

Faith Lutheran Church



Newsletter



We know that God has always lifted up the children. We hear it in verses that tell us what the kingdom of heaven is like, or when Jesus says “let the little children come”, or even in the Psalms we are reminded that children are a blessing to God. But did you know that one of the many names for God is “child”? In Hebrew, *yeled* תָּלַד - or in the Greek *Pais* παῖς

The times we picture God as a child usually stop shortly after Christmas. We are comfortable picturing the image of the Christ child, with God as an infant within the setting of the nativity that has become so familiar to us. But quickly after the Christmas season the child-God gets packed away with the ornaments and light strings and we lose this beautiful namesake for God. Meanwhile I think this springtime is the perfect time to call on God by the name of child.

Imagine a God who plays in the neighborhood, park, or playground inviting new friends to all play. Imagine a God who uses the rainy days as an opportunity to make potions in mud puddles. Or a God who bravely waits their turn for the first aid kit, because they are still learning how to properly slide onto base. Imagine a God whose laughter echoes from behind the bushes where they have gone investigating or are trying to hide. Imagine a God who calls out from a precariously high tree branch saying “look how high I went!”, or who proudly asks “did you see my

dive?!” after the world’s loudest belly-flop. Imagine a God who plays jump rope and baseball, who creates recess games and spring experiments. Imagine a God who misses the bus because there was a really cool line of ants that caught their attention first.

God does not just love and cherish children, but God is a child. With all the strength of emotion, the volume of giggles and tears, the curiosity and bravery. Maybe this month, or this season we can invite a little more of the child God into our lives. To let ourselves enjoy a part of each day or allow the time for the things we love. Maybe we can call upon the name of Pais - God as child - to give us a reason to smile and have confidence in ourselves.

This month, I hope you take time to play and wonder. I hope you find some joy or even a bit of silliness. I hope you re-engage with the world around you in ways that are exciting. I hope you are filled with bravery and enjoy the spring with our beloved child-God.

Yours In Christ,

Pr. Niki Harwell

Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 19, 2024

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

Present: Kathy Quirk, Jordan Krey, David Krey, Marcus Hansen, Bill Mayo, Donna Flynn, Coreen Nash, Jeanne Minasian, Cathy Heath, Sarah Kelleher, Pr. Niki

Absent:

7:00pm: Welcome and Opening prayer

- Welcome: <President>
- Opening prayer: <Jeanne Minasian>
Council Meetings: Opening/Closing Prayer Sign-Up

7:10pm: Approve Consent Agenda and prior meeting minutes - Moved: Bill, Approved

- Prior meeting minutes
 - Council Meeting Feb 27, 2024 - Minutes DRAFT
- Financial Secretary's Report
 - February 2024 report.xlsx
- Treasurer's Report
 - FLC Feb 2024 Financials.pdf
- Pastor's Report
 - Pastor's Report - February 26, 2024 - March 18, 2024
- Worship and Music Report
 - Did not meet in March
- Garden Committee
 - Faith Garden Committee Minutes 3-3-24.docx
- Property
 - Property report for 3/19/2024
- WELCA
 - WELCAMarch2024.docx
- Christian Ed
 - Christian Ed - March 24

7:20pm: Approve Business Agenda - Moved: Bill, Approved

7:20pm: Secretary to review Council members/terms - Jordan

- Dan Leone's term expired in Jan 2024

- **Note to congregation:** Council Letter - Dan's Term Ending
- **Updated format:** 2024 Council Members
- **Action:** Jordan and Pr. Niki will review election minutes from prior years and offer amendments to be reviewed at the next annual meeting.

7:33pm: Our role as leaders of the congregation - Donna

7:40pm: Office Admin's vacation and tech request - Donna

- **Motion:** to increase vacation time for Office Administrator from 2 weeks paid per year to 4 weeks paid per year. **Moved, Donna. Approved**

8:03pm: Direct King Family Trust funds of \$1500

- **Motion:** \$750 of these funds for the purchase of a desktop for the office administrator and \$750 be put to council discretionary or future disbursements. **Moved, Bill: Approved**

8:05pm: Property Committee update

- Council will need to accept funding from the Quincy community preservation
- Follow-up on historical listing stipulations: Effects-of-Listing-6-12.pdf
- From Dan:
 - The money won't be released until mid June or July! No action is necessary as of yet but I will inquire to the director this week and

let you know so you can report to the council!

8:10pm: Faithful Reserves / Garden Committee

8:25pm: Important Upcoming Dates:

- March
 - 3/24 - Palm Sunday
 - 3/28 - Maundy Thursday @ 7pm
 - 3/29 - Good Friday @ 7pm
 - 3/30 - Decorate for Easter
 - Worship and Music
 - Marcus and Bill will setup the cross
 - 3/31 - Easter
 - Breakfast 8:30am
 - Dan has a list of items to bring in and will send it to Maura for the Newsletter and bulletin
 - Egg Hunt 9:00am
 - Service 10:00am
- April
- May
 - 5/5 - Social Ministry's Potluck
 - 5/18 - Council Retreat?
 - 10-2pm
- <Add dates from monthly calendar>Church Tasks Monthly Calendar
- **Good Shepherd collaboration events**

8:30pm: Action items review

8:35pm: Closing Prayer: <Jeanne Minasian>

Suggested future council topics:

- \$750 be put to council discretionary or future disbursements.
- Council will need to accept funding from the Quincy community preservation

Suggested future council retreat topics:

- Mutual Ministry
- New Bishop/ELCA

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Donna Flynn

Vice President: Kathy Quirk

Secretary: Jordan Krey

Treasurer: Bill Mayo

Marcus Hansen, Cathy Heath, Sarah Kelleher, David Krey, Jeanne Minasian & Coreen Nash

Calling all graduates!

If you (or a family member) is graduating from high school, college, or beyond this Spring - please let us know! Please submit to the church office the name of the graduate, where they are graduating from, degree (if applicable), and what plans they have. We want to celebrate!

Headed to Calumet?

Who's going to camp this summer? We know that several students are headed to Lake Ossipee to enjoy a week, two, or more at the ELCA summer camp - Camp Calumet. We'd like to collect a list of who is going to camp and which weeks they will be there. Please let the church office know if someone in your family is headed to camp!

Scholarship/Loan Applications

Post-high school scholarship/student loan applications are available by clicking [Here](#)
Applications are due back June 1.

Faith Garden Committee



Spring Clean-up

By the time this newsletter goes out we will have finished our initial Spring Clean-up of our landscape and garden areas. **A BIG THANK YOU** goes out to those who joined us on Sunday, April 21st. From helping with coffee hour, raking, weeding and tree cutting so much got done-

John & Joyce Keyes, Larry Johnson, Ray Coughlin, Chris Coughlin, Dan Leone, Cathy Heath, Raija Nieminen, Donna Chapman, Anneli Johnson, Karen Lindquist, Pastor Niki, Deborah Harvell, Donna Flynn, Gail Scottron, Bill Swanson & Jeanne Minasian.

Our committee is observing “NO MOW MAY” in support of our early bees and pollinators. So, the lawn will get mowed in early June. This will not only help the pollinators but conserve energy and water while waiting.

No bushes are trimmed or cut without prior committee approval. We are trying to establish softer lines from our flowering shrubs.

We are meeting regularly to keep up with the demands of the season and recent memorial requests. We welcome your financial support as we are beginning the process of creating a

Garden Fund for future work and care of our space. You can add a donation to the watering can in the church area or send a check to the office with Garden Fund on the memo line.

With dirty hands of thanks,

Garden Committee – Joyce, Larry, Donna H. Donna C, Anneli, Karen, Ray, Raija, Linda & Jean

Stewardship

Special Offerings

We will be collecting the following special offerings in May

5– Neighbors at the Table

19– Danner Music Scholarship

WELCA

WELCA At Work!

At the April meeting we packaged gingerbread cookies and wrote messages of thanks to the troops. We collected \$350 to donate to Ginger Betty's for shipping. Ginger Betty's provided the cookies and shipping materials as well as some candy treats. Each box contained 30 cookie packs with 2 cookies in each pack as well as our written thanks. It was a rewarding experience!



Biographies of PreIdentified Persons now available



The next phase of the bishop election process is the availability of biographical information on those whose names were submitted, and who agreed to allow their names to go forward. You may find those biographies linked here as well as other pertinent information relating to the election. All other items related to the assembly may be found here; all attendees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the information.

Next WELCA Meeting May 14 at 7:00pm

Trivia From the Archives!

April Question: On July 8, 1952, the city of Quincy paid Trinity Lutheran Church of Quincy for land that was taken by eminent domain in 1949. What was the reason the land was taken back? Bonus Question: How much was paid?

April Answer: They needed to widen Roberts Street as cars were now more common than pedestrian traffic.

Bonus Answer: \$165.33

May Question: *By the numbers, can you fill in the reported numbers from the year 1955?* The average worship attendance has increased from 154 to (A). Evening worship attendance dropped to an average of (B). And Sunday School enrollment remained steady at (C).



Jacquelyn Keyes	5-1
Erik Mayo	5-1
Kate Baldi	5-7
Donna Mayo	5-8
Julie French	5-12
Jack Mayo	5-12
Adam Krey	5-18
Samantha Keyes	5-20

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J. S. Hille
Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Chylerian A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Join us!
25th Annual Mulligan Tournament
A Second Chance for Homeless Veterans
Friday, June 14th, 2024
8:00 AM

Purchase Tickets and Sponsorships

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