

FAITH at WORK

September 2022

Friends in Christ,

This past summer we used a different worship liturgy for 12 weeks. We did this for a number of reasons:

1. Members of the congregation expressed an interest in varying worship and hymns.
2. We want our worship to reach out to visitors and friends by remaining true to tradition as well as the new.
3. The lessons are on a 3 year cycle, it is nice to hear from different parts of the Bible for our worship.

I write this because we have been using a different paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer and a different version of the creed. Why do we do this? Why not just stick with the same for everything?

Because people change. If you opened up Shakespeare, you would find language that doesn't really reflect the way you or I speak. If you opened the King James translation of the Bible (first translated in 1611) you might find that the language is different. Turn on the radio - or more accurately your streaming - and hear the music of different generations.

Some of our members would want us to use the old hymns, the old words, to never change. And if you think about - there are times are services are steeped in those traditions. We sing hymns like "Immortal Invisible God Only Wise" and "A Mighty Fortress" (the latter on August 21st for instance). We will be going back to the traditional Lord's Prayer this month. We try to reflect the preferences of those members.

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Some of our members want newer language and music. To reflect their preferences in worship we did the Unraveled Series. The ELCA has produced a new hymnal "All Creation Sings" that we are going to be learning and using this fall. We are doing this for those who want some change.

We are trying to do both. Recognizing that we can't please everyone, Faith Lutheran is trying to find a middle ground to remain steeped in the traditions of the past, learning from the present and preparing for the future. We recognize that life is change and that change is hard.

We also recognize that we worship an unchanging God, who is constant and sure, eternal and loving. While the language might change - from the Aramaic of Jesus and his friends to English, while the music might change from the harp and lyre to piano and guitar, all of it is to the unchanging Rock in our lives, our shelter and refuge, God the eternal.

Amen

—Submitted by Pastor Mark



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

Vineyard Cluster Recap

Faith Lutheran Church is a part of the Vineyard Cluster – a group of ELCA congregations in the mid Willamette Valley. At synod assembly in May, voting members and clergy expressed a desire to do more together.

The cluster has had two planning meetings and is pursuing a service project at an Oregon State Park followed by dinner worship. We are also looking at a Lutherwood trip in the winter or spring. Dates for all of this is to be determined – however, we are firm in our commitment to creating more connections with sister churches.

September

The goldenrod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun;
In dusky pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges flaunt their harvest
In every meadow-nook;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

—Helen Hunt Jackson



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



Financial Report as of 8/22/2022:

Undesignated Income: \$5,149.37

Budgeted Undesignated In-
come: \$7,916.00

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$2,766.63)**

Total Expenses: \$5,036.90

Total Net Income: \$3,737.47

Council News

Much of the council meeting in August was devoted to a report from Mary Sabatka Gamet as she coordinates a fall project to assist Albany's primary shelter for unhoused adults.

Albany Helping Hands has a large room used for a variety of public functions: serving as the shelter's living room, a library, a classroom. Mary was successful in securing a \$2,000 matching grant and our two church partners are being invited to donate \$500 each with FLC picking up the final \$1000.

The room will be painted, and a variety of tables will be added as well as two bookshelves. Artwork, white boards, a bulletin board and cell phone charging station will make the room as welcoming and useful as possible for the shelter's guests.

Mary will announce a date for the work party soon. If you are interested in helping out, do contact her or council president Terry Virnig. It will be fun to interact with our Presbyterian and Episcopal brothers and sisters in this project.

Goal met: 75 school supplies and backpacks for distribution to needy children are ready to be assembled and forwarded to Lutheran World Relief personnel. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Jan Wetzel could use your ideas for the upcoming November bazaar. The event will include lunch this year, just like the "good ol' days" so mark your calendar for the first Friday and Saturday of November. Unbelievable, but this event is right around the corner.

The **Property Committee** continues to assemble on Wednesdays. Their project to add internet capability to the conference room/library is just wrapping up. On August 23 members of the committee and Pastor Mark toured our campus with representatives of the Albany Police Department. The APD gave some good tips to keep our space safe and the council will incorporate their suggestions in the coming months.

The quilters could use some extra help these days, and no experience is necessary. Don't be shy about showing up, helping out and adding some pizzazz to your weekly routine.

—Submitted by Kim Sass



Church Announcements and Events

Annual School Supply Drive

Because of your generosity, we have met our goal of 75 School Kits!

Thank You!



Monday Bible Study @1:00pm

September 19 & 26

This group spends time in fellowship, prayer and study. All are welcome to attend—either as a drop in or as an ongoing participant.

We continue with our study of Acts through the end of October and hope that you will join us.

Theology Pub @ The Barn — 6:45pm (Hickory Station in North Albany)

Tuesday, September 20th

This group engages in conversation and study around thought provoking topics. This month, our discussion will be about hell – What does belief in hell mean? What are the different representations of hell in the bible? Do you believe in hell? What does it say about heaven?

There is some fascinating art and literature depicting hell that has informed our cultural traditions – but the idea doesn't have much basis in scripture. Does it have basis in your reality?

Sunday Cinema — 2:00pm "The Chosen" (Season 2)

Sunday, September 25th

Join us in the Sanctuary to watch the first two episodes of "The Chosen"-- **Season 2** on September 25th at 2:00pm. The second season focuses on Jesus continuing his teaching and healing mission in Samaria, Galilee and Judea. It's a great introduction into the life of Christ. Each episode is its own story so even if you didn't watch the first season with us, this is a perfect time to start watching.

Attention Crafters & Bakers!

SAVE THE DATE



The Fall & Holiday Bazaar is approaching quickly—November 4th & 5th. Homemade crafts and baked goods are needed to make our Bazaar a success!

Start planning now to have your donations ready because November will be here before you know it.

All proceeds from sales will be donated to support local charities. Your participation, whether that's making/donating items to sell or bringing friends to shop at the bazaar, can make a real difference in our community.

Co-Dependence Anonymous

Fridays @ 5:30pm



Co-dependence Anonymous (CoDA) is a twelve step fellowship of men and women whose common purpose is to develop healthy relationships. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships.

The CoDA meeting in the Albany area meets on Fridays at 5:30pm at:

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For further information contact Denice R. at (541) 974-5060

Pastor Mark Time Off

September 7—17

Pastor Mark will be away the above dates. Pastor Wally Gustav will lead worship on September 11th. If you need emergency pastoral care during that time, contact Pastor Sarah Schaffner (541) 852-5637.

The Church Office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 5th

Church Office Hours

10:00am-2:00pm ♦ Monday—Wednesday—Friday

Quilting and TOMs

Wednesdays @ 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 able hands and a willing heart, the TOMs will always welcome some help.

Mary Martha Circle



This is a Bible Study for women. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month @ 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information, please call: Karen Glenn at (541) 928-4729 or Shirley Karstens at (541) 967-8309

Prayer Chain: 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



Volunteers Needed!

We have different groups that meet at the church and could use volunteers or help. If your skills could be of assistance here are some areas of need.

- ◆ **Worship Leaders:** We need assisting ministers, ushers, and video – if you could do one of these tasks once a month, that would be great. Many of you sign up regularly. Thank you for that!
- ◆ **Altar Guild:** these are the folks who set up the altar every week. Pam Nelson organizes this group, feel free to reach out to her.
- ◆ **TOMS:** This group does maintenance work around the church. Jon Aaberg heads this group up and would appreciate assistance.
- ◆ **Rides:** We have some members who would love to come but need a ride to be able to. If you would be willing to pick up one of our members and bring them to church, that would be great.



September Giving for FISH of Albany

All variety of non-perishable foods are needed. Please place your donations in the wicker baskets located in the parking lot entry-way.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 9:00am String Therapy 10:00am Reports to Council Due 5:30pm CoDA	3
4 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	5 Church Office Closed Labor Day 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 6:00pm Cub Scouts	7 Pastor Mark Vacation 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	8 Pastor Mark Vacation	9 Pastor Mark Vacation 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA	10 Pastor Mark Vacation
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25 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting 2:00pm Sunday Cinema: The Chosen - Season 2	26 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	27 6:00pm Cub Scouts	28 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	29	30 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA	1

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



Worship Leader Team 2022				
September	4	11	18	25
Assisting Ministers	Ellen	Jeff	Diane	Shirley
Altar Prep	Elaine	Pam	Denice	Aabergs
Ushers/Greeter	Wally	Dick	Kim	Diane
Sound Technician	John	Terry	Gordy	Jon

PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE:

We encourage you to pray for Ukrainian people, refugees and peace. We pray for an end to war: to all wars. We pray for peace throughout the world: in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, in all places foreign and domestic. Pray for an end to violence.



People ask what can they do? We can pray. We can give. Lutheran World Relief, UNICEF, the Methodist Committee on Relief, Catholic Charities, etc. all are working to help with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. I am sharing the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) link here, please consider giving if you can: (click on the give Ukraine button in the middle) <https://lwr.org/>



September Worship Schedule

September 4	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
September 11	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
September 18	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
September 25	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming

Prayer List



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

Tim B	Chiera Family	Margaret Rowland
Brenda Carroll	Cindy Harms	Allison
Sandy Hina	Izzy Covalt	Olivia Hunter
Robert Jon	Garrett Baarsch	Nicholas Glass
Linda Gail Voet	Stephanie Bauthman	Dan Brouwer
Melba Wright	Carl Wogomon	Norma Messman
Brandon Crawford	John Busher	Nancy Goodwin
Noah Holman	Gene Hebert	Karen Glenn
Jerry Sheffield	Heather	Peggy Preston
Pat Norby	Julie Shaw	
Gigi Douglas	Lee Horst	

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO GROW THEIR FAITH

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

A Prayer for Strength

Dear Lord, I come before you and ask for Your strength within me. A strength not of the world but of Your kingdom. Strength to refrain from judgement and feast on love; to push out greed and hold tight to joy. Give me strength, Lord, to dispel pride and rise with humility; to quell anger and rest in self control. Help me to shun greed and rest in giving; to turn from power and embrace service. Show me the way to let go of resentment and rest in peace; to push through fear and walk forward in grace. Lead me to run with faith, soar with forgiveness, and allow your eternal strength to abide with me always. Amen.





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