Hankins, Tylar Hankins
- 4 Devin Foulkes
- 6 Bonnie Adam, Aarika Tjugum, Lynn Shepard
- 8 Jeannie Ritchie, Jay Miesfeld
- 9 Molly Kahl
- 10 Madison O'Brion, Amy Kary
- 11 Sue Mathwich
- 12 Erica Patrick, Connie Frey, Lilith Etter
Marcia McMullen
- 14 Heidi Paul, Rod Patrick, Ivy Roelke,
Jodie Smith
- 15 Jeff Hein, Sally Price, Jessie Miesfeld
- 16 Dylan Foulkes, Molly Graffin
- 17 Logan Wescott, Cara O'Brion
- 21 Austin Zahn, Cliff Sweney
- 22 Ryan Rortvedt, Tyler Sampolinski
- 24 Mitchell Cooper
- 26 Dianne Patrick
- 28 Melissa Gauger, Mackenzie Olderhoff,
Maia VanderWerff, Joseph O'Brien
- 29 Sara Yuds, Elizabeth Craig
- 30 Noelle Niehoff, Cooper Krakow
- 31 Fred Zeidler, Megan Miller

Linda Bussian, Mary Destree, Colin Emler, Jan Kurth

- 03/01 Rod Schubert, Dianne Patrick,
Laura Morris, Kendra Gillett
- 03/02 Cooper Krakow, Jadie Berget
- 03/03 Emogene Johnson,
- 03/04 Judy Seier, Chris Ducaat
- 03/05 Linda Bussian, Savanna Miller
- 03/06 Craig Mickelson, Angie Gille,
Nikki Grossman, Rudy Larson, Darrin Miller
- 03/08 John Brozek, Eric Yerges, Michael Frey,
Colby Miller
- 03/09 John Kurth, Melissa Gauger, Eddie Roelke
- 03/10 Natalie Severson, Barbara Black
- 03/11 Bob Hood, Kraig Kahl
- 03/12 Karen DeNure
- 03/14 Todd Morris, Martha Lewke,
Aubrey Weidemann
- 03/15 Tristan Watrud, Thomas Morris,
Victoria Gillett, Acre Borman
- 03/16 Colt Peterson, Lexi Rozinski
- 03/17 Liz Kraemer, David Baxter, Skyler Byrne,
Charli Weidemann
- 03/20 Brayden Bussian, Les Wilken, Kelli Hoffman
- 03/21 Leah Clark, David O'Brien
- 03/22 Cathy Haseman, Connor Westlake
- 03/23 Brynna Gonzalez, Addison Steers
- 02/25 Alana Schuster
- 03/26 Molly Sloan
- 03/27 Toni Peterson
- 03/28 Jaemeson Pohlmeier, Carmen Bruss
- 03/29 Sharon Bradish
- 03/30 Judy Feidler, Becky Stark,
- 03/31 Diane Miller, Emma Elling, Mylah O'Brien

March Wedding Anniversary's

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| 03/13 | Chuck & Rose Tiedt | 31 |
| 03/16 | Bob & Ellie Hood | 36 |
| 03/17 | Larry & Cathy Haseman | 45 |
| 03/22 | Kraig & Katie Kahl | 27 |
| 03/27 | Ryan & Lisa Hasey | 31 |
| 03/30 | Ron & Marilyn Weiland | 61 |

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
					\$3,366	14%
January	\$23,366		2020	\$60,135		
February			2021	\$59,238		
March			2022	\$73,251		
April			2023	\$65,881		
Trimester 1	\$23,366		Trend	\$64,626		
May			2020	\$52,143		
June			2021	\$55,134		
July			2022	\$56,997		
August			2023	\$66,588		
Trimester 2			Trend	\$57,716		
September			2020	\$66,651		
October			2021	\$68,855		
November			2022	\$77,457		
December			2023	\$81,041	\$3,366	14%
Trimester 3			Trend	\$70,988		
YTD total	\$23,366			\$193,329		

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

	Mission	Pastoral Support	Staff Support	Operations	Total
Jan	\$1,367	\$2,240	\$5,436	\$7,563	\$16,606
Feb					
Mar					
Apr					
May					
June					
July					
Aug					
Sep					
Oct					
Nov					
Dec					
TOTALS	\$1,367	\$2,240	\$5,436	\$7,563	\$16,606

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

Fund balances Prior Month Current Month

F&M Bank General Checking	\$ 1,746.64	\$ 5,029.62
F&M Bank Line of Credit	\$ (2,276.48)	\$ 8.28
F&M Bank FP Checking	\$ 8,922.95	\$ 12,989.06
ELCA Demand Act FP Checking	\$ 27,452.08	\$ 27,452.08
F&M Bank PP Checking	\$ 793.66	\$ 793.66
ELCA Fund A PP Fund A	\$ 25,658.23	\$ 25,658.23
Edward Jones PP 9 Month CD	\$ 5,037.07	\$ 5,037.07
Edward Jones PP Money Market	\$ 15,521.84	\$ 15,521.84
MIF ELCA PP 3 Year CD	\$ 41,728.01	\$ 41,728.01
Total	\$124,584	\$134,218

Annual General Account Revenue minus Expenses to Date	\$6,760
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Simply Giving \$ Participation 14% of total revenue to date

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