

# FAITH at WORK

October 2022

Friends in Christ,

As you know, I love history. I love learning about the people and events of our past. Some of this is a joy in learning, some of this is a desire to learn from mistakes so they aren't repeated again, some of it is aspiration, a hope of being inspired by events and figures of the past so that they can help me to be a better person today.

When I was in the British Isles in July, the things that moved me the most were old manuscripts of the Bible. And when I say old I mean **old**. In Dublin I saw on display part of the oldest manuscript of the Revelation, dating to the 200s CE and in London I saw either the oldest (or second oldest) complete codex dating to the 300s CE.

This was moving to me because these texts are where our translations of the Bible come from. When people translate the Bible, they use the oldest surviving texts. It shook me to see these texts - some of the oldest known New Testament texts that we have and realize that these influential for what we believe.

When I ponder my faith, I think of receiving in three general ways. The first is through the God who creates. When I go to the Grand Canyon, I am reminded of a poster that described it as ten thousand cathedrals rolled into one. When I see that, or the night stars, or dew on a spiders web, or the etched edges of a leaf, I am reminded of God's awesome creative power.

The second way God is revealed to me is through people. Through you my friends, and through my family, and pastors and teachers, and those who have over the years showed me, through words and actions God is.

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The final way that I know God is through the word. And though parts of it I might question or struggle with, it is through the word, through Genesis and Isaiah and the Psalms and Paul and all of it that I see a God speaking to us. Speaking through the ages, through yellowed pages and voices of people who have gone before us, speaking through human hands that had their own agenda but still speaking, breathing through us.

I write this in October because we typically celebrate the Reformation, we celebrate God's word translated into the language of the people. We celebrate a God who speaks through that which is written down, speaks of a promise to Abraham, David and to all humanity. Be in touch with your faith - whether it be through miracles, or the creation, or worship, or service, or people or the Word. But whatever it is for you, engage and be moved.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

The Revelation Manuscript is Papyrus 47, you can find more here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Papyrus\\_47](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Papyrus_47)

The codex is called Codex Sinaiticus (because it was found at St. Catherine's monastery on Sinai) you can see a scan of every page here: <https://www.codexsinaiticus.org/en/>



## Council News

### Coming together to 'do something' about homelessness

We've all been involved in observations or conversations around the homeless crisis in our country, our state, our own community. Even our church campus is used as a temporary overnight camping site, much to the disappointment of those who cleanup after they have moved on. We lament that *'something'* should be done.

We've volunteered to be a small part of the solution. Will you join us?

Together, with our partners – the Oregon Synod, Albany United Presbyterian and St. Alban's Episcopal churches – we will focus our efforts to improve the day room at Albany Helping Hands homeless shelter for adults. (continued on page 4)

## Autumn Fires

In the other gardens  
And all up in the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
Fires in the fall!

By Robert Louis Stevenson



<b>Faith Lutheran Church</b>		<b>2022</b>
<b>Staff</b>		
<b>Pastor</b>		<b>Mark Bringman</b>
<b>Office Manager</b>		<b>Carol Armstrong</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>Vacant</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>Vacant</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>		<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Mission Endowment</b>		<b>Carol Olufson</b>



**Financial  
Update**

Financial Report as of 9/22/2022:

Undesignated Income: \$5,322.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$7,916.00

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$2,594.00)**

Total Expenses: \$5,280.15

Total Net Income: \$3,631.85

## The largest mid-valley homeless shelter

Featuring more than 100 beds, this shelter strives to help adults with individualized plans to move out of their emergency situations and into stable housing with specific goals for a more secure life.

Staff help guests create plans while offering meals, full restroom facilities and safe sleeping arrangements. With this support the guests can seek employment services, pursue needed healthcare, and many of the details we take for granted such as obtaining personal documents, building a resume, finding appropriate clothing for job seekers and connecting to a variety of governmental support agencies for food and other basics.

Six thousand meals are served monthly at this shelter located on east Ninth Avenue. A thrift store and wood lot provide guests with a chance to re-enter the work world and build confidence while supporting the shelter.

The other associated facility is the Bailey Home for mothers with children that offers similar services to help stabilize young families.

## The Three Churches Project

Mary Sabatka Gamet is spearheading this venture to refresh and enhance the 'day room' at the shelter. The room is used in a variety of ways – from social to educational – and the faith-based nonprofit has not had the funds or people to focus on the space. Plans call for repairing walls, painting, installing new window blinds and adding bookcases, bulletin boards, coffee tables and miscellaneous furniture.

“We have a \$2000 grant from the Synod, FLC is pitching in another \$1000, and I've asked the other two churches for \$500,” says Mary.

Work will happen on Saturday, October 22 with a 9 am start time. The shelter will provide lunch with the residents and work should be completed by 4 pm.

—Submitted by Kim Sass



## *Church Announcements and Events*

**Blessing of Our Animals—11:30am**

**Sunday, October 2**

Join us for a Blessing of the Animals service on October 2 after worship. Bring your pet to the parking lot for a brief service. If travel is difficult for your pet, bring a photograph or just the pet's name.

**Monday Bible Study @1:00pm****October 3, 10, 17 & 31**

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.

**Annual Food Drive—10am-2pm****Saturday, October 15**

Faith Lutheran has a long tradition of serving as a collection site for the Annual FISH Food Drive. Our location and drive-through parking lot make for an ideal collection point for community participation. This year, the food drive will occur on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-2pm. If you are able to help with the collection (unloading cars, etc.), please let Pastor Mark know. All non-perishable foods are needed.

**\*\* Please Check expiration date markings.**

*FISH is unable to take foods beyond their marked expiration dates.*

**Circle of Friends & Crafting Party 9am—12pm****Saturday, October 15**

The Circle of Friends will meet in the Fellowship Hall to work on crafts for the upcoming Fall & Holiday Bazaar. Bring your own craft project to work on or help with the group project.

**Bishop's Convocation****October 17—19**

Pastor Mark will be at Newport for Bishop's Convocation, a gathering of all rostered leaders from around the Oregon synod to worship, pray, study and support. He will leave after Bible Study on the 17<sup>th</sup> and return in mid-afternoon on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Theology Pub @ The Barn — 6:45pm  
(Hickory Station in North Albany)****Wednesday, October 19**

Theology pub is designed to inspire provocative discussions in a casual setting. This month's topic is *Faith, Sexism and Justice*.

You might find it interesting to read ELCA's social statement on this that was adopted in 2019 (paper copies are in the narthex). Or you might ponder why did it take until 1970 for Lutheran bodies to ordain women? Why does the Roman Catholic Church still not ordain women? Why do women still only make 82 cents to a man's dollar? And of course with discussions like this: what does it all mean to us?

## Community Service Partnership Project

Saturday, October 22

Together, with our partners – the Oregon Synod, Albany United Presbyterian and St. Alban's Episcopal churches – we will focus our efforts to improve the day room at Albany Helping Hands homeless shelter for adults.

Volunteers are needed for repairing walls, painting, and installing new window blinds. There are book cases, bulletin boards, coffee tables and miscellaneous furniture to be set up as well.

Work will begin at 9:00am. The shelter will provide lunch and work should be completed by 4 pm.

## Pastor Mark Week Off

October 24—29

Because of our decision to support Pastor Mark at three-quarter time, he takes a week off from church activities each month (other than Sunday morning worship). He will not respond to any non-emergency pastoral care calls on those days.

## Caramel Corn Making—9:00am to Noon

Tuesday, October 25

The Bazaar Committee will be making **Caramel Corn** on **Tuesday, October 25**, from 9am to 12:00pm. Please join us for this fun (and delicious) endeavor. There are a variety of ways to help out including popping corn, stirring a pot, packaging the finished product for sale, or come for the fellowship. All are welcome.

## Sunday Cinema — 2:00pm “The Chosen” (Season 2)

Sunday, October 30

Join us in the Sanctuary to watch the next episode of **The Chosen -- Season 2** on October 30 at 2pm.

As we continue following Jesus, we consider what caused people to follow him. Nathaniel is introduced in this episode, who Jesus first sees under a fig tree in John's gospel. As we watch we might consider what caused us to follow Jesus. And what can we do to help others to follow the Lamb of God?



## 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.

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

## 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

## Fall & Holiday Bazaar Update!

The Fall & Holiday Bazaar is approaching quickly—**November 4th & 5th**. Homemade crafts and baked goods are needed to make our Bazaar a success! Look for sign-up sheets in the Fireside Room for volunteering opportunities.



**Caramel Corn making is planned for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9am — Noon.** Please join us for this fun (and delicious) endeavor. There are a variety of ways to participate including popping corn, stirring a pot, or packaging the finished product for sale. All are welcome.

Donations of **homemade crafts** will be accepted beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>. Drop them by the church or contact Jan Wetzel at (541) 926-6917 for more information.

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

## Holiday Food Collection for Salvation Army

We are collecting non-perishable items for the Salvation Army Holiday Food Baskets in October, November and December. Donations can be placed in one of the baskets in the parking lot entry-way.

**\*\*Please check expiration date markings**

## Church Office Hours

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

## 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.

**Prayer Chain:** We are asking those who are part of the prayer chain to lift up the concerns of Faith Lutheran congregants on a weekly basis and to pray for other concerns as they are shared. This can be as simple as taking a few seconds to ask God to be with those listed, lifting each one up by name. 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)**



## Two weeks until Spirit of Harvest!

Registration is open now at [lutherwoodoregon.org/spirit-of-harvest](http://lutherwoodoregon.org/spirit-of-harvest). Sign up and plan to attend online at **7:00pm, Wednesday, Oct. 5.**

Join us for this online event that brings together campers, staff, partners and leaders of Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Your continued support is essential as we grow together into an exciting future!

## A Prayer for Every Day

O Lord, You are the light that guides my feet.  
 You are the map that gives me direction.  
 You are the peace that makes me strong.  
 You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.  
 May your light illuminate my life and your guidance bring direction. May I find inspiration in your word and peace in my heart as I follow you.  
 Amen.



<b>Worship Leader Team 2022</b>					
<b>October</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
Assisting Ministers	Denice	Carol	Jeff	Diane	Shirley
Altar Prep	Pam	Elaine	Fleishers	Denice	Aabergs
Ushers	Carol	Diane	Kim	Elaine	Dick
Sound Technician	John	Terry	Gordy	Jon	John

## 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/>

## October Worship Schedule



October 2	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
October 9	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
October 16	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
October 23	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
October 30	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	Norma Messman
Melba Wright	Carl Wogomon	Nancy Goodwin
Brandon Crawford	John Busher	Karen Glenn
Noah Holman	Gene Hebert	Peggy Preston
Jerry Sheffield	Heather	
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.



# October

2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:30am Blessing of the Animals	<b>3</b> 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>5</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00am String Therapy 10:00am Reports to Council Due 5:30pm CoDA	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>10</b> 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle 6:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>12</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA	<b>15</b> 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship hall) 10:00am - 2:00pm Annual FISH Food Drive
<b>16</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>17</b> Pastor Mark-Bishop's Convocation 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> Pastor Mark-Bishop's Convocation 6:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>19</b> Pastor Mark-Bishop's Convocation 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 6:45pm Theology Pub @ The Barn	<b>20</b> 8:00am Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b> 9:00am String Therapy 1:00pm - 2:30pm 20th Century Book Club 5:30pm CoDA	<b>22</b> 9:00am Helping Hands Community Service Project
<b>23</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	<b>24</b> Pastor Mark Off 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> Pastor Mark Off 9:00am - Noon Bazaar Committee - Caramel Corn 6:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>26</b> Pastor Mark Off 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	<b>27</b> Pastor Mark Off	<b>28</b> Pastor Mark Off 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA 7:00pm Boy Scouts' Sleep- Over	<b>29</b> Pastor Mark Off
<b>30</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 2:00pm Sunday Cinema- The Chosen: Season 2	<b>31</b> 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts					

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





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