

FAITH at WORK

December 2022



oh come let us adore him



Faith Lutheran Church

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Advent Concert

presented by

Saint Mark

Lutheran Church



featuring:

Susan Johnson, organist

and several guest musicians

Free and All Are Welcome!

Friday, December 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Mark Lutheran Church

790 Marion Street NE - Salem Oregon

503.588.0141



Sweetly Chime

Sweetly chime, sweetly chime,
Happy bells of Christmas time;
Sweetly chime, sweetly chime,
Christ the Lord is born.

Christ is born, our Saviour dear,
Joyous words we love to hear;
Sweetly chime, sweetly chime,
Christ the Lord is born.

Sweetly chime, sweetly chime,
Happy bells of Christmas time;
Sweetly chime, sweetly chime,
Glory be to God.

Let us carol sweetly then,
Peace on earth, good will to men;
Sweetly chime, sweetly chime,
Christ the Lord is born.

By Ella M. Powers

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 11/22/2022:

Undesignated Income: \$5,302.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$7,916.00

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$2,614.00)**

Total Expenses: \$10,742.01

Total Net Income: **(\$835.01)**



**ALBANY STRING ORCHESTRA
CONCERT**



HANDEL
Concerto Grosso No. 1
*Amber Bennion and
Susie Conley, violins*

BACH
Sinfonia for
String Orchestra

SCHUBERT
Ave Maria
Stephanie McCormick, flute

**HOLIDAY
MUSIC**

7pm Saturday, December 17, 2022
Albany First Christian Church, 432 SW Ferry St
FREE ADMISSION

Dear Faith Lutheran Church,

We wanted to take a few moments on this Thanksgiving Day 2022 to thank each of you, Mark, Terry, and Carol, and the entire congregation of Faith Lutheran Church-Albany for your generosity and kindness in allowing our String Therapy group to use your Church facilities for our weekly music session. Our group has added several new and returning members this year and we presently consist of three cellists and ten violinists. Our members come from Corvallis, North Albany, Albany, Salem, and East Linn County to enjoy a sense of community and friendship every Friday morning. We feel a deep gratitude to you for allowing us this opportunity and, as visitors to your Church, we trust that we have treated your facility with respect.

All of us have been in the past, or are currently, members of the Albany String Orchestra. We invite you and your parishioners to our upcoming Albany String Orchestra Holiday Concert on December 17th at 7:00 PM at Albany First Christian Church. Admission, as always, is free.

String Therapy wishes all of you the best for the upcoming Christmas Season!

Lynn Christensen: Sharing of Memories

Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00p—4:00pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for an informal gathering of the friends and family of Lynn Christensen. We will spend this time sharing our best memories of Lynn over the years and the many ways she blessed all of us.

This informal event reflects Lynn's desire for a simple remembrance.



Church Announcements and Events

Congregational Meeting—11:15am

Sunday, December 4

We have a meeting every last quarter of the year to pass the budget and elect a council. Please join us for worship and then stay for what will (hopefully) be a brief meeting.

Monday Study Group—1:00pm

December 5

We will be meeting only once in December as the holidays are a very busy time for everyone. We will continue our study of saints and their practices.

Advent Worship — Wednesdays

December 7 & 14

Dinner at 6:00pm followed by 7:00pm Advent Worship Service

We are sharing fellowship and worship together with our friends at Grace Lutheran in Corvallis and Good Shepherd Lutheran here in Albany. Each congregation will prepare a light supper to share with all, followed by a worship service. The dates and locations are shown below:

- December 7 — Grace Lutheran, 435 NW 21st St, Corvallis, OR 97330
- December 14 — Good Shepherd Lutheran, 1910 34th Ave. SE, Albany, OR 97322

We hope that you will join us as we prepare for our Savior's birth.

Giving Tree in the Fireside Room

Return by December 12

As you may have noticed, the Giving Tree is set up in the Fireside Room and is covered with tags. Please select one (or a few) tags to make Christmas a little brighter for someone. The gifts should be boxed or bagged, but not wrapped, with the tag firmly attached to the package. Please deliver your packages back to the church no later than December 12th.

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**

Advent Organ Recitals 3:00pm—4:00pm
Albany First United Methodist Church

December 4, 11 & 18

Each Sunday in Advent at 3:00 p.m. the Albany First United Methodist Church is offering an organ recital.

All recitals begin at 3 pm at Albany First United Methodist Church, 1115 28th Ave SW, and are free to the public. Kids are more than welcome to attend! The recitals will be played on the church's impressive 1985 M.P. Möller pipe organ, the largest instrument of its kind in the mid-valley with four manuals and nearly 4000 pipes. The recitals will also be live streamed on the church's website, albanymethodist.org, for those unable to attend in person

Longest Night Vigil

December 21

The past few years there has been a vigil on the steps of the courthouse on December 21st. This is of course the longest night of the year. This particular vigil is for any who are mourning; Second Chance Shelter has used this as a memorial for all those in the homeless community who have died in the last year.

Advent is a season of God coming to us in unexpected and mysterious ways. God was not born to the emperor or the high priest. He was born homeless in a manger with poor shepherds surrounding his manger.

Christmas Eve Worship—7:00pm

Saturday, December 24

Come to the Mass for Christ! Come to the celebration of the birth of the babe in Bethlehem, come and behold him, born the King of Angels.

We invite you to join us as a part of the body of Christ, to celebrate Jesus being born among us with water and word, song, candles and communion (a mass together) reminding us of who saves us and sets us free.

Christmas Morning Worship — 10:30am

Sunday, December 25

Christmas falls on Sunday this year and presents an opportunity to celebrate Jesus' birth with an intimate and casual worship service. We invite you to "come as you are". This is a holy morning where we gather in Bethlehem with Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. No family that involves a new born is getting dressed up and putting on airs – so we shouldn't either.

Please for Christmas morning worship, come comfortably. Come as you are to the one born in the manger, who is visited by shepherds, who comes to bring peace to all the earth.

Pastor Mark's Week Off

December 26—31

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.

Blood Drive

Thursday, January 26, 2023



The Blood Drive will be in the Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. To **schedule your appointment**, call **800-733-2767** or sign up online at redcrossblood.org, using sponsor code: faithlutheranalbany. Per OHA, as a health care operation, masks are required.

Holy Land Trip

November 2023

Nick Doversberger will be leading a group on a [Holy Land Pilgrimage](#) in November 2023. You can read more about it in the Oregon Synod Newsletter (subscribe to the newsletter at <http://oregonsynod.org>) or contact Nick Doversberger directly for more information, either by email at ndoversb@gmail.com or by phone at 503-956-4666.

Quilting and TOMs

Wednesdays @ 9am

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

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

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**



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



A Prayer for the Christmas Season

Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas. That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Worship Leaders Team 2022					
December	4	11	18	24	25
Assisting Ministers	Jeff	Ellen	Carol	Diane	Shirley
Altar Prep	Fleishers	Pam	Aabergs	Denice	Denice
Ushers	Dick	Wally	Kim	Jon	Terry
Sound Technicians	Gordy	Jon	Terry	Gordy	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/>

December Worship Schedule



December 4	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
December 11	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
December 18	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming
December 24	7:00pm Worship & Livestreaming
December 25	10:30am Worship & Livestreaming

Prayer List

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

Tim B.	Chiera Family	Olivia Hunter
Brenda Carroll	Izzy Covalt	Nicholas Glass
Sandy Hina	Garrett Baarsch	Norma Messman
Robert Jon	Stephanie Bauthman	Nancy Goodwin
Linda Gail Voet	Carl Wogomon	Karen Glenn
Melba Wright	John Busher	Peggy Preston
Brandon Crawford	Heather	Jeanette Thorpe
Noah Holman	Julie Shaw	Elaine Wogomon
Pat Norby	Lee Horst	Scot Stockwell
Gigi Douglas	Margaret Rowland	Karen Hoover

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

Family and Friends of Lynn Christensen

A Prayer for Peace

"O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen."

— Pope John XXIII



2022 December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 9:00am String Therapy 10:00am Reports to Council Due 5:30pm CoDA	3 1:00pm - 5:00pm Private Event 2:00pm - 4:00pm Lynn Christensen Sharing of Memories
4 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Congregational Meeting	5 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 6:00pm Cub Scouts	7 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 6:00pm - 8:00pm Advent Dinner & Worship - Grace Lutheran	8	9 9:00am String Therapy 12:30pm - 2:30pm 20th Century Book Club 5:30pm CoDA	10
11 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	12 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 1:00pm Bible Study (Library) 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle 6:00pm Cub Scouts	14 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 6:00pm - 8:00pm Advent Dinner & Worship - Good Shepherd Lutheran 7:30pm Council Meeting	15	16 Church Office Closed 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA	17 9:00am Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo)
18 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	19 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Boy Scouts	20 8:00am Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Cub Scouts	21 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	22	23 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	26 Church Office Closed Pastor Mark Off 7:00pm Boy Scouts	27 Pastor Mark Off 6:00pm Cub Scouts	28 Pastor Mark Off 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	29 Pastor Mark Off	30 Pastor Mark Off 9:00am String Therapy 5:30pm CoDA	31 New Year's Eve Pastor Mark Off





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