

FAITH at WORK

JUNE 2021

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

As we lean into the summer season, we are coming in to an odd time. This time is odd because on the one hand, our congregation is just starting to gather more together. Small groups are restarting, we are worshipping in the building, we are gathering in person after a year spent mostly apart. We are getting back to life together at Faith Lutheran Church.

At the same time, we are aware that things are different than they once were. Some of that is continuing to take care of each other with various COVID protocols. Some of that is other changes in our lives. Over the course of the last year, a number of our sisters and brothers joined the church triumphant. A number of friends have had their life circumstances change: have moved, are working from home, have graduated, have needed surgery.

Like it or not, we are approaching a new normal. Change is frustrating for me (and probably for you as well), I adapt slowly and begrudgingly. And this has been a time of monumental change in our lives together.

What doesn't change is God. God's love is constant, unchanging, sure. The hymn O Christ the Same (760 in the ELW) by Timothy Dudley Smith shares the sentiment well:



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O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
 our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
 eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
 unchanging still, amid the passing years:

O living Word, the source of all creation,
 who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
 we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
 our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide,
 still as of old upon your body bearing
 the marks of love, in triumph glorified:

O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
 O Prince of life, in all your saving power,

O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given,
 we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
 our lives and loves, our days and years remain,
 our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
 our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Mark

June's Worship Schedule

June 6: 10:30 AM (Outdoor Service & Streaming)

June 13: 10:30 AM (Outdoor Service)

June 20: 10:30 AM (Indoor Service & Streaming) Happy Father's Day!

June 27: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)

Please reserve your spot by calling or emailing the church office.

Masks are required for those not vaccinated!

For our worship services outside, we will have chairs set up on the patio for those who are uncertain of footing. If you can bring a camp chair, please do so. Please also feel free to wear a hat, move to the shade, etc. For our outdoor worship we are going to be distributing communion. To repeat, for outdoor worship communion will be provided. Pastor Mark and the assisting minister will bring communion to where you sit.

For our indoor services at the end of the month, we will celebrate the wonderful decorations that our crafty folks made. Please bring your own communion elements.

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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Stewardship & Resources	Gordy Gamet
Worship & Music	Terry Virnig
Mission Endowment Fund	Gordy Gamet

Fathers are wonderful People
 Too little understood'
 And we do not sing their **praises**
 As often as we should...
 But **Fathers** are just wonderful
 In a million different ways,
 And they merit loving
compliments
 And accolade of praise,
 For the only reason Dad aspires
 To **fortune** and success
 Is to make the family proud of him
 And to bring **happiness**...
 And like our Heavenly Father,
 He's a **guardian** and guide,
 Someone we can count on
 To be **always** on our side.

Happy Father's Day
June 20, 2021

**Financial Report as of 5/21/2021:**

Undesignated Income: \$6,768.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,885.00

Net Undesignated Income: (\$2,117.00)

Total Expenses: \$8,517.14

Total Net Income: \$1,240.86

Multi Church Book Study: Ecumenical Book Study Addresses Racism

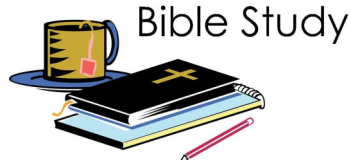
Wednesdays at 6:30 starting on July 7th at Albany Methodist Church (outside)
Zoom

Are you interested in learning more about racism and working toward God's realm of equality and justice? Join an in-person or online study of Robin DiAngelo's book *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. We will start on July 7th and meet each Wednesday for seven weeks through August 18th. If you are interested, please purchase the book.

The online study will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and will meet via Zoom. The in-person study will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard of Albany First United Methodist Church, 1115 28th Ave. SW. You must be fully vaccinated to attend the in-person book study.

Before the first class, buy *White Fragility* and read the Foreword, Author's Note, Introduction, and chapter 1. Leaders for both the online and in-person studies are Father Bob from St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Pastor Mark from Faith Lutheran Church, and Pastor Lura from Albany First United Methodist Church.

For the evening study at Albany First United Methodist Church please go to 1115 28th Ave SW at 6:30. Bring a chair if you are able, be prepared to sit apart socially distanced and wearing a mask (these are the rules of our sister congregation). Also you might note that their rules are different than ours (vaccinated and unvaccinated are welcome at our activities, we just follow OHA guidelines regarding masks etc.) Since they are hosting, they make their own policy.



Bible Study

Bible Study via Zoom at 1 PM Monday's
June 21, and 28, July 12, 19 and 26

We are going to be studying the gospel of Mark on Mondays at 1. We are going to be diving in to the first written of all the gospels, the earliest record we have of the life of Jesus. Since we are in the second year of the lectionary cycle, we are also going to be studying the primary gospel for our worship as well. The group has been meeting over Zoom over the course of the pandemic and will at least start that way (some of the folks who have been joining us are friends who live a long ways away). Look for the email with a link in it.



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



Pastor Mark will be on Vacation from June 13 –19th. Please see Father Bob from St. Albans 541-921-1076 for Pastor care while he is gone. Pastor Jim Philipson will be preaching on Sunday, June 13th.



Pentecost Celebration

Thank you to all the people who made the church look fabulous for it's birthday on the day of Pentecost. The decorations looked truly awesome and made our worship a delight. From the flames and doves near the lectern to the balloons on the pews the decorations made for a celebrations.

Small Groups Meetings

Small groups may now begin meeting at the church. For a small group to meet they must have a Key Contact or Liaison who will schedule a meeting, fill out a form for the group (available at the door by the church office or online).



Groups must abide by the building use policy. Key parts of this policy are keeping an attendance record (in case of need for contact tracing), making sure people abide by Faith Lutheran's mask policy (which is also an article in this newsletter) and making sure the area used is left cleaner than it was found

For established groups such as the Scouts, quilters or string therapy, speak to the group leader about restarting. For a different group that wants to use the facility, please co-ordinate with Nancy George in the church office.

Mask Policy



Oregon has changed their mask guidance and we are updating our policy to go along with it. All along the council has abided by the guidelines. Accordingly starting this Sunday **if you show proof of vaccination to ushers as you are checked in, you may be unmasked in Faith Lutheran Church.**

Proof vaccination is a vaccination card showing that you are two weeks out from your second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or two weeks out from your single dose of Johnson & Johnson. This follows state guidelines, which you can find here (page 3 applies to faith communities): <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3727.pdf>

You only have to show proof of vaccination if you wish to be unmasked. You can of course continue to enter while masked without showing vaccination proof. Some of us, like Pastor Mark, may continue to be masked because they have unvaccinated family members at home, others may continue to mask out of caution, still others may not be able or desire to be vaccinated. It is important to continue to respect others - if you are vaccinated and someone else is wearing a mask, give that person social distance.

Office Hours Changing for July
Monday , Wednesday and Friday 10 AM to 2:00 PM

Nance will be out for surgery in the month of July. Carol Armstrong will be in the church office should you need anything 541-928-7660.

Camp COVID-19 Guidelines Now Available!

A recording of the Town Hall with camp directors and Lutherwood's Mental Health Specialist & Health Coordinator can be found at: <https://youtu.be/QKxR6lQKBJI> A printed version of these guideline will be available on our website.

Camp Lutherwood Oregon Is Now Hiring!

We are now accepting applications for all Summer Staff positions. Information and job descriptions are available online at lutherwoodoregon.org/employment. Summer Staff members must be at least 18 years of age by June 1, 2021 and willing to serve in a variety of roles this summer. For questions email jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org or call the camp office at 541-998-6444

Lutherwood Sunday Resources Available NOW

Our media kit for Lutherwood Sundays is now available! Email office@lutherwoodoregon.org to receive a Drop Box link that will include access to a message/sermon, children's message, promo video, camp announcements, flyers and a Power Point slide. We encourage you to schedule a camp Sunday in May or June to promote all that's happening at Lutherwood.

One Last Work Day- June 5th

One last chance to visit camp this Spring and help us prepare for summer. Join us on June 5 from 10AM to 2PM. Reservations are required, space is limited. Visit our website at <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/work-days-2/> to request your space!

2021 Summer Registration is OPEN!

Registration is open for Family Camp, Women's Retreat and Youth Programs now! Space is limited for all programs and spots are filling up fast. The most up to date information about program dates and costs can be found at <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/>



COVID-19 & Camp Lutherwood Oregon

At this time camp is open to guests by private appointment only. Please contact the office to make arrangements to ensure that we are able to accommodate all safety requirements at 541-998-6444 or office@lutherwoodoregon.org for more information and to make your request.

Worship Helpers are needed!

If you can help with worship, either as an usher, or assisting minister/lector (the two roles are combined for now) or working on the sound board, let us know. We are adapting to a changing world and counting on excited adaptable people.



June	Worship Leader Team 2021			
	6	13	20	27
Assisting Ministers	Kim	Diane	Elaine	Jackye
Altar Prep	Nance	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ushers	Jon	Nance	Dick	Janice
	Dick	Wally	Kim	Terry
Sound Technician	Gordy	John	Terry	John



NEW FLOWER CHART AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

If you are interested in providing flowers for any of our services, please sign up on the flower chart.



June 1 - National Say Something Nice Day

There's an adage that says that people may not remember what you do, but they'll certainly remember how you made them feel, and at no time is that more true than on **National Say Something Nice Day**, observed on June 1 each year. This holiday is about lifting your co-workers, family members, acquaintances, even foes, with genuine kind words — being a “lifter,” and seeing how much healthier and happier you feel in the process.

June's Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Facebook Live Stream 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Outdoor Worship	31	1 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	2 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's 5:30 PM Worship & Music Committee	3 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due	4 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	5
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For the most up-to-date version,
[visit our online calendar](#)

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

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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
Kristy Bishop
Oliver
Madielynn

Stephan Selvage
Patrick Selvage
Garrett Baarsch
Carl Wogomon
Stephanie Bauthman
Marjorie Trainor
John Busher
Gene Hebert
Heather
Donald Roland
Margaret Rowland
Peggy Preston
Julie Shaw



**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Ruth Irwin, Connie Griffis

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

Prayer for Healing



**Merciful God,
today we lift up those who are fighting sickness,
whether in mind or body.
When they want to give up,
give them fresh strength and courage.
Comfort them in times of pain,
give peace in times of fear
and bless them with your healing touch.
In Jesus Name, Amen.**



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