



### Greetings from your Pastor

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This Easter season, we are reminded of both the power and promise of the resurrection. The story of the resurrection reminds us of God's power to transform evil into goodness, and to create something new out of destruction. This is an important reminder for us as people of faith, to be encouraged knowing that God can always bring something new, something right, dare I say something good out of the depths. When we believe in the resurrection, we are not just believing in a story. We are believing in a promise that we too can experience new life.

We most often find ourselves needing this reminder of a promise for transformed life and renewed hope in our daily work of social justice. There are endless places in our world where violence rages, human rights & dignity are violated, hunger persists, and oppression reigns. In fact, there are so many that if I were to begin listing them, we would run out of space and something would inevitably be forgotten. However, as I write this letter my heart is drawn to our sister synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land - to our siblings of all faiths trying to survive the continued conflict and increasing violence of the Israel - Palestine conflict.

In 1989, the ELCA approved a social message that spoke to the situation. And while it is currently outdated as far as containing any specifics on current

genocide, violence and destruction, the guidance for our faith remains the same. The ELCA as a church, and as a faithful people had been silent on this in previous generations, so it is especially important not to remain silent today. "We must speak about the human rights abuses in the Occupied Territories today, especially amid the rapidly changing developments in the Middle East. Our faith calls us to stand with all who suffer, whatever their religious conviction or cultural identity.... We speak because of our faith in God, the bringer of peace. Called to serve this God, the ELCA is constitutionally mandated to participate in God's mission by '... advocating dignity and justice for all people, [and] working for peace and reconciliation among the nations.' (ELCA, 4.02)" (section I) As you continue to read the social message in full, it goes on to call for an immediate "cessation of human rights abuses against the Palestinians because of the Israeli occupation" (section II), and acknowledges the complexity of history in the land, between religions, and among political goals.

We are a church, we are Christians, we are a people of faith. We are not a political power able to negotiate the details of peace between governments. But this does not mean that silence is a faithful response. We are still called by scripture and our constitution to stand with all who suffer and advocate for justice. We need to be aware of the cries of suffering around the world and especially those in Gaza right now. The social message of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict can be found on the ELCA website, (<https://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages>) or printed in the church vestry/hall. I encourage everybody to read this if you haven't done so already. When you do, you will

notice in the final section it challenges us to do the following:

“We urge members of the ELCA to:

A. familiarize themselves with the history of the Middle East and current issues affecting the conflict so that they can be advocates for responsible political action; and

B. pray for the coming of God's gift of peace in this area so that Christians, Muslims and Jews might live lives free from violence and fear.” (section 5)

I hope you join me in praying for peace and resurrection in Gaza. Let us pray for killing, hunger, injustice, and oppression to cease. Let us pray for God to be a source of courage for those who live in fear, a companion for those who have lost everything, a source of comfort for those in grief, a source of healing for those in pain, and a source of peace to Israel and Palestine. May the God of resurrection transform this land into one of life, safety, joy and prosperity and may God bring new life in the midst of turmoil.

Yours In Christ,

*Pr. Niki Harvell*

## February 27, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

### MEETING HELD IN PERSON

**Present:** Donna Flynn, Kathy Quirk, Marcus Hansen, David Krey, Dan Leone, Jeanne Minasian, Jordan Krey, Coreen Nash, Cathy Heath

**Absent:** Bill Mayo, Sarah Kelleher

#### 7:00pm: Welcome and Opening prayer

- Welcome: <President>
- Opening prayer: <Jordan Krey>

#### 7:10pm: Approve Consent Agenda and prior meeting minutes - Approved

- Prior meeting minutes

- [Council Meeting Jan 16, 2024 Minutes - DRAFT](#)
- [Special Meeting Church Council - Jan 25, 2024 - Minutes DRAFT](#)
- Financial Secretary's Report
  - Total # of givers: 42
  - [January 2024 report.xlsx](#)
- Treasurer's Report
  - [FLC Jan 2024 Financials.pdf](#)
  - King Family Trust - Currently has funds. This was a new deposit this year. We should direct those funds in the future. - Bill to clarify.
  - Housing equity for Pr. Niki.
- Pastor's Report
  - [Pastor's Report - January 8, 2024 - February 25, 2024](#)
  - Pr. Niki has requested the month of July off as well as Apr 9th-15th. Pr. Alissa will cover in July. We need to find someone to fill in for April. Taken to Worship and Music. Pr. Niki will look for coverage for April.
- Worship and Music Report
  - [Worship and Music Agenda - Report](#)
- WELCA
  - WELCA did not meet due to the inclement weather.
  - They will be working on a photo board in the vestry to honor the Bold Women of Faith Lutheran and those connected to this community.
- Stewardship Report
  - [Stewardship Report - February 2024](#)
- Garden Committee
  - [Faith Garden Committee Minutes 2-4-24.docx](#)
  - See agenda item - Garden Committee fund request
- Final copy of Quincy Community Preservation Act submission
  - [quincycommunitypreservation application.pdf](#)

**7:20pm: Approve Business Agenda - Approved**

**7:20pm: Exec Committee Elections**

**Action:** Jordan to look at previous annual meeting minutes and determine who was elected and when to fix [the term sheet](#).

- President: Donna Flynn
- Vice President: Kathy Quirk
- Secretary: Jordan Krey

Motion: Marcus Hansen

**7:35pm: Stewardship Update - Pr. Niki**

**Action:** Pr. Niki to send out video

Next meeting: 3/18 on Zoom

**7:41pm: Garden Committee fund request - Moved: Jeanne M**

Motion (with friendly amendment): *Faith Garden committee requests to explore the creation of a designated fund established for monetary contributions by members, church friends or other designated donations. This fund would help pay for yearly maintenance items, improvements, plantings or equipment outside of the regular church maintenance budget. The Garden Committee will explore and return to Council the request of the creation of the fund with seed money and rules and restrictions on the fund.*

**Approved.**

**8:05pm: Annual Meeting/Action items**

- Complete financial statement including detailed balance sheet to be sent to the congregation. - Bill Mayo

**8:08pm: Plan installation of new council**

- 3/3 @ 10am service!

**8:05pm: Plan council retreat**

- Mission, Vision, Fellowship

**8:22pm: Property Committee update**

- Approved for \$33,000. Paul Mulligan roofing will continue this work full time.

- **Action:** Marcus will contact the Mass Historical Commission to verify the status of our project

**8:30pm Important Upcoming Dates:**

- February
  - Easter flower signups
  - Update exec team documents with the state (Brian D can help)
  - 2/28 - Soup & Learning with LWF @ 6:30 pm (Good Shepherd)
- March
  - 3/3 - Bold Women's Sunday
    - **Installation of Council Members**
  - 3/4 - Bedtime stories (Faith - Zoom)
  - 3/8-10 - Calumet Winter Fling
  - 3/10 - Daylight Savings Time
  - 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day
  - 3/18 - Bedtime stories (Faith - Zoom)
    - Donna Flynn
  - 3/24 - Palm Sunday
  - 3/28 - Maundy Thursday @ 7pm
  - 3/29 - Good Friday @ 7pm
  - 3/30 - Decorate for Easter
  - 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

**8:38pm Closing Prayer:** <Jordan Krey>

**8:43pm Motion to Adjourn: David. Approved.**

**Suggested future council topics:**

- King Family Trust funds of \$1500
- Property Committee update - monthly
  - Council needs to accept funding from the Quincy community preservation
- Action items review - monthly

**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

**Sunday School Happenings**

**Sunday School and Lutheran World Relief**

The Sunday School will be collecting items this Spring to assemble [Personal Care Kits](#) for those in need. What is a [Personal Care Kit](#)? It is a collection of basic necessities sent to people in regions where those necessities are hard to come by.

In 2023 Lutherans assembled over 123,900 [Kits](#) and sent them to people in Angola, Ukraine, the Dominican Republic, Tanzania, and Turkiye.



Each week we are collecting items for these kits and will assemble them in May.

You can help us by bringing in:

- April 7 — bath-size bars of soap
- April 21— lightweight bath towels

**Youth Group - F.L.Y. Next Meeting April 21**

**Finals are Looming!**



We are collecting granola bars, fruit snacks, and other yummy snacks - along with \$5 gift cards to Dunkin to help keep our college students going

until the end of the year.

Please bring in any donations by April 21 - when we will box them up and ship off in time to get them through their exams!

**Campership Applications**

Applications for up to one week's tuition at Camp Calumet are available BY CLICKING [HERE](#). They are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Scholarship/Loan Applications**

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



**You are invited to PLAYGROUP!**

**PLAYGROUP**

Mondays 10am -1pm children ages infant to 5, with caregivers, are invited to come play and have fun! We'll meet upstairs in our nursery. This is an opportunity for children to socialize and engage in an organized and age-appropriate environment with toys and activities planned by a teacher and assisted by you, the accompanying adult. For more information contact [Raija1@live.com](mailto:Raija1@live.com)

## Social Ministry

**Father Bill's Shelter:** We received a report from Larry Johnson, who told us that things have been going well so far this year. The freezer is fully resourced, and Larry is working with Maura to set up a Restaurant Depot account. A team of about six folks regularly meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month to prepare turkey pies for the shelter's residents. Come help on March 26th, 1 pm.

**Neighbors at the Table:** Our ministry has been going well this year, with the house looking forward to our visits and actively engaged around the tables as we socialize. We had a request for cereal last time. Maybe they don't like my scrambled eggs?

**Interfaith Social Services Food Pantry:** We will have our next quarterly food drive on Sunday May 5th. We will post the grocery list. People will be welcome to bring food items.

- The team discussed having a **social potluck** congregation lunch after church on 5/5...A **smorgasbord** of national foods, including treats for the **Cinco de Mayo!** Imagine all the Swedish meatballs, Italian lasagna, Irish soda bread, & Mexican salsa...**What nation will win this Olympic game?** And the gold medal will go to the collection of nonperishables for the Food Pantry serving the South Shore region.

The team is considering how to use funds available to Social Ministries to use during 2024, which is approximately \$3,000 in blessed earnings from a designated congregation fund. Ideas are welcome. One proposal is assistance for immigrants seeking refuge in our community.

We also discussed possibly resumption of a program through which the church made small baggies of personal items that could be given to homeless persons, or creation of a new

## WELCA

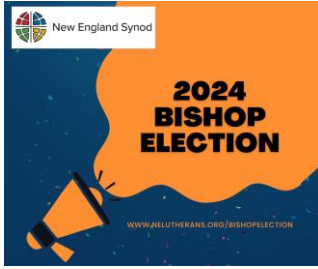
### Ginger Betty's Packing Event April 9 at 7pm



WELCA Will be hosting a G.I. Ginger Betty's packing event on April 9 at 7pm. We need donations to cover the postage costs of sending sweet treats to active service members. The postage to ship each box is \$20. Congregation members are welcome to make a donation to assist with the postage costs.

Members are also welcome to join us at the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to assist with the packaging. Your generous contribution would be greatly appreciated. *Donations may be given to Donna Mayo/Shirley MacDonald, or in the offering plate.*

**What the boxes look like...** Each box contains 35- 2 packs of gingersnap cookies, assorted candies, and thank you letters from kids and adults. The Sunday School children will contribute drawings and letters to accompany the treats. The G.I. Ginger Betty Foundation is a non-profit that has shipped hundreds of boxes since 2007. Boxes of the Ginger Betty cookies have been shipped all over the world from military bases here in the U.S. to overseas in Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq, and even onto ships in the middle of the ocean. With your help - We hope to continue spreading ginger joy by shipping many more boxes to our military heroes!



## Pre-Identification Form now closed



The pre-identification form is now closed for those individuals interested in offering the name of a rostered minister of Word and Sacrament (a pastor) in the ELCA for consideration for call to be elected Bishop of the New England Synod. Any pastor in good standing on the ELCA roster in the United States is eligible to be named.

Individuals whose names were provided were contacted to determine if they'd like to discern a call to bishop, and if so, they will provide biographical information that will be made available on the synod website in April.

At the start of Synod Assembly on June 6, 2024, the names of these pre-identified persons will be included on the first ballot for the bishop election, along with the opportunity for an alternative candidate's name to be written in. The remainder of the election process will follow the guidelines outlined in our synod constitution, which may be found on the synod website [here](#).

February 6, 2024

Faith Lutheran Church  
201 Granite Street  
Quincy, MA 02169

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

Thank you. On behalf of the South Shore families who are served by Interfaith Social Services, I would like to express my gratitude for your kind contribution of \$173.00 (received on 1/29/2024). Your generosity is making a positive impact on the lives of our neighbors in need.

We have been serving 30% more clients each month compared to last year - averaging more than 450 visits to our food pantry each week. This is a record setting level of need! Our mental health counseling center and our homelessness prevention program are seeing similar increases in the number of people reaching out for help.

Since 1947, Interfaith has been a safety net for thousands of families from the South Shore who are struggling to make ends meet. Each year, our HomeSafe program keeps hundreds of families safe in their homes. Our New Directions Counseling Center breaks down barriers to mental health treatment for those who are uninsured or who cannot afford the high deductibles or copays. In our food pantry, we are committed to not just feeding, but nourishing our clients. In addition, our seasonal programs bring joy to children who are living in difficult situations.

We rely on monetary donations from caring donors like you to help us with the financial burdens brought on by the escalating demand we are facing. From all of us and the clients you have helped, we thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rick Doane'.

Rick Doane, Executive Director

Interfaith Social Services is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please keep this written acknowledgment letter for your tax records. No good or services of any value were transferred to you in connection with this donation. These funds will be used to administer our programs and will be used at the discretion of the organization unless otherwise restricted by the donor. Interfaith's tax exempt ID number is: 04-2104853.



February 20, 2024

Faith Lutheran Church Quincy  
Attn: Maura Curtin  
201 Granite Street  
Quincy, MA 02169

Dear Maura,

Thank you for your generous gift made in memory of Herb Emilson in the amount of \$275.00.

Your contribution made in Herb's name will help make a difference in our clients' lives. Gifts like this enable Wellspring to offer counseling, food, clothing, transportation and education for South Shore residents in need. Wellspring remains true to its mission: *...Wellspring Multi-Service Center's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency...* THANK YOU!

On behalf of the staff and clients of Wellspring, we are deeply sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Vinny Harte  
President & CEO

Lindsay Simpson  
Vice President of Advancement

### Trivia From the Archives!

**March Question:** When the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Quincy tried to change their name to Trinity Lutheran Church, the approval was delayed for two reasons. What were they?

**March Answer:** Reason #1 - There were too many churches in Massachusetts called Trinity Lutheran Church, so the Commonwealth asked them to add "of Quincy" to their name.

Reason#2 - The fee of \$1.00 did not arrive in the same envelope

**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?



March 7, 2024

Maura Curtin  
201 Granite Street  
Quincy, MA 02169

Dear Maura,

Thank you for your generous gift made in memory of C. Herbert Emilson in the amount of \$130.

Your contribution made in Herb's name will help make a difference in our clients' lives. Gifts like this enable Wellspring to offer counseling, food, clothing, transportation and education for South Shore residents in need. Wellspring remains true to its mission: *...Wellspring Multi-Service Center's mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency...* THANK YOU!

On behalf of the staff and clients of Wellspring, we are deeply sorry for your loss.

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# Faith Garden Spring Cleanup

Join the crew and help us **RAKE** away the winter mess!

Bring your **GLOVES** and favorite **TOOL** to reach the weeds!

Grab your **WATER BOTTLE** and favorite **HAT**.

Come to **HIS GARDEN** and help get it back in shape.

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> right after Sunday service**

**Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am**

Garden Committee members will be there both days to help supervise and delegate the work teams.

### In Memoriam

Please pray for the family of *Gloria Fry* who passed into eternal life on February 12<sup>th</sup>.



Kim Ford	4-1
Ayla Nash	4-1
Kelly Hansen	4-2
Jodi Coyne	4-4
Isaac Krey	4-6
Sophia Earley	4-19
Marcia Walsh	4-25
Kaity Burns	4-26
Rena Bonomi	4-27
Dan Leone	4-30







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