

# FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 2021

## A LETTER FROM PASTOR

Spring is here...

The ground has warmed, the flowers are blooming, and Christ has risen...

HE HAS RISEN INDEED!

As we look at the world outside, we see the grass, trees, and bushes proclaiming the story of life; springing from the ground that was cold and dead not so long ago. Likewise, echoes throughout the halls of Faith point to stirrings in the church that also signal new life.

Over the last month, lots has been happening within the walls of Faith...

The Returning Task Force has met twice on Zoom, working diligently to conceive and develop praxis for our speedy and safe return to the sanctuary.

Nate Terry, our Office Admin, has taken time to clean up the grounds after a ferocious wind storm.

Busy bees have been out in the garth tending to the flowers, statues, and landscaping there. Speaking of busy bees, please look inside this newsletter on page 2 at the "**Busy Bees**" section as we acknowledge and thank helpers in the church over the past month.

Beyond the walls of the church, this month we will resume "**Taco Tuesday on Sunday**" with Uncle Will's Wagon providing free tacos on **Sunday, April 25th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm**.

Please help us spread the word of this free community meal by sharing it with friends & neighbors on Facebook. We are also looking for new communities and ministries to support with our "Cause of the Month." If you have an idea of an outreach or ministry that would make a great "Cause of the Month," please email me, or leave a message on the church voicemail extension 303.

In the joy of this season, may we all be reminded that Christ is risen, so that we too can rise. Let us take that to heart as we rise as a country, a community, and a church, rising from the world that was 2020, as we step forward into God's future expecting great things, and moving ahead in our mission together.

*Pastor Hill*

# Busy Bees



- A big thank you to our Busy Bees of the Returning Task Force, headed by Heidi Stover, for taking the lead on developing safe and educated procedures for us to return to the sanctuary!  

- Thank you to our friend Alan Mittermaier for getting the snow blower up and running and helping clear off snow during the cold winter months!
- Larry & Teri Allen are Busy Bees who have been heading up our look into Intergility. As many of you know, we have had multiple problems with our boilers in the past year. Intergility is coming to provide insight on cost effective ways to keep our hive warm.  

- Sue & Larry Hertzog are heading up the Faith Mission Meal in a different way due to the basement flooding and Covid-19. This year we will be donating \$250 to cover the cost of the meal taking place at Faith Mission's Grant Avenue Location on April 15th. Thank you to all who have supported this outreach!

Operating Fund	Monthly		Year-to-Date	
	Feb. 2020	Feb. 2021	Feb. 2020	Feb. 2021
Support and Revenue	\$ 17,206	\$ 12,424	\$ 33,825	\$ 27,880
Expenses	17,997	16,275	35,771	34,197
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (790)	\$ (3,851)	\$ (1,946)	\$ (6,317)
Fund Balance	\$ 12,564	\$ 23,463	\$ 12,564	\$ 23,463



## Faith Lutheran Church

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**Organist:** Kathy Pautsch, rich155@aol.com

**Office Admin:** Nate Terry, faithoffice@faithwhitehall.com

Total All Funds	\$ 318,426	\$ 268,488	\$ 318,426	\$ 268,488
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### Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday 7:00AM - 4:00PM

Our budget reflects an expected deficit of \$1,967 each month, \$3,934 through February, and \$23,607 for the entire year. Although giving has declined as a result of the pandemic, most expenses remain at pre-pandemic levels. A large planned deficit would be unusual in a "normal" year, but we are fortunate to have adequate amounts of unrestricted funds to cover the deficit.

You might have noticed that you received offering envelopes designated as "Pledge Renovation Mission Project." If you did not make a pledge to the building fund or have already fulfilled your pledge, you may ignore these envelopes. If you made a pledge but are uncertain about the status of your pledge, please contact Dave Barrett at 614-866-7309.

Finally, I would like to heap praise on the many people who volunteer their time to make sure our offerings and expenses are properly recorded and communicated:

Karen Brown, who recently retired as Treasurer after years of dedicated service

Teri Allen, our Bookkeeper, who spends many hours each week paying bills and keeping track of our finances

Dave Barrett, our Financial Secretary, who maintains all the giving records

Offering counters, who (in normal times) count offering after each service and make bank deposits

If you have any questions regarding church finances, please contact me at [lmeuser@gmail.com](mailto:lmeuser@gmail.com) or 614-395-7344.

## **CAUSE OF THE MONTH - ETSS**

### **ETHIOPIAN TEWAHEDO SOCIAL SERVICES**

Did you know that Whitehall has one of the largest Ethiopian populations in the country?

ETSS offers educational, training, and developmental services for our Ethiopian brothers and sisters in the community in order to improve and facilitate more effective and comfortable integration into our community. They advocate for support and inclusion of refugees and immigrants in our society in ways that help them become self-resilient contributors to society.

Please write "ETSS" or "Cause of the Month" in the memo line.



#### **What Can We Send You?**

We have plenty of worship materials here at the church, and we would love to send you whatever you would like! Just call or email the office and it will be mailed to you. You may also stop and pick up materials from the publication center located by the front door.

- Portals Of Prayer
- Christ In Our Home
- Living Lutheran
- The Word In Season
- Worship Companion

#### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

01 SUE HERTZOG	13 JAMES BAKER
01 JIM WILLE	16 TED COONFARE
03 WANDA ROGERS	16 KIM EVERHART
04 JEAN ROFF	22 MADISON OLIVIA
08 NORMA SILVERS	26 RON NESTER

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 13 JIM & SUE WILLE
- 23 TIM & CHARLENE COY
- 26 JOSEPH & CARMELLA BISER

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### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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- Anne Barrett, who is battling serious health conditions.
- Billy Wittenbrook, father of a co-worker of Tom Chappelle, resurgence of cancer at age 92.
- George Dorn, father of Heidi Stover, whose cancer has spread.
- Bruce Burkhart. Cousin of Suzanne Ohrstedt, who has Covid-19 in Florida and is entering into hospice care.
- Clyde & Deanna Days, friends of Tom Chappelle who contracted Covid-19.
- Please pray for divisions in our country and among families during on-going political tensions.
- The family and friends of Mary Ann Handley who entered life eternal in March.

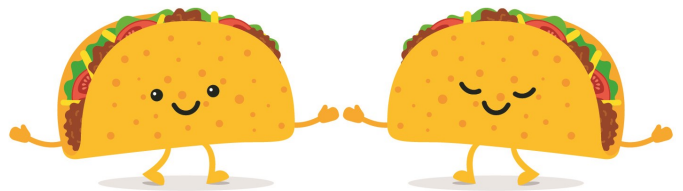
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN</b>						
<h1>April 2021</h1>				<b>1</b> 7:00PM - Worship @ Elm Street Lot (Maundy Thursday)	<b>2</b> 7:00PM - Worship @ Elm Street Lot (Good Friday)	<b>3</b> 7:00PM - Worship @ Elm Street Lot (Easter Vigil)
<b>4</b> 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)  <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00PM Resource Board Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:45 Returning Task Force Meeting  <b>Michaelangelo, Artist, 1528</b>	<b>7</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 107	<b>8</b> 7:00PM Council Meeting	<b>9</b>  <b>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theologian/ Martyr, 1945</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 51	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)	<b>19</b>  <b>Olavus &amp; Laurentius Petri, Renewers of the Church, 1500s</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 31  <b>Anselm of Canterbury, 1109</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Earth Day</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:00AM Worship (Zoom)  4PM-6PM <b>TACO SUNDAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Psalm 118	<b>29</b>  <b>Catherine of Sienna, Teacher, 1380</b>	<b>30</b>	

**Christian Counseling Available at Faith Lutheran Church**

Dr. Nina Helene has been providing affordable Christian Mental Health and Chemical Dependency counseling to Whitehall area residents for 20 years. She will be holding sessions at Faith Lutheran Church on Tuesdays in a convenient, private location in the church that protects client anonymity.

If you have any questions, or to schedule an appointment, please call (614) 906-6609.

## TACO TUESDAY



Taco Sunday will be returning at Faith starting the last Sunday of the month, April 25th!

Would you like your ministry included on the church calendar in the Faith Newsletter? Please contact the office at (614) 237-4241 (or) [faithoffice@faithwhitehall.com](mailto:faithoffice@faithwhitehall.com)