

# **FAITH NEWS**

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

The artistic movement known as "cubism" was invented by Pablo Picasso and George Barque in France around 1907. At its core, the idea of Cubism is to break down objects and then reconstruct them showing that object in all dimensions from one viewpoint. This is often done with geometric shapes which can lend an angular quality to cubist works.

Imagine standing in the middle of our sanctuary and taking a picture of the large stained glass window. Now imagine walking over to the organ and taking a picture of the same window. Next, move to the overflow and take a picture of the window. Finally go outside, and take a picture of the widow from that viewpoint, one in the day, and once at night. Imagine cutting out sections from those pictures taken inside & outside, in the day and at night, and placing those sections on top of parts of your original picture.

Your end product (though a crude photograph) points to the basic idea of what the cubists were aiming for— to show one object from multiple perspectives & times in a singular image.

This can be hard for us to wrap our minds around, but I'd like to offer a similar biblical exercise.

In the 9th chapter of Luke's gospel Jesus ascends a mountain with Peter, John, and James. This is the same Jesus who was laid in a manger at the beginning of Luke's gospel; we've been following his ministry since he was baptized in the Jordan by John the Baptist.

In a moment, Moses & Elijah appear, there's a voice from heaven, and Peter, John, & James get sleepy (for some reason). This is the story of the Transfiguration.

"Transfiguration" is an odd word because this story is the only place it appears in scripture (and all the synoptic gospels use it) so it has little context. But consider the Transfiguration through the lens of Cubism, as a look at Jesus in all dimensions from one viewpoint.

We see Jesus on a mountain, that is our viewpoint. We also see him from many different sides.

We see the messiah of whom Elijah spoke.

We see the descendent of the tribe of Judah, whose ancestors Moses led out of Egypt. We see the Son of God, as we hear the voice from Heaven.

We see the one in white garments, like the garments left in the tomb that first Easter morning.

We see the teacher of the disciples, taking his place as the greatest teacher of all.

We see the lineage of the Old Testament & the promises for the future.

We see all these things at the same time— as we see Jesus.

Transfiguration Sunday reminds us that Jesus is all of these things, it gives us this snapshot of the one who exists in so many and various ways, and loves each and every one of us.

However you see Jesus this Transfiguration Sunday I hope you will remember that He sees you too. He sees you, he knows you, and he loves you. Thanks be to God.

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# February Photo Dump!



Pastor Hille in front of Edward Hopper's classic painting "Soir





Rev. Mary-Ann Siefke during her visit on 2/9



Pastor Hille doing a half marathon in Arizona and New York

COME RUNNERS

THE PARTY

Souper Bowl Sunday Soup/Chili Cook Off!



## CAUSE OF THE MONTH

Our March Cause of the Month is Lutheran Social Services Center for New Americans. LSS-NA provides a multitude of services to those immigrating to the U.S. including English speaking classes, citizenship classes, work permit authorization, and many more. Please help support this vital part of our work as Lutherans.



Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service





• Thanks to all our soup makers that made our Souper Bowl cook off a great success! Special thanks to Susan Millwater and Alice Appel for organizing the event!

•Thanks to Rev. Marry-Ann Siefke and Deacon Diane Schweigher-Alexander for leading us in worship in February!

•Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,458.82 on Souper Bowl Sunday!



## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 JUDI BRENNING 22 TERESA CHAPPELLE
- 15 NOAH MAYER 27 JESSIE ANNABLE

16 MARILYN DOUPNIK 29 BRENT MAYER

17 DAVE GARVIN

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

17 ALAN & LINDA MITTERMAIER

25 Robert & Phyllis Nester

## Prayer Requests

- Pat VonVille, as she battles health concerns.
- 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.

## **Connect with Faith!**

Did you know that Faith has a YouTube Channel, an Instagram account, and a Facebook page? Click the logo or link to Subscribe, follow, or like our pages. You can hear sermons, see important church events, listen to readings, hear the Hymn of the Week, and much more!





## Holy Week

You still have two more opportunities to join us for evening vespers - 4/2, 4/9. Come sing through Evening Vespers and hear friends from Trinity Seminary talk about music in worship!

## Join us for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - 7:00PM Good Friday - 7:00PM Easter Sunday - 9:30AM

#### January 2025 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

Operating Fund Results		Monthly						
		Jan 2024		Jan 2025		Budget 2025		
Support and Revenue Expenses	\$	17,472 18,322	\$	15,743 20,502	\$	16,596 19,085		
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$	(850)	\$	(4,759)	\$	(2,490)		

#### **Commentary:**

Our finances got off to a rough start this year, as we had a deficit of \$4,759 in January, exceeding our budgeted deficit by \$2,269. Offerings and other support were about \$850 less than expected, while expenses were about \$1,400 more than budgeted, due in part to \$775 of unbudgeted repairs. The January 31 balance in the Operating Fund was \$21,330.

January offerings for other funds included \$562 for <u>Cause of the Month</u> (Columbus Humane), \$856 for the <u>Property (Loan) Fund</u>, and \$714 for the <u>Then</u>, <u>Now</u>, <u>Forever Fund</u>.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holidays in	BLUE - Fest	ivals and Cor	nmemoration	s in GREEN		
	March					1 George Herbert, Priest, 1633
2 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom	<b>3</b> 7:00PM Praise Board	<b>4</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 7:00PM Resource Board	5 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday	<b>6</b> 9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's)	7 Perpetua, Martyr, 202	8
9 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom	10	<b>11</b> 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) 1:00PM Circle Bible Study 7:00PM Outreach Board	12 12:00PM Quilters 7:00PM Evening Vespers 8:00PM Choir Practice	13	14	15
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23 9:30AM Sanctuary 10:35AM Bible School 10:45AM Adult Forum 11:45AM Zoom	24	25 10:00AM Bible Study (Zoom) The Annunciation of Our Lord	26 7:00PM Evening Vespers 8:00PM Choir Practice	27	28	

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