

FAITH at WORK

March 2021



Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are coming out of the long, dark tunnel. The VA home in Lebanon announced cases of COVID 19 last March 11th which was the decision to suspend in person worship. Since that time we have worshipped outside, done drive up services, facebook livestream, youtube recordings. Through the power and love of the triune God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, we have adapted to changing circumstances, proclaimed God's love and lived out lives of Faith.

Lent is a time of reflection. This has been a year of Lent. This has been a year of reading Scripture, praying, listening to how the Holy Spirit blows through our world. This has been a year of quiet, reflection, contemplation.

But we are coming out of it. Through the development of vaccines, through taking care of our neighbors, through caring for each other we are coming out of a long dark year.

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Jesus, the resurrection and the life will bring us together soon. Until then, united by the Holy Spirit, we are one family of sisters and brothers in Christ our Lord.

Amen

March's Worship Schedule

Mar. 7: Zoom Fellowship/ Pericope @9:00 AM
Facebook Livestream @ 10:30 AM

Mar. 14: Zoom Fellowship/ Pericope @9:00 AM
Outdoor Service (Parking Lot) & Facebook Livestream @ 10:30 AM

Mar. 21: Zoom Fellowship/ Pericope @9:00 AM
Facebook Livestream @ 10:30 AM

Mar. 28: Palm Sunday
Zoom Fellowship/ Pericope @ 9:00 AM
Outdoor Service (Parking Lot) & Facebook Livestream @ 10:30 AM

(Youtube Sermons are available every Sunday!)

This is our worship schedule for March. If you haven't joined us for our 9 AM Bible study before, you might consider checking it out. It's a study and fellowship time and is a nice way to start your Sunday. At 10:30 there will be a livestream on Pastor Mark's Facebook page of the service for that particular day, either the parking lot service (with communion) or a service of the word (either from the church or Pastor Mark's home). And finally Pastor Mark tapes the sermon and/or service every week as well. What this means is that you have worship opportunities each and every Sunday, many and various ways to stay safe and stay spiritual.

Please see Ecumenical Lenten Service &
 Holy Week Schedule's on page 5!

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, Father, Creator,
we thank you for all the gifts
You have given us,
especially the gift of your Son.
During this holy season of Lent,
help us change and grow and
become the kind of people
You created us to be.
Fill our hearts with love for you,
and love for other people,
created in your image.
Show us how to use the gifts you have given us
to help others in Your name.
As we journey together toward the light of Easter,
we know You are with us in all we do.
May we live always as people of Your kingdom
praising Your name now and forever.
Amen.



Financial Report as of 2/16/2021

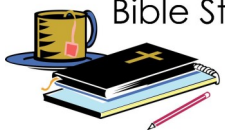
Undesignated Income: \$3,500.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,885.00

Net Undesignated Income: **(5,385.00)**

Total Expenses: \$12,213.37 Total

Net Income: **(\$6,091.17)**



Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study Monday's @ 1:00 PM

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We have a bible study on Mondays at 1 pm. During the pandemic this group has been doing books of the Bible (most recently books of the Apocrypha as that was interesting to the group). This month we are going to start by focusing on the book of Judith – an early Jewish novella who's first half is focused on all the might of the world coming to bear against the small town of Bethulia. We are going to pick up with the second half, where Judith (who is an everywoman, her name literally means woman of Judea) leads the defense and takes on the enemy general, Holofrenes, on her own. We would love to have you join us!



The Church council will be meeting on March 17th 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 March 12th.



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



Food, Paper Products and Hygiene Items will be collected this quarter (January through March) for FISH of Albany. Please leave items in basket by the double glass doors. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Tissue	Dish Soap	Toilet Paper	Paper Towels	Tooth Brushes
Sanitary Items	Diapers (All sizes)	Tooth Paste	Shampoo	
Soap (Hand and Bar)	Band Aids	Shaving Supplies		



Mar. 3: Ecumenical Service @ 7:00 PM

Mar. 10: Ecumenical Service @ 7:00 PM

Mar. 17: Ecumenical Service @ 7:00 PM

Mar. 24: Ecumenical Service @ 7:00 PM

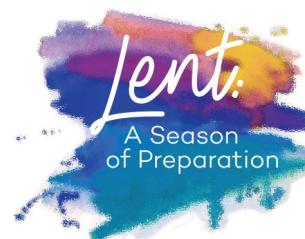
We will be doing ecumenical services over Zoom with other congregations in the area. The service on the 24th will be hosted by St Albans, the 3rd we will host and the 10th will be first Christian. We are still working on scheduling with congregations services on the other Wednesdays and will let you know more in the next months' newsletter.

ELCA Devotions During Lent

If you have a computer, just query ELCA Lent 2021 and both of these documents can be downloaded. If you would like a hard copy, let the church office know and we can mail you one.

⇒ ELCA Word Hunger Devotions (40 DAYS OF Giving)

⇒ ELCA (Year B Lent) (Daily Reading & Prayer)



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday (Love Feast/Agape Feast) April 1st at 6 pm

On April 1st, we will be celebrating a lovefeast together over zoom. We are doing this in concert with sisters and brothers at Albany Methodist, Our Savior Lutheran and St Albans. The Lovefeast is an ancient practice of the church (it is spoken of in the book of Jude), with reflections on communion, at the same time it is the meal as worship rather than the meal in worship. If you would like to join us on April 1st for this meal and worship. This will be longer than our other zoom worship services - an hour or a little longer. Also feel free to plan to participate in this seated at your dinner table and while you share the evening meal. The time was suggested so that it would coincide with, rather than fall after, dinner. Finally here is the zoom link, which will also be sent out beforehand.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82795489029?pwd=MjFYV0lYTXB1NWtBaDJ6SFQ5U25rQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 9548 9029 Passcode: 969471

Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) April 2nd 7 pm Over Zoom

St Albans will be leading (and we will be participating) in an evening worship service for Good Friday. Other participants will be the United Methodists, St Martins in Lebanon, Our Savior in Lebanon, etc. We will share the zoom link with you when we have it.

Easter Morning - April 4th

6:30 Sunrise

9:00 Facebook livestream

10:30 Regular worship time

There are still some details to be nailed down about worship - including location (the council is discussing where to conduct services as numbers continue to drop and more members are vaccinated). However we do know the time, a sunrise at 6:30 (Sunrise in Albany is at 6:47 on April 4th), a Facebook livestream at 9:00 a.m. and a service at 10:30 a.m.

Where on the church premises these services occur will be indicated in the April newsletter (due out in a couple weeks) and probably via a letter as well.

NATIONAL DAY OF UNPLUGGING

On March 6th, a National Day of Unplugging, kicks off a 24 hour period from sundown to sundown, to unplug, unwind, relax and do things other than using today's technology, electronics, and social media.

Are you up to the challenge?



How St. Patrick's Day Originated

St. Patrick's Day began as a religious holiday to honor St. Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century.

The first parade for the holiday occurred in New York City on March 17, 1762. It featured Irish soldiers who served in the English military. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman attended the parade.

In 1991, Congress proclaimed March to be Irish-American Heritage Month to honor the achievements and contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants who are living in the United States today.

What the Irish in America Have Accomplished

33.1 million, or 10.4% is the number and percentage of U.S. residents claiming Irish ancestry in 2014, more than seven times the 4 million-plus population of Ireland itself. The only ancestry reported more often was German.

Two states in 2014 claimed more than 20 percent Irish residency and those were Massachusetts at 21.5 percent and New Hampshire at 20.9 percent.

Those with Irish heritage were more likely to have higher household income, own their own homes and earn educational degrees.

Specifically:

- 35.6 percent of Irish-Americans older than 25 held at least a bachelor's degree and 93.7 percent held at least a high school diploma, compared with 30.1 percent and 86.9 percent for the entire U.S.
- Households headed by an Irish-American received a median income of \$62,141 in 2014 compared with \$53,657 for all households.
- 68.3 percent of those Irish-headed homes were owned, compared with 63.1 percent for all households. The remainder rented.

Food most commonly served on St. Patrick's Day is corned beef and cabbage.

Greetings from Camp Lutherwood,

Spring Work Days

We are now taking reservations for Spring Work Days to be held on Saturday, April 24, May 8 and June 5 from 10am-2pm. Groups must register as a family and space is very limited. A to-go style lunch will be served. All work projects will be assigned by family groups. Contact the camp office with any questions.

Summer Registration 2021 - CHANGE IN DATES

Planning for summer 2021 is a moving target! As we continue to wait for guidance around youth overnight camps, we have decided to postpone opening registration. Family Camp Registration will open on March 8 and youth camps on March 15. Check our website for the most up to date information about program dates and costs.

Now Hiring for Summer 2021

2021 Summer Staff applications are now available online at lutherwoodoregon.org/employment. 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 contact the camp office at office@lutherwoodoregon.org or call 541-998-6444

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.



Church Annual Report & New Directory

Items are available to pick up @ the church office or at our Drive up Services

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 AM to 12 PM

If you are unable to pick one up, and would like one, please give the church office a call. (541) 928-7660.

March's Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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[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
Nancy Goodwin
John Busher
Vail T. Palmer
Paul Carson
Gene Hebert
Eric Reimer
Heather
Donald Roland
Margaret Rowland



**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. Family and Friends of Betty Kelley and Bonnie Keys

Prayer for Comfort and Strength

Lord, thank you that our comfort abounds through Christ our Savior. Nothing in the world can bring us the comfort and peace that you alone can offer. Thank you for understanding our trials, and for your loving care.

Through our own struggle and pain, help us to be your vessels to offer comfort and strength to others who are hurting. Through every weakness and hard place, your strength is displayed in our lives. Your power is Mighty within us, you are our Helper and our Strength. All things are possible through you. Amen.





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