

FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2025

Now that our Annual Congregational Meeting is behind us, it is time to start doing God's work with our hands in 2025! The first chance to do this is **February 9th, 2025 at our Soup/Chili Cook Off**. This date falls on Super Bowl LIX in the NFL, and LSS's "Souper Bowl" that annual "noisy offering" collected to support their efforts.

Looking at the year ahead, there are some other dates I hope you'll take a moment to insert into your calendar:

April 27, 2025 will be our kick off of Taco Sunday & potentially an "After Easter" egg hunt.

July 6, 2025 will be our 4h annual "Run To Church" 5k.

October 31, 2025 we will once again conclude Taco Sunday with **Trunk-or-Treat**.

I mentioned this at the Annual Meeting, but would like to underline it here; as we move through this year we are highlighting one focused church event per quarter. These events are designed to welcome people both internally & externally— long time members & potentially new friends.

Our social calendar is by no means limited to these events. Following the 1/26 meeting, I was asked about the Palm Sunday Breakfast (*Palm Sunday will fall on April 13, 2025*), as well as having a Sunday dedicated to a single item collection each month. These are both great ideas and are easily added into our 2025 calendar. Located within this newsletter is the handout I distributed during our Annual Meeting. The handout shows the entire year broken into quarters, with the quarterly social events in **red** and potential locations for a new musical event in **green**. As you flip through this edition of the newsletter, please consider the same question I asked in the Annual Meeting— What would you like to see or add to our ministry this year?

I'm not asking for a multi year commitment, nor am I asking you to form a committee. My questions are simple, what would you like to see? What can you add to our ministry together?

We are the people of God, we are Faith Lutheran Church, and whatever 2025 holds, it does so for all of us— together.

Pastor Hill

What do YOU see in 2025?

Jan 5 - Christmas 2
Jan 12 - Baptism of Our Lord
(Youth as crucifers during Epiphany)
Jan 19 - Epiphany 2
Jan 26 - Epiphany 3 / Annual Meeting
Feb 2 - Presentation of our Lord
Feb 9 - Epiphany 5 **SOUP-CHILI COOK OFF**
Feb 16 - Epiphany 6
Feb 23 - Epiphany 7
March 2 - Transfiguration
March 5 - Ash Wednesday
(ACS setting 12 during Lent)
(Lenten Series w/ TLS)
March 9 - Lent 1
March 16 - Lent 2
March 23 - Lent 3
March 30 - Lent 4

April 6 - Lent 5
April 13 - Palm Passion Sunday
April 17 - Maundy Thursday
April 18 - Good Friday
(SPECIAL MUSIC OPTION)
April 19 - Holy Saturday
April 20 - EASTER
April 27 - Easter 2 / **TACO SUNDAY KICK OFF**
(?"After Easter" egg hunt?)
May 4 - Easter 3
May 11 - Easter 4 / Mother's Day
May 18 - Easter 5
May 25 - Easter 6 / Taco Sunday
May 29 - Ascension of Our Lord
June 1 - Easter 7
June 8 - Pentecost
June 15 - Holy Trinity / Father's Day
June 22 - Pent 2
June 29 - Pent 3 / Peter & Paul / Taco Sunday

July 4 - Independence Day
July 6 - Pent 4 / **4th RUN TO CHURCH 5K**
(?ICE CREAM SOCIAL?)
July 13 - Pent 5
July 20 - Pent 6
July 27 - Pent 7 / Taco Sunday
Aug 3 - Pent 8
Aug 10 - Pent 9
Aug 17 - Pent 10
Aug 24 - Pent 11
Aug 31 - Pent 12 / Taco Sunday
Sept 1 - Labor Day
Sept 7 - Pent 13
Sept 14 - Pent 14/ Holy Cross
Sept 21 - Pent 15
Sept 28 - Pent 16 / Taco Sunday

Oct 5 - Pent 17
Oct 12 - Pent 18
Oct 19 - Pent 19
Oct 26 - Reformation / **LAST TACO SUNDAY/**
TRUNK-OR-TREAT
Oct 31 - Halloween
Nov 2 - All Saints / Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 9 - Pent 22
Nov 16 - Pent 23
Nov 23 - Christ the King
Nov 27 - Thanksgiving
Nov 30 - Advent 1
Dec 7 - Advent 2
Dec 14 - Advent 3
Dec 21 - Advent 4 / Christmas Pageant
(SPECIAL MUSIC OPTION)
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
Dec 28 - Christmas 1



Packing up Christmas decorations

January Photo Dump!



Biscuit's Good Boy Treat



Faith Mission Shoes & Socks



New ICC logo and sign



Thanks to the generous contributions from Faith members (\$1,530) plus a Thrivent grant (\$250), we were able to purchase and donate the following men's items for Faith Mission shelter clients –

- 98 pairs of Meijer shoes
- 64 pairs of Meijer socks
- 23 fleece wear Meijer tops
- 20 Thrivent T-shirts

Additionally, 50+ items – stocking caps, gloves, mittens – donated from the corridor Christmas trees were delivered to Faith Mission.



CAUSE OF THE MONTH





ELCA

Our February Cause of the Month is **Lutheran Disaster Response** for U.S. Wildfires in Los Angeles County, California. They provide food, water, and temporary shelter for those affected, as the community rebuilds and recovers.



Busy Bees



- Thanks to all who attended and led our Annual Meeting!
- Thanks to Alan and Felstead Lawn Care for all of their efforts to keep our parking lot and sidewalks snow-free! 
- Thanks to all who contribute to our Cause of the Month, which always makes a difference both here at home and far away. 

BIRTHDAYS

01 TERI ALLEN	07 STEVE CHAPPELLE
02 JIM BLINE	18 MARTY HAAS
03 SHELLY OLSON	19 ROGER SOUTHWARD
04 LARRY HERTZOG	21 MARK BROWN
05 JEANNE BOYKIN	25 ALICE APPEL
07 ROBERT CHAPPELLE	26 JODIE MARTIN-OILER

ANNIVERSARIES

11	JAMES & JANET BAKER
16	DANA & CHERYL HEFNER

Prayer Requests

- Pat VonVille, as she battles health concerns.
- Jan Mulford, friend of Jane Ahrens, as she recovers from a brain bleed.
- Jerry Ahrens, as he recovers from a broken arm.
- Judy Pherigo, as she recovers from a broken femur.
- Jan Stamper, a co-worker of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is battling a rare form of cancer.



2/9 - Souper Bowl Chili Cook Off!!!

Bring your coins for the noisy offering during worship at 9:30, then join us after worship for our soup/chili cook off!

Try them all, then vote for your favorite!

Wednesdays in Lent



March 5th, 2025 will be Ash Wednesday, and it will be here before we know it. Like last year, we are excited to welcome a host of different voices from the extended Trinity Lutheran Seminary community to lead these gatherings. I've been in conversations with students, interns, faculty, staff, alum, and others to bring together a collection of unique voices to guide our Lenten journey. Our texts this year will be passages of scripture that are used in the liturgy as hymns and other pieces of worship music.

Please save the date for these Lenten Wednesdays:
3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

December 2024 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results	Monthly		
	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Budget 2024
Support and Revenue	\$ 21,718	\$ 46,558	\$ 17,057
Expenses	18,050	20,534	18,810
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 3,669	\$ 26,024	\$ (1,753)

Year-to-Date		
Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Budget 2024
\$ 192,756	\$ 230,019	\$ 199,250
217,329	220,847	225,418
\$ (24,574)	\$ 9,172	\$ (26,168)

Commentary:

Due to exceptionally generous offerings, we ended the year on a strong note, showing a surplus of \$26,024 for the month of December. These results completely eliminated our deficit from the first 11 months of the year and resulted in a surplus of \$9,172 for the year. It's our first surplus since 2020. The ending balance in the Operating Fund was \$26,089.

December offerings for other funds included \$4,135 for Cause of the Month (Lutheran Disaster Relief), \$1,121 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$679 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund.

Copies of the detailed financial statements for 2024 are available on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office.

