

FAITH at WORK

March 2025

Dear People of God at Faith Lutheran Church,

In the name of Jesus our Savior, grace, mercy and peace be with you in this season of Lent, which is upon us.

My dog Millie is 14.5 years old. Of late she has had some health challenges, which we are working on. Thankfully she has bounced back, mostly. But the reality is very evident to me. Her journey with us is getting closer to her death. While I don't like to torture myself with that realization, I want to be prepared for that transition. Her needs right now have increased some, even though she is still a happy puppy. We still take walks, but the gait is slower.

At the same time, I notice that the sun is rising earlier, and the signs of spring are emerging from the sleeping, winter time. The green of the mini daffodils at the front door of Faith are poking through the soil and a bit of yellow brightness is showing. Spring is on the way. A time of rebirth.

Lent is a time of re-awakening. A time of pondering. What is God up to? Our focus is both penitence and preparation. Lent is a time of realizing the need to repent and change our ways, and be open to God's mercy. And it is also a time of preparation for the newness of life and grace God brings to us. It is a time of renewal and being open to God's leading.

In late January I had the opportunity to meet Pr Cindy Robles, the new pastor at Good Shepherd. We have had a few coffee times to chat about our two congregations. We both know, as you do, that, at this time in the two congregations, is a time to witness God's renewal and call to repentance and rebirth. Along with the Bishop's staff, we are listening and crafting a process for the two congregations to begin conversations on discovering a "mutual vision" of God's invitation to a new horizon, God's new creation. What that looks like exactly is yet to be seen.

The reality that Faith is facing feels like death. However, I firmly believe that resurrection follows. That life doesn't always look the way we think or want it to look. Think of the Easter story. After a three year ministry, Jesus was arrested, tortured, and put to death by capitol punishment. Everything looked lost and dead to his followers.

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Then, three days after his death, Jesus was raised to life by God the Father, only that life was different than before. He could pass through locked doors, and he ascended into heaven. He gave his 12 disciples the instructions to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon them. And everything changed!

There was work to be done, and the gathering of believers and followers did not look like what they had known with the Temple and the synagogues as worship centers. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the good news of Jesus Christ was being spread through the world, and people believed. New expressions of gathering and worship evolved.

Our Lenten season leads us to the cross and to the empty tomb. Death and resurrection work together for God's love to be known deeply in us. Yes, there is and will be grief. Yet God has made a way. We travel through this time of penitence and preparation, of death and resurrection, of letting go in order to take hold of the life God has for us. And it will be different.

Let this Lenten season begin with our hearts wide open to the realities we face and celebrate God's faithfulness in and through Faith Lutheran Church. And let our faith be open to the new life God has for Faith as we move through these days. New life is poking through the soil, and it will be beautiful.

My encouragement is that you continue to be open to participating in the conversations that Faith will be engaging with Good Shepherd. God is doing new things with us!

In Christ, with hope and trust,

Pr Dorothy+

A message from the pastor at Luther House:



“Belong, behave, believe.” Diana Butler-Bass writes that this pattern of community formed the structure of welcome for communities of faith for centuries. At Luther House, we practice this rhythm of welcome in our community at every campus ministry dinner, craft night, pilgrimage hike, and retreat. Every week, I watch our students grow in friendship and belonging around the table. They have the capacity to talk about the hardest things with compassion, respect, and love. They give their whole hearts to this ministry. I am astounded each week by their critical thinking, their brilliance, and their capacity for kindness and empathy. Your generosity makes the hope, adventure, and rootedness of the campus ministry possible. You help make the inclusive, affirming ministry of Christ's love present on campus at Oregon State University. Thank you for being part of the radical hospitality of Jesus in our ministry with students, faculty, and staff at Oregon State University! With gratitude and hope,

—Pr. Hallie

March Arrives

In the realm where seasons weave their dance,
March arrives, bringing a hopeful chance.
Equinox whispers of celestial might,
Winter's grip fades, surrendering to light.

As the sun's rays caress the earthly floor,
Day and night harmonize like never before.
On this vernal equinox, nature aligns,
A tapestry of wonders, where magic intertwines.

In the Northern Hemisphere, spring awakes,
Awakening dormant life from slumber's embrace.
Budding blooms stretch toward the azure sky,
Embracing warmth with a joyful sigh.

And as we bid farewell to winter's cold,
Nature's canvas is painted with hues bold.
From gentle blossoms to vibrant leaves,
A symphony of colors, a joy that never leaves.

—Catherine Pulsifer



Faith Lutheran Church		2025
STAFF		
Interim Pastor	Pastor Dorthy Nielsen	
Office Manager	Carol Armstrong	
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl Blum	
Custodian	Hart's Janitorial	
CHURCH COUNCIL		
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	Terry Virnig (Acting)	
Stewardship & Resources	Vacant	
Worship & Music	George Hunt	
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson	



Financials as of: 2/25/25

Undesignated Income: \$5,390.97
 Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$5,416.66
 Net Undesignated Income: (\$25.69)
 Total Expenses: \$12,370.50
 Total Net Income: (1,539.53)



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Albany, Oregon

*Join us for the Installation of
Pastor Cindy Robles*

SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025

2:00 P.M.

*Clergy are invited to vest and process
Color of the day is Purple*



Lenten Mid-Week Worship Schedule

Worship services will be held on Wednesdays for Ash Wednesday and each of the five weeks of Lent. A mid-day service at Faith Lutheran Church will accommodate those who prefer not to drive after dark, while a service later in the day at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be available for those who prefer an evening service. With the exception of Ash Wednesday, these services are preceded by a meal before the service begins.

Ash Wednesday Services (Imposition of Ashes) March 5

<u>Faith Lutheran Church</u>	12:00pm * no meal on this day
<u>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</u>	6:30pm * no meal on this day

Lenten Worship & Soup Wednesdays, March 12 thru April 9

<u>Faith Lutheran Church</u>	11:30am Soup Luncheon at 12:00pm Lenten Worship Service
<u>Good Shepherd Lutheran Church</u>	5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship Service



Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival

33814 S. Meridian Rd.
Woodburn, Oregon

March 21st to April 27th, 2025

Operating Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9am-6pm,
Friday 9am-7pm,
Saturday 8am-7pm,
Sunday 8am-6pm.

General admission tickets are available
online only,

Lenten Word Find

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Confession Love Divine Mercy Passion Veronica Mary
 Good Thief Stations Forty Days Last Supper Catholic
 Good Friday Sacrifice Crown of Thorns Cross Crucifix Fasting
 Jesus Purple Prayer Palm Sunday Ashes Lent Alms



Rummage Sale & Quilt Show

Faith Lutheran Church

930 SW Queen Street
Albany, Oregon

Friday—April 25 & Saturday—April 26
8:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-3:00pm

- Clothing
- Kitchen Items
- Sports Gear
- Something for Everyone!
- Multiple Family & Estate Sale Contributions!
- Home Décor
- Office Items
- Linens

Questions? Contact Peggy at 541/ 926-2697 or Suzanne at 541/928-2173



Church Announcements and Events

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Bible Study: Book of Acts: The Journey

Thursdays, March 6—April 10

12:00pm or 6:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran

During the Lenten season, Pastor Cindy Robles will be leading a Bible Study called, "Always Moving" A study of Paul's missionary journey vs. our own journey. Readings will be from the book of Acts. Two classes will be offered—Choose the one that best suits your needs.

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

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				
March	2	9	16	23
Assisting Ministers	Janice	George	Shirley	Carol O.
Altar Prep	George	Jon A.	George	Jon A.
Ushers	Dick	Dick	Dick	Dick
Sound Technicians	Terry	John B.	Jon A.	Gordy

On Fifth Sundays, from Pr. Dorthy

Sunday, March 30 is a fifth Sunday in the month of March. Faith will attend worship with Good Shepherd that day, at 10 am. Please mark this on your calendars. As we enter into discernment with Good Shepherd, we will be finding times to worship together, as well as get to know each other better as we seek mutual vision for mission together. Fifth Sundays happen 4-5 times a year.

March 2025 Worship Schedule



March 2	10:30am	Worship
March 9	10:30am	Worship
March 16	10:30am	Worship
March 23	10:30am	Worship
March 30	10:00am	Worship at GSL

All Worship Services are available to view on YouTube

March

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30am Worship with Pr. Dorothy Nielsen	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	5 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 12:00pm Lenten Worship at FLC 6:30pm - 8:00pm AEC 6:30pm Lenten Worship at GLS	6 12:00pm Bible Study: Book of Acts - The Journey at GSL 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group 6:30pm Bible Study: Book of Acts - The Journey at GSL	7 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	8
9 10:30am Worship with Pr. Nick Droge 3:00pm - 7:00pm AEC	10 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting	11 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	12 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 11:30am Luncheon & Lenten Worship at FLC 5:30pm Soup Supper & Lenten Worship at GSL	13 Janitorial Service 12:00pm Bible Study: Book of Acts - The Journey at GSL 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group 6:30pm Bible Study: Book of Acts - The Journey at GSL	14 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:30pm - 3:30pm 20th Century Book Club	15 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall)
16 10:30am Worship with Pr. Dorothy Nielsen	17 President's Day 7:00pm Boy Scouts	18 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	19 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 11:30am Luncheon & Lenten Worship at FLC 5:30pm Soup Supper & Lenten Worship at GSL 6:30pm - 8:00pm AEC	20 12:00pm Bible Study: Book of Acts - The Journey at GSL 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group 6:30pm Bible Study: Book of Acts - The Journey at GSL	21 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	22
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30 10:00am Worship at GSL - No Service at FLC	31 7:00pm Boy Scouts					

Prayer List

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

Tim Berg	Olivia Hunter	Frank Perry
Brenda Carroll	Nicholas Glass	David
Sandy Hina	Karen Hoover	Connie Griffis
Linda Gail Voet	Chuck	Margaret Rowland
Noah Holman	Carol Olufson	Mitch Mueller
Gigi Douglas	Vanessa Munro	Melba Wright
Stephanie Bauthman	Jim Preston	John Frayne
John Busher	Virginia	Wanda Irwin
Julie Shaw	Gabriel	

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:

Izzy Covalt & Sangsau Tran

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



A Prayer of Thanks for Family

Father in heaven, you are a community of love in your very nature. You are a holy family of father, son, and spirit. We thank you for the blessing you have given each of us to be in a relationship with you. We also offer praise that you created us to live in community and as a family with one another. From the very beginning you blessed us to form families with one another.

Please be in the midst of us and help us to love and honor one another in ways that are good in your eyes. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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