



Faith at Work

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Just a note of explanation: We're very pleased to have a new computer, but with it comes a new program and learning the changes it brings---one being making my almost completed newsletter disappear. So, rather than waiting any longer to figure this out, here is a makeup edition. Thank you!



Christmas Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus!!

First of all, I thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift (Santa used some of it for a fancy Waterpik thing for my implants—thank you! And, my dentist will be so pleased, too☺), and for the individual cards and gifts!

Second of all, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! And HAPPY 2015. May the Spirit of Christmas carry on throughout the whole New Year as you and I continue to try to be the light of Christ to all others, even as we see the light of Christ in all others—for all of God's children are worthy of love and respect. If God gives each one of us love and respect, we need to do the same with all others, too.

It was fun and thought-provoking to do a Bible Study based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, during Advent. I don't know about you, but it caused me to look into myself to find those places that were (are?) too Scrooge-like as at the beginning of the novel, so that I could be more Scrooge-like as at the end of the story. I hope my prayers and ponderings will bear good fruit. (Go ahead, read it. It's a good book, and not very long.)

As we look forward to 2015, resolve to become even more involved in the many ministries that happen out of Faith Lutheran Church. Come to Quail Run on Thursdays at 1015 am. Or, stop in for quilting Wednesdays at 900 am. Or, have a meal on Sunday evenings at 6 pm. Everyone is invited, and we always have an extra can of soup if needed, so, just come. (Not that we always have soup. I'm just sayin' there's always enough for all who pick up a fork!!)

First Friday has turned out to be a fun time FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND. Do come: it's a family thing. A movie, popcorn, a meal, fun stuff to do. And, not to put too much of a guilt trip on anyone, but it would be cool if some of our kids came and got to know the Preschool kids who come every week.

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Greetings cont.

Bible Study and/or Gospel Lesson Study on Sunday mornings at 9 am is always a good time to drink coffee and study together. Sunday School continues for all ages. Norma Messman and I lead the Confirmation class of five very sharp students at 5 pm on Sunday, and then Jennifer Hall takes over with the Youth (and I mean ALL young people under 21 or so). We share a meal and then Norma and I leave and the kids do their thing. And, we now have a couple of adults who help out and help plan things.

I know there are other things to get involved in, too. For instance: the Altar Guild would love to show others about setting up for worship every Sunday and other services, too. Helena used to tell me that getting the Altar ready was a very special and worshipful time for her. I know there are others who feel the same way. Doesn't take much time, but means so much to all of us to see the Lord's Table set and ready for his meal. (Oh, and men can do this important ministry, too.)

All of our committees welcome anyone who wants to join in.

Anyone want to be an Assisting Minister, or Lector? Or acolyte? Let me know!

I am saying all of this as a reminder to you that you, attenders of Faith Lutheran Church, are important for the ministries we all do as members of the Body of Christ. Your time and ideas are needed.

And I'm saying it because the Vitality Study we did shows that though FLC is declining in membership, we have a good deal of *vitality* and hope for our future. In the next few weeks, Pastor Michael Keys will come and lead all of us through our results. I think you'll be pleased with what he has to say. And then we will be taking some more steps as we learn and grow as a light of Christ in Albany.

Please be involved, please try something new in your routine, and please continue to gather with this particular Body of Christ on Sunday mornings. You'll be glad you did. Yes, you will.

See you in Church.

Your sister in Christ Jesus,

Pr Dawn

PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Pastoral Counseling Center Board of Directors is coming up next week: Thursday, Jan. 15, 4-6 p.m., First United Methodist Church at 11th and Monroe streets in Corvallis. Leaders of your congregation, all clergy, and interested individuals are welcome to attend. Light treats will be served.

On the agenda are presentation of the annual budget, adoption of some changes on the financial side of the agency, and a discussion about future plans for the center.

CAMP LUTHERWOOD ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Email office@lutherwoodoregon.org by January 26th if you are planning to attend.

LUTHER HOUSE Beer & Cheese Paring: February 8th, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wheelhouse Event Center in downtown Albany. Ticket prices remain the same at \$50 each or \$350 for a table of 8. New and returning vendors, informative talks by brewers and cheese makers as well as OSU fermentation science and dairy process specialists, six courses of local foods paired with local micro brews, entertainment by the Deep Woods Strings, and much more awaits you.

It's Time!

How do I begin?! For some time now I have been pondering that momentous decision, should I retire. And some of you have been wondering also! I just wasn't quite sure. Could I manage without the income, health coverage, not seeing my friends at Faith? This year I am quite sure it is time, time to take better care of myself, get a good night's sleep (now there's a challenge), and just be able to do some of the things I am now always too tired to do.

A little history: I came to Faith quite accidentally. Your then secretary, Linda Huber, whose children my daughter babysat, asked if I'd like to sub for her during the summer and Christmas vacation. When she decided to move on, Pastor Arnold Anderson asked if I would like to fill her position. And so, here I am today, over 30 years later. I had the privilege to work with, of course, Pastor Anderson, Pastor Nick Doversberger, Interim Pastor Wally Gustav, Pastor Laurie Lofsvold, and Pastor Dawn Gregg. I learned much from each as they shared their gifts with us all. And from the many members, over the years, who have been so kind to me and so generous with their time when asked to help out, I'll always be grateful. Some of them are now fond memories---but never forgotten!

We've seen each other through times of happiness and difficult times of sadness and loss. What a supportive and loving people you all are. And, I do, my friends, sincerely thank you!

You'll still be seeing me, though in a different capacity. Please be patient and support our new staff member as she learns the ropes.

May God bless you all.

Love,

Margaret

Office Manager/Secretary

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 *Thanks So Much* for the generous Christmas gift and many

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – February 15, 2015

All ministries and committees, please have your annual reports turned in to the office by January 28th.

A NEW YEAR BRINGS SOME NEW IDEAS...

COUNCIL will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. A new agenda format is being introduced by 2015 Council President Claus Sass that will provide more discussion time of pressing matters and new ideas.

THIRD SATURDAY is a new crafting, quilting, fellowship event. Beginning January 17th, from 9 to 11:30, the quilt frame will be set up, the new sewing center for learners will be open, and tables for projects and crafts will be available. Everyone is welcome. The coffee pot will be on and you can bring snacks to share.

Availability to use **Debit or Credit Cards** for donations is now on our website. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Alice Weber. Vanco

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE NEEDING STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING:

Marian A.	Dani B.	Ed B.	Sina Mary B.	Jackye B.
Arnold C.	Lynn C.	Gary C.	Dixie D.	Amanda F.
Penny G.	Jamie	Julia H.	Beth H.	Courtney H.
Jean L.	Marc M.	Elna M.	Cher M.	Vanessa M.
Heidi M.	Pat N.	Scott P.	Peggy P.	Jim P.
Kathy R.	Nona S.	Randy S.	Pr. Randy S.	Rosi S.
Alice V.	Linda Gail V.	Nicholas W.	Melvin W.	Carl W.
Cheryl W.	Nick			

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Bernice & Gene H - Evelyn M - Evelyn M - Bob B.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2015

STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Dawn Gregg
Office Manager	Margaret R. / Carolyn D.
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl B.
Custodian	Teresa M.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Claus S.
Vice President	John D.
Secretary	Cindy H.
Treasurer	Alice W.
Financial Secretary	Rose Mary A.
Education	Dixie D.
Evangelism & Mission	Beth H.
Fellowship & Social Concerns	Peggy P.
Property Management	Charles B.
Stewardship & Resources	Mary S. G.
Worship & Music	Bob B.
Youth	Jennifer H.

Mission Endowment Fund
Preschool Board



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				1	2 First Friday <i>Welcome the New Year</i> 4pm Movie 6pm Supper/Games	3
4 2nd Sunday of Christmas - white 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am WORSHIP SERVICE 11:45am Fellowship/Social Concerns Mtg 11:45am Mission Endowment Mtg 5:00-7:30pm Confirmation/FLYouth Group	5 7pm Stewardship 7pm <i>Boy Scouts</i>	6 Epiphany	7 9am Quilting 10am Property Mtg 3:30pm Krafty Kids	8 10:15am Bible Study (<i>Quail Run</i>)	9	10
11 Baptism of Our Lord - white Baptism 9:00am Christian Education 10:15am WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00-7:30pm Confirmation/FLYouth Group	12 7pm <i>Boy Scouts</i>	13 1pm Mary-Martha Circle	14 9am Quilting 3:30pm Krafty Kids 7:00pm COUNCIL MTG <i>(note change)</i>	15 10:15am Bible Study (<i>Quail Run</i>) noon Hope Circle	16	17 9-11:30am Third Saturday Fellowship 2:00pm Baby Shower
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SUNDAY mornings *at* 10:15

Sunday school classes meet *at* 9:00