



Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * July 2026



Founded on Biblical Truth

As we celebrate this historic anniversary, it is worth remembering that America's founders were not only brilliant statesmen, but men deeply influenced by biblical truth. While they studied the great civilizations of Greece and Rome, they understood that our rights did not come from kings, governments, or legislatures. They came from God. That conviction is woven throughout the Declaration of Independence. In the very first paragraph, our founders appeal to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." In the final paragraph, they express their "firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence." And at the heart of the declaration stands the sentence that has guided our nation for 250 years:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Those words changed the world. They established a revolutionary idea—that every human being possesses inherent dignity because each person is created in the image of God. Our liberties are not granted by government; they are gifts from our Creator. This truth has inspired generations of Americans to defend freedom, pursue justice, and preserve the blessings of liberty for their children and grandchildren. Earlier this year, my wife and I were honored to participate in a gathering on the National Mall where thousands of Americans came together to pray, worship, and thank God for His faithfulness to our nation. It was a powerful reminder that despite our challenges, millions of Americans still believe that our future is brightest when we seek God's guidance and blessing.

Continuing Our National Challenge

You may have heard the story of Benjamin Franklin emerging from the Constitutional Convention in 1787. When asked what form of government the delegates had created, Franklin reportedly replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

For 250 years, generations of Americans have accepted that responsibility. Farmers, teachers, pastors, parents, soldiers, business owners, and public servants have all played a role in preserving the American experiment. Today, that responsibility belongs to us.

One of my favorite places in Washington, D.C., is the Lincoln Memorial. On its walls are engraved some of Abraham Lincoln's most important words. In his Second Inaugural Address, delivered as the Civil War was drawing to a close, Lincoln repeatedly pointed the nation back to God. Despite the immense suffering of that era, he reminded Americans that "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

Lincoln understood something that remains true today: National strength ultimately depends upon moral and spiritual strength. A nation cannot remain free if it loses the virtues that sustain its freedom. For freedom is not merely inherited; it must be understood, cherished, and stewarded. Every generation is called to preserve the blessings it has received and pass them on to those who follow.

This is why the work of strengthening families remains so important. Strong families produce responsible citizens. Responsible citizens sustain free institutions. And free institutions preserve liberty.

The founders understood this connection. They knew that self-government requires self-discipline, moral character, and faith. These are values first learned in homes, churches, and communities.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we should certainly enjoy the parades, fireworks, and family gatherings. We should thank God for the extraordinary blessings He has bestowed upon our nation. We should honor the generations who sacrificed to secure and preserve our freedoms. But we should also ask ourselves what kind of nation we will leave to those who follow us.

Will our children and grandchildren know the truths that guided our founders? Will they understand that freedom is a gift worth protecting? Will they have the courage to stand for faith, family, and truth in their own generation? I believe they can.

Borrowed from: Gary Bauer, Dr. James Dobson Family Institute





Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Communion Servers	Power Point	Ushers
5th: Roderick 12th: Mars 19th: Candy 26th: Candy	5th: Bill 12th: David M. 19th: Mike 26th: Lorna	5th: Diane S. 12th: Karla 19th: Kandie 26th: Freddericka	5th: Mars 12th: Candy 19th: Bill 26th: Mike	5th: Annie 12th: Gina 19th: TBD 26th: Karla
Attendance	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sound	Live Stream/Video
5th: Joanne 12th: Shirley 19th: Pat O. 26th: Diane M.	5th: Walli 12th: Dave F. 19th: Bev 26th: Walli	5th: Mars & Debbie 12th: Mars & Diane 19th: Kandie & Debbie 26th: Kandie & Diane	5th: Madeline 12th: Madeline 19th: Madeline 26th: Madeline	5th: Maddie 12th: Maddie 19th: Maddie 26th: Maddie

ENDOWMENT BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Endowment Board has given three \$1,000 scholarships for the school year 2026-2027. We have restricted funds (i.e. for those going into teaching) and unrestricted funds (i.e. for those going into other fields of study).

The first goes to Jackson Paschall, the grandson of Bill Brauer, who plans to attend California State University of San Marcos this Fall.

The second is for Roderick Sinclair, who plans to attend Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary to become a deacon.

The third is for Mami Brunah Aro Sandaniaina, who is attending Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary to become a pastor.

I want to thank the members of the board: Connie Gibson, Freddericka Bradshaw, Sandy Chandler, Karla Kadow and council liaison, Pat Adams, for their dedicated work and discernment.

If you want to give money to the board, in addition to the scholarships, we give money to other needy causes (i.e. disaster relief, shelters of domestic violence, etc).

-David Moe, Chair of the Endowment Fund Board



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

July 2	Betty Heiling
July 3	Joyce Stromberg
July 4	Ruth Maser
July 9	Susan Brauer
July 11	Cody Meckler
July 16	Freddericka Bradshaw
July 16	Rich Chandler
July 18	Rose Thompson
July 25	Pat Adams
July 26	Lynn Bennett



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

July 4, 2000	Milton & Ruth Maser
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If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!



Hunger Never Rests!

**The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard
is in need of **small jars of Peanut Butter** for July!**

Most of us have not experienced food insecurity, but many locally do experience it, both seniors and families. Let's remind ourselves to do all we can to help those in need here in Menifee! As you are able, be Christ in action, add the monthly item to your shopping list and add it to the collection bin by mailboxes!

FINANCIAL REPORT

May 31, 2026

1. Comments

- a. May 2026 Member giving above budget by 8.27%. YTD Member giving below budget by 4.58%.
- b. Expenses continue below budget. While we budgeted for a half-time Pastor (currently vacant), our Pastoral expenses continue to include payment for Supply Pastors only during the Call processes.
- c. While our overall budget will likely run a surplus due to the low Pastoral Expenses, **the Congregation should pay attention to Member Giving as a measure of our overall financial health.** It is possible that we would continue to see monthly surpluses even as Member Giving runs under budget. If so, this would result in an unhealthy trend that could adversely affect our Church once we fill our vacant Pastoral position.

2. Financials Review

- a. **Offering Envelopes**
 - i) **For the month**, above budget at 108.27% (\$11,972 vs \$11,058).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 95.42% (\$52,757 vs \$55,288).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, above budget at 117.01% (\$18,106 vs \$15,474).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 167.21% (\$167,187* vs \$99,985).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, below budget at 93.39% (\$16,973 vs \$18,174).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 88.32% (\$80,031 vs \$90,618).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$1,133 vs the expected deficit of \$2,700.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$87,156 vs the expected surplus \$9,367.
- e. **Bank balances**
 - i) **Total Balance at Month-end** is \$678,378.20.
 - (1) Provident Bank General Checking - \$187,031.74
 - (2) US Bank General Checking – \$717.46
 - (3) US Bank Property Sale - \$247,411.61
 - (4) ELCA FCU Savings - \$33.26
 - (5) ELCA FCU Property Sale CD1 – \$87,455.99
 - (6) ELCA FCU Pastor Reserve Fund CD - \$80,825.31
 - (7) ELCA FCU Property Sale CD2 - \$64,856.69
 - (8) Thrivent Bank CD - \$10,046.14
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$740,596.81.

*Includes gifts from Jan Williams Estate: FLC General Fund-\$66,406.48, FLC Endowment-\$66,406.47, WELCA-\$14,757; Trinity Lutheran, Hemet-\$18,000.

3. Property Sale Funds by Bank Account:

US Bank Savings Account	\$245,000.00
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ELCA Federal Credit Union CD1	\$86,264.00
ELCA Federal Credit Union CD2	\$64,407.11
Total Property Sale Funds	\$395,671.11

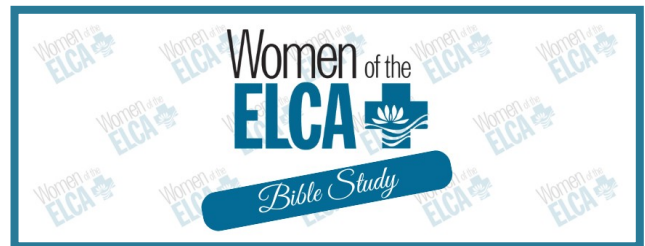
4. Council Approved Items/Projects Completed in May:

- Popcorn Machine** – approved purchase of a popcorn machine & cart for Fellowship & Outreach events.
- Trimmed Junipers** – approved trimming of the juniper bushes along the Fellowship Hall & debris removal.
- Laptop for use during events and meetings** – approved purchase of a laptop for Fellowship events such as Bingo, movie matinees, Outreach events, memorial service photo slide shows, etc.

Submitted by Madeline Puccio, Treasurer

Come Explore Scripture With Us!

*a ministry of Women of the
ELCA (WELCA)



All of us are called to be in a relationship with and know God. What have you done to understand the nature and love of God, and of His son Jesus Christ? A key way to do that is to study His Word, the Bible. Studying with other believers can be more enlightening and helpful than reading Scripture alone. Here at Faith, WELCA gives you opportunities to study God's Word in a community of believers, a safe space to question, learn and grow.

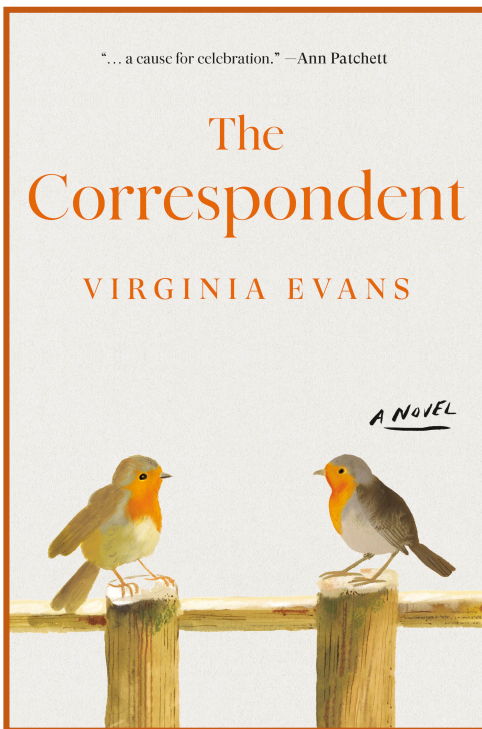
- **Mary's Circle** uses studies from Gather Magazine. The study for June, July and August is "I am Worthy", a concept many of us struggle with. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month (**July 8th**) at 10:00am.

Come when you can and let's grow in faith together! All are welcome.



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the WELCA "Soak up the Son" Fundraiser a success! We were able to raise \$2,252 for the Menifee Community Cupboard and collected about 170 items for the Cupboard's food bank.

Thank you to Thrivent who provided several Action Cards to cover the food, decorations and gift basket wrapping supplies.



Meniffee Reads! (a book club) is reading "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans.

Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.

Sybil Van Antwerp has throughout her life used letters to make sense of the world and her place in it. Most mornings, around half past ten, Sybil sits down to write letters—to her brother, to her best friend, to the president of the university who will not allow her to audit a class she desperately wants to take, to Joan Didion and Larry McMurtry to tell them what she thinks of their latest books, and to one person to whom she writes often yet never sends the letter.

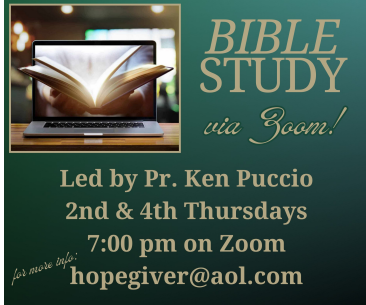
Sybil expects her world to go on as it always has—a mother, grandmother, wife, divorcee, distinguished lawyer, she has lived a very full life. But when letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life, she realizes that the letter she has been writing over the years needs to be read and that she cannot move forward until she finds it in her heart to offer forgiveness.

Sybil Van Antwerp's life of letters might be "a very small thing," but she also might be one of the most memorable characters you will ever read.

All are welcome to join Meniffee Reads!

July 15th at 7:00pm | July 16th at 2:00pm

The Gospel of John



When John wrote his gospel, he planned it so that people reading it will understand and believe that Jesus was God's Messiah and that it is through Him alone that we can achieve salvation.

Jesus' "I Am" statements portray the Savior to us with analogies we can understand. They correspond to Jesus' miracles. In our last class, Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth then announced that He is "the Light of the World."

Our Zoom class is easy to find. Contact me at hopegiver@aol.com to obtain the log in information. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Menifee National Night Out



Menifee National Night Out is coming Tuesday, August 4, 2026 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm and will be held at Audie Murphy Ranch Sports Park!

Faith's Outreach team will have a booth at the event. Backpacks are given out to the first 500 kids and all participating organizations hand out some type of school supplies to help fill the backpack. We will use a Thrivent card for the erasers we are committed to hand out.

Additionally, we will hand out lots of flyers on events at Faith that will resonate with this family-friendly population. We will have 2 shifts at the booth (setup w/ 4-6:30pm and 6:45-9:00pm w/take down) with at least 3 people in the booth at all times. We will have more information and signup for the booth in the next couple of weeks.



God's work. Our hands.**September 13
2026**

God's Work Our Hands is coming up...September 13th! Your Outreach Team has chosen the San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus (men's shelter) to be the recipient of our church day of service. The items needed are as follows:

Single-use razors

Toothbrushes

Travel toothpaste

Deodorant

Small size shaving cream

Gallon-size slider zip lock bags

Laundry detergent pods (any brand, any size)

We will begin collecting these items soon! Our goal is to have 100 of each item, so we can help 100 men! A box will soon be available in the Narthex for your donations, as well as more information.

We will assemble the hygiene kits on Sunday, September 13th after our church service.

Please join together to do God's work with our hands!

Happy 102nd Birthday to Edna Darby!

Kandie Hulme and Debbie Ehrig took Edna to her favorite all-you-can-eat buffet for a fun time of celebration!!

Everyone sang "Happy birthday" and Edna was given a special dessert!



Donation Drop Location at Faith!

Share on Facebook and Help Spread the Word!

The next Donation Drop Off day is Saturday, **June 6th, from 9:00 – 12:00**. On the first Saturday each month we are open from 9-12 noon, and the public has access to drop off contributions. We are accepting donations of:

- ❖ **(new)** homemade blankets (for Project Linus)
- ❖ eyeglasses (for Lions Club)
- ❖ used towels and blankets (**no batting**) (for Animal Friends of the Valley)
- ❖ gently used or new shoes (for Soles4Soles)
- ❖ Non-perishable food items (for Meniffee Community Cupboard)
- ❖ 100% cotton fabric (for Snip 'N Stitch quilts made by Faith Lutheran Church)

There is a 2026 signup sheet in the Narthex for helpers. We need 2 people to be on site each Donation Day to accept donations. (it's a pretty easy job and you can sit most of the time)

Please share the information with friends and neighbors. Flyers are available in the narthex.

Project ♥ Linus



Providing
Security
Through
Blankets



SOLES4 SOULS



Exciting changes are happening with the Project Linus Blanket Brigade!

Beginning on Sunday, July 5 you can check out a fleece blanket to take home and knot at home as you have time. No trying to squeeze another thing into your calendar. Complete the knot tying at home while watching TV, and bring the completed blanket in the following week. Only one blanket can be checked out at a time. When returning the blanket, it must be checked back in. Instructions will be provided.

Checkout starts on Sunday, July 5 after the worship service!

FOOD WITH FRIENDS

JULY 22

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY JULY 22
5:00PM - 6:30PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



saturdays are for bingo!

**July 18th
October 17th
3:00 - 5:00**

**Faith Lutheran Church
28200 Portsmouth Dr.
Menifee, CA
(951) 679-1518**

get ready to shout "bingo!"
and win some amazing prizes
at this free fun-filled event!




**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
AT FAITH?**

thursdays are for bingo!

**September 3rd
December 3rd
4:00 - 6:00**

**Faith Lutheran Church
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Menifee, CA
(951) 679-1518**

get ready to shout "bingo!"
and win some amazing prizes
at this free fun-filled event!




Ice Cream Social

Wednesdays at 6:30pm -
July 1st
August 5th
September 2nd




To help you plan ahead, this is a list of the events that recur each month:

- **Snip 'N Stitch:** 1st and 3rd Thursday at 9:00
- **Worship & Music:** 1st Tuesday at 10:00
- **Hymn Planners:** 2nd Tuesday at 10:00
- **Outreach Team:** 2nd Tuesday at 2:30
- **WELCA Bible Study:** 2nd Wednesday at 10:00
- **WELCA Board:** 2nd Tuesday at 12:30
- **Menifee Reads!:** 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 and the Thursday following the 3rd Wednesday (either the 3rd or 4th Thursday) at 2:00pm
- **4+1 Group:** 3rd Tuesday at 10:00
- **Fellowship Team:** 3rd Tuesday at 2:00
- **Stewardship Team:** 3rd Friday at 10:00
- **Finance Team:** Friday before Council meets at 11:00
- **Council:** Last Monday of each month at 11:00
- **Cheer Team:** 2nd Thursday at 4:00
- **Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00
- **Food with Friends:** 4th Wednesday at 5:00
- **Al-Anon:** Every Friday at 10:30

Fun at Faith!						
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Welcome New Members!



On June 28th, Faith Lutheran welcomed 2 new members to our congregation!

If you haven't yet had a chance to meet **Bev Irwin** and **Tom Fleming**, please be sure to say hello and welcome them to our Faith Family!





AMERICAN HISTORY TRIVIA

EARN ONE POINT FOR A CORRECT ANSWER. THE ONE WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!

1. WHICH PRESIDENT WAS A LICENSED BARTENDER?
Ulysses S. Grant Andrew Johnson Abraham Lincoln
2. WHO WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT BORN A U.S. CITIZEN?
George Washington John Adams Martin Van Buren
3. WHICH PRESIDENT FIRST HAD A WHITE HOUSE PHONE?
Andrew Jackson James Madison Rutherford B. Hayes
4. WHO WAS THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT?
John Adams George Washington Thomas Jefferson
5. WHAT YEAR WAS THE DECLARATION SIGNED?
1812 1776 1789
6. WHO WROTE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE?
Thomas Jefferson Alexander Hamilton John Adams
7. WHICH SHIP BROUGHT PILGRIMS TO AMERICA?
The Mayflower The Pinta The Santa Maria
8. WHAT WAS THE FIRST U.S. NATIONAL PARK?
Yellowstone Everglades Yosemite
9. WHO IS ON THE TWO-DOLLAR BILL?
Alexander Hamilton Abraham Lincoln Thomas Jefferson
10. WHAT STATE WAS ONCE AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC?
Florida Texas Ohio

★ ★ ★ Total Points: _____ ★ ★ ★

Answers: 1. Abraham Lincoln 2. Martin Van Buren 3. Rutherford B. Hayes
4. George Washington 5. 1776 6. Thomas Jefferson 7. The Mayflower
8. Yellowstone 9. Thomas Jefferson 10. Texas

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Church Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 8:30am-5:00pm | Fri 8:30am-12:30pm

July 2026							August 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 28	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4
			6:30pm Ice Cream Social	9:00am Snip 'N Stitch	10:30am AI-Anon	America's 250th Birthday 9:00am Donation Drop Off
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30am Worship-Pr. Rex 12:30pm Grace&Mercy		10:00am Worship & Music 12:30pm WELCA Board	10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study	4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	10:00am Stewardship 10:30am AI-Anon	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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