

September 2021

FAITH TALKS



Worship 9:30 AM

Online worship only. Check with the office on September 8th to learn about possible changes to outdoor worship, currently TBD.

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The cover depicts Lady Wisdom, described in the Book of Proverbs attributed to King Solomon; we will read about Lady Wisdom on Sept. 12.

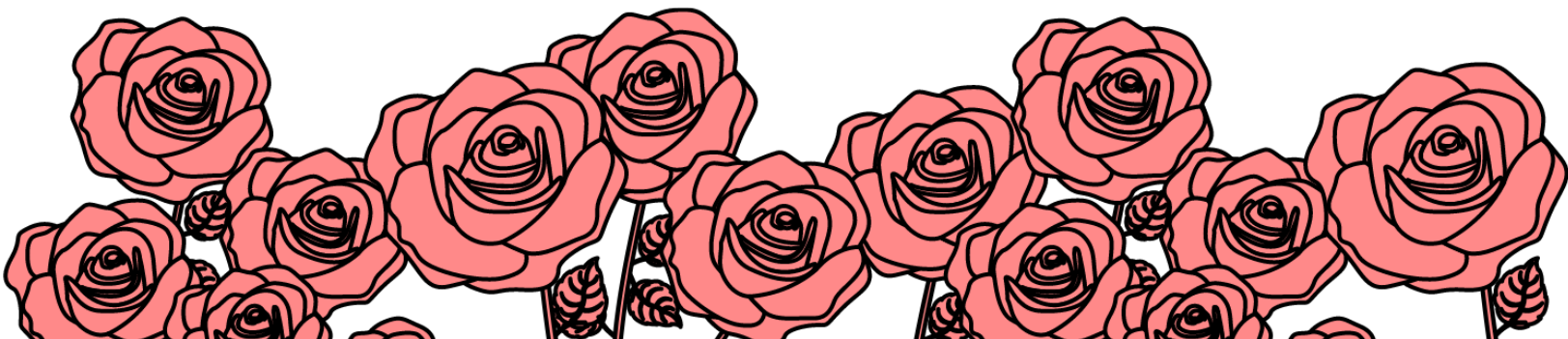
Roses to...

Those who donated school supplies and helped stuff backpacks for Blessing of the Backpacks, and to all students, teachers, and faculty who make this school year possible.

To the firefighters, first responders, police, volunteers, housing advocates, and all generous persons involved with combatting the Dixie Fire.

To the Quilters for throwing Annalisa and Pr. Ben a baby shower.

To all who donated to the Blue Bags project which we received an abundance of food from.



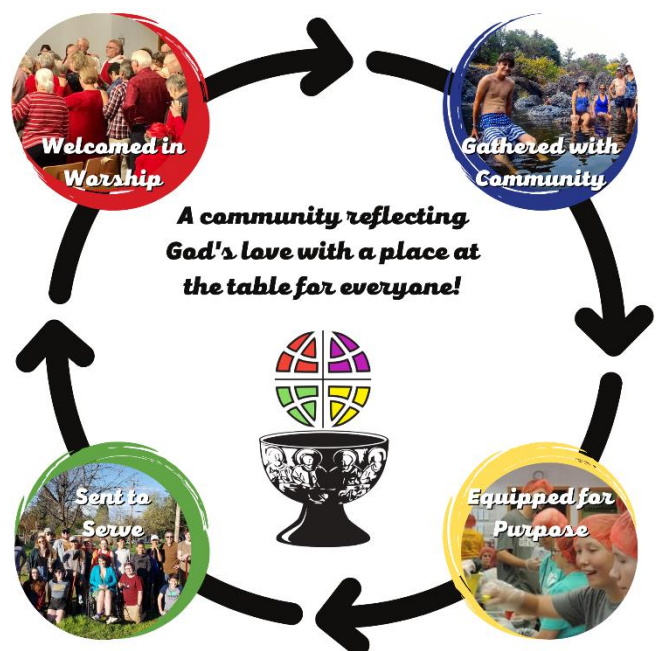


Faith's Vision Statement

Two years ago the congregation council held a retreat and began to ask ourselves, "What is Faith Lutheran's unique call in Chico and Butte County?" For a year we wrestled with that question, and our answer culminated in the mission statement we adopted last year: to be **a community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone**. Since then, the question has been, how do we actually achieve this mission?

Last month, the council gathered in the house of our president, Cindy Kampf. There we developed a vision for how we can live out our shared mission. This vision is an endless cycle that moves through four phases: 1) Welcomed in Worship, 2) Gathered with Community, 3) Equipped for Purpose, and 4) Sent to Serve.

- 1) Welcomed in Worship. Worship is where many people first experience divine welcome. Worship is where we experience welcome into God's grace through scripture and preaching. Worship is where we experience welcome to Christ's presence at the Lord's table. Worship is where we experience welcome into a loving and affirming community through the people we encounter. It is this last aspect of welcome, the interaction that first-time visitors and long-time members have as they walk through the door, that we want to expand upon in our vision. The vision is when someone arrives at Faith Lutheran Church, there are smiling Greeters to welcome them, offer them a nametag, explain where bathrooms and children's resources are. First time visitors will be asked if they would like to be seated with a long-time family who can guide them through the service. Throughout worship, what we are doing and why is explained and made accessible. Our praise and teaching includes many voices all pointing to and reflecting God's love. After worship, guests are given the opportunity to share contact information so that we can follow up with them and let them know that we appreciate them visiting. And in coffee hour, we make a point to ensure that each person is connected with.



When we experience divine welcome, it naturally draws us to be gathered with a spiritual community.

- 2) Gathered with Community. The Christian life is a life of intentional relationships, relationship with God, relationship with our siblings in Christ, relationship with our neighbor in need, and relationship with ourselves. Real relationships go deeper than listening to someone else talk for an hour a week.

The vision is that 60% of Faith's membership gathers weekly outside of worship with 2-7 other people to share what is happening in their life, help each other see God in the midst of journey, and support each other through prayer and fellowship. Some of these small groups are focused on a shared interest/hobby, some are united around a shared stage of life, some are based on convenience of time and location, but all are facilitated by a trained leader who meets with other small group leaders once a month under the supervision of our Director of Family Life. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals, but together.



When we are strengthened by the love and support of regular, intentional, spiritual community, we feel called to equip ourselves for a holy purpose.

- 3) Equipped for Purpose. We all yearn to have a meaning and a purpose greater than ourselves. In Christ we are called to just such a purpose in loving and serving our neighbor. The Holy Spirit gives each of us unique gifts with which to answer Christ's call. The vision is that 80% of Faith's membership meet with a member of the Equipping Ministry Team to help them identify those unique gifts given by the Spirit and the ways in which they feel called to serve. The Equipping Ministry then matches those gifts and sense of call with ministry opportunities where they can be lived out. Each ministry has a mentor, who trains and guides each new minister, until that person can carry out the ministry on their own. At that point however, the new minister becomes a mentor for someone else. In this way, each person is equipped for holy purpose and carries out their ministry in pairs, just as Jesus sent his disciples.

When we receive God's love in word and sacrament, are strengthened by the community of Christ's living body, and are equipped for purpose by the Holy Spirit, we cannot help but go forth to reflect this love to others through service.

- 4) Sent to Serve. The greatest joy is not to receive but to give. Having received so much from God, we overflow with blessings and seek others upon whom to bestow them.

The vision is that not only do individuals serve in the capacity for which they have been equipped, but that small groups serve together, either by caring directly for each other, participating in formal service events organized by the Social Ministry Team, or by recognize and addressing needs to which they alone are uniquely gifted to minister. Whether we serve as individuals, pairs, small groups, or as the whole congregation our ultimate purpose is to share the love of Christ in whatever we do.

When someone experiences the love of Christ through a member of the church, they cannot help but wonder at the source of this love. May we through our service invite others to know Christ in worship, where they will be welcomed, with community where they will be gathered and strengthened, through purpose, with which they will be equipped, and through being sent in service, where they will share the love of Christ and invite others to do the same.



This is our council's vision. It is not yet a reality, but the foundations are already present. In the coming months we will be working to create the small groups which will be the backbone of *Gathered in Community*, and we will be inviting you to connect with the Equipping Ministry so that you can be *Equipped for Purpose*. We are already the Body of Christ, and you are already doing God's work with your hands, but there are so many people yearning to know and be transformed by the grace that flows from the Holy Spirit. May this vision help us be a community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone.

A Letter from Pastor Ben: Paternity Leave

Dear People of Faith, I am incredibly grateful that you are giving me the opportunity to take six weeks of paternity leave to connect with my daughter and begin learning what it means to be a father. I will be splitting these six weeks into two three-week segments. During my paternity leave, I will be setting aside all my pastoral responsibilities so that I can focus full-time on my paternal responsibilities. But there will be pastors to tend our flock! I am grateful to Bill Kees who will be providing pastoral care while I am away and presiding for three of the six Sundays. I am also grateful to long-time former pastor of Faith Lutheran, Carl Wilfrid, who will be leading worship for three Sundays. Below you can find the full-schedule for my paternity leave.

- Wednesday, Sept. 9th, baby Colahan's due date. Pastor Ben goes on paternity leave when wife's labor starts.
- Sunday, September 12th, Pastor Carl Wilfred.
- Sunday, September 19th, God's Work; Our Hands Sunday, short communion service at 8:30 lead by Pastor Bill Kees followed by creek clean up.
- Sunday, September 26th, 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Bill Kees.
- Sunday, October 3rd, St. Francis Day and Blessing of the Animals, Pastor Ben returns.
- Sunday, October 10th, Pastor Ben.
- Monday, October 11th, Pastor Ben returns to paternity leave.
- Sunday, October 17th, Pastor Carl Wilfrid.
- Sunday, Sunday, October 24th, Pastor Bill Kees presiding, Director of Family Life Dani Vogel preaching.
- October 31st, Reformation Sunday, Pastor Carl Wilfrid.
- Monday, November 1st, Pastor Ben returns from paternity leave.
- Sunday, November 7th, All Saints Day, Pastor Ben.



*Your Brother in Christ (and soon to be father),
Pastor Ben Colahan*



God's Work Our Hands Trees

We were thrilled to see so many new faces and long-time members returning to worship in person at Faith. As a school administrator, I always advised teachers to do what is best for themselves and their families. Ultimately, that is what is best for the organization. It is the same with church attendance. If and when you feel comfortable returning to in-person worship, we will do everything possible to make it a safe space for everyone. If you don't, please know that we will miss you, but we will provide on-line worship to meet your needs.



This has been a busy two weeks. Dani Vogel, our new Director of Family Life, arrived on August 2nd and moved into my guest room until her apartment is ready on September 1st. I also was taking care of three grandchildren for two weeks because their parents' schools started earlier. Dani was a great help in engaging the little ones (4, 8 and 8) in conversation. She is a blessing to our Faith family. A member commented today (Aug. 15), "She has only been here two weeks and there are so many kids at church!"

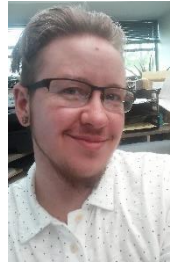
Once we're back to worshipping in-person, check out the three Christmas trees (two dimensional felt instead of 7 feet of fake pine) in the back of the sanctuary. Please use these God's Work/Our Hands Giving/Service trees to find ways that you can do jobs around the church. Some can be done from home. Others can be done with your family or friends. It takes many members to make our church welcoming and successful. The church council met on August 17th

to discuss the vision and mission of our congregation. Feel free to contact any member with your ideas, hopes, dreams and comments.

If you have not ordered a name tag and would like one waiting for you when you return (for free), please email the following to ckampf@aol.com: First Name, Last Name, Type of Name Tag (Magnet, Pin Attachment, or Clip).



On Tuesday, September 25th, our Quilters will be selling their boutique items at the Elk's Lodge! Stop by between 10am-4pm and see what creative stuff our ladies have for sale!



Spiritual Gifts Part I: *Administration*

**ADMINISTRATION * ARTISTRY * DISCERNMENT * EVANGELISM * EXHORTATION * FAITH * GIVING *
HOSPITALITY * INTERCESSION * KNOWLEDGE * LEADERSHIP * MERCY * MUSIC-VOCAL * MUSIC-
INSTRUMENTAL * PASTORING * SERVICE * SKILLED CRAFT * TEACHING * WISDOM * WRITING**

God has given us two gifts: the gift of the redeemer Jesus Christ, and the gift of ministry which we carry out in his good name. I'm talking about your talents, innate and learned, that when applied creates a welcoming space at our table for everyone. Above are 20 spiritual gifts established by the ELCA, and for the next 20 editions of *Faith Talks*, we'll be chatting about them one by one. Since we're going in alphabetical order, first up is Administration...my favorite!

When people think "ministry," they probably think *usher, greeter, communion server*. But the words "ministry" and "administration" literally have the same root: *ministri*, which in Latin means "servant." And I can think of at least one, shining example of this ministry. *For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.*—Mark 10:45 Maybe saying "Jesus was an administrator" sounds a little weird. After all, he didn't spend his time trying to get the *Faith Talks* font to fit in the margins. But he was a servant of God and of the people, which is what our administrators here at Faith strive for as well. I speak of our Sunday money-counters, our Friday bulletin-folders, our assistant Joey who artfully designs our CD covers, and our intrepid council.



When I was Catholic, my patron saint was Saint Veronica. When Jesus carried the cross to Calvary, Veronica offered her cloth to Jesus. He wiped the sweat from his brow and handed the cloth back, and upon it was an imprint of his face. Though this story is by no means canonical, it is still a good story, one that tells of a small but important act of servitude and compassion. During this time of distance and pandemic, I feel our administrators are the cloth that wipes the brow; the immediate and kind reprieve we seek during times that conjure anxiety, depression, and loneliness. The administrators keep our content flowing so that we can stay connected, and such acts of fellowship during covid have proven invaluable in inspiring engaging ministry.

I invite anyone in the congregation to sit down, have coffee with me, and learn more about the administration at Faith Lutheran Church. It's so much more than running an office! The content (and way we spread that content) is like the leaf of our table; no matter how far apart in distance you are from the church, that leaf (*Faith Talks*, E-blasts, letters, artwork, bulletins, council meetings, education classes, bulletin folding) ensures that our table is whole, and that your place is right here.

-Manager Mike



News from Dani: New Toddler Equipment!

Hello! I wanted to take some time to thank everyone for the warm greetings and well wishes as I start here as your Director of Family Life. It's been a busy first week and a half getting to know so many members of the wonderful community that is Faith Lutheran, as well as Chico. (There are so many coffee shops. So many.) Some of you may be noticing some changes that we're making as we continue to return to being present together in both in person and digital ways. Presently, we are still offering the Kids Call, and will hopefully return to more in person, safe, offerings at the church as well. We're also hoping to start up regular youth and young adult gatherings here and out in the great community of Chico. If you haven't responded or set up a time to get together and meet, please email me at danifaithlutheran@gmail.com to set up a time to get together so that I can learn more about you!

You will notice that there's already been a change to the children's space in our sanctuary. We have ordered some toddler specific items for our small friends who are returning to worship, so that they have a space that they can be busy and explore their church world that is safe, and built for their needs. Those items will be added to the sanctuary as they arrive. When we can gather in person, we will be offering Sunday School each Sunday, following the Children's message. We will return to the worship space before Communion weekly. The hope is to do outdoor activities with weather and AQI permitted as much as possible, to keep our young and vulnerable children population healthy and well. If you are interested in helping serve as a helper for this time, please reach out to me here at the church, and I will make sure to include you in our future plans and schedules. We continue to do Zoom Sunday School each Sunday at 3:30 pm. If you have a child who would like to participate, please contact me!



Joel Zimbelman &
Tod Kimmelshue
Stewardship Committee



Stewardship Updates

After many months (and nearly three school semesters) of disruption from Covid, our church community continues to adapt to unexpected challenges. We welcomed folks back to Sunday worship in-person, and have since reverted to online worship; groups are returning to the use of our facilities, and are required to mask and social distance; and with Dani now joining our staff, our family and youth programs can take the next step towards growth and engagement. As co-chairs of our Stewardship Committee, our greatest joy comes from the fact that through all of this we have managed to support—and even grow—our ministries! The day-to-day operations of Faith Lutheran Church take a lot of financial resources, and as Mark Kimmelshue made clear in May, our members kept our budget in the black for the whole of the Covid crisis. But even more impressive to us is how all of you stepped up in support of our Stewardship Campaign. The funds that you pledged—and the dollars that appeared each month for designated campus improvements—made the first year of our three-year campaign a resounding success. Nearly \$150,000 was raised to support the installation of a new sound system, campus computer networking, and a dozen smaller improvements. That is a sizeable gift to receive from a congregation this size, especially when so many other personal and ministry needs are also clamoring for support!

But our job isn't over yet: There's lots more to do over the next 18 months: Bathrooms to reconfigure, a nursery to rebuild, other rooms to refurbish, old equipment to replace, new outreach and ministries to jumpstart. And in order to accomplish it all, the Church Council and Stewardship Committee will be coming to you in September to ask for your additional and continuing pledges and financial support in the year ahead. Our hope is to raise an additional \$175,000 of our ultimate goal of \$400,000 between September 2021 and July 2022.

In the coming month our team will be sharing with you our vision for this next stage of our Stewardship outreach. You'll hear from us by personal letter, in Faith Talks, after services on Sunday, in special Zoom sessions, and in Adult Christian Education classes after church. Our goal is to give you the clearest and most honest picture of our needs and our plan to realize our vision for ministry so that when you give to Faith's mission, you can feel confident that we're on the way to fulfilling Christ's Great Commission! Everyone in Chico aspires to "emerge from the pandemic" and "get back to work." Faith Lutheran Church shares those aspirations, and your support will be a large part of our success as we move forward.

We wish you blessings, a sense of peace, enduring gratitude for God's generosity, and the energy to be part of this next stage of our ministry!

*Tod Kimmelshue and Joel Zimbelman
Co-Chairs, FLC Stewardship Committee*



Mercy House: Helping People Find their Way Back Home

Many people living in homeless encampments or in their cars are elderly and suffer from medical ailments such as heart disease and diabetes. As a result, Faith Lutheran Church teamed up with CHAT (Chico Housing Action Team) to establish the Mercy House in early 2021.

Myrna and Terri were the first two Mercy House residents. Both women had been living in their cars before finding housing with CHAT in a house purchased by Pastor Ben's mother, Patricia. Interviewed about what it felt like to have a house to call home, Myrna said, "My first night here was the first night in a long time that I wasn't scared." Terri added, "I am profoundly grateful. When you are homeless, your self-esteem goes right in the gutter." Both Myrna and Terri held jobs and were, as Terri put it, "productive members of society." For Myrna, the trouble started when "I made a bad choice, let a bad person in my life." Even though Myrna was working, she ended up sleeping in her car, in the parking lot of her employer. Terri also found herself living out of her car after she had to leave her residence and could not find affordable housing.

Sarah and Susie are the two newest residents of the Mercy House, bringing the house to full capacity. Sarah lost her husband of twenty-five years in 2018 and shortly thereafter lost her home to the Camp Fire. Facing homelessness after a long-term stay in hospital, she connected with CHAT and was able to move into the Mercy House. Sarah said, "What I appreciate the most is the companionship I have found with my housemates. The Mercy House is the landing spot I needed to get back on my feet to continue this journey to self-sufficiency." Sarah added, "It has been a blessing to have an entire congregation supporting us and praying for us." Susie stated, "I was in a situation where I was losing my housing. As a senior with medical needs, I could not find affordable housing and couldn't live alone. I was on the verge of sleeping on the street when I was offered a room at the Mercy House, truly a miracle! I am thankful for the friendship and support I receive from the Faith Lutheran volunteers."

Much of what the ladies are grateful for are things housed people tend to take for granted – sitting in the sunshine in the backyard, doing laundry at home, cooking together, access to a bathroom and most importantly, having a place to go home to.

The current volunteer team from Faith Lutheran Church, Doug De Soto and Bonnie Pulliam, have committed to providing weekly support to the Mercy House residents through the end of this year. If you are interested in being part of a new team starting in 2022, please contact Doug or Bonnie.

*Submitted by Doug De Soto, Chair, Social Ministry Team
530-354-1453*



A Letter from Jackson, Son of Kagitumba's Reverend

I am by the name of Jackson Kagorora the son of Rev Ngabonziza John who actually serves in Kagitumba Parish. I have two sisters; the first is Jennifer and the second is Jessica. I am a student in university, I am studying for a bachelor degree in the department of Finance in the faculty of Economic science and management. I am taking three academic years for completion. I started in 2018 up today. Fortunately, I got promoted in year three. I am doing well in the class.

I like serving God because he is good to me. I like both preaching and singing because they are my spiritual gifts and most of the time I do play guitar. I do the benevolent work of helping the needy by supporting them with a little I have. So, I pray that it may grow well to enhance my heart of generosity. If this works nicely, it can support many of the needy or poor people at large from my church parish and outside the church in social areas.

Covid-19 is still challenging pandemic. My father was sick with it but is getting better and we have been talking together in the morning. Gladly, he is fine and very soon will get a quick recovery.

Blessings



On Sunday, September 19th Faith Lutheran will observe the ELCA's annual "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. This year Faith Lutheran will mark the annual day of service by sponsoring and teaming up with the Butte Environmental Council (BEC) to remove trash and recyclables from our beloved Bidwell Park. This legacy event, in its 34th year, provides the opportunity for our community to work together towards the common goal of protecting our shared natural spaces and waterways while building and deepening relationships and being good stewards of God's magnificent creation.

We need to register our group with BEC in advance of the event for liability purposes. If you did not get a chance to sign up after worship services in August, please contact Doug DeSoto at 530-354-1453 to express your interest. People who signed up to help BEC with same-day registration will meet at Hooker Oak Park at 8am on September 19th and ask for instructions from the BEC staff. All others will meet at Faith Lutheran Church at 8:30 for a blessing communion, and then head out to our designated site for park clean up. If you are working on clean up, please be sure to wear a pair of sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water, sunscreen, a hat, and a pair of work gloves. Other supplies will be provided by BEC. As a reminder there will be no Sunday worship service held at the church on September 19th.



Financial Report As of 7/31/2021

	BUDGET TO DATE	ACTUAL TO DATE	PERCENT OF BUDGET
TOTAL INCOME	\$31,182.68	\$25,733.15	82.52%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$40,299.56	\$28,377.11	70.42%
NET INCOME / LOSS	(\$9,116.88)	(\$2,643.96)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/21		\$66,838.39	
Net Revenue through 7/31/21		(\$2,643.96)	
Ending General Fund Balance		\$64,194.43	

In an effort to be transparent and keep the Faith Lutheran community up to speed and in touch with the finances of the church, this report will be posted in *Faith Talks* on a monthly basis. The numbers shown above represent the General Fund operations for the first month of the fiscal year. The slight deficit shown is not unusual for this time of year and is expected to improve as we move through the rest of the year. Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Kimmelshue, Council Treasurer
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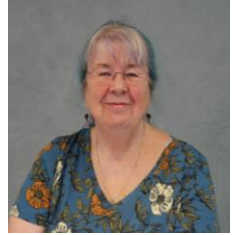
Benevolence Report



Lynette Stensrud,
Financial Secretary



In August, \$250 was used to obtain a silver sponsorship for the Butte Environmental Council, the organization responsible for the creek cleanup for God's Work, Our Hands. \$500 of our Disaster Relief Fund was used to support a person impacted by the coronavirus.



Council Minutes

Tuesday, Aug. 17 @ 6:15PM

In the Fellowship Hall

Present: Colahan, Kampf, Kimmelshue, Sample, Heinz, Melvin, DeSoto, Pulliam, Groh. Absent: Kimball, Woods, Zimbelman.

1. Welcome
2. Devotion – Sherrill Heinz
3. Opening Prayer—Pr. Ben Colahan
4. Covenant was read by all
5. July 3, 2021 Minutes, motion made to approve by Kimmelshue/Heinz/approved.
6. Financial Reports (attached) motion made to approve by Pulliam/Melvin/approved
7. Mission and Vision elaboration – Pr. Ben Colahan discussion: First, a person is intentionally welcomed, which leads to being gathered and supported by community, which leads to equipping their gifts for service and, finally, sending them out for service and welcoming new people.
8. Equipping Ministry – Kim Schweder: discussion about what the equipping ministry is and what they do.
9. Update and comments from Director of Family Life - Dani Vogel: discussion about small groups and using “Faith 5” program to unify all small groups. Motion made to approve purchase of materials for this program by Melvin/Pulliam.
10. Update on unhoused community - actions and proposals: plan to move on going forward with mini-shelters was not approved because of concerns of our neighbors, discussion regarding to be more intentional and continue open communication with all our neighbors.
11. Environmental Review and Capital Improvement tabled for next meeting
12. Update on air conditioning needs: unit for 2 rooms in office building is 41+ years old and needs replacement. Royal Aire quote- \$10127. Motion made to approve replacement by Heinz/Sample/approved.
13. Announcements and upcoming dates of note.
14. Items for future agendas: next council meeting: 9/21/21.
15. Closing Prayer/Adjournment.



COVID-19 F.A.Q. & Resources

Since that time the first stay-at-home order was released in March 2020, the county of Butte has experienced a whirlwind of changes. These changes have been confusing and difficult to manage, as they interfere with even our most basic tasks like shopping, socialization, and the accessibility to our needs as humans. And though we have only recently seen businesses and churches reopening, the Delta variant has spread rapidly among us. For the first time since the pandemic, at least two members of Faith have contracted COVID. Both of these people are fully vaccinated and take responsible measures like wearing masks and social distancing. Both will make a full recovery. We would like to take some time to answer frequently asked questions about the virus and offer some resources.

Q: I haven't been vaccinated, but should I at this point since there's another strain?

A: The CDC highly encourages that you do get vaccinated. The Delta variant is twice as contagious, and data exists to suggest that unvaccinated peoples who contract it have worse symptoms. If you are vaccinated you can still spread COVID, however, you may remain infectious for a shorter period of time. Plus, the vaccine does decrease the chance of contracting even the Delta variant.

Q: Where can I go to get vaccinated?

A: CVS Pharmacy on Spruce in Gridley / COSTCO in Chico / All Walgreens in Chico, Paradise, Oroville / Rite Aid on Mangrove in Chico / Walmart on Cal Oak Road in Oroville / Chico Community Vaccination Clinic at 560 Cohasset Road in Chico / Ampla Health in Chico / CVS Pharmacy on Esplanade in Chico / Oroville Sports Club / Gridley Orchard Hospital. For more information visit www.MyTurn.ca.gov.

Q: When should I get a COVID-19 test?

A: If you believe you have been exposed to somebody who has tested positive for the virus; if you work in healthcare or other high-risk areas where the virus may be easily transmitted; if you are feeling ill or have COVID-19 symptoms, including fever, dry cough, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, aches and pains, headache, sore throat, nasal congestion, red eyes, diarrhea, or a skin rash. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Q: Where do I go to get tested?

A: A quick and efficient way is through www.lhi.care where you can make an appointment either at 900 Mangrove Ave. or at Whitney Hall at CSU, usually within about 24 hours. Results typically come back in about 3-4 days, though this fluctuates depending on demand. Most drugstores, like CVS, provide testing as well as Ampla Health and other health clinics. You can also purchase take-home tests from most drugstores that give results in about 15 minutes.

Q: What sort of precautions should I be taking in general?

A: COVID cases are drastically on the rise in Butte County. To prevent the spread, please continue to mask and social distance. If you are not feeling well or have a fever, stay home. If you travel, meet in groups of people, or work in an environment where there is a high risk of spread, get tested regularly. If you have not already done so, please consider vaccinating.

This has not been an easy journey, and in times of hardship, one may find some comfort in the idea that together, we will withstand and endure. "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." –Ephesians 4:16



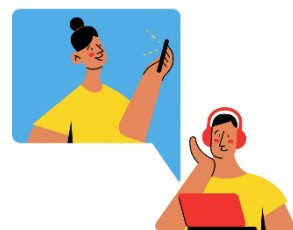
“The (Unofficial) Season of Love”

This fall, your Director of Family Life has used her powers to declare that we’re celebrating the Season Of Love! (Yes, it’s a long way to Valentine’s Day, but King Solomon has her inspired.) Here are a few suggested activities that you can do as a family to celebrate the Season of Love, and love your neighbors, and as a faithful kids caller has put it, or everyone!

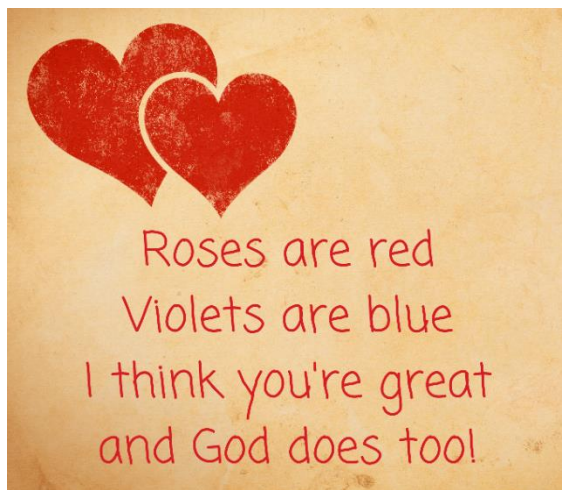


Bake/make your favorite food, and safely drop it off to someone that you think could use a little extra love this fall. Include a note saying how much you love that item, and hope it brings them joy, and that they can feel the love and appreciation your family has for them.

Set aside some time weekly to do a video chat with someone your family loves who lives far away. (Distance is relative.) Make a commitment to do these weekly check ins over the next month.



**Make out of season Valentines for your friends! The sillier the better!
(Poem below written by Pastor Ben.)**



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A community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone!

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