

# FAITH NEWS

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2025

Generally speaking, I find that there are two kinds of travelers. There are those who travel with no agenda, and let things be what they are. An interesting approach though not something I can do. I am a traveler who constructs highly detailed tour schedules and plans out trips almost hour-by-hour. The goal is not to micromanage, it's to make the most of any given opportunity. So I research where I am going, and take advantage of the opportunities provided there. At Capital University's commencement, Whitehall Mayor Micheal Bivens implored the graduating students to, "rescue the good from the wreckage of coincidence." I like that. It's a better description for intentionality than simply being "high strung" which is how my brothers describe my travel style. I never feel high strung, I feel prepared for whatever might happen. Summer is here, and summer brings joys, adventures, and vacations, as well as time to recuperate at cookouts with friends and evening walks. It's interesting to think about those sentiments at the same time.

Summer is a time to relax. Summer is a time to do as much as we can.

These sentences seem to be contradictory, and yet they are both true.

They are true for our community at Faith. On one hand, Adult Forum, Sunday School, and Bible Study are on hiatus for a few months. On the other hand, we are gearing up for the Hot Dog Lunch on June 8th, as well as our 4th Annual "Run To Church" 5k on July 6th.

How will we manage the excitement & the rest? How will we rescue the good from the wreckage of coincidence and take advantage of all the opportunities provided?

Jesus tells a few parables about preparedness. In Matthew 24:43 he tells us that if the master of the house had known when the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and not been robbed. In many ways the feeding of the 5,000 begins as a warning about being unprepared as the disciples look to Jesus and ask, "What are we supposed to do?"

What can we do to prepare for this summer? How can we prepare for worship, events, & guests?

First, consider your invitation. "Do you want to come to church for an hour?" This is an invitation, so is, "I'd love for you to come and see what God is doing in our community." Invite people into what you see God doing.

Second, let's be ready. It takes a village to be a village, and each and every one of you are a member of this village we share called Faith Lutheran Church. When people come into our community, whether in worship, Taco Sunday, or anything else, are we ready to meet them, greet them, and reflect this beloved community we share?

Third, let's welcome those who join us. On "Run to Church" Sunday we typically have guests arriving around 7:00AM. On Taco Sunday, we see lots of folks from the neighborhood. In worship, as we pass the peace, sometimes visitors feel odd because they do not know "how we do it." Welcoming is more than simply saying hello, or inviting people to *join* something, it's extending a community and a sense of safety & belonging.

Amid adventures and relaxation this season, I look forward to sharing this community of Faith intentionally with all those that we are inviting here. Our summer programming is not coincidental; events are scheduled, calendars have been marked.

Let us be prepared to share the good news of Jesus Christ, when our invitation is answered!

*Pastor Hill*

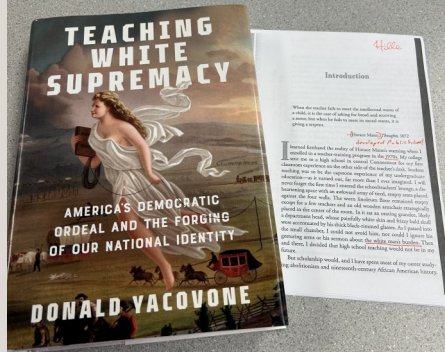




End of the year Sunday School activities!



Thanks to all who participated in this season of Adult Forum! We will pick back up in August.



Pastor Hille & Mayor Bivens at Capital University's commencement!

May Photo Dump!

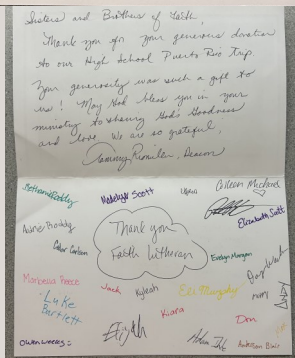


We thank God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

Geese had their babies!



Thank you letter from Trinity Lutheran (Enumclaw, WA) for supporting their mission trip!



Restocking the Free Little Pantry for our neighbors in need!





**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

## **CAUSE OF THE MONTH**

Our June Cause of the Month is **Lutheran World Relief “Love Thy Neighbor” fund**. LWR is matching gifts given in June to fight hunger and food insecurities in children both at home and abroad.

### **Youth Sunday School End of the Year Update**

Our youth Sunday School is an awesome group of students. During the course of the year, our students, Emberlynn Annable, Paige Oliva, Madi Oliva, Ethan Lantto, and Aiden Lantto have participated in the weekly Sunday School lessons in which we introduced a big idea, connected a Bible verse with that idea, and then explored smaller ways to understand the content. Our students are perceptive and enlightening as we discuss the ideas and their implications for them in their daily lives. In fact, our staff also learns from the kids during those discussions. In addition, during the Christmas season, our students participated in the Christmas Pageant, organized a toy drive for our church in conjunction with the city toy drive, decorated all the collection boxes for the toys, collected food for the Little Free Pantry, and donated money to the ELCA World Relief during the holiday season. Under the tutelage of Pastor Hille, all of our students are fulfilling roles in the church service assuming duties as assisting minister, communion assistant, crucifix bearer, or acolyte. Our hope is that these roles will lead to expanded experiences as their church life continues.

Also, our parents, Angi and Kevin Oliva, Beckie and Jim Lantto, and grandmother, Carol Barber, spent innumerable hours redecorating the youth room. Cleaning, painting, replacing the furniture, and organizing the room were the tasks our parents participated in during the months of October and November. It is a comfortable room that our students can congregate in at any time and in matter of fact, any of the congregation can drop in also.

As we conclude our Sunday School year, we are most thankful for the support of our parents, students, Pastor Hille, and our church community. A big shout out to our staff; Susan Millwater, Angie Oliva and Alice Appel, for their dedication to preparing the lessons and leading this outstanding group of students as they learn more about their Christian faith.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 01 BEV SCHOLES      | 16 SUE COONFARE  |
| 01 SABRINA VEDOVATO | 23 PEARL HAMMOND |
| 02 DAVID SATTER     | 24 PAUL OLSON    |
| 03 ED SWIGER        | 27 SUSAN PARR    |
| 03 DARYL VAN DEUSEN | 28 EMMA SATTLER  |
| 04 ETHAN LANTTO     | 30 CLARE KOSBAB  |
| 15 MICHAELA SKINNER |                  |

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

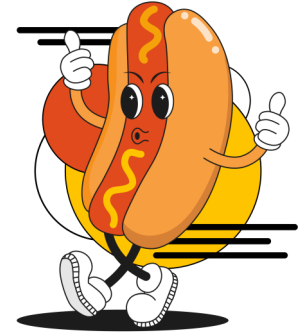
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| 02 DARRELL & MARILYN DOUPNIK |
| 14 TED & SUE COONFARE        |
| 25 JERRY & JANE AHRENS       |
| 29 PAUL & LYNNE COESFELD     |

### **Prayer Requests**

- April Parfitt, a former member, as she acclimates to a new pacemaker.
- Karen Evans, for health complications.
- Pat VonVille, as she battles health concerns.
- Jan Stamper, a co-worker of Jodie Martin-Oiler, who is battling a rare form of cancer.

## Hot Dog Lunch! 6/8/2025

Join us June 8th after worship for a hot dog lunch! Hot dogs and snacks will be provided, or you can bring your own food. See the sign up in the glass hallway if you would like to bring something!



Faith Lutheran Church's 4<sup>th</sup> annual **5K Run/Walk** will take place **Sunday July 6th**. All proceeds from this event will support **Carter Kindness**, a local non-profit with Faith ties that supports our local community in food security and overall kindness! Race day registration opens at 7:00AM, race starts at 8:30AM.



**Volunteers are needed, please contact Pastor Hille or the office!**

### April 2025 Treasurer's Report

Linda Mittermaier

| Operating Fund Results | Monthly    |           |             |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|                        | Apr 2024   | Apr 2025  | Budget 2025 |
| Support and Revenue    | \$ 14,757  | \$ 20,937 | \$ 16,596   |
| Expenses               | 18,681     | 20,203    | 19,088      |
| Surplus or (Deficit)   | \$ (3,924) | \$ 734    | \$ (2,492)  |

| Year-to-Date |            |             |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Apr 2024     | Apr 2025   | Budget 2025 |
| \$ 72,091    | \$ 79,028  | \$ 66,384   |
| 74,250       | 81,209     | 76,353      |
| \$ (2,160)   | \$ (2,181) | \$ (9,969)  |

### Commentary:

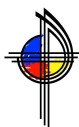
We had a surplus of \$734 in April, which trimmed our year-to-date deficit to \$2,181. Our results are significantly better than our budget, which projected a deficit of \$9,969 by this point in the year. Our offerings are almost \$13,000 greater than budgeted, but our expenses are about \$5,000 above budget, due mainly to utilities and property repairs and maintenance. We tend to have larger deficits in the summer months, so it's helpful to have better financial results in the early months of the year. The April 30 balance in the Operating Fund was \$23,908.

April offerings for other funds included \$920 for Cause of the Month (\$420 for Another Child Foundation and a \$500 advance for the November Shoe & Sock Drive), \$1,151 for the Property (Loan) Fund, and \$420 for the Then, Now, Forever Fund. Also, we expended \$1,900 from the Lindsey Fund to sponsor a mission trip for a student from another Lutheran congregation.

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  |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|--|
| <b>Holidays in BLUE - Festivals and Commemorations in GREEN</b>   |                             |   |   |   |           |  |
| <b>1</b><br>9:30AM Sanctuary<br>11:30AM Spiritual Growth Board<br>11:45AM Zoom<br><br><b>Justin, Martyr of Rome, 165</b>  | <b>2</b>                    | <b>3</b><br>7:00PM Resource Board<br><br><b>John XXII, Bishop of Rome, 1963</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>9:00AM Men's Breakfast (TeeJay's) | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30AM Sanctuary<br><b>10:45AM Hotdog Luncheon</b><br>11:45AM Zoom  | <b>9</b>                    | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br><br><b>St. Barnabas, Apostle</b>     | <b>12</b>                                     | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br><br><b>Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379</b>     |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30AM Sanctuary<br>11:45AM Zoom   | <b>16</b><br>7:00PM Council | <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>                                     | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><br><b>Onesimos Nesib, Translator, Evangelist, 1931</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30AM Sanctuary<br>11:45AM Zoom   | <b>23</b>                   | <b>24</b><br><br><b>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b>                        | <b>25</b><br><br><b>Augsburg Confession, 1530</b> | <b>26</b>                                     | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>  |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30AM Sanctuary<br>11:45AM Zoom<br>5-7PM TACO<br><b>SUNDAY</b><br><br><b>St. Peter &amp; Paul, Apostles</b> | <b>30</b>                   |   | <b>Run to Church 5K on July 6th!!!</b>            | <div>June</div>                               |           |  |

Would you like your ministry included on the church calendar in the Faith Newsletter? Please contact the office at  
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