

FAITH at WORK

October 2020



FROM THE PASTOR

Sisters and brothers,

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1

Paul says these words to the church at Galatia, a congregation that is re-implementing elements of Jewish law (including keeping kosher and circumcision). The apostle reminds the errant congregation that Christ set us free for the purpose of freedom and that they should stand fast in that freedom.

For Martin Luther and later reformers, these words were a clarion call. They reminded us that Christ set us free from sin and death. The promise of grace meant a dramatic leveling, for Luther it meant that fellow Christians would be able to read God's word on their own, that sacraments would be open to all,

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Reformation Day

Sunday

October 25, 2020



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that grace applied equally for all.

This year for Reformation Sunday (October 25th), I would like you to share a way that you know freedom in Christ. What is something that God has set you free from? How do you experience that freedom in your life? Nancy and I will be checking in with you to ask how you know freedom in Jesus, we will be using (with your permission) some of your answers in worship on Reformation day.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Mark

October Worship Service Schedule

Oct. 4: Zoom Pericope/Fellowship @ 9:30 AM
Facebook Live stream @ 10:30 AM

Oct. 11: Fellowship / Bible Study @ 9 AM (Zoom)
Outdoor Service @ 10:30 PM

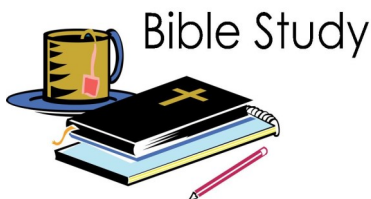
Oct. 18: Zoom Pericope/Fellowship @ 9:30 AM
Facebook Live stream @ 10:30 AM

Oct. 25: Fellowship / Bible Study @ 9 AM (Zoom)
Outdoor Service @ 10:30 AM



Please see specifics on page 8.

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



We will be gathering for a bible study over zoom every Wednesday at 1 pm. We will be looking at 1st Timothy on October 7 and 14. We always pick our next topic when the last one ends – so I cannot say for sure what we will be studying on Wednesday the 21st and 28th. I hope that you can join us.

Zoom Compline/Vespers Service

October 6 at 7 PM & October 20 at 7 PM

Compline (or vespers) is one of the services of the hours, traditions that began in monasteries as a time to give thanks for the day and prepare for a restful night. We will have an online compline/vespers (Pastor Mark has combined some liturgical elements from each tradition) service on those dates. Invitations will be sent out a day or so in advance.

If you would like to assist by reading lessons or a prayer or sharing art or a musical gift, let Pastor Mark know, he would love to incorporate you into the service.



October's Party

October gave a party;
Leaves by the hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The Sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the Dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Miss Maple
In Scarlet looked the best;
All balance to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then in rustic hollow,
At hide and seek they played,
The party closed at sundown
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In a jolly "hands around"

By: George Cooper



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2020

STAFF

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Worship & Music	Terry Virnig
Youth Facilitator	Kayleigh Cannady Shultz
Mission Endowment Fund	Gordy Gamet



Financial Report as of 1/22/2020

Undesignated Income: \$4,861.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,416.67

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$3,555.67)**

Total Expenses: \$4,427.00

Total Net Income: \$3,424.00

Christ in Our Home Devotional (October–December)



Christ in Our Home Devotion

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

Greetings from Luther House!

I'm writing to ask you to help me connect with young adults in your church who are starting college at Oregon State University this fall. I want to invite them to an important Zoom discussion with other Lutheran students from across the Oregon Synod. Please send students name and contact information to the following:



Luther House Campus Ministry @OSU
211 NW 23rd Street
Corvallis, OR 97330

lhuse@peak.org

541-753-5213

This Is NOT What I Had In Mind: Starting College During COVID is a forum to share experiences and tackle challenges of starting college during the pandemic. Our hope is to provide support and build a community of friends students can count on during this trying time.

Zoom meetings will start on Sep 20, 2020 06:00 PM (Weekly for 8 weeks)

Weekly: <https://zoom.us/join/9607876000?pwd=ZUJlYkRldjVkdzFMcE9lTGZkdDZkdz09>

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92618206841?pwd=NHI5Q3ZvRE40ZWtGdFhYY0xBN3djdz09>

Blessings on your day,

Michael Ostrom

Pastor (Luther House Campus Ministry @OSU)

Church Council Meeting



The Church council will be meeting on October 14th at 7 pm. If you would like to listen in via zoom, send a message to Pastor Mark or one of the council members and the link will be sent to you.

Council reports are due by 10-9-2020!

Oregon Synod 2020 Assembly

Save the Dates: November 6th, 3 PM to 8:30 PM
November 7th, 8:30 AM—4 PM



Registration will open on September 20th. Cost is \$25 this year.

Mary & Gordy Gamet were elected to be our representatives this year, however, due to the format a couple more from our congregation can attend if desired.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark.



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 to be with all of those listed, 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



Register for Spirit of Harvest on October 7, 2020

With Spirit of Harvest just around the corner! In the midst of COVID and fires around the NW, we are excited to share inspirational stories from campers, past summer staff and supporters of camp. Visit our website and find the Spirit of Harvest page all about the upcoming live-stream event. From there, you can register to attend, easily make a donation, and learn more information about auction items and how to connect. Please spread the word and share this event with your congregation members. Attached to this email are some images we've created for Spirit of Harvest you can use to help us promote it. Thank you again for all of your support of Camp Lutherwood.

First Visitors Return to Camp...

Camp Lutherwood Oregon celebrated our first opportunity to host visitors at camp this past month, all while staying safe and socially distanced.

Kindred Matters, an Oregon organization supporting families in the foster system, reunited siblings for a day of fun. Their "Camp to Belong" enjoyed our climbing tower, archery range, swimming pool, and more. It was such a joy to have kids back at camp, even for a day.

Since our county is now in Phase 2 of COVID-19 requirements, Camp Lutherwood Oregon is open to guests by private appointment only. Please call or [email](#) our office to learn more.



Bottle Drive (22,295 cans needed)

It wouldn't be camp without coffee! The new Dining Hall needs a new coffee bar, can you help?? We need to collect 25,000 cans to purchase this important piece of equipment.

Did you know you can donate funds from your BottleDrop account to an organization? Click Give on the dashboard of your BottleDrop account page and search for Camp Lutherwood. You choose the amount to donate.

Don't have a BottleDrop account? Call or email the camp office and we'll send you bags and tags to donate your cans & bottles to camp. BottleDrop is one of the many ways you can support the ministry and operations at Camp Lutherwood Oregon.

Need more information, call office: 541-998-6444 or email @ [lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:info@lutherwoodoregon.org)

October is



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.
- 85% of domestic violence victims are women.
- Females who are 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.
- Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.
- Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.
- Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.
- 30% to 60% of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.

Signs You Are In An Abusive Relationship

A lot of people do not realize that they are in an abusive relationship. Here are some of the signs that you could be in an abusive relationship that you need to get out of...

- Your partner sexually or physically abuses you. If they ever make you have sex with them when you don't want to, hit you, shove you, or push you, this is domestic abuse.
- Your partner threatens you or your family.
- Your partner puts you down. They attack your capabilities, mental health, looks, or intelligence. They blame you for their violent outbursts.
- Your partner is jealous. They may isolate you from your family or friends or they may accuse you of not being faithful.
- Your partner is possessive. They may check up on you all of the time and they may get angry if you hang out with certain people.
- Your partner has strangled you, beat you, or hit you in the past.

Speak Up If You Think Someone Is Being Abused

If you think that someone (man or woman) that you know is being abused, it is important to speak up. A lot of people worry that it is none of their business, yet you could save a person's life by speaking up. Simply talk to the person in private and let them know that you are concerned. Mention the signs and why it has worried you. Tell them that you will honor their privacy if they open up to you, and tell them that you can help them in any way possible. Often, people in domestic relationships need someone to help them out of the situation, and so one conversation can make all of the difference.

Where to get help:

Locally, Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) can help arrange shelter, legal help, medical help, and more (24 hour hotline: 541-754-0110 or 800-927-0197 or online at cardv.org)

Call The National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224

October Outdoor / in person worship schedule

October 11 and 25 at 10:30 in the parking lot
Fellowship/Bible study at 9:00 (over zoom)

We will be gathering for worship on those dates at the above worship time.



Why did we choose to move into the parking lot and change our time? For a few reasons. Firstly, during the rainy season our backyard starts to resemble a bog which makes gathering on the lawn less appealing. Moreover, some of our members have trouble walking on rough ground, so we wanted to accommodate them.

We will also have a radio transmitter. What this means is that you will be able to either sit outside and participate in worship or turn the radio on in your car. This is to accommodate folks who are hard of hearing, the possibility of inclement weather etc.

So come to worship on October 11th (and probably 25th as well) in your car. Bring a chair if it is nice weather and sit outside, if it's raining listen to the service on the radio. To confirm: worship will be at 10:30, it will be in the parking lot on October 11th, we will announce the 25th later. Bring your own elements and weather permitting a chair to sit on.

Why aren't we gathering for worship inside? Some of it is logistical – determining the best way to spread out, make sure that we aren't sharing air (we have limited ventilation options in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall has limited space). Also at this point there have been dozens of outbreaks in churches in the United States. Pastor Jimpar Philipson, who led worship for us on September 6th has a brother in law in the ICU in Georgia, probably because of a COVID 19 outbreak in their congregation. We continue to take COVID 19 seriously because it needs to be taken seriously. One of our members had a sister in law die from it, who battled it for months. This is a disease that demands seriousness.

We hope that the pandemic subsides over the coming months and that the council finds it prudent to gather for worship. Until then, we will be gathering in different ways, in different places, on different platforms but proclaiming one LORD, one faith, one baptism.

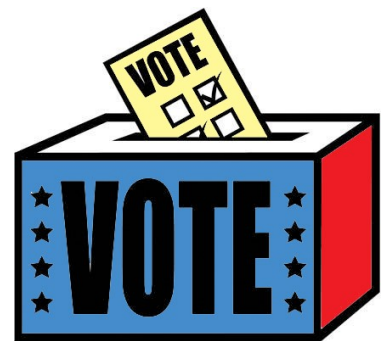
Congregational Meeting on November 22nd

We are planning our last quarter meeting for Sunday November. The plan is to send out the budget that the council is working on October 22nd so that folks have time to ponder it and bring suggestions first to the council (which will be meeting on the 11th of November) and then to the meeting itself.

The major work of the fall quarter meeting is approving the budget and suggesting the council. We hope that you will reflect on the work the council is doing and proposing with the budget so that we are prepared before the congregational meeting.

Voting

Our denomination, synod and congregation do not endorse any candidates or parties. We do encourage you to vote and to prayerfully consider who you vote for. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our leaders: to guide the president, governor, mayor, to guide Congress, the judiciary, legislatures, city councils and all other elements of government.



The annual Fish Food Drive is fast approaching - Saturday, Oct. 17. Due to COVID, FISH has to change a few things about their event. This year Fish is doing drive-thru food collection at various sites in Albany, Millersburg and Tangent.

Faith Youth will be hosting a drop off site in Faith's parking lot.

October 17, 2020

10am - 2pm

Needs are very great this year as you can imagine. We pray that you will help support this effort however you are able.

October's Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Outdoor Service	28	29	30 9:00 AM Quilting & TOMS (TBD) 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	1	2	3
4 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Zoom Fellowship Time/Pericope 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Facebook Livestream Prayer Service	5	6	7 9:00 AM Quilting & TOMS (TBD) 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	8 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Janitor Cleaning	9	10
11 9:00 AM Fellowship / Bible Study (ZOOM) 10:30 AM Outdoor (Parking Lot) Worship	12	13 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mary Martha Circle	14 9:00 AM Quilting & TOMS (TBD) 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Council Meeting	15	16	17 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Circle of Friends (Preston's Back Yard) 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Fish Food Drive (parking lot)
18 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM Zoom Fellowship Time/Pericope 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Facebook Livestream Prayer Service	19	20 8:00 AM Newsletter Deadline	21 9:00 AM Quilting & TOMS (TBD) 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	22 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM Janitor Cleaning	23	24
25 9:00 AM Fellowship / Bible Study (ZOOM) 10:30 AM Outdoor (Parking Lot) Worship	26	27	28 9:00 AM Quilting & TOMS (TBD) 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	29	30	31

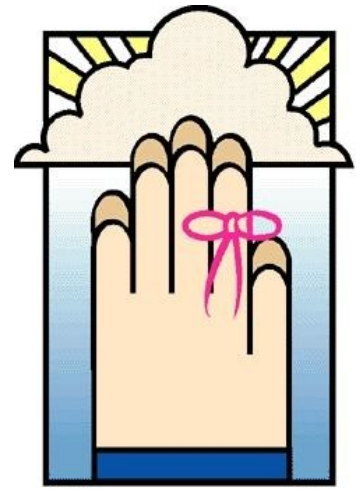
For the most up-to-date version,
[visit our online calendar](#)

**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
Silas Haynes
Cindy Harms
Izzy Covalt
Mona Crawford
Kris Waskosky
Shedd Waskosky
Shirley Brudvig

Kristy Bishop
Oliver
Madielynn
Stephan Selvage
Patrick Selvage
Garrett Baarsch
Nona Sabatka
Carl Wogomon
Stephanie Bauthman
Marjorie Trainor
Shirley Bain
Nancy Goodwin
John Busher



**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Bonnie K, Betty K, Ruth Irwin

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES: Kim Sass & Family,
Wally Oster & Family, Prochnau Family, Conklin Family and Enfield Family.

Prayer For Health and Healing

Dear God,

Divine Physician and healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness., O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden... We place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to good health again. Above all grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do you do for the love of us. Amen.





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