

FAITH at WORK

May 2023



A MOTHER'S LOVE

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish and enduring come
what may. For nothing can destroy it or take
that love away ...

It is patient and forgiving when all others are
forsaking, and it never fails or falters even
though the heart is breaking ...

It believes beyond believing when the world
around condemns, and it glows with all the
beauty of the rarest, brightest gems ...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all
explanation, and it still remains a secret like
the mysteries of creation ...

A many splendored miracle man cannot
understand and another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice

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ALBANY STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT



GRIEG - SIBELIUS - TCHAIKOVSKY - FLETCHER - BROADWAY - POPS

The image features two violins. One is on the left, showing the body, f-hole, and a white chin rest. The other is on the right, showing the neck and the frog. A curved line of red text arches between the two instruments, listing composers and a performance style.

7pm Friday, May 12, 2023
Albany First Christian Church 432 SW Ferry St
FREE ADMISSION

May Night

The spring is fresh and fearless
 And every leaf is new,
 The world is brimmed with moonlight,
 The lilac brimmed with dew.

Here in the moving shadows
 I catch my breath and sing--
 My heart is fresh and fearless
 And over-brimmed with spring.

—Sara Teasdale

Faith Lutheran Church		2023
STAFF		
Pastor	Mark Bringman	
Office Manager	Carol Armstrong	
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl Blum	
Custodian	Vacant	
CHURCH COUNCIL		
President	Terry Virnig	
Vice President	Bob Buswell	
Secretary	Mary Sabatka Gamet	
Treasurer	Janice Lee Virnig	
Financial Secretary	Alice Weber	
Education/Youth	Vacant	
Evangelism & Mission	Dick Olsen	
Fellowship & Social	Denice Rickard	
Property Management	Jon Aaberg	
Stewardship & Resources	Wally Oster	
Worship & Music	Diane Buswell	
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson	



Financials as of: 4/21/2023

Undesignated Income: \$5,397.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,166.67

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$2,769.67)**

Total Expenses: \$4,970.58

Total Net Income: 3,173.70

Church Announcements and Events

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Norma Messman Estate Sale—9am to 3pm

May 5, 6, & 7

An estate sale will held at Norma's house at 1850 Spicer Wayside SE, beginning Friday, May 5, through Sunday, May 7. All kinds of household items are available.

Mark Your Calendar! Special Music by IJenNeh

Sunday, May 7

Lasana Kanneh will be leading our music on May 7th at worship (10:30 am). As a refugee from war, he has a remarkable story and tremendous musical talent. Please join us this day as we hear how the Holy Spirit moves through him.

You can find some of his music here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/IJenNeh>

From his biography: Lasana Kanneh suffered much in his native homeland of Liberia. He was born blind and ostracized by his community for this disability. He was eventually abandoned at the school for the blind in Monrovia. God intervened and an evangelist took him home and preached the good news to him. Due to his Christian conversion, he became a refugee. He escaped war, persecution, poverty, abuse and personal failure to bring you these beautiful songs of faith, hope, and restoration.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Sunday Cinema: The Chosen (Season 2)—2:30pm

Sunday, May 7

Join us in the sanctuary as we continue to watch this riveting series that depicts the life of Jesus and challenges us to consider what it means for us in the here and now.

Monday Study Group—1:00pm

May 8, 15 & 22

Our focus for May is the book Love is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry. Two members of our group, Ellen and Pam, recommended the book. It will be a nice change of pace for us.

The description says: *"Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action."*

This is a hybrid study meaning that it meets both in-person and on-line. If you are interested in joining from home, please contact Pastor Mark and he will provide you with the weekly link.

Theology Pub @ The Barn—6:30pm

Tuesday, May 16

Join us for Theology Pub @ The Barn. These Bible focused conversations are deliberately laid back. We meet at The Barn since there is a variety of food options. This could be a great evening to invite a friend to get to know some of the folks in our congregation.

Helping Those Without Shelter—6:00pm**Wednesday, May 17**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1910 34th Ave SE Albany OR 97322

6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting with Ministry Partners

At our recent ministerium meeting, fellow pastors spoke about encountering people who were experiencing houseless-ness. In particular some of us spoke about some of the local ministries that work with those looking for shelter, that it would be good to hear about what they do.

We wanted to organize an evening where we people could come to eat, share fellowship and hear from local agencies about what they do and ways that we could be involved – the purpose of this is educational and to help make connections. We picked Good Shepherd because they have a large fellowship hall.

We want 4 agencies to share with us for about 10 to 15 minutes each. The organizations that sprang to mind first were (in alphabetic order) Family Tree Relief Nursery, FISH, Helping Hands and Jackson Street Youth Services – Pastor Mark is contacting the organizations to see if they can participate. All four organizations are ministry partners, meaning that all four work hard to help people find shelter and safety. We also recognize that the need is great and that there are more than four organizations working in this area. We hope that you can join us and these agencies.

ELCA Oregon Synod Assembly**Saturday, May 20**

The Oregon Synod Assembly will be held on-line on Saturday, May 20. Last year, the synod decided to go to a one day, on-line model for the assemblies in 2023 and 2024. Please pray for the synod staff, synod council, and for all voting members. The voting members for Faith Lutheran Church this year are Jon Aaberg, Peggy Preston, and Pastor Mark.

Messy Church — 12:00pm**Sunday, May 21**

We are doing a “Messy Church” event with Our Savior Lutheran in Lebanon. This will begin after church at around 12:00pm. Messy Church is an intergenerational craft event designed to be fun with crafting and fellowship for all ages. Pastor Sarah Schaffner is awesome overall and specifically skilled at crafting. She’s inviting us over.

Again, this is an intergenerational event – meaning that I am looking forward to crafting with my daughter but it should also be fun for anyone who enjoys working with their hands.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3111 S Main Road,
Lebanon, OR 97355

Pastor Mark—Light Week**May 22—27**

Pastor Mark will lead Bible Study Group on May 22, but will be off for the rest of the week.

Farewell to Denice Rickard**Sunday, May 28**

During worship, we will have a brief order of Farewell and Godspeed for Denice Rickard. She is moving to Eugene. She is hoping to come up here once a month or so, but will be looking to get involved with a congregation in Eugene.

Church Will Be Closed For Memorial Day**Monday, May 29****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 entry-way.



****Please check expiration date markings**

F.I.S.H. cannot accept foods past their marked expiration dates.

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 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 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



New Chair-Person Needed — Fellowship Committee

Denice Rickard has been serving as our Fellowship Committee Chair for this year. She has asked for a replacement as she will be moving to Eugene in the near future. Please consider volunteering for this. If you would like more information regarding this role, please contact Peggy Preston at (541) 223-0197.

Church Office Hours

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

Worship Leaders Team 2023

May	7	14	21	28
Assisting Ministers	Diane	Ellen	Jeff	Shirley
Altar Prep	Elaine	Aabergs	Fleischers	Pam
Ushers	Kim	Dick	Wally	Terry
Sound Technicians	Gordy	John	Terry	Jon

May Worship Schedule



May 7 10:30am Sunday Worship
 May 14 10:30am Sunday Worship
 May 21 10:30am Sunday Worship
 May 28 10:30am Sunday Worship

All Worship Services are Live-Streamed on YouTube

Prayer List

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*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	Nancy Goodwin
Robert Jon	Stephanie Bauthman	Karen Glenn
Linda Gail Voet	Carl Wogomon	Peggy Preston
Melba Wright	John Busher	Jeanette Thorpe
Brandon Crawford	Heather	Elaine Wogomon
Noah Holman	Julie Shaw	Scot Stockwell
Pat Norby	Lee Horst	Karen Hoover
Gigi Douglas	Margaret Rowland	Jackye Brown

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 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pastor Mark - Vacation 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2 Pastor Mark - Vacation	3 Pastor Mark - Vacation 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	4 Janitorial Service Pastor Mark - Vacation	5 Pastor Mark - Vacation 9:00am - 1:30pm String Therapy 10:00am Reports to Council Due	6
7 Special Music During Worship - Lasana Kanneh 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 2:30pm Sunday Cinema: The Chosen (Season 2)	8 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle	10 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 7:00pm Council Meeting	11 Pastor Mark Away- Continuing Education in Mount Angel	12 9:00am - 1:30pm String Therapy	13 3:00pm Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
14 Mother's Day 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	15 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16	17 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 6:00pm Helping Those Without Shelter - Dinner & Informational Presentation at Good Shepherd Lutheran	18 Janitorial Service	19 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	20 9:00am Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo) 9:30am - 4:30pm Synod Assembly
21 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 12:00pm Messy Church - Crafting Activity at Our Savior Lutheran	22 Pastor Mark - Off 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	23 Pastor Mark - Off	24 Pastor Mark - Off 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	25 Pastor Mark - Off	26 Pastor Mark - Off 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	27 Pastor Mark - Off
28 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	29 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 7:00pm Boy Scouts	30	31 9:00am No Quilters 9:00am TOMs			



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