

# FAITH at WORK

January 2026

Dear Friends,

Welcome to a new year and a new way of being church together with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. I am excited to see how our blending continues in the new year. *"For I know the plans I have for you" Jeremiah 29:11.* Only God knows what will unfold as we begin this shared ministry. It is our job to listen to the Holy Spirit and trust that we will be stronger together. The leadership of both congregations have said that we are two churches with one mission. Our mission is to be faithful stewards of all that God has given us and to participate in what God is already doing in this community. Sometimes it feels like we are just trying to survive each day as it comes, but if we begin to think about ways that we can thrive and build new relationships then maybe we can begin to see new ways of being church in this time. I look forward to being your Pastor in this new year and look forward to getting to know each of you better in the coming months. Thank you for trusting the spirit and for this partnership. May we begin this new year with hope and trust that God is doing a new thing. God's peace to all of you.

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy

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## From Church Council

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Faith,

Happy New Year! Well we have definite changes happening this month at FLC. Pastor Cindy is now serving as our Pastor in all aspects. Remember starting this Sunday January 11 worship will begin at 11:00 am, feel free to show up before service to share coffee with friends. This is adjustment for all of us and there will be bumps along the way, but we can survive and carry on.

As always please reach out to me with questions.

Have a great day.

Blessings,

Gordy Gamet  
Council President

## January Musings

Frost etches patterns on windowpanes,  
While winter's chill travels down barren lanes.

Bare branches stretch against steel-grey skies,  
As the morning mist slowly rises and dies.

The short days are wrapped in woolly light,  
As long clear nights sparkle with crystals bright.

New dreams unfold like freshly turned pages,  
While time moves on in gentle stages.

In places where the snow drifts deep,  
As last year's memories quietly sleep.

Nature paints all with a silver brush  
A world transformed into a peaceful hush.

—Lizzie Bevis



Faith Lutheran Church		2025
STAFF		
Pastor		Pr. Cindy Robles
Office Manager		Carol Armstrong
Organist/Pianist		Cheryl Blum
Custodian		Hart's Janitorial
CHURCH COUNCIL		
President		Gordy Gamet
Vice President		Terry Virnig
Secretary		Janice Lee Virnig
Treasurer		Mary Sabatka Gamet
Financial Secretary		Jon Aaberg
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: 12/31/2025

Undesignated Income: \$6,663.34

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$5,416.66

Net Undesignated Income: \$1,246.68

Total Expenses: \$11,175.89

Total Net Income: -862.55



# 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!

January 6 & 20 at Brick and Mortar — January 13 & 27 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.

**Change in Worship Time—11:00am****January 11, 2026**

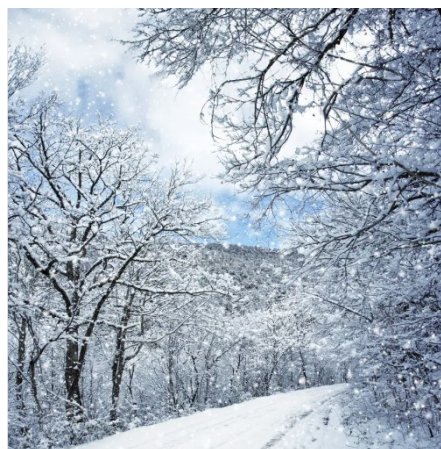
Our Shared Lutheran Ministries relationship with Good Shepherd will be coming in to effect on January 1, 2026. Beginning on Sunday, January 11, Pastor Cindy Robles will be leading us in worship with services starting at 11:00am. This is a permanent change to the worship service start time.

**Welcome Reception for Pr. Cindy Robles –12:00pm****Sunday, January 11, 2026**

There will be a reception to welcome Pr. Cindy immediately after worship on Sunday, January 11. Please plan to bring some cookies to share. Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate will be provided.

**Worship Leaders Team 2026**

<b>January</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>
Assisting Ministers	N/A	George	N/A	Janice
Altar Prep	N/A	Jon A.	N/A	George
Ushers	N/A	Dick	N/A	Dick
Sound Technicians	N/A	Gordy	N/A	Terry

**January 2026 Worship Schedule**

<b>January</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Worship at GSLC</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship at FLC</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship at GSLC</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Worship at FLC</b>



# January

## 2026

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

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

Tim Berg	Chuck	Keith Baarsch
Noah Holman	Vanessa Munro	Catherine Baarsch
Gigi Douglas	Virginia	Peggy Preston
John Busher	Gabriel	Jim Preston
Julie Shaw	Frank Perry	Nancy George
Olivia Hunter	David	Jessica Virnig
Nicholas Glass	Mitchell Mueller	Carl Wogomon

***REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND:***

Sangsau Tran, Karen Glenn, Melba Wright, Margaret Rowland

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

Family and friends of Edla Johnson



### **A Prayer for the New Year**



"When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. May the radiant light of Christ, guide our path every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Amen.





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