

# FAITH at WORK

August 2024

Dear People of God at Faith Lutheran Church,

Have you been watching the Paris Olympics? I have. It has been fun to see how creative the Opening Ceremonies were, and that we maybe learned that “not everything is about us.” Thinking about the whole uproar over a Greco-Roman culture and beliefs portrayal, mistaken as “mocking” or “denigrating” the Last Supper by Da Vinci. Some people are on high alert for offenses. If Jesus had come in our time, he would have been found building community with the outsiders and excluded children of God, and we would have been offended by that.

Back to the Olympics...To watch the amazing athletes, representing their nations, engage in competition in their sport, having put in hours upon hours of hard work to perfect their routines, their plays, their plans, has been breath-taking. The variety of people, horses, team uniforms, venues, and spectators has reminded me that the world God loves so very much is filled with diversity and beauty and possibility.

Every Olympics I think of all the nations of the world participating, coming together in good sportsmanship, and the friendships made that reach across all boundaries for the sake of well-being and friendly competition. It is a recognition that we inhabit a world filled with variety of culture, skin color, beliefs, practices, economics, politics, and education. One planet, many creatures. Our needs are common, yet diverse.

War and other divisions damage this beautiful variety of one, of community, of global inter-relations. The Olympic Games gives me hope. Even for two weeks. That maybe one day we will “get it” and live peaceably. God loves the whole world, and Christ Jesus invites Christians to do the same—love the whole world.

In this election year, it is important that we think about this as we exercise our right to vote. That we would, in good global citizenship, consider the rich variety of God’s people around us, listen to the needs, and build the Kingdom of God in this place in a way that shares God’s love with all. The only competition in the Reign of God is to outdo one another in showing love and honor.

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This is Olympic-level faith! St Paul writes in Romans 12:9-18 some good coaching for us...

*<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.*

*<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.*

The peace of Christ be with you,

Pr Dorthy+

## **Faith Lutheran Church, Albany OR July 21, 2024**

### **Mission and Future: Visions, Dreams, Possibilities**

Recognizing, with a suggestion from a member, that not all people feel comfortable speaking publicly, especially about the future for Faith Lutheran, and in the interest of listening for the Holy Spirit, you are invited to share what is in your heart. Please use compassion and kind words as you describe what your hopes are for Faith Lutheran's future.

What has the Spirit of God been whispering into your heart about the new horizon God is wanting to show us. A space below has been provided for your inputs. When you are done, please leave it in Pr Dorthy's inbox in the office, or in the prayer request box at the front door. You can sign your name, or not. (This is one of the very few times I will accept anonymous

## Notes from Church Council:

Mary, Terry, George and I had a second meeting with the leadership from Good Shepard Lutheran and it went very well. They are excited to continue meeting and working with us to see how we can come together to do God's work.

We identified a couple of ways we can work together right away; Quilting at Faith, the Weekly Meal Project at Good Shepherd and a combined "God's Work, Our Hands" project at Luther House in September.

Good Shepherd has invited our membership to join with them for their on-going Wednesday Meal Service Project. Through this community ministry, they prepare 180-200 sack dinners each week for pick up (or delivery if needed). These are available for all who request a meal. The menu will typically include fruit, vegetables, a main dish and a sweet treat. If you'd like to help, volunteers begin prepping the meals at 1:00pm each Wednesday and distributing meals from 5:00pm—6:00pm. There is no need to sign up to volunteer ahead of time—you can stay the whole time, or for an hour or two. Drivers for deliveries are also needed.

If you or someone you know needs this service, the menu for August is shown below:

- 7/31 – Pasta Salad, grapes & sweet treat
- 8/7 – Deviled Ham Sandwich, chips, fruit or veggie & sweet treat
- 8/14 – Breakfast Burritos, tortilla chips, fruit & granola bar
- 8/21 – Turkey & Cheese Grinder Sandwich, chips, fruit & granola bar
- 8/28 – BBQ Hamburgers or Hotdogs, potato salad, chips & sweet treat

Please call Good Shepherd's church office by noon on Tuesdays to reserve your meal(s). The phone number is 541-926-4875.

An invitation has been extended to Good Shepherd members to join our weekly quilting effort. We hope to see some new faces and old friends show up on Wednesday mornings.

ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" initiative asks us to select a community service effort to support in September. We have decided to combine our efforts with Good Shepherd to volunteer at Luther House in Corvallis. There are a variety of tasks that Luther House needs help with to get ready for a new school year. Cleaning, gardening, touch-up painting, light carpentry are a few of the jobs. The date for this workday has not yet been decided—watch the bulletin for details.

We are planning to come together for worship as well. We will join Good Shepherd for worship in their sanctuary on Sunday, September 8, with a BBQ after service. Hot dogs and all sides will be provided! If you plan to attend, please notify Meghan at 541-926-4875.

To reciprocate, we will host a worship service and meal for them on a Sunday in October (the date has yet to be determined). More information will follow as decisions are made.

Another meeting is planned for August.

Gordy Gamet  
Council President

## An August Cricket

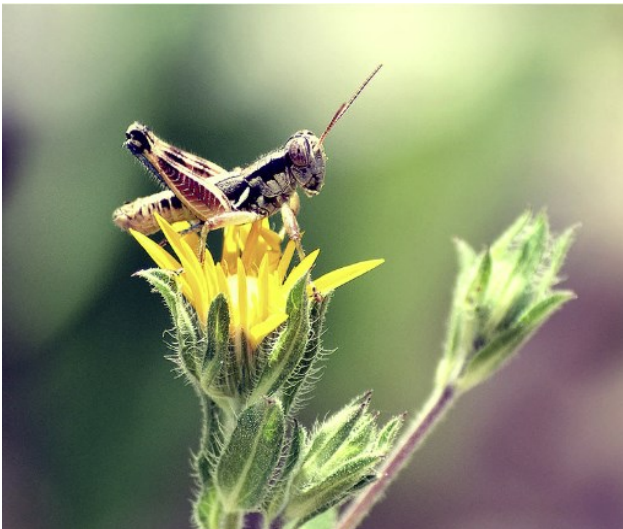
When August days are hot and long,  
And the August hills are hazy,  
And clouds are slow and winds also,  
And brooks are low and lazy.

When beats the fierce midsummer  
sun,  
Upon the drying grasses;  
A modest minstrel sings his song  
To any soul that passes.

A modest, yet insistent bard  
Who while the landscape slumbers;  
And Nature seems, herself asleep,  
Pours out his soul in numbers.

His song is in a tongue unknown,  
Yet those, me think, who hear it  
Drink in it's healing melody  
Renewed in frame and spirit.

—Arthur Goodenough



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: July 24, 2024**

Undesignated Income: \$5,195.00  
 Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$6,720.83  
 Net Undesignated Income: (\$1,525.83)  
 Total Expenses: \$8,932.96  
 Total Net Income: \$1,772.04

# Church Announcements and Events

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## August Switcheroo—Transition Work for August

Sundays, August 4 & 11

**August 4: Transition Work: Mission & Future—12:15pm** This day will be focused on brainstorming and listening to the Spirit of God to hear God's invitation to a new horizon.

**August 11: Potluck —11:45am** Please use the sign-up sheet to indicate what food you will be bringing.

**Transition Work: Envisioning the Future—12:15pm** This time will be focused on envisioning what the future of Faith Lutheran might look like and what God is calling us to do.

## Bingo & More! —3:00pm

Sunday, August 18

Join us for an afternoon of fun & games! Bring a non-perishable food item for admission. Popcorn and Lemonade will be provided.

## 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.

## Covid-19 Update

The pandemic may be over, but Covid-19 continues to circulate among the population and still poses a threat to the lives of our loved ones. Please be vigilant in protecting yourself and others by observing a few simple rules:

- If you are ill, please stay home
- Wash your hands often
- If you need to cough, please cover your mouth and nose.
- If you wish to wear a mask to protect yourself or others, please feel free to wear one.
- If you see someone wearing a mask, please respect their right to wear one.

Thank you





## Northwest Art & Air Festival August 23—24

Friday Night—Night Glow at Dusk

Saturday Night—Wynonna Judd on the Main Stage at 8:00pm

### 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.*

### Annual School Supply Drive

Sales will begin soon in local stores so it's the perfect time to begin collecting items for the Annual School Supply Drive. Education is important for any community, but especially where poverty or disaster have limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits that contain essential supplies can help ensure they can continue learning despite the hardships they face.

**We have set a goal for 75 kits to be donated through Lutheran World Relief.**

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 x 10 ½"
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One 2 ½ inch pink eraser
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

**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](mailto:pegprestonn@aol.com)



## Worship Leaders Team 2024

<b>August</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>
Assisting Ministers	Terry	George	Janice	Carol O.
Altar Prep	Elaine	George	George	Elaine
Ushers	George	Dick	George	Dick
Sound Technicians	John	Gordy	Terry	John



## August 2024 Worship Schedule

<b>August 4</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>August 18</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>August 25</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>

**All Worship Services are available on YouTube**



# August

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <b>Janitorial Service</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>2</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielson	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>7</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>8</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>9</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielsen 11:45am - 2:00pm Potluck and Transition Work: Future	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>14</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>15</b> <b>Janitorial Service</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>16</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>17</b> 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall)
<b>18</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Michael Keys 3:00pm Bingo & More!	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm D.A.R. Monthly Meeting 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>21</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>22</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>23</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - TBD 11:15am Fellowship Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> Family Tree Nursery- Parent Ed. Class 3:00pm - 6:00pm Jackson Street - Academic Tutoring	<b>28</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:00am TOPs	<b>29</b> <b>Janitorial Service</b> 4:30pm - 8:00pm Jackson Street - Support Group	<b>30</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>31</b>





## Prayer List

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

Tim Berg	Stephanie Bauthman	Carol Olufson
Brenda Carroll	John Busher	John Villani
Sandy Hina	Julie Shaw	Vanessa Munro
Robert Jon	Olivia Hunter	Jim Preston
Linda Gail Voet	Nicholas Glass	Virginia
Noah Holman	Karen Hoover	Gabriel
Gigi Douglas	Chuck	Dave Glass
Garrett Baarsch	Rose Mary Aaberg	

*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:*



### A Prayer for Every Day



Almighty and Everlasting God, thank You that your Spirit is within me. Lord, fill me anew with your Holy Spirit. Grant me the fortitude to live by the Spirit and to mark my life by a dependence on You. Even though these times deplete my energy and drain my resolve, You restore my soul by the indwelling of Your Spirit. Thank You that You have sent your Spirit and that this is a reason for my joy. In Jesus' name, amen.



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