

FAITH at WORK

January 2022

Sisters and brothers in Christ –

At the congregational meeting on December 19th, we approved a budget that moved me to ¾ time. We did this in recognition of rising costs for building and maintenance at Faith Lutheran Church and trying to find a workable compromise between the congregation and I.

This is going to take the form of the pastor taking an additional week off every month (though not the Sundays). This is also going to take the form of different roles for the office manager/administrative assistant and some of our volunteers.

The body of Christ is eternal and endures through all hardship and strife. The church has grown through persecution under the Caesars and through the words of people brought across and ocean to an unfamiliar land. The church has endured through famine and war, through sorrow and strife. The church has grown in unfamiliar tongues, through the poor, the uneducated, through those experiencing prejudice or want. The church has grown despite the



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world.

The body of Christ, of which all of us are a part, lasts forever.

Our individual congregation is at a hinge point. We are smaller than we were ten years ago, which was smaller than we were twenty years ago. During the almost six years I have been your pastor, I have heard people lament what used to be – when this congregation had a youth group sitting in the pews lining the wall of the sanctuary, or volunteer musicians for a praise band, or dinners every Wednesday night. We pine for the past and that can make it hard to adapt to the present or plan for the future.

Some of Faith Lutheran's reality has changed over the last sixty years, often in ways that we do not appreciate. We have friends that we miss and activities that we miss. And yet some of Faith Lutheran Church's reality is the same as it was when it was founded over sixty years ago. This is still a place where God's word is proclaimed and work is done in Jesus name to feed the hungry, care for the sick and share the love of God with a world in need.

God's church will endure. As a community, we need to discern what God is calling us to in this place, in this time. Though circumstances have changed, we are still the church. What is God calling us to?

Pastor Mark Bringman

January Worship Schedules

January 2: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming
 January 9: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming
 January 16: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming
 January 23: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming
 January 30: 10:30 AM Live Worship & Streaming

Masks and Social Distancing are Required for Indoor Worship

Another Year

Another Year is dawning!

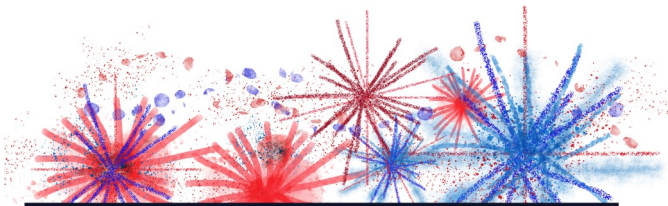
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another Year of leaning;
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

May the Lord Bless you
And keep you; the Lord
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance
Upon you, and give you peace!

Happy New Year



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2022

STAFF

Pastor	Mark Bringman
Office Manager	Nance G
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl B.
Custodian	Terry B.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Terry Virnig
Vice President	Kim Sass
Secretary	Alice Weber
Treasurer	Janice Virnig
Financial Secretary	John Berg
Education /youth	
Evangelism & Mission	Dick Olsen
Fellowship & Social Concerns	Peggy Preston
Property Management	Jon Aaberg
Stewardship & Resources	
Worship & Music	Jackye Brown
Mission Endowment Fund	Kim Sass



Financial Report as of 12/29/2021:

Undesignated Income: \$6,389.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,885.00

Net Undesignated Income: (\$2,496.00)

Total Expenses: \$4,653.02

Total Net Income: \$22,144.62**

****Second PPP loan forgiveness of \$18,500 recorded as Designated Contribution in December.**

Church Announcements and Events

Monday Bible Study Group – “Look for the Women” by Karl Anliker January 10, 17, 24, 31 at 1 pm @ the fellowship hall or over Zoom

Our small group will study group will study five women of the Bible: Miriam, Hagar, Sarah, Lot's Wife and Rivkeh together, using a study put together by a seminary student over the course of the pandemic. It's an engaging study with art, poetry and encourages us to consider how these women engage our faith.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84235999614?pwd=RjZuSHIDSEnvWmpabUk5bmFhV2wvdz09> Meeting ID: 842 3599 9614

Passcode: 93479

Watch "The Chosen" together January 23rd 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We invite you to join us to watch the first two episodes of "The Chosen", a wonderful depiction of the life of Christ and his ministry as depicted in the gospels. We are going to be utilizing our projector for this and then discussing it afterwards. If there is a good turnout, we plan to gather for this again.

American Red Cross Blood Drive 10am—4pm

January 27, 2022

Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 27, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment, call 800-733-2767 OR sign up online at: redcrossblood.org using Sponsor code: **faithlutheranalbany**

Laundry Love

On December 21st, Pastor Mark and Pam Nelson were the volunteers from our congregation for Laundry Love, a program of the Albany Ministerium to provide laundry options for those in need. We helped nine households with laundry that day. Starting in 2022, Laundry Love is going to go from once a month to twice a month (the first and third Tuesday). If you would be willing to help out (we will be volunteering three or four times a year), let Pastor Mark know (the shifts are from 8 am until 11:15 or so).



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last few months as I recovered from multiple surgeries. Its been a long rough road, and I still have a bit of physical therapy to do to get back my full range of motion.

Many thanks to Carol Armstrong for filling in and ensuring that things didn't fall through the cracks. She did a great job by keeping things moving through the office. Having her covering for me greatly aided my recovery as I didn't need to worry about things being left undone.

I also want to thank Pastor Mark and the council for their patience and allowing me the time I needed to recover. I'm looking forward to a new and healthier year. May God bless you all!

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Office Hours for January

Monday , Wednesday and Friday hours 8AM—12 PM

Covid-19 Practices at Faith Lutheran Church

Out of love and concern for our neighbors, Faith Lutheran Church will be following the practices listed below:



- Masks are mandatory indoors
- Masks are mandatory outdoors if six feet cannot be maintained between people (OHA Mandate 8/27/2021)
- Keep social distance (6 feet apart)
- No food or beverages indoors
- We **WILL** continue to share in the meal of salvation

As Martin Luther said, “God doesn’t need your good works but your neighbor does.”

Quilting and TOMs

Wednesdays at 9 AM

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 skills to share or able hands and a willing heart, the TOMs will always welcome some help.



Mary Martha Circle

This is a Bible Study for women. We will be meeting on Second Tuesday of Each Month @ 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us and bring a friend! If you would like more information, please call Karen Glenn at 541-928-4729 or Shirley Karstens at 541-967-8309.



We are asking anyone in the prayer chain to lift up the concerns of Faith Lutheran Church weekly (which could be as little as taking a few seconds and asking God to be with all of those listed, lifting them up by name) and to pray for other concerns as they are shared. 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**

Pastor Mark would be happy to visit folks at their home, particularly those who have trouble getting to church these days. If you or someone you know would appreciate a visit, feel free to contact the church office or Pastor Mark to let us know.

Additionally, if you are in the hospital, please contact us so that we can come see you.





JANUARY 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming	3 11:00 AM Don Brudvig Memorial Service 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	5 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs 5:30 PM Worship & Music Committee	6 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due	7 9:00 AM String Therapy	8
9 10:30 AM Indoor Worship & livestreaming	10 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 1:00 PM Mary Martha Circle 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	12 9:00 AM Quilters 9:00 AM TOMs 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13	14 9:00 AM String Therapy	15 9:00 AM Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo)
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For the most up-to-date version,
[visit our online calendar](#)

Worship Leader Team 2022

January	2	9	16	23	30
Assisting Ministers	Charles	Gordy	Elaine	Diane	Shirley
Lector	Wally	Kim	Jeff	Carol O.	Jackye
Altar Prep	Nance	Aaberg	Jeff	Cynthia	Elaine
Ushers	Kim	Wally	Jon	Nance	Diane
	Elaine	Dick	Nance	Dick	Wally
Sound Technician	John	Jon	Terry	Gordy	John



Worship Helpers are needed!

If you would like help with worship, either as an usher, or assisting minister/lector (the two roles are combined for now), altar guild or working on the sound / video board, please let us know by contacting the church office.

We are adapting to a changing world and counting on excited adaptable people to help out. We need you to step up where you are able. Currently, we do not have enough people volunteering to prevent having folks doing double, sometimes, triple duty each month.

Most of these roles require a minimal time commitment, but are necessary to the flow of our services and greeting visitors.

Prayer List

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



Tim B	Gigi Douglas	Heather
Brenda Carroll	Ron Wold	Julie Shaw
Sandy Hina	Chiera Family	John & Margarite Fusaro
Robert Jon	Cindy Harms	Lee Horst
Daniel Sullivan	Izzy Covalt	Kerry Casner
Linda Gail Voet	Oliver	Margaret Rowland
Melba Wright	Garrett Baarsch	Allison
Brandon Crawford	Stephanie Bauthman	Olivia Hunter
Noah Holman	Carl Wogomon	Shelley
Jerry Sheffield	John Busher	
Pat Norby	Gene Hebert	

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Ruth Irwin, Connie Griffis, Ray Knuth, Eleanor Barr, Izzy Covalt, Cindy Harms, Margaret Rowland, Melba Wright, Sangsau Tran

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

Brudvig family for the loss of Don Brudvig on December 26th.

Prayer for Comfort and Peace

Lord, thank you that our comfort abounds through Christ. Nothing in the world can bring us the comfort and peace that you alone can offer. Thank you that you understand our trials, and you care. Through our own struggle and pain, help us to be your vessels to offer comfort and strength to others who are hurting. Thank you Lord that through every weakness and hard place, your strength is displayed in our lives. We can't do it on our own. But you can, through us. Your power is Mighty within us, you are our Helper and our Strength. All things are possible through you.

- Debbie McDaniel





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