

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2024

On August 27th our online Bible Study began a study series on the book of Numbers. We will be on this book for quite some time, so please join us if you are interested. We chose Numbers because when I asked “What book would you like to study next?,” an answer I received was “How about Numbers, I don’t really know anything about it.”

This is a fair description of many people’s interaction with this sacred text. I know many people who rattle it off when naming the books of the Bible (say it with me... Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), though beyond its placement in the Pentateuch, and its inclusion of censuses and a whole lot of “begetting,” not much is known.

At its core, beyond the censuses and all the begetting, Numbers is an account of transition from one generation to another. Numbers tells us, in exacting detail at times, of the transitional shift from those who left Egypt and were there at Sinai, to those who will enter into and occupy the Promised Land. It’s a fascinating story for any congregation to examine. Time’s arrow marches forward, and the churches we build, and ministries we develop today are created for use beyond our own.

Hanging in the office is a wonderful collage of the groundbreaking for the office space on September 24, 1967. Pastor Risch is “executing” the first shovelful with Pastor Langholz standing over his shoulder. The crowd gathered that day is standing where the office currently is, all the way to approximately the location of the Free Little Pantry.

When we first hung that collage up I would look at that picture thinking “I wonder what it was like back then?” Looking at the (now) classic cars, the trailer park across the street, and how much things have changed.

Recently however I’ve been asking myself a different question, “I wonder what they thought our ‘now’ would look like?”

I know some of you were there when Risch & Langholz broke ground that fateful day. Do you think you could have imagined the many and various uses of this space through the years? A computer lab, counseling lounge, a library, an Infant Clothing Closet? I find it beautiful to think of what this space could be used for in the next 57 years. Many of us might not be here to see it, but then again, those who left Egypt were not those that entered Canaan. Transitions are part of life, and certainly part of ministry.

Martin Luther was once asked, “What would you do if you knew the world was going to end tomorrow?” The story goes that he thought about it and replied, “I would go and plant a tree today.” It’s a brilliant response that points to our call to care both for the world today, and hope for the best tomorrow.

Numbers reminds us that the story and journey of God’s people will continue and extend beyond us, and that’s okay because a future with God is a future of hope and new life. Our task, as Luther would say, is to plant a trees.

Like the future that they were dreaming of that September of 1967, the future that awaits the world will undoubtedly be beyond our wildest dreams, changing in ways predictable and unexpected. Our job, our call, and our task, is to care for the ministries we have in this time and space, until we faithfully hand them off to the next generation.

Pastor Hill

New Infant Clothing Closet



Ethan Lantto's first communion



August Photo Dump!



Biscuit in class at Capital




CAUSE OF THE MONTH TACO SUNDAY



In partnership with 2 Tones Brewing Company and Uncle Will's Wagon, Faith provides free meals to members of our community right here in the parking lot! Taco Sunday is held the last Sunday of the month from 5-7PM in the church parking lot April-October.

Busy Bees



- 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 Elm Street sanctuary door! 
- Thanks to Carlos for repairing the windows in the courtyard!
- Thanks to Alan for tidying up the sidewalks around the hive!



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

ANNIVERSARIES

18 KEVIN & KIM SKINNER
25 JIM & BECKIE LANTTO

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.

God's work. Our hands.



We will celebrate our fall kickoff "[God's Work, Our Hands](#)" on September 8th! Join us for a potluck after church as we celebrate the start of our Toy Drive and Food Drive, which will run through the end of October!

September 8, 2024

The Toy drive, [Firefighters 4 Kids](#), in partnership with Whitehall & Columbus Fire Department, will provide toys to our underprivileged neighbors in need.

Our food drive will serve Whitehall as we supply the Little Free Pantry on our property. Please bring non-perishable food items, or other items listed on the bulletin insert each week!



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.

July 2024 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	July 2023	July 2024	Budget 2024
Support and Revenue	\$ 14,761	\$ 15,031	\$ 17,063
Expenses	17,418	18,365	18,828
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (2,657)	\$ (3,335)	\$ (1,765)

Year-to-Date		
July 2023	July 2024	Budget 2024
\$ 112,413	\$ 119,903	\$ 113,941
126,747	128,709	131,290
\$ (14,334)	\$ (8,806)	\$ (17,349)

In the month of July, we had a deficit of \$3,335, which was almost \$1,600 more than the budgeted deficit. (Recall that in July, the congregation approved a new 6-month budget for the period July-December.) Although expenses were slightly smaller than expected, offerings were almost \$2,100 lower than anticipated. On a year-to-date basis, our results are better than anticipated; our deficit so far this year of \$8,806 is about \$8,500 lower than expected.

Our balance in the Operating Fund was depleted due to the July deficit, so we transferred \$3,000 from the Legacy Fund to give us a positive balance of about \$110 in the Operating Fund. Also, we drew \$1,200 from the Legacy Fund for building repairs, and expected at least \$5,000 of additional repairs in August.

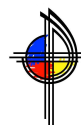
July offerings for other funds included \$705 for Cause of the Month (Veterans Fund), \$886 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$415 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN						
1	2 Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, Bishop, 1872 Labor Day	3 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00PM Resource Board 7:00PM Praise Board	4 12:00PM Quilters Albert Schweitzer, Missionary, 1965	5 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's)	6	7
8 God's Work, Our Hands 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:45AM Potluck 11:40AM Zoom	9	10 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00PM Faith Circle (Lounge) 7:00PM Outreach Board	11 12:00PM Quilters	12	13 John Chrysotom, Bishop, 407	14 Holy Cross Day
15 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom	16 7:00PM Council	17 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	18 12:00PM Quilters	19	20	21 St. Matthew, Apostle
22 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom	23	24 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom)	25 12:00PM Quilters Sergius of Radonezh, 1392	26	27	28
29 9:30AM Sanctuary 11:40AM Zoom 5-7PM Taco Sunday Michael & All Angels	30 Jerome, Translator & Teacher, 420	<h1>September</h1>				

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