

FAITH at WORK

March 2026

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

On Ash Wednesday I asked you all to think of one word that might describe something that weighs you down. What is that one word that you could write on a rock and throw it into the well that we had in the church. I also asked you to choose one word that you might think of that would bring you joy when you began to sense the word that you wrote down beginning to weigh you down. I hope that you have been able to allow yourself to practice letting go of whatever it is that has been weighing you down. I mentioned the word anger would by word that weighs me down and that I would lift up the word peace. Although I have not done exactly what I had intended to do with that word, I still find myself repeating to myself these words, "Today is going to be my peaceful day." I hope you have found a way to live into your intentions for the Lenten season that will allow you to feel closer to God. After all, that is why we are called into a community of faith, to worship God and to live out a life of discipleship. There are so many other things that tend to take up our time and energy that do not serve God well. So, take the time to focus on what matters and do the best you can to love God and to love your neighbor. Soon we will be celebrating Holy Week together and I hope that you make it a priority to attend the services planned for the whole week. Experience the journey of Christ through his death and resurrection so that you might find hope in your life each and every day.

Blessings,

Pastor Cindy

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From Church Council

Hello Brothers and Sisters of Faith,

My message is very short this month as I have been out of commission for a couple of weeks since my surgery and am supposed to take it easy for a couple more weeks. I hope everyone is understanding of this. I am slowly feeling better and my headache I had the first week is much better, it doesn't feel like there is dance party going on in my head all the time anymore. Let me know if you have any questions and I will see about getting the right answer.

Have a great day.

Blessings,

Gordy Gamet

Mark Your Calendars!



R 2026
Rummage Sale & Quilt Show
Faith Lutheran Church
 930 SW Queen Street
 Albany, Oregon

Friday—April 10 & Saturday—April 11
8:00am-4:00pm 8:00am-3:00pm

Donations will be accepted beginning April 6, 2026



- No Liquids of Any Kind
- No Firearms
- No Large Screen TV's
- Only Working Items
- Clothing in Good, Clean Condition

Questions? Contact Peggy at 541/926-2694

Written In March

'The cock is crowing,
The stream is flowing,
The small birds twitter,
The lake doth glitter
The green field sleeps in the sun;
The oldest and youngest
Are at work with the strongest;
The cattle are grazing,
Their heads never raising;
There are forty feeding like one!

Like an army defeated
The snow hath retreated,
And now doth fare ill
On the top of the bare hill;
The plowboy is whooping- anon-anon:
There's joy in the mountains;
There's life in the fountains;
Small clouds are sailing,
Blue sky prevailing;
The rain is over and gone!

by William Wordsworth



Faith Lutheran Church		2026
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: February 25, 2026

Undesignated Income: \$6,699.97

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$5,000.00

Net Undesignated Income: 1,699.97

Total Expenses: \$6,730.72

Total Net Income: (\$30.75)

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!

March 3, 17 & 31 at Sweetwater's — March 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 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: pegpreston@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: Shirley Karstens at (541) 967-8309.

Lenten Mid-Week Services—12:00pm at FLC Wednesdays, February 25 thru March 25
—6:30pm at GSLC 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.

—Pr. Cindy Robles

Worship Leaders Team 2026

March	1	8	15	22	29
Assisting Ministers	George	Carol O.	George	Terry	George
Altar Prep	George	Jon A.	George	Jon A.	George
Ushers	Dick	Dick	Dick	Dick	Dick
Sound Technicians	Jon A.	Terry	Gordy	John B.	Jon A.



March 2026 Worship Schedule

March 1	11:00am	Worship
March 8	11:00am	Worship
March 15	11:00am	Worship
March 22	11:00am	Worship
March 29	11:00am	Worship

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming	2 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 8:30am - 9:30am Men's Breakfast at Sweetwater's	4 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 12:00pm Lenten Service @ FLC	5 Janitorial Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class 6:00pm Lenten Service @ GSLC	6 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy	7
8 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 12:00pm Lenten Service @ FLC	12 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class 6:00pm Lenten Service @ GSLC	13 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 1:00pm - 3:00pm 20th Century Book Club	14 9:00am FLC & GSLC Executive Council Meeting
15 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming 12:00pm Special Congregational Meeting-Constitution	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 9:00am Quilters & TOPs 12:00pm Lenten Service @ FLC	19 Janitorial Service 5:30pm - 8:30pm Fellowship Hall Rental - W/C Class 6:00pm Lenten Service @ GSLC	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 9:00am Annual Spring-Cleaning Day
29 Palm Sunday 11:00am Worship & Livestreaming	30 7:00pm Boy Scouts	31 8:30am - 9:30am Men's Breakfast at Sweetwater's	1 9:00am Quilters & TOPs	2 Maundy Thursday Janitorial Service 12:00pm Service at FLC 6:30pm Table Church at GSLC - Including a Meal	3 Good Friday 9:00am - 12:30pm String Therapy 6:30pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service at FLC	4

Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
11:00 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church

April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday: 12:00pm at Faith Lutheran Church
6:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Includes a meal)

April 3, 2026 Good Friday: 6:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church (Tenebrae Service)

April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday: 7-8:30am Breakfast; 9:00am Service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
9:30am Breakfast; 11:00am Service at Faith Lutheran Church

Prayer List

REMEMBER IN PRAYER those needing strength, guidance & healing.

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

O Lord, You are the light that guides my feet.
 You are the map that gives me direction.
 You are the peace that makes me strong.
 You are the leader whom I faithfully follow.

May your light illuminate my life and your
 guidance bring direction. May I find inspiration in
 your word and peace in my heart as I follow you.
 Amen.



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