

# FAITH at WORK

November 2025

Dear People of God at Faith Lutheran Church,

God's grace be with you in Christ Jesus,

In these final days of the Church Calendar year, the Scripture readings are about end times. And often it sounds scary. Yet in those readings, there are also new beginnings. And the Church Calendar ends with Christ the King Sunday, when we profess the God-with-us as the One who is first in our lives. Jesus, who lived among us and was crucified by powers not turned to God, we say reigns over and in God's holy creation.

Dear ones of Faith Lutheran, endings and beginnings happen all the time. This is good and necessary. During your time of transition, good work that you have done, you have come to the realization that you cannot continue in the same way as before. You have known for a long time that Faith Lutheran cannot afford a full-time pastor. You recognize that the smaller, aging membership does not have the same capacity as before the pandemic. And even then, church life has not been the same as several decades before 2019. These are hard realizations. There is no blame, no pointing to reasons why. Simply put, the times have been changing around us and in the Church. You have faced these facts and are turning toward God's invitation to see something new and different.

So, a new beginning has been coming into view: shared ministry with Good Shepherd. What this will look like is up to both congregations, with both lay leadership and Pastor Cindy. What I know about Pastor Cindy is that she is wonderfully equipped, has an openness to see and hear the possibilities, and a heart for Christ's mission in Albany, with you all. This is a great beginning which God has created and you have responded.

Soon will be the congregational meeting to vote on budget and the Letter of Agreement with Good Shepherd, which defines the Shared Ministry relationship. I encourage you to engage with all the opportunities God is presenting, through the listening season and in coming conversations with each other, listening for the Holy Spirit's inspiration.

This means that my time with you will be ending soon. Like Mary Poppins, I came in on the winds of the Spirit, and will leave on the winds of the Spirit, having completed my time with you. That will happen in December. My time with you has been good, I have learned things from you all, and we have worshiped God, done good work, and celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> milestone of God's faithfulness and yours as Faith Lutheran Church. You have become part of my spiritual DNA and I will continue to hold you in my prayers.

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Let us pray the Prayer of Good Courage, with which I began my ministry with you:

*O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

With hope and peace in Christ Jesus,

Pr Dorthy+

### **From Church Council**

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Faith,

First I want to make sure everyone is aware that we will have a congregational meeting immediately after church on Sunday November 16. We will be voting on our Council for next year, the FLC Mission Endowment Committee, approve our budget and the Letter of Agreement for Joint Ministry.

As we head into winter and the holidays the FISH food pantry is in need of more canned meat products if you are so inclined to help out. We have our FISH basket in the parking lot entry way to place items in. Also Good Shepard has a small food pantry as well, if you'd like to donate to them.

Don't forget those around us—As we head into the winter months, check on your neighbors and those you sit next to in the pews on Sundays.

As always please reach out to me with questions.

Blessings,  
Gordy Gamet

### **“Shared Lutheran Ministries of Albany”**

The council at both churches have been working closely with each other to develop a plan for the 2-point church. A Letter of Agreement is almost ready to be signed and that will start our journey as a 2-point church starting (hopefully) in January 2026. Because Pastor Cindy needs time to travel between the two churches both FLC and GSLC will change their worship time. Currently the plan is for GSLC to gather at 9:00 and FLC will gather at 11:00. As we go along things might change as we navigate this new adventure.

The two councils agreed that we should share some of our committees, so GSLC had a fair to provide an opportunity for members to sign up to be on one of the four share committees. Unfortunately, there wasn't a big turnout from FLC so we will repeat the fair at our church in the near future. The joint committees are Parish Life (Bible study, special events, etc.), Worship and Music (why reinvent the wheel), Mission, and Education. Please consider signed up for one of the committees.

—Submitted by Mary Sabatka Gamet

## Into the Woulds

The harvest moon rises, the old bullfrog croaks  
And a cricket crescendo takes wing  
And how the wind howls through the old broken oak  
In a feeble attempt to sing

When autumn arrives, or when autumn leaves  
When all seems to be as it should  
Those soft-spoken memories are heavy this eve  
As we wander off into the woulds

Let us stroll through the slanted gold sunlight  
And over that mossy stone wall  
But what if we find there is no other side  
And what if we fall through the fall?

When it's October, or when it's Oct-over  
When it seems we've done all that we could  
November remembers the stories we told her  
When we wandered off into the woulds.

By Ina Goodling



Faith Lutheran Church 2025	
<b>STAFF</b>	
Interim Pastor	Pastor Dorthy Nielsen
Office Manager	Carol Armstrong
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl Blum
Custodian	Hart's Janitorial
<b>CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	
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	Terry Virnig (Acting)
Stewardship & Resources	Vacant
Worship & Music	George Hunt
Mission Endowment	Carol Olufson



Financials as of October 27, 2025:

Undesignated Income: \$3,883.97  
 Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$5,416.66  
 Net Undesignated Income: (1,532.69)  
 Total Expenses: \$7,136.52  
 Total Net Income: \$1,532.69

# Church Announcements and Events

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## Contact Pr. Cindy Robles for Emergency Pastoral Care

If you have a need for emergency pastoral care, please contact Pr. Cindy at 563-845-8221.

## Men's Breakfast—8:30am

Tuesdays, Ongoing

Men's group meets for breakfast every Tuesday at 8:30am at either Sweetwater's Restaurant or Brick & Mortar Restaurant (alternating weeks). All men are welcome!

November 4 & 18 at Brick & Mortar — November 11 & 25 at Sweetwater's

## 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)

## 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.

## 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.*



## 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.

## Worship Leaders Team 2025

<b>November</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>
Assisting Ministers	Carol O.	N/A	Janice	N/A	Shirley
Altar Prep	Jon A	N/A	Jon A.	N/A	George
Ushers	Dick	N/A	Dick	N/A	Dick
Sound Technicians	John B.	N/A	Terry	N/A	Jon A.

### Congregational Meeting—11:30am

Sunday, November 16

A Congregational meeting is planned for Sunday, November 16, 2025 immediately following worship. At this meeting you will be voting on the 2026 Budget, 2026 Council Members, 2026 Endowment Committee Members and the new Letter of Agreement with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Your participation is important—please plan to attend.



### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

O, heavenly Father: We thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.



### November 2025 Worship Schedule

<b>November 2</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship at GSLC</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship at GSLC</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Worship</b>



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## 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielsen	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Brick & Mortar	<b>5</b> 9:00am Quilters & TOPs	<b>6</b> Janitorial Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class	<b>7</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:00am Worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Pr. Cindy Robles	<b>10</b> 12:00pm Council Meeting 12:00pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Sweetwater's 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle	<b>12</b> 9:00am Quilters & TOPs	<b>13</b> 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class	<b>14</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:00pm - 3:00pm 20th Century Book Club	<b>15</b> 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall)
<b>16</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielsen 11:30am Congregational Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Brick & Mortar 1:00pm - 3:00pm D.A.R. Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:00am Quilters & TOPs	<b>20</b> Janitorial Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class	<b>21</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:00am Worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Pr. Cindy Robles	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Sweetwater's	<b>26</b> 9:00am Quilters & TOPs	<b>27</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy Church Office Closed	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:30am Worship & Livestreaming - Pr. Dorthy Nielsen						

## *Prayer List*

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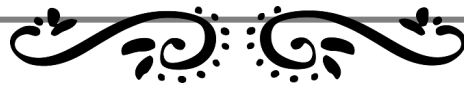
***REMEMBER IN PRAYER those needing strength, guidance & healing.***

Tim Berg	Virginia	Jim Preston
Noah Holman	Gabriel	Nancy George
Gigi Douglas	Frank Perry	Grace Chadwick
John Busher	David	Rachel Sabatka
Julie Shaw	Mitchell Mueller	Jessica Virnig
Olivia Hunter	Monica Johnson	Alice Weber
Nicholas Glass	Keith Baarsch	Shirley Karstens
Chuck	Catherine Baarsch	
Vanessa Munro	Peggy Preston	

### ***REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:***

Sangsau Tran, Karen Glenn, Melba Wright, Margaret Rowland

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



### **A Prayer for Every Day**



Almighty and Everlasting God, thank you for this new day and all of the blessings it brings. Be with me and guide me as I go about my daily tasks and responsibilities. Grant me the strength and resilience to face whatever challenges may come my way, and help me to be a source of love and support for those around me.

I pray for your protection and care for all those in need, and for your wisdom and discernment to guide me in making good choices. I trust in your love and care for us all, and am filled with the peace of knowing that you are with me always. Amen.



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