

FAITH at WORK

August 2023

Friends in Christ –

Summers naturally end up being a quieter time here in the Pacific Northwest. We live in the prettiest part of the country, in a place where we see the awesomeness of God's creation. As we are told in Genesis, God made the world and made it GOOD. And many of us, myself included, take advantage of the summertime to experience God's good earth.

The Apostles and Nicene creeds focus on the three persons of the trinity. For both (and creeds written in their style), focus on the creation for the work being done by God, focus on redemption through Christ our brother and focus on the unity of the Spirit at work in the world for the third person of the Trinity. At the same time, I know that when I see the glaciers of Mount Hood burning red in the light of the setting sun that it is the work of all three persons of the Trinity – that while we speak of God as creator, we know that Jesus and the Spirit also create. So when I am in the outdoors, during this quieter season in church life, I give thanks for the way that God, Father, Son and Spirit made this world good.

In the fall, as more programs, study, service and fellowship events happen, I see the way that we connect to a very human story, of Jesus, the man of sorrows, born to two refugee parents. Through our work together as a family in Christ, through our worship, I see the grace of the Redeemer poured out on all of us.

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Some blessed times, through eyes of faith we see how our redeemer uses us as bearers of grace for the world. We recognize that redemption comes through Christ but we see that the creator and spirit also redeem.

And we see that the Holy Spirit, blowing through us, stirring us from placidness truly changes the world. It is the work of that Spirit, that divine mystery of faith that truly unifies us. Without the Spirit we don't have unity, but through it we see the ways that members of our congregation are equipped to do God's work with their hands. This mystery of holiness and sanctification is of course also done by God and Jesus.

The creeds thus both are unifying and a mystery. Thus we see God at work in the world and in various ways. The world may not see it but we do:

As Paul says in 2nd Corinthians 6:5 -10:

As servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Siblings you possess everything in God.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Mark Bringman



August

I come! I come! and the waving field,
 Its wealth of golden grain shall yield.
 In the hush and heat of glowing noon,
 The insects' hum is the only tune;
 For the merriest birds forget to sing,
 And sit in the shade with drooping wing.

But see! how the purpling grapes hang high,
 And ripen beneath my sunny sky!
 And see! how the fruits of the bending tree
 Turn blushing and rosy cheeks to me!
 And soon shall your garners be over-full
 With gifts from the August bountiful.

By Mary B. C. Slade



Faith Lutheran Church		2023
STAFF		
Pastor	Mark Bringman	
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Organist/Pianist	Cheryl Blum	
Custodian	Vacant	
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President	Terry Virnig	
Vice President	Bob Buswell	
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Fellowship & Social	Denice Rickard	
Property Management	Jon Aaberg	
Stewardship & Resources	Wally Oster	
Worship & Music	Diane Buswell	
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson	



Financial Update

Financials as of: July 28, 2023

Undesignated Income: \$7,329.34
 Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,166.67
 Net Undesignated Income: **(\$837.33)**
 Total Expenses: \$11,223.76
 Total Net Income: 689.58

Church Announcements and Events

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Mass In The Grass Ecumenical Worship In the Park

Sunday, August 6

10:30am At Timber Linn Park, Shelter #1

On Sunday, August 6 we will be part of a special, ecumenical worship service that will be held at Timber Linn Park in concert with several other local churches. This will be the only service offered for our congregation that day (Pastor Mark will record a shorter service to our YouTube channel).

We invite you to join us for a fun worship that is flexible and relaxed. There is a playground adjacent to the shelter which can be nice for young children.

There will be a picnic following the service. We ask that you bring a chair to sit on if you have one and a pot luck item to share. See you there!

Monday Study Group—1:00pm

July 31, August 7, 21 & 28

Our bible study group is one that all are welcome to join. We are a group of believers seeking to grow together. Sometimes we study scripture, sometimes we discuss a movie or TV show, sometimes we read a book together. While some of our time is spent in discussion, we also pray together, share fellowship together and sometimes a meal.

We would love to have you be a part of this group which meets most Mondays. Our topic for August will be decided at the next meeting.

Theology Pub @ The Barn—6:30pm

Tuesday, August 8

Join us for Theology Pub @ The Barn, a light and laid back discussion. Low key events in a public places can be a nice way to invite people to a church event and have it not be intimidating. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Mark—Light Week

August 14—19

Pastor Mark will be available for emergency pastoral care only during this time.

Sunday Cinema: The Chosen

We will restart Sunday Cinema in the fall. Look for updates in the next Faith At Work.

Annual School Supply Drive

Sales have begun in local stores so it's the perfect time to begin collecting items for the Annual School Supply Drive. Education is important for any community, but especially where poverty or disaster have limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits that contain essential supplies can help ensure they can continue learning despite the hardships they face. We have set a goal for 75 kits to be donated through Lutheran World Relief.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8 x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One 2 ½ inch eraser
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed!

One of the areas that we are looking for volunteers is for the Altar Guild, the folks that prepare our chancel (the area near the altar) for worship.

Typically this involves setting up for communion and setting out a glass of water for the pastor and assisting ministers, and occasionally, changing the linens on the altar..

If this sounds like a way that you can contribute, please let Carol Anderson know.

The next Altar Guild meeting is set for September 17th at 11:30am.

Church Office Hours

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



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.

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 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.

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**



Worship Leaders Team 2023

August	6	13	20	27
Assisting Ministers	TBD	Shirley	Carol	Ellen
Altar Prep	TBD	Pam	Aabergs	Elaine
Ushers	TBD	Diane	Dick	Wally
Sound Technicians	TBD	Jon	Gordy	John

Thank You!

Thank you to Terry Virnig for cleaning the church. Every other week, he sweeps, vacuums and cleans, so that we only hire a cleaning service for every other week.

Thank you to Jon Aaberg and the other TOPs (The Old People, self named) for all the things they do to keep our church in working order!

Thanks to Wally Oster for being handy and repairing the paschal candle stand. Pastor Mark was moving the candle and the stand snapped. Wally, who is useful and handy, fixed the stand so we didn't even miss it for one week. Thank you Wally!

August 2023 Worship Schedule



August 6	10:30am	Mass In The Grass At Timber Linn Park
August 13	10:30am	Sunday Worship Service
August 20	10:30am	Sunday Worship Service
August 27	10:30am	Sunday Worship Service

All Worship Services are filmed and available on YouTube



August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	3 Janitorial Service	4 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 10:00am Reports to Council Due	5
6 10:30am Mass in the Grass Ecumenical Worship @ Timber Linn Park	7 Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle 6:30pm Theology Pub	9 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs 7:00pm Council Meeting	10	11 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	12
13 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	14 Pastor Mark Light Week 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 Pastor Mark Light Week	16 Pastor Mark Light Week 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	17 Janitorial Service Pastor Mark Light Week	18 Pastor Mark Light Week 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	19 Pastor Mark Light Week 9:00am Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo)
20 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	21 Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22	23 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOMs	24	25 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	26
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Prayer List

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

Tim B.	Chiera Family	Margaret Rowland
Brenda Carroll	Izzy Covalt	Olivia Hunter
Sandy Hina	Garrett Baarsch	Nicholas Glass
Robert Jon	Stephanie Bauthman	Karen Hoover
Linda Gail Voet	Carl Wogomon	Karen Glenn
Melba Wright	John Busher	Jon McLarty
Brandon Crawford	Heather	Drew Butler
Noah Holman	Julie Shaw	Pat Norby
Gigi Douglas	Lee Horst	

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 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 family with one another. From the very beginning you blessed us to form families with one another.

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



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