

# The Messenger

September, 2020

## From the Pastor

Usually September brings a flurry of activity in our congregation. Vacations are over, students return to school, and programs and ministries that have been on hiatus for the summer resume. But this year is quite different. After six months of no in-person worship we hope to return on September 13. Yet, it will be a very different worship experience with no singing and with everyone wearing masks. The in-person worship will take place at 9:30 AM so that there is no threat of aerosol droplets with Covid-19 virus in the air from the livestream worship that will now move to 11 AM. We've been working over the summer to improve the quality of our livestream. Many of you will find that this is still the safest option of participation.

The threat of this deadly coronavirus has shown us all how, in spite of our best efforts, we are not ultimately in control. Yet we can control our responses to unforeseen happenings. Many years ago, I learned that opportunities for ministry oftentimes don't occur through well laid out plans, but rather in the interruptions. Covid-19 has interrupted our lives, but it has also given us new opportunities to love our neighbors. It has awakened us to the fragil-

ity of our lives and given us the opportunity to re-prioritize our activities and how we connect with one another.

How do we do ministry in the midst of this health pandemic? Our Learning Center no longer has extra space for an after-school program and classes can't even mix on the playground. Bible Studies have shifted to using Zoom, as have many meetings. The pandemic has exposed underlying cracks in the foundation of our society as those at or near the poverty level are more at risk not only of contracting Covid-19, but also of evictions and food insecurity. There's also a technology gap that inhibits the virtual education experiences of children living in households on the margins.

It is more important than ever that we engage in sacred conversations and listen to one another about the concerns we hold in our hearts. Out of such conversations we build a foundation upon which to act together for positive change in our community and world.

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## Worship

We will continue to livestream our worship online. You can access the livestream on our [website](#) or on our [Facebook](#) page. If you wish to include the Eucharist as part of your worship, prepare bread or crackers and fruit of the vine, wine or grape juice. You may eat and drink after the Pastor says the words, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you don't have both bread and fruit of the vine, know that communing in one kind is just as acceptable as in both kinds. Our Lord is still fully present.

The target date for re-opening for in-person wor-

ship is September 13. We will only open then if it is safe to do so. The in-person service will be at 9:30 and will not include music or communion. The livestream service will be at 11:00. If you plan to attend the in-person service, be sure you are aware of the guidelines established by our task force, which can be found on our [website](#) or you can refer to last month's *Messenger*.

## From the Pastor (continued)

As we listen deeply to one another we experience the healing peace of our heart's story being reverently held by others. We also receive the blessings of hearing and holding the sacred stories of others. These conversations can truly transform us. Sharing our stories in meaningful conversation in safe relationships actually creates new neural pathways that can lead to healing and freedom. Participating in sacred conversations thus physically and neurologically changes us.

Sacred conversations are the foundation from which we discern our mission of bearing Christ's loving and healing presence to the world. They not only help us to connect with one another in mission but also help us to connect our passion to our mission. This month I encourage you to engage in the sacred conversations taking place as a part of our BUILD justice ministry. I know that some of you will resist attending because you suspect that you will be asked to become a justice network member. Please, let the Spirit be your guide on that. Your participation in these sacred conversations is most welcome regardless of whether or not you take on the responsibilities of being a network member.

Dates and times for these Sacred Conversation meetings via Zoom are:

Saturday, September 19, at 10 AM (contact [gails-wanson18@gmail.com](mailto:gails-wanson18@gmail.com) to register)

Tuesday, September 22, at 7 PM (contact [pastor-mark@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastor-mark@faithlutheranchurch.com) to register) Note: More dates and times will be added as needed.

Deep Blessings,

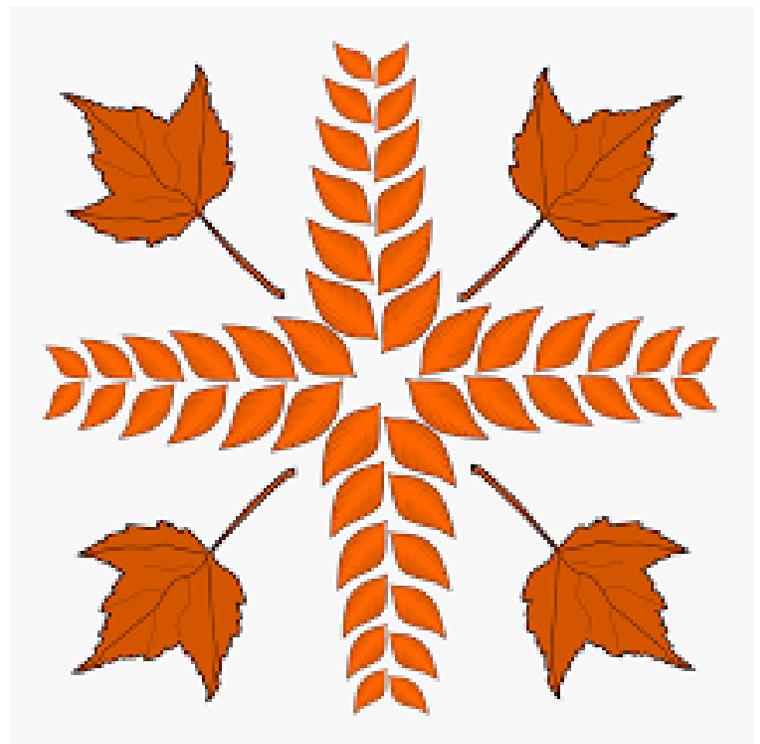
*Pastor Mark*

## Dr. Pat DeLuca Faith Pharmacy



Twenty years ago, Dr. Pat DeLuca, the father of Don DeLuca, founded Faith Pharmacy. Thousands of prescriptions have been filled for those unable to afford the high cost of essential medications. Now, the pharmacy will be given a new name: *Dr. Pat DeLuca Faith Pharmacy*. Moreover, that new name

will be given to a beautiful newly-renovated facility. Thanks in no small part to many generous donations made in Pat's honor, the pharmacy now occupies space that is almost triple its former quarter, enabling the pharmacy to continue to expand service to more and more patients. We are proud to honor him and the legacy he has left.



## From Wayne Schedler

Hello Faith Family,

For those wondering how things are going with me here's an update.

I have sold my house and one of our cars and, with the help of our Faith family, I have moved to an apartment downtown. The dogs and kitty also have new homes. My phone number and email address remain the same. I would especially like to express my gratitude to Roland and Helen, Richard and Cindy, daughter Becky, Ned, JoEllen, and Pastor Mark, as well as others that I'd venture to name but in doing so I may forget some. You and I will know who you are, and I will continue to cherish you all. May God bless you real good! I feel all of your prayers! My most grateful appreciation goes to all of you! Making this transitional in uncertain times has made me wholly aware of God's Spirit. Grace and Love. Soli deo Gloria!!!

## Zoom Fellowship Time

Join us on Zoom following the Sunday worship service for a time to catch up with and greet one another.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81143033380?pwd=bGFsdHBpanYwMG5NaFExc0cxTWlscz09>

Meeting ID: 811 4303 3380

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## In the Fall We Listen...

For leaves that crunch as we walk over them. For children's laughter as they play together outside. For the sound of the school bus as it picks up those same children to go to school. For the roar of the crowd at the high school football game. Unfortunately, we won't be hearing most of those sounds this fall; we'll remain as "locked down" as our socially distanced selves can tolerate. But we remember that there is another listening process that happens every fall, and that is the BUILD listening campaign. Over the years, BUILD leaders have encouraged everyone at Faith to be a part of the campaign. This year we are really (really, really) encouraging everyone to join with us in both speaking and listening. Earlier in this newsletter, Pastor Mark talked about stories and sacred conversations. It's truly time for those. Probably each of us has developed some new and different stories during the past several months, ranging from heart-hurting grief to heart-bursting joy. We all need an opportunity to talk in a safe place about what's going on in our lives, and how we've dealt with the pandemic, online schooling, health care, etc.

Gail Swanson will host/facilitate a ZOOM meeting on Saturday September 19 at 10:00 AM. Pastor Mark will host/facilitate on Tuesday September 22 at 7:00 PM. You may contact either of us to secure a place and to get instructions for logging on. We hope that there will be so many of you who want to attend that we will have to schedule two more.

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## Learning Center Status



Members of Faith,

Thank you to everyone who has donated money and materials to the Learning Center. We are so grateful for your generosity.

We opened Monday, August 24, with reduced hours: M-F 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM. There are still openings in the 2 and 3-year-old classrooms. Tuition is \$200 per week per child with a 10% sibling discount. There is also a one-time enrollment fee of \$50 per child and a \$60 per child semi-annual supply fee, due in August and January.

Scholarships may be available to help with the cost. If interested, please contact Charla Heersche, director, for more information ([flc859@gmail.com](mailto:flc859@gmail.com) or 859-268-0108).

If you would like to donate to our scholarship or emergency fund, you may visit <https://tinyurl.com/flclex> or mail a check payable to "FLLC", 1000 Tates Creek Rd, Lexington, KY 40502.

The learning center maintains an ongoing wish list with educational items that are either school-wide or labeled for specific classes: <https://tinyurl.com/flc-educational>.

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



## Attention High School Students!

In September, the Indiana Kentucky Synod will be examining justice issues with high school students. Each topic will kick off with a Zoom call featuring a speaker who is an expert on the issue. There will be a web page with a variety of resources that can be used to dig deeper, if you wish. There will also be a couple of projects to choose from, again for those who wish to do so. We will use Flipgrid so that we can get to know one another better and share what we are learning. Each topic will end with another Zoom call featuring a panel discussion.

Our first topic will be racial justice. You are invited to join us on August 30, at 2 PM for a Zoom call with The Rev. Regina Goodrich, Pastor of Mediator Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA. Pastor Goodrich also serves on the Board of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network and directs their Multicultural Initiative. She will lead a lively and engaging discussion, take questions and offer suggestions on how you can make a difference.

If you'd like more information, send an email to [youth@iksynod.org](mailto:youth@iksynod.org) and we'll send you information about all that has been planned as well as a link to register.

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Dan Fugate at [dfugate@iksynod.org](mailto:dfugate@iksynod.org).



# Life Together at Faith

## September Birthdays

2 Shane Hadden  
 3 Soren Kurth  
 4 Beverly Drake  
 Karen Fitzgerald  
 Barbie Moore  
 9 George Heersche  
 Pat Nation  
 11 Beatrice Lockhart  
 Diane Nelson  
 Pat Vaughn  
 12 Anna Davis  
 Kathy Jones  
 13 Melody Kazee  
 14 Mark Sloss  
 15 Lore Pierce  
 18 Carol Buchanan  
 19 Jerry Klim  
 21 Darryl Terry  
 22 Micah Delap  
 24 Campbell Arnold  
 Penni Black  
 Ruth Lundborg  
 Brian Lundborg  
 Sandra Palmer  
 26 Carole Seibert  
 28 Barry Williams

## September Anniversaries

3 Mark and Susan Sloss  
 9 Jim & Carol Buchanan  
 Miles & Robin Johnson  
 26 Randy Young & Mary  
 Ann Patrick  
 28 Karl & Nancy Krause  
 Robert & Pat Vaughn

## Baptism Anniversaries

1 Melinda Wilson  
 4 Kathy Johnson  
 14 William Holmes  
 25 Emily Lundborg  
 Adam Witt  
 27 Phyllis Lewis  
 29 Aubrey Reynolds  
 Robert Wendroth



**From Kate Hanford**

Thank you to all my friends at Faith for their cards, kind thoughts and calls during the past few weeks. Blessings, Kate Hanford

**From Anna Holmes**

Thank you so much for supporting me as I transition into college. Especially during tumultuous times as now, your continued support throughout my time at Faith Lutheran and beyond means so much to me. Thank you for the book *Engineering Faith* as well. I look forward to reading it alongside my studies. Thank you also for the many cards and well wishes. Yours in Faith, Anna

# July Financial Summary

July 2020	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	\$36,164.83	\$36,461.51		\$253,153.81	\$255,230.57	
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$24,655.00</b>	<b>\$24,332.89</b>	<b>\$322.11</b>	<b>\$200,496.47</b>	<b>\$196,697.68</b>	<b>\$3,798.79</b>
Variance	(\$11,509.83)	(\$12,128.62)		(\$52,657.34)	(\$58,532.89)	
%	68.2%	66.7%		79.2%	77.1%	

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday Online Streaming, 10:00 AM

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