

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2023

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

February 22, 2023 will be Ash Wednesday; our entry point into the season of Lent as we gather for worship that night at 7:00PM. You all know that the Praise Board takes great efforts to create different tones & themes for the seasons of the church year. As I write this article, we are currently in the season after Epiphany and using Marty Hagen's "Now The Feast and Celebration" as our liturgy for worship in the sanctuary, as one example.

As we look toward Lent 2023, memories from last year come to mind. Do you remember Lent last year? Do you remember the purple paraments and the large wooden cross in the chancel? Do you remember when we fasted from communion for the five Sundays of the season, and the hunger that grew? Do you remember our journey through the books of the Pentateuch, and different parts of the building, as we gathered on Wednesday nights for Vespers with Holy Communion?

We are preparing to both introduce & revisit events this coming Lent. **Sunday mornings** will shift through the five weeks of the season. Worship in the sanctuary will remain at 9:30AM. This will be followed by **Sunday School & Adult Forum** at 10:30AM. Finally worship on Zoom will convene at 11:35AM. This borrows from the ancient church's tradition that Lent is the season of catechesis.

Tuesdays in Lent at 10:00AM there will be a brief gathering of prayer & Holy Communion. This will mirror our Advent Morning Prayer series, intimately gathering for prayer, reading reflections borrowed from an author, and then sharing the holy meal.




Finally, **Vespers will also be returning, Wednesday nights at 6:30PM.** Like last year we will be using the worship order for Vespers found on page 309 in the front of the red pew hymnal.

Our hopes are that these additions to the worship and educational life of Faith will set apart Lent as it is meant to be; a time of intentional preparation as we ready our hearts, our minds, and our entire selves, for the melodrama of Holy Week, and the miracles that await after...

Pastor Hille



Busy Bees

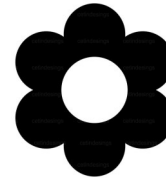
- Thank you to Alan Mittermaier for fixing the floor in the glass hallway and painting the elevator door!  
- Thanks to Resource Board, which held a work day in our hive in January to keep things running smoothly! 
- Thank you to all of our bees: staff, board members, quilters, musicians, ushers, counters, greeters, volunteers, etc. for all you do for our Faith community, and for your part in our congregational meeting.



SouperBowl of Caring

We will collect gifts for the LSS Faith Mission Food Pantry during worship on Sunday, February 12th. Bring your change (and bills & checks) to be collected in the soup pots!

Flowers



Altar flowers may be sponsored on the sign up sheet by the office.

Please bring flowers in a vase before worship on Sunday morning.



December 2022 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating fund	December Activity	YTD Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Budget	Over/Under YTD
Total Offerings and Other Income	\$42,011	\$217,900	\$16,875	\$202,500	\$15,400
Total Expenses	20,523	228,430	18,720	224,775	3,655
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$21,488	(\$10,530)	(\$1,845)	(\$22,275)	\$11,745

- Although our trend of sizable monthly deficits in the Operating Fund continued through November, our December offerings included a large, one-time gift of about \$20,000. As a result, we ended the year with an overall deficit of \$10,530 rather than the \$30,000 deficit we were expecting.
- Throughout 2022, we used a total of \$28,000 in savings to cover the monthly deficits. These savings were drawn from the Legacy Fund and the Young Fund. While we are fortunate to have these funds to fall back on, their use should be a temporary measure, as these funds were originally intended to cover capital improvements and property maintenance rather than operating deficits.
- Offerings for the year to special funds were: Loan Fund - \$25,085, Then, Now, Forever Fund - \$8,006, Cause of the Month - \$11,240, Legacy Fund - \$4,050, Memorial Fund - \$2,300, Caring and Sharing - \$186, Martin Fund - \$200, and Veterans Fund - \$2,502.
- Please refer to the Annual Report to see our detailed Operating Fund budget for 2023.



CAUSE OF THE MONTH

Meijer is providing a generous \$300 gift for the purchase of shoes/socks for our **Faith Mission Shoes & Socks Drive**.

This is the fifth year for purchasing Meijer store shoes/socks. Meijer has donated \$1,950 total over the past years. Combined with an expected \$250 Thrivent gift, we hope to purchase at least 150 pairs of shoes/socks.

Contact Alan Mittermaier (614-236-8345 or alan@healthmetrixresearch.com) for details.

Offering Envelopes Are Here

Offering envelopes for 2023 have arrived. The format has changed in the hopes that it will be easier to make offerings. Instead of separate envelopes for various funds, one check can be spread out over multiple categories. Please indicate on the front of the offering envelope how much you are giving in each category. The total amount on the envelope must agree with the total amount of the check or cash contained in the envelope. If your offering is made by check, you need not write anything in the memo line of your check.

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Offering	
Loan	
Then, Now, Forever	
Cause of the Month	
Other	
Total	

"Sharing and celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people will know Him."

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 TERI ALLEN | 7 STEVE CHAPPELLE |
| 2 JIM BLINE | 18 MARTY HAAS |
| 2 PHYLLIS NESTER | 19 ROGER SOUTHWARD |
| 3 SHELLY OLSON | 21 MARK BROWN |
| 4 LARRY HERTZOG | 23 CHERYL HEFNER |
| 5 JEANNE BOYKIN | 25 ALICE APPEL |
| 7 ROBERT CHAPPELLE | 26 JODIE MARTIN-OILER |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 JAMES & JANET BAKER
- 16 DANA & CHERYL HEFNER

Prayer Requests

- Sue Wille, who is dealing with a cancerous tumor located in her thigh.
- Darrell & Marilyn Doupnik, who are both recovering from Covid.
- Joe Ringwalski, friend of Carol Barber, who is battling illness.
- Maria Felstead, daughter of our lawncare provider, who was diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer
- Lisa Robinson-Boyer, sister of Karen Brown.
- David Smith, father of Angela Oliva and Beckie Lantto, who has endured a leg amputation, a pacemaker, and an infection in November-December.
- Judy Batchelor, neighbor of Janice Ritchey, who was diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						
			1 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters	2 9:00AM Men's Breakfast @ Tee Jay's 7:00PM Resource Board	3 Ansgar, Archbishop, 865	4
5 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:45AM Zoom Martyrs of Japan, 1597	6 7:00PM Praise Board	7	8 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters	9 7:00PM Council	10	11
12 9:30AM Worship SouperBowl of Caring 10:45AM Zoom Super Bowl LVII	13	14 7:00PM Outreach Board 1:00PM Circle Bible Study Valentine's Day	15 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters	16	17	18 Martin Luther, Renewer, 1546
19 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:45AM Zoom Transfiguration of Our Lord	20 Presidents' Day	21	22 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00PM Quilters 7:00PM Ash Wednesday	23 Polycarp, Martyr, 156	24 St. Matthias, Apostle	25 Elizabeth Fredde, Deaconess, 1921
26 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:30AM Adult Forum & Sunday School 11:30AM Zoom	27	28	<h1>February</h1>			

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



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