

The Messenger

April, 2021

From the Council

At our last Council meeting, our meditation included several passages from Ecclesiastes:

“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:...A time to break down, a time to build up...A time to embrace, a time to refrain from embracing...A time to gain, a time to lose...A time to keep, a time to throw a way; A time to tear and a time to sew...” (Eccl 3:1ff)

We were reminded that one constant in living is change and yet that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). We certainly are in a time of rapid change. On Sunday March 21 and continuing, we have a choice to return to in-person services or continue to worship remotely. We have just said goodbye and Godspeed to our pastor of 5+ years and have welcomed a pastor of record to serve us and provide pastoral care until we can identify an interim pastor. We hope to identify an interim pastor soon who will serve as our pastor until we establish a call committee and find a new pastor. As we go forward, we will be reflecting on our strengths and needs and our vision and mission. We will ask for your support and participation. We will need your patience, love and prayers.

It might not quite be spring outside, but we are looking forward with a spirit of optimism to new growth and renewal in our congregational life.

2021 Council Members and Committee Liaison Assignments

Name	Liaison Assignments
Richard Heine – President	Personnel, Faith Formation
Gayle McGrath – Vice President	Learning Center, Evangelism, Audit, Mission Endowment, Nominating
Sherri Greer – Secretary	Global Missions, Parish Life, Stewardship
Debbie Rosenberg – Treasurer	Finance, Worship
Jonathan Delap	Property, Long Range Planning, Project Manager for the call process
Carolyn Holmes	Faith Formation, Stewardship
JoEllen McComb	Personnel, Worship
David Templar	Community Ministry, Stewardship (Chair)

Holy Week and Easter Worship

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 28

9:30 In-Person Eucharist

11:00 Livestream Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 PM Livestream Eucharist

Good Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross. You are welcome to come by anytime during the day to pray the Stations of the Cross. New devotional booklets are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

7:00 PM Livestream Worship and Adoration of the Crucified

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:30 In-Person Festival Eucharist **(Please email or call the office if you plan to attend so that we can be certain that we have enough room.)**

11:00 Livestream Festival Eucharist



Tuesday Bible Study

In the **Tuesday Bible Study**, we are continuing our study of the Passion of Jesus. What risks and dangers did Jesus face in Holy Week? How do these help us understand and face the risks and dangers we face as we travel the way of Jesus? Reverend Douglas Hahn leads the study, based on the book, *Entering the Passion of Jesus*, by Vanderbilt Professor Amy Jill Levine.

Join us every Tuesday in March at **11 AM** via Zoom. Here is the link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87550398740?pwd=QWFobEsvNTE0blZPdYtoWVgvOTZ0QT09>

Faith Lutheran Learning Center

Happy Spring! We are spending more time exploring and learning outdoors. We are always collecting “loose parts” for the area around the garden and would love to have help with some outdoor projects. All of the classes will be helping with the garden, so you will soon see flowers and vegetables growing. We are selling the playground structure on the smaller playground to make more space for creative play. Please contact Lindsay if you would like to help with any of the projects, donate loose parts, or are interested in the play structure. Her email is lscott0017@gmail.com.

I will be on medical leave from March 29-April 21. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for my health. We still have space in our K-5 summer camp from May 24-August 6. The cost is \$200/week. There is a sibling discount of 10% and scholarships are available. Please tell anyone interested to email Lindsay, lscott0017@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support, Charla Heersche, FLLC Director

BUILD Nehemiah Action Assembly

GET READY FOR THE NEHEMIAH ACTION

When: Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm

Where: Two ways. Definitely on ZOOM. Information about the ZOOM link will be made available to you soon via Faith Notes and through our Justice Ministry Network. We will also have a drive-in option for those who want to do a modified in person meeting. Final plans for this option are not in place at this time, but will be posted via Faith Notes when they are finalized.

Why: Our community needs the power of your presence at this meeting. BUILD is pushing community leaders to make commitments to provide justice in Lexington by finally addressing three issues that are affecting too many of the people of Lexington (this might include you!).

1. Affordable housing for our brothers and sisters who live on the margins because of poverty or serious mental illness. 2. Children in the Fayette County School System who are disciplined differently because they are children of color. And 3. Lexington has set new records for the number of murders of citizens for the past several years. The violence must stop.

It is our goal to have 100 people at the Action representing Faith Lutheran and friends of Faith. We hope you join us.

Life Together at Faith

April Birthdays

- 2 Griffin Farrar
Jim Knauss
Andrew Mendenhall
- 3 Colby Cloyd
Scott Gralheer
- 4 Gary Chastain
- 6 Janice Plain
- 9 Adam Michel
- 14 David Fegley
- 16 Dave McGrew
- 18 Jim McGrath
- 21 Richard Michel
- 23 Gordon Grotrian
- 26 Janel Watkins
- 28 Kevin Carey
Ezra Kurth
- 29 Daniel Lau



Thanks

Thank you to our Faith family for the prayers, cards and food. Your thoughtfulness has helped our family through this difficult time.

In Peace and Hope, Bea and Debbie Rosenberg

April Anniversaries

- 5 Stephanie & Britton Farrar
- 10 Alann & Kristi Karow
- 17 Katie House & Andrew Mendenhall
- 20 Richard & Cindy Heine
- 26 JoEllen & Neil McComb
- 29 Shane & Amy Hadden

Baptism Anniversaries

- 1 Kathy Egner
Tracy Fugmann
Jennifer Klee
Paula Klim
Sue Anne Lau
Kevin Lentz
Dorina Longarzo
Tim Sorenson
Christina Williams
Scott Wilson
Trevor Wilson
- 9 Kristi Karow
- 14 Beatrice Lockhart
- 17 Katie House
Andrew Mendenhall
- 20 JoEllen McComb
- 22 Hunter Parsons
- 27 Hailey Shannon

Death

On March 13, our brother in Christ, Steve Rosenberg, was called into eternal life. Please keep Bea, Debbie and the entire family in your prayers.

February Financial Summary

Feb 2021	Total Income - Month	Total Expense - Month	Actual Total Income Less Actual Total Expense	Total Income - YTD	Total Expense - YTD	Actual Total Income Less Actual Total Expense
Budget Forecast	\$27,982.00	\$31,126.42	\$ 3,145.00	\$55,964.00	\$62,252.86	\$ 6,190.00
Actual	\$36,337.75	\$28,568.63	\$7,769.12	\$57,403.25	\$52,988.12	\$4,415.13
Variance	\$8,355.75	(\$2,557.79)	\$10,914.12	\$1,439.25	(\$9,264.74)	\$10,605.13
%	129.9%	91.8%		102.6%	85.1%	

Represents
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Carryover

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Sunday Worship Schedule

In-Person Worship 9:30 AM

Online Streaming, 11:00 AM

Staff

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