



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

10:00 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME STATEMENT

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability – you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God’s grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Wilbur Held

VERSE OF THE DAY

[Read in Unison]

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” John 8:31-32

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG – THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION (ELW 654)



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Hartling
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 46

Odd Verses = Low Voices

Even Verses = High Voices

R [All Voices] – The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

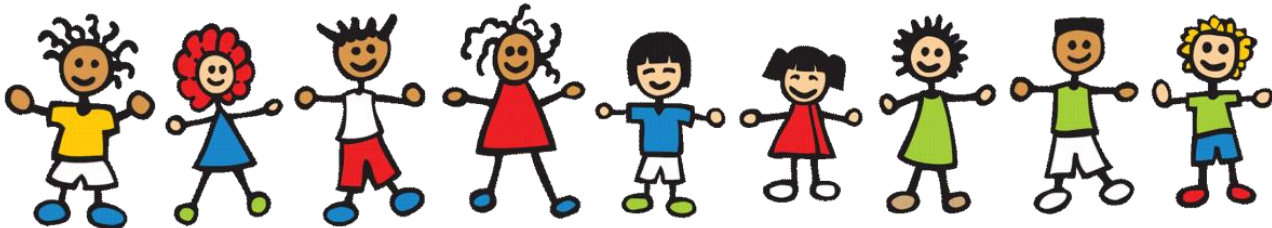
²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON (NOISY OFFERING PARISH HOUSE)



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas
Music: Amy Grant
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GOSPEL: John 8: 31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

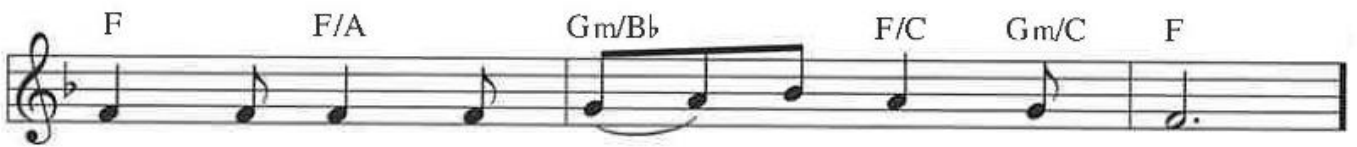
HYMN OF THE DAY – BY GRACE WE HAVE BEEN SAVED (W&P 25)



1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh. how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

Text: Rusty Edwards, stanzas; Frederick Whitfield, refrain
Music: North American traditional, arr. Rusty Edwards
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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Waylon Sanford, Kalea Sanford, Reagan Sanford , Remi Sanford, Beauden Sanford
Janet Boyer, Nick Hirschenberger, Bob Borcharding & Anne Missavage

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of god. We are called to live among god's faithful people, to hear the word of god and share in the lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of god in christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among god's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God,

Do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask god to help and guide us.

Welcome

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to god

And proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. **Amen.**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

arr. Mark Patterson

Kaley Rodriguez, Trumpet

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE by Mark Erson

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ,
who is our mighty fortress and our strength.

You call your church to remain steadfast in your Word,
That all might know the good news of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of
heaven, We raise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (STANZAS 1 & 5)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a
deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a
new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a
. hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text and music: Jimmy Owens

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Oh Lord, You're Beautiful”
“The Solid Rock”

Keith Green, arr. Keveren
arr. Laura Bergquist

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

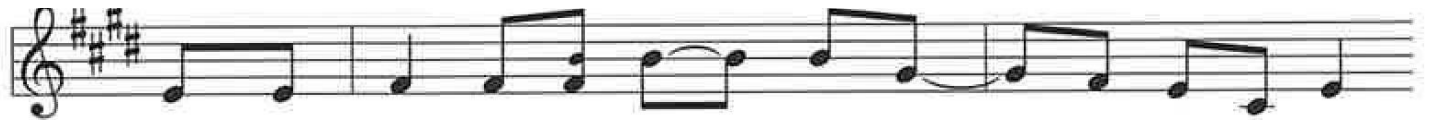
BLESSING

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG – I WILL SING, I WILL SING (W&P 73)



1 I will sing, I will sing a song un - to the Lord.
 2 We will come, we will come as one be - fore the Lord.
 3 If the Son, if the Son shall make you . . . free,
 4 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
 5 Ev - 'ry knee shall bow . . . and ev - 'ry tongue con - fess,
 6 In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



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 In his name, in his name we have the vic - to - ry.



Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.
 Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.
 you . . . shall be free in - deed.
 Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.
 that . . . Je - sus Christ is . . . Lord.
 Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

Refrain E

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le -

B E

lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, glo -

B E

- ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, glo - ry to the Lord.

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Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Quarterly Meeting immediately following service

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FLC SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 27

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10am: Reformation Sunday
- Quarterly Congregational Meeting following service

Monday, October 28

- Boy Scouts @ 7pm in Old Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 29

- Bible Study @ 12pm in Library (All are Welcome) – Hybrid
- Girl Scouts Meeting @ 5:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 30

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Faith Bells rehearsal @ 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir rehearsal @ 7:30pm

Sunday, November 3

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10 am: **All Saints Sunday**
- Annual Fall Grounds Clean Up following service
- Election Set Up following service

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

October 27

Greeter(s): John & Ramona Backman

Reader: Brenda Kopf

Lay Assistant: Ryan Thompson

Ushers: Randy Royalty, John Backman

Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

Sunday School: Angie Herek

Coffee Hour: John & Ramona Backman

Counters: Randy Royalty, Jack Dingledine

Acolyte: Isaak Nyquist

November 3

Greeter(s): Lois Neves

Reader: Jamie Royalty

Lay Assistant: Randy Royalty

Ushers Elaine & Jon Harrison

Altar Care: Diane Hill

Sunday School: Alexa Warwick

Coffee Hour: Kathy Richardson, Emily Brown

Counters: Brenda Kopf, Ramona Backman

Acolyte: Maddie Webb

EVENTS

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On November 3, we will remember those who have died since November 1, 2023. **If you've lost a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, or sibling this past year, let the office know by email or phone by October 29, 2024.**

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, November 9 @ 5pm – There will be appetizers, salads, dessert and the main meal will be at the church. Each participant is asked to bring something to share. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

LanSING Out Christmas Concert – December 13 at 7:30 pm

LanSINGout is a voluntary community chorus providing the opportunity for LGBTQ+ persons and their allies. See <https://www.lansingout.com> for more information. Pastor Bruce is a member.

FAITH NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

Faith Night at the Williamston Theatre will be on Saturday, December 14th at 7:30. The play this year is "A Very Williamston Christmas". Adult ticket prices are \$41 and student prices are \$12. This is a 90 minute play without an intermission, so probably not suited for very young children. Please make your payment to Diane Hill by December 1st. You can either pay in cash or write a check to Williamston Theatre (do not make your check out to Diane).

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Visitors Sunday will be on November 17th. The goal is for all members to invite friends, family or neighbors to a worship service that will have uplifting music, and a noisy offering for the Food Pantry and Parish House. Coffee hour will be in the Fellowship Hall, so please feel free to bring a dessert/snack to share. During coffee hour members should reach out to visitors to see if they have any questions about Faith. This is a very exciting, upcoming event and we look forward to having many new people visit! For more information/questions contact Raymond Herek herekraymond13@gmail.com

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY SHEET 2024

Month	2024 offering + loose	2023 Offering+Loose	Difference from Prior Year	# Sun.	2024 all income	2023 All Income	Difference from Prior Year
Jan	\$ 26,901.25	\$ 26,298.10	603.15	4	\$ 28,818.60	\$ 27,341.10	1,477.50
Feb	\$ 34,665.35	\$ 27,834.10	6,831.25	4	\$ 52,612.41	\$ 30,631.16	21,981.25
Mar	\$ 25,914.98	\$ 42,356.10	(16,441.12)	4	\$ 33,671.51	\$ 46,195.84	(12,524.33)
Apr	\$ 21,707.50	\$ 25,345.50	(3,638.00)	4	\$ 23,848.41	\$ 35,910.93	(12,062.52)
May	\$ 25,991.48	\$ 20,817.80	5,173.68	5	\$ 62,178.31	\$ 23,893.42	38,284.89
Jun	\$ 20,978.79	\$ 16,948.50	4,030.29	4	\$ 25,323.96	\$ 20,478.33	4,845.63
Jul	\$ 22,578.55	\$ 25,482.71	(2,904.16)	4	\$ 24,111.05	\$ 33,058.79	(8,947.74)
Aug	\$ 14,659.90	\$ 21,229.75	(6,569.85)	5	\$ 16,033.65	\$ 22,888.85	(6,855.20)
Sept	\$ 27,311.86	\$ 23,320.50	3,991.36	4	\$ 45,857.15	\$ 27,177.75	18,679.40
Oct	\$ -		0.00	5	\$ -		0.00
Nov	\$ -		0.00	4	\$ -		0.00
Dec	\$ -		0.00	4	\$ -		0.00
YTD =	\$ 220,709.66	\$229,633.06	(8,923.40)	52	\$ 312,455.05	\$ 267,576.17	44,878.88

MERIDIAN THANKSGIVING UPDATE

Thanks again to everyone for the generous donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive! We raised \$2110 for the Meridian Cares Program to use to purchase food gift cards for families in need. Please see Katie's response below!

Also, on November 10th we will have Thanksgiving cards for members to sign that we will be used with the gift cards. A Note from Katie Love, Meridian Cares Coordinator:

"OH, MY GOODNESSS!!!! I could just cry... good happy tears!!!! Thank you so very much for your support. The need has been very large this year especially among our low-income elderly residents. This morning, I was getting nervous because the amount of need is very high. Although we have dedicated donations coming in, I was starting to worry about meeting all the needs...I walked into my office and I just felt the Holy Spirit say to me "trust me!" Then a few hours later you sent me the email about the higher donation amount. Thankful for the goodness of God and faithfulness of the people of Faith Lutheran Church!!!!"