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VALUED, NO MATTER WHAT

A speaker began his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. He asked the group of 200, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Most hands went up. He said, "I'll give this \$20 to one of you, but first let me do this." He crumpled up the \$20 bill then asked, "Who still wants it?" Most hands were raised again.

"Well," he continued, "what if I do this?" He dropped it and ground it into the floor with his shoe. He picked up the crumpled and dirty bill. "Now who still wants it?" Again the hands went into the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it didn't decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

"Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we're worthless.

"But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to Him. Psalm 17:8 states that God will keep us 'as the apple of [His] eye.'"

-E-mail message

*The NEWSLETTER Newsletter,
July 2003*

Look at the BIRDS of the air;
they neither SOW nor REAP
... your heavenly FATHER
feeds them. Are YOU not of
more value than they?



Matthew 6:26, NRSV

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PARTICIPATION IN 10:30 SERVICE IS WELCOMED

If anyone would like to read scripture, take the offering plates, greet or assist at the worship carts, you are most welcome to serve our Lord in this manner.

Thanks to all who are willing to step up and help since we currently have no “in-person” pastor at this service.

Please contact the church office to volunteer!



Daily Bible Readings: July 2023

July 1 – Isaiah 1, 2, 3; Titus 3
 July 2 – Isaiah 4, 5; Psalm 115, 116; Jude
 July 3 – Isaiah 6, 7; II Chronicles 26, 27; Philemon
 July 4 – II Kings 15, 16; Hosea 1; Hebrews 1
 July 5 – Hosea 2, 3, 4, 5; Hebrews 2
 July 6 – Hosea 6, 7, 8, 9; Hebrews 3
 July 7 – Hosea 10, 11, 12; Psalm 73; Hebrews 4
 July 8 – Hosea 13, 14; Psalm 100, 102; Hebrews 5
 July 9 – Micah 1, 2, 3, 4; Hebrews 6
 July 10 – Micah 5, 6, 7; Hebrews 7
 July 11 – Isaiah 8, 9, 10; Hebrews 8
 July 12 – Isaiah 11, 12, 13, 14; Hebrews 9
 July 13 – Isaiah 15, 16, 17, 18; Hebrews 10
 July 14 – Isaiah 19, 20, 21; Hebrews 11
 July 15 – Isaiah 22, 23, 24; Hebrews 12
 July 16 – Isaiah 25, 26, 27, 28; Hebrews 13
 July 17 – Isaiah 29, 30, 31; James 1
 July 18 – Isaiah 32, 33, 34, 35; James 2
 July 19 – II Kings 17; II Chronicles 28; Psalm 46; James 3
 July 20 – II Chronicles 29, 30, 31; James 4

July 21 – II Kings 18, 19; II Chronicles 32; James 5
 July 22 – Isaiah 36, 37; Psalm 76; I Peter 1
 July 23 – II Kings 20; Isaiah 38; 39; Psalm 75; I Peter 2
 July 24 – Isaiah 40, 41, 42; I Peter 3
 July 25 – Isaiah 43, 44, 45; I Peter 4
 July 26 – Isaiah 46, 47, 48, 49; I Peter 5
 July 27 – Isaiah 50, 51, 52; Psalm 92; II Peter 1
 July 28 – Isaiah 53, 54, 55, 56; II Peter 2
 July 29 – Isaiah 57, 58, 59; Psalm 103; II Peter 3
 July 30 – Isaiah 60, 61, 62; John 1
 July 31 – Isaiah 63, 64; Psalm 107; John 2

SERVING TRINITY & FLS

- Rev. Hal Rex Longshore, Visitation Pastor
- Rev. Gatluk, Reat, Sudanese Evang. Lutheran Mission Church
- Bill Kirkpatrick, Finance Manager
- Nancy Simonson, Family Ministry
- Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager
- Bill & Mary Jewison, Custodians
- Chrysteena Saehler, FLS Administrator/Principal
- Jessica Lewis, FLS Administrative Secretary





Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

August 6-10, 6-8 pm

Ages 3 through kids entering grade 6

A light supper will be served at 5:30 in the gym.

Register your child online at <https://vbspro.events/p/715e28> or through the link on our web page (trinityfaribault.org) or fill out a form located on the information center at church or use this QR code:



Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us at Monumental Closing each night at 7:45 pm.

For more information or questions, contact Nancy Simonson.

Volunteers are needed and donations are welcome. A donation board will be available in early July.

FAMILY MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Our regular monthly potluck will take place on July 9 after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. All families are invited.



Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.



What you need:

- Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible

What you do:

1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
4. Read Psalm 103:8-12.
How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

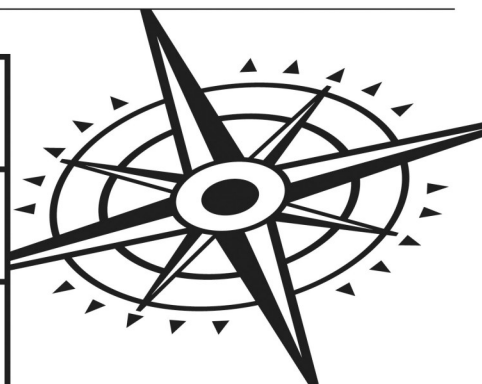


SEPARATION FROM SIN

David praises God for his love and compassion.
What does God do for people who fear him?

Directions: Using each grid pattern marked below, find the word that appears in all three of those squares. Write the words in the spaces below to complete Psalm 103:12, NIV.

FROM as is can	NORTH from far	at the EAST FROM
is South AS	as do far EAST	the THIS up as
WEST THAT is East	far down WEST	THE be AS West



... so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

PSALM 103:12, NIV

Answer: As far as the east is from the west



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Theme 2023-2024:
"CONNECTED"
 John 15:1-5



Teachers worked hard during the first two weeks in June to start planning and preparing for the upcoming school year. We are happy that we do not have to say goodbye to any of our teachers, and that we will see them all again next year. We are actually able to add on a Paraprofessional position to our staff as our lower grades continue to have 24 students. This is a great growth, and we hope this continues for the years to come. If you are aware of anyone that would be interested in the position, please contact Mrs. Saehler via email at administrator@flsweb.org.

While the students are away this summer, we are still busy at work in the building. We had our first all school cleaning day on Saturday, June 24. This was a way for families to also earn some of their required volunteer hours for the upcoming school year. Each family is required to complete 10 volunteer hours for FLS.

Mrs. Saehler is also bringing back Picnic in the Park this summer. Every other Wednesday, join her at Central Park for lunch. She will be there from 12-12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship with one another.

FLS will be hosting a volleyball camp August 10 & 11. Students entering grades 2-4 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 10 a.m. Registration is \$25 per student. Students entering grades 5-8 will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$35 per student. If you are interested in the camp, please contact Sara Hewitt. Students do not have to be enrolled at FLS to participate in the camp.

We will be looking to fill our after school care position. This position requires a commitment Monday - Friday beginning at 2:45 p.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. Please

contact Mrs. Saehler if you or anyone you know may be interested in the position.

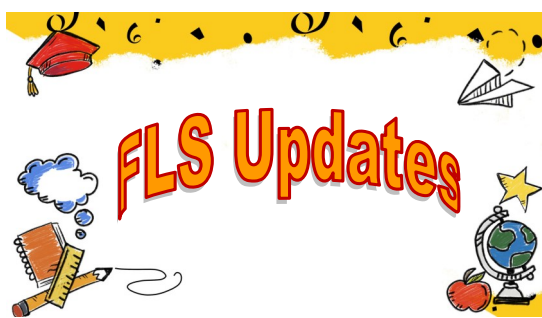
We are still looking for volunteer members to help with the capital campaign for the gymnasium. If you are interested please contact either Mrs. Saehler (administrator@flsweb.org) or Sara Hewitt.

Along with the gymnasium project, FLS was gifted a donation to be used for the library. In the past year, the library floor has been flooded with water from a pipe bursting. This has caused the foundation of the floor to become warped and need to be completely repaired. On August 7, work will begin to fix the foundation of the flooring and to update the flooring to be completely waterproof. Along with this repair, we will also be having new bookshelves installed so that they are more student friendly for the lower grades. However, before any of this work can be done, we are needing volunteers to help pack up the library. All of the books must be boxed and taken out of the library. The bookshelves will also need to be moved to make sure that the entire library floor can be fixed properly. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Saehler. Volunteers are welcome to come work on their own time, or come on Thursday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for the teachers and families over the summer.

In His Name,

Chrysteena Saehler
 Faribault Lutheran School Administrator





FLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2023

**August 10th-11th (Thursday & Friday) | FLS
Gymnasium**

ENTERING GRADES 2-4 - \$25

8:30 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

ENTERING GRADES 5-8 - \$35

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ATHLETES WILL NEED: T-shirt, athletic shorts, gym shoes, knee pads and a water bottle. Hair must be pulled back. Be ready to work hard!

Please return the bottom of this form and your check made out to FLS by July 15th. Keep the top portion of the form for your information.

Coaches Sara Hewitt and Morgan Woods. For more information contact Sara Hewitt

Student Name: _____

Grade Entering: _____

School: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

T-shirt Size: [☐] Adult Small [☐] Adult Medium [☐] Adult Large [☐] Adult XL

Parent Signature: _____

Parent signature authorizes camp staff and personnel to make best judgment regarding medical attention. Parent signature releases camp staff and personnel along with Faribault Lutheran School of any liability for camp-related injuries. Parent signature acknowledges that the camper has own health insurance.

Turn in or mail forms and payment to Faribault Lutheran School
526 4th St. NW, Faribault, MN 55021.

GIVE BLOOD AT TRINITY



BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity Lutheran Church

Friday, July 14, 2023

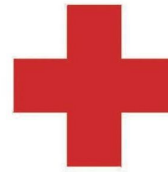
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment call,
1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767)

or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
TrinityFaribault to schedule an appointment

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.

Download the Blood Donor App.



**American
Red Cross**



***Ministry
Fair***

Help Needed!

July 19-23, 2023

***Sign up at the Information
Center!***



Sign up to volunteer at the Trinity fair booth this year.

This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in our community and share the love of Jesus Christ.

We hand out pamphlets on relevant spiritual challenges, New Testament Bibles in English and Spanish, stickers / cute gifts for the kids, and more! We also have a free drawing for a beautiful quilt and 2 free pies from the Pie-makers.

Parking cost is available in the church office.

The sign up sheet is at the Information Center in the narthex or you may contact Jennie in the Church Office to learn what time slots are available.

Each slot is 2 hours long.

Special thanks to Scott Howard and Carol Ciffra for organizing this outreach event.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 7:40 Summer Choir 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c	3 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV	4 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café <u>Office Closed</u> 	5 2:30 New Perspective -c 4:00 Pleasant View Estates -c	6 11:30 Prayer Group	7	1 5:30 Worship 8 5:30 Worship -c
9 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Young Family Potluck	10 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site) 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	11 8:30 Staff Mtg. 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café	12 7:45-12 4-H 1:00 Mill City -c 4:00 Emeralds -c 6:00 Connection Practice (Schafer's) 6-8:30 4-H 	13 11:30 Prayer Group 2:00 Human Care 3:30 FLS Library Moving Day	14 10-4:00 Blood Drive	15 5:30 Worship
16 8:00 Worship 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Connection -c	17 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	18 8:30 Staff Mtg. 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Elders' Mtg.	19 10:00 Milestone -c 3:30 Faribault Senior Living -c 	20 11:30 Prayer Group	21 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> Rice County Fair	22 5:30 Worship -c
23 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	24 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 7:00 Trumps' Bible Study (off site) 7:00 Grand Monday (online)	25 8:30 Staff Mtg. 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 4:15 Community Cathedral Café 6:30 Property Mtg.	26 6:00 Connection Practice 	27 11:30 Prayer Group	28	29 5:30 Worship -c
30 8:00 Worship -c 9:15 Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship -c	31 8:00 Pie-makers 3:30 Sunday Worship on TV 6:30-8:30 American Heritage Girls (FH) 7:00 Grand Monday (online)					

PASTORS' REPORT

Each month a Pastoral Report is prepared in the Church Office. Classes, meetings, appointments, worship services, visitations and communions are tracked and reported by each pastor. In each month's newsletter we will be including the most recent form on file (May 2023).

	Home Visits	Hospital or Jail	Office Visits	Pro-spect Calls	Shut Ins/ Others Com-muned Privately	Shut Ins/ Others Visited- No Communion	NH Worship Attended	NH Worship Com-muned	Worship Services	Classes Taught	Mtgs. Attend
Vacancy/ Guest Pastors	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	12	3	0
Lay Members	0	0	0	0	14	0	53	40	7	2	~

Baptisms: Ivan Evenmo, Taylor Meyer

Confirmed: Nyajal Lul, Jacob Peters*, Maggie Reindl, Lydia Schreck

Transfer In: 0 Released/Removed: Jason & Carrie Hopkins, Madison, (Elise)

Transfers Out: 0 Weddings: 0

Profession of Faith/ Affirmation of Baptism: 0

Deaths/Funerals: Hubert Cloeter

Notes: Guest Pastors – 11 weekend services & 3 Sunday Bible studies; Pastor Rieger 1 private baptismal service (2 babies)
Lay Leaders – 6 nursing home services,
1 Saturday service led by Jim Boldt

Official Acts:



1 Sunday Bible study by Russ Schwichtenberg,
Nancy Simonson 1 confirmation class

* non-member

Rev. Gatluk Reat May Report:

*Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran
Mission Church*

Worship Attendance

Week 1 – 30; Week 2 – 25; Week 3 – 38;
Week 4 - 41

Worship Services conducted in
Nuer & English in person and online.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy July Birthday!

Special Greetings to Trinity members in Care Facilities or Shut Ins with July birthdays. We ask that you remember our fellow members in your prayers and help brighten their day with a card or visit.

7/1 **Rachel Benson**

150 24th St NE Apt. 2
Owatonna, MN 55060

*May Christ Jesus continue to
bless you abundantly and
keep you safe. On your
birthday, enjoy the presence
of God in your life. Have a
happy birthday!*

We thank God for all of our church family. You are invited to remember the birthdays of our Octogenarian and Nonagenarian congregation members. Say a kind word, offer a prayer or send a card!

Marlyss Gunderson (7/8) (500 3rd Ave. NW, Apt. 114, Faribault),
Dirk Scherfenberg (7/21), Wayne Dalluge (7/31)

LAY LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES JUNE 2023

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Lay Leadership Board Minutes
6:30 PM, Tuesday, June 13, 2023**

Attendance: Jim Boldt (Chairman), Barb Beatty, Penny Reichert, Mitch Miller, Deb Malmanger, Jeff Blume

Absent: Steve Mullenex

1. Opening prayer by Jim
2. Faribault Lutheran School Report
 - a. Student enrollment for the 2023-24 is currently 134 with a potential of 158, (2022-23 was 142)
 - b. Will be spreading the word of FLS during Heritage Days Parade
 - c. Picnic in the park resumes this summer, every other Wednesday starting June 21
 - d. The library waterproofing renovation scheduled to start August 7
 - e. Cleaning day for the school is June 24, there will also be some painting
3. FOC Report
 - a. Income for May general fund was average due to a \$10,000 donation
 - b. Contributions down, will be monitored closely
 - c. Final mortgage payment made on the rental home at 414 5th Ave
 - d. The asbestos abatement quote was \$60,000, higher than anticipated, some possible options for reducing this will be discussed at the next property meeting
 - e. The division of the Financial/Property Manager position discussed, Jeff to gather information from Bill
4. Sudanese Ministry
 - a. June 18th Rev. Reat and Bob Sommers will be giving a presentation on their travels to Ethiopia
 - b. In general, the Sudanese Ministry is going well
5. Call Committee Update – Mitch Miller

Pastor Stocker is considering the Senior Pastor call and will discuss further with Mitch, call documents to be provided this week (week of June 12th)
6. Resolution Vote
 - a. A strong majority voted to begin officially investigating Trinity and Peace becoming one congregation with one school and one licensed childcare center
 - b. The leadership teams of Peace and Trinity will meet with Pastor Lane to determine committee requirements with representation of both congregations, FLS and the Childcare Center
7. Summer Services
 - a. The service schedule will remain as is with Pastor Klein providing worship for the Saturday evening services, Pastor Lane for the Sunday 8am service, the Elders and others assisting with the 10:30 service where the recorded 8am sermon is replayed
 - b. Pastor Stern will provide worship the weekend of July 29th as Pastor Lane and Pastor Klein are not available
 - c. Jim will begin coordinating a guest Pastor schedule for September forward in the event a Senior Pastor is not in place

(continued...)

8. Phone/email scams

Please be vigilant and verify the legitimacy of phone calls, text messages and emails as some church staff and committee members have been targeted for scams

9. Possible Biblical Citizenship Session

Jim will further look into a Biblical Citizenship Class suggested to him by a contact at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, it is eight video sessions

10. Calendar items

The next LLB meeting is August 1st

11. Meeting adjourned by Jim

Closing prayer led by Jim

*Respectfully submitted,
Penny Reichert*

LLB Secretary

NO JULY JOY MEETING

♪ I've got the J.O.Y....down in my heart ♪

JOY will not meet for the month of **July**

But we will meet again in August, no surprise.

In August the Twedt's said they would host

On Tuesday the 15th, more information later we will post.



PRAYER BRINGS HEAVEN TO EARTH



When you received Jesus as your Savior, you began to live in two homes — earth and heaven. You were born the first time into your earthly family. Now you have been born again into the family of God. You are a citizen of both worlds. Your new heavenly home is the biggest one. It is God's home. It is yours because you are united to Jesus, and heaven is where He lives.

But we don't need to wait until we die to visit heaven. Prayer is the airline to our heavenly homeland. We walk heaven's streets and view its wonders each time we fellowship with the Lord.

—Ben Jennings

GOD'S GOT YOU

In Roman 4 Paul writes: "If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ... For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace" (v. 14, 16, NRSV). Here and elsewhere, Paul firmly explains that we are saved through God's grace, or unconditional love, made known most profoundly in Jesus Christ. But this passage raises a question: If belief (trust, faith) reckons us as righteous before God, what if we don't trust, can't believe, have lost all faith?

Pastor Martin Luther (1483-1546) assures us that even this is a gift of God: "I believe that by my own



understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead *the Holy Spirit* has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and *kept me in the true faith*" (*The Small Catechism*; emphasis added). Later in Romans, Paul declares

that when we feel so lost (unbelieving, lacking in faith) that we don't even know how to pray, the "Spirit himself intercedes for us" (8:26, NIV). Rest assured, dear one: God's got you.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

The NEWSLETTER Newsletter, July 2023

Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . . Stewardship . . .

MEMORIALS



Each gift has been recorded in the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Book located in the Church Office. We invite you to stop by the office and note the special donations given in love and remembrance. All gifts to Trinity Radio Club are recorded, then acknowledged by the Radio Club during their Sunday broadcasts.

*IN LOVING
Memory*

IN MEMORY OF HUBERT CLOETER:

FLS Gym Floor

\$20. by Howard & Kathy Bode

IN MEMORY VICKI SANDERS DOBLE:

FLS Gym Floor

\$100. by Mary Ann & Ray Sanders

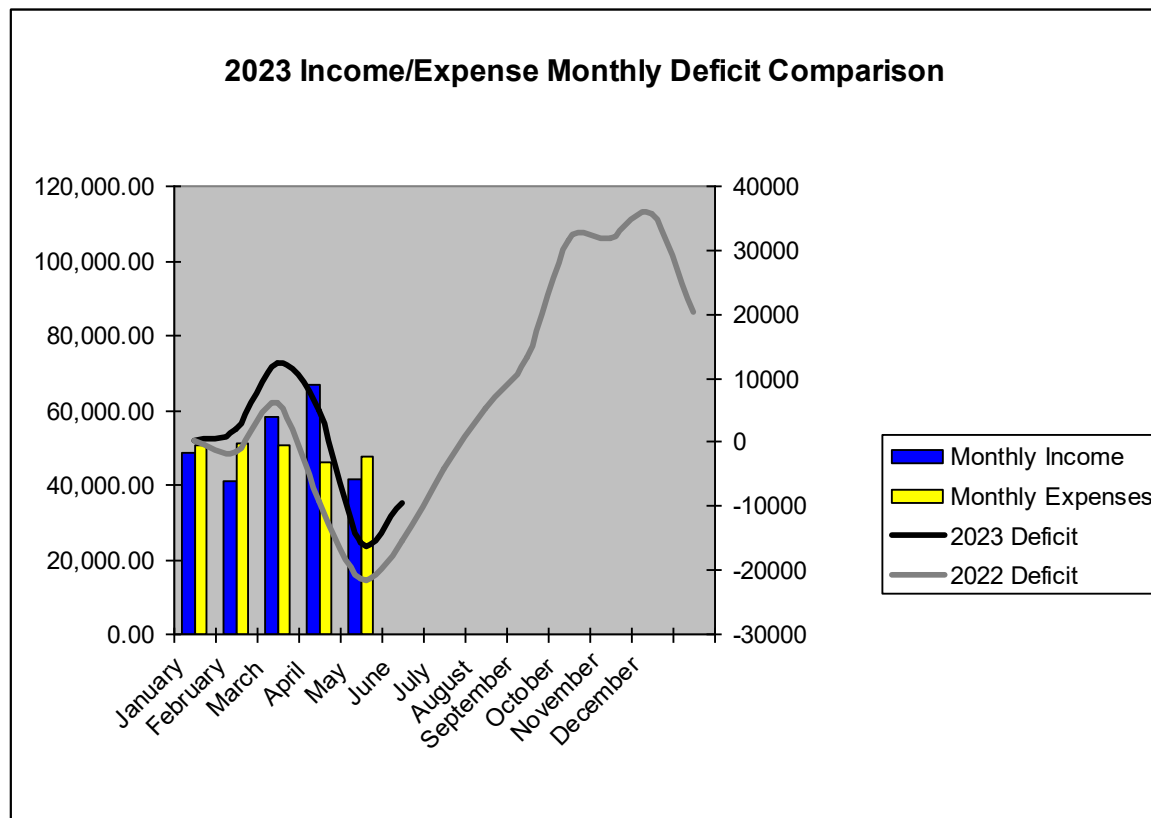
\$10. by James Velzke

FLS Scholarship Fund

\$25. by Norman & Shirley Rost

From Your Financial Manager**HOW ARE WE DOING FINANCIALLY SO FAR FOR THIS YEAR?**

As we are about half way through the 2023 year, I thought I would give everyone an update on how we are doing financially so far in 2023. A graph showing our contributions, expenses and resulting deficit (health) of the General Fund is a good way to pictorially show where we are sitting. The graph here shows these factors so far in 2023 (monthly income/expenses in blue and yellow bars and the deficit as the black line) compared with the same information from last year (deficit as the grey line).



The curve for this year, 2023, follows the first half of last year very closely. Just like last year, Easter contributions were good and drove our deficit down to zero and beyond, about \$15,000 to the good. But then again, as last year, things have begun to turn around and our deficit is going back up. June figures aren't complete yet but it looks like the trend will continue, as last year, with increased deficit as the year goes on. This is because our contributions in general are lower than our expenses and of course we have summer slump to add to the problem.

If we continue to mirror the same trend as last year, we will again wind up at year's end being tens of thousands in the red. If that were to continue for several years, we would wind up again badly in debt like we were two decades ago.

Our Restricted Funds so far are holding pretty well even though we will have heavy property expenses this summer from the tunnel pipe replacement. In January, we received about \$40K in federal funds from the Employee Retention Credit program by keeping our staff employed during the Covid crisis. We have also received \$20K from an estate gift though one of our members and are hoping for another \$10K estate gift this summer. With these funds added to the restricted accounts, we should have enough for our property projects for this year.

Again, as I stated in the February Newsletter concerning last year's deficit, I don't blame any of our membership for our General Fund situation; it's largely caused by the national economic situation plus the loss of many of our older members over the past few years. I would just ask that everyone do what they can and pray for guidance in your own financial planning.

Bill Kirkpatrick

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& Charter/Spectrum channel 181,
Monday &/or Tuesday, 3:30pm

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APPS FOR APPLE / ANDROID AVAILABLE

- OUR MISSION -
CONNECT, GROW, GO



Place
Postage Here
Post Office will not
deliver without
Postage

Address Service Requested

ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM



It is
for
FREEDOM
that
CHRIST
has set
us
FREE.

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus His life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

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Galatians 5:1