

FAITH at WORK

March 2024

Church Council Communications

Hello Sisters & Brothers of Faith,

As I write this letter we are having a lot going on around the Church. The council and I had a Zoom meeting recently with Bishop Laurie and a potential Interim Pastor who, in addition to leading worship, would help guide us through our next steps as a congregation. After the meeting, the council and I had a discussion and agreed to proceed with hiring the interim pastor. I will be talking with the Bishop on next steps needed to complete that process. Once we have everything worked out, I will share all the details. At our congregational meeting on March 3, we will have more information on what we are working towards overall and hopefully be able to answer questions.

Our office administrator Carol has taken on more duties for us and is doing a wonderful job, if you see Carol thank her for the work she is doing.

We learned last week that our two of our tenants (Jackson Street Youth Services and Family Tree Relief Nursery) are going to be with us through the end of the year and possibly beyond that as they raise funds to remodel the buildings they have purchased.

The roofing contractor is waiting on some good weather to start replacement of the Cornerstone Building and education wing roofs.

Mary and Terry continue to work with our ELCA sister congregations about possibly partnering in the future. I expect our (hopefully) new interim pastor will join in the effort. Please continue to pray for them and give them your support. They are always open to discussions and will report to the congregation as necessary.

Blessings,

Gordy Gamet,
Council President

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Church Office Hours

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



“Written In March”

The cock is crowing,
 The stream is flowing,
 The small birds twitter,
 The lake doth glitter
 The green field sleeps in the sun;
 The oldest and youngest
 Are at work with the strongest;
 The cattle are grazing,
 Their heads never raising;
 There are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated
 The snow hath retreated,
 And now doth fare ill
 On the top of the bare hill;
 The plowboy is whooping- anon-
 anon:
 There’s joy in the mountains;
 There’s life in the fountains;
 Small clouds are sailing,
 Blue sky prevailing;
 The rain is over and gone!

by William Wordsworth



Faith Lutheran Church		2024
STAFF		
Pastor	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
Stewardship & Resources	Vacant	
Worship & Music	Vacant	
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson	



Financials as of: February 29, 2024

Undesignated Income: \$5,478.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$6,720.83

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$1,242.83)**

Total Expenses: \$7,036.91

Total Net Income: \$3,711.09

Church Announcements and Events

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Circle of Friends—9:00am

Saturday, March 16

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a fun time. Sewing supplies, sewing machines and practice fabrics will be available for those who would like to learn to sew. The quilting frame will be set up so folks who would like to help tie quilts can do that too. See you there!

Bingo & More Games—3:00pm

Sunday, March 17

All ages are welcome to join in the fun! 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. See you there!

Mark Your Calendar & Sign Up Online!

Thursday, March 28



The Blood Drive will be in the Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. To schedule your appointment, call **800-733-2767** or sign up online at redcrossblood.org, using sponsor code: `faithlutheranalbany`.

Easter Breakfast Potluck—9:00am

Sunday, March 31

Celebrate the good news by joining us for Easter breakfast. Sausage, Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Juice will be provided. Sign up to bring a breakfast casserole to share; a sign-up sheet is on the fireside room table. A free-will offering will be collected.

2024 Flower Chart

A new flower chart has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office. Please consider signing up to provide altar flowers for a few Sundays this year.

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.

Lenten Services Schedule for 2024

- March 13: Soup Supper at 6:00pm; Service at 7:00pm—Good Shepherd Lutheran
- March 24: Palm Sunday Service at 10:30am—Faith Lutheran
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar will lead worship
Luncheon immediately following—Subs & Salad will be served
- March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm—Good Shepherd Lutheran
- March 29: Good Friday Worship at 7:00pm—Good Shepherd Lutheran
- March 31: Easter Sunday Worship at 10:30am—Faith Lutheran

Mark Your Calendar! Spring Rummage Sale

April 5 & 6



It's time to start planning now for the Spring 2024 Rummage Sale. Items for donation can be dropped off beginning Monday, April 1.

All donations should be clean, usable, and in good working order.

No Large Appliances, No Large Furniture, No Large Screen TV's, No firearms, No liquids of any kind!

If you have questions, contact Peggy at 541-926-2697

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.*



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.

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 2024

March	3	10	17	24	31
Assisting Ministers	Shirley	Janice	Terry	Shirley	Janice
Altar Prep	Elaine	George	Elaine	George	Elaine
Ushers	Dick	George	Elaine	Dick	George
Sound Technicians	Gordy	Terry	John	Gordy	Terry



Bring Your Easter Lilies for the Altar!

Bring your lilies to the church on Saturday, March 30th, so they can be used to adorn the altar for Easter Sunday. Just leave them on the counter in the kitchen. Put your name on the pot somewhere if you wish—you can retrieve them after service.

March 2024 Worship Schedule



March 3	10:30am	Worship
March 10	10:30am	Worship
March 17	10:30am	Worship
March 24	10:30am	Worship
March 31	10:30am	Worship

All Worship Services are filmed and available on YouTube



March

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	2
3 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming 11:15am - 12:15pm Congregational Meeting	4 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5	6 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	7	8 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:00pm 20th Century Book Club	9
10 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming 11:00am Fellowship Meeting	11 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle	13 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs 6:00pm Soup Supper & Lenten Gathering @ Good Shepherd	14 Janitorial Service	15 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	16 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall)
17 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming 3:00pm Bingo & More!	18 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 12:00pm - 3:00pm D.A.R. Meeting	20 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs 7:00pm Council Meeting	21	22 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	23
24 Passion/Palm Sunday 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting 11:15am Luncheon with Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar	25 7:00pm Boy Scouts	26	27 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	28 Maundy Thursday 9:45am - 5:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00pm Worship @ Good Shepherd Lutheran	29 Good Friday Janitorial Service 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 7:00pm Worship @ Good Shepherd Lutheran	30
31 Easter 9:00am - 10:15am Easter Breakfast 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming						

Prayer List

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

Tim B.	Izzy Covalt	Karen Hoover
Brenda Carroll	Garrett Baarsch	Karen Glenn
Sandy Hina	Stephanie Bauthman	Chuck
Robert Jon	Carl Wogomon	Rose Mary Aaberg
Linda Gail Voet	John Busher	Carol Olufson
Melba Wright	Julie Shaw	John Villani
Brandon Crawford	Margaret Rowland	Vanessa Munro
Noah Holman	Olivia Hunter	Jim Preston
Gigi Douglas	Nicholas Glass	Noriko Frayne

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:

Izzy Covalt, Ruth Irwin, Ruth Glace, Connie Griffis, Margaret Rowland, Sangsau Tran & Melba Wright

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

Family and Friends of Pat Norby



A Prayer for Peace in the World

O God of all, Of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael:
Our hearts are broken in pieces at the suffering and murder of your people.
Our voices cry for peace and for justice.



Comfort those who grieve, Console and heal the injured,
Be close to those in fear, Restrain with your mighty hand those who perpetrate violence.

Send us your wisdom in all that we say and do. Let our voice always seek justice, peace and security for all. Amen.



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