



# Faith Abounds!

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## May 2024 – From the Pastor’s Desk

As I write this, I am at the Bishop’s Convocation at Seabeck Conference Center. The weather is beautiful and so are the views – water, trees, sunlight; what’s not to like?! This year’s theme calls for courageous conversations, as we are headed into a polarized election. How do we as Christians respond to the political polarization we are experiencing?

Our speakers for this convocation are speaking on Christian Nationalism. It's a topic I would prefer not to talk about because of its polarization. But it is important to understand what we mean when we say Christian Nationalism, and not assume those we are talking with hold the same understanding. One of our presenters is a PLU professor, specializing in church history, shared the history of Christian Nationalism going back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, including the Civil War era. We reflected on Scripture and the way Jesus opposed the systems which oppressed the people. He did not call for retaliation, but a change that honored the dignity of humanity, grounded in God’s love for all people.

What I wonder, and ask you to consider is how can we hold in tension opposing views without judgment? Can we listen with an open mind? We are all God’s people – called to love all people, including those we disagree with, and even those we consider our enemy. As we journey through this election season, I ask you to pray for your enemies – for God’s protection and love for them and all people.

Pastor Pam

## Readings for May

May 5-- Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 12-- Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 19-- Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26--Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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*(Please note office hours may vary)*

**Sunday Morning Worship:**

*10:30am- Worship Service (online and in person)*

Dear Faith Family,

I want to thank you all for reaching out to me with cards, calls, love and your prayers during my surgery. The recovery has been a lot more than I planned on, but I am feeling better and getting stronger each day. Still have a ways to go according to my doctor and it will be a while before I am back to normal.

You all have been a blessing to me and want you all to know how much you have helped and mean to me.

Thank you and God Bless you all,

Ella

HAPPY  
*Mother's Day*

Faith Lutheran Church

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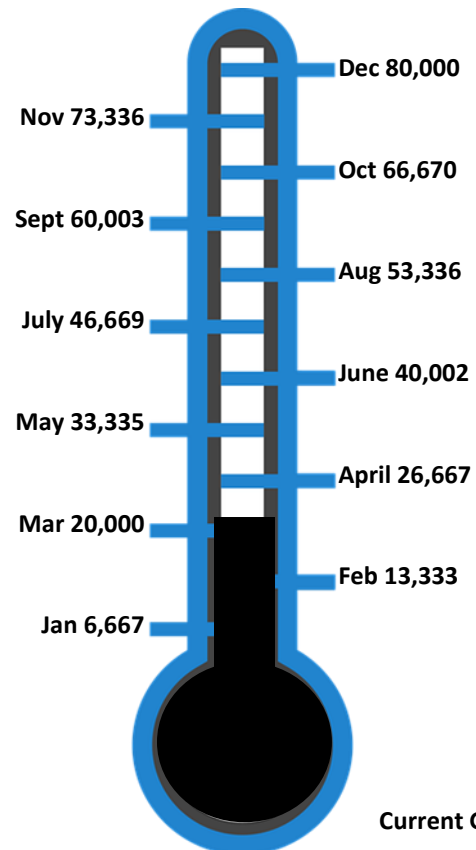
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Council minutes are available in the office: if you would like them emailed to you, call or email the office.

**Contributions To Date 2024**

**(Yearly Goal \$80,000)**



Current Giving



## **Council Notes May 2024**

During the Call Meeting held on April 7, 2024, the congregation voted to call Rev. Pam Karas as Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church and increasing her compensation to meet the ELCA guidelines for a half time pastor.

During the Annual Congregational Meeting held on April 7, 2024, the congregation voted on a plan for the use of the proceeds from the sale of 701 Madison St. The congregation has decided to pay off the mortgage, replace the roof of the Fellowship Hall (it is 25 years old), replace the furnace at the back of the sanctuary (it is 40 years old) , make a charitable donation to the Synod, and invest a portion of the remaining assets in funds selected for their safety and best interest rates.

The Faith Community Dinners on Tuesdays are serving each week between 160 and 200 meals. Our volunteers have fun together while working very hard planning the meals, collecting the ingredients, cooking the food, filling the to-go containers, packaging everything in brown bags, and handing them out to our guests. We serve elderly and disabled adults as well as many families with children.

Wishing you a lovely spring!

Holly

### **Faith Family Village Stats**

April 17 was the end of our first 90 day stay cycle at the Village.

# of families moved in = 11

# of families moved out = 5

# of families presently at Village = 6

Number of children = 15

Number of adults = 14

# who've gotten employment = 7

# in adult education = 2



# Serving us in Worship for May


May Deacon—Russell




<b>Assisting Minister (Reader)</b> May 5—Ginny W. May 12—Paul May 19—Jennifer May 26—Andrea Hookey	<b>Ushers</b> May 5—Karen May 12—Ella May 19—Roger May 26—Karen	<b>Offering Counters</b> May 5—Jennifer/Susan May 12—Nancy/Susan May 19—Andrea/Roger May 26—Jennifer/Holly
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<b>Streamer</b> May 5—Jennifer May 12—Roger May 19—Jennifer May 26—Jennifer	<b>Altar Guild</b> May 5—Susan May 12—Susan May 19—Susan May 26—Susan	<b>Coffee Hosts</b> May 5—Ella May 12—Andrea May 19—Ginny W. May 26—Nancy
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**May Birthdays**




Happy Birthday to...



6—Susan  
22—Kirik  
24—Janie

**Please continue to hold the following friends in prayer....**



*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.*  
2 Thess 1:3

We pray for our friends and family who are sick, have loved ones who have passed, or those in need of comfort.

*If you have prayer concerns please contact Pastor Pam at 425-870-5335 or the church office at 425-353-4758. For the confidential prayer chain: contact Ella at (425) 231-2072 or email: [getuininga@gmail.com](mailto:getuininga@gmail.com)*

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