

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2023

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

September is an interesting month, it's tucked deep within the weeks of "green season" (those weeks following Pentecost) and though it isn't home to any big name church festivals, it is a very busy time for us at Faith. Looking at the month ahead there is a lot to get excited about!

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is 9/10. This will be our Rally/Welcome Back Sunday as we usher in the fall. The choir is returning, which always adds so much to the worship experience! Sunday School will also kick off after worship. As part of the Sunday School return, and on theme for "God's Work, Our Hands", we will be receiving a special collection of items for our Free Little Pantry during worship. I will be out of the country, though I'm talking to Alice Appel (who is heading up Sunday School this year) and Rev. Rebecca Grate (who will be leading worship that day) to incorporate the procession of food pantry items into worship.

Adult Forum returns 9/17. I'm excited to reconvene Adult Forum this fall. During our first session I'll be exploring the long history of Capital University & Trinity Seminary as ministries in Columbus. In the weeks to follow I look forward to offering reflections & insights from my upcoming travel study to Ireland focusing on "Motion as Religious Discipline."

Since Adult Forum follows worship in the sanctuary, starting 9/17 Worship on Zoom will return to the 11:45am time slot.

For some time now we've been discussing the creation of a **Children's Clothing Closet (CCC)** in the old Computer Lab. Our goal is to transform that room into a **free clothing pantry** due to the high need and fast turn over of **clothing for growing infants age 0-2.**

One of the things that slowed down the progress of the CCC was that our community partners at ETSS needed space to store 30 mattress & box springs that were given to families in need across Columbus. That room once again empty, and we are returning to this task!

The first step will be painting the room, which Jodie Martin-Oiler has graciously volunteered to do. The next step will be installing racks, hooks, & shelving to hold the items in the pantry.

As we design this space, **you can help by bringing in new or gently used clothing for children ages 0-2.**

Our focus is specifically ages 0-2 and clothing only at this point. Clothes for children 2+ or other items can be donated to Center of Hope or Volunteers of American in Whitehall.

Finally, if you would like to **dig deeper into the religious calendar** this month, take a moment to celebrate the festivals of Holy Cross Day (9/14), St Matthew the Evangelist (9/21), and St Michael and All Angels (9/29). All these festivals have wonderful Wikipedia entries I highly recommend!

Pastor Hill



This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life - flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



To kick off God’s Work, Our Hands, we welcome back the adult choir & handbell choir, and we announce the start up of Sunday School. We welcome Angela Oliva to our Sunday School team!

June and July 2023 Treasurer’s Reports

Linda Mittermaier

The chart below shows the combined results for June and July in the Operating Fund.

Operating Fund Results	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	June & July 2022	June & July 2023	Budget 2023	July 2022	July 2023	Budget 2023
Support and Revenue	\$ 34,039	\$ 31,393	\$ 31,434	\$ 120,963	\$ 112,413	\$ 110,019
Expenses	39,828	35,611	36,386	136,365	126,997	127,351
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (5,789)	\$ (4,218)	\$ (4,952)	\$ (15,402)	\$ (14,584)	\$ (17,332)

We had a deficit each month, though the combined deficit \$4,218 was slightly lower than the budgeted deficit of \$4,962 for that period. At the end of July, the Operating Fund had a balance of \$6,906.

Offerings to other funds and causes during June and July included Legacy Fund (\$350), Then, Now, Forever Fund (\$645), June Cause of the Month (Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, \$495), July Cause of the Month (Veterans Fund, \$875), and Property (Loan) Fund, (\$3,141). In addition, the July 5K “Run to Church” netted about \$4,300, from sponsorships and registrations, after paying expenses. These proceeds are designated for the Center of Hope, a local Christ-centered organization that provides food, clothing, counseling, and other services to those in need.

LWR QUILT INGATHERING

In partnership with LWR, our September Cause of the Month, we will once again be hosting the ingathering of Quilts and Supplies in October. Quilts and other LWR supplies will be collected here at Faith
 October 2-5 from 7AM - 3PM.
 Spread the word!



SEPTEMBER CAUSE OF THE MONTH

Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being.



We work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

They provide aid in emergencies and help families restore their lives. Efforts are currently being focused in Turkey after the devastating Earthquakes last month.



Busy Bees



- Thanks to Carol Barber and all election workers that made it possible for our hive to be a polling location last month! 
- Thanks to all the Faith hive and your continual support of the Little Free Pantry
- Thanks to all those who serve our community; from Taco Sunday to Faith mission to coffee and donut hour. 

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 SHIRLEY HITE	22 PATTI ADAMS
03 DEAN CHAPPELLE	22 LARRY ALLEN
03 REAGAN KUHN	25 TOM ALLEN
07 LAURA ANDREWS	26 JANE AHRENS
10 JOSEPH BISER	28 JOANN DAVIDSON
12 MICHELLE MARTIN	30 JUDY BLINE
14 RICHARD KUHN	30 DARRELL DOUPNIK

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

18	KEVIN & KIM SKINNER
25	JIM & BECKIE LANTTO

Prayer Requests

- Gary Martin, Jodie Martin-Oiler's brother, who is recovering from multiple complications from a knee replacement.
- Jaydin Warschauer, Jodie Martin-Oiler's granddaughter, who is struggling with panic attacks.
- Ken Weixel, former member, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Jack Sullivan, great grandson of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who has a hernia and a mass that may require surgery.
- Alan Ratcliff, friend of Roger Southward, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Bob Gebhart, Alice Sherman's brother in law, who is dealing with a pulmonary disease.

