

FAITH at WORK

September 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

The images from Afghanistan are riveting. The crowds gathered at the airports, the people leaping onto (and falling from) planes as they take off, Kabul being whitewashed to appease the Taliban. I write this on August 18th. Our news media is spending a tremendous amount of time finger pointing, trying to spin the wheel of blame and see where it lands. I'm sure we all have opinions about who is to blame (probably the president/political party that differs from ours).

What we need to do now is try to help the innocents. We need to help the refugees who are gathering at the airports. We need to help the refugees who are being crammed onto C-17s and waiting at military bases. We need to help the people who are already coming here, allies who supported our country during this long conflict, to find safety and security.

I implore you to contact your representatives and senators, to write to the White House. We are a large country and we can take in more than the 30,000 that is set annually. In 1990 while George Bush was president, our country took in over 100,000 refugees, in 1980 during Reagan's first year in office the total was over 200,000. We are a big country with a big heart and we can welcome these



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neighbors, as we did families like the Trans in our congregation a couple generations ago.

I implore you to donate to organizations like:

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services <https://www.lirs.org/>

Lutheran World Relief (focusing their efforts on Haiti): <https://lwr.org/>

USA for UN Refugees: <https://www.unrefugees.org/>

The Bible is clear on the mandate to care for the refugee and stranger. In Deuteronomy 10:17 – 19 we see this *“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸ who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. ¹⁹ You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”*

In Matthew 25:35-36 Jesus describes the righteous as people who do this: for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

There are numerous other examples from both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. We can point fingers later, right now, there is a call to act, to help those in need.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Mark

September Worship Schedules

September 5: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship Service)

September 12: 10:30 AM (Indoor Worship Service)

September 19: 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM (Indoor Service & Streaming)

September 26: 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM (Indoor Worship & Streaming)

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

Remembering 9/11

On September 10th, 20 years ago, 246 people went to sleep in preparation for their morning flights. 2,606 people went to sleep in preparation for work in the morning. 343 firefighters went to sleep in preparation for their morning shift. 60 police officers went to sleep in preparation for morning patrol. 8 paramedics went to sleep in preparation for the morning shift. None of them saw past 10:00 am Sept 11, 2001. In one single moment life may never be the same. As you live and enjoy the breaths you take today and tonight before you go to sleep in preparation for your life tomorrow, kiss the ones you love, snuggle a little tighter, and never take one second of your life for granted.”

—Unknown



Financial Report as of 8/27/2021:

Undesignated Income: \$6,914.99

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,885.00

Net Undesignated Income: (\$1,970.01)

Total Expenses: \$10,996.63

Total Net Income: (\$1,082.41)

Church Announcements and Events

CHURCH
COUNCIL

RETREAT

Council Retreat on August 29th

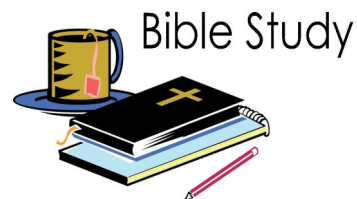
The Church Council is going to be having a retreat on August 29th at 1 pm, which may be in person or over zoom. This meeting, like all our meetings, is open to anyone in the congregation who wishes to participate.

The focus of this retreat is going to be looking at our future – where is the Holy Spirit leading our congregation. We recognize that our congregation has new opportunities and challenges and want to vision for the future.

Bible Study Monday's @ 1:00 PM

September 13, 20 and 27

We have a bible study on We are diving in to the first written of all the gospels, the Gospel of Mark. This is the earliest record we have of the life of Jesus. Since we are in the second year of the lectionary cycle, we are studying the primary gospel for our worship as well. The group will host both in-person study in the fellowship hall and on-line study via Zoom. Mondays at 1 pm and hope that you will join us.



Bible Study

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

Pastor Mark is on vacation September 1—12

We welcome Pastor Wally Gustav who will be leading worship on Sundays, September 5 & 12. Pastor Mark will be out September 1st through 12th, during this time Father Bob will provide pastoral care in case of an emergency. He can be reached by calling (541) 921-1076.



Annual Bazaar Dec. 3 & 4

We will be holding our annual bazaar the first week end 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!



Annual School Supply Drive

Education is important for any community, but especially where poverty or disaster have limited the options for young people to reach their potential. We have set a goal for 75 kits to be donated through Lutheran World Relief. Please help if you can.

A list of items needed for each kit is available on the table in the Fireside Room.



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).

FISH Collections for September (High Protein Foods)

Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Canned Fish, Dried or Canned Legumes (Lentils, Beans, Split Peas) and other non-perishables are always needed.

Office Hours for September

Monday , Wednesday and Friday hours 10 AM—2 PM

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.

The Church will be closed on Monday, September 6th, for Labor Day



Did you know?

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September in any given year (i.e. a single day from September 1 through September 7) to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend. Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday.



Current Covid-19 Practices at Faith Lutheran Church

Out of love and concern for our neighbor, the Church Council has made a decision regarding Faith Lutheran Church's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Masks are mandatory indoors
- Masks are mandatory outdoors if six feet cannot be maintained between people (OHA Mandate 8/27/2021)
- Keep social distance (6 feet apart)
- No food or beverages indoors
- We will continue to share in the meal of salvation



As Martin Luther said, “God doesn’t need your good works but your neighbor does.”

The pandemic is fluid and changing. I am thankful for the faithful service of the Church Council, the steadiness of the congregation, for Nancy (and Carol), for Cheryl and for the numerous volunteers. Thank you for being flexible and for helping take care of each other.

- Pastor Mark



LOVE and PROTECT your neighbors, friends and family by consistently wearing a mask when your out and about. We are in this together!





September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming 1:00 PM Council Retreat	30 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	31 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	1 No Quilting Today 9:00 AM TOM's 5:30 PM Worship & Music Committee	2	3 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	4
5 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship	6 Church Office is Closed No Bible Study No Boy Scouts	7 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	8 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's 1:00 PM Mary Martha Circle	9	10 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	11
12 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship	13 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	14 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mary Martha Circle 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	15 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's 7:00 PM Council Meeting	16	17 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	18 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo)
19 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming	20 8:00 AM Newsletter Deadline 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	21 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	22 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's	23	24 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	25
26 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15 AM Fellowship Meeting	27 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	28 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	29 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Quilters 9:00 AM TOM's	30	1 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM String Therapy	2

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

Beloved of Christ,

It's that time again! For many of us, September means new pencils, backpacks, friendships and opportunities for learning. Perhaps you, like me, have always loved the waxy scent of crayons, the rubbery feel of erasers, the possibilities on a fresh sheet of paper or a new group of learners. This yearning for learning and unbounded curiosity is not simply a positive thing, but a unique and important part of our Lutheran heritage. Martin Luther preached that we are to bring our whole selves, body, spirit and mind, to our faith, and intellectual questions, literacy and science are never to be feared. We in the Bishop's Office of the Oregon Synod agree. As Paul says in Romans, continuing to grow in faith, understanding and love is part of the discipleship path: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

Please join us for the second annual Synod Day of Learning, Saturday, September 25 from 9:15 am to 3:45 pm. The rise of the Delta variant will not stop us - workshops and the keynote address will all be offered via Zoom!

Conversations and workshops will follow the theme of the year here in the Oregon Synod: Faithful in the Fray. This fall we will be looking at faithfulness as it applies to faith and racism, and we are delighted to share that local leader and author Pr. Lenny Duncan has agreed to be our keynoter. Workshops will be both morning and afternoon, and will include themes such as anti-racist reading of the Bible, facing the climate crisis with honesty and hope, hidden stories from the margins and our own lives, crafting new liturgies as sacred collective action, how to have tough conversations in congregations, and honoring our grief around the history of racism in our state and world.

"For God did not give us a Spirit of timidity, but of power, of love and of wise discernment," says the Second Letter to Timothy. Let's join together from all corners of the state to deliberate with power and love what it means to follow the Way of Jesus today, here, now!

The entire day's event is only \$50 per screen for adults over 21. Under 21 is free. Scholarships are available by contacting the Bishop's Office at office@oregonsynod.org. Screening for a large group? Please consider an additional offering to help support this event.

Registration closes September 20th at 9pm.

See you in September!

Laurie L. Caesar

Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar





Save the date!

October 6, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Spirit of Harvest

An Online Event

Join us on Wednesday, October 6 for a fun and interactive online, livestream program uplifting the Spirit of Harvest that lives year-round at Camp Lutherwood Oregon!

Let's envision the future of camp together, even while we're far apart! Get ready to see some familiar faces, and hear about new ideas!

Just like past Harvest Festivals, this fun, fast-paced evening includes an exciting online auction (items will be announced soon!). This is your chance to bid on exclusive camp experiences and learn how your support will allow us to continue our outdoor ministry and education through 2022.

Tune in at 7PM PST on the Lutherwood website or subscribe to [Camp Lutherwood Oregon on YouTube](#). Dress in black tie or PJs and raise a s'more in support of Camp Lutherwood Oregon from the comfort of your home!

Registration opens September 8th at lutherwoodoregon.org/spirit-of-harvest. Stay tuned for more information about the event and how you can enjoy and participate in the evening.



Descending leaves fall to the ground,
Twirling, twisting, round and round,
Autumn season is almost here,
The smell of freshness is oh so near.

The crisp, cool breeze,
Shakes the leaves from the trees,
Autumn takes away the green,
Golden-bronze and brown is all that can be seen.

Community Events

- Sept. 1— Sensory Friendly Rides at Albany Historic Carousel 11am-4pm**
- Sept. 4— Monteith Living History Tour, Register in advance 1pm-3pm**
Saturdays throughout September
- Sept. 11—Dapper Antiques in the Street All Day**
Downtown Albany
- Sept. 11—Antiques in the Street Classic Car Show All Day**
Antique Mall, Downtown Albany
- Sept. 11—Albany Beer Run for Heartland Humane Society 11am-2pm**
Calapooia Brewing Company
- Sept 11: 9/11 Commemoration & Fly Over 8:45 am**
@ Linn County Courthouse
- Sept. 15: Albany Business Extravaganza @ Linn Expo Center 2—6:30 pm**
- Sept. 17: Sweet Home Best In the West Triathlon @ Lewis Creek Park (All day)**
- Sept. 18: Albany Scottish Festival & Highland Games 9 am—6 pm**
@ Timber Linn Memorial Park
- Sept. 18: Bridges Bikes and Brews @ Linn County Lamb and Wool 10 am—4 pm**
Fairgrounds (Scio, OR)



Note: Please watch for cancellations!



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



	Worship Leader Team 2021			
September	5	12	19	26
Assisting Ministers	Janice	Gordy	Diane	Carol
Altar Prep	Pam	Cynthia	Elaine	Shirley
Ushers	Jon	Janice	Dick	Kim
	Dick	Terry	Nance	Terry
Sound Technician	Gordy	John	Terry	Jon

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.



Prayer List

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



Tim B	Gigi Douglas	John Busher
Brenda Carroll	Ron Wold	Gene Hebert
Sandy Hina	Chiera Family	Heather
Robert Jon	SangSau Tran	Julie Shaw
Daniel Sullivan	Silas Haynes	John & Margarite Fusaro
Linda Gail Voet	Cindy Harms	Lee Horst
Melba Wright	Eleanor Barr	Nancy George
Brandon Crawford	Izzy Covalt	Kerry Casner
Noah Holman	Oliver	Oksana Pfennig
Barbara Rose	Garrett Baarsch	Margaret Rowland
Jerry Sheffield	Stephanie Bauthman	Allison
Pat Norby	Carl Wogomon	Olivia Hunter

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Ruth Irwin, Connie Griffis

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES.:
Family and Friends of Alice Voet.

Healing Prayer

We rest underneath your mighty wings of love. We dwell within your gentle heart. We know there is healing in your touch. Through the sufferings of Christ we can ask for restoration and trust in your goodness. You are our Lord, Savior, healer and friend. We dwell within your gentle embrace. Amen.





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