FAITH at WORK

November 2023

Friends in Christ.

Fall is a time of changing leaves and seasons. For those of us living in the PNW, it is when the rains return, when the hay is harvested and we prepare for the winter. The secular calendar has a celebration of harvest, Thanksgiving. It is also a feature of life in the bible, both in Judaism and in the life of Jesus.

Judaism has three different festivals that occur during the time of harvest. Passover was near the barley harvest. Barley was important because it was the first grain to ripen after winter, the first `new' food after a winter of eating that which was stored. Pentecost or weeks, coming seven weeks later was when wheat would be harvested. And the festival of booths, Succoth, was when fruits would be harvested - it was the most lighthearted of the festivals.

For observant Jews, including Jesus and his disciples, these festivals were both a time to remember what God had done for the people and to celebrate what God was doing, providing the very stuff of life.

This fall (and all times) give thanks for what God has given us. We give thanks for food: for apples, pumpkins, gourds and turkeys, for the fresh foods of the fall. We give thanks for sun and moon and stars. We give thanks for the rain that waters the earth and the sun that warms the creation. We give thanks O God for creating the wonderful diversity of this creation and for the wonderful diversity of people. And yet all of us are created in your image, all of us are the work of your hands O Lord.

Peace in Christ,

Faith Lutheran Church

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A November Day

I come, a sad November day, Gray clad from foot to head; A few late leaves of yellow birch, A few of maple red.

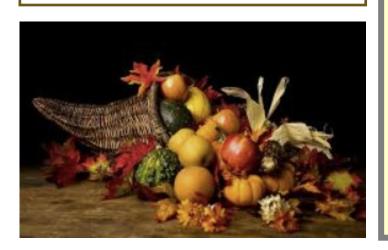
And, should you look, you might descry Some wee ferns, hiding low, Or late Fall dandelions shy, Where cold winds cannot blow.

And then, you see, I'm not all gray; A little golden light Shines on a sad November day, A promise for the night.

For though gray-clad, in soft gray mist, Floating on gray-cloud wing, I know that I the way prepare For brightest days of Spring.

And though witch-hazel's golden flowers Are all the blooms I know, They promise—so do I—the hours When sweetest Mayflowers grow.

-Mary B. C. Slade



Faith Lutheran Church	2023		
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Pastor	Mark Bringman		
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Financials as of: October 25, 2023

Undesignated Income: \$6,283.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,166.67

Net Undesignated Income: (\$1,883.67)

Total Expenses: \$5,038.77 Total Net Income: \$6,027.23

Church Announcements and Events

Fall & Holiday Bazaar—9am to 4pm

November 3 & 4



This year's Fall & Holiday Bazaar will have homespun crafts, quilts, and baked goods galore. Bring your friends to shop for holiday treasures!

Lunch will be served from 11am-1:30pm and Coffee, Tea & Goodies will be served all day! (Both Days!)

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 5

The first Sunday of November is the day that we remember all those who have come before us in faith. It's a day when we remember that the Holy Spirit binds all the church into one community.

If there is anyone you wish to remember in our worship service that day, please add their name to the list either by writing their name on the list or emailing their name to the church office. A list will be placed on the table in the Fireside Room beginning October 15th. Names can be e-mailed anytime.

Bishop's Convocation

Monday—Wednesday, November 6--8

Rostered leaders (including Pastor Mark) will be attending Bishop's Convocation November 6th through 8th. This is an event required by the synod for worship, study, education and to strengthen the `wild web' of the Oregon Synod.

Bingo & More —3:00pm

Sunday, November 12

Invite your friends—All ages are welcome to join! There will be Bingo and other games to suit your fancy. Cost of Admission is a food donation for Albany F.I.S.H. Popcorn and Lemonade will be served with a huge portion of fun. See you there!

Bible Study Group—1:00pm

Monday, November 13 & 27

Join us for fellowship, prayer and discussion. We meet in the fellowship hall (and have a zoom stream so that you can join us from your house if that's easier). This month we will continue studying the book of Daniel — Join us!

Gather: Rivers of Mercy @ The Barn—6:00pm

Wednesday, November 15

Do you know any young adults between the ages of 18 and 35? This new group is being formed to promote fellowship and discussion among younger adults to see what can happen when we join forces.

<u>Gather: Rivers of Mercy</u>, is being supported by a grant from ELCA. We are looking to bring together a group `in the gap', to foster a place of meaningful connection.

We are beginning with low key gatherings at **The Barn at Hickory Station in North Albany** as an easy and public way to get to know each other (and a central location between the tri cities of Corvallis, Lebanon and Albany). Join us, grab a bite from a food cart, feel free to bring along the family (or just yourself) and help start a new group!

See you in September, October or November. If you have any questions or want to participate but can't make those dates, please get in touch with Kristin Young young.kristin.723@gmail.com or Pastor Mark pastormarkbringman@gmail.com or Pastor Hallie at lhousepastor@peak.org

Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

The church office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Pastor Mark—Light Week

November 20-25

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

Advent Wednesdays

November 29, December 5 & 12

6:00pm Soup Supper provided by host congregation & 7:00pm Worship Service

November 29: Our Saviour Lutheran in Lebanon December 5: Good Shepherd Lutheran in Albany

December 12: Faith Lutheran in Albany

Please join us as we gather for food, fellowship and worship with other sisters and brothers. For early Christians, breaking bread together was a reminder that when we eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus, that we are following his command and celebrating the unity we have in the Spirit.

These Wednesday nights are a chance for us to gather with friends in other congregations, to share our story and to hear theirs, to pray and prepare the way for Jesus Christ.

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 3

Grace Lutheran Church has called a pastor who will be starting the first Sunday of December.

Have Coffee or a Walk With Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark will begin dropping Mary off at Liberty Elementary most days at 7:45am. That means he will be at the church earlier than has been the case previously. While he will use some of that time in study and prayer, if you are a morning person he would love to have a cup of coffee with you or head out for a prayer walk. Please reach out to him.



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.

Quilting and TOPs

Wednesdays @ 9am



Wednesday mornings are a busy time at Faith Lutheran Church. We have guilters 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 is 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

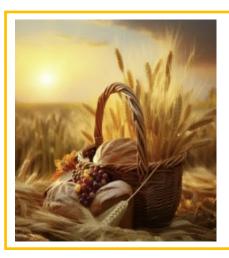
Church Office Hours

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



Worship Leaders Team 2023								
November	5 12		19	26				
Assisting Ministers	Ellen	Carol	Diane	Shirley				
Altar Prep	Pam	George	Elaine	Elaine				
Ushers	Wally	Dick	Wally	Dick				
Sound Technicians	Terry	John	Gordy Terry					





Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

October 2023 Worship Schedule



November 5
 November 12
 November 12
 November 19
 November 19
 November 26
 10:30am
 Sunday Worship
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All Worship Services are filmed and available on YouTube



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am - 10:00am Reformation Sunday Breakfast 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	30 1:00pm Bible Study Group 3:30pm Pretzel Dipping/Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31	1 9:00am TOPs 9:00am Set Up for Bazaar	2 Janitorial Service	3 8:00am - 4:00pm Fall & Holiday Bazaar	4 8:00am - 4:00pm Fall & Holiday Bazaar
5 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	6 Bishop's Convocation - Pastor Mark Attending 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 Bishop's Convocation - Pastor Mark Attending	8 Bishop's Convocation - Pastor Mark Attending 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs 7:00pm Council Meeting	9 Pastor Mark Vacation	10 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	11
12 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 3:00pm Bingo and More	13 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle	9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	16 Janitorial Service	17 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:00pm 20th Century Book Club	18 9:00am Circle of Friends (Peggy's)
19 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	20 Pastor Mark Off 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 Pastor Mark Off	22 Pastor Mark Off 9:00am TOPs	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Church Office Closed 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	25
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Prayers for Cheryl—In Mid-October, Cheryl fell and broke her arm in at least 3 places. She and Stan are trying to figure out what her path forward for rehabilitation looks like. They appreciate your phone calls and prayers.

Prayer List

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

Tim B. Izzy Covalt Nicholas Glass

Brenda Carroll Garrett Baarsch Karen Hoover

Sandy Hina Stephanie Bauthman Karen Glenn

Robert Jon Carl Wogomon Jon McLarty

Linda Gail Voet John Busher Drew Butler

Melba Wright Heather Pat Norby

Brandon Crawford Julie Shaw Chuck

Noah Holman Lee Horst Rose Mary Aaberg

Gigi Douglas Margaret Rowland Cheryl Blum

Chiera Family Olivia Hunter 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 of Thanksgiving

O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.



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