

# FAITH at WORK

February 2022

Sisters and brothers –

Right now we are in the season after epiphany which is a green season or an ordinary time. Over half the year is an ordinary time – where we are not remarking any specific event in the life of Christ or the life of the Christ. It is the baseline for the liturgical year, a time when we are not preparing for one of the great festivals.

And yet it is not an ordinary time. Every Sunday we gather together following the radical love of Jesus Christ. We gather following a revolutionary who overturned the order of his time to a different vision of community and who continues to unsettle the powerful. We gather for a meal that knows no boundaries: the sinner is welcomed, the poor and stranger. And we gather to be fed and nourished, sent to a world in need.

There is a quote from Annie Dillard that I think states this well: “It is madness to wear ladies’ straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.”

When we gather for worship on Sunday mornings, the Holy Spirit stirs in us. We gather celebrating the resurrection from the dead of the God become human, Jesus Christ, and the promise of new life for all of us. There is no ordinary time in the church, for all time is extraordinary in God.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Mark



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## Emergency Contact for Pastor Mark from February 8 – 19

**Pastor Sarah Schaffner** (for pastoral emergencies only) 541 – 852 - 5637

Pastor Mark will be away during the above dates and will not be available via cell phone or email. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact Pastor Sarah Schaffner

## What Does Part Time Mean?

At the congregational meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, the congregation voted to move Pastor Mark to part time. This was done at the recommendation of the council and Pastor Mark, reflecting the financial realities here at Faith Lutheran Church in 2022.

The council suggested that Pastor Mark get a week a month off, though he be here on Sundays (for this month this occurs on February 14 – 19). In some months, Pastor Mark will be available for pastoral emergencies – and only pastoral emergencies - during this time (e.g. January, March) and in other months (e.g. February) he will not be available (these will be when he is physically out of town). When Pastor Mark is not available, it will be posted in the newsletter and bulletin. Just to repeat – the newsletter and bulletin will share a number to contact in case of an emergency if Pastor Mark is unavailable. If there is no number, pastor Mark is available during these weeks off but only for an emergency.

At that same congregational meeting the past president, Charles Bonville, and the current president, Terry Virnig, asserted that our congregation needs to consider how to meet changing circumstances. This require bold thinking and bold action, guided by the Holy Spirit. We are all journeying in this together.

## February Worship Schedules

February 6: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming  
 February 13: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming  
 February 20: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming  
 February 27: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming

**Masks and Social Distancing are Required for Indoor Worship**

What can I give to Jesus  
On this special Valentine's Day?  
How can I tell Him I'll Love Him  
and follow Him come what may?

How can I show Him I need Him?  
Should I send a red heart, with lace?  
How can I thank Him enough  
For His Sacrifice, Love and Grace?

What Valentine can I give Him,  
my adoration to impart?  
I'll give Him what he wants most;  
I'll yield Him my heart.



Faith Lutheran Church		2022
<b>Staff</b>		
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Mark Bringman</b>	
<b>Office Manager</b>	<b>Nancy George</b>	
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	<b>Cheryl Blum</b>	
<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Terry Bushnell</b>	
<b>Church Council</b>		
<b>President</b>	<b>Terry Virnig</b>	
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Kim Sass</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alice Weber</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Janice Virnig</b>	
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>John Berg</b>	
<b>Education/Youth</b>		
<b>Evangelism &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Dick Olsen</b>	
<b>Fellowship &amp; Social</b>	<b>Peggy Preston</b>	
<b>Property Management</b>	<b>Jon Aaberg</b>	
<b>Stewardship &amp; Resources</b>		
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>Jackye Brown</b>	
<b>Mission Endowment</b>		



### Financial Update

Financial Report as of 1/23/2022:

Undesignated Income: \$5838.10

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$7,916.00

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$2,077.90)**

Total Expenses: \$4,691.13

Total Net Income: \$8,866.97

# *Church Announcements and Events*

## 2021-2022 Council would like to hear from you

At the end of February the newly established Mutual Ministry Committee (MMC) will be handling the review of Pastor Mark. FLC does not currently have a personnel committee so the MMC has stepped up to this task. The MMC is comprised of Gordy Gamet (chair), Pam Nelson, Jeanette Thorpe, Pastor Mark and council representative Kim Sass.

The qualities the council would appreciate your comments on include:

1. The pastor leads worship service well, is sincere and interested.
2. The pastor listens to the needs of the congregation.
3. The pastor is attentive and responsive to the requests and needs of the congregation.

Please share your honest thoughts on one or all of these qualities with one of the 2021 and 2022 councilors: Charles Bonville, Kim Sass, Nancy George, Alice Weber, Janice Virnig, John Berg, Jon Aaberg, Terry Virnig, Andi Daniels, Peggy Preston, Gordy Gamet, Dick Olsen and Jackye Brown. Your comments can be in writing or shared verbally. All comments will be collected, formatted and shared with the pastor in February. Please let a councilor know what you think before February 20 to be included in this review.

Thanks in advance for your feedback. It is appreciated!

## **Bible Study: Monday's February 7, 21 and 28th @ 1:00 PM**

We are going to be wrapping up a study series "Look for the Women" and then moving to a new (and as yet undetermined study). We hope that you can join us for this group, which enjoys fellowship and time together.

## **The Chosen (Video Series) February 27th @ 2 pm**

We will gather to watch two more episodes of the Chosen together and talk about it. The first episode this month (third in the first season) focuses on Jesus and the children (reflecting Mark 10:13 – 15 and Jesus putting the children first). The second episode focuses on the calling of the disciples. If you didn't join for the first time, you can jump right in with no worries.

## **Note from Albany Habitat For Humanity**

Thank you so much for your continued support! This amazing donation of \$500 will go directly to help a local family in need. Sincerely, Rod Porsche Executive Director

## Synod Assembly May 13 - 15 (Sunriver, Oregon)

Synod assembly will be the above dates. They are planning for an in person assembly but recognize that circumstances can change. If you would like to be a congregational representative to synod assembly, let us know at the congregational meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>



**Oregon Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
 God's work. Our hands.

Our Cluster is currently without a Cluster Representative for Synod Council. If you are interested in completing this unfinished term (Extends through August 2023) please let Pastor Mark know.

The makeup of the Synod Council requires a combination of genders and classification as rostered or lay. To stay within the requirements, the person filling this position needs to be either a woman or a person that is gender fluid, and can be either a lay or rostered classification. Rostered classification includes pastors and deacons.

Individuals that are interested in doing this important work of the church, should have the time and energy to engage, and have talents that will benefit the synod.



## Looking Ahead to Lent

- ◆ Burning the Palms on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm out on the back patio
- ◆ Ash Wednesday — Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM and 7 PM

## Office Hours for February

**Monday , Wednesday and Friday hours 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

## Nancy George is resigning as the Church Secretary

Greetings everyone,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you all over the last 5 years. I have enjoyed my time here at FLC very much and am sad to leave. However, I feel that its time to move on to new adventures. I am also trying to get healthy again. As most of you know, I have had several surgeries this year. (Shoulder , Foot and Back).. Each of these sites require lots of physical therapy. It has been frustrating and humbling at times as progress has been so slow. My goal this year is to get heathy, get back to the pool and have some fun.

It's always a challenge to bring in someone new, however, we will try to make the transition as smooth as possible. My last day will be on February 20th.

I am truly blessed to have you all in my life. Thanks again, and may God bless you all.

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## Welcome Carol Armstrong (New Office Manager)

We would like to welcome **Carol Armstrong** to our staff here at F. L.C. as our new office manager.

Carol is married to Dan Winings (27 yrs.), has two grown daughters (Meagan and Kate) and one grandson (Bodhi) who is 5 years old in May. She was raised in Albany, Oregon and brought up in the Lutheran

Church. For those that don't know, Carol is Nancy's sister and Shirley Karstens cousin. Carol has been working in the office over the summer as Nance recovered from surgery.

Carol comes to us with a wealth of experience in many different areas. She has worked in the public sector as a freight clerk and ticket agent, and a private secretary for a manufacturing company, and as a mechanical technician at Hewlett Packard. After leaving HP, she studied to become a masseuse and aesthetician.

On the personal side, Carol is also a water color artist, baker, seamstress and crafter. There's not much she can't do when she puts her mind to it.

She will be a good addition to our staff. Please take some time to welcome her to the Faith Lutheran Family.



## SUMMER 2022

Registration is NOW OPEN for all 2022 programs! Register by January 15th to receive \$50 off full week camp registrations. Discount changes to \$25 from Jan 16-Feb 6. See attached for the summer 2022 schedule.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Camp Lutherwood Association is scheduled for Saturday, February 5th from 9:30-11am by Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Association Congregations (those who have given any financial gift to camp in the past year) may send a delegate to vote on the 2022 budget, new Board members and any other business. Please RSVP with names and emails of all attendees to the camp office by January 31st by email [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) or by phone 541-998-6444. The Zoom link, Annual Report and all meeting materials will be sent the week of by email.

### Summer Staff Applications

Applications are now open for 2022 summer staff at Camp Lutherwood! Dates are June 15-August 13 and pay starts at \$3440 for the summer in addition to food and housing. Please pass along this great opportunity to young adults (ages 18+) for the best summer job at Camp Lutherwood Oregon! More information can be found on our website (including the link to apply) at [lutherwoodoregon.org/jobs](http://lutherwoodoregon.org/jobs)

### Adult Retreat with Pastor Terry Moe, March 11-12, 2022

*Smell that? Something's burning.*

Revisit the story of Moses alongside colleagues, and ground yourself in spiritual practices during this overnight retreat in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. Explore theological roots and contemplative actions that kindle God's flame in the world. Consider how the Spirit may be lighting a fire in you to engage more deeply in the wider community! Welcome lay leaders and community partners on Saturday to consider how congregations can actively engage with the world.

Dates: March 11-12, 2022

\$125 Friday & Saturday (Clergy & Rostered leaders only, includes three meals and overnight lodging)

\$75 for Saturday only (All are welcome, lunch included)

Register now at [lutherwoodoregon.org](http://lutherwoodoregon.org)

Additional options are available! Contact the camp office at [office@lutherwoodoregon.org](mailto:office@lutherwoodoregon.org) with any questions.

### Upcoming Dates for Camp

February 5, 2022- Annual Meeting of the Lutherwood Association (Zoom)

March 11-12, 2022 - Retreat with Rev. Terry Moe for Clergy & Lay Leaders

April 29, 2022 - Adult Retreat with Celtic Spirit NW (More info to come)



## Quilting and TOMs

Wednesdays at 9 AM



Wednesday mornings are a busy time at Faith Lutheran Church. We have quilters working to create comforting quilts that are donated to bring people warmth, privacy and shelter. If you are interested in joining them, there is always plenty to do.

The TOMS (stands for The Old Men, though age and gender are not requirements for the group) are busy working to keep our church property maintained and our grounds clean. If you have skills to share or able hands and a willing heart, the TOMs will always welcome some help.

## Mary Martha Circle



This is a Bible Study for women. We will be meeting on Second Tuesday of Each Month @ 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

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](mailto:pegpreston@aol.com)**



## Thank you for participating in the Red Cross Blood Drive

### Faith Lutheran Church Results

January 27, 2022

Collection Goal: 16 units	Actual Units Collected: 13 units	Percent of Goal: 81.3%
Potential Impact: 39 lives	Power Red Donors: n/a	First time donors: 3
Actual Sign up: 21	Actual Presenting Donors: 18	Type O donors: 4





# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>31</b> 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs 4:00 PM Endowment Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM String Therapy	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 1:00 PM Mary Martha Circle 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs 7:00 PM Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off	<b>11</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 9:00 AM String Therapy	<b>12</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off
<b>13</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming (Supply: Pastor Patricia Hughes)	<b>14</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>16</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs	<b>17</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off	<b>18</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 9:00 AM String Therapy 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM 20th Century Book Club	<b>19</b> 7:00 AM Pastor Mark's Off 9:00 AM Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo)
<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Newsletter Deadline 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs 3:30 PM Worship & Music Committee	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 AM String Therapy	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15 AM Fellowship Meeting 2:00 PM The Chosen Video	<b>28</b> 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs 11:30 AM Ash Wed.Service 7:00 PM Ash Wed. Service	<b>3</b> 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM String Therapy	<b>5</b>

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

<b>Worship Leader Team 2022</b>				
<b>February</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>
Assisting Ministers	Diane	Gordy	Elaine	Jeff
Altar Prep	Pam	Nance	Elaine	Jeff
Ushers/Greeter	Jon	Dick	Nance	Diane
	Kim	Elaine	Wally	Dick
Sound Technician	Terry	Jon	John	Gordy

### **Worship Leaders are needed!**

If you would like help with worship, either as an usher, or assisting minister/lector (the two roles are combined for now), altar guild or working on the sound / video board, please let us know by contacting the church office. All are welcome!



## **Covid-19 Practices at Faith Lutheran Church**

Out of love and concern for our neighbors, Faith Lutheran Church will be following the practices listed below:

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

## Prayer List

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



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

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Ruth Irwin, Connie Griffis, Izzy Covalt, Cindy Harms, Margaret Rowland, Melba Wright, Sangsau Tran**

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

## Prayer of Healing

Merciful God, you give us grace that helps in times of need. Surround all of those in our hearts and prayers with your steadfast love and lighten all of their burdens. By the power of your spirit, free them from distress giving new minds and hearts made whole in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.





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