

Faith Lutheran Church  
**The Messenger**  
July, 2024

**Waiting, Watching, and Working Together in Christ**  
**I-K Synod 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly, ELCA, June 7-9, 2024**  
**Crowne Plaza, Louisville, Kentucky**  
**A Report to Faith Lutheran Church**  
**From Bob and Donita Henry, Delegates**

**Main Focus:** Following the announcement in March that Bishop William Gafkjen would retire this year (last official duty will be in October), after serving for 14 years, and 4 years remaining on his term (Bishops are elected for 6 years), the Assembly came together to thank him for his service and to elect a new Bishop.

Because his announcement came unexpectedly (to retire), the planners did not expect such a large turnout. The ballroom where we met was meant for about 200 people, and there were over 300 in attendance.

**Statistics:**

9,300 congregations in the ELCA

Approximately 4 million parishioners

Congregations without called ministers

28% ELCA – 2,600

40% Indiana—Kentucky Synod – 73

171 congregations in I-K Synod in 2023

-8 are multi-staff; 63 are full-time calls/100 are part-time calls

-18 congregations have interims, 55 are local led by Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMS)

SAMs are lay members, trained and authorized by the bishop to serve in the pastoral role in congregations, including administration of the sacraments

184 congregations in I-K Synod in 2015 & 205 congregations in I-K Synod in 2010

2024 Assembly had a total of 327 voting members: 196 lay parishioners and 131 rostered ministers

**FRIDAY June 7:** Conference check in at 11 am. Orientation for new attendees: 1:00pm

**Keynote Presentation #1: “Waiting Together in Christ”** Bishop Dan Beaudoin (NW Ohio)

- How do we wait? Prayerfully, patiently, and actively
- We wait as **parishes** not churches. Parishes includes churches but also mosques, synagogues, and other places where people of different faiths pray and worship. This includes 1.5 million places of worship.
- Changing our world begins with changing our perspective. Which commandment is the greatest? Jesus was asked. The first one: To love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. AND the second commandment follows closely: “to love your neighbor as yourself”.

- We are reminded of passages in the Bible where we are asked to wait:  
     Jesus asks his disciples to wait, in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke)  
     After his resurrection, Jesus asks his disciples to wait in Jerusalem for 40 days (Acts)  
     Why does he ask them to wait do you think? Waiting can build trust and hope. Waiting is a habit and requires practice and discipline, but many times waiting can be very hard.
- At his church, he started a prayer group. What can we do to bring your people to this old church? First, we prayed: let other things wait. And then we began to pray together (the next level) for each other, the community and the world. Did the Tuesday prayer group change the world? No. BUT it changed us, and we changed our communities.
- Bishop Beaudoin led us in a 5 minute **“Centering Prayer”**. Much like a mindfulness exercise we focused on deep breathing and meditation for 5 minutes.
- Waiting is praying to change the world. He reminded us that the remarkable growth in Christianity movement grew because Gods people were patient. They talked about and lived patient lives; never anxious, unhurried and non-violent. People noticed and wanted in on it. He believes that once again, this is a time for prayerfully and patiently waiting... To deescalate and maybe need to return to the ancient ways.
- Through waiting we can actively return to love and joy. He concluded his presentation by singing a Smoky Robinson song: “I don’t like you...but I love you” Finally, he played and danced to the Mo-Town song by the Marvelettes: “Mr. Postman.” (waiting for a letter, a letter just for me).

**Following the First Keynote presentation the First Ballot for the Office of Bishop was cast: In all there were 5 ballots cast for the office carried out over 2 days. The 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> ballot would occur on Saturday.**

There were 9 pre-registered candidates but any rostered Pastor could be nominated for the position from the floor. There were 35 candidates nominated for Bishop. Eighteen people withdrew their names from nominations, leaving 17 remaining candidates.

**Saturday June 8:** Morning Prayer at 8:30am and Distribution of Bishop Biographies (8 additional Bios plus the 9 pre-registered nominees which were in the electronic packet) Total: 17 candidates for Bishop

**Keynote Presentation #2: “Watching Together in Christ”** Bishop Donald Kreiss (SE Michigan)

“I want to remind everyone that the middle part of a trilogy is usually the weakest. Please, all of you, lower your expectations.”

- What does **watch** mean? Observe carefully with attention; wait expectedly.
- Watch can be advice: Watch it! Watch your mouth! Watch.... yourself, -out, -over
- Watch can be something you do: Watch: TV; Phone, Sports, Events.
- Watch can be something in Christ: Engaged as a community in faith, we laugh and cry together. Told to watch closely is kind of an investment; to see now; but to remember.
- God is most actively involved: Psalm 130 v. 6: My soul **waits** for the Lord more than those who **watch** for the morning.
- Think about how intently kids watch for their birthday and Christmas to come
- **SLIDE: Rainbow** (Genesis) that Noah saw. God gave a sign and promised to never destroy the world by water again. He didn’t have to give a sign, but he did. God’s sign was beautiful but rainbows don’t last long. They need sun AND rain, and don’t get seen by many.

- **SLIDE: The burning bush** (Exodus) was ONLY meant to be seen by Moses. Moses saw this as part of his daily routine. He did not set out to see something special, but once he did, he followed up. It is good to be curious. Be aware that signs will come when and where they will. God doesn't particularly care about **OUR** convenience. We need to watch!
- **SLIDE: Valley of the Dry Bones** (Ezekiel) is a story meant to shock us! The Valley is a place of silence. Silence that comes when there are no more words to be said, not just to speak but to prophesize. Like Ezekiel, we have been commanded also. Ezekiel breaks the silence; he takes the first step!
- **Ask yourself these questions:**
  - Where do you see rainbows? Represent hope: in our children and grandchildren.
  - Where do you see burning bushes? Represent change: In politics, in careers & lives.
  - Where do you see Dry Bones? Represent action: things that we do: work and play.
- **SLIDE: The Star (of Bethlehem):** (Luke) Where is the child asks Herod and the wise men? (Matthew) The shepherds saw the star too, but unlike the wise men who had to prepare for their trip, the Shepherds were just doing their jobs keeping watch on their sheep. Gods' plan just crashed in on their lives with not one but a multitude of angels! The promise of hope that was wrapped up as a child. They acted! They left their sheep and immediately went and committed to see the baby!
- **SLIDE: 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish.** (Version in Matthew, Mark, and Luke but not John). Gods' sign is that I am about to do a new thing. The people are hungry, let us feed them. And they had 12 baskets left over with bread and fish.
- God sends us signs that are worth watching for. We find them when we are minding our own business or when we are in the middle of doing routine things in our daily lives.
- We wait and watch together (in Christ) because we believe and hope **that God is about to do a new thing...**(Isaiah 43: 18-19) and that is Good News for us!

**REPORTS FROM THE ELCA OFFICERS:** (All Reports can be found in the ELCA.org Website)

**Vice-President:** Ted Miller: Mostly gave Thank You(s) to the Bishop and Synod Council and Staff

**Treasurer:** Chris Walda: Reviewed IK Synod Priorities; Currently the Budget is 2.3 million,

In 2024, there was a shortfall of about \$100,000 in Synod income.

**Secretary:** Sue Rothmeyer: Mission Support is at \$680K, \$280 world hunger, \$165 disaster relief

Announced that over 14,000 youth will be attending the youth gathering in New Orleans!

**Second Ballot: 17 candidates considered.** Voting took place via phone. 325 registered voting members on the second ballot (196 congregation lay members and 129 Rostered ministers)

The top seven candidates (natural cut off by number of votes) would get a chance to address the attendees.

**Resolutions proposed (and considered at this Convention):**

- 1) Virtual (remote) assemblies will not be allowed to consider resolutions. This was later amended and the final version will be recorded at the end of this report.
- 2) To recognize Dr. William Gafkjen as Synod Bishop Emeritus upon retirement. This resolution passed unanimously later in the convention.

**Lunch and Learn: Donita and I selected** “The Creation-Faith Connection: Possibilities for Ministry Outdoors: LOMIK Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Ind- Ky)

Steve Flynn presented. He is the Ex. Director of Outdoor Ministries. This was a great presentation! He started with changing his hat from a “preacher/Synod hat to a baseball cap which read: “Camp more, Worry less”

He gave us a history of his journey and love of the outdoors: he has been a pastor in Frankfort Ky but really “doing” outdoor ministry for 26 years. His question: “What does outdoor ministry provide?” Adventure, Health, and Healing

Spoke of the 3 main camps that are in our Synod: Lutheran Hills, Lake Luther, and Lutherwald. Let everyone know that even though the camps are mainly run for children in the summer, (8 weeks), that these camps are open to the IK churches all year long! There is no OFF SEASON!

The lesser known aspects of Outdoor ministries are:

- Adult facilities (you don’t stay in the same bunks/cottages as the kids do!)
- Church council retreat
- Crafting retreat

Steve considers these camps to be “sacred playgrounds” because of the impact of the spirit in the life of the campers. He notes; Usually when kids/people come once, they want to come back again! Why? Camps: Grow faith, provides connections, prepares leaders, changes lives.

Here are 5 ways that Camps Change Lives:

1. Faith Centered
2. Unplugged from Home (set apart from usual)
3. A Safe Place (physically, emotionally, spiritually). Can make you think and wonder
4. Participatory: Hiking, playing, swimming, boating, etc. (Church is kinda boring...Camp is not!)
5. Relational: God has a special role for us to play: and these are 2 statements made from campers: “camp is a Christian community as it should be”. “This is a place where I made my faith my own”

Steve states that for him, all of the major decisions he has made were always made after he took a hike in the woods

Healing: Being outside provides healing (feel better when you are outside) Science has proven!

**Mission of Lutheran Outdoor Ministry:** Welcomes all and provides Christ-centered programs for building faith and life-long relationships in a safe, caring, and fun environment.

**Our values: Faith, Family and Community – Service -Integrity**

**Saturday June 8, 1:15 PM:** Report on the results of the second ballot for Office of Bishop

7 Candidates: All would be asked 2 questions: Why me? Why now?

- 1) Rev. Evangeline Anderson-Rajkamar
- 2) Rev. Tim Graham
- 3) Rev. Jerry O’Neal
- 4) Rev. Adrienne Meier
- 5) Rev. Evelyn Ott
- 6) Rev. Dan Fugate
- 7) Pastor Marty Hampton

**Third Ballet: 7 candidates considered.** Voting took place via phone. 327 registered voting members on the second ballot (196 congregation lay members and 131 Rostered ministers)

The top three candidates (by number of votes) would get a chance to address the attendees.

- **Rev. Tim Graham**
- **Rev. Jerry O’Neal**
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier**

The following (same) questions were asked to each candidate in random order. Summary answers to the questions are provided.

**1) What is your vision for the IK synod for the next 6 years?**

- **Rev. Tim Graham:** Building Unity with Leadership
- **Rev. Jerry O’Neal:** Calling us for stewardship in place (inspire leaders, raising funds)
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier:** Who should I talk to next? Communities are made up of networks

**2) What experiences in your life has prepared you to serve as synod bishop?**

- **Rev. Tim Graham:** “Others have to love you so you can love yourself.” Explanation about his background. Adopted by a white family, problems with addiction and forgiveness by his father (who was a Pastor), led to sobriety and ability to love others.
- **Rev. Jerry O’Neal:** West Point Military Background. Pastor in Muncie, Indiana.
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier:** Served in small and large congregations. Supportive family.

**3) What ideas do you have to initiate, integrate, facilitate, and motivate a more inclusive culture in our synod?**

- **Rev. Tim Graham:** This is hard work! Help broaden what the picture looks like. Continue to invite people to the table.
- **Rev. Jerry O’Neal:** It begins with greeting. Being vulnerable with one another and celebrate who we are, and accepting others for who they are.
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier:** Live at the margins. Jesus calls us to look and not look away. Engage in more opportunities.

**4) What specific steps will this synod take under your leadership as Bishop to identify and develop lay leaders and rostered pastors with the mission and goals for each conference?**

- **Rev. Tim Graham:** Build on Bishop Gafkjen’s leadership. Racial Justice Task Force. Bring people into the synod council and find ways to support them (SAMs)
- **Rev. Jerry O’Neal:** Echo’s Rev. Grahams comments. Look at new and unexplored ways.
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier:** Concerned that past leaders are being asked too much. Make sure that there are lots of opportunities for lay leaders to be involved with synod. Agree with colleagues regarding encouraging and supporting SAMs.

**5) Tell us your favorite story about Jesus and how you use it in your daily life.**

- **Rev. Tim Graham:** The moment on the cross. Here on the cross he says he will remember you (and me) even now.
- **Rev. Jerry O’Neal:** Parable of the prodigal son. The son who was lost is now found. Who is an outsider, but now back home. Your brother was dead and is now alive.
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier:** At the end of Mark’s gospel where Jesus fails to show up. It is an invitation for us to go out and heal the sick and do God’s work.

## 6) How do you balance your self-care in relation to your other responsibilities?

- **Rev. Tim Graham:** Tomorrow I will celebrate 24 years of sobriety. I go to AA once a month and also see my AA counselor. Mostly though, my wife keeps me on track.
- **Rev. Jerry O'Neal:** Honestly this is a real challenge for me. I visit monthly with my spiritual director. I also have 3 big dogs and they walk me ragged. I do exercise regularly: I bike and walk on a treadmill. My wife Amy lets me know if I'm not balanced.
- **Rev. Adrienne Meier:** Good boundaries will save you from things you shouldn't do. You are a beloved child of God. Take the time to make sure my cup is filled.

After all these questions were asked each of the 3 candidates were given 4 minutes each to give their closing remarks on any topic.

**Fourth Ballot: 3 candidates considered.** Voting took place via phone. 317 registered voting members on the fourth ballot. (Required # of votes to win = 191 (60%). Results: Rev. Tim Graham 144, Rev. Adrienne Meier 92, and Rev. Jerry O'Neal 81.

**Immediately Fifth Ballot taken between 2 candidates: Rev. Tim Graham & Rev. Adrienne Meier. Final Ballot Majority of votes win. Rev. Tim Graham won with 206 (out of 316 votes).**

**Rev. Tim Graham became the Bishop Elect and will be installed sometime in October. His Biography is attached for those who would like to see it.**

**6-7pm: Break before Dinner**

**7:00 Celebration Dinner and Program, including the Evening Prayer**

**Sunday June 9, 830 AM: Keynote Presentation #3: "Working Together in Christ"** Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt (Southern Ohio: represents 183 congregations)

Thank you all for staying around. Please note that there is a bag of Lego bricks on each of your tables. Don't do anything with those yet. We will get to it!

God is at work in places we see but also in places we don't see. Isaiah 43, v.18-19. We're waiting and watching come together so that we can do what we have been called to do and that is working together. Working is doing. It is an -ing, an action. No more wondering! Working is building the body of Christ. And working together suggests strength in numbers, no Lone Rangers! I have a bracelet that says: "We are stronger and better together." Our vision is that the gospel is living, invited, and inviting.

- Jesus had a plan: He said "Follow Me". The disciples built each other up. Now the Holy Spirit gives us what we need. Leaders make this happen through the power of the Holy Spirit, whether they be Lay Leaders or Rostered Pastors.
- What obstacles need to be brushed out of the way? What can you do better together, rather than alone? Here are a few suggestions: Pray, committees, community support.
- Think about a Rowing team: Must row together to go forward. Working together is a vision of building relationship. A vision of building for the sake of the gospel and for hope in the potential that exists when we combine our talents.

- 1 Corinthians 12, 12-31 tells us to work together. What part of the body are you? Head, heart, lungs, bladder, butt? All parts need to work together. We also need to look forward and not backwards. When we look back too much, our necks get stuck. Necks are not designed to look backward. The point is that the body works best when it works together. Scripture gives us many examples: Jethro and Moses, Abraham and Sarah, Peter and the loaves of bread and fish, the Friends of the sick man on the roof, Acquia and Pricilla, Jesus sending out 72 men, 2 x 2 to different cities, and don't forget about Team Mary!
- How are we going to embrace this next chapter as a Synod? Where is God's calling? How are you going to get here? Who do you need to bring along? What WORK needs to be done in Faith Communities?
- LEGO EXERCISE: Now I task each Table to Work Together to build the Lego pieces you have been given. After you build yours (about 30 pieces in each), then combine your build with the next table until all the Lego Builds can be combined to give to the New Synod Bishop Tim Graham. This will be the first gift from the I-K Synod.
- I will conclude as you build with this charge: GO! BUILD! BE! WORK! PLAY! EXERCISE!

#### **FINAL ATTENDANCE REPORT: 369 Attendees**

- 196 Lay members
- 131 Rostered members
- 42 Non-voting members

#### **FINAL BUSINESS ITEMS VOTED ON BY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES:**

- Synod Compensation Standards: Rev. Dan Forehand: Recommended 3.2% salary increase as COLA (same as Social Security increase) Approved. Also updated language around sabbaticals and compensation standards defined based on need & experience

For more information, see ELCA.org Website

- Budget Approval: Chris Walda: Budget for 2024: 1.6 million includes 3% raises for staff
- Resolution R2104: Concerning making/approving resolutions at Remote Assemblies

This was adopted, although there was significant discussion and opposition. (See below).

#### **R2104 A Resolution Concerning Resolutions at Virtual Assemblies**

**Whereas** the I-K Synod has made plans to have remote synod assemblies every few years in place of in-person assemblies, and

**Whereas** the discussion and voting on resolutions constitute an important part of many synod assemblies; and

**Whereas** resolutions are often some of the most contested issues voted upon at a synod assemble; and

**Whereas** the opportunity to debate and discuss these resolutions prior to voting is needed to help provide clarity, promote understanding voice concerns, and resolve conflict, and

**Whereas** remote meetings and spaces present challenges for all participants to voice their concerns of for issues with specific aspects of a resolution to be resolved in ways that promote clarity, understanding, and help resolve conflict; and

**Be it resolved** that Synod Council set as a goal for rules for the assembly that no resolution shall be considered or voted upon at remote assemblies unless there is the ability to implement extra measures (such as resolution hearings in advance, as well as breakout rooms for discussion) to ensure adequate opportunity for deliberation and discussion in advance of and during the assembly.

**Be it further resolved** that the Synod Council will investigate the procedures concerning resolutions, and suggest changes that would increase the time necessary for churches and conferences to consider resolutions prior to Synod Assembly.

## **Bishop William Gafkjen Final Report: Part 2**

**“ For all that has been, Thanks. To all that will be, Yes.”** This is a quote from Dag Hammarskjold, former Sec-General of the United Nations who served from 1953-1961, from Sweden. He died at age 56 in a plane crash while serving as the youngest Gen-Sec. of the UN. He left behind a journal that he kept with his thoughts and beliefs and this was one of his sayings. The journal that he kept is published in a book called **“Markings”**. Bishop Gafkjen led with this statement and followed up with the history of his ministry and all the people who were formative in his becoming a Bishop. He thanked his next door neighbor, (who first suggested he should consider the ministry at age 16), his role models, his first intern, his synod staff for 14 years, most of which have been with him the entire time, and ended with this comment: “Synod Ministry is a Team Sport!” Each part working properly builds up the body. Isaiah 43 verses 18-19 are my favorite: “Do not remember the former things nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it will spring forth.” Thank you for all the WOO-HOOs! (he uses this at all the Churches he visits as encouragement like a Greeting or cheer, the same way the military does when on road marches and in Greeting each other). He pledged his support to the new Bishop (Tim Graham), and gave us a preview of his retirement plans: Long walks and short trips, and to see if his golf clubs still work. He ended by singing a song while playing his Ukulele: “Jesus in me, (sung 3 times and on last time sing) “loves you”. We sang with him the second and third times, and ended in a standing ovation in appreciation for his leadership.

### **Sunday June 9, 11:00 AM: Sending Eucharist**

**Bishop Craig Satterlee, Preacher; Bishop Bill Gafkjen, Presider**

**Installation of elected Synod Council Members**

**Benediction and Closing of the Assembly**

### **Summary**

We came away from the Assembly with a greater appreciation and better understanding of what our Synod does and the process of how the ELCA chooses its Bishop. We also felt a greater connection to other Churches who are from Kentucky (Gethsemane Lutheran, Lexington, and Christ Lutheran, Louisville, and St. John Lutheran Church, Louisville). All of the Keynote speakers who were Bishops did an excellent job and their presentations highlighted the 3 salient points of the Assembly: Waiting, Watching, and Working Together in Christ.

We learned about Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and hope that our church can take advantage of some of the opportunities for the wonderful resources these Ministries offer for not only children, but adults. The Outdoor Ministry programs are open year-long and could be a site for a retreat or congregational activity.

We also realized that Faith Church faces the same challenges as the majority of our synod churches: shrinking congregation size, lack of the younger age-group with children joining, and overall decline of financial resources. On the optimistic side, we learned that there are a number of model programs such as with Stewardship, Evangelism, and Outdoor Ministries, that are Synod sponsored and are available for us locally to access. We plan on giving the contact information for all those areas which will help us in our Mission/Ministries.

Being there for the election of a new Bishop was an interesting and rewarding experience. There was an overriding feeling of excitement, as well as anticipation in the selection of our new Bishop. The presentations were excellent and the care and concern of the representatives from other churches were genuine. We learned a lot and hope that as many members of Faith that are able can attend a Synod Assembly in the future. Thank you for allowing us to be Faith's representatives this year, and we hope that others will take advantage and attend when nominated for this essential role in the future.



## Meet Our Bishop-elect:

### Rev. Tim Graham



After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 2007, I received a dual call. The first and primary call was as a redevelopment pastor to Grace Lutheran Church/Light of the Cross (LOTC) in Fort Wayne -- the same church my father was called to in 1976 -- and the second call was to Messiah Lutheran Church as an Associate Pastor.

We built some meaningful community at LOTC. However, sadly, we celebrated the holy closure of LOTC at the end of 2009.

In March 2010, Messiah called me to serve full-time as the Youth and Family Pastor. In 2014, I was called as the Interim Senior Pastor, and then in May 2015, I was unanimously called to Messiah as the Senior Pastor.

Some highlights from 17 years at Messiah include:

- An amazing staff and church leadership that fully supported me several international, domestic, and local mission trips with our youth and one international trip with a couples' group.
- The restructuring of our governance to an "Accountability Model."
- Transitioned preschool to childcare with infant care.
- A \$2.3 million Capital and Building Renovation campaign without any debt.
- A new culture focusing on hospitality to the stranger where "Everyone means anyone, and anyone means everyone."

I was adopted in Iowa as an infant, and named Timothy Mark Graham by my father and mother, the late Rev. Vernon Graham and Ellen Graham, while they were at Wartburg Theological Seminary. I have three sisters, Dawn (Tom) Starks, Kristina Alderdice (deceased, 2016), and Melissa (Stacy) Curry and several nieces and nephews.

My wife Meme (Michelle) and I met in high school and were married in January 1992. We have four adult children -- Sashelle Rose and fiancé Alex Knight, Timothy Graham Jr., Lorraine Graham and husband (Cody) Williamson, and Robert Graham -- and they all reside in Fort Wayne. We also have seven grandchildren -- Jaylen, Maleyah, Michelle, Noelle, Elias, Graham, and Greyson.

Meme and I love traveling, especially to beaches! Our favorite place is the Dominican Republic, and Hilton Head Island is a close second! I also enjoy watching movies (big Marvel fan), smoking BBQ, and reading thriller mystery novels. And I love an array of music. My favorite artists include Luther Vandross, Elvis Presley, Marvin Gaye, and Christopher Cross.

## Revitalizing Our Prayer & Care Team

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, members of our prayer and care team met to talk about ways to expand our ministry of visitation, consolation, and prayer at Faith Lutheran. It has become a cliché, but “covid really did change things” and we are now prayerfully considering ways to conduct ministry in a context of changing expectations, different generational preferences, heightened concerns around medical privacy, greater virtual connectivity, and differing institutional responses to religious communities. At the same time, the prayer and care needs continue to be important to all of us. We ask for your prayers, encouragement, suggestions, and, should God place it upon your heart, your participation in this ministry.

As part of our planning, we are working on plans to resume the regular “sending” of communion on Sundays this fall. If you are interested in receiving home communion visits or would like to be trained as a eucharistic visitor, please contact Pastor Dana or a member of the team.

In Christ,

Pastor Dana, on behalf of the team:

Cindy Heine

Sue Anne Lau

Sherri Greer

Pat Mundt

Pete Gross

David Templar

Carolyn Carden

Sandra Lykins

Jerry Klim



1 Scharlene Austin  
Val Dutcher  
4 Nancy George  
6 Muzzy Hemken  
7 Rebecca Chapman  
12 Jennifer Carey  
13 Jim Conn  
14 Adam Carey  
17 Leslie Hughes  
22 Ford Cornett  
Phyllis Lewis  
25 Lori Ratliff  
29 Tuesday Hadden  
Drew Sorenson  
31 Dottie Cassel  
Miles Johnson

7 Dan & Melody Kazee  
20 Carolyn & Will Holmes  
22 Bert & Gordon Grotrian



## Office Hours



The parish office will be closed, Thursday, July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

**\*\*The parish office will be operating on reduced hours from June 27-July 12. Should you need something, please call and leave a message, as these will be checked when Amanda is able to come in.\*\***

## BUILD Seeking Investments

The members of BUILD's 26 congregations celebrated this year's justice ministry successes recently and made commitments to support our ongoing work in **elder care and transportation**. At Faith, we are seeking more investments and you can help. Between now and August 1, those who wish to invest in the work of BUILD, can make checks to BUILD (with Faith Lutheran in the note line) and put them in the offering plate. The increasing number of donors will be helpful and any amount will be greatly appreciated. Questions? Talk with Barry Neese, Shane Hadden or Richard Heine.

## Thanks & Appreciation

Just a note to say **THANK YOU** for your attendance and support at our recent Lexington Legends baseball event on Friday night, May 31st.

We ended up with **34** Church members/guests and **82** Learning Center families attending!! **Wow!!** No one was happier than I was when I had to go buy **MORE** tickets, because my initial purchase of **80** wasn't **ENOUGH!!**

The visit from "PeeWee", the Legends Mascot, to all of the Learning Center classrooms ... The first pitch thrown by our very own "Miss Haley" ... The double-header in which the Legends won **BOTH** games ... The post-game fireworks display ...

What a wonderful evening and what a great opportunity to "**blend**" our two ministries !!

Appreciate everyone's support! Val Dutcher, Chair – Faith Lutheran Learning Center

## Prayer List

If you would like to be on the prayer list or no longer need to be on the list, please call or email the parish office.

If you would like a pastoral visit or home communion, you may contact Pastor Dana by calling the church office or by email ([pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com))

The prayer/care ministry invites you to join them in connecting with persons on our prayer list. You can volunteer to connect by phone or email, by a personal visit, or by agreeing to add one specific person to your daily prays. Contact Pastor Dana for more information or to become part of this ministry.

### Members of the Parish (ongoing concerns):

Nancy George, John Atkerson, Gary Chastain, Diana Seidel, Pete Gross, Bea Rosenberg, Wayne Schedler, Bette Lawrence, Rebecca Chapman, Bonnie & Cary Chastain, Joe Swanson, Jerry Klim, Diana Erickson and Gary Chastain.

**Friends of the Parish:** Johnson Deshommes, Linda Davis (sister of Barbie Moore), Barbara Babcock (mother of Val Dutcher), the family of Richard Lee (friends of Judy Page and Elaine Billington), Aleisha Hampton, Charla Heersche, Todd Felske, Jim Pinkston, Deb Dury, the Nickou family, Nick Lewis (friend of Judy & Dave McGrew), Don & Colleen Black, Pauline, Bob & Elizabeth Short (friends of the Polnisch family).the family of Ray Sabbatine, the family of Marge Holmes, the family of Miriam David-Brown, Judy Elkins (sister of Carolyn Carden), Jim Price, Donald Woehler (brother in law of Charlie Hamilton) and the family of Lois Steward.

## May Financial Summary

May 2024	Total Income - <u>Month</u>	Total Expense - <u>Month</u>	Actual Total Income Less Actual Total Expense	Total Income - <u>YTD</u>	Total Expense - <u>YTD</u>	Actual Total Income Less Actual Total Expense
Budget Forecast	\$24,935.83	\$34,780.21		\$124,679.15	173,901.05	
<b>Actual</b>	<b>\$31,097.87</b>	<b>\$34,452.83</b>	<b>(\$3,354.96)</b>	<b>\$151,861.66</b>	<b>\$165,498.11</b>	<b>(\$13,636.45)</b>
Variance	\$6,162.04	<b>(\$327.38)</b>	<b>(\$3,354.96)</b>	\$27,182.51	<b>(\$8,402.94)</b>	<b>(\$13,636.45)</b>
%	124.7%	99.1%		121.8%	95.2%	

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