



FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

July/August 2024

At this year's Run To Church 5k, we had 59 registrants. That's more than any other year. Of those registrants, 47 completed the course, also a new record for us. Beyond that, we had more members show up early; engaging, supporting, and evangelizing with the runners, walkers, guests and vendors. Thank you for being part of this event that continues to grow year to year.

I was talking to Rev. Kerrigan after the race about "signature ministries" and how they come to life. Reflecting on our event, I think part of it was that organizing a race is something in my wheelhouse. Another part of it was that I leaned into the challenge of mobilizing our congregation in which I had heard some say "We're not as young, and don't have the energy we used too..." to do a race. The truth is, we can do it, we have done it, and each year our numbers have gone up. This year's event raised \$7,358.31 for Ethiopia Tewahedo Social Services, another record setting number for us.

As a runner each year I try to run two half marathons, one at the beginning of the season, and one at the end of season. I like to look at my times and (hopefully) see them decrease over the months in-between. Though without fail the hardest part of any race season is the first week. Like many people, winter for me is a time of hibernation with blankets, TV, cuddling Biscuit, and not a lot of time outside. When Spring begins to poke it's head through the frost, I have to change my behavior and get off the couch to start running. That first week of running is a chore, and goes in the face of my very enjoyable winter hibernation.

Apparently I want to run because I keep coming back to it year after year. I keep getting off the couch, lacing up my shoes, and putting one foot in front of the other. If I want to run, I have to run.

The same is true for us at Faith. As we look to our future, as Leadership Council navigates the wonderful lists of assets we have and ministries we might want to try, if we want to try things, then we have to try things. I wish I had more of a concrete plan at this point than simply writing, *if we want to try things, then we have to try things* though the direction of a congregation is charted by the leadership and not simply the pastor (a reality I am thankful for) and we all must trust the process as we explore and grow together.

Thank you for showing up, engaging, supporting, and evangelizing in so many ways.

Thank you for growing, stretching, and trying new things.

Thank you for helping build our tomorrow, together in Faith.

Pastor Hill



Thanks to everyone who walked, ran, or volunteered at our 3rd annual Run to Church 5k! Because of you, we raised \$7,358.31 for Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services!!! Check out our community partners, whose generosity made this race possible.



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May and June 2024 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	May & June 2023	May & June 2024	Budget 2024
Support and Revenue	\$ 28,859	\$ 32,782	\$ 32,292
Expenses	\$ 36,109	\$ 36,093	\$ 37,488
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (7,249)	\$ (3,311)	\$ (5,196)

Year-to-Date		
June 2023	June 2024	Budget 2024
\$ 97,653	\$ 104,873	\$ 96,876
109,330	110,344	112,462
\$ (11,677)	\$ (5,471)	\$ (15,586)

The chart above shows the combined results for May and June. In May, we had a surplus of \$88 and we had a deficit of \$3,400 in June. On a year-to-date basis, our results are better than anticipated; our deficit so far this year of \$5,471 is about \$10,000 lower than expected. Our balance in the Operating Fund was depleted due to the June deficit, so we transferred \$1,500 from the Legacy Fund to give us a balance of about \$450 in the Operating Fund.

May and June offerings for other funds included \$1,395 for Cause of the Month (\$475 for LSS Food Pantry and \$920 for Buckeye Ranch), \$1,462 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$666 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund. In May, we also received an offering of \$3,140 for the Memorial Fund which was designated to cover the cost of adding a handicap accessible door opener on the doors recently installed at the Elm Street entrance, and in June we made the final payment of \$4,473 on the doors.

CAUSE OF THE MONTH - JULY



We are happy to support local Veterans by naming “Christmas at the Commons” our July Cause of the Month. The Commons is operated by National Church Residences and they provide affordable housing for formerly homeless and disabled Veterans. Life skills training, education enrichment, healthcare education, crisis intervention, employment services, recovery support, financial management assistance, and work readiness training are among some of the services available to the men and women living at The Commons.

Busy Bees



- Thanks to all who participated in our strategic planning endeavors!
- Thanks to all our volunteers, community partners, and runners for making the 3rd annual Run to Church 5k a success!
- **Thanks to Chrissy Gwin, Carol Barber, Jodie Martin-Oiler, and all of outreach board for bringing the Infant Clothing room to life!**
- Thanks to resource board for heading up the project of replacing our Elm Street sanctuary door!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 ALICE SHERMAN	17 GEORGE MAYER
02 PAUL COESFELD	18 EMBERLYNN ANNABLE
04 CARMELLA BISER	18 CAITLIN McDONNELL
12 JANICE RITCHEY	20 CHUCK THOMAS
13 TIM COY	28 SUSIE ALLEN

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11 TOM & SUSIE ALLEN
21 LARRY & SUE HERTZOG
28 RICH & KATHY PAUTSCH
31 DAVE & ALICE APPEL

Prayer Requests

- Karen Southward, who is recovering from a successful shoulder replacement.
- Jan Stamper, a co-worker of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is battling a rare form of cancer.
- Jennie Brown, mother of Sue Parr, as she deals with health issues.
- Bonny Timko, for medical complications.
- Alan Ratcliff, friend of Roger Southward, who is battling liver cancer.



Birthday Cards for Veterans!

Each month, the outreach committee will be hosting a birthday celebration for veterans at the commons. The party will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 11AM at the commons. We would love for you to come celebrate with them and get to know them! If you can't make it to chat and party, please write a birthday card for our vets each month and put it in the blue birthday bag.

A poster and sign up sheet from the outreach committee will be posted soon with more information, so stay tuned!

CAUSE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST

HopeWood Outdoors, formerly LOMO, is an ELCA camp organization that provides Lutheran youth with a unique experience to connect with nature and faith at their



HopeWood
Outdoors

various camps throughout Ohio. They host a range of programs, from confirmation retreats to VBS summer camps. To learn more about them and the hidden meanings in their logo, [click here](#) or search them online!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

03 KATHY PAUTSCH	17 LYNNE COESFELD
08 DAVID BARRETT	21 DAVID COY
08 JIMMY LANTTO	22 GLORIA ANDREWS
09 JENNA JOSEPH	25 JACK FERGUSON
11 BONNY TIMKO	29 BILL BRENNING
12 CHRISTOPHER NESTER	30 HEIDI STOVER
15 LINDA MITTERMAIER	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

6 JIM & JUDY BLINE
25 JAMES & KAREN EVANS
28 MARC & SUSAN MILLWATER

M₇Singers
MAJOR 7 PUBLISHING

Directed by Composer/Conductor, Nate Terry

present

TRAVELING
HOME

Wandering, Yearning, Arriving Home

Featuring Nate Terry's "Songs of Practice" choral collection
& other contemporary choral composers

August 2 @ 7 PM

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN

August

				1 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's)	2	3
4 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom	5 7:00PM Praise Board	6 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00PM Resource Board	7 12:00PM Quilters	8	9	10 Lawrence Deacon, Martyr, 258
11 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35Am Spiritual Growth Board 11:40AM Zoom	12	13 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) Florence Nightingale, Renewer, 1910	14 12:00PM Quilters	15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord	16	17
18 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom	19 7:00PM Council	20 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	21 12:00PM Quilters Classes Begin at Capital University	22	23	24 St Bartholomew, Apostle
25 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom 5-7PM Taco Sunday	26	27 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	28 12:00PM Quilters St. Moses the Black	29	30	31 John Bunyan, Teacher, 1688

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