

# 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,

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The Ladies Guild Invites You To Their

# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Faith Lutheran Church  
930 Queen Avenue SW, Albany, OR

NOVEMBER 3 & 4  
9:00am—4:00pm

Please join us as you browse our amazing selection of:

Homespun Crafts  
Delicious Baked Goods  
&  
Handmade Quilts

**Lunch Will Be Served**  
**11:00am—1:30pm**

Hearty Vegetable Beef Soup with Bread,  
Coffee or Tea, and Homemade Pie

**Coffee, Tea & Goodies Served All Day!**



## 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
<b>STAFF</b>		
Pastor	Mark Bringman	
Office Manager	Carol Armstrong	
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President	Terry Virnig	
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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*

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**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.

Gather: Rivers of Mercy, 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](mailto:young.kristin.723@gmail.com) or Pastor Mark [pastormarkbringman@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarkbringman@gmail.com) or Pastor Hallie at [lhousepastor@peak.org](mailto: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 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 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: [pegpreston@aol.com](mailto:pegpreston@aol.com)**



## Church Office Hours

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

## 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	10:30am	Sunday Worship
November 12	10:30am	Sunday Worship
November 19	10:30am	Sunday Worship
November 26	10:30am	Sunday Worship

All Worship Services are filmed and available on YouTube



# November

## 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Reformation Sunday Breakfast 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	<b>30</b> 1:00pm Bible Study Group 3:30pm Pretzel Dipping/Fellowship Committee 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00am TOPs 9:00am Set Up for Bazaar	<b>2</b> Janitorial Service	<b>3</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Fall & Holiday Bazaar	<b>4</b> 8:00am - 4:00pm Fall & Holiday Bazaar
<b>5</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>6</b> Bishop's Convocation - Pastor Mark Attending 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> Bishop's Convocation - Pastor Mark Attending	<b>8</b> Bishop's Convocation - Pastor Mark Attending 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>9</b> Pastor Mark Vacation	<b>10</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 3:00pm Bingo and More	<b>13</b> 12:30pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle	<b>15</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>16</b> Janitorial Service	<b>17</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:00pm 20th Century Book Club	<b>18</b> 9:00am Circle of Friends (Peggy's)
<b>19</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>20</b> Pastor Mark Off 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> Pastor Mark Off	<b>22</b> Pastor Mark Off 9:00am TOPs	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	<b>27</b> 1:00pm Bible Study Group 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>30</b> Janitorial Service	<b>1</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>2</b>



**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

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*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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