

FAITH at WORK

June 2024

Dear people of God at Faith Lutheran Church,

May you know God's peace and hope in these days of Pentecost, in the name of our Lord Jesus.

How did it get to be June already? I am still getting used to writing "2024." Well, time stands still for no one. Time continues to move, like it or not. When you are enjoying an event or gathering or task, time seems to move at a different pace, as compared to slow movement when you are engaged in something that is less enjoyable.

There are a number of types of time. There is Einstein's Space time, which is how physics talks about the cosmos. There is Chronological time, from the Greek "chronos," which is the measuring of time, and is linear. And there is Kairos (*kai-ross*) time, God's time, the appointed or chosen time, wherein the conditions are right for the accomplishment of God's will and purpose. It is a time or season that is full of opportunity, hope, possibility, and/or risk. It is the time when God acts.

Examples of Kairos time in the Bible would be:

Mark 1:15 Jesus says, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near..."

Luke 2:6 "While they were [in Bethlehem], the time came for her to deliver her child."

Matthew 13 parable of the wheat and weeds, where the weeds will be collected first and disposed of, and the wheat gathered into the barns, at the right time.

Matthew 8:28ff when two men possessed by demons approached Jesus, the demons said, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?"

There are many other places where Kairos time is cited. It is God's appointed timing, not ours. We wait in chronos time for God's Kairos time to come to us, to the world, to be fulfilled.

Dear people of Faith, chronos time continues to tic away, and you are waiting for God's Kairos time, working, watching, discerning what is next for your community. I do not know what that will be. We cannot rush the process, but it is urgent, as you know. So our next gathering is **Sunday, June 2nd, for a potluck meal and for remembering Leaders and Connections and Mission** in the chronos of Faith's ministry. Remember your leaders, both pastors and lay leaders, how God used them in your ministry to further the Kingdom of God.

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Also remember the connections you have had and have now. Which organizations, agencies, churches, ministries, the Synod, have you partnered with for the sake of those on the margins of society, those in need of support, spreading the compassion of our Lord Jesus. What was/is the connection?

What has been the mission focus of Faith Lutheran Church through the years? The current mission statement is "Living in God's grace we share the love of Jesus with all." What does that mean to you?

Then in July we will begin talking about the Future for Faith Lutheran. I believe the Holy Spirit of God has been whispering in your ears, minds, and hearts what could be next for Faith. These can be anxious-making times. Yet God's Kairos time is upon you now. What is God calling Faith to for the Future? Are you open to hearing, willing to embrace, trusting in God's grace?

In Christ, peace and hope,

Pr. Dorthy+

PS - I received a message from "Pastor Dorthy Nielsen" asking for a favor!?! Those are scams...be careful. Always double check.



Lebanon Strawberry Festival

115th Festival - It's a Strawberry Circus

May 30 - June 2, 2024

Festival Hours

Thursday: 4:00PM – 11:00PM

Friday: 1:00PM – Midnight

Saturday: Noon – Midnight

Sunday: Noon – 5:00PM

Whether it's watching our Saturday night fireworks display, enjoying a complimentary piece of the World's Largest Strawberry Shortcake, taking in the parade, or just sitting back and relaxing on the lawn to watch the entertainment on the mainstage, the Lebanon Strawberry Festival offers something for everyone and for every budget. Located at Cheadle Lake Park in Lebanon, OR.

"The Approach of June"

'Tis blushing on through brier and thorn,
The wintry winds are still;
Now softer zephyrs waft along,
The month of June to fill.

Soft dew's descend upon the flowers
And kindly rest awhile;
'Tis sweet to wait upon these hours,
To see the roses smile.

How beautiful the charming scene,
'Tis far surpassing art,
Like purity in heavenly mien,
Reviving to the heart.

By Eliza and Sarah Wolcott

Faith Lutheran Church		2024
STAFF		
Interim Pastor	Pastor Dorthy Nielsen	
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: May 23, 2024

Undesignated Income: \$5,936.00
 Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$6,720.83
 Net Undesignated Income: (\$784.83)
 Total Expenses: \$7,731.48
 Total Net Income: \$3,504.52

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Church Announcements and Events

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Potluck and Transition Work: Leadership & Connections—11:45am Sunday, June 2

Make plans now to join us on Sunday, May 5, as we begin the process of holy discernment. We will begin our time together with a potluck followed with transition time focused on Heritage. The transition work will begin at 12:15pm, please plan to come to the meeting.

Local Birds: A Slide Show Exhibition—2:00pm Saturday, June 15 **by Terry Virnig**

Join us on Saturday, June 15, for a slide show exhibition of photographs taken by Terry Virnig. Please invite your friends to join you — this show will be spectacular. Dessert will be served by the Fellowship Committee.

Bingo & More Games—3:00pm Sunday, June 16

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!

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.



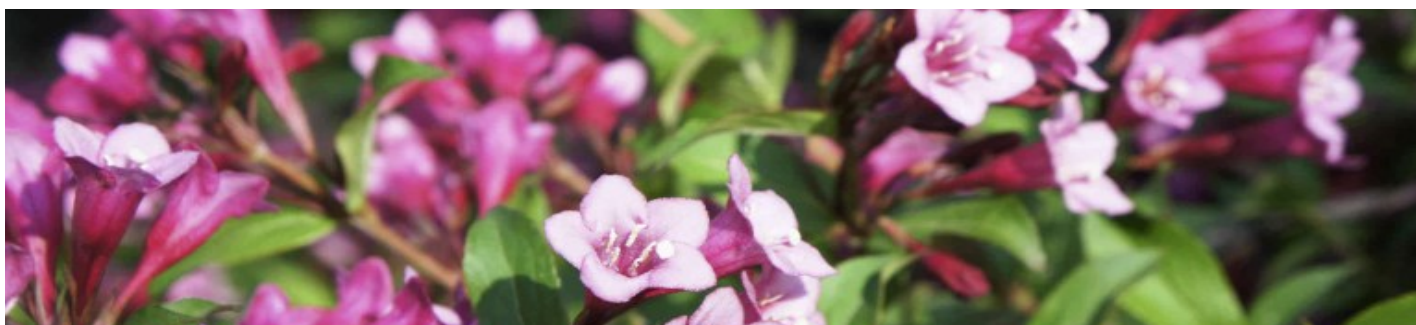
Scam Alert

Scammers are pretending to be government employees. They may threaten you and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action.

Do Not Be Fooled!

If you receive a suspicious call:

1. HANG UP!
2. DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION!
3. REPORT THE SCAM AT: OIG.SSA.GOV



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 Father's Day



Heavenly Father,
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,
 the child of Mary,
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers
 as they care for their families.
 Give them strength and wisdom,
 tenderness and patience;
 support them in the work they have to do,
 protecting those who look to them,
 as we look to you for love and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. 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					
June	2	9	16	23	30
Assisting Ministers	Carol O.	Janice	Shirley	George	Janice
Altar Prep	George	Elaine	George	Elaine	George
Ushers	Dick	George	Dick	Terry	Dick
Sound Technicians	Gordy	Terry	Gordy	John	Terry

**June 2024 Worship Schedule**

June 2	10:30am	Worship
June 9	10:30am	Worship
June 16	10:30am	Worship
June 23	10:30am	Worship
June 30	10:30am	Worship

All Worship Services are available on YouTube



June

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Synod Assembly
2 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielsen 11:45am - 2:00pm Potluck and Transition Work: Leadership	3 7:00pm Boy Scouts	4 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	5 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	6 Janitorial Service 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	7 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	8
9 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Hallie Parkins	10 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting	11 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	12 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	13 3:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street BBQ - Parking Lot	14 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	15 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Local Birds: A Slide Show Exhibition by Terry Virmig
16 Father's Day 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielsen 3:00pm Bingo & More!	17 7:00pm Boy Scouts	18 1:00pm - 3:00pm D.A.R. Monthly Meeting 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	19 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	20 Janitorial Service 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	21 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	22
23 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Nick Doversberger 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	24 7:00pm Boy Scouts	25 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	26 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	27 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	28 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	29
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Prayer List

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

Tim B.	Garrett Baarsch	Rose Mary Aaberg
Brenda Carroll	Stephanie Bauthman	Carol Olufson
Sandy Hina	John Busher	John Villani
Robert Jon	Julie Shaw	Vanessa Munro
Linda Gail Voet	Olivia Hunter	Jim Preston
Brandon Crawford	Nicholas Glass	Jessica Kendall
Noah Holman	Karen Hoover	
Gigi Douglas	Chuck	

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:

Izzy Covalt, 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 Ruth Irwin



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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