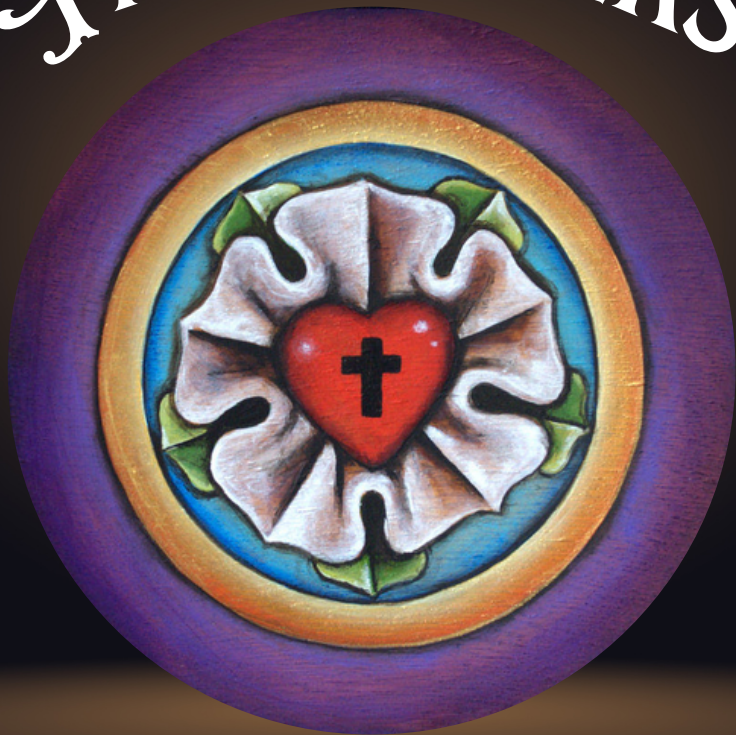


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# FAITH TALKS



SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:50 AM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCT 2

REFORMATION SUNDAY + BLOOD DRIVE OCT 30

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## ROSES



Veronika and Nola for starting  
up the seniors group.

The Pulliams for hosting the  
Young Adult pool party.

The Sample family for preparing food and  
serving it at the Torres Shelter.

Safe Space for once again hosting their  
cooling center from our church.

The Baptism of Sean Mehan, and the Halls for  
having coffee hour at the creek.

Gayle Palys and Elaine Lund for bringing pottery.

Doug De Soto for organizing God's Work, Our Hands; the City of Chico for loaning us tools, and the North State Shelter Team for loaning us a trailer; Hoff Dogs for feeding our ministers; our child care ministers and those who prepared food and drinks for the workers.

Glenn Pulliam and Linn Brownmiller for hanging the curtains in our classrooms.

# Family Life in the Fall

## **PRESCHOOL PLAY GROUP**

for toddlers, parents, and older siblings

Our smallest friends and parents are invited to attend our Preschool Playgroup, which meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays monthly. We will meet on October 9th and 23rd for outdoor play, a Bible Story, and more fun!

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

for ages 18-40

This group includes a monthly competitive event, such as mini golf, trivia, corn mazes, and more, where participants can win prizes and the coveted Blue Jacket TM. We also meet an additional time a month to just hang out and enjoy each other's company. Keeping budgets in mind is important to this group, and all "Field Trip" activities are 15 dollars or under. If you'd like to host this group for an evening, or would like to help defray costs for our young adults, let us know. Young Adults group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

for elementary kids

Sunday School is rocking and rolling weekly! We gather before worship starts, and head back into service together at the passing of the peace to meet up with our designated grownups. If you're interested in helping with this group, please reach out to Dani Vogel, our Director of Family Life, as we are looking for assistants and substitutes for the group.



## **YOUTH GROUP**

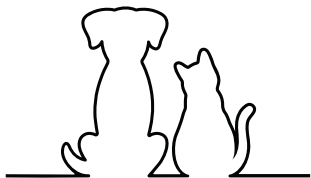
high school and jr. highers

This group meets at 1 pm on the first and third Sundays of the month. We love hanging out and having a great time. If you'd like to help mentor these kids by being present in their lives and at these meetings, or if you'd like to feed us some snacks or lunches, let Dani know! We are also looking forward to attending more events including the retreats sponsored by the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Council.

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# WORSHIP



## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & SENDOFF FOR MARGARET BERGMAN OCTOBER 2ND**

In honor of St. Francis Day, bring your well-behaved pets to worship on Oct. 2nd! Animals will be blessed at 9am before the service starts. Pets may then join the procession into the sanctuary. This is also the day that we will do our sendoff for our sister in Christ, Margaret Bergman, who will be moving to Folsom.

## **JILL BENTLER PREACHING OCTOBER 23RD**

Jill will preach while Pr. Ben is taking his daughter, Sophia, to meet her great grandparents in Mexico.

## **BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE OCTOBER 16TH**

Come and see what our quilters have made this time around! Whether you want a tasty treat or something knitted, crocheted, quilted or sewn, swing by the fellowship hall after church on the 16th. Proceeds go to fund student scholarships and purchase paratransit tickets to help folks get to church.



## **LANDSCAPE PLANNING OCTOBER 16TH**

Join us after worship on Oct. 16th to learn about the proposed changes to Faith's front yard, give your feedback, and find out how you can be a part of making Faith's campus a place of vibrant color and wildlife.

## **REFORMATION DAY & BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 30TH**

Halloween 1517 was the day that German monk, Martin Luther, nailed his 95 theses to the door of the All Saints Church to the Church of Wittenberg. The liturgical color of the day is red representing the Holy Spirit as well as martyrdom. On October 30th, we encourage everyone to **wear red** not only in observation of the incident in which our religious is founded upon, but in memory of Steve Troester for whom we donate blood this day. Sign up to give blood by calling the office! And to make the day more special, we will be officially welcoming new members!



Your Equipping Team is busily making plans not only celebration on "For All the Saints" Sunday but in the weeks before! The day promises to be unlike any other All Saints Day celebration you have seen before. It will be celebrated with dignity, respect and fun. Special music has been planned to include strings, brass, choir and other special music! Even the sermon will be centered around celebration of the saints now in the Church Triumphant but also the saints today.

Following worship on November 6th, we will celebrate all of our volunteer ministers with a fantastic potluck with special decorations and dessert served by our Church Council. You won't want to miss this day and this would be a fantastic opportunity to invite guests! Watch "This Week at Faith" for more details. We have loads of opportunities for volunteers and will be making signups available after church later in September. Teams are needed for logistics, setup, decorations etc. It is going to be a great day and your team is so very excited!

# For **ALL** the saints

A service to honor the memory of the saints of the past and to celebrate the saints of the present.

Bring a meal, snack, or drinks to share, this will be a potluck!

Bring photos of those who have died and place them on the altar.



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If you're a worship minister on Sundays, then we are asking you to practice "swapping" when you can't serve. Instead of declining outright, Elvanto will let you swap with someone OR send a request to replace someone. If you need help doing this, please talk to Luke, Dir. of Worship and Music by calling the office or emailing him at [lukenicolay1@gmail.com](mailto:lukenicolay1@gmail.com).

## *"My life has been a tapestry" -Carole King*

My first concert in Los Angeles was Carole King's 1971 "Tapestry" concert at the Greek Theatre. This past week, during an interview about Queen Elizabeth's death, a British broadcaster described the throngs who mourned her passing as a tapestry of all kinds of people who were touched by her life.

It has been said that Sunday morning is the most segregated time of the week in the United States. Lutherans, who originally came mostly from Northern Europe, are one of the most homogeneous groups. We don't consciously intend that to be the case, but we don't always know how to make it any different. How do we become a "Welcoming Church with a Place at the Table for Everyone"?

The photo at the right is part of a huge tapestry that hangs in Christianborg Palace in Copenhagen, Denmark. The Danish Queen's many tapestries depict people and events at various times in history. This is part of the newest piece. If you look carefully, you might find Donald Duck, the Queen and her children waving, the Beatles, raising the flag at Iwo Jima and much more.

In the top right hand corner, you will see a white part with the words, "Fill in with your own imagination". What can we imagine? What parts of our community are unchurched? What spiritual gift do we possess to reach out to our neighbors and larger community? How can the Chico community enrich our own lives? Travel does that for me. It recharges my heart and mind. You can travel in person, or by movies, television documentaries, local theatre and many more experiences. Sharing those with your friends and other members of the



congregation can give you even more ideas. Find a person that you don't know well. They have a story to tell. Invite them to share their story with you if they wish. We do have much more in common than we know. It truly is a small world.

The tapestry below contains many people and events – some celebratory, some horrific or difficult. Our lives are like that. What is in YOUR tapestry? Let's use our imaginations.



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## ***STEVE TROESTER MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE***

***OCT. 30, 2022  
8:30-11 A.M.***



Every two seconds there is someone in the US who needs blood. The Social Ministry Team is pleased to offer you the opportunity to contribute to this need! Those of you who have not been eligible to donate due to travel to the UK during Mad-Cow disease decades ago will be pleased to know that you are now eligible donors! The online link to sign up for an appointment is [donors.vitalant.org](https://donors.vitalant.org) and enter the Blood Drive Code **SMFR023**. Or if you prefer, sign-up for an appointment after worship service on any Sunday. The registration table will be available so long as we still have open slots.

The U.S. is facing a critical blood supply shortage. Vitalant, who supplies blood for 28 states currently only has a two-day supply. And even though 60% of people are eligible to donate, only 3% do. Please help us improve those numbers by donating on October 30th!

With gratitude, Marge, Jacob and Quin Troester

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: FOOD BANK & WTC

Six months ago, FLC and the Work Training Center (WTC) teamed up to explore volunteer opportunities for individuals participating in the WTC program at Nexus Chico run by Faith's own Elise Gladu. The Nexus program is a community-based recreation and socialization service for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Part of the WTC service is to explore community-based volunteer opportunities that their participants might take part in. WTC arranged to have 4 participants, under the supervision of lead worker Patty Gardner, assist with the bi-monthly food bank and they have become a valuable part of the volunteer team. Program participants Adam, Jenny, Brittany, and Jaden really enjoy helping and making sure that members of our community receive much needed food.



Adam stated he really likes working at the food bank. "I like that fellow community members can get food each month – food they might have gone without – because of the food bank. I especially like talking with the other volunteers and the people driving through to pick up food." Jenny says that volunteering is something she enjoys, and likes to be able to provide food for members of the community who otherwise might not have any. "I really enjoy the people I volunteer with and spending time with them. I love to see the cars and the smiling faces of the people when we put the food in the car for them. I really enjoy seeing the community come together to help others." Brittany loves to help people and give back. "I really enjoy working with all the other staff and volunteers. Volunteering makes me feel useful and needed." Brittany loves the volunteer t-shirt and badge that she received and proudly wears them on the first and third Friday of every month. Jaden started volunteering just a few weeks ago and he said, "I am really excited

to be starting this adventure." If his first few weeks volunteering at the food bank are any indication of how well he is going to do on this adventure, he will be amazing!

In summing up the partnership between FLC and the WTC, Elise Gladu said, "thank you FLC for letting Nexus people live out the meaning of their name: community unity." For more information on the food bank contact Doug De Soto at 530-354-1453 or the office at 530- 895-4474. For more information on the WTC program contact Elise Gladu at 530-343-7994.

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## SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART XIV: PASTORING

*Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

Pastoring is shepherding, but with people instead of sheep. Psalm 23 describes pastoring as done by God. According to the psalm, to pastor someone is to 1) remind them to rest, 2) to lead them to the Water of Life who is Jesus, 3) to encourage them, 4) to guide them toward godly living, 5) to walk with people through the hard times of life, 6) to help them celebrate God's goodness in the midst of adversity, and 7) to remind them that they are anointed by God for ministry.

A congregational pastor does these things professionally, but as Christians, each of us are called to do this vocationally. As Jesus says to Peter, "'Simon son of John, do you love me?' John said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep'" (John 21:16). Everyone who loves Jesus is called to shepherd the people around them. But some people are given greater spiritual gifts to do so.

Do you find yourself wanting to help folks know that Christ is with them in hard times? Do people come to you when they are asking questions about their purpose in life? Are you willing not just to tell people what they should do, but help them realize it for themselves and walk with them as they do it? You may have the gift of pastoring.

At Faith Lutheran people live out the gift of pastoring by serving as a Stephen Minister, providing one-on-one Christian care to hurting people. The gift of pastoring is used by small group facilitators as they shepherd a group to grow in their relationship with God and each other. Perhaps most notably, the council president is someone who has the gift of pastoring, as he or she guides the congregation to follow Christ. If you feel called to any of these ministries, or want to learn more about pastoring, we invite you to contact Pastor Ben at [colahanb@gmail.com](mailto:colahanb@gmail.com) or by calling the office.

*Written by Pr. Ben Colahan*



## INSTALLATION OF REV. DR. DAVID

Dear Pastor Ben, greetings from I, my family, and members of Kagitumba parish. Thank you for your previous email to me and good photo of your family.

On September 11th, 2022, a district pastor of Umutara, Rev. Ruhinda Theonest, installed me in Kagitumba Parish. That was a special Sunday service as we asked permission from the government, and it was successfully done. 120 Christians from Kagitumba and two choirs (Inyenyeri choir for children and New Power choir for adults) attended that Sunday service. I would like to describe [these photos]:

[Below are photos of] a district Pastor installing a new parish pastor of Kagitumba; a new parish pastor [with] my wife Mukundwa Rose and other parish leaders; [the] New power choir; and my family. From left side is my wife Mukundwa Rose, followed by Gikundiro Rebecca (second born), third person is me, forth person is Mwiza Anitha (last born) followed by Kaliza Saveline (first born), and last person is Bahizi Eric (third born).

Thanks,  
Rev. Dr. David  
Parish pastor of Kagitumba





## REFORMING THE SIERRA-PACIFIC SYNOD



On Oct. 31st, 1517, the German monk and New Testament professor Martin Luther posted 95 theses on his church door which sparked a European-wide debate about the nature of faith and the purpose of the church. And so each year at Faith Lutheran, on the last Sunday in October, we

commemorate this beginning of the Protestant Reformation. The purpose of Reformation Sunday is not to celebrate that our spiritual ancestors perfected the church 500 years ago, but to remember the gospel insight of that reformation: that our relationship with God depends not on our own perfection, but on God's perfect love for us in Christ. Remembering this good news, Reformation Sunday asks us to consider how we as the modern church need to continual reform ourselves to live out this foundational truth of our faith.

Our congregation is part of the Sierra Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our synod is composed of Lutheran congregations from as far south in California as Porterville, all the way north to Yreka, as well as congregation in northern Nevada all the way out in Elko. These congregations try to work together to live out our common mission of sharing Christ's love in word, deed, and sacrament. All these congregations are overseen by a bishop who is tasked with ensuring that congregations and pastors properly live out the gospel and with maintaining the unity of the congregations within the synod.

If you follow church related news or listened to my sermon on June 12th, you know that our previous bishop was forced to resign over their mishandling of a pastor accused of misconduct. Since then, we've had an interim bishop appointed, Claire Burkat. Many of you may remember when Faith Lutheran had our interim pastor, Dave Ernat. Pastor Dave's job as interim was to help Faith Lutheran understand who we were as a congregation, help us name and address what was unhealthy within our congregation, help us name and strengthen what was life-giving within our congregation. I am incredibly grateful for the work that Pastor Dave did as an interim. Bishop Claire's work will be same.

Already, Bishop Claire has realized that our synod needs to change more than just our bishop. For a long time, all major decisions within our synod have been made by the Office of the Bishop. This includes everything from which pastors got to interview with which congregations, to what to do with the property of closed congregations, to which



ministries receive synod financial support. This has had two major consequences: 1) it has been incredibly slow and difficult to get anything done, because the office of the bishop only has 4 people on staff, and 2) it has seeded great distrust between congregations, pastors, and the bishop. In the two months since Bishop Claire has taken office, she has named three priorities for our synod: 1) Unity, 2) Capacity, and 3) Discernment of the Spirit. Bishop Claire realizes that our synod will never be able to properly function if a single office in Oakland is trying to make every decision. And so our interim bishop is trying to decentralize and localize decision-making through strengthening our synod's conferences. Conferences are smaller regional gatherings of congregations. If you think of a synod as the equivalent of state like California, a conference is a county like Butte. The bishop believes that conferences would better understand the needs of their neighboring congregations and could more quickly and appropriately respond to support each other, not through a top-down hierarchy, but through the mutual support of siblings in Christ.



To strengthen the conferences, the bishop is planning gatherings for each of the nine conferences in the next two months. Our conference is the "Redwood Conference" or Conference #1. The Redwood Conference is by far the largest geographical conference. If you imagine a line drawn from Petaluma to Paradise, our conference includes everything north to the Oregon border. Because our conference is so large, the bishop will be spending three days touring the Redwood Conference. She will be closest to us on Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 2:30pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Artois. I highly encourage you to come and hear how she is helping us reform our synod.

One other way that Bishop Claire is working to strengthen the conferences is by strengthening the role of the dean. Deans are congregational pastors who are elected by their conference to build unity within the conference. This summer, I was elected dean of our conference.

Previously, deans were primarily ceremonial figureheads who would show up at the installation of a new pastor. But Bishop Claire has asked deans to take on a larger responsibility. This larger responsibility is to guide congregations within the conference when they say goodbye to a pastor, to guide congregations through the process of calling a pastor, to coordinate the conference in making decisions that affect their life together, and to generally be a liaison between congregations and the bishop.

The increase in responsibilities is not what I expected when I agreed to serve as dean. The bishop estimates that these duties will require an additional 20-25 hour a month of my time. Because this time will come at the expense of our congregation, the synod will be compensating Faith Lutheran by about \$10,000 per year. While the money will certainly help our budget, I am taking on this additional responsibility because I understand that we as individuals are the church. This is true on a congregational level, and this is true on a synodical level. I want our synod to better live out the gospel together. I want locally informed decision making about what happens with our shared resources. I want to have stronger relationships with my siblings in Christ in Eureka, and Redding, and Santa Rosa.

Just as I am stepping up to help our synod reform around the gospel, I invite you to consider the ways that you might step up at Faith Lutheran, to be the church, to help our congregation better live out the gospel, to help us make better decisions about our shared resources, to strengthen your relationships with your siblings in Christ.

God's perfect love for us means we are set free from being defined by the failures of our past, both as individuals and as an institution; Christ's grace gives us the opportunity to be reborn and be reformed each and every day. I am so grateful to be reforming with you.

Your brother in Christ,

## STAFF AWAY TIME

Dani, Dir. of Family Life, will be on vacation from October 3rd-9th and will return on Monday the 10th.

Pr. Ben will be taking Sophia to visit her great-grandparents in Mexico and will leave on Monday, October 17th and be back on Monday, October 24th.

Michael is looking for people to cover the desk for him while he's on his honeymoon. Coverage is needed from November 14-18, 21-23. Please let him know if you're interested!

**Ben Colahan**

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Sabbath: Fri/Sat



**HANDBELL PRACTICE**

**TUESDAYS @ 5PM**

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

**THURSDAYS @ 5PM**

**CONTEMPORARY PRACTICE**

**THURSDAYS @ 630PM**





### MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

THU OCT 13, 10AM

FAITH LUTHERAN

Randy Franken leads this group of women as we meet for prayer, study, and meaningful discussion.

### YOUNG ADULTS 18-40

2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS  
OF THE MONTH

We have one game, competition, or hands-on activity a month; our other day is for relaxing socially.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

FRIDAYS AT 8AM

FARMER'S SKILLET  
ON RIO LINDO

Join this group of men for light conversation and breakfast.

### YOUTH GROUP

1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS  
OF THE MONTH

Join this group of men for light conversation and breakfast.

### WILDERNESS WORSHIP

OCTOBER 16TH AT 1 PM

Join us for a hike along the Deer Creek Trail. The trail follows a beautiful stream culminating at a fish ladder. Our hike should be perfectly timed to enjoy the leaves changing colors for the fall. 2.4 miles total miles and 250' elevation gain. Meet at the church parking lot at 1pm on Sunday, Oct. 16th. Bring sturdy shoes, water, and a hat. Dogs are welcome on this hike.

Join any small group  
by calling Dani,  
Director of Family Life  
at (530) 3754 or  
emailing her at  
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### TABLES FOR 8

A group of 8 people who meet at the homes of parishioners to get to know one another.

### SENIORS

SELECT MONDAYS  
AT 10 A.M.

Join Nola Dosch and Veronika Kehoe as they provide a prayerful and conversational space for seniors of Faith to meet.



## SPIRITUAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS



Spiritual Support Volunteers are an interfaith group of community members who visit with patients through on-site rounds or by faith specific referrals at hospice facilities or in patients' homes. Please join us for our information meeting to learn more on Thursday, October 6th from 10am-12pm at 1528 Esplanade (across from the hospital).

## IMMIGRANTS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

Recently, a group of immigrants, without money, a plan, or a way to get help, have been flown from Texas to the Sacramento Airport. A local non-profit is providing transportation, hotel rooms, and food for these immigrants until they can determine the means and ways to reconnect them with their families. Financial donations are welcome at [tinyurl.com/ncrwelcome](https://tinyurl.com/ncrwelcome). Let's take care of our new community members in NorCal style!

## LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF FOR HURRICANE FIONA

In Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, Hurricane Fiona brought torrential rainfall and devastating flooding to the islands. Almost exactly five years after Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico is again experiencing an island-wide blackout and damaged buildings and infrastructure. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Caribbean Synod to develop an immediate response in impacted communities. Any donations to Faith Lutheran designated to 'Disaster Relief' in the next month will go to these recovery efforts.

## PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Paradise Lutheran invites you to celebrate with them on October 9th. The reception will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the PLaCe fellowship hall. Paradise Lutheran is located at 780 Luther Drive, Paradise.

The property committee and staff have been chipping away at meeting the needs of the building. Our big project right now is the front lawn, but I don't want our little projects to go unmentioned! Carpet, baseboards, and paint were successfully applied to rooms 6-8. We've have nothing but good feedback from our Anonymous groups, scouts, and parishioners who meet there. They describe the room as being "a big improvement," "comfortable," and "a great place to meet."

The "Chapel" is slowly coming along. This is the last room in the office wing, the one closest to the sanctuary. Stephen Ministry, the Shalom Clinic's counselor, and the Women's Bible Study have all adopted use of the room, so we're working on sprucing it up. Darlene Hollmann donated a comfortable sectional couch in a beautiful rustic color. It compliments paintings by John August Swanson and art depicting Pentecost that adorn the walls. We will be putting in a book shelf to accommodate Stephen Ministry's books, as well as Bibles and books related to spiritual guidance and mindfulness to make this a place of meditation. We plan to carpet and repaint in the near future.

As it turns out, having a worship director and a family life director share a room is sometimes chaotic! Luke is staying right where he is, but Dani is going to swap with the financial office. This works well for everyone. Luke will have his own space for music, Dani for projects and family meetings, and the financial ministers will have more privacy and security. The main office has started the process of a deep clean. We are donating bulky kipple-traps like a table and filing cabinet, and opening up the space to make it roomier. Below are the "before" pics. I'll post some "after" picks in December!

And finally, an electrician came out and fixed the lights in the fellowship hall. They are now all fully functional, and it already makes a huge difference when you turn them on!



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Sabbath: Sat/Sun

# Faith Lutheran Church

## General Fund Finances as of 8/31/22

	Budget	Actual	Percent
	To Date	To Date	Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$69,610.55	\$62,411.30	89.66%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$88,754.17	\$91,149.73	102.70%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$19,143.62)	(\$28,738.43)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2022		\$51,733.07	
Net Revenue through 8/31/22		<u>(\$28,738.43)</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u>\$22,994.64</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 \$28,738.43. This is somewhat concerning and we all need to make an extra effort to give more. General Fund giving should be prioritized. If we fall short paying the 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.

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**Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6:15 p.m.  
Conference Room in Office Building**

Present: Pastor Ben Colahan, Cynthia Kampf, Sherrill Heinz,, Alyssa Manes, Steve Hall, Jill Bentler, and Pat Snyder. Absent: Sky Sample, Mark Kimmelshue, Joel Zimbelman, Kyle Groh, Meredith Woods.

1. Welcome and celebrations
2. Covenant
3. Devotions – Doug Desoto
4. Request to Support North State Shelter Team Managed Campground proposal from Doug Desoto. Motion to send letter to City Council. Covers written by Pastor Colahan/DeSoto and signed by FLC church council and Social Ministry Team in support of campground proposal. Snyder/Bentler/approved
5. Approval of August 16th council minutes: motion to accept: Hall/Bentler/approved
6. Financial Report. Motion to accept: Bentler/Snyder/approved
7. Budget adjustments and realignment:.. After some discussion a motion was made to initiate a major Stewardship Campaign to support the General Fund, Hall/Snyder/approved
8. Front lawn and landscaping update and plans. Diagram of low water landscaping presented by Bentler. Motion made to present to congregation: Hall/Manes/approved
9. Safe Space report
10. Discussion about possible labyrinth in courtyard
11. Debrief of Welcome Home Celebration on August 28th: good participation, and potluck
12. Synod Communications: our synod covers a large area. In order to be more efficient the Dean of each conference (section) will keep in touch with all the churches in their conference. Pastor Colahan was voted to be the Dean of our conference, which will add approximately 25 hours of his time each month (which will be compensated by Synod). A motion was made to support Pastor in this new (extra) work in whatever ways we can: Bentler/Snyder/approved
13. Announcements and upcoming dates of note
  - October Church Council Meeting – moved from October 18th to October 11th due to Pastor Ben's vacation
  - Update on For All the Saints celebration on November 6th and the role of church council members
14. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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# Advent Workshop

## Home for the Holidays



We're excited to bring our Advent Workshop back indoors and outdoors for the first time since 2019! The workshop is scheduled for December 3rd, time TBD. Some of our fond favorites from past years will be returning including wreath making the chili cook-off. We are looking for help to make our season bright, and welcome our friends home for the holidays. We need:

- Someone to lead an easy craft that takes around 10 minutes to complete. We need 2 stations
- Someone to lead an intermediate craft station
- Someone to lead a wreath-making station. Wreaths will be small, table-top size
- Someone to lead an advanced craft station that takes about 20 minutes to complete. We need 2 stations
- Hospitality; someone to serve Christmas treats (coffee being provided by the Boyds from Has Beans)
- Outdoor decorators who are comfortable being on ladders
- Christmas tree assemblers
- Decorators for our worship space (Hanging of the Green)
- Chili cookoff judges with a hearty appetite
- Supply donors (see Dani for details on what kinds of supplies)
- Folks to help set up and tear down



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