

# FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 2021

## A LETTER FROM PASTOR

By the time worship started I was exhausted... Since the pandemic hit last March one uncharted realm the world has been thrust into has been telecommunications, including Zoom, Facebook Live, Microsoft Teams, etc... This new reality has led to a host of faux pas, like the Texas attorney who signed into a Zoom court meeting with a cat filter on, only to tell the judge "I am not a cat." Worshiping via Zoom brings with it a new way of connecting that we are still discovering together, and a piece of that puzzle is etiquette.

Etiquette is a peculiar part of our culture that changes and shifts from generation to generation. Did you know that the Victorians found direct questions like "How are you today?" very rude, and a polite person would reword it, "I hope you're doing well." How about that in the 1940's proper etiquette for using the telephone involved always smiling, despite the fact that no one could see you... unlike Zoom.

I recently joined a Zoom call because a fellow pastor asked me to sit on their Saturday night worship opportunity. I did not have my camera on, as I did not intend on interacting, only listening. However, for the first 5-10 minutes every participant did three things when they logged on. First, they said hello to each other. Second, they asked who I was and what I was doing there. Third, they told me that my camera was not on, and that it should be. By the time worship started I was exhausted.

I thought about how when I traveled I would find a local church, learn what time worship started, and then show up 10 mins after the listed start time. This was an intentional choice because as a visitor I found it overwhelming to be in a room thick with a nervous & anticipatory desire to start conversations. So I'd arrive during the opening hymn, sit in the back row, and typically leave during the closing hymn to avoid that situation. Zoom does not afford me that luxury.

Like visitors to the sanctuary on a Sunday morning, guests on Zoom each desire different degrees of interaction. I've noticed since posting the layout of our Sunday morning ritual (9:45AM-10:10AM social time; 10:11AM start of worship) some people get on earlier, and others right at 10:11. Some people prefer to have their cameras on, and others prefer still images. The internet is filled with faux pas of telecommunicating. A quick google search will find countless videos of coworkers standing up to reveal a lack of pants, pet hijinks in the background, or participants left in embarrassing situations, unaware that their cameras are on. We in the church live in a world of invitation always asking ourselves, "how is what I am doing welcoming and inclusive?" As the etiquette of telecommunication is being written in real time, I remind myself that every visitor to worship on Zoom, just like visitors to the sanctuary, comes to worship and be reminded of the power of what God is doing in Jesus who is the Christ.

Let us continue in the rich, warm, and welcoming tradition of Faith. Letting all come as they are, with still picture or live camera; for social time or only worship; happy to engage or quietly sitting in the "back row" of worship.

*Pastor Hill*

# Busy Bees

- Thanks to our Returning Task Force bees who continue to find the best way for us to worship in person in our beautiful sanctuary. 
- Freda Evans and Carol Barber who are spreading mulch in the flower beds to keep our hive beautiful. 
- Larry Allen and Eric Haskett who have been working to get the elevator, the new WiFi router, and the hall camera system up and running.
- We thank Pastor Hille, Carol Barber, and Uncle Will for another successful Taco Sunday on April 25th!
- Dave Risch and Ted Coonfare for helping trim trees and bushes and keep our hive looking great! 

Our budget reflects an expected deficit of \$1,967 per month, \$5,902 through March, and \$23,607 for the entire year. Such deficits would be unusual in a "normal" year, but we have adequate amounts of unrestricted funds to cover the expected shortfalls.

The actual deficit so far this year is \$3,078. Offerings during March 2021 were higher than in March 2020, mainly because one member contributed their yearly offerings in advance.

Expenses were greater in 2021, largely due to \$2,925 of unexpected repairs to the boiler. The entire heating system is in need of replacement and you will be hearing soon about plans to finance the replacement and to address other much-needed repairs and improvements.

Operating Fund	Monthly	
	Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021
Support and Revenue	\$ 18,617	\$ 22,854
Expenses	18,127	19,614
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 489	\$ 3,239
Fund Balance	\$ 8,108	\$ 22,852

Total All Funds	\$ 310,797	\$ 260,771
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## Faith Lutheran Church

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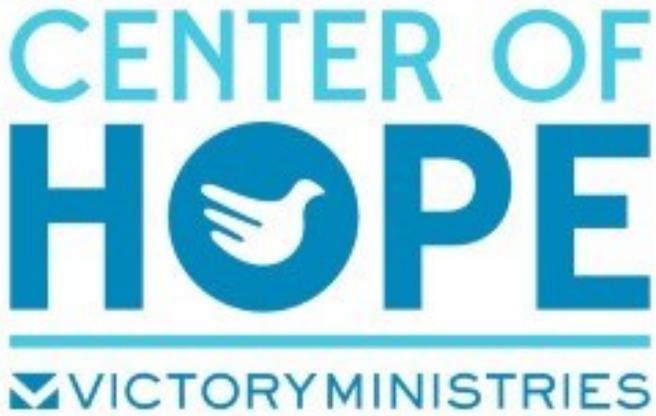
Give Online Here



Year-to-Date	
Mar. 2020	Mar. 2021
\$ 52,442	\$ 50,733
53,898	53,811
\$ (1,456)	\$ (3,078)
\$ 8,108	\$ 22,852

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## CAUSE OF THE MONTH



Victory Ministries exists to provide resources to our neighbors in need. Tens of thousands have been helped through their Choice Food Pantry, Clothing Boutique, Hope Counseling Center, Women's Preventative Health Clinic, Vision Clinic and Literacy Now Program. Their desire is to break the cycle of poverty and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our community.

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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

01 DAVID APPEL	18 REBECCA LEFEVER
01 VICKIE SCHMOLL	18 DORRIE MAYER
03 SADIE FORD	19 GLENN SOUTHWARD
05 PAT VON VILLE	21 PASTOR HILLE
07 QUINTON JONES	22 GEORGE LESLEIN
08 SUSAN VEDOVATO	28 JO GEORGEFF
11 JOAN PURPURA	30 BAMY EMERSON
11 STACEY KARCHER	30 SEAN GOGOLIN
12 SHANE DALTON	30 ROBERT SANNER
15 LOIS KUEHN	31 KAREN EVANS
15 LUCY JACKSON	31 AMANDA ALLEN

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9 HERB & BEV SCHOLES
9 STEVE & STACEY KARCHER
15 WALTER & LOIS KUEHN
31 KEVIN & ANGELA OLIVIA

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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.
- Andrew Riley, nephew of Freda Evans, who is in the hospital battling Covid-19
- Please pray for divisions in our country and among families during on-going political tensions.
- Rev. Wayne Gollenberg, friend of Pastor Hille, who is recovering from heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic

# Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming congregational events at Faith!

- May 16th **11:00AM** Informational Meeting about the building on Zoom  
**12:30PM** Informational Meeting about the building in the Grove
- May 23rd **11:00AM** Congregational Meeting on Zoom
  - June 6th **9:30AM** Worship in the Sanctuary  
**10:45AM** Worship on Zoom



Starting on June 6th, worship will resume in the sanctuary at 9:30AM. Worship on Zoom will also continue at 10:45AM.

As outlined by our Returning Task Force, the South side of the building will be closed.

Congregants may enter through the Elm Street doors, and are asked to leave immediately following worship. We ask that you maintain social distancing during worship.

*Watch for more information and guidelines  
from the Returning Task Force!*

