

MAY 2022

FAITH TALKS



Sunday Worship
Online & In Person 9:30 AM

Annual Meeting 5/22 after Worship

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Roses



The Skinners for bringing Pumpkin the tiny horse who delighted us with the procession on Palm Sunday.

Everyone who helped our Director of Family Life, Dani Vogel, move into her new apartment.

Our Sunday School ministers for creating a warm and happy space for our kids to learn and play.

Karen Avis and Jay Sylwester for cooking and serving a meal at the Torres Shelter.

Laura Cootsona and Don Heinz for preaching while Ben is on vacation, and Bill Kees for presiding.

Gratitude and blessings abundant to each and every one of you who made this Easter Sunday and Holy Week so special from our musicians to our Easter egg providers; our worship leaders and hospitality servers; The Little Red Hen for providing flowers, and Dawn Stafford for organizing the chrysanthemums; and to all of you who make this congregation home.

We are blessed with new members of our community! A few of these folks you likely already know and a few you likely have yet to meet. But all of them are excited to share their unique gifts and talents in our common mission of bringing forth the kingdom of God. All of them are incredible opportunities to know Christ in our midst. In the coming weeks, I encourage you to look for these siblings in Christ at worship. Take time to introduce yourself. Invite them to join you for social events and invite them to serve with you in ministry. Give them permission to say no, but let them know that we are delighted to be the body of Christ together with them.

Welcoming New Members

Pastor Ben Colahan



Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Ben Colahan



Mike, Melisse, Amos, and Elizabeth Boyd

The Boyds are excited to build relationships and learn more about life at Faith. Mike works as an entrepreneur, master coffee roaster, and is an outdoor adventure guide and enthusiast. Melisse works in education administration and advocacy, dabbles in gardening and music, and loves to read. Amos (3 yrs old) is passionate about all things mechanical, climbing, racing, making friends, and being silly. Elizabeth (1 yr old) is all about music, dancing, stories, and learning to do new things. All the Boyds enjoy creating and having lots of fun. After living in many different places, they are grateful to have found home and community here and are looking forward to this next chapter with Faith Lutheran. Fun fact: Amos and Elizabeth will be 4th generation Faith

Lutheran members, in loving memory of their great-grandparents Charles and Helen Skow.

Benny Greenleaf

My name is Benny Greenleaf. I have lived in Chico and surrounding areas since 1976. I raised my three children and am currently opening up a small business called Greenleaf Reiki in Chico. I'm an empath, and have received my training for 16 years with Alohem Center for Transformational Studies. Dr. June Estelle was my mentor. October last year, I took a refresher course and added Usui Holy Fire to my credentials from Rooted Life Reiki in Chico to practice Reiki as a practitioner.





Mike Kruschke

“Hi! I’m Mike. I like the congregation!” Pictured with Mike is his wife Elise Gladu. Both Mike and Elise are social ministry supporters, and serve meals at the Torres Shelter.



Suzie Ernest

I moved to Paradise in 1970 with my husband as we both were attending Chico State. I received my teaching credential and taught Kindergarten at Ponderosa Elementary in Paradise for 30 years. It was a joy to go to school each day. My husband, Paul, and I raised our three children, Jesse, Arielle and Jake. We had an amazing garden each year, twenty fruit trees, and a half acre vineyard. We loved to camp and visited many National Parks in the western United States as the kids were growing. We were also lucky to be able to spend a month in Italy so our children were able to meet Paul's side of the family. As our children left home for college, travel, and marriage, Paul and I were so lucky to visit Spain, Austria, Paris and, of course, Italy. We also visited Costa Rica and Belize. We had been married for 46 years. I relocated to Chico. Two of my children live in Chico and four of my grandchildren. My youngest son lives in Carlsbad with his wife and two children. I'm so lucky to have my family so close. I'm lucky to have a close group of retired teacher friends here in Chico and Paradise. I enjoy walking, nature, reading, a little gardening, sewing and family meals together. I am so thankful to now have a new community of friends at Faith Lutheran.



Vickie Doeden

Moving here over six years ago I have been attending various churches in search of the right fit. To my surprise it is FLC, the church I attended as a child and confirmed my faith in 1969. My adult years have been spent living on a farm in rural SW MN. I was quite active in our farming operation but also often found myself working in various capacities with people with developmental disabilities. My last job before retiring was working at Shetek Lutheran Ministries as their Environmental Ed Dir. I am enjoying living in “the BIG CITY” again and partaking in many of the cultural and recreational opportunities in this area. I love hiking, biking, gardening, volunteering, and meeting new people. Much of my time in recent years has been in the role of caregiver for my parents (Jeanne Zimmerman). But whenever possible I head back to MN to have fun with my 5 grandkids. I’m looking forward to exploring more ways to serve with fellow FLC believers.

Worship & Music in May

Pastor Ben will return from vacation on May 2nd. **Don Heinz will preach on Sunday, May 1st in his stead.**

The Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, May 22nd** after worship. The entire congregation is encouraged to attend either in person or online as we vote on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year and welcome new council members on board.

Bell Choir meets on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. **Choir** meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. Bell Choir and Choir will be going on break in June and will resume in mid-August.

Art Play continues to meet Mondays at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Memorial Services for Al Shumate and Jim Kirks



In May we will be honoring the lives of two Christian men: Jim Kirks and Al Shumate.

Al and Jim were friends. Both served Faith Lutheran Church for decades, both lived out their final years as neighbors in Sycamore Glen Active Senior Community, and both have the resting place of their earthly remains in Faith's columbarium. It is fitting that their celebrations of life be beside each other.

Funeral Service for Alfred Shumate: Saturday, May 7th, 3pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

Funeral Service for James Kirks: Saturday, May 14th, 2pm at Faith Lutheran Church.

Council Nominations

Dear members of Faith, we're coming up on the church Annual Meeting which will be held Sunday, May 22, 2022 after worship in the sanctuary. Your participation will be much appreciated as we address church business, bid good-bye to several of our council members, and elect several new leaders. If you know of someone that you think might be a good fit for the council -- or are interested in serving yourself -- please read through the attached ministry description, talk to a current council member or Pastor Ben to get more details on what the position entails, and get your nominee's permission to submit their name. Nominations should be sent to Joel Zimbelman, chair of the Nominating Committee at joelzimbelman@gmail.com tel. 530.520.9608. **Deadline May 8, 2022.**

Council members provide the oversight needed to ensure that Faith Lutheran lives out its mission of being a community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone. Council members gain intimate knowledge of the life and ministry of the church, and through a leadership role, will plan, mentor, and serve in developing Faith. The council is the entity legally responsible for Faith Lutheran Church, and responsibilities include:

- Providing appropriate spiritual leadership to the congregation.
- Always, through prayer and discernment, keeping the welfare of the congregation at the center of your activity.
- Being a member in good standing of the congregation, regularly attending worship services and other dimensions of congregational life.
- Attending meetings of the council and the Annual Meeting in May.
- Treating all matters relating to council deliberations as strictly confidential, until such time as the information is determined a matter of public record.
- Ensuring that the decisions of the council and the congregation are carried out. Being a part of a united body of church leaders by publicly supporting decisions of the council.
- Respecting and treating members of the council and staff as siblings in Christ.
- Being familiar with the governing documents of the congregation (constitution, by-laws, annual reports for the past five years, review of Council and Executive committee minutes for the past two years).

Easter Chrysanthemums



From Wendy Pine, in memory of Esther Pine.

From Bill & Carolyn Kees, in memory of Selma & Ray, and Lena & Bill; and in thanksgiving of Matt & Kimberly, and Amanda & Jamie.

From Marge Troester, in memory of Steve Troester.

From Carol & Steve Hall, in thanksgiving of Jake, Mikayla & family, and Cora & Kristina.

From Margaret Bergman, in memory of Dick Bergman, Doris Bergman; and in thanksgiving of Deborah, Dorothy & family

From Joel & Linda Zimbelman, in memory of Jim & Elaine Waples, Ernie Zimbelman, and Kaywood Fuqua; and in thanksgiving of their children, grandchildren, and families.

From Roseanna & Michael Cassetta, in memory of Rosemary Smith.

From Dax & Karen Kimmelshue, in memory of their parents Ed & Ruby, as well as Keith & Anneliese Williams; and in thanksgiving of Isaac Dee Gallion & Ruby Gallion.

From Michael Nicholson, in celebration of the companionship of Denise Parkin, Carol Grandy, Dorothy Nelson, and Anne Tsong.

From Cindy & Bob Stewart, in thanksgiving of family.

From Margaret McMillan, in memory of Hulda & Sam McMillan.

From Carol Grandy for peace in the Ukraine; in remembrance of mother Doris Grandy; and for the health of Denise Parkin.

From Ruth & John Coutts in memory of their son Johnny.

From Rod & Ouida Quacchia, for the health of Carol Grandy.

From John Swanson, in thanksgiving for all of his loved ones.
From Vickie James, in memory of her mothers Dorothy Allen & Marjorie James.

From Carl & Faye Johnson, in memory of Carl's parents Mildred & Harold Johnson, of Faye's parents Opal & Malcolm Stucy, and of Faye's sister Nancy Teigland.

From Kathy & Michael Harris, in memory of Chuck & Helen Skow, Rick, Elizabeth, and Mark & Doris Harris; and in thanksgiving of Stella and Amos.

From John & Edith Bullerjahn for Stephen Bullerjahn.

From Molly & Dave Barnum, in thanksgiving for our children, our in-laws, and our grandkiddos.

From Char Miller, in thanksgiving of her grandchildren Baily, Destiny, and Mathew.

From Bill & Marj Bebensee, in thanksgiving of their family.



Dear members of
Faith Lutheran Church,
As we write this letter
after our Easter
celebrations, our
Stewardship Campaign is
heading into its last year.

Stewardship Campaign Update

Joel Zimbelman & Tod Kimmelshue



At this point nothing better describes our experience serving as co-chairs of this committee than thankfulness and gratitude. We truly live in a blessed community. You all have been consistent and present members in these challenging times, and have come through financially for Faith when it really counted. Your regular giving and special gifts over the past two years (and commitments from many of you for support into the coming year) has allowed us to make huge inroads with facilities maintenance and the upgrades that we committed to in 2020.

Most importantly, we can celebrate a new AV system in the sanctuary with a new soundboard, speakers, mics, and bluetooth hearing connections. This has improved sanctuary worship and allowed us to connect to many members who were unable to get to church during Covid. We have a campus network system in place that will supply cable to all of our rooms and a full mesh wi-fi coverage of our campus. It will also allow phone and security upgrades down the road.

We've refurbished offices, the conference room, and classrooms with paint, carpet, and lights. In addition, we've replaced four air conditioning units, replaced air duct work and thermostats in our education building, and installed new lights and fire suppression equipment in the kitchen. You don't see it just by walking around the courtyard, but we had to face roof, electrical, and landscape water challenges, and these are now behind us. Our stove, refrigerator, freezer, and safety equipment is all in great shape to serve us for many more years. New furniture (purchased and gifted) is replacing pieces that have outlived their life in ministry. Still, we have a ways to go to finish up our long list of capital maintenance and needed projects. Bathroom renovations, new lighting in crucial spaces, office refreshes, landscaping and exterior paint, and nursery and toddler gathering spaces are crying out for attention. Heating and AC needs are going to emerge in the not-too-distant future. But, at this point, look at what we have accomplished together. Your generosity and care for Faith has made our needed improvements a reality!

The growth and vibrancy of our future ministry is going to depend to some degree on what we can accomplish on that "still to do" list in the coming months. Our overall stewardship drive has a goal of \$400,000. As of April 2022 we have received about \$230,000 in pledges and about \$200,000 in actual gifts, so we are about half way to our ultimate goal. As we begin to return to in-person worship in greater numbers, we will need to address the sizeable operating budget deficit that we are facing for this year (see Mark Kimmelshue's financial report for this month). Additionally, we are going to be called on to expand our regular giving next year to meet increasing operating expenses (see the related article in Faith Talks; you'll hear much more about this at the annual meeting). Once these challenges have been addressed (and they are a priority for the council), you'll be hearing a bit more from us about ways we hope to complete the Stewardship Campaign in the coming year. For now, we will move carefully toward our goal of receiving the last \$170,000 in pledges needed to close out the campaign. Our regular budget and the capital campaign both present us with challenging goals, but both of us know the history of this congregation's generous giving and its commitment to the rich ministries in which we are engaged. The church council will provide updates and guidance as we move forward. They will continue to approve every expenditure before we launch into a project. As always, we will only spend what we have in the bank.

That's the overview for this month. Change is in the air, and our Spirit-filled community is making great strides in growing back many ministries following the pandemic. Seeing your faces back in live worship and at weekly church activities confirms our feeling that we are members of a most blessed Christian community!

Tod Kimmelshue and Joel Zimbelman, Co-Chairs
Faith Lutheran Stewardship Campaign Committee 2020-2023

Around the time that our mission statement was created, Kim and Mary Schweder started developing a means of equipping the congregation by way of tracking spiritual gifts and forming small groups. Over the last several months, you've seen our small groups flourish. But what about spiritual gifts?

Equipped to Serve

Michael Nicholson, Manager



In July 2021, a template for “position guides” was created. These guides describe each and every ministry of Faith. Quilters. Sacristans. Youth ministers. Communion servers. Craft-makers. Council members. Everything! And each guide comes with a description, qualifications, time commitments, the benefits of serving, and who to contact to join up.

It took a long, *long* time to get these guides done, in part because the ins and outs of different ministries changed during the pandemic; and in part simply because there were a lot of guides to create! But it wasn't just guides I was putting together: it was *Equipped to Serve*, the book our equipping ministers will be using to discern the gifts of congregants, and a guide for people looking for a place here.



DO YOU FEEL EQUIPPED?

Whether you're a first time visitor or you've been at Faith for decades, sometimes we want to serve but don't know where we fit in. "I'm at church. Where do I go from here?" That probably sounds familiar. This book is like stonework, put into place so that you can not only find your place at our table, but explore without feeling overwhelmed. We want you to feel welcomed in worship, gathered with community, equipped for purpose, and finally, like there's a place you're excited to serve.

The book starts by asking the question, “Do you feel equipped?” This encourages members and visitors to reflect on our vision as shown on the left. Before browsing this hundred-page catalogue, it leads the reader through stepping stones: #1, come to worship #2, get a nametag #3, meet the staff #4, exchange contact info #5, take the spiritual gift assessment to learn what your gifts are #6, browse the catalogue, and finally, #7... serve!

The contents of the book include 62 ministries (that means 62 guides and 62 unique ways to serve at Faith!) broken up into 9 categories: Worship & Music, Administration, Council & Leadership, Education, Equipping Ministry, Fellowship, Family Life, Prayer, and Social Ministry. You can also see these 9 types of ministry on our website by clicking “ministries” on our home page.

I'm relieved and proud that this project is done. Infinite thanks to the Schweders who jump-started this and inspired me throughout the process. If you are interested in checking out the book or learning what gifts God has bestowed upon you, please give me a call and we'll get started! Or check out the guide in your spare time by going to our homepage, clicking “Resources,” and selecting “Equipped to Serve.”

The ELCA describes the gift of intercession as “the gift that enables a believer to pray with the certainty that prayer is heard and when requests are made, answers will come.” Ephesians 6:18 says,

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.”



SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART IX: INTERCESSION

Bill Kees, Cyla Nelson, Jamie Holmes

A handful of ministers at Faith who serve with the gift of intercession were asked one question: how do you help others to pray with certainty? “Prayer is an action of submitting ourselves and being open to God’s presence,” says Bill Kees, pastor, and leader of Centering Prayer. “I usually begin by simply noticing my breathing. We breathe all the time. It is on autoplay. So this practice is to notice this amazing gift that gives us life that is God’s very presence. In this spirit we can pray at all times with all kinds of requests and prayers (Ephesians 6). As we rest in this quiet we will hear invitations that come that bring life. My prayer is not to control the outcome but to be open to God’s love. In that spirit we bring both our consolations (highs) and desolations (lows). If you think you cannot pray, try to hold your breath. When you gasp for air you are praying. Thank you O Holy Breath!”

Cyla Nelson is a Eucharistic Minister and Stephen Minister. She has also participated in fellowship ministries we call “Courier” and “Phone Call Minister,” delivering groceries to folks who are homebound, or calling people who could benefit from hearing a friendly voice. Cyla had an enlightening answer to the question: “I don’t! I just invite them to pray. Jesus isn’t about certainty,” she explained, saying that this sort of view was a little ‘old-testament’. “[Jesus is] about doing the best you can, and trusting God to do the rest. So I invite people to pray, and certainty comes with the prayer. God’s grace provides certainty.”

“God’s grace provides certainty.”

Stephen Ministry leader Jamie Holmes explains that “In Stephen Ministry, the focus of our caregiving is on process, not outcome. We affirm that God is the cure giver and we are the caregivers. We pray for outcomes for our care receiver we believe are the most desirable but we do that knowing that God’s outcome may not be the same as ours. We grow as we trust God pours love upon us even when we don’t recognize it. Our certainty is knowing that God’s Holy Spirit is working through us as we walk alongside people who are going through a difficult time of life.”

We are here to pray with you. Please contact the office at (530) 895-3754 if you have a prayer request, are interested in joining Tuesday afternoon Centering Prayer, or would like to connect to other prayer ministries.

Health and wellness are a focus of ELCA teachings and the church's advocacy work. ELCA teachings state that "physical and mental health is an essential component of a Christian vocation and is God's intention for every human being. It is vital to our well-being and helps

strengthen relationships and enhance our Christian service in our communities and world. Promoting good health is our shared endeavor with God, just as caring for our neighbor's health is an expression of Christian love and service."

Shalom Free Clinic: Treating the Mind, Body and Spirit

Doug De Soto, Social Ministry Chair



The Social Ministry Team is committed to raising awareness about health-related ministries in our local community. Earlier this year, the Social Ministry Team voted to formally support the work of the Shalom Free Clinic by allowing the group to use one of the church's classrooms for counseling purposes and through an ongoing financial commitment starting in July.

The mission of the Shalom Free Clinic is "to provide underinsured and uninsured children, teens, and adults with primary care interventions, health service, and education." This includes physical, mental, and behavioral services. All services are provided free of charge. The Clinic is entirely staffed by volunteers, both medical and non-medical, from Chico and the surrounding community. Medical volunteers in every field and non-medical volunteers for such things as childcare, baking, greeting, clean-up crew, maintenance, shopping, and translators are needed. FLC members interested in making a difference in our local community by donating your time and knowledge to the Shalom Free Clinic, can go to the volunteer page at shalomfreeclinic.org or contact Nancy at 530-518-8422.

The Shalom Free Clinic is located at 1010 Mangrove Avenue, just across the parking lot from the church, and operates on Sundays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For additional information, please contact Doug De Soto at 530-354-1453.

Community Resources & Volunteer Opportunities

Doug De Soto, Social Ministry Chair

ELCA TEACHINGS promote the idea that "we are freed in Christ to serve, love and care for our neighbor, and in this work we strive to ensure that all people have a livelihood that is sufficient to meet their basic needs and is sustainable in creation. Grounded in God's love and forgiveness,

we are equipped to live and serve here and now, in the world, with all its complexities, tensions and ambiguities." The Social Ministry Team has promoted ways to serve in the here and now to FLC members over this past year through our ministries involving the Mercy House, the Torres Shelter Dinner, Blue Bags, the Hunger Trolley, the Parking Lot Food Bank, Comanche Creek Clean-up, North State Shelter Team Shower Project, and the Shalom Free Clinic.

Our ministry also provided support to other local service providers who work with those without housing through donations to Safe Space, the Jesus Center, the Torres Shelter, and the Chico Housing Action Team. In addition to our “in-house” ministries, the Social Ministry Team also celebrates those agencies who support the less fortunate and encourage those who are looking for service opportunities in the wider community, or if you know someone in need, to explore the following.

STREET OUTREACH

Chico DSA

Chico DSA is the local chapter of the Democratic Socialist of America. Chico DSA is working towards making our community better through mutual aid, education, and community. The Chico DSA distributes food and hygiene supplies to our unhoused neighbors. On Saturdays the group distributes supplies to residents at Comanche Creek from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. For additional information go to www.chicodsa.org.

Chico Friends on the Street

Chico Friends on the Street is a group of volunteers whose goal is the validation of the rights of the homeless to live in the public space, with all civil liberties respected. Each Sunday we meet to distribute food, clothing, and other necessities. We also form friendships with those living in the public space. Street outreach also occurs on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 am at the downtown plaza (5th and Main). Bring breakfast items and join the group for coffee and community. For more information go to www.chicofriendsonthestreet.org.

Chico Heart Beat

Chico Heart Beat is a directory of events for those needing assistance in our community and for those looking for opportunities to volunteer. The directory was inspired by a small but mighty network of strong-hearted helpers, working hard to keep our neighbors alive. Go to www.facebook.com/ChicoHeartBeat.

HOUSING

Esplanade House

The mission of the Esplanade House, located at 181 E. Shasta Ave in Chico, is to provide a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment for homeless families while implementing a goal-oriented program designed to help homeless families and children move from crisis to self-sufficiency. For volunteer opportunities go to www.buttecaa.com/esplanade-house or call (530) 712-2600, Option 4.

Jesus Center

A non-profit organization working with our community to restore those suffering from isolation to community integration. The Jesus Center provides housing to nearly 60 individuals at six different sites. Contact the Jesus Center at (530) 345-2640.

Torres Shelter

In addition to providing meals to the unhoused, the Torres Shelter provides overnight shelter. Volunteers are needed to help shelter staff meet the needs of their guests assisting in providing available services and resources related to checking in, showering, laundry, mail, medication and more. Volunteer hours can be flexible to meet your schedule because the shelter is open 24-hours a day. Contact the shelter at (530) 891-9048.

FOOD

Chico Community Fridge


The community fridge is located on Pine Street in Chico between 6th and 7th Street and is open 24/7. The community fridge is free to all in need. Anyone is welcome to drop-off perishable packaged food items such as sandwiches, yogurts, cheese sticks, fruits, and vegetables, or desserts. Bottled water is always needed. There is also a pantry area for non-perishable food items as well. For more information go to www.facebook.com/Chico-Community-Fridge or take a drive by to see what is needed.

Food for All

Food for All is a local non-profit striving to provide healthy food to all. The food bank operates on Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm out of Trinity United Methodist Church located at 285 E. 5th Street, Chico. Families receive food “gleaned” from local Farmer’s Markets designed to provide healthy meals. Food for All can be reached at (530) 588-1250.

North State Food Bank

Every month the North State Food Bank serves an average of 45,000 hungry residents in a six-county region. The strength of the Food Bank is in its many volunteers! There are a ton of ways you can help including warehouse work; from light sorting and shelving of product to heavy lifting; organizing and sorting through boxes of food. Call the North State Food Bank at 530-712-2600, Option 3 to see how you can help.

A promotional poster for 'Virtual Lutheran Lobby Day'. The background is a photograph of a church interior with people gathered. Overlaid on the left is a dark blue vertical banner with white and light blue text. At the top of the banner is the text 'VIRTUAL' in white. Below it, 'LUTHERAN LOBBY DAY' is written in large, bold, light blue capital letters. Further down, the date and time 'Wednesday May 18, 2022 9am - 4pm' are listed, followed by 'Zoom'. At the bottom of the banner, the website 'register at loppca.org' is displayed. To the right of the banner, the text 'LUTHERAN OFFICE of PUBLIC POLICY - CALIFORNIA' is visible, accompanied by a logo featuring a map of California and a circular emblem with the words 'LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA'. At the bottom of the poster, the tagline 'advocate. learn. build relationships.' is written in a white, italicized font on a dark blue background. Three white diagonal lines are at the bottom right of the poster.

VIRTUAL

**LUTHERAN
LOBBY
DAY**

**Wednesday
May 18, 2022
9am - 4pm
Zoom**

**LUTHERAN OFFICE
of PUBLIC POLICY
- CALIFORNIA**

advocate. learn. build relationships.

register at loppca.org

Lutheran Lobby Day

Register for our third annual Lutheran Lobby Day! We will gather virtually again this year to support bills for social, racial, and environmental justice in California. There will be opportunities to learn together in workshops and Advocacy 101, and you'll be scheduled to meet in a group with two legislators during the day. Come whether you've lobbied your legislators dozens of times or if this is your first time! All are welcome.

Please share with your communities through church or youth group newsletters, etc. We are living out a Lutheran theology in our advocacy, and we welcome anyone who is working for justice and peace to join in for Lobby Day.

Register by Tuesday, May 10, 2022. For FAQs and more information, click [here](#).

April was a busy month at Faith Lutheran Church! Our youth gathered for an Easter Egg hunt, and time together early in the month. We dyed Easter Eggs, and talked about our 7 Deadly sins, focusing on greed, and what it means to have enough.

Faith Family News

Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life



Our young adults gathered the morning of April 16th for a service project! Over 1,100 Easter eggs were collected through your amazing generosity as a congregation for this event. We had so many donated that we were able to use 350 additional eggs for Sunday morning, and for our young adults to have their own hunt. Our young adults also shared breakfast together before we competed for our latest Blue Jacket Event. Trish won this month for being great at hiding eggs, and really great at letting others find more eggs.



We had an amazing number of children attend our Easter Egg hunt here at Faith Lutheran. Check out the photos here, and on Facebook at facebook.com/Faithlutheranchico.



Small Groups Report

Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life



SENIORS

A conversation based group for FLC seniors

Contact Nola at
(530) 891-3575

Or Veronika at
(530) 566-4798



We're kicking off a small group for seniors starting in June here at Faith Lutheran Church! Veronika Kehoe and Nola Dosch are spearheading this group, and they're gearing up for some exciting opportunities! If you're a senior interested in joining this group, give Nola or Veronika a call -- they're excited to meet you!

Our Pray and Play group, which is a social activities group for the 40+ crowd here at Faith Lutheran, will be gathering in May for a special activity. If you're interested in attending, give Elise Gladu a call at (530) 520-4440.

The Young Adults group will be participating in the first official Faith-Tucky Derby on May 8th here at the church. There are 2 separate competitions for this event. First, will be the hat contest. Contestants are asked to create a beautiful derby hat for the occasion. Straw hats are available from Dani as the base layer to your creations. Participants are also encouraged to create their own hobby horse, or stick pony for the event that they will race on. The only rule for the horse, of course, is that it must resemble a horse. Real horses are welcome, but cannot participate in the race.



Benevolence Report

Lynette Stensrud, Financial Secretary &
Michael Nicholson, Manager

**JOIN US FOR a take-out Tostada
EVENING ON TUESDAY, May 24th. ALL
PROCEEDS FROM OUR DRIVE THROUGH
Tostada DINNER WILL GO TOWARDS
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF
OUR FRIENDS at Rancho Santa Marta!**

In March, \$949 was given during Lent and will go to support Global Empowerment Mission. Global Empower Mission is helping people who make it across the border to Poland get plane or train tickets to family members or friends where they can stay, rather than set up a tent city for refugees. Global Empower Mission is also providing immediate needs and care as they exit Ukraine, but the goal is to get them to safe havens. Read more at: <https://www.globalempowermentmission.org/mission/ukraine-crisis/>.

General Fund Finances as of 3/31/2022

Mark Kimmelshue, Council Treasurer



	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$371,013.32	\$311,515.01	83.96%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$362,696.02	\$344,242.78	94.91%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$8,317.30	(\$32,727.77)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2021		\$59,160.33	
Net Revenue through 11/30/21		(\$32,727.77)	
Ending General Fund Balance		\$26,432.56	

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 \$32,727.77. This is somewhat concerning and we all need to make an extra effort to give more for the next 3 months. General Fund giving should be prioritized. If we fall short paying the ongoing operating expenses, funds directed to special projects don't do much to spread Faith Lutheran's outreach to the larger community of Chico and the World.

The Church Council is addressing this issue, but the Council can't solve the problem with out 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:

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Budget Report

Mark Kimmelshue, Council Treasurer

Shown below is a condensed 2022/2023 Faith Lutheran Church proposed budget (yellow column). It shows an increase over last year's budget (green column) of \$48,611 which is primarily due to an increase in Pastor and Staff wages and benefits of \$45,336. The Church Council will be presenting this Budget for approval at the Annual Meeting. For a more detailed budget or if you have questions, please contact Mark Kimmelshue (530-520-8228) or kimmelshue@armcorice.com and a more detailed copy will be sent to you.

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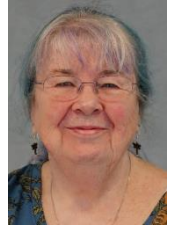
2022/2023 Budget

		2021/2022 Budget	2022/2023 Budget	Budget Difference	Actual Through 3/31/2022
1	Administrative Wages				
2	Admin. Wages Staff	161,000.00	175,080.00	14,080.00	107,472.62
3	Program Wages Pastor	83,160.00	87,651.00	4,172.00	58,321.87
4	All Personnel Wages	244,160.00	262,731.00	18,252.00	165,794.49
5	Personnel Benefits	69,624.69	96,709.14	27,084.45	50,057.83
6	Other Personnel Expenses	11,400.00	9,900.00	(1,500.00)	3,360.30
7	Benevolence	25,850.00	26,050.00	200.00	19,128.13
8	Business Operations/Finance	45,160.00	53,435.00	8,275.00	38,944.37
9	Subtotal Operations Property	36,950.00	38,200.00	1,250.00	33,575.01
10	Discipleship	700.00	700.00	0.00	119.97
11	Family Life Ministry	5,850.00	7,350.00	1,500.00	1,750.77
12	Worship and Music	9,300.00	10,500.00	1,200.00	6,330.59
13	Social Ministry	14,250.00	11,600.00	(2,650.00)	5,388.54
14	Mission Resources/Stewardship	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	362.63
15	Equipping Minisry	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	311.94
16	Search Committee	5,000.00	0.00	(5,000.00)	6,171.26
17	Capital Reserve Fund	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
18	TOTAL BUDGET	483,594.69	532,525.14	48,611.45	34,295.83

Council Minutes

4/18, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Sherrill Heinz, Council Secretary



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

1. Welcome and celebrations
2. Devotions and prayer
3. Covenant by all
4. Approval of Minutes of 3/15/2022 Council Meeting: Kimmelshue/Sample/Approved
5. Approval of Financial Report – (See attached) After much discussion: Heinz/DeSoto/Approved
6. Delegates for the Synod Assembly in June
Pastor Ben, Cynthia Kampf, and Don Heinz
7. Church Council Membership nominations process update:
Nominating committee has a few names and will open up the process to get some more ideas (names) from congregation
8. Audit Update: Bill Youngstrom will lead the audit committee to meet early in new fiscal year
9. Annual Meeting Update: May 22, 2022
10. Church Bell proposal from Don Heinz
11. Approval of Budget development for 2022 – 2023 – See attachments from Kimmelshue and De Soto: after discussion: Melvin/Sample/Approved
12. Announcements and upcoming dates of note:
 - a. Laura Cootsana: Presentation (Jesus Center Update) May 15, 2022
 - b. Annual Meeting: May 22, 2022
12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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