

# FAITH at WORK

July 2022

Friends in Christ,

Summer is always a different time in our lives, especially here in the great Pacific Northwest. I write this in the midst of the wettest June that I've ever known (Vanessa and I moved here about eight years ago). I can't wait for some sun to smile upon us. At the same time, I am thankful for all of the rain and that for the first time in years, the drought that has been upon the area has been eased.\* I have been reminding myself of that thankfulness every dog walk or damp camping trip.

I try to remind myself that this wet season is a good opportunity to give thanks for my baptism, to see in the running of rivers and streams a reminder of the streams of justice that the prophet Amos promised way back in 800 BCE.

In this summer season, we here at Faith Lutheran Church will be taking a bit of a break during the month of July – quilting will be on pause, as will the Monday bible study. Rest is good. God rests on the seventh day, the sabbath, the culmination of creation in Genesis 1:1 – 2:4. During this time, as I rest and recharge, as we rest and recharge, we are like flowers, tilting our heads to the rising Sun. As I am restored in the waters of my baptism, I am using this time intentionally: to listen to what the Spirit is calling me to, to take sabbath time and be restored, to follow in worship rather than lead.

During this fallow time, I hope that your fields are watered, that you hear ways that God's Holy Spirit moves through Pastor Patricia Hughes, who is leading worship July 17, 24 and 31<sup>st</sup>. I hope that you can consider what you might be able to help with or lead at Faith Lutheran Church. The council – and many of you - have been working to renew our community here. I am listening, seeking to hear where the Spirit is calling me. And I know that you are too.



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Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

\* a drought is an extended period of below average rainfall for a region (a wet area that is drier than average can be in drought even while receiving more rainfall than a desert). The US Drought Map can be found here and shows areas of the country experiencing drought. <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>



## FLC Council News

In June property committee chair Jon Aaberg announced that Albany Property Management (APM) was finalizing a rental agreement with Family Tree Relief Nursery for additional space. The nursery has need for classroom 17 in the upper story of the educational wing of the church, immediately above the nursery and with an outdoor stairway available to that level and the new office space.

The monthly rent is offset by the APM fee and \$25 in new monthly janitorial services to regularly clean the two bathrooms on that level. Even with those expenses, the net income for the year will be \$4,020. Aaberg received approval from the Albany Fire Marshall. Aaberg cautioned the council that any other rental on that level will trigger the need to install a complete sprinkler system, but Albany fire authorities allowed for the agreement because of the exterior stairs.

Classroom 17 was rented by Ophelia's Place for several years. The Ophelia organization recently announced their new space serving Linn County girls ages 10 – 18. It is located on Fourth Avenue at Lyon Street, and old time Albany people will remember it as the former bus station.

Sharing our campus with other mission-oriented organizations is a positive activity, according to FLC Council President Terry Virnig. "We can offer reasonable rental agreements; our buildings are more fully used and renting generates much needed revenue for our church."

FLC campus rentals also include the parsonage, Jackson Street Youth Services and Volunteer Care-givers. A handful of other groups use our building and often give a free will offering. Rentals generate approximately \$36,000 a year.

—Submitted by Kim Sass

## America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
In liberating strife.  
Who more than self their country loved  
And mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness  
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

—Katharine Lee Bates

Faith Lutheran Church 2022	
<b>Staff</b>	
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Mark Bringman</b>
<b>Office Manager</b>	<b>Carol Armstrong</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	<b>Cheryl Blum</b>
<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Terry Bushnell</b>
<b>Church Council</b>	
<b>President</b>	<b>Terry Virnig</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Kim Sass</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alice Weber</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Janice Virnig</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>John Berg</b>
<b>Education/Youth</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Evangelism &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Dick Olsen</b>
<b>Fellowship &amp; Social</b>	<b>Peggy Preston</b>
<b>Property Management</b>	<b>Jon Aaberg</b>
<b>Stewardship &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Mission Endowment</b>	<b>Carol Olufson</b>



Financial Report as of 6/22/2022:

Undesignated Income: \$5,593.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$7,916.00

Net Undesignated Income: **(\$2,323)**

Total Expenses: \$3,134.23

Total Net Income: \$7,668.77

# *Church Announcements and Events*

## **July 4th — Church Office will be Closed**

The office will be closed in recognition of Independence Day. Please have fun and stay safe as you celebrate.

## **Vineyard Cluster Get Together & Planning**

On June 12th six congregations of the Vineyard Cluster got together. This was a first meeting, more organizational in nature than anything else. We began with study based on 8 verses of Psalm 119 (121 – 128). We got to know each other a bit, shared things that worked (or didn't) in our contexts. We brainstormed a large list of things that we might do together that we couldn't do separately.

This group is planning to meet again in September and wants to continue to work together. One possibility for a next event is a service project (such as working together at a wildlife refuge) or to have a speaker on a topic (such as outreach or stewardship), a progressive Vacation Bible School, social justice issues/themes or Dinner Church/Love Feast.

## **Monday Study Group**

## **Summer Recess**

This group is taking a summer recess and will not meet again until August. When the study resumes, we will pick up where the narrative shifts from a Jewish focused ministry led by Peter to Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. As we dig through Acts, we are encouraged to consider who is on the edges for us – who God is calling us to reach out to.

## **Pastor Mark Vacation!**

**July 17th — August 1st**

During the above dates, Pastor Mark will be on vacation. Pastor Patricia Hughes, a retired Lutheran pastor from Silverton, Oregon will be leading our Sunday Worship Services. Pastor Sarah Schaffner, who serves Our Savior Lutheran Church in Lebanon, will be available for pastoral emergencies. She can be reached by calling: 541/852-5637

## **Church Office Hours**

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

## In-Home Communion and Evangelism

Would you be willing to help out as a communion visitor? We have a list of about a dozen people who can't get to church on their own. A meaningful way to connect with these members is as a communion minister – bringing God's meal of forgiveness to these friends.

Pastor Mark works to visit all of these members (he and the council have identified it as an important part of his call) but with a dozen of our friends on the list, it would be nice to have help. If you would be willing to help (even just one visit every other month would be a big help, please let Pastor Mark know).

## Volunteers Needed!

We have different groups that meet at the church and could use volunteers or help. If your skills could be of assistance here are some areas of need.

- ♦ **Worship Leaders:** We need assisting ministers, ushers, and video – if you could do one of these tasks once a month, that would be great. Many of you sign up regularly. Thank you for that!
- ♦ **Altar Guild:** these are the folks who set up the altar every week. Pam Nelson organizes this group, feel free to reach out to her.
- ♦ **TOMS:** This group does maintenance work around the church. Jon Aaberg heads this group up and would appreciate assistance.
- ♦ **Rides:** We have some members who would love to come but need a ride to be able to. If you would be willing to pick up one of our members and bring them to church, that would be great.



## July Giving: Paper & Personal Products

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|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| •Tissue         | •Band-Aids               | •Soap (hand & bar) |
| •Toilet Paper   | •Dish Soap (Sm. Bottles) | •Shaving Supplies  |
| •Tooth Brushes  | •Paper Towels            | •Laundry Detergent |
| •Sanitary Items | •Tooth Paste             | •Cleansing Wipes   |
| •Shampoo        | •Diapers (all sizes)     |                    |

All non-perishable donations can be placed in a basket located in the parking lot entryway.



## 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 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. 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 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](mailto:pegpreston@aol.com)**



**Oregon Synod**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

Our Cluster is currently without a Representative for Synod Council. If you are interested in completing this unfinished term (Extends through August 2023) please let Pastor Mark know.

The makeup of the Synod Council requires a combination of genders and classification as rostered or lay. To stay within the requirements, the person filling this position needs to be either a woman or a person that is gender fluid, and can be either a lay or rostered classification. Rostered classification includes pastors and deacons.

Individuals that are interested in doing this important work of the church should have the time and energy to engage, and have talents that will benefit the synod.

## Synod Newsletter

A number of folks have asked about news from the Oregon Synod. I try to share what I can as part of announcements/newsletter. The synod has an email newsletter that you can sign up for that goes out every Friday. If you want to be a part of that go to the Oregon Synod website and look for the sign up e-newsletter button or follow this link: <http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/oregon-synod-email-subscription/>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 9:00am String Therapy 10:00am Reports to Council Due	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>4</b> Independence Day - Church Office is Closed 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> No Quilting 9:00am TOMs	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am String Therapy	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle	<b>13</b> No Quilting 9:00am TOMs 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00am String Therapy	<b>16</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 9:00am Circle of Friends (Peggy's Gazebo)
<b>17</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming	<b>18</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> Pastor Mark Vacation	<b>20</b> Pastor Mark Vacation No Quilting 9:00am TOMs	<b>21</b> Pastor Mark Vacation	<b>22</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 9:00am String Therapy 10:00am Newsletter Deadline	<b>23</b> Pastor Mark Vacation
<b>24</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	<b>25</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> Pastor Mark Vacation	<b>27</b> Pastor Mark Vacation No Quilting 9:00am TOMs	<b>28</b> Pastor Mark Vacation	<b>29</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 9:00am String Therapy	<b>30</b> Pastor Mark Vacation
<b>31</b> Pastor Mark Vacation 10:30am Indoor Worship & livestreaming						

For the most up-to-date version,  
[visit our online calendar](#)

## In Memory of Phyllis Lucille Leedom 1931-2022

Phyllis Lucille Leedom, 91, died May 9, 2022 in Springfield, Oregon. She was born in Battle Creek, Iowa to Glen and Louise Walters and in July of 1951 Phyllis married Harold (Hal) Leedom. The couple settled in Coos Bay, Oregon where Phyllis focused on raising their four children while Hal started his career in public service. They subsequently spent time living in Albany and Eugene, Oregon, and Dodge City Kansas, before retiring in Redmond, Oregon in 1995.

Phyllis was always active in the local Lutheran church, most recently at Zion Lutheran in Redmond, Oregon where she often sang for special occasions and led the choir. She also taught aerobics well into her 80's and enjoyed watching sports. She was a big fan of the OSU Beavers and the Portland Trail Blazers.

Phyllis is survived by sons Michael, David and Mark, and her daughter, Dana Stevens; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A graveside service was held on June 11, 2022 at Gilliland Cemetery in Sweet Home, Oregon.

## PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE:

**We encourage you to pray for Ukrainian people, refugees and peace. We pray for an end to war: to all wars. We pray for peace throughout the world: in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, in all places foreign and domestic. Pray for an end to violence.**



**People ask what can they do? We can pray. We can give. Lutheran World Relief, UNICEF, the Methodist Committee on Relief, Catholic Charities, etc. all are working to help with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. I am sharing the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) link here, please consider giving if you can: (click on the give Ukraine button in the middle) <https://lwr.org/>**



## July Worship Schedule

July 3	10:30am	Worship & Streaming
July 10	10:30am	Worship & Streaming
July 17	10:30am	Worship & Streaming
July 24	10:30am	Worship & Streaming
July 31	10:30am	Worship & Streaming





## Prayer List



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

Tim B  
Brenda Carroll  
Sandy Hina  
Robert Jon  
Daniel Sullivan  
Linda Gail Voet  
Melba Wright  
Brandon Crawford  
Noah Holman  
Jerry Sheffield  
Pat Norby  
Gigi Douglas

Ron Wold  
Chiera Family  
Cindy Harms  
Izzy Covalt  
Oliver  
Garrett Baarsch  
Stephanie Bauthman  
Carl Wogomon  
John Busher  
Gene Hebert  
Heather  
Julie Shaw

John & Margarite Fusaro  
Lee Horst  
Kerry Casner  
Margaret Rowland  
Allison  
Olivia Hunter  
Shelley  
Nicholas Glass  
Shirley Karstens  
Susie

***PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING TO GROW THEIR FAITH***

***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***

**Family & Friends of Phyllis Leedom**

**Family & Friends of Verde Frazier**

### A Prayer for Healing

Dear God, We confess our need for you today. We need your healing, your grace, and our hope restored. We need to be reminded that you work on behalf of those you love, constantly, powerfully, completely. Forgive us for trying to fix our situations all on our own. Forgive us for spinning our wheels to find help, when true help and healing must be found first in You. Forgive us for forgetting how much we need you, above everyone and everything else. We come to you and bring you the places we are hurting. You see where no one else is able to fully see or understand. You know the pain we've carried. The burdens. The cares. You know where we need to be set free. We ask for your healing and grace to cover every broken place. Every wound. Every heartache. Thank you for your Mighty Power that acts on behalf of your children. We reach out to you, and know that you are restoring and redeeming every place of difficulty, every battle, for your greater glory. Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.



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