

FAITH at WORK

July & August 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

You may have noticed that we are doing something a little bit different in our Sunday morning worship. We are following the semi-continuous story of David and his children.

David is a complicated figure. If you read through 1st and 2nd Samuel, we find that David's life is not that of a saint who unfailingly does the right thing. Instead David is someone with monumental successes and failures.

David's brokenness with Bathsheeba is well known (2nd Samuel 11). He is also at times in his life a mercenary for hire, working for Israel's enemies the Philistines (1st Samuel 27). He is arguably a failure as a parent (one of his children [Amnon] another child [half sister Tamar] and is murdered by another child [half brother] Absalom 2nd Samuel 13). David's reign knows tremendous amounts of war and even a revolt by one of his sons (Absalom in 2nd Samuel 15 – 16).

In many ways, David is a failure. When he is a part of the army of Israel during the time Saul is king, David keeps his thoughts (and emotions) close to the chest, he feels like a politician (consider David's few words in the later part of 1st Samuel). David doesn't feel like a model of what we should follow or aspire to, except in one manner.

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David puts his faith and trust in God. When his life is going well, David gives thanks to God. When he is struggling, David gives thanks to God. When he is being rewarded for faithfulness, David recognizes that God is the ultimate author. When he is suffering, he recognizes that this is judgment from God on David's misdeeds – and deserved punishment. David knows that God is the author of creation and puts all trust, all honor, all sovereignty in the one who made the heavens and the earth.

Thus what is noteworthy about David, and why David is revered as Israel's greatest king is David's continued trust in God.

On June 6, 2021, Pope Francis noted that communion is not the meal of saints, it is the bread of sinners. As we gather at the table, it is worth remembering that all of us are, like David, sinners in the hands of a tender God, who welcomes us with compassion and mercy.

July & August Worship Schedules

July 4 10:30 AM (Indoor Service & Streaming)
 July 11: 10:30 AM (Indoor Service & Streaming)
 July 18: 10:30 AM (Indoor Service & Streaming)
 July 25: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)

Aug. 1: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)
 Aug. 8: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)
 Aug. 15: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)
 Aug. 22: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)
 Aug. 29: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)

Masks are required for those not vaccinated!

PRAYER



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

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	Kim Sass
Secretary	Nancy George
Treasurer	Janice Virnig
Financial Secretary	John Berg
Education /youth	Andrea Daniels
Evangelism & Mission	Dick Olsen
Fellowship & Social Concerns	Peggy Preston
Property Management	Jon Aaberg
Stewardship & Resources	Gordy Gamet
Worship & Music	Terry Virnig
Mission Endowment Fund	Gordy Gamet

God Bless America

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Land that I love
Stand beside her
And guide her
Through the night with a
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From the mountains
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Songwriters: Irving Berlin

**Happy****4th of****July**

Financial Report as of 6/17/2021:

Undesignated Income: \$4,773.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,885.00

Net Undesignated Income: (\$4,112.00)

Total Expenses: \$3,611.11

Total Net Income: \$4,106.89

Wednesdays at 6:30 starting on July 7th at Albany Methodist Church (outside) 11:00 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.

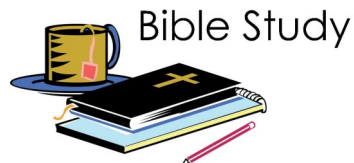
The online study will be from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and will meet via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81001168163?pwd=SDsS3dUU3J6TXB4WE5mWmN3TUIvUT09>. The in-person study will be from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard of Albany First United Methodist Church, 1115 28th Ave. SW. You must 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.

Afternoon Bible Study at 1 PM Monday's

June 21, 27, July 12, 19, 26 & Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



Bible Study

We are going to be studying (I need to confirm this) 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. The group will determine when we transition to in person – I suspect that this will happen in July (on July 12th as we are not meeting July 5th).

New Office Hours in July & August: 10 AM to 2 PM

As the 4th of July is a federal holiday (and Sunday) the office will be closed on July 5th. The office will be open MWF for the rest of the summer. Carol Armstrong will be working in the office from 10 AM to 2 PM while Nance is away. Please welcome her if you get a chance.

A Note from

Mary Sabatka-Gamet

Now that I'm back to the beautiful state of Oregon I want to thank everyone who kept me in their prayers over the last 8 weeks. This experience is unlike anything I've ever experienced and I don't know if I'll ever had the words to describe what it was like at Fort Bliss. Thank you especially to Pastor Mark for his weekly check in, the bible study group who let me listen in, and the technical people who made it possible for me to 'be at church' with everyone on Sundays. It gave me the strength I needed to get through the long, difficult days. Blessings to all!

Mary Martha Circle



This is a monthly bible study for all women. We will be meeting on Second Tuesday of Each Month @ 1 PM (In the Fellowship Room) . Please join us and bring a friend! If you would like more information, please call Karen Glenn at 541-928-4729 or Shirley Karstens at 541-967-8309

Small Groups Meetings



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

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. All are welcome!

You are Invited

Whether you're 9 months or 99 years old,
come and celebrate summer, community and Jesus with your church family!

All God's Children: The Church Family Gathers for a Very Blessed Summer

Resource from Gen On Ministries



Mondays July 12-August 09
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

6:00pm

Bring your own dinner and we'll eat together!

EXCEPT on August 09

We will provide hot dogs, chips and ice cream for everyone, as we end our time together.

6:30pm

**Stories, Games, Community Building, Prayer,
Fun, Play, Blessings Abundant, Crafts, Messiness and Joy**

**Bring your friends, neighbors, children, grandparents
for a time to simply be together in God's goodness!**

Community Events

Saturdays in July & August: Albany Farmers Market 9 AM (Downtown)

July 8-11: Crazy Daze Sales in Downtown Albany

July 11 Annual Car Show @Albany Golf and Event Center 9am—3pm

July 15 –17: Linn County Fair @Linn County Expo Center

July 22: River Rhythms @ Monteith Park: 7pm (Neil Diamond Tribute—Super Diamond)

July 23: Women's Wacky Golf @ Springhill Golf Club 8am

July 29: Movies @ Monteith Park (To Be Determined) 9pm

July 30: Oregon Jamboree @ Sankey Park (See Oregon Jamboree website) All Day

July 31: Annual Historical Home Tour @ Albany Visitor Center 11am—5 pm

Aug. 2: Summer Sounds @ Monteith Park: 7pm (Arietta Ward: Blues and Soul Music)

Aug. 5: River Rhythms @ Monteith Park: 7pm (Smash Mouth)

Aug. 6, 7, & 8: Albany Summer Home Garden and Wedding Show @ Linn County Expo

Aug. 8: Covered Bridge Bicycle Tour @ Linn County Expo

Aug. 9: Summer Sounds @Monteith Park: 7pm—9pm (The Coats—Acapella Group)

Aug. 12: River Rhythms @Monteith Park: 7pm—9pm (John Michael Montgomery)

Aug. 13: Movies @Montieth 9pm (To Be Determined)

Aug. 16: Summer Sounds @Montieth Park: 7pm—9pm (Stone Love, Journey Tribute Band)

Aug. 21: Carnival @ the Carousel and Historical Carousel Museum: 10am—3pm

Aug. 27-28: Northwest Art & Air Festival @Timber Linn Park: All Day

**Aug. 28: Thompson's Mills Annual Cider Pressing @Thompson's Cider Mill,
32655 Boston Mill Dr., Shedd, Oregon**



Greetings from Camp!

Here are your announcements from Camp Lutherwood Oregon.

PLEASE HELP: SUMMER STAFF STILL NEEDED!!!

Staff Training begins in one week and we are still in need of:

- 2 male counselors
- 2 female counselors
- lifeguard
- 2 kitchen assistants.

Interested young adults need to email jobs@lutherwoodoregon.org for more information and to expedite the hiring process!

Lutherwood Sunday Resources Available

A "media kit" has been created for you to share about Camp Lutherwood Oregon with congregations. A sermon, children's message, short video and announcements are included. Email the camp office at office@lutherwoodoregon.org to receive the link.

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.

SAVE THE DATE- LCMS Fall Youth Retreat

LCMS youth groups are invited to join us for a youth fall retreat on October 15-17, 2021 at Lutherwood. More information and details to follow.



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.





Annual Bazaar Dec. 3 & 4

We will be holding our annual bazaar the first weekend in December. If you have hand crafted items which you would like to donate, please let Jan Wetzel know. She and her daughter are coordinating the effort this year. Thank you, Jan!

Quilting and TOMS Wednesdays at 9 am

Wednesday mornings are a busy time at Faith Lutheran Church. We have quilters tirelessly working to give people warmth, privacy and shelter. The TOMS (stands for The Old Men, though age and gender are not requirements for the group) tirelessly work to keep our church property humming and our grounds clean.

At midmorning, the groups break for an opportunity for fellowship and time together. If you have some spare time and a desire for company, it might be a nice time to stop by Faith to see what's going on.

Also a thank you to our tireless volunteers who have been working to keep things going here – both for our service to others and helping keep Faith Lutheran Church humming.



August 1 - National Friendship Day

National Friendship Day occurs every year on the first Sunday of August — August 1, 2021 and celebrates the importance of loving platonic relationships. Friendships are the purest type of human relationships. For more than a century, we've celebrated the strength of friendship, and thanks to social media, we're able to continue celebrating with our friends no matter where they are in the world.



JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM In-door Worship & livestreaming 11:15 AM Fellowship Meeting	28 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	30 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's	1	2 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	3
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18 Pastor Vac. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM In-door Worship & livestreaming 11:30 AM BYO Church Picnic	19 Pastor Vac. 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	20 8:00 AM Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	21 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's 11:00 AM Ecumenical Bible Study Zoom 6:30 PM Ecumenical Bible Study (Methodist Church)	22	23 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	24
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July 18th after church

(Alternate Date 25th in case of rain on the 18th)

We invite you to join us for a bring your own/box picnic after worship on July 18th. Each family should bring their own lunch. It will be nice to gather together, outside for a meal. If this goes well, we might do another bring your own picnic in

July	Worship Leader Team 2021			
	4	11	18	25
Assisting Ministers	Charles	Shirley	Elaine	Carol
Altar Prep	Elaine	Aabergs	Carol A.	Carol A.
Ushers	Jon	Kim	Dick	Janice
	Dick	Terry	Kim	Terry
Sound Technician	John	Gordy	John	Terry

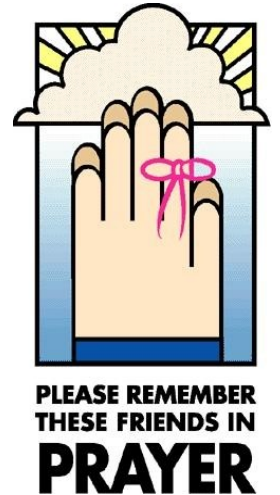
August	Worship Leader Team 2021				
	1	8	15	22	29
Assisting Ministers	Diane	Shirley	Janice	Terry	Gordy
Altar Prep	Aabergs	Carol A.	Elaine	Jeff	Nance
Ushers	Jon	Janice	Dick	Kim	Nance
	Dick	Terry	Wally	Elaine	Diane
Sound Technician	John	Gordy	Terry	Jon	John

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
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
Julie Shaw
John and Margarite Fusaro
Lee Horst
Alice Voet



REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Ruth Irwin, Connie Griffis

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES. Mary Berg & Family for the loss of her Mother. Cheryl Blum and family for the loss of her Aunt, Leora Horst.



Healing Prayer

**Father of Goodness and Love,
Hear our prayer for the sick members of our community
and for all those in need.**

**Amid mental and physical suffering may they find
comfort in your healing presence.**

**Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken
bodies whole and free downcast spirits.**

May these special people find lasting health and relief from pain.

**We thank you for your many blessing and praise you as you
support us on our journey through life.**

In Jesus Name, Amen



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