



Forecaster

Faith Lutheran Church * September 2026



God's work. Our hands.

September 13
2026



"God's work. Our hands." is the ELCA's annual day of service, taking place Sept. 13, 2026. It is a blessed opportunity for all our congregations to celebrate who we are as a church, engaging in projects and activities that explore our convictions as Lutherans: that all life in Jesus flows from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. The ELCA is one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor every day.

With so many meaningful ways to serve in our cities and communities, congregations can research the opportunities that make the best use of their capacities to deepen their members' experience and meet their community's needs. Congregations are welcome to partner with other ELCA churches and are encouraged to hold their service events after their worship or arrange for a brief worship service at their event site.

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)

Place your donations in the box in the Narthex. Our goal is to have 100 of each item, so we can help 100 men! Let's join together to do God's work with our hands!

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!

"God's work. Our hands." is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.





Spotlight on Social Media & Technology

From the beginnings of Christianity, the most effective way to grow a congregation has been by word of mouth, sharing your personal testimony as to how being a member has strengthened your relationship with God and enriched your life. In today's world, social media and technology play an increasing role in the growth of a congregation. In

the last several years, Faith Lutheran has enhanced our social media footprint by upgrading the Faith website; regularly posting activities and events on Facebook; and livestreaming the worship services via the Faith YouTube channel.

In order to maximize the effects of these efforts, Faith Lutheran needs your help!! The more engagement, clicks, or views our website, Facebook posts, and livestreams receive, increases the chances of those posts being viewed by someone searching for churches nearby or appearing in their social media "feed".

Here's how YOU can help:

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranmenifee> and click FOLLOW the Faith Lutheran page. Make sure to "LIKE" new posts and events, then SHARE them.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheranmenifee> and click SUBSCRIBE. Every week, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheranmenifee/streams>, click the most recent livestream, and click the THUMBS UP button. SHARE the livestream link with family and friends, especially with those who are not able to attend services in-person.

Go to <https://www.faithlutheranmenifee.com/> and view the Calendar, view the Prayer Wall, etc., and share the website with family and friends so they can keep up with all the activities going on at Faith Lutheran.

If you need some help using social media, please let me know, and I'd be happy to help guide you. If there's enough interest, I'd be happy to schedule some social media trainings in the Fellowship Hall.

Your personal testimony and recommendation are still the most effective way to bring more people to Faith Lutheran and for sharing the Good News of the Gospel! However, also using technology and social media will extend your reach.

In His service, Madeline Puccio, Treasurer





Asst. Ministers	Lectors	Communion Servers	Power Point	Ushers
6th: Roderick 13th: Joanne 20th: Pr. Ken 27th: Candy	6th: Bill 13th: David M. 20th: Pat A. 27th: Diane M.	6th: Kandie 13th: Diane S. 20th: Freddericka 27th: Debbie	6th: Bill 13th: Mike 20th: Candy 27th: Bill	6th: Annie 13th: Gina 20th: Becky 27th: Karla
Attendance	Greeters	Altar Guild	Sound	Live Stream/Video
6th: Connie 13th: Kandie 20th: Joanne 27th: Lynn	6th: Bev 13th: Walli 20th: Bev 27th: Jim & Kids	6th: Kandie & Diane 13th: Kandie & Diane 20th: Mars & Debbie 27th: Mars & Debbie	6th: Candy 13th: Maddie 20th: Maddie 27th: Mars	6th: Maddie 13th: Madeline 20th: Madeline 27th: Maddie



"Hunger Never Rests"

Hunger Never Rests!

The Menifee Valley Community Cupboard
is in need of **dry pasta and pasta sauce** for **September!**

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!

WELCA Supports the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard

On August 24, WELCA presented the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard with a check for \$2317, the proceeds from the "Soak up the Son" Luncheon Fundraiser held in June of 2026.





BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To

Sept. 2
Sept. 8
Sept. 9
Sept. 15
Sept. 15
Sept. 17
Sept. 18
Sept. 19
Sept. 29

Connie Gibson
Gina Howe
Valerie Holmes
Linda Blanche
Jean Miles
David Moe
Tina Peteroski
Ellie Nony
Emma Peteroski



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

To

Sept. 21

Lucas & Amber Concepcion



If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can add you to our list!

Faith's WELCA Fall Gathering



Faith's WELCA Fall Gathering is Saturday, September 12, from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Our Guest speaker will be Pr. Ken Puccio. Pr. Ken will teach the first lesson in our Gather 3-part series on "Bold Faith on an Unexpected Journey." We will encounter the story of Hagar and reflect on how God sees us our "personal wilderness". Come experience the Gather Bible study and fellowship with the women of Faith! **Mary's Circle** will be cancelled in September. **ALL** are welcome!

We will also enjoy braiding dog toys for Animal Friends of the Valley! Come join us! Sign up in the Narthex and plan to bring a small snack to share. For questions see Candy Pellechio or Diane Molina.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 31, 2026

1. Comments

- a. July 2026 Member giving was above budget by 38.92%. YTD Member giving is above budget by 1%.
- 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 138.92% (\$15,361 vs \$11,058).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 100.73% (\$77,968 vs \$77,403).
- b. **Total Income**
 - i) **For the month**, above to budget at 143.06% (\$22,138 vs \$15,474).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, above budget at 156.33% (\$204,688* vs \$130,933).
- c. **Expenses**
 - i) **For the month**, below budget at 62.83% (\$11,124 vs \$17,730).
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, below budget at 84.38% (\$106,362 vs \$126,054).
- d. **Net Operating Income** (Total Income minus Expenses)
 - i) **For the month**, a surplus of \$11,014 vs the expected deficit of \$2,231.
 - ii) **Year-to-date**, a surplus of \$98,325 vs the expected surplus of \$4,880.
- e. **Bank balances**
 - i) **Total Balance at Month-end** is \$691,283.41 (increase of \$11,287.30)
 - (1) Provident Bank General Checking - \$197,619.66
 - (2) US Bank General Checking – \$403.07
 - (3) US Bank Property Sale - \$248,759.01
 - (4) ELCA FCU Savings - \$33.26
 - (5) ELCA FCU Property Sale CD1 – \$87,938.96
 - (6) ELCA FCU Pastor Reserve Fund CD - \$81,244.60
 - (7) ELCA FCU Property Sale CD2 - \$65,193.11
 - (8) Thrivent Bank CD - \$10,091.74
 - ii) **Previous Month-end balance** was \$679,996.11.

*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
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 July:

- Smart Thermostats for Sanctuary** - Quote of \$1676 to replace 4 existing Nest thermostats in the Sanctuary and 1 in the Narthex with 5 Nest Learning Thermostats (4th Gen). **Approved by Council, pending install.**
- Double Sided Folding Portable Signs** – Order 2 more portable signs for events. **Max of \$400 approved by Council, order pending.**

Submitted by Madeline Puccio, Treasurer

Meniffee Fall Festival Coordinator Needed!



We have had the pleasure of reaching out to the public for the last couple of years at the Meniffee Fall Festival at MSJC. This year the event is on Saturday, October 17 from 4-8pm. Debbie Ehrig and Candy Pellechio have done the onsite coordination on the day of the event for the last couple of years, however both will be out of town for the event this year. The Outreach team is looking to identify someone to be the point coordinator for the day of the event. Please speak with Debbie Ehrig or Candy Pellechio if you are open to helping.

4 Plus 1



Have you ever attended one of the 4 Plus 1 Group gatherings? Do you even know what it is?

4 Plus 1 is a "Come as you are and share your own story!" kind of thing – a small group of four or more people plus Christ – the Plus One. Depending on the weather,

we gather indoors or at our patio picnic tables...or bring your own lawn chair! We pray, discuss a scripture passage, talk and laugh together on the third Tuesday of each month from 10:00am to 11:00am. It's a great way to learn more about each other and our generous and loving God!

We hope to see you on September 15th at 10:00!



Meniffee Reads! (a book club) is reading "List of Suspicious Things" by Jennie Godfrey.

Twelve-year-old Miv is panicking. Life has been complicated since her mom got sick, and now her dad is talking about wanting to move their family away from the town Miv has lived in her whole life—because of the murders. Young women are dying, everyone is afraid, and no one knows who the culprit might be.

But as far as Miv is concerned, leaving Yorkshire and her best friend Sharon simply isn't an option, no matter the dangers lurking round their way; or the strangeness at home that started the day Miv's mum stopped talking. Perhaps if she could solve the case of the disappearing women, they could stay after all?

So, Miv and Sharon decide to make a list: a list of all the suspicious people and things on their street. People they know. People they don't. But their search for the truth reveals more secrets in their neighborhood, within their families—and between each other—than they ever thought possible. What if the real mystery Miv needs to solve is the one that lies much closer to home?

Meniffee Reads! meets on Wednesday, September 16 at 7pm and Thursday, September 17 at 2pm. See you there!



ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

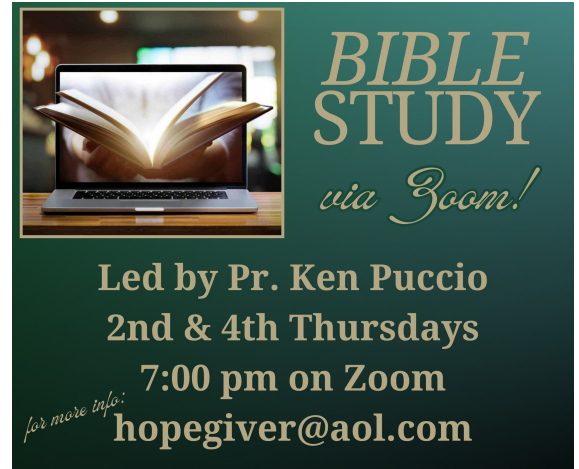
MilVet was the recipient of a \$5,000.00 check donated by our own Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Board. Karla Kudow was able to present the check to Raven in person at the MilVet office in Murrieta. They were so grateful and the money came just in time to help with increased shipping costs for the care packages to deployed military members. Thank you, Karla and our Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Board!



The Gospel of John Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study

Have you ever felt lost, not knowing which way to go, which path to follow? In a final conversation with His disciples, Jesus told them that He was the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). We'll examine it for what it meant to the disciples and what we could share with someone who was struggling to find their way. The series will end with bonus lessons on an "I Am" statement outside of John's gospel. In Revelation 22:13, Jesus says to John, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

In each of the passages we've examined, we've seen how our Lord wants to have a close, personal relationship with each of us. Come, join us. For login information, see Pr. Ken after worship or email him at hopegiver@aol.com.



Menifee National Night Out

WOW! Menifee National Night Out was incredibly successful! Our Outreach Team represented Faith Lutheran Church at the City of Menifee National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th at Central Park. National Night Out is a community police awareness event held across the nation. At the event, 500 backpacks were distributed to children in the community, and the many participating vendors handed out school supplies. Faith Lutheran handed out erasers, scissors, and flyers for the family-friendly activities we offer.

Many thanks to Candy, Debbie, Kandie, Bev, Kaz, Janet, Frank, Dave and Diane!



Donation Drop Location at Faith!

The next Donation Drop Off day is Saturday, **September 5th, 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 Menifee 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.

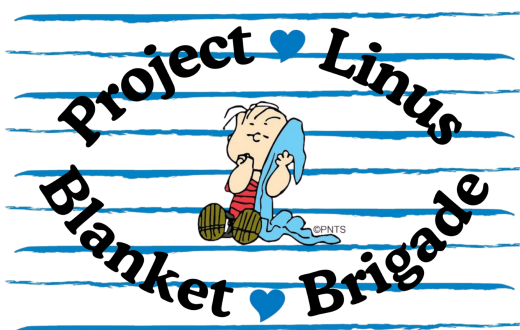
Project ♥ Linus



Providing
Security
Through
Blankets



SOLES4 SOULS



Thanks to everyone for checking out fleece blankets, the new format for the Project Linus Blanket Brigade is flourishing!

Each week you can check out one (1) 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 are provided.

Check-in your completed blankets and checkout new ones in the Narthex after Worship. We could also use 2 or more volunteers to handle the check-in/checkout process on Sundays after church.

We have completed 20 blankets since July when we started the take-home process. Thank you to all those blanketeers who are making this ongoing ministry a success. We have already donated 25 blankets to Project Linus in 2026.



FOOD WITH FRIENDS

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY SEPT 23
5:00PM - 6:30PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SEPT 23

saturdays are for bingo!

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

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

Ice Cream Social

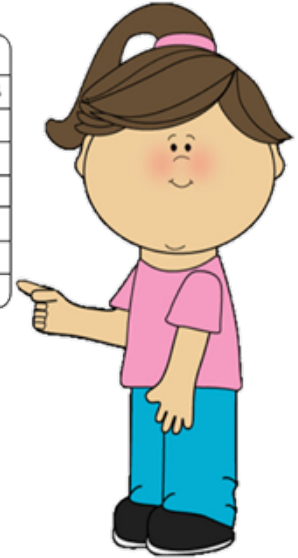
Wednesdays at 6:30pm

**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 Monday at 10:00
- **Finance Team:** Thursday 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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BLESSING of the

BACKPACKS



JOIN US!




FAITH & BLUE

HONORING:



MilVet™







Join the Menifee Police Department, MilVet, and local faith-based organizations for a free afternoon of community, connection, and giving back. Bring your family, connect with veterans and first responders, and help send care packages to our deployed service members!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Donate: Contribute directly to our cause through monetary donations
- Sponsor: Become an event sponsor and showcase your commitment to the community.
- Volunteer: Offer your time and skills to help organize and run the event.

SCAN FOR MORE!



 **Santa Rosa Academy**
27587 La Piedra Road,
Menifee, CA 92584

 **October 3, 2026**
1:00-4:00PM

Faith Lutheran Church

28200 Portsmouth Drive, Menifee, CA 92586

Office Phone: (951) 679-1518 | **Email:** FaithLutheranMenifee@gmail.com

Website: www.faithlutheranmenifee.com

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

September 2026

September 2026							October 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Aug 30	31	Sep 1 10:00am Worship & Music	2 6:30pm Ice Cream Social	3 9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 4:00pm Bingo	4 10:30am AI-Anon	5 9:00am Donation Drop Off
6 9:30am Worship-Pr. Rex 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	7 Labor Day	8 10:00am Hymn Planners 12:30pm WELCA Board 2:30pm Outreach Team	9 10:00am Mary Circle Bible Study-Canceled	10 4:00pm Cheer/Eucharistic Team 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	11 10:30am AI-Anon	12 1:00pm WELCA Quarterly Meeting
13 9:30am Worship-Pr. Shane 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	14	15 10:00am 4 Plus 1 Group 2:00pm Fellowship Team	16 7:00pm Menifee Reads! Book Club	17 9:00am Snip 'N Stitch 2:00pm Menifee Reads! Book Club	18 10:30am AI-Anon	19 6:00pm Big Band Rehearsal
20 9:30am Worship-Pr. Ken; Guest Preacher-Pr. Alajar 12:30pm Grace&Mercy	21 10:00am Stewardship	22 6:00pm Call Committee	23 Forecaster Deadline 5:00pm Food with Friends	24 9:30am Snip 'N Stitch-Organizing 11:00am Finance Team 7:00pm Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study	25 10:30am AI-Anon	26
27 9:30am Worship-Pr. Shane 12:30pm Grace&Mercy-Day	28 11:00am Council Meeting	29	30	Oct 1	2	3