

#### FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As we strive to be ALL IN on this Jesus-shaped path together, we're committed to increasing engagement in all areas, including **TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE**. I'd like to give you the first quarterly report of what God is doing in these areas in the life of our church.

The gifts of **TIME & TALENT** are reflected in many ways, but here are a few recent examples:

- Superb attendance at adult Bible Studies.
- Youth participation in worship has increased greatly. One recent example that really sticks out to me is the **Ignite team** reading the Gospel on Palm Sunday. What a great job they did!
- I recently made an informal count of the opportunities for learning, service, and engagement here at Faith and found that we have over **50 opportunities for any and all of us to get involved**. What a great church to belong to that has that kind of engagement!
- This year's Family Egg Hunt was a phenomenal event not only for outreach, but also engagement. Thank you to the HUGE crowd of volunteers who helped run it! We had a great guest speaker, Steve Stucker, who delivered a strong Gospel message which was heard by many hundreds of people. Most importantly, we had a few people come to Christ through this event! That's what outreach is all about.
- **Financial Peace University** is a faith-based money management curriculum that's been on former council president Matt Meyer's heart for a while. He's currently leading a session for our members and we're planning to use it later this year as an outreach opportunity to the community.





The bottom line in all of this is we're really gaining **momentum** in engagement and outreach, and we're also gaining momentum in **giving**. In the first four months of ALL IN from December 2023 to March 2024, we had projected targets for giving and we exceeded those substantially. Thank you for your generosity! Because of you, we can do more: not just for our congregation, but also for the community around us.

#### Gifts of **TREASURE**

As a result of your sacrificial giving, we are currently working on:

- Fully ADA-compliant parking lot (complete), as well as complete resurfacing of the parking lot
- New electronic sign on Spain Rd.
- Improved projection quality in the sanctuary for worship
- Deferred maintenance projects such as repairing the roof over the Children of Faith wing

Hopefully you can see from some of these examples how everything we do strives to be in line with our vision: "Faith is a home where we walk a path living a Jesus-shaped life with God, each other, and the people we encounter." We have **momentum** now in all of these areas - let's keep building!



**Buzz Busboom** Faith Lutheran Church Council President

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#### WAYS TO GIVE to this ALL IN Path

Set up or modify recurring **online giving** with a credit or debit card at **faithabq.org/give**. For other automatic giving options, contact Amber in the church office.



Bring **cash** or **check** to worship, or mail a check to: Faith Lutheran Church, 10,000 Spain Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87111.

Talk to your financial advisor about **asset-based gifts** such as Donor Advised Funds, or about remembering Faith in your **will**.

### MISSIONS SNAPSHOT: Children of Faith Coffee Outreach

Over the past several months, the Moms' Ministry has served up free coffee at Children of Faith during drop-off on Fridays. It has been a blessing to visit with COF parents, grandparents, staff, & children while offering hospitality from the church. We hope to continue to connect with and support our COF family as the Lord leads us.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Devon Edwards!



### A SNAPSHOT OF ALL IN: An Interview with Nancy & Bill Capels



BILL & NANCY CAPELS

# What ministry areas are you a part of at Faith? What inspired you to get involved?

We are involved with the landscaping group, Bible and Brew, Martha Mission, Sunday morning Covenant group, and adult educational classes. FLC is blessed with a huge facility which needs our attention – hands on and monetary – all of which inspires us to get involved.

## What inspires you to give, and how has that changed and evolved during the ALL IN initiative?

We feel that our church has a needed place in our community. We need more people of faith, not fewer, impacting our city for the good. That requires time, talent, and treasure – so we've upped our participation in all three.

# What excites you about the future of Faith Lutheran and what God is doing through this Jesus-shaped path together?

We're pleased that more people are willing to become involved in all that is going on at FLC.

## What would you say to encourage someone on their journey of generosity with sharing their time, talents, and treasure?

Get involved. Think about what you genuinely enjoy doing and find that area to serve. Doing what you love makes serving a joy! Time, talent, and treasure are all needed – one isn't more important than another. Our church is like a jigsaw puzzle: we're all different, but we are all needed to complete the picture. We need you! As you get involved, you get the joy of knowing the congregation and our church staff better. It's a win-win for everyone!



### MISSIONS SNAPSHOT: 2024 Lenten Project

Our local mission partner Saranam opened a new westside campus this spring,



allowing up to 10 additional families the opportunity to work towards independence as part of Saranam's 2-Year Program. Faith Lutheran came together to collect paper goods and toiletries to help stock the new campus housing units. Look at how much we collected! Many families right here in Albuquerque are benefiting greatly from your generosity and caring in the name of Jesus Christ.

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