

# FAITH at WORK

January 2025

Dear People of Faith Lutheran Church,

New Year's greetings to you all, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God's great gift fill you with hope, joy, love, and peace.

Marking time...that's what we are doing. Marking the time that the world has spun around the sun... 365.25 days. Marking time that the sun's light is increasing by minutes. Marking time in our own lives. Time is neither good nor bad. Time, or spacetime if you are into Einstein, is one of the ways we define our days.

The hopes and plans for 2025 are marked with time. Dates, birthdays, anniversaries, appointments and other activities fill the squares on the calendar. We count down the days until we can be with loved ones. Watch how the days and times are filled. Give thanks. Remember. Anticipate.

All this time talk is about kronos time...chronological time. This is not how God marks time. God's time is called Kairos time: a time that is pregnant with possibilities; a time that seems delayed yet comes at the needed moment; a time that God appoints. There's no way to hurry God up. We have tried that before on many occasions. God's Kairos time is not an easy place to live into, as we are people who are in a hurry, or have certain things that have to happen when we want it to happen. Kairos time is in that place we call liminal time. Not limbo. Liminal.

The word liminal comes from the Latin word limens, which means "limit or threshold." Theologian Richard Rohr defines liminal time in this way: "It is when you have left, or are about to leave, the tried and true, but have not yet been able to replace it with anything else. It is when you are between your old comfort zone and any possible new answer. If you are not trained in how to hold anxiety, how to live with ambiguity, how to entrust and wait, you will run...anything to flee this terrible cloud of unknowing."

Rohr goes on to talk about how some ancient cultures called it "crazy time." Some of us might agree. Rohr describes liminal time as "that time, when an acrobat has let go of one swinging trapeze and is in mid-air, anxiously seeking the grasp of another who is swinging their way." Ok, so my tummy just went "ugh."

In this time of transition for Faith, this liminal time is filled with God's possibilities, which will come at the appointed time. There is some more work to be done, dear people of Faith. It won't take too much or too little kronos time. However, it will take the needed time for God's vision to be revealed.

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And so, in this kronos and Kairos time we are living in, we need to hold onto our faith, and each other, as well as the promises God has made to all of creation. We are not alone, because God is with us. Liminal time is about crossing thresholds into a new place/space where God already dwells. What thresholds are you crossing into these days? Who or what accompanies you during this liminal time? Are you travelling this time with hope? Share your hope with others. Are you walking with fear, confusion or loss? Someone would like to support you.

During these liminal times it is important to pay attention to what is going on internally, and face it head on. Remember, there are no mind-reading classes. Your family and friends might not be aware of what is going on with you. That means we need to be asking and telling each other during these liminal days, so that we can accompany each other, to get through the threshold of a new era, a new year, a new time.

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”  
Isaiah 43.19

With hope and confidence in Jesus,

Pr Dorothy+

## From Church Council

Brothers & Sisters of Faith,

I hope everyone had a good Christmas. I wanted to let you know we have been having a computer issue with our Live Streaming the last couple of weeks. We are working on it and hopefully will have it up and going again soon. The recording is still working so you can go into uTube and watch the sometime after service.

Also we are moving along with Good Shepard and it looks like we will be forming a committee made up of both congregations in March is what we are shooting for at this time. Mary and I will be gone the next 3 weeks to celebrate my retirement, but your certainly welcome to send us an email if you have questions.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Take Care,

Gordy Gamet,  
Council President

## The New Year

May the year that is dawning  
So fresh and so pure,  
Be full of the pleasures  
That always endure.

The sunshine of love,  
The joy of kind deeds,  
The brightness of smiles  
That the sad world so needs.

The kindly word uttered,  
The angry unspoken:  
The merry heart's laughter,  
To heal the hearts broken.

And when the New Year  
Has grown old and gray,  
May you give it back spotless  
And pure as today.

—Anonymous



Faith Lutheran Church		2024
<b>STAFF</b>		
Interim Pastor	Pastor Dorthy Nielsen	
Office Manager	Carol Armstrong	
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl Blum	
Custodian	Hart's Janitorial	
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b>		
President	Gordy Gamet	
Vice President	Terry Virnig	
Secretary	Mary Sabatka Gamet	
Treasurer	Janice Lee Virnig	
Financial Secretary	Alice Weber	
Education/Youth	Vacant	
Evangelism & Mission	Dick Olsen	
Fellowship & Social	Peggy Preston	
Property Management	Vacant	
Stewardship & Resources	Vacant	
Worship & Music	Vacant	
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson	



Financials as of:

# Church Announcements and Events

## TRANSITION TIME AT FAITH

The FLC congregational vote on November 17th was to continue forward in conversations with Good Shepherd to seek "mutual vision" together. We celebrate with them and await their newly called Pastor Cindy Robles to arrive in early January 2025. So there will be no Transition work until January or February when there may be some community conversations with Good Shepherd people that will include Pr Cindy.

## 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: [pegprestonn@aol.com](mailto:pegprestonn@aol.com)**

## Quilting and TOPs

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.

TOPs (stands for The Old People, though age is 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 TOPs will always welcome some help.

## Food Collection for F.I.S.H. of Albany



We are collecting non-perishable food items FISH of Albany. Donations can be placed in one of the baskets in the parking lot entryway.

**\*\* Please check expiration date markings - FISH cannot accept foods past their marked expiration dates.**



## 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.

## Worship Leaders Team 2025

<b>January</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
Assisting Ministers	George	Janice	Carol O.	Shirley
Altar Prep	Jon A.	George	George	Jon A.
Ushers	Dick	Dick	Dick	Dick
Sound Technicians	John B.	Terry	Jon A.	Gordy

### 2025 Flower Chart

A new year calls for a new Flower Chart! The 2025 Flower Chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please take a minute and sign up to provide flowers for a week or two in the new year.



**Congregational Meeting—11:30am**

**Sunday, February 9**

The annual December Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, immediately following worship. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

### January 2025 Worship Schedule



<b>January 5</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>January 12</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>January 19</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>January 26</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>

All Worship Services are Live-Streamed on YouTube



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Church Office Closed New Year's Day 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>2</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>3</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming with Pr. Dorothy Nielsen	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>8</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs 6:30pm - 8:00pm Albany Evangelical Church	<b>9</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>10</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:30pm - 3:30pm 20th Century Book Club	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming with Pr. Nick Droge 3:00pm - 7:00pm Albany Evangelical Church	<b>13</b> 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>15</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>16</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>17</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>18</b> 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall)
<b>19</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming with Pr. Dorothy Nielsen	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>22</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs 6:30pm - 8:00pm Albany Evangelical Church	<b>23</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>24</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming with Pr. Bob Grosch 11:15am Fellowship Meeting 3:00pm - 7:00pm Albany Evangelical Church	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>29</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>30</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>31</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	

## Prayer List

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

Tim Berg	Julie Shaw	Virginia
Brenda Carroll	Olivia Hunter	Gabriel
Sandy Hina	Nicholas Glass	Dave Glass
Linda Gail Voet	Karen Hoover	Dick Dodge
Noah Holman	Chuck	Frank Perry
Gigi Douglas	Carol Olufson	David
Stephanie Bauthman	Vanessa Munro	
John Busher	Jim Preston	

*REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:*

Izzy Covalt, Connie Griffis, Margaret Rowland, Sangsau Tran & Melba Wright

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



### 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.



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