

May

2023

# Faith Talks

A dove is shown in flight, wings spread wide, flying across the center of the image. Behind the dove is a large, vibrant rainbow that arches across the sky. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. The entire scene is reflected in a body of water at the bottom of the image, creating a symmetrical effect. The lighting is warm, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.



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Young at Heart



## Roses

**Carol Jemison, Nancy Gregory, Char Miller, and Chris Brown for providing chili and salad for our new members, and our new members for cleaning up and getting familiar with the kitchen. Rick Bentler, Joel Zimbelman, and Pat Snyder for tearing down the rest of the wall out front. Everyone who helped with Holy Week in any capacity. Little Red Hen for providing beautiful flowers for Easter. Dani Vogel and Lynette Stensrud for help with the altar for Good Friday. All who provided meals to the staff during Holy Week, or while they were out sick. Judy Struck, Jill Bentler, Sharon Prindle, and Joel Zimbelman for covering for Michael while he is in quarantine. And all of our easter egg donors!**

*A message to my dear church family: I wish to express my sincere gratitude to all those who helped to make Carl's memorial service and reception such a fitting, beautiful tribute to his life. I am so grateful for all your kind gestures and caring cards. Also, to any who may have called and tried to leave a message, my phone, unfortunately, does not record messages. So keep trying as I do love to hear from you.*

*-Harriet Skounborg and family*



# Faith Family News

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**Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life | 530.895.3754 | danifaithlutheran@gmail.com**

We had a busy spring at Faith Lutheran Church, and in the Family Life world, the standout event was our Easter Egg hunt. This year, our youth filled eggs following their pre-trip meeting for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! (Stay tuned for more news on how you can help us get to the city of jazz. But not the Jazz basketball team, they play in Utah. They used to live in New Orleans. The Pelicans live there now.) The generosity of our congregation was felt through the treats, toys, and gift cards that were found inside eggs or given as prizes. A special shoutout to Jenny James who created 4 beautiful gift baskets to go with our special eggs this year.

We distributed around 1,862 Easter Eggs across three events! We were able to serve over 30 kiddos, and 15 youth, young adults, and their designated grownups. And in a shocking turn of events, a designated grownup, Allison Hart, won the coveted Blue Jacket! The young adults' Blue Jacket has now been won by a youth and a grownup. The young adults might be able to win it back at The next Blue Jacket event, the 2nd Annual Faith-tucky Derby, which will be held on Sunday, May 14th.

We are looking for donations of pool noodles, odds and ends like craft ribbon, fancy colored duct tape, and old hats looking for some new love. This year, our trusty steeds will be on display the following Sunday, and we want to encourage our congregation to vote on their favorite foam pony by bringing a non-perishable item for the Blue Bags program. Bags will accompany the horses, and the winning pony is the one who collects the most food!

I also spent time resting and relaxing during the month of April, and am grateful to the staff, as well as Melisse Boyd for helping cover child care so that I could spend some time in the sunshine, with friends, and have a season of renewal. I am continually reminded how wonderful this congregation is, and how blessed I am to have you all in my life.







# Small Groups

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**Dani Vogel, Director of Family Life | 530.895.3754 | danifaithlutheran@gmail.com**

**As summer approaches we'd like to offer new small groups, but we need your help! If there is a group you'd be interested in creating and facilitating/co-facilitating, please let Dani know! We'd love to offer another facilitator training during the month of May, and to help launch groups this spring and summer.**

**Time Out for Art | 2nd Mondays, 1-4pm, room 6.** Take a little time out from day to day stresses and relax with art. Bring an art project that you'd like to work on in any medium that you can transport to a classroom, or use what's here. Contact Sherrill 530.518.0433 or Caryl 530.864.4630



**Alphabet Soup | meets as-wanted.** Our LGBTQ group meets for food, games, conversation, stories, and experience-sharing. This group is getting ready to plan for Pride month in June! Contact Grace 530.218.6636 or Michael 530.895.3754



**Wilderness Worship |** Explore the outdoors! Hike easy or hard trails, paddleboard, swim, creek-crawl, and discover the beauty of God in the outdoors. This group meets on an event by event basis. Contact Pr. Ben 530.895.3754



**Tuesday Quilters | Every Tuesday from 9am-noon in the fellowship hall.** Quilt, sew, and work on similar crafts every Tuesday! Contact Char Miller 530.570.6499 or Carol Jemison 530.345.8686



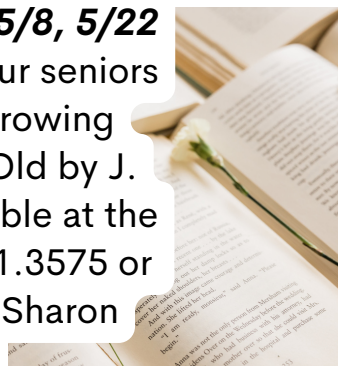
**Prayer Shawl Ministry | Last Tuesday of each Month at 5pm, Room 7.** Knit, crochet, sew and pray on the last Tuesday of each month! Make shawls, or work on your own project. Shawls are blessed and given to those who can use comfort. Contact Bill & Carolyn 530.809.0144



**Men's Breakfast | Fridays at 8AM** Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo Ave. Join our men of Faith for breakfast every Friday. Come and grab a cup of coffee, a warm meal, and delight in early morning fellowship. Contact Howie 530.896.0616



**Just Older Youth Seniors | 5/8, 5/22 at 10:30am, Room 7.** Join our seniors group as we read I Love Growing Older, But I'll Never Grow Old by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Books available at the office. Contact Nola 530.891.3575 or Veronika 530.566.4798 or Sharon 530.965.5870



A number of people have expressed interest in a **Bible Study centered around the amazing show Ted Lasso.** If you'd be interested in this group, to meet during evenings in the summer, let Dani know!







# Worship & Music

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## Music Practice

Bells Tue @ 5pm  
Contemporary Thu @ 6:30pm  
Choir is on hiatus

## Quilt Dedication

On Sunday, May 14th, we will dedicate quilts made by the Tuesday Quilters before sending them to the Sabbath House to spread warmth to women staying at the Jesus Center.

## Installation of Pr. Jose Luis



First Lutheran in Orland has a new pastor! His name is Rev. Jose Luis La Torre Cuadros. Originally from Lima, Peru, Pastor Jose Luis most recently served a congregation in Florida, and before that was an assistant to the bishop here in our own Sierra Pacific Synod. As dean, Pastor Ben will be preaching at the installation service for Pastor Jose Luis in Orland on Sunday, May 7th at 4:30pm. There will be a party following the service. If you would like to attend the party, please RSVP to First Lutheran's council president, Chuck Schonauer by writing to chschonauer@yahoo.com.

## Congregational Annual Meeting & New Member Welcome



The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, May 21st after worship, and after we welcome our brand new members.

You can stick around in person, or tune in online. During the Annual Meeting, we vote on next fiscal year's budget, welcome incoming council members, thank outgoing council members, show staff appreciation, and review the ministry of our church from the last year. This meeting will include engaging videos and discussions, and each and every member of Faith is highly encouraged to attend.

## Baptisms

We will baptize folks in the Big Chico Creek (Bidwell Park, by Sycamore Field) after worship on May 28th. Everyone is invited to walk or drive there to be a part of this special occasion.





# Pastor's Article

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Pr. Ben Colahan | 530.895.3754 | colahanb@gmail.com

*"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40*

This May will be a month of welcoming! The first Sunday in May we are invited to celebrate with First Lutheran in Orland as they welcome their new pastor! The third Sunday in May, we will welcome the largest class of new members we've had in the nearly seven years that I've been the pastor at Faith. And on the last Sunday in May, we will welcome three new people into the body of Christ through baptisms in the Big Chico Creek.

The act of welcoming someone is sacred. Jesus tells us that when we welcome one of his followers, we welcome Christ himself, we welcome God. Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Truly welcoming someone is more than saying, "hello." To welcome someone is to intentionally create space for their care, comfort, connection. When God visits Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre in Genesis 18, Abraham extends hospitality to God in three ways, saying: 1) "Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet," 2) "rest yourselves under the tree." 3) "Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves."

Abraham is caring for God by washing God's feet. Abraham is attending to God's comfort by providing a place to rest, presumably the best place to rest. Abraham is connecting with God by serving food and talking with God while God eats.

And while most of us these days don't offer to wash our guests' feet, we likely do tend to their physical care when they arrive in our home. We likely offer to take their jackets, offer them a drink, and maybe point them to the restroom. While we probably don't invite them to rest under a tree, we likely do tend to their comfort by pointing to a comfy chair or couch, maybe even the one in which we usually sit, and invite them kick back.





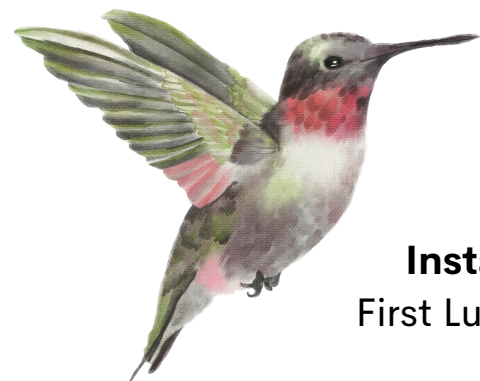
And then, like Abraham, we connect with our guests by offering them something to eat while we get to know them

These ancient traditions of hospitality are very much present in our culture within the context of our homes, but this month, I invite you to ponder how you might welcome people in the context of God's home.

Whether it's First Lutheran in Orland's new pastor, the members that will officially join the church, or the newly baptized, how can you as an individual welcome these representatives of Jesus into the life we share together? Perhaps you can attend to their care by asking if they need anything, particularly if they are new to the area. Do they need furniture, or recommendations for restaurants or mechanics? Perhaps you can attend to their comfort by inviting them to sit in your favorite pew or finding out what music inspires them in worship, and letting Luke or me know, even if it's not the music that most inspires you. Perhaps you can connect with them by inviting them to join you on an outing or by inviting them to serve with you in a ministry.

We are blessed to have so many people to welcome into the life we share together in Christ. May we let them know how much we cherish them and see Christ in them through welcoming them with care, comfort, and connection.

*Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Ben Colahan*



**Installation of Pastor Jose Luis la Torre Cuadros**  
First Lutheran Church, Orland, Sunday, May 7th, 4:30pm

**Welcome of New Members**  
Faith Lutheran Worship, Sunday, May 21st

**Baptisms**  
Big Chico Creek (Bidwell Park by Sycamore Field) after worship, Sunday May 28th



# President's Article <sup>p.8</sup>

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*All Are Welcome in this Place: A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE  
AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE.*

*A message from your Church Council President, Cynthia Kampf.*

***"They would be so proud."***

A friend recently attended our Sunday morning worship service and asked at the end, "Is there always this much energy?" "Yes!" I replied.

Imagine, if you will, that the founders of Faith Lutheran Church were able to see our church today. What would they think? I know that they would be proud of the work and service that you provide for each other and the Chico community.

Kim Schweder and Pastor Ben have taught us about our Spiritual Gifts. We all have different gifts, just as the body has different parts that function as a whole. Each member of the Faith Family is an important part of our ministry. We all give what we can and know that we can count on each other for support.

If you are ever in need of guidance, comfort, or encouragement, please know that there is someone there for you. If you can provide that for someone else, don't be afraid to take the first step to reach out. A smile is the first step to showing kindness. Give freely. Someone needs that.

This is my last Faith Talks article before the Annual Meeting on May 21st. We will be electing 3 or 4 new council members and new officers to serve as President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the Church Council. It has been a wonderful two years and I look forward to the leadership of a new team. We are very fortunate to have such gifted members in our congregation who are willing to serve in leadership roles.

May you always know that the founders of Faith would be proud of your work and service to the Faith Family and community.

*With love and kindness, Cindy*



# Called to Serve

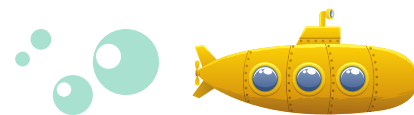
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*in the month of May and beyond...*

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## **Join the Church Council!**

Nurture the life and ministry of the church. Help our congregation and its people grow and thrive. Work alongside a diverse council invested in worship and community. If you are a rostered member and would like to be a part of the council, or recommend somebody, contact current council president Cynthia Kampf at 530.680.0925, ckampf@aol.com.



## **Office Subs**

Not submarines! Michael is looking for subs on May 4th and 5th, June 14th, and June 29th. Tasks are secretarial in nature. The work is easygoing, and subbing is a cool way to get to know parts of the church you might not know otherwise. You will also get to know the staff better and lend a hand to them, plus meet parishioners you might not have met yet.

## **Sunday School Teacher**

Caring adults are wanted to grow, play, and learn with our littles. Training will take place on your schedule. We ask folks to serve about once a month during worship in the Sunday School room. Contact Dani Vogel or the office if you'd like to help.

## **A/V Desk**

Make worship available to ALL by joining our A/V team. Without this team, we would have no audio on Sundays; nothing up on the monitors like lyrics or videos; and our people worshiping from a distance would not be able to do so. This team is crucial to worship, and more members are needed. Please contact Luke Nicolay or the office if you would like to see how you can help.

## **Drivers**

Driving somebody to where they need to be is a simple, yet meaningful act of kindness. If you're curious about who your neighbors are (in Christ, but also geographically!) this could be the ministry for you. Help your neighbors get to church on Sunday morning or a doctor's appointment during the week. Michael at the office can show you which parishioners live near you.

**Tod Kimmelshue** was awarded the title of 2023 Distinguished Alumni at Butte College. He and punter for the Indianapolis Colts, Rigo Sanchez, were honored guests at Butte College's Spring Gala. Check out the Chico ER, where you can read an article about Tod, what attracted him to Butte College, and the value he finds working in agriculture and making personal and professional relationships. Tod is the Butte County District 4 Supervisor.



Local celebrity Evie Puerta was featured in the Chico ER last month! Evie, lover of stories, attended story time at the Chico Library in a pair of fashionable rain boots. In honor of Evie, Faith Lutheran Church would like to encourage everyone to support your local libraries and reading institutions!



**Raquel Krach** is finishing up her Interdisciplinary Master's degree in Regenerative Agriculture. Her Thesis is called "Impact of compost and multi-species cover crop on almond production and soil health." She has been very busy lately! Raquel was featured in *Edible Shasta Butte* spring issue, and enjoyed getting to share her research on April 20th at CSU. You can go to Raquel's facebook page or [massaorganics.com](http://massaorganics.com) to check out the news. Raquel and her husband, Greg, own Massa Organics, a farm in Glen County where they grow almonds and rice.





# Easter Mums



*From Donna Garland, in memory of her husband, Tiny.*

*From Ruth Coutts, in memory of her husband John,  
and son Johnny.*

*From Carol Grandy, in memory of her loving mother,  
Doris, and for the healing of Ruth Coutts and Rod  
Quachhia.*



*From Dave and Molly Barnum, in celebration of family.*

*From Wendy and Bruce Pine in memory of Esther Pine.*

*From Dax, Karen, and Dustin Kimmelshue, in memory  
of Ruby & Edward Kimmelshue, and Keith & Anneliese  
Williams.*

*From Sharon and Ken Robertson, for their families.*

*From Steve and Carol Hall, in memory of Chuck &  
Billye Hall, Franklin & Lillian Stanley; and in  
celebration of Luke, Mikayla, Maverick, & Silas Hall,  
and Cora & Kristina Williams.*

*From Char Miller for her grandchildren.*

*From Eileen Wayne and Marnie Smith, for William &  
Rita Wayne, Marci Miller, Dolores Porter & Elizabeth  
Fessenden, Lola Taylor, Catherine Dailey, Bernice  
Wayne, Aunt Glenda, Aunt Pat, and Aunt Barb.*





**A funeral to honor the life of Graham Skinner will be held Saturday, May 6th at 11am.** A potluck will follow the service in the fellowship hall. Cards of condolence can be sent to Graham's wife, Laura Skinner, at 3828 Larkin Road, Biggs, CA 95917.



**The 2nd annual Faith-tucky Derby will be held on Sunday, May 14th.** We are looking for donations of pool noodles, odds and ends like craft ribbon, fancy colored duct tape, and old hats looking for some new love. This year, our trusty steeds will be on display the following Sunday, and we want to encourage our congregation to vote on their favorite foam pony by bringing a non-perishable item for the Blue Bags program. Bags will accompany the horses, and the winning pony is the one who collects the most food!



**Alphabet Soup**, Faith's LGBTQ group, will meet on **Monday evening, May 8th for a paint and sip session.** We will be making our own fruit-infused water. Please bring one or two of your favorite fruits to slice and share. The exact time we will meet is still TBD, but it will likely be between 5-6pm. Please RSVP by calling the office.



Come join the **Wilderness Worship** group for a morning hike at the Dye Creek Preserve on **Saturday, May 20th**, time to be determined. Dye Creek Preserve is a refuge located in the Lassen foothills, protected and managed by The Nature Conservancy. We will be hiking the Canyon Trail, a rugged 5 mile round trip hike. This is a strenuous hike with uneven footing, loose rocks, a few steep sections, and a shallow creek crossing. Bring plenty of water, a hat, and a packable lunch. Please RSVP with Pastor Ben or Michael by Wednesday, May 17th. We will be carpooling from the FLC parking lot the morning of.





# Financial Report

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## Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 3/31/2023

	Budget	Actual	Percent
	To Date	To Date	Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$406,837.69	\$365,226.32	89.77%
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$399,393.75</u>	<u>\$361,928.36</u>	90.62%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$7,443.94	\$3,297.96	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2022		\$56,320.95	
Net Revenue through 3/31/2023		<u>\$3,297.96</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u><u>\$59,618.91</u></u>	

General Fund giving improved in March as compared to February. Total March giving was \$32,751.13 which is helping to maintain a strong General Fund Balance.

The Church Council will continue monitoring this and report here on a monthly basis.

Thank You All for your continued support.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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# Council Minutes

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Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 @ 6:15 PM

Present: Colahan, Kampf, Sample, Kimmelshue, Heinz, Bentler, Groh, Hall, Manes, Snyder, Woods, Zimbelman

Absent: Sample

- 1) Welcome, Devotions, Covenant
- 2) Approval of 2/21 minutes: Kimmelshue/Snyder/Approved
- 3) Financial report: Heinz/Woods/Approved
- 4) Discussion of Book "Rich Church, Poor Church" Chapter 1
- 5) Report on staff evaluations and salary recommendations
- 6) Staff Continuing Education opportunities: \$750 per person per fiscal year. If more is needed, submit written proposal to Pastor for approval: Zimbelman/Heinz/Approved
- 7) Payroll software recommendation from Jeanette: Kimmelshue/Groh/Approved
- 8) Plant Operations update by Zimbelman: workday planned for April 29th
- 9) Future meetings:
  - April 18 – budget meeting
  - May 16 – plan annual meeting May 21
  - June 10 – joint old and new member/party@ C.Kampf's
- 10) Prayer and meeting adjourned





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Alyssa Manes, Steve Hall, Pat Snyder, Jill Bentler

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