

# FAITH at WORK

July 2020



Sisters and brothers in Christ -

This summer we are going to be following two books of the Bible for our lessons.

For the first reading we will follow Genesis. We will hear about Abraham following God's call, about him taking his son Isaac up the mountain, about the feud between Jacob and Esau, about Jacob wrestling with God. Genesis is a messy story, a story of favorites, a story of people making the wrong choices and still being loved by God. It is ultimately a human story – a story that (to riff off of Star Wars) involved people a long time ago in a land a long way a way. At the same time they are people that might seem familiar to us: they have our passions, our faults, our failings and our aspirations. It can be easy to read Genesis and wonder why God chose this family.

At least until we think about our own families, our own faults and struggles and realize that Abraham's family would fit right in with ours. Abraham's family aren't paragons. What is remarkable is that they heard God's call and followed it in faith. Genesis is a reminder that God can love a broken, fallible family.

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Like the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, we are called to hear and follow God in faith. Their story can be a reminder to us that God's love transcends human brokenness.

Matthew is an 'insider' gospel. It seems to have been written for a specific community (some have suggested a Christian community near the city of Antioch). The language of Matthew (for example using kingdom of heaven rather than kingdom of God) reflects a community that had its own dialects and traditions.

Though Matthew has insider language, the call of Jesus in the gospel – in all the gospels is clear, to go out from a sheltered community to engage the wider world. This was challenge for that community: to face scorn and persecution, to lose connection to family and friends, to risk the wrath of the pagan communities surrounding them.

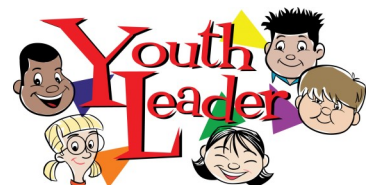
It is a challenge for our community as well. How do we reach out when we are not gathering, how do we take care of each other from a distance?

We are relearning old skills – sending cards, calling friends, re establishing routines of reading scripture in the morning. I have spoken to some of you who planted more than you have in years, who are cooking and baking like you never have before. And I know that some of you have made masks, have prayed for those in need, have given to food banks, have donated to charities. Our time is a challenge – a different challenge, but still a challenge. God's call to love God and neighbor remains the same.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

Hey all, it has been both strange and surreal to be so isolated but also so aware of and immersed in the goings on of the communities around us. Things that are near can seem far away and things happening miles away can seem as if they are right next door. We are living in a time of contradictions where the world feels both bigger and smaller than it has ever been. But despite the uncertainty, when we cling to each other (in a safe and socially distance manner, of course!) things have a way of feeling more sure, more safe, more \*normal.\* To that end we over here in Youth Land have made efforts to periodically check in with each other. We have had a couple of zoom calls, one was even on a birthday! We didn't spotlight any activities on these calls, but just enjoyed the company of familiar faces with whom we didn't share a toilet. As important as family can be during times of uncertainty, community fills a need that family just doesn't. Those we see regularly and periodically are just as important as those we see everyday. So from us in Youth Land, a challenge: reach out to someone with whom you interact only infrequently and see how much joy it can bring.

Wishing you all health and happiness,  
Kayleigh





### What It Means to Be an American

To believe in the promise  
of a better tomorrow,  
and stand united in our efforts  
to give a peaceful nation  
to our children.

To honor each other's differences  
and cherish the richness of our history,  
even as it continues to unfold  
from sea to shining sea..

To love deeply  
our friends and family, day by day,  
and never take for granted  
the privilege of calling ourselves  
American.



## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2020

### STAFF

Pastor	Mark Bringman
Office Manager	Nance G
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl B.
Custodian	Terry B.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Charles Bonville
Vice President	Carol Olufson
Secretary	Alice Weber
Treasurer	Janice Virnig
Financial Secretary	John Berg
Education /youth	Andrea Daniels
Evangelism & Mission	Cynthia Bonville
Fellowship & Social Concerns	Vicky Heintzman
Property Management	Jon Aaberg
Stewardship & Resources	Gordy Gamet
Worship & Music	Terry Virnig
Youth Facilitator	Kayleigh Cannady Shultz
Mission Endowment Fund	Gordy Gamet



### Financial Report as of 6/22/2020:

**Undesignated Income: \$7,995.00**

**Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,416.67**

**Net Undesignated Income: (421.67)**

**Total Expenses: \$4,095.68**

**Total Net Income: \$6,272.32**

## July Worship Services

July 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Zoom Fellowship/Pericope  
10:30 Facebook live stream

July 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Outdoor worship at church (recording sent out later on that day)

July 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Zoom Fellowship/Pericope

July 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Outdoor worship at church (recording sent out later on that day)

The council recently approved the purchase of a new camera. We are working to learn the technology so that we can send out smoother, clearer videos for those that chose to watch from home.

These outdoor services will be following the same rules as worship on June 21<sup>st</sup>: wear a mask, bring a chair, we will be gathering outside, bring your own communion elements. **(Masks are required) If you don't have a mask, we have some on hand and will provide one for you.**

If you wish to park on Walnut street for a shorter walk or enter the yard from the Queen Avenue side, you may consider those as options as well. If you choose to not come (due to following OHA protocols regarding those who are 60+ or with underlying health conditions (or for whatever reason) know that sermons will continue to be recorded and bulletins sent out.

While we are trying to be as thorough as possible with our plans for the summer. Our worship services are outdoors because that seems to be the number one way that we can reduce risk of transmission of COVID-19 (our other measures exist because we are taking a comprehensive approach to risk management). At the same time, we recognize that the situation regarding the virus is fluid. We have seen cases and deaths rise in mid to late June. Our plans for outdoor services are just that - plans. If the state health situation warrants a change in those plans (for good or ill) we will let you know via email, postal mail and phone call.

If you wish to be a part of a phone tree to keep in touch with our membership, please speak to Nancy about volunteering.

Finally, just a reminder to reach out to each other. Send cards, send emails, call each other on the phone. Check in to see how people are doing. Pray for our church members, pray for our leadership on council and for our employees, pray for public servants, pray for those in need. Pray, pray, pray!

### Photographs from June 21st services







**Thank you to all who made this service happen!**



# Summer Bible Study

**Thessalonians Zoom Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.**

There will be a Zoom Bible study on Wednesdays in July (other than perhaps the 29th). We are working our way through St Paul's letter to the church at Thessaloniki (doing a chapter a week so July 1 is the second chapter, July 8 is the third chapter, July 15 is the fourth chapter and July 22 is the fifth and final chapter).

We may continue with 2nd Thessalonians (or we may not) at the end of the month.

1st Thessalonians is probably the first book of the New Testament that is completed and reached its final form - many scholars estimate around the year 47. You could read the (brief) first chapter and join us for our study starting on July 1st.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## Join us for Campfire!

All are invited to join us for campfire on Friday, June 19th at 7pm PST on Zoom. Our next campfires are July 10 and August 7 using our summer 2020 curriculum. We have a great evening planned for campers, families, adults and all who love camp.

Email [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) for a Zoom link & password to join the fun!



## SAVE THE DATE for Spirit of Harvest

Spirit of Harvest will be an online gathering to celebrate and grow the ministry of Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Save the date for Wednesday, October 7, 2020 from 7-8pm.

More details coming soon! (This online only event will replace our annual Harvest Festival held at camp)

## COVID-19 & Camp Lutherwood Oregon

Camp Lutherwood Oregon is not open to any guests until at least July 31st. All planned 2020 summer programs have been suspended. We are following the guidelines of the local health authorities and government mandates and will consider possible events for families and adults, as soon as it is safe to do so.

We have added a COVID News link on our website where updates will be posted with any new information.

## Using COVID Time for Camp Site & Facility Upgrades

Camp is far from quiet these days. Construction continues on the Dining Hall and we are still hoping for a completion date in the coming weeks. Preliminary work has begun on the permits for the new bathhouse as well. In May, we received an \$18,000 grant from the Grey Family Foundation for deferred maintenance projects around camp. This time without any guests is allowing us to complete much needed projects and upgrades. Watch our social media for updates on what's happening at Lutherwood

Please contact the office (541) 998-6444 or [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) with any questions.

## Prayer Chain



We are asking anyone in the prayer chain to lift up the concerns of Faith Lutheran Church weekly (which could be as little as taking a few seconds and asking God's to be with all of those concerns and as much as lifting them up by name) and to pray for other concerns as they are shared. Peggy Preston will be heading up the prayer chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, send her an email: [pegpreston@aol.com](mailto:pegpreston@aol.com)

## Ophelia's Place (Moving Out)

Pastor Mark and Faith,

Thank you so much to both you and your congregation for welcoming Ophelia's Place for the past 2 ½ years. We have appreciated the office space and how easy you made everything for us. With all of OP's staff working remotely, it simply didn't make sense to keep the office at Faith Lutheran. I and the staff at OP wish you all the best during these crazy and challenging times.

Verna Wise Matthews  
Executive Director  
Ophelia's House



Ophelia's Place  
*a community for girls*

Online Giving is available  
through our Web Site

Availability to use Debit or Credit Cards for donations is on our website. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Janice Virnig, email [flctreasurer@proaxis.com](mailto:flctreasurer@proaxis.com), or call 541-928-7660

COMMUNITY  
**BLOOD**  
**DRIVE**

**July 10, 2020**

**Time: 12 PM—5 PM**

The Red Cross will be using their mobile unit and will be our parking lot from 11 to 6 PM. We will work out the social distancing protocols prior to that date. The drive is now open to online registration.

# July's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM</b> Zoom Fellowship Time/Pericope <b>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Facebook Livestream Prayer Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Zoom Bible Study	<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Reports to Council Due	<b>3</b> <b>4:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Janitor	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM</b> Zoom Fellowship Time/Pericope <b>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Facebook Livestream Prayer Service	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Zoom Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Council Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>4:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Janitor Cleaning	<b>10</b> <b>12:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Blood Drive (Mobile)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b> Outdoor Worship Service:	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Zoom Bible Study	<b>16</b> Pastor. vac <b>4:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Janitor Cleaning	<b>17</b> Pastor. vac	<b>18</b> Pastor. vac
<b>19</b> Pastor Vac <b>9:30 AM - 10:15 AM</b> Zoom Fellowship Time/Pericope <b>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM</b> Facebook Livestream Prayer Service	<b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Zoom Bible Study	<b>23</b> <b>4:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Janitor Cleaning	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b> Outdoor Worship Service:	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Zoom Bible Study	<b>30</b> Pastor Vac <b>4:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Janitor Cleaning	<b>31</b> Pastor Vac	<b>1</b> Pastor Vac

For the most up-to-date version,

[visit our online calendar](#)

(July—Sept)



Christ in Our Home Devotion

If you would like a copy, they are on the table outside the office or call the church office and I will mail you a copy.



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

Tim B  
Brenda Carroll  
Sandy Hina  
Robert Jon  
Daniel Sullivan  
Linda Gail Voet  
Melba Wright  
Brandon Crawford  
Christopher  
Noah Holman  
Susan Johnson  
Barbara Rose  
Jerry Sheffield  
Pat Norby  
Eleanor Barr

Gigi Douglas  
Ron Wold  
Chiera Family  
SangSau Tran  
Donna Zolotoff  
Silas Haynes  
Edwarda Prochnau  
Cindy Harms  
Lori Guerrero  
Izzy Covalt  
Mona Crawford  
Kris Waskosky  
Shedd Waskosky  
Shirley Brudvig  
Kristy Bishop

Oliver  
Madielynn  
Stephan Selvage  
Patrick Selvage  
Garrett Baarsch  
Rosemary Aaberg  
Carl Wogomon  
Stephanie Bauthman  
Claus Sass  
Majorie Trainor



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
THESE FRIENDS IN  
PRAYER**

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:** Lou C, Bonnie K, Rita E, Betty K., Ruth Irwin

**OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES.**

## **A Prayer for Healing**

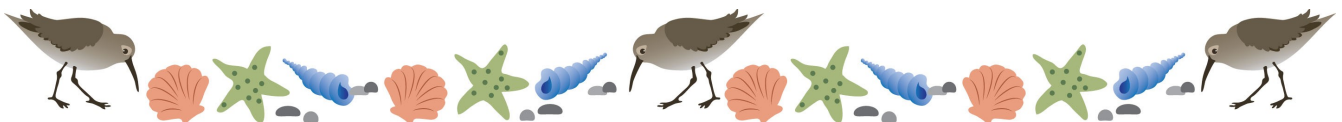
Father, thank you for loving us and sending your Son ,  
Jesus Christ to save us from sin and calling us out of darkness.

There are those of us in need of your healing virtue today, and  
in the days that follow. Father, we bind up all sickness  
and disease, and ask for your healing grace unto your children.

For those going into surgery, we ask you to guide the  
hands of surgeons. Touch all the sick and shut ins today and  
restore health to their bodies.

In Jesus precious name.

Amen.





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**Sundays  
Sunday School  
9 am  
Worship 10:15  
am**

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