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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



This service encourages movement! Except during the sermon, at any time you are encouraged to get up, raise your arms in praise, dance, light a candle, kneel before the cross, bless yourself with the waters of baptism, or pray with the healing prayer minister. You can also sit and relax the whole time.

We encourage you to discover how you can be a part of reflecting God's love through connecting more deeply with our community. To find out more, please speak with our Equipping Minister after worship or visit ChicoFaithLutheran.org

Our shared ministry is made possible by the generosity of our members. If you would like to support our work proclaiming Christ's love, you can either make a donation in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary, visit ChicoFaithLutheran.org/give or use the QR code



Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSVUE)

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVUE)

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³ Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Anxiety robs us, so Jesus robs our anxiety

Inattentional Blindness: Being so focused on one thing that we fail to see something else that is obvious but unexpected.

Fear is a response to an immediate danger.

Anxiety is an ongoing worry about potential danger.

We see what we are looking for. Jesus shows us what to look for.

Jesus frees us from being protective to being productive

We don't expect to see Jesus, but Jesus shows up unexpectedly

In what ways do you put energy into feeding your fears?

If you didn't have to put your energy into being protective, how would you want to be more productive?

Where have you seen God this week?

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons (5e) on 2nd & 4th Sundays of Month, 5pm, Room 6 (Kate Ory, Malinda Ard)
- Sundays @ 5 Service in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

Mondays

- Inviting Silence at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Time Out for Art in Room 6 from 1-4:00 p.m. (Caryl Quinones, Sherrill Heinz)
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting in Room 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Quilters in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to about 2:00 p.m. (Char Miller)
- Centering Prayer on Zoom from 4-5 p.m. (Bill Kees)
- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom from 5-6 p.m. (Pr. Ben)

Wednesdays

- Spanish Conversation Group on Zoom at 9am (Clark Colahan)
- Inviting Silence at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)

Thursdays

- Spiritual Seekers Bible Study on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room
- Afternoon Games at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse from 12 to 3:00 p.m. (Elise Gladu)
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Gambler's Anonymous at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Contemporary Music Practice in the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Troop 12 in Room 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Chris Brown)

Fridays

- Men's Breakfast at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo at 8:00 a.m. (Howie Stensrud)
- Bulletin Folders in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. (Laurae Dunn)
- Food Bank, 1st & 3rd Fridays in the Parking Lot from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Lisa Roehling)

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- Funeral for Bill Augros, Tuesday, December 2 at 1:00 p.m. with rootbeer float reception.
- Advent Soup Suppers and Holden Prayer, Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17 | Soup & Bread 6pm, Service 7pm.
- Advent Workshop Saturday, December 6 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. - Enjoy this free, all-ages community event with chili, cornbread, warm drinks, live music and holiday crafts!
- Safe Space Presentations, Sun. December 7 after EVENING Worship & December 14 after MORNING worship. Learn what Safe Space is, how it operates, and the impact it has on people's lives. You will be invited to help welcome our guests through serving meals.
- The ELCA supports food and education ministries around the world. Learn how your denomination is saving lives and how you can support this ministry.
- Lessons and Carols, Sun. Dec. 14 at 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal, 2341 Floral Ave. - Come and join the choirs of St. John's and FLC as we prepare for the birth of Christ! This event is free and open to the community. We will take a free-will offering that will go to help support the music programs at St. John's Episcopal and Faith Lutheran.
- GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, Thursday, December 18, 4-5:30pm in Room 7. The holidays can be hard, and we are here to offer encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of the season for adults who have lost a loved one.