

FAITH at WORK

February 2026

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Shared ministry is definitely a new way of being the church together with all of you. I hope that you all know that even though you won't be worshipping together as often now that you are still connected in many ways. All that we do in the name of Jesus in this community says something about our faith and the way we live out the gospel, whether that is serving meals on a weekly basis or offering a food pantry or sharing our building with others who are making a difference in our community. Our presence here is a light for others to see when darkness may overcome them. I hope that people recognize that this light is the light of Christ shining through all of you. Let that be your purpose during this Lenten season upcoming. Keep working together for the sake of the gospel and get to know one another better. I will be working on getting to know all of you better, as well. Remember, just because it's lent, you don't necessarily have to give something up, you can also try something new, do something that brings you closer to God and to one another. See you on the way!

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy

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From Church Council

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Faith,

After meeting with Pastor Cindy and James Howard, the President at Good Shepard, and discussing the “merging” we have come up with a little different process called “Sharing”. We will from time to time may have some joint services and the 2 Executive Councils will continue to meet quarterly. We will be celebrating Good Friday together at Faith.

With Megan leaving Good Shepard as their Administrative Assistant and Carol’s planned retirement we are going to hire one Administrative Assistant to cover both Churches. There might be other changes down the road but for right now I don’t know of any others. We are needing to replace the roof over the Fellowship Hall and the North side of the education wing. It will cost \$20,000 and we have a member who has offered to match up to \$10,000. So, I am hoping folks can contribute and let me know how much by Sunday February 8.

As always please reach out to me with questions.

Have a great day.

Blessings,

Gordy Gamet

| Worship Leaders Team 2026 | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| February | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 |
| Assisting Ministers | George | Janice | Carol O. | George |
| Altar Prep | George | Jon A. | Jon A. | George |
| Ushers | Dick | Dick | Dick | Dick |
| Sound Technicians | Jon A. | Terry | Gordy | John B. |

The Promise of Spring

February holds a secret charm,
As winter's grip begins to disarm.
Hints of green beneath the white,
Promise of spring, a delightful sight.

Birds return with cheerful songs,
In February's days, where they belong.
Sunshine peeks through cloudy skies,
Warming hearts, opening eyes.

Buds awaken in sleepy groves,
Telling tales of springtime's troves.
In February's subtle shift,
The promise of spring, nature's gift.

—Maya Anthony



| Faith Lutheran Church 2026 | |
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| 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: 01/27/2026

Undesignated Income: \$3,352.97 (2 Sundays)
Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$5,000.00
Net Undesignated Income: (\$1,647.03)
Total Expenses: \$9,451.74
Total Net Income: \$901.23

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!

February 3 & 17 at Sweetwater's — February 10 & 24 at Brick & Mortar

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 is 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



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.

Annual Congregational Meeting—12:00pm**Sunday, February 1**

The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 1 at 12:00pm. Please plan to stay after worship for this important meeting..

Souper Bowl Challenge!**February 8, 2026**

Show your team spirit while supporting Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's food pantry. Boxes decorated with Superbowl Team Logos will be placed on the table in the Fireside Room. Let's fill them with cans of soup to see which team is the favorite! The collection boxes will be set up between February 1 and February 8.

**Ash Wednesday Services—12:00pm at FLC
—6:30pm at GSLC****Wednesday, February 18**

Ash Wednesday Service will begin at noon at Faith Lutheran Church. A Soup Potluck Luncheon is planned to follow the service. Please bring soup or bread to share.

**Lenten Mid-Week Services—12:00pm at FLC
—6:30pm at GSLC**

Wednesdays, February 25 thru March 25
Thursdays, February 26 thru March 26

This month we will begin our Lenten Season. I am excited to share the theme of "Belonging" with you this season. The series is based on a book that was written by Dr. Rev. Karoline Lewis, a professor of preaching at Luther Seminary and a scholar of the Gospel of John. The series is an in depth look at the story of the Woman at the Well from John's gospel. We will study 5 keys to unlock your potential as a disciple. Discomfort, Wonder, Trust, Letting Go and Witness. I will share this during a Wednesday noon study at Faith Lutheran and a Thursday evening worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran. I hope you will join me for Wednesdays or Thursdays at the Well. I will also be weaving some of this into my messages on Sundays throughout the Lenten season.

**February 2026 Worship Schedule**

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| February 1 | 11:00am | Worship |
| February 8 | 11:00am | Worship |
| February 15 | 11:00am | Worship |
| February 22 | 11:00am | Worship |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming 12:00pm Congregational Meeting | 2 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 3 8:30am - 9:30am Men's Breakfast at Sweetwater's | 4 9:00am Quilters & TOPs | 5 Janitorial Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class | 6 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy | 7 |
| 8 Scout Sunday Souper Bowl Day! 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming | 9 12:00pm - 3:00pm Modern Travelers 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 10 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Brick & Mortar 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle | 11 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 12:00pm Church Council Meeting | 12 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class | 13 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:00pm - 3:00pm 20th Century Book Club | 14 |
| 15 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming 11:15am Fellowship Meeting | 16 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 17 8:30am - 9:30am Men's Breakfast at Sweetwater's 1:00pm - 2:00pm D.A.R. Meeting | 18 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 12:00pm - 1:00pm Ash Wednesday Service at FLC with soup luncheon to follow | 19 Janitorial Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class | 20 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy | 21 9:00am Circle of Friends (Fellowship Hall) |
| 22 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming | 23 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 24 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Brick & Mortar | 25 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 12:00pm Lenten Service @ FLC | 26 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class 6:00pm Lenten Service @ GSLC | 27 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy | 28 |

Prayer List

REMEMBER IN PRAYER those needing strength, guidance & healing.

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

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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