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Dates at a Glance

- † **June 4, 2023**
The Holy Trinity
- † **June 14, 2023**
Flag Day
- † **June 18, 2023**
Father’s Day
- † **June 19, 2023**
Juneteenth

**Office hours for
Faith Lutheran Church:**
Mon. through Thurs.
9AM—2PM

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Letter From Pastor Rita

June, 2023

¹¹ For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29: 11 NRSV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the summer, we look forward in hosting a variety of events that were previously impossible during the cold winter months. We will be able to enjoy the beautiful scenery as we travel along the lakeside and even enjoy a nice hot meal during our outdoor cookouts. It’s going to be a wonderful season filled with adventure!

An ecumenical church picnic will be hosted in July at Sherman Park where we can meet friends from other churches and worship together as one community in Christ. I hope to see many of you there.

I am grateful for each of you and for your presence and involvement at Faith Lutheran Church. I hope and pray for everyone to stay cool in these hot summer months and to enjoy the wonderful weather outside.

The in-person synod assembly at Marquette was successful, with numerous ministers attending from across the synod. I was extremely happy to be alongside the eight members of our congregation during this assembly and grateful for their support. I also had the pleasure of seeing and meeting many people whom I had previously only spoken with over the phone along with new people whom I’ve never known before. Overall, it was an outstanding event.

Our synodical bishop, Bishop Finegan, was reelected for another six years. We congratulate her and wish her the best of luck as she continues to lead our synod for another term.

May the summer be filled with abundant blessings for you.

Your in Christ,
Pastor Rita.

Join us Sundays at 10:30am*
You can watch live on Facebook
* We begin with organ music at 10:20am
<https://www.facebook.com/FaithLC1966>



THE PATHFINDER is the monthly newsletter of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America community at :

**Faith Lutheran Church, 1600 Park Street,
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. (906) 632-7246**

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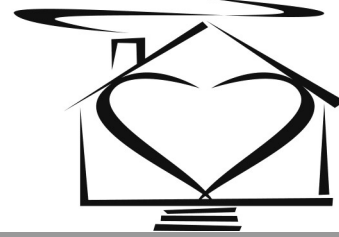
Pastor: Rev. **Rita Chirala**

Church Office:

Rebecca Booth (4 hrs/week only)

Congregational Council: Cathy Tibbett, Wayne Olsen,
Ken Randall, Ben Deatruck, Al Picotte, Marysue Mastey,
and Sandy Lawson.

Homebound MINISTRY



Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated that your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation and give back.

Faith Lutheran Church
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Synod website: nglsynod.org
Denomination website: elca.org

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Online giving is here!

You can now make an electronic contribution
on our website. Just go to our website:

www.faithlutheransaultstemarie.org

Scroll down to just above our videos. There,
you will find a green button that says

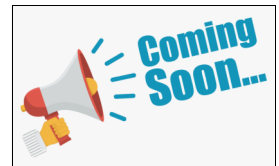
“Online Giving”.

Click that and enter in your information, and
Faith will receive your contribution within 48
hours. The online giving company we went with
(Tithe.ly) is one of the largest and most secure
companies who specialize in online church giv-
ing, so your information is safe and secure. If
you would like any help going over this process,
please call the church office and we would be
happy to help you.





Graduates Class of 2023

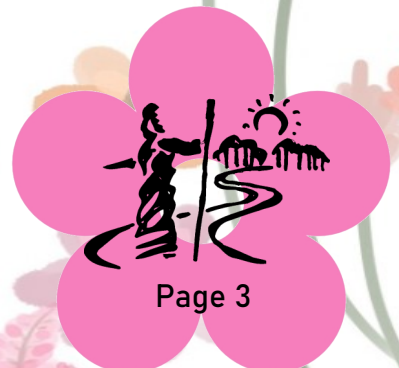


Vacation Bible School
June 26th-29
United Methodist Church
SSM, MI

A New Cohort of Faithful

Innovations

Registration deadline is June 1, 2023 Gain training in listening skills and discerning God's movement in your congregation and neighborhood. Gather a team of 4 to 7 lay people to join your rostered leader or licensed minister and experience the process of Faithful Innovations. The next cohort takes place **June through November**. For more information on Faithful Innovations and to download the flyer for Cohort #5, please [visit our website.](#)





Bill & Joanne Markstrom

06/11/1955 68 years

Bill & Janet Robinson

06/28/1968 55 years

Bill & Nancy Skidmore

06/10/1972 51 years

Debby & Marc Carr

06/11/1983 40 years

Kevin & Jill Weber

06/25/2011 12 years

Anniversaries
to
Celebrate



- 11th Heather Hill
- 12th Barry Levine
- 12th Dixie Picotte
- 13th Adam Mohagen
- 16th Lorraine Cobb
- 17th Kristen Trinkle
- 19th Jennifer Mohagen
- 26th Jill Lawson
- 26th Summer Bachand
- 26th Joy Lake
- 27th Debra Norton
- 27th Alvin Picotte
- 28th Garrett Carr
- 28th Elysha Vincke
- 29th Linnea Kelly

Youth Pop Can
Collection!

A big shout out to The Outreach Ministry team for helping the Washington elementary schools Kid's Closet. We are grateful for all those who contributed to this cause!

We are still collecting pop cans to help support our youth ministry here at Faith. We ask if you bring in pop cans/bottles that they are rinsed and have the lids removed. Thank you

WELCA

will meet on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:30am for bible study, meeting, and meal.



Happy
Father's Day!
June 18th





Letter from the Bishop

~Post Synod Assembly Recap~



Grace and peace to you!

Just a few days ago, we gathered as a Synod at Northern Michigan University. Here is a brief recap with highlights and actions taken.

216 voting members registered along with 50 or so visitors.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity!

- World Hunger: \$23,165.60
- Equipping the Saints Endowment Ministry: \$2344.00 (reflects an additional designated gift)
- Youth Gathering 2024: \$2244.00

BIG BEAR AND BREAD BASKET AWARDS

Big Bear Awards: to Bethany, Escanaba and to the Copper Country "Let's Eat" program.
Bread Basket: to Penny Streeter of Messiah, Marquette.

RESOLUTIONS OF NOTE

1. Given our changed financial reality and the desire for funding for Synod ministry projects, we voted to rescind a 2017 Resolution that established a policy that any funds in excess of \$150,000 be sent on to our Churchwide partners.
2. At Synod Assembly 2023, 31.3% of the voting members were clergy. This is well within the parameters required by our constitution that at least 60% of voting members be of the laity. However, the time may come in the future when the combined voting members of retired and serving clergy exceeds 40%. A resolution was passed to ensure the constitution requirement of at least 60% lay voting members at future synod assemblies. Know that for the foreseeable future, the 20 – 25 or so retired clergy who register will receive both voice and vote.
3. We passed a deficit budget.
Approved the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2024.

NEXT YEAR

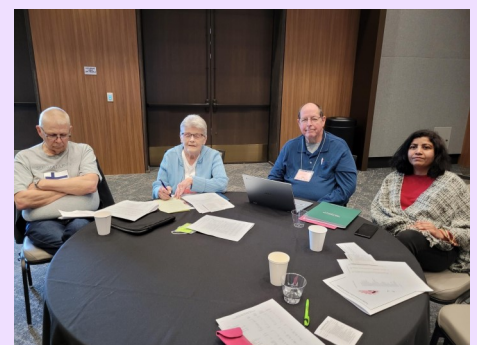
Synod Assembly 2024 will be Conference-based hybrid. Voting members and visitors will meet at a host church in your conference and we will be connected through Zoom. In anticipation of Synod Assembly 2025, please set aside the additional funds that will be needed to support your voting members and pastoral leaders for an in-person assembly.

It was wonderful to be together! I heard over and over again that people valued being in person. The worship, the conversations, the witness of how we are church together was both moving and meaningful. As the next six years begin, the synod council will meet for a visioning retreat in June to help clarify our goals and give direction. We pray for the Spirit's guidance as we discern next steps and future efforts.

Thank you again for privilege of serving as your bishop. We move forward in faith, together.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan



Faith Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

April 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Tibbett at 7:05 P.M

Members Present: Cathy Tibbett, Pastor Rita Chirala, Ken Randall, Sandy Lawson, Wayne Olsen, Marysue Mastey

Members Absent: Will Karr unexcused, Ese Osumili unexcused.

Devotions: Cathy Tibbett May Devotions: Ben Deatrck

Minutes: Ken made a motion to accept the minutes of March 21, 2023. Ben seconded. Motion carried.

Council Meeting: Tuesday May 18, 2023 at 7 P.M.

Old Business:

A: Synod Assembly May 18-20, 2023 at NMU in Marquette, Michigan. Pastor Rita and delegates Cynthia Wright and Joy Lake will attend. Cathy Tibbett and Ken Lake are also attending.

B: Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop will be a Guest Preacher on April 23, 2023.

C: Financial audit completed by Steve Rogers

New Business

A: Girl Scout Troop 5350 requested to use the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoons .Marysue made a motion to approve the request. Sandy seconded. Motion passed

B: UP Wild Hike is Saturday May 13, 2023 at Tahquamenon Falls. Information about the hike will be sent to the congregation via email.

C: David Erfourth requested to use the Sanctuary on August 8,2023 6PM-9PM for the Hiawathland Chorus Concert. Ben made a motion to approve the request. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

D: David Erfourth requested to become a Associate Member of Faith. Cathy made a motion to accept. Ben seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Rita gave her Pastors report.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: 4 young people where Confirmed on Easter Sunday April 9, 2023 and a nice reception followed. 6 Sunday school students attended on Easter Sunday. Weekly Lenten soup supper and Lenten Bible study of **JESUS** last words was well attended. VBS will be at Central Methodist Church July 24-27, 2023.

Come to the Table: Congratulations to Cathy Tibbett for passing the Safe Server certificate for the kitchen.

Campus Ministry: No Report.

Endowment: \$1600.00 withdrawn to pay Alberts Heating for the repair of the blower motor on the boiler.

Fellowship: Easter Breakfast was a great success. Thank you to Dr. Craig Flickinger and Ashley for making the pancakes and the Fellowship committee for the cake and other food.

Financial Report: Wayne presented income and expenditures.

Membership: No Report.

Memorial: The Memorial Committee supported Faiths benevolence to the Synod with a gift of \$2000.00 . Cathy made a motion to accept. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

Outreach: The Annual Outdoor Service and Picnic at Sherman Park is July 16, 2023. A meeting with the participating churches will be later in May. Outreach to Washington School K-1st Kids Closet. Tags will be posted on a board in the Narthex of items needed.

Property: Circulation motor for the boiler was repaired.

Staff Support: No Report.

Stewardship: No Report.

WELCA: No Report.

Worship and Music: A written report was presented. June 6, 2023 at 5:30PM is the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ken to accept the committee reports including the pastors' report. Ben seconded. Motion carried.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn. Ben seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Lawson, Council Secretary



Financial Report

January 2023- May 2023

Faith Lutheran Church Income & Expenses Thru April 30, 2023

	Apr-23	Apr-22	Apr-23	Net Activity
		Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Over (Under) Budget
General Fund Revenue	\$ 20,227.89	\$ 48,870.61	\$ 48,931.00	\$ 503.61
Expenses	\$ 34,286.17	\$ 33,805.01	\$ 60,849.00	\$ (2,843.99)
Operating Revenue				
Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 3,941.29	\$ 15,065.60	\$ (12,918.00)	\$ 1,433.60
Total Other Non Operating				
Revenue	\$ (1,598.17)	\$ 1679.73	\$ -	\$ (679.32)
Other Non Operating				
Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (2,853.01)	\$ -	\$ (2,053.00)
Balance with Non operating:	\$ 1,343.12	\$ (2,755.11)	\$ (12,948.00)	\$ 1,792.89

Note: Our Expenses are approximately \$4,100 to \$7,500 more than our Revenue each month.

Note from the Church Treasurer –

Thank you to everyone for your contributions through the end of May. We appreciate everyone staying up to date and we are able to pay most of our bills on time. Thank you!

THANK YOU!



JUNE

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 Job 38:1-11 2 Job 38:12-21 3 Job 38:22-38

4 **The Holy Trinity**

Worship
10:30AM

5 Job 38:39-39:12

Quilting 1PM

6 Job 39:13-25
Yoga 9:30AM

Worship & Music Council Meeting 6pm

7 Job 39:26—40:5

WELCA
10:30AM

Choir Practice
6PM

8 Lamentations 1:7-11

Yoga 9:30AM

9 Lamentations 3:40-58

10 Exodus 34:1-9

11 **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship
10:30AM

12 Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9

Quilting 1PM

13 Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2

Yoga 9:30AM

14 Hosea 14:1-9

15 Exodus 4:18-23

Yoga 9:30AM

16 Exodus 4:27-31

17 Exodus 6:28—7:13

18 **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship
10:30AM

19 Joshua 1:1-11

Quilting 1PM

20 1 Samuel 3:1-9

Yoga 9:30AM

Council Meeting
7PM

21 Proverbs 4:10-27

22 Jeremiah 18:12-17

Yoga 9:30AM

23 Jeremiah 18:18-23

24 Jeremiah 20:1-6

25 **4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Worship
10:30AM

26 Micah 7:1-7

Quilting 1PM

27 Jeremiah 26:1-12

Yoga 9:30AM

28 Jeremiah 38:1-13

29 Jeremiah 25:1-7

Yoga 9:30AM

30 Jeremiah 25:8-14



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