



FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 2023

A LETTER FROM PASTOR

I'm currently reading "These Hundred Years: The Centennial History of Capital University" a written account of the birth of the university from its inception as a function of a German seminary on S. High St. to its current location in Bexley. Though the history of board meetings, faculty disputes, and synodical politics may not be everyone's cup of tea, the authors (yes multiple) do a wonderful job of writing this account in a way that is narratively engaging.

I'm reminded of an idea I've seen written in other historical texts. Simply put, the fingerprints of the founders always remain on the community they establish. Consider the diversity in Ohio between Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. One is a port city, one began as a farm town, and the other is adjacent to the Appalachian Mountains. Despite all of them being in Ohio, these cities are the products of their original settlers. "These Hundred Years" tells the tale of the men whose fingerprints are all over Capital University, and many whose names are on the buildings.

It's somewhat serendipitous, that while reading about the formation of that institution, I've also been diving into the history of Faith Lutheran Church. Thumbing through old directories and photo albums, lovingly and painstakingly created by members current and past, I can see the fingerprints of the founders of this congregation. People who began a Bible study in a house on Maplewood Ave. and had a vision that in 1953 would be set in stone with the cornerstone of our sanctuary. Their fingerprints are on our mission; "Sharing and celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ so that all people will know Him." Their fingerprints exist in the memories of generations who have come to this place to be loved, educated, fed, cared for, and reminded that God loves them.

The halls of Faith Lutheran Church, like buildings at Capital University, are adorned with the names of people who dedicated their lives to the lives that were transformed here. These are names also written into countless stories that I've heard in Bible study, Sunday School, coffee hour, and other visits.

I believe it's true that institutions always carry the fingerprints of their initial creators. I also believe that institutions are formed by the generations that follow, the ones who shape, support, and continue to grow those initial ideas into different realities over the years. We have been blessed beyond measure by the vision of a Bible study on Maplewood Ave., and the generations of members and pastors since. In this, our current expression of Faith Lutheran Church, it is a joy and a privilege to be part of our ministries today, events that will live on in memories shared tomorrow. Sharing such a rich history gives us the opportunity to look at the past and find support and encouragement in the simple fact that everything we know as Faith Lutheran Church grew out of a simple Bible study.

If so much could come from so little, what else can we grow out of the ministry we share today?

Pastor Hill

LWR QUILT INGATHERING

In partnership with LWR, 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!



August 2023 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

The chart below shows the results for August in the Operating Fund.

Operating Fund Results	Monthly			Year-to-Date		
	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Budget 2023	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Budget 2023
Support and Revenue	\$ 12,460	\$ 12,834	\$ 15,717	\$ 133,423	\$ 125,247	\$ 125,736
Expenses	18,452	17,741	18,193	154,816	144,488	145,544
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (5,991)	\$ (4,907)	\$ (2,476)	\$ (21,393)	\$ (19,241)	\$ (19,808)

The deficit for August was \$4,907, compared with a budgeted deficit of \$2,476, or an additional \$2,431. Although expenses were below budget, offerings were below budget by \$3,218. At the end of August, the balance in the Operating Fund was \$2,249.

August offerings for other funds included \$400 for Cause of the Month (Center of Hope), \$771 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$255 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund.

OCTOBER CAUSE OF THE MONTH



Our October Cause of the Month is LSS Choices for victims of domestic violence. As part of the Lutheran Social Services' Network of Hope, our mission is to create a better world by serving people in need. We live out our faith by interrupting the cycle of domestic violence in our community and advocating for social change.



Busy Bees



- Thanks to Rev. Rebecca Grate and Kelley Frank for filling in last month!
- Thanks to Alice Appel and all who made "God's Work, Our Hands" a success!
- Thanks to Tim & Charlene Coy for setting up the quilts on 9/17!
- Thanks to Carol Barber and her friend Daniel for cleaning up the garth!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 AIDEN LANTTO	16 ANDREA WARD
03 BETTY JACOBS	18 DEVIN SKINNER
03 ALAN MITTERMAIER	19 TUNNEY KING
06 NATE TERRY	26 KATHY BLINE
10 MARK ROFF	27 KIM SKINNER
12 LINDA LESLIN	27 MICHAEL VEDOVATO
13 GINNY CHADWICK	29 LILLI JONES

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

09	MIKE & JESSICA ANNABKE
15	MARK & KAREN BROWN
15	JERRY & JEAN ROFF
23	LARRY & TERI ALLEN

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.
- Family of Theodore Thomas, as they mourn his passing on September 15th.
- Sandra & Jeremy Appel as they bring their new baby Olivia home!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						
1 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Sunday School 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	2 Quilt Ingathering 7-3	3 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00PM Resource Board Quilt Ingathering 7-3	4 12:00PM Quilters St Francis of Assisi Quilt Ingathering 7-3	5 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's) Quilt Ingathering 7-3	6	7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, 1787
8 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Sunday School 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	9	10 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	11 12:00PM Quilters	12	13	14
15 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Sunday School 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	16 7:00PM Council	17 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00PM Circle Bible Study Ignatius, 115	18 12:00PM Quilters St. Luke, Evangelist	19	20	21
22 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Sunday School 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom	23	24 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	25 12:00PM Quilters	26 Nicolai, Gerhardt, & Heermann, Hymnwriters	27	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
29 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Sunday School 10:35AM Adult Forum 11:40AM Zoom 5-7PM Taco Sunday	30	31 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	<h1 style="color: purple;">October</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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