

JUNE 2022

FAITH TALKS



Sunday Worship
Online & In Person 9:30 AM
Pentecost Potluck June 5th

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Roses



The Funeral Committee for making the memorial receptions for Al Shumate and Jim Kirks a beautiful place to gather. And to all who helped with both funerals.

To our Sunday guest musicians: Shelley Fairchild and the strings group; Yoshie Muratani and the MTAC youth orchestra; and Heidi Hansen.

To all of the mothers and fathers who raised us in faith and taught us strength and compassion.

To the Women's Ministry for putting on their bake sale and boutique to raise money for transit tickets and scholarships.

To our members who lovingly provided meals to Julio Quinones, Bill Kees, and their families for the meal train.

To our Annual Report authors; to outgoing council members Doug De Soto, Penny Melvin, and Bonnie Pulliam; and to incoming members Alyssa Manes, Steve Hall, Pat Snyder, and Jill Bentler.

June will bring three opportunities for spiritual connection: one liturgical, one global, and one personal. The liturgical spiritual connection is the return of Healing Prayer Ministers in Sunday

worship. James 5:14 says, “Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” Healing Prayer Ministers are spiritual elders in our congregation who are available during communion for private prayer and anointing as described in James. These individuals sit to the side of the sanctuary during communion wearing robes. If you are carrying any sickness, be it physical, emotional, or spiritual, you are invited to sit with the Healing Prayer Minister. You can name something in particular for which you would like prayer, or you can simply ask for a general blessing; God knows what you need. The Healing Prayer Minister will hold your hands, pray over you, and then mark you with the sign of the cross using olive oil that has been blessed. It is a simple but profound experience given to us by scripture that brings healing to body and soul. I encourage you to make use of it. And if you feel called to be a Healing Prayer Minister, please contact the office so that we can train you.

The Spiritual Connection

Pastor Ben Colahan



The global spiritual connection is the news that we are planning a congregational trip to the Holy Land in January of 2023! A trip to the Holy Land is something that council members and I have been considering from some time. We finally got the push that we needed when two fellow Lutheran pastors and friends of mine with experience in the Holy Land planned a trip and invited Faith Lutheran to join them. Pastor Khader Khalilia currently serves a Lutheran church in Brooklyn but grew up in Palestine. Pastor Amy Kienzle serves St. John’s Lutheran in Sacramento and previously studied in Palestine. Together they will

bring rich local and Biblical perspectives to the journey that we will undertake together. We will be using a tour company that specializes in church trips called Good Shepherd Travel which will provide a modern air-conditioned private bus, an English-speaking local guide, and handle all the logistics from the flight to the hotels. The dates January 16-26th, with the option to add an additional trip to Jordan through the 29th. The cost is \$3,590, and that includes airfare, hotels, food, and fees to the all the sites. The deadline to register is July 16th. To sign up you can visit store.tourtheholylands.com/collections/holy-land-tours and look for the tour with my picture, watch for the church emails with a direct link, or stop by the office for a brochure.

Finally, the personal spiritual connection in June is the baptism of my daughter Sophia. During worship on June 26th, we will wash Sophia in the waters of promise, unite her with Christ, and proclaim her to be God's beloved child. As Lutherans, we believe that baptism is a communal act. God does all the work of claiming us once and forever in baptism, but we as a congregation do the daily work of reminding each other each and every day that God has claimed us, that Christ loves us, and the Holy Spirit works through us. These truths are given to us in baptism, but the world wants us to forget, and so we gather together throughout our lives to remind each other what has always been true. People of Faith, you have been such an incredible blessing to me: introducing me to my wife, celebrating our marriage, supporting us in the birth of our child. On June 26th, I will ask something more from you: help me raise my daughter in God's grace, help her remember that she belongs to Jesus, help her know the power of the Spirit within her. For there will be a day Sophia will not listen to me. I will be her annoying dad who knows nothing. On that day, may you be the voice of God, present at her baptism, which says, "You are my beloved child with whom I am well pleased." Amen.



**Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Ben Colahan**

Congrats Graduates!



**Stephen Nicholas Fratallone, College Grad
Marissa Hart, High School Grad
Peter Bentler, High School Grad
Sophie McDermott Pappani, High School Grad
Rosa Nelson, College Grad**

Worship & Music in June



Pentecost Potluck: Our first potluck since the pandemic will be June 5th. In celebration of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit speaking every language in the world, we encourage you to bring food from around the world. Tables will be both in the fellowship hall and outside, depending on weather.

Postcard Painting for Pride will take place after worship on May 29th and June 5th. All the art supplies will be available - - you and the family are welcome to come over to the table and play with alcohol inks; watch the colors create beautiful rainbow patterns! We give these postcards out to people who visit our booth during Chico Pride (see page 14).

After Pentecost, **Bell Choir** and **Choir** are on hiatus for the summer.

Art Play continues to meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Everybody is welcome to join this group. We create art projects to enhance worship, like banners and environmental art that corresponds with the theme of the season.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AVAILABLE NOW!!!



Scholarships for graduating high school seniors are available. The Tuesday Quilters Scholarship is organized by the Faith Lutheran Church Women's Ministry. If you are a Faith Lutheran graduating senior, please call the office and we'll email or mail you an application.

Happy June everyone! Wow! Can you believe that we are here in summertime? This has been quite a wonderful year. Our music groups have been in full swing since March, the congregation has been singing with might, Art Play has been creating numerous projects, and more! It's such a joy to

Summer Rest

Luke Nicolay,
Dir. of Worship & Music



have had such a wonderful year and a wonderful end before summer has arrived. With all of this going on, it is now time for us to rest a bit and recharge. All groups, with exception of our Sunday Leaders, Cantors, and Praise Team will be going on break starting Sunday, June 5th. We will then resume complete rehearsals for the Bell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, etc. near the end of August. As the time approaches, I'll send out more details and will make announcements about dates and times. Praise Team, Cantors and our Sunday worship team will continue to meet once weekly to rehearse for our worship on Sunday mornings.

Lastly I have a number of thank yous that I'd like to acknowledge. This entire year and season wouldn't be possible without the help of so many groups of people—all of whom are involved in worship and strive to enhance and enrich each week that we are together. I want to thank the Music & Worship Planning Committee, Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Art Play, Sunday Music Worship Leaders, A/V Team, Ushering Team, Communion Serving Team, Sacristan Team, Coffee Hour Team, Assisting Ministry Team, Lector Team, Welcome Table Team, First Third of Life Team, Shelley Fairchild Strings Group, and lastly to our amazing staff who work tirelessly to serve, connect, and bring us all together. This year has been full of ups and downs and without the support of each these groups in worship and more everything wouldn't have happened! If you or anyone that you know of might be interested in serving in any of these groups for worship, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at lukenicolay1@gmail.com. We will be planning training sessions for the summertime so that folks can dip their toes in the water and see if it's something that they might be interested in doing. Lastly and most importantly, if there are any groups that I've left out, please let me know and I'll make sure that I get a shout-out to each of you as well!

As I mentioned above, wow! Here we are in the sweet summertime! It has been a true treat to continue to get to know and to serve each of you and most importantly to serve alongside you. I pray that you have a wonderful and restful summer. I pray that you get the chance to recharge and that there is a great renewal for you. With great rest and renewal,
Luke Nicolay, Director of Worship and Music





SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART X: KNOWLEDGE

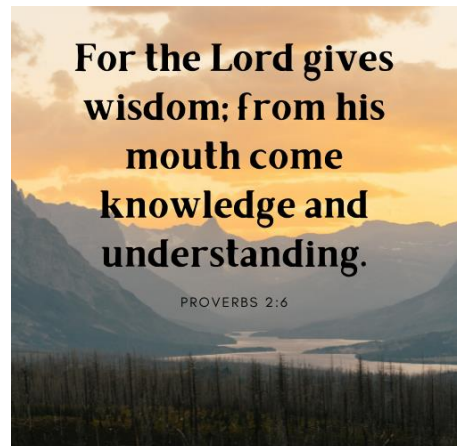
Michael Nicholson

Knowledge: described by the ELCA as the gift that drives a person to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith. There are five fabulous ministries at Faith

that use the gift of knowledge. The first is **Directory Editor**, an administrative ministry that embodies “knowledge” in a more literal, less biblical sense.

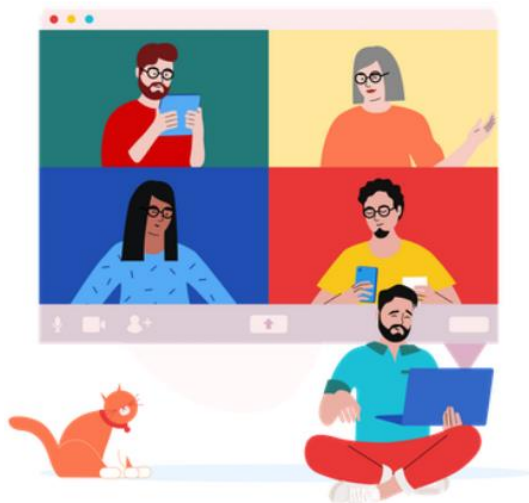
Editors help with proofreading and all the technical stuff that comes with building a directory, but building a directory is also a good time to look through a list of Faith family members and say, “You know, I haven’t heard from them in a while. I’m going to give them a call and check in!”

Faith Adult Cristian Education, or FACE Class teachers, connect stories and lessons from the Bible to our personal lives. This knowledge extends to secular topics that pique our interest like theater or crafts which have made for some excellent classes, but often times revolve around the church, the gospel, and the teachings of Christ and our spirituality. Everybody is welcome to attend and to teach these classes. If you have an idea for a topic, please let Joel Zimbelman know (530-520-9608). New ideas are exciting to us, and our congregation benefits from diverse teachings that cover the Bible, Christian literature, and far beyond.



Bible Study Leaders are among those gifted in the art of knowledge. They dedicate their time to truly understand the lessons laid before us, and to pave a road which others can explore alongside their fellow Faith members. The Pastor’s Bible Study takes place every week at 5pm on Zoom. Anyone can join by going to our homepage at chicofaithlutheran.org and joining in at 5pm. The Mary & Martha Women’s Bible Study meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10am and is available to all women of Faith, members or visitors (contact Randy Franken at 530-891-8634.) Several small groups study the Bible as well including Alphabet Soup (our LGBTQ group) who are currently studying the book of Esther once every 3 weeks on Saturdays at 3PM. All queer-identifying members and visitors are welcome. Contact Michael Nicholson at the office, or Grace Mahannah at 530-218-6636.

A Good Enough Lent studies a devotional Wednesdays at 3:30pm at the church. If you want to take yourself off the hook for perfection and work toward loving your imperfect self, this group is for you. Contact Raquel Krach at (530) 519-8629 or Diane Knight at (530) 520-2036.



Social Ministry Planners are always needed. These are people who may – but don't necessarily need to – attend social ministry events like God's Work, Our Hands or Pride. Planners attend the meetings and help do exactly that: plan. These are Christ-oriented people with a passion for helping others, for setting into motion activities and events that advocate, help, and inspire. Aside from planning the events you see the social ministry put out each month, we catch up with one another and pray together. It is truly a wonderful group to be a part of. Anybody who has a passion for helping others and building community is encouraged to join regardless of age. We meet on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:15pm on Zoom...so pajama pants are business-casual!

And last but not least... **Lectors!** Lectors share the Word to transform hearts and minds. They proclaim the Word of God through the readings of the Bible and through Psalms on Sundays and other services. The voices you hear during Sunday worship reading the scriptures are those of our lectors. Anybody can be a lector, and you are encouraged to give it a try. The worship team would love to have you. If you have a passion for sharing the Word, please contact Luke Nicolay, Director of Worship and Music at 530-895-3754 or by emailing him at lukenicolay1@gmail.com.

This marks the 10th installment of our spiritual gift articles! That means we're half way done. If you missed an article, go to chicofaithlutheran.org and click resources. There, you can check out our past Faith Talks, each of the last 10 editions containing a spiritual gift article. And make sure to visit the fellowship hall's highlight board, putting the spotlight on ministries (and birthdays!) that fit into each month.

As we close out spring and move into summer, we have embarked on a season of exciting things here at the church. Our young adult group met for our first Annual Faith-Tucky Derby. We built beautiful hats, raced on stick ponies, and learned that some people have some excellent runway and dance skills. Mal Ard won the coveted Blue Jacket with magnificent horse racing skills, and horse Blossom Buttercup proved to have superior construction and speed.

Our youth fundraiser is LIVE and on the pillar in the sanctuary. Our youth are traveling to So Cal to participate in a fantastic week of workshops, outdoor experiences, and fun with their peers in the ELCA as it was deemed not possible to have the National Youth Gathering this summer. We will be gone in Late July for a 9 day experience and a lifetime worth of memories. You can return cash or checks in the envelopes, or if you'd like to give online towards the experience, please mark youth trip! Our youth and their fearless leaders will provide updates while we are on the trip, and host a chat following worship to talk about what we experienced.

Children's ministry is in full swing. Along with our friends at St. John's and First Baptist, we are busy making plans for an amazing week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) activities. Flip to the next page and see how you can help to make our VBS experience amazing.

If you're interested in signing your family up for activity time with me, reach out via phone, email, social media, or unladen swallow to set up a time to hang out with me. Availability includes Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, as well as some weekend availability.

We would love to host a training in early summer for those who would be interested in helping with Family Life activities here at Faith Lutheran. What falls under family life?

- Children's Ministry, which includes Sunday School, VBS, and other activities.
- Youth Ministry, which includes our youth group meetings and special events, and our work with BSA troop 12.

Faith Family News

Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life



- Young Adult Ministry, which includes our twice a month meetings, and other spontaneous meetups.
- Intergenerational Days; things like Advent Workshop, Easter Egg hunts, etc.

We are looking for those whose gifts lend themselves to helping with these events and activities in a variety of ways, such as prep work, setup and tear down, teaching, assisting behind the scenes, and photographing activities. Please give me a call if you would like to get involved!



ADVENTURES WITH GOD

ISAIAH 40:31
BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.
THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES;
THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY,
THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.

Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Thursday, June 20-23, 6:00PM-7:30 PM
At St. John's Episcopal Church

Join us for Adventures with God, our exciting 2022 VBS. Along with our friends at St. John's and First Baptist, we will hold VBS the week of June 20th.

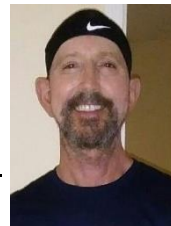
Join Dr. Sunny Day and the team as they learn about the stories of God's people through the artifacts they discover at various dig sites. We'll learn about deserts and beaches, fields and mountains, and how God has joined us in all places. This year, VBS will be held as an evening format Monday-Thursday from 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. By hosting an evening VBS, this will allow for more volunteers who may be working during the day to help in the evening, and allow families who weren't able to transport children to and from VBS during the day to attend. We are looking for help in the following ways!

- Craft kit assembly- help package daily kits for our VBS crafts
- Skit team- help teach the stories nightly to our friends in our archeology program.
- Adventure Guides- Help lead students to our 3 stations
- Dig Site Discoveries- Help our students learn about the Bible through interactive storytelling.
- Carbon Dating Craft Lab- Help students create a reminder of each day's lesson
- Gathering Place Games- Help students learn wilderness skills on their daily adventure
- Set-up/Tear Down assistance- help load and unload supplies at St. John's.
- Decorations- Help with decorating our spaces!

One of the most unnoticed roles of Social Ministry is that of advocacy. Advocacy is seeking to influence public policy. Advocacy is defined in the dictionary as “to speak or plead on behalf of another.” From its earliest conception the Lutheran Christian movement has been known for sharing the good news of the Bible with all people in order to create a more just society.

Social Ministry & the Importance of Advocacy

Doug De Soto, Social Ministry Chair



For many of us, advocacy is how we show love for one another – activity done for the well-being of others – especially the most vulnerable among us: people experiencing homelessness or hunger, the neglected, and those experiencing physical or mental illness. The ELCA defines advocacy as “seeking to express God’s special concern for people living in poverty, and the vulnerable by helping to shape the laws and policies that define how we live together in God’s world. It is particularly with and for those who voice is not heard in the places of power. Advocacy is an extension of the church’s practice of loving our neighbors, a practice that reaches back to Israel’s

calling, Jesus’ ministry, and the witness of the early church. Advocacy goes beyond the important gifts of charity, like clothing, food, time, and money.”

As members of Faith Lutheran Church we are blessed to have many opportunities to share both collectively and individually our spiritual gifts to serve and love our neighbors. God uses our hands to put into place the care needed for people experiencing hunger, illness, and poverty. As members of the ELCA we also have the opportunity to live out the Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good and we can become “people of justice and mercy in the public square.”

The ELCA in its Social Statement on advancing the common good explains that “ELCA advocacy works for changes in public policy based on the experiences of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world, and in communities across the United States. We work through political channels on behalf of the following biblical values: peacekeeping, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people struggling with poverty and disease.”

Advocacy work is one of the many ways that we extend the love, mercy, and inclusion of Christ's table into the world around us. **Over the past two years, the Social Ministry Team has advocated at the local level for humane treatment of the homelessness, at the state level for clean water legislation and development of low-income housing, and on the federal level for policy changes and legislation to support Afghan and Ukraine refugees, as well as asylum seekers and undocumented adults from our Southern border.**



Want to get involved? Join us and stand up for policies that create opportunities to overcome poverty, promote peace and dignity, and defend God's creation. At the local level, become familiar with the policies our City Council and Board of Supervisors are implementing. Visit chico.ca.us/city-council and buttecounty.net/boardofsupervisors for agendas and minutes, and to participate in monthly meetings. At the state level visit the California Lutheran Office of Public Policy at lutheranpublicpolicyca.org to see legislation pending in the state legislature, and on the federal and global level visit the ELCA Advocacy Network at elca.org/advocacy to reach out to officials on relevant and timely issues.

For more information on Social Ministry and advocacy, contact any member of the Social Ministry Team.



Beyond Data: a Look at Our Area's Shelter Crisis

Doug De Soto, Social Ministry Chair

As the City of Chico begins to emerge from our current shelter crisis, arguably one of the most severe disasters to hit the streets and parks of Chico in a generation, it is notable that the North State Shelter Team (NSST) has identified 38 homeless peoples camp sites in the Chico metro area.

We estimate that there are at least 450 homeless people in those 38 camps. There is good news on the horizon though. Short term, with the opening of the Pallet Shelter at the old BMX site on April 25, 2022, 177 shelters with two beds in each shelter have been added to the inventory of shelter beds. Because "double-bunking" cannot be mandated, we anticipate an additional 177 to 250 beds being available to the homeless.

In other good news, the Jesus Center recently broke ground on its Renewal Center which is expected to open in June 2023 and will bring in an additional 100 shelter beds including 14 units designed for families up to 5 people. While experts say the solution to homelessness ultimately lies in increasing the stock of subsidized and low-income-housing for individuals and families along with wrap around services, there is currently a lack of such housing in our area.

On a positive note, former colleagues at the Housing Authority of the County of Butte and the City of Chico have told me that there is a myriad of low-income and voucher- based housing projects in the works that should come on-line in the next three to five years. That being said, the Pallet Shelter, the Renewal Center and on-going Torres Shelter plans, while increasing the inventory of shelter beds in our area, are not nearly enough to house those in need. As we wait for additional shelter beds and the opening of new low-income and subsidized housing projects, we need to consider additional options to fill the gap. The NSST is in the process of finalizing plans for three campgrounds on five acres of private property that would be an off the grid – safe, secure, and sanitary – shelter for about 100 people, that could be operational before this winter. **The Social Ministry Team will be exploring ways we can collaborate with the NSST to support and advocate for a managed campground and develop volunteer service opportunities for Faith Lutheran Church members.**

This is an exciting time to be an advocate for the homeless. As new beds are added to the shelter bed inventory over the next few years along with wrap around services such as case management to provide assistance with permanent housing, employment, health care and treatment for substance abuse, Faith Lutheran Church will be called upon to envision new ways that we can transform our current street outreach ministries to include how we can best serve those entering into new shelter environments. Watch this space!



Thank you to everyone who attended the Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting this month. It was a pleasure to acknowledge all the members of our Faith family who contribute their time, talents, and offerings to make our work together productive. I feel

fortunate to be able to lead the council for another year with such a committed group of returning council members and to welcome our new highly regarded council members.

Note from the Council President

Cynthia Kampf,
Council President



I was honored to be invited to attend a confirmation service on May 14th in Denmark. One of the twenty-three confirmands was my first cousin's fifteen year old granddaughter. The oldest preserved part of the church is the tower, which dates back to 1324. The beautiful altarpiece from 1652 is a work by Lorenz Jørgensen. The impressive pulpit was created by wood carver Hans Holst in 1624.



My cousin Art Hølgerson and me at the confirmation service in Koge, Denmark

The service was familiar, even though it was in Danish. The three ministers delivered a delightful skit with props to encourage the teens to get out of their Covid-19 bubbles and live lives of purpose and joy. As each of the confirmands knelt and confirmed their beliefs in the Triune God, they were blessed with a hand on their head, and the reading of a Bible verse chosen by them.

My cousin's granddaughter chose Isaiah 40:31 which inspired the song "On Eagles Wings." It was a song sung at my mother's wedding and funeral. It was a joy to be a witness to such a meaningful confirmation celebration. I was inspired by our familiar rituals and music. The choir and organist were almost as good as ours at Faith Lutheran. We are part of a worldwide Christian family.

As we move into the next council year, let us constantly think of ways to celebrate our uniqueness as a congregation and inspire each other to always reach out to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

JUNE GROUPS & EVENTS



Postcard-Making * 5-29 & 6-5 * After worship

Faith Lutheran Church is once again making colorful postcards to give out at our booth this June at Chico Pride! Join us after worship on Sunday, May 29th and Sunday, June 5th to craft and play together. Tables will be set up outdoors with mediums like alcohol inks and similar paints. Drop your favorite colors on the paper and see what beautiful patterns they form! This art project is for everyone - kids, adults, and families.

Pentecost Potluck * 6-5 * After worship

Our first potluck since the pandemic will be June 5th. In celebration of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit speaking every language in the world, we encourage you to bring food from around the world. Tables will be both in the fellowship hall and outside, depending on weather.



Pride Booth * 6-11 @ Stonewall Alliance * 10am-3pm Interfaith Service * 6-22 @ FLC * 7pm

Faith Lutheran will have its annual booth at Chico Pride. Come and visit us on Saturday, June 11th at the Stonewall Alliance Center on Orient & 6th. Join us at Faith Lutheran Church for the third annual Interfaith Worship Service for Pride on Wednesday, June 22nd at 7pm. This service will feature queer-affirming

messages and music from FLC, Bethel AME, Trinity Methodist, Congregation Beth Israel, First Christian, St. John's, the U.U. Fellowship, and First Baptist.

Cider Tasting * 6-12 * Traditional Cider @ 12:30pm

Join Pray & Play, the group for 40-and-overs, for cider tasting and lunch. We will meet at Lassen Traditional Cider at 643 Entler Avenue on Sunday, June 12th from 12:30-2:30pm. Come and join us for a tour of the facility, tasting, and picnic lunch. Cost is \$20 per person. Includes tasting, fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and iced tea.

An illustration of three people in a celebratory mood. A man in a blue suit is blowing a trumpet, a man in a green shirt and brown pants is dancing with his arms raised, and a woman in a purple top and red pants is also dancing. They are set against a background of a blue sky and a pinkish ground.

PRAY & PLAY

Fun activities and
insightful prayer for our
40-and-overs

Meets twice a month

Contact Elise at
(530) 520-4440





THEATER APPRECIATION

See plays with dessert
and conversation after

Meets once per
production at Chico
Theater Company

Contact Cindy at
(530) 680-0925



Flaming Idiots * 6-12 * Chico Theater Co. @ 2pm
Theater Appreciation will meet on Sunday, June 12th at 2pm to see Flaming Idiots. Buy your tickets at the Chico Theater Company at 166 Eaton Road or by calling 894-3282. Cost - \$25 (adult) or \$22 (senior) for one show. Let them know if you wish to sit with the Faith Lutheran group. Join Cynthia Kampf after the show for dessert at her home. You can call her at (530) 680-0925.

Wilderness Worship Paddleboarding * 6-29 * 5pm

Paddleboarding is an easy and relaxing way to spend time on the water. You can stand or sit. If you fall off you just go for a little swim. Meet at the church parking lot at 5pm and please RSVP so we can ensure we have enough paddleboards. Please also bring a sack dinner, water, and swim clothes. We will return between 8 and 8:30pm. To RSVP please call Michael or Pastor Ben at the office by calling (530) 895-3754.



Benevolence Report

Lynette Stensrud, Financial Secretary &
Michael Nicholson, Manager



\$200 was given to the Jesus Center to sponsor the Jesus Center Farm. Our yearly \$500 sponsorship to Stonewall Alliance Center was sent. This sponsorship not only buys us a booth at the Pride event, but helps fund an organization who offers support groups, counseling, and safety aids to queer and transgender adults, families, and youth. \$669 was use from our Joseph Fund to support families in need.

Council Minutes, Tuesday 5/17/22 6PM in the Parish Hall

Sherrill Heinz, Council Secretary



Present: Pastor Colahan, Kimmelshue, Heinz, De Soto, Groh, Melvin, Zimbelman. Absent: Kampf, Sample, Pulliam, Woods

1. Welcome and celebrations
2. Devotions and prayer by Pastor Ben
3. Covenant by all
4. Approval of Financial Report – After discussion: DeSoto/Melvin/Approved
5. Annual Meeting update: by Pastor Ben
6. Nominating committee update: Names on Ballot for annual meeting will be Alyssa Manes, Pat Snyder, Steve Hall, Jill Bentler
7. Audit Update: Bill Youngstrom will lead the audit committee with Phil Rowberg and Diane Knight
8. Social Ministry would like to purchase a new banner for June: discussion, DeSoto/Melvin/Approved
9. Pentecost Potluck (June 5th) discussed. Unanimously approved with seating both inside and outside
10. Discussed a council retreat sometime in July/August. Pastor will send out a survey to find the best time
11. Social Ministry Update by DeSoto
12. Next council meeting 6/21/2022
13. Closing Prayer and adjournment



General Fund Finances as of 4/30/2022

Mark Kimmelshue, Council Treasurer



	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$407,343.10	\$344,306.27	84.52%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$402,995.58	\$382,709.78	94.97%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$4,347.52	(\$38,403.51)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2021		\$61,837.01	
Net Revenue through 11/30/21		<u>(\$38,403.51)</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u><u>\$23,433.50</u></u>	

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.

As shown above for the General Operating Fund, expenses have exceeded income by \$38,403.51. This is concerning and we all need to make an extra effort to give more to correct this shortfall General Fund giving should be prioritized.

The Church Council is addressing this issue, but the Council can't solve the problem without increased giving from each of you. Please prayerfully consider an increase in your General Fund giving.

Thank You All for your continued support. If you have questions, please feel free to contact: Mark Kimmelshue 530-520-8228 kimmelshue@armcorice.com

Holy Land Pilgrimage

January 16 – 26, 2023

San Francisco, CA (SFO)

Other Departure Cities Available!

Package Price: \$3590



Pr. Amy Kienzle

Package Price Includes:

- Double occupancy accommodations in
- Luxury hotels each night
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Ten days sightseeing in modern, private, air-conditioned private bus
- English speaking Christian tour guide
- Much More

Optional

****Post Tour****
extension to
Jordan

January 26-29,

Package Price:

\$890.00
per person

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