

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ August 1, 2021
Worship 10:00am www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA/

GATHERING

ENTRANCE SONG *What Feast of Love* ELW 487

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIGN OF THE CROSS

*P: Blessed be God, Creator, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure
and whose steadfast love endures forever.*

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of
miracles, the God of mercy.*

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather
than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of
eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GREETING (sung)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, too.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied.

C: Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glory be to God on high, praise to you most Holy!
O Lord God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty!
O Lord God, Lamb of God, only Son of the Father:
Christ who takes away our sin, have mercy upon us
For you only, Lord, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Glory be to God on high! Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading – Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16

R: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(sung)*

Sing praise to the Lord, all the earth!

Al le lu le, Al le lu ia!

Play music to praise his name!

Al le lu le, Al le lu ia! *(repeat after each verse)*

GOSPEL – John 6:24-35

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE Pastor Lou Peters

SONG OF THE DAY *Feed Us Now*

**Feed us now, Bread of Life, In this holy meal;
Let us know your love anew; We hunger for you.
Feed us now, Bread of Life, come and live within;
Let your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.**

**Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us; Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can understand
How his mercy works in these? Yet, Lord, we believe.**

**God is here, oh so near; Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go; Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, oh so near, In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on you On the bread that is true.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *(spoken)*

*P: Siblings in Christ, we are invited to join our voices with the voice
of the whole Church on earth as we profess what we believe as Christians:*

C: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by
the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended
into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING *Thank you for your on-going gifts and for being the generous people who support the mission & ministry of our congregation*

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O, God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your spirit free.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

**C: Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS *(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**On earth as it is in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Give us this day our daily bread, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, Hallowed be Thy Name.
As we forgive those who trespass against us, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**Lead us not into temptation, Hallowed be Thy Name.
But deliver us from evil, Hallowed be Thy Name.
For thine is the kingdom and the power, Hallowed be Thy Name.
And the glory forever and ever, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Amen, Amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Amen, Amen, it shall be so, Hallowed be Thy Name.**

LAMB OF GOD *(sung)*

**Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. *(repeat)*
Christ, O Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
give us your peace.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
C: As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING SONG *Send Us Forth in Peace*

Leader: Lord, we have your peace.
**C: Lord, we have your peace. Lord, we have your peace.
Lord, we have your peace.
Just as you said we have heard it, Just as you lived we have felt it.
Lord, we have your peace.
Sustain us in your peace, O Lord, as we go to our sep'rate worlds.
Keep this peace with us as we try to love in our troubled worlds.
Send us forth in peace. Send us forth in peace to be a light to show beauty forever.**

BLESSING

*P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠
be upon you now and forever.*
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG (sung)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **C: and with you, too.**

Leader: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you. And give you peace,

P: In the name of the Father, And of the Son, And of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Welcome Table*

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table.

I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey.

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey.

I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river.

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river

I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days,

Some of these days, some of these days.

WE PRAY FOR:

Joel Cederberg, Amy Ernst Jr (Laura Cameron's mother),

Dale Cameron (Matthew's brother), Dennis & Barbara Franke, Jackie (Nancy),

Arlayne Knox & Joe Knox Jr (Chelsea W.), Clarice Moore (Gary Walker),

Janice Ostnes, family & friends of Bode Ostnes in their loss, Ariana Preshaw,

Victoria Raquepaw's cousin, Toben Simko (Cathy Birkliid), Gary Walker,

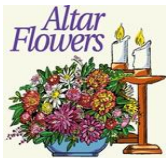
Abby Smola, Ashley & Sherri Stephens, Pastor Paul Teyler,

Weinhold family in their loss of Donna, Annie Woodall (Laura Cameron)

OUR PRAYER PARTNER CHURCH: Resurrection Lutheran, Juneau

PRAYER SHAWLS: available to bless those in need of God's healing comfort.

See Cindy Olsen.



ALTAR FLOWERS: To the glory of God!

Greeter: Sonja Campbell **Reader:** Gary Walker **Communion:** Bev Higdon



Summer Worship at 10:00am each Sunday.

We will be enjoying our wonderful Alaska summers outside as the weather permits.

Announcements



JULY FOOD DRIVE - THANK YOU! We were able to meet & exceed our goal of 1,000 pounds of kid friendly food for the BONE BUILDERS program which is part of the Fairbanks Community Foodbank.

We are still tallying the total number however you will be happy to know that we have given **1195 pounds** of food so far!

TODAY **Reopening Task Force** meets after worship.

Concert, 6:00pm at Journey Church. Several FLC people are involved in the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival Chorus: Al, Nancy, Steve & Scott Holmberg, Ashley Holmberg (violin), Jim Spontak (piano).

MONDAY **Foodbank, 1:00pm** help offload foodboxes for clients at church.

Mutual Ministry Meeting, 6:30pm at Lavelle's Bistro.

TUESDAY **Memorial Service for Bode Ostnes, 3:00pm** here at the church. The service will be held indoors, those in attendance will be required to wear a mask. Thank you for understanding.

THURSDAY **SPARK Meeting, 9:30am.** We will meet at the church.

FRI-SAT **NEXT STEP group of 12 ladies** from Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, MN are staying overnight in our building. They are here late Friday afternoon through mid-morning on Saturday. Thanks to Lois Heine for coordinating with the group while they are here!

note: Sandy will be out of office on Friday and Monday for a trip to Anchorage.
Thanks to Arlene Orbeck and Lois Heine for helping in office!

Next Week

- **Monday-Friday, August 9th-13th SPARK program** for kids in grades 1-6 begins.
- **Friday, August 13th FLC Picnic.** We will also invite the kids and families of those who are a part of the last day of SPARK program.



SPARK **It's for kids! It's Fun!**

Sign your children up for Fairbanks Lutheran's SPARK program.

Register online on our website:
<http://fairbankslutheranchurch.org>

This is a great alternative to VBS and an outreach to **children entering 1st – 6th** grades. The SPARK program was developed in response to children's interrupted learning due to COVID-19.

The program will take place **August 9-13**, 2021 from **9:00am – 12noon** each day (Monday-Friday).

Our SPARK teachers are retired teachers, aides or nurses within our community. Class size is limited to 6 students per class.

We look forward to helping prepare your kids for the upcoming school year as well as having fun in a positive environment!

Calendar Events

- **Miriam Circle** meets on *Tuesday, August 17th* at 2:00pm.
- **Council** will meet this month on *Thursday, August 19th* at 6:00pm.
- **Laura (Babe) Stephens Memorial Service** is planned for *Sat, August 21st, 2pm.* at Fairbanks Lutheran.
- **Next Intergenerational Event** is on *Sunday, August 22nd* after worship service.
- **Education Committee** gathers on *Tuesday, August 24th* at 6:00pm.
- **Youth Hike** to Wickersham Dome *Sunday, August 29th* after worship with Christ Lutheran and University Community Presbyterian – more details later.



Calling All Youth – 8th – 12th grade

It's that time of season to begin dreaming and planning for the 2022 *ELCA Youth Gathering* that is happening in Minneapolis from July 24-28 of next year.

We will join with our fellow cluster church youth groups, Christ Lutheran (Fairbanks), Lord of Life Lutheran (North Pole) and Epiphany Lutheran (Valdez) for a week of faith learning, worship, service projects, Bible study, and reflecting on our place in God's "Boundless" story with 30,000 other youth from across the nation – all in one place together! It will be an amazing time!

This event is open to those youth starting **8th-12th grade in 2021**. This is a great way for youth to spend 5 days of their summer break!

If any youth is interested or even remotely interested, please let Pastor Lou know as soon as possible. Financial assistance is available and we are coming up on opening applications for the financial assistance. We do need to know as quickly as possible whether your youth is at least interested, please contact Pastor Lou soon. If your youth later decides not to go, we can always return the financial aid.

For more information on the Youth Gathering, go to: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>. Check out the "About" tab and the "Program" tab where you can learn about the service day, interactive learning day, Synod day and the "Mass Gatherings" with music and inspiring faith conversations.

Concerned about safety for our youth while attending? Safety is always a concern of parents with every location chosen by the Gathering Leadership, rightly so! Know that the leadership works with the venues we meet at as well as local law enforcement. Private security is hired for the event, and specific volunteers are trained in safety and security protocol. The Gathering provides all transportation between hotels and the meeting spaces. If we go off-site before/after the event, we typically rent vehicles and stick even closer together. Finally, we have no plans to visit unsafe places in the city that pose a risk to your youth. Our extra activities will focus on things your youth can not experience in Alaska (like the Mall of America, where we have them travel in groups of 3-4, call-in to report every hour and physically check-in every two hours. While in Minneapolis, we might take in a Twins game, head to Valleyfair or find some juicy lucys. Know that everyone's safety is at the top of our concern. You are trusting us with your precious ones. We know this, the Gathering staff leadership knows this and we are prepared! Feel free to ask more questions!

Please remember the *Maakestad* family in their loss of Louise.

Louise was part of Fairbanks Lutheran 1950-1955 as her husband, Pastor John Maakestad was pastor at FLC. Louise passed away on July 29th at the age of 93 in Iowa. Pastor John passed away December 2014. There was a memorial service for Louise in Anchorage at Central Lutheran Church on July 26th at 2:00pm.



New or visitor to Fairbanks Lutheran? Fill out a WELCOME card and/or please sign our visitor guestbook. We would love to get to know you better.

Requesting Prayer? Fill out a PRAYER request card.

Give Welcome and Prayer request cards to greeter/usher or place in offering plate.

Ways to Give:

1. Mail your offering to the church office.

1012 Cowles St. Fairbanks, AK 99701

2. Make a contribution using SIMPLY GIVING.

Email Cathy Birkliid, our Financial Secretary, cabirkliid@hotmail.com.

3. VANCO GivePlus Online portal where you can safely and securely make your donation.

Website: FairbanksLutheranchurch.org, click on **GIVING** tab.

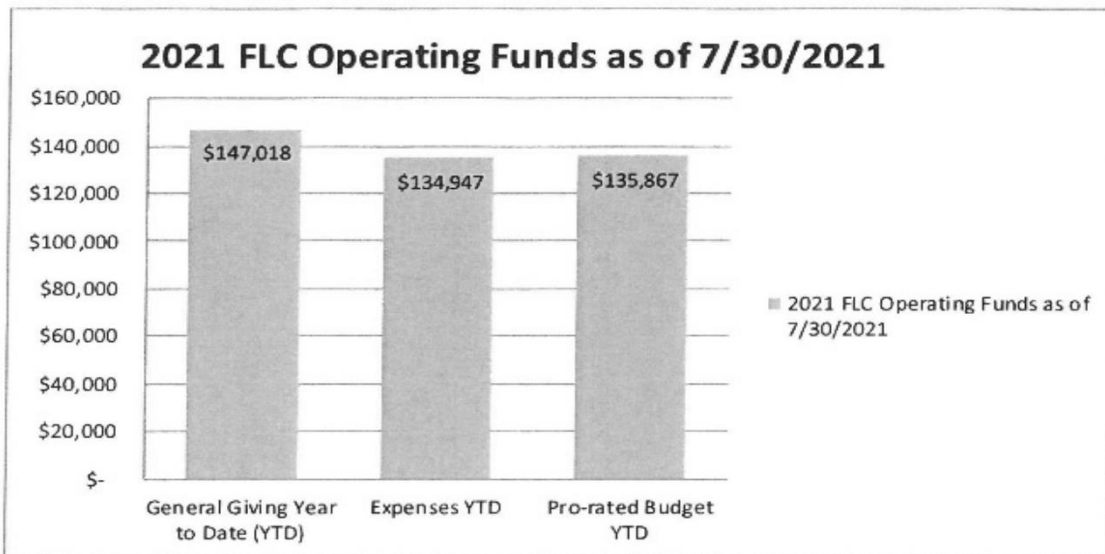
Facebook: [FairbanksLutheranELCA](https://www.facebook.com/FairbanksLutheranELCA), click on **LEARN MORE** button.

4. Use your smartphone with GivePlus, mobile app.

VANCO has a trusted relationship with the ELCA and is easy to use.

Thank you for helping support the ministry of Fairbanks Lutheran Church.

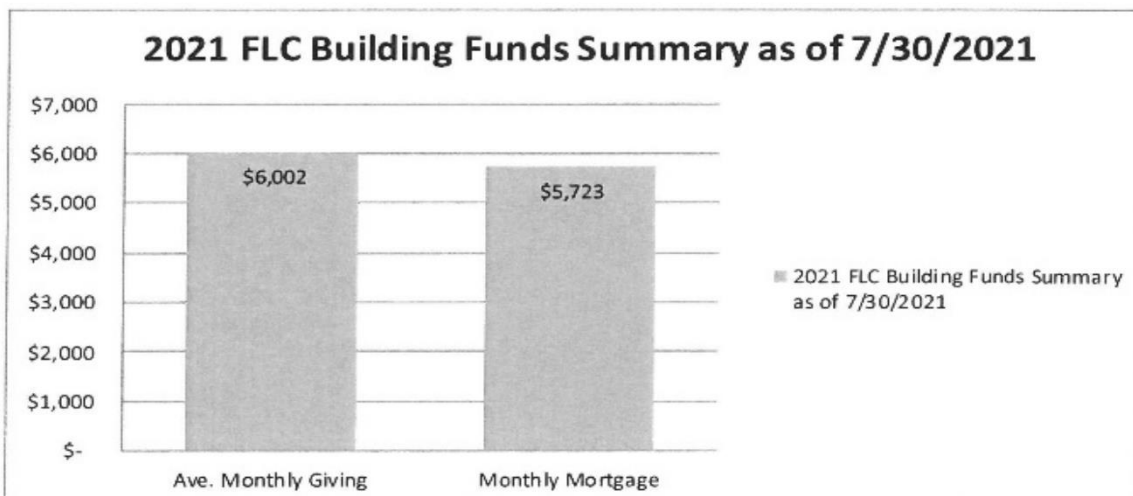
Questions or need help, email **Cathy Birkliid**, cabirkliid@hotmail.com or contact the church office 452-3425.



The 2021 Approved Budget \$235,030.00.

Synod Benevolence is paid through 6/30/2021.

Please consider Simply Giving - a program which automatically deducts your giving from your bank account or credit card. See Cathy Birkliid. Simply Giving helps pay the bills with a steady stream of your donations, even while you're on vacation using the airline miles you've earned!



Our 7/20/2021 mortgage balance at Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is \$632,285.08 and steadily decreasing!! Approximately 65% of each monthly mortgage payment now goes to principal. We are paying 3.875% interest this loan cycle. This loan will be paid off in 11 years + 5 months at current interest and payment rates.

We've had a nice increase in building fund giving (which goes to a separate account to pay our monthly mortgage), Thank You!!

3 giving units (families) have adopted a mortgage payment, and paid in full.

Please consider naming Fairbanks Lutheran Church as a beneficiary in your estate plans (wills and life insurance). Paying down the mortgage is another legacy we can leave for our children and grandchildren.

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