

**FAITH CHURCH OF ELMHURST**  
**A Global Methodist Community**  
**JULY/AUGUST 2024**

**A One-Year Celebration:  
Pure Hearts and Passionate Service**

Dear Beloved Faith Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with immense joy and heartfelt gratitude that I write to you as we celebrate the first anniversary of Faith Church of Elmhurst. This milestone is not merely a marker of time but a testament to God's unwavering faithfulness and the incredible journey we have undertaken together in the process of disaffiliation from our former denomination.

**A Journey of Faith and Perseverance**

Firstly, I give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His abundant grace and mercy that have carried us through this significant year. The re-establishment of our church has been a journey marked by challenges and triumphs, uncertainty and hope. We embarked on this path with a collective vision, united in our desire to serve God and uphold the value of His truth. The process of disaffiliation was arduous and complex, requiring much prayer, discernment, and steadfastness. Yet, through it all, we have persevered, bound by our shared faith and commitment to God's calling.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of our congregation. Your unwavering support, tireless efforts, and sacrificial love have been instrumental in this journey. Together, we have navigated difficult decisions, faced uncertainties, and emerged stronger in our faith. Your dedication to the mission and vision of Faith Church of Elmhurst is a beautiful reflection of the body of Christ working in unity.

**Believing with a Pure Heart**

As we reflect on this past year, we turn to the living words of our Lord in Matthew 18:3, where Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." This verse captures the essence of what we are called to embrace as we continue to grow and renew together. God bestowed upon him a new name: Israel.

A child's faith is pure and free from doubt or cynicism. Children trust wholeheartedly and love without reservations. As we commemorate this milestone, let us recommit ourselves to worshiping and trusting in God with such a pure heart. Our journey as a church has just begun, and the foundation we build now will shape our future. Let's approach our faith with the purity and openness of a child, accepting God's promises with joy and wonder. This childlike faith is not naive but is a profound trust in the goodness and sovereignty of our God Almighty.



## Pastoral Letter Cont.

### Serving with Passion

The Apostle Paul exhorts us in Romans 12:11, “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.” In just one year, we have witnessed meaningful growth both in numbers and in spirit. This reflects the collective passion and dedication of our church family. Each act of service, every prayer, and every outreach effort has contributed to the vibrant community we are blessed to be part of today.

But our journey does not end here. Our mission to serve the Lord and our community will continue. We are called to be His hands and feet, to reflect His love in tangible ways. Let’s turn our enthusiasm into action—supporting our ministries, reaching out to those in need, and fostering a spirit of unity and love within our church. Passionate service isn’t just about big gestures; it’s about consistent, heartfelt actions that reflect Jesus’ love every day. Whether it’s through volunteering, offering a listening ear, or extending a helping hand, each act of love and service makes a difference.

### Embracing Our Future with Hope

As we look ahead, we do so with great anticipation and hope. The foundation we have laid this past year is strong, built on the rock of Christ’s love and truth. Our vision for Faith Church of Elmhurst is one of growth, not just in numbers, but in spiritual depth and maturity. We are committed to nurturing a community where everyone can encounter God’s transformative love, grow in their faith, and be equipped to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our mission remains clear: to be a lighthouse of the Gospel, a place of spiritual revival, and a community overflowing with Jesus’ love. We will continue to invest in our ministries, expand our outreach efforts, and cultivate an environment where everyone feels welcomed and valued. As we move forward, let us do so with the pure heart of a child and the passionate service of a dedicated disciple of Christ.

### Gratitude and Commitment

In closing, I want to reiterate my profound gratitude to each one of you. Your faith, love, and dedication are the heartbeat of this church. Together, we have achieved much, and together, we will continue to witness the gospel and further God’s kingdom. Let us celebrate this anniversary with joy and thanksgiving, remembering all that God has done and looking forward to all that He will do.

May the Lord bless you and keep you all the way and all the time. May His face shine upon you and give you grace, peace, and blessings. And may Faith Church of Elmhurst continue to be a beacon of hope, a source of spiritual nourishment, and a faithful community where the love of Christ is lived out every day.

In His Grace and Love,

Yoon Ki Kim

Pastor, Faith Church of Elmhurst

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Volunteers Needed

Faith Church will have a booth and table at the Tuesday Evening 5-Concert series in Hillside. July 23 to August 20, 5-9pm. Car Show-Marketplace-Food vendors. Chrysalis Create and Prayer Hugs will donate items to share, and information about our Faith Church family will be displayed. Please sign up and help our church make a visible impact in our nearby communities. As many as 2500 people attend. American English plays July 23. Mariachi/Rosalba Valdez July 30



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## Come for Games and Fellowship on Saturday, August 3rd @ 4 p.m.

A Game Night, will be held on Saturday, August 3rd at 4 p.m. Bring your favorite board game and join others in playing it. Pizza will be ordered and served at 5:30p.m. Bring your own drinks if you like. Childcare will be provided. We are looking for individuals to help out with these events. This is now a monthly event held on the first Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Mae Kingzette.



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## Church Luncheon at Firewater restaurant on August 11th

There will be a church outing to Firewater restaurant after the church service on 8/11. After the lunch, there will be the Extended Care service at 2:00. Please sign up for the luncheon in Fellowship Hall or contact Laura Shafer so she can give the restaurant the number of attendees.



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## Brainstormers/Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help design a children's church program. The children's program will run during the adult church service. Please contact Laura Shafer or Jane Arhens so that a date in August can be set for the planning session.



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## Church Library – Summer Reading

Summer is a great time to pick up a book to read from the Church Library in the Fellowship Hall. The Library is self-serve. Just sign your name on the card and file it under the author's name in the file box. There are many Christian fiction and non-fiction books to choose from. Happy Reading!



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## Prayer Hugs Group

The Prayer Hugs Group continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at The Makery in the Elmhurst Public Library. The group gathers to make lap robes, prayer shawls and baby afghans for various ministries, nursing homes and individuals. There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall of prayer shawls for anyone who wants one for themselves or to give to someone who needs one. There is a book to sign your name and indicate the name of the person who is receiving it. New members are always welcome to join the group. Knitters, crocheters, and those who want to tie fleece blankets are all welcome. Or if you are interested in learning, you can come as well. We share ideas with one another and learn from each other as well. The goal is to create items that bring comfort, healing and hope to those who receive them. For more information, please contact Jane Ahrens.



## Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study group is taking a break this summer but will resume in September. The group meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of the church. The group will be studying the book of James. All women are welcome to join the study. For more information, please see Jane Ahrens. The date of the first meeting will be determined in August and study guides will be available in August as well.



## Prayer Group

The Prayer Group is continuing to meet on Wednesdays, at 11 a.m. in the lower level of the church. Anyone is welcome to join in this time of sharing joys and concerns, offering them to the Lord in prayer as well as a time of praise to the Lord.



## Church Grounds

If you have noticed the beautiful flowers around the church, Laura Shafer is responsible for planting them and maintaining them. Also, John Ahrens faithfully cuts the grass. Please be sure to thank these individuals for keeping the church grounds beautiful!



## 4 on the 4th Race

Volunteers for Elmhurst Running Club 4 on 4th.

Supporting the local community is always such a joy! A huge shoutout to all the church members who volunteered at '4 on 4th'. Your enthusiasm and service made it truly special. Thank you!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- 1 PASTOR YOON KI KIM
- 10 SHAUNA SIMMONS
- 18 LILY ARTRIP
- 21 CINDY WOHLER
- 31 MELISA GUZMAN



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- 3 JANE AHREN
- 6 RYLEE ARNOLD
- 7 WAYNE SMITH
- 9 NANCY HAILS
- RICHARD SHAFER
- 19 KYLE ARTRIP

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## June 2024 Giving Statistics

| Date   | Weekly Income | Income to Date | Budget to Date |
|--------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 12-May | 4509.21       | 40232.52       | 66131.92       |
| 19-May | 2423.00       | 42655.52       | 66131.92       |
| 26-May | 732.00        | 43387.52       | 69438.52       |
| 2-Jun  | 1959.00       | 45346.52       | 72745.12       |
| 9-Jun  | 417.51        | 45764.03       | 76051.71       |
| 16-Jun | 5879.35       | 51643.38       | 79358.31       |
| 23-Jun | 330.00        | 51973.38       | 82664.90       |
| 30-Jun | 517.00        | 52490.38       | 85971.50       |
| 7-Jul  | 4640.84       | 57131.22       | 92584.69       |

## Launch Sunday

We will be planning on having Launch Sunday on September 8. Plans have yet to be finalized, but we are looking to have an outdoor worship service (weather permitting) with a meal to follow. Mark the date on your calendars. More details to follow.



## Church Council

The Church Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 23, @ 7p.m., in the lower level of the church. At our July meeting we celebrated the fact that we have been a Global Methodist Church for one year. We are excited for the future as a Global Methodist Community! If you have any questions about the church council, please contact Jane Ahrens.





## A Letter from Caring Network

Dear Church Partner,

By participating in our Coins for Caring Network Baby Bottle Drive, Faith Church raised **\$354.22** toward the work of Caring Network, enabling our client interaction team to serve women by sharing the gospel, helping to remove obstacles that cause a woman to consider abortion and minister to those who have experienced abortion in the past. Each day our staff sees mothers choose life for their children and we humbly thank you for standing with us prayerfully and financially. Please thank your congregation for us!

What's happening at Caring Network:

Because of the substantial increase of abortions in 2023 in Illinois, (many women now travel to Illinois from states with new abortion restrictions) Caring Network has set a vision to open another 25 clinics in and around the city of Chicago. We have now signed leases in 4 areas of Cook County: Austin, Lawndale, Rogers Park and Calumet Heights. We've also just opened a new clinic in the city of Aurora and are working to re-open our clinic in Naperville.

We have also officially opened our Tele-health center where clients can call and immediately get some information about their pregnancy, schedule an appointment and ultrasound at one of our clinics, and hear a compassionate and loving voice in the midst of panic, pain or indecision.

The money you gave through the Baby Bottle drive has enabled us to hire new staff to run our Telehealth clinic in Glen Ellyn and begin hiring new nurses to staff our Aurora and Naperville clinics. None of this would be possible without the continued faithful donations of our supporting churches.

Thank you for joining us in this battle for life and for your prayers.

Blessings to you all,

Kevin Applegate  
Church Partnerships Director  
Caring Network

## Feed My Starving Children Outreach August 15th 12:30-3p.m.

Missions & Outreach is planning an outing to "Feed My Starving Children". We have reservations for Thursday, August 15th at 12:30 -3:00pm. Just need a head count, sign up on the announcement board. Details of address and carpooling to come.





Come join us as we worship  
online or in person on  
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

For our online service, please go to  
our Facebook page:  
FGMC ELMHURST

For our in person service, please  
join us at the corner of North  
Avenue and York Road. Parking is  
available behind the church and the  
entrance is on the North  
Avenue side with the red double  
doors next to the driveway.

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**Sunday Worship @ 10 a.m.**

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