

The Official Newsletter of Faith Lutheran Church of Chico, CA



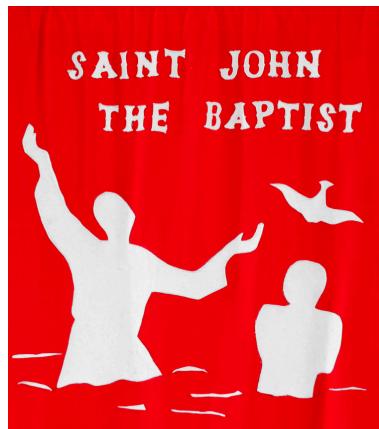
Janauary, 2026

FAITH TALKS

Worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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About the Cover

When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John didn't smile and say "Alright Jesus, get in the water and let's do this thing." He had an existential crisis. Jesus was coming to John to be baptized?!

John was flabbergasted by the notion of baptizing the son of God until Jesus said, as read in Matthew 3:14-17, "*Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.*" Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "*This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.*"



SAFE SPACE WINTER SHELTER

PR. BEN COLAHAN

In his 1543 Christmas sermon, Martin Luther denounced the people of Bethlehem for not making room for Mary and Joseph. Then Luther turned his attention to his own congregation,

And don't you people in this congregation think you'd have done any better if you were there. I can just hear you say, "Oh, we would have loved to take care of the baby Jesus. We would have washed his diapers." No you wouldn't! If you'd been there you wouldn't have done a bit better, and if you think you would, why don't you do it for your neighbor in your midst, who is Christ among you?

Taking strangers into our homes seems daunting. In fact, most of what Jesus calls us to do seems daunting if we do it by ourselves. But I have seen time and time again, that when we work together as people of faith, the Holy Spirit shows up and makes all things possible. In November, when so many in our community were worried about being hungry, together we collected 1,123 pounds of food for local food banks; that's above what we distribute in our parking lot food bank twice a month. In December, in the midst of weeks of frigid fog, together we collected a mountain of coats, hats, and sweaters for youth experiencing homelessness.



So this January, as we have for the past twelve years, we will do for our neighbors what Mary and Joseph needed done for them 2000 years ago: we will welcome them into our home, not our individual homes, but our collective home. From January 18 - February 1st, Faith Lutheran will house Safe Space Winter Shelter. Our fellowship hall will provide warm beds, good food, and caring attention for 60 people who would otherwise be on the streets. We do this, not only because there is a need in our community, but because it gives us an opportunity to know Jesus. This year, we will be telling the story of Jesus through Matthew's account of the gospel. Matthew 25 tells us that when Jesus returns in glory he will say,

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:35-6; 40)

When we care for our neighbors in need, we are given a glimpse of Jesus now. We see perhaps not the clean, comfortable Christ that we imagine leading us to eternal life, but the dirty honest Jesus who was willing to take up the cross to share our humanity.

So this year, when we host Safe Space, I want to invite you to join me in welcoming our guests. The first night we host Safe Space will be Sunday, January 18th. Our guests will arrive shortly after our evening worship ends. This gives us an opportunity to move directly from worshipping Jesus to serving Jesus. Marge Troester is organizing a team of folks to cook and serve dinner to our guests both the first day they will be with us and the following Sunday evening. This gives us an opportunity to get to know the people who are staying with us, to see Christ in them. It also gives our guests an opportunity to know us, to experience Christ's love through not just our building, but our hearts. We have a chance to show our guests that they aren't just staying in a building, they are staying in a house of God, the God who can transform their lives.

If you are interested in helping prepare or serve dinner to our guests, to play music for them in the evenings, or to learn how you can help in other ways, I encourage you to reach out to the office or Marge Troester who will be coordinating Faith's volunteers for Safe Space. Thank you for welcoming Christ into our home.



THE GREATEST GIFT PROJECT: SAFE SPACE WINTER SHELTER

MARGE TROESTER

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' -Matthew 25:40

We once again have a great opportunity to serve Jesus through serving our neighbors at Safe Space Winter Shelter. Safe Space provides emergency overnight shelter rotating through churches during the coldest months of the winter. They are a first-come, first-serve shelter but prioritize those with extreme vulnerability, putting them at too great a risk to sleep outside.

The shelter opens on December 21st at First Baptist and runs through March 1st. Faith Lutheran will host Safe Space from January 18-31 this year.

There are many ways to support Safe Space:

GREATEST GIFT SUPPLIES: In January we will be collecting supplies through our Greatest Gifts program. If you would like to contribute, please bring any of the following supplies to the cradle in front of the alter on any Sunday in January: socks, women's underwear, baby wipes, paper towels, hand warmers, coffee, and non-perishable, individually wrapped snacks.

Meals: If you would like to lead or be on a meal team while guests are at Faith Lutheran contact Marge Troester at 530-680-5287. You can also sign up to provide a meal anytime during the season by scanning this QR code or signing up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAF2FA5FAC25-59684336-safe#/>

Evening or Morning Shifts: You can sign up to help out with an evening or morning shift anytime during the season at the following link.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ACAF2FA5FAC25-59940439-safe#/>

Any Questions? Please text or call Marge Troester at 530-680-5287.





FACILITY NEWS

JOEL ZIMBELMAN, PROPERTY MANAGER

Here's a short update on ongoing projects and facilities maintenance that I hope will answer many of your questions about what we are doing to keep the doors open and what our "next steps" are.

With various projects completed through 2024 and early 2025, we turned this past summer and fall to addressing several smaller projects and three larger projects for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. We were able to get all of the lighting updated on campus both inside and out with LED lighting, thus saving us quite a bit of money on our electric bill. A new office phone system was installed and working very well; and the campus was re-keyed to increase security. Our parking lot has been patched, sealed, and striped just in time for the beginning of our new 5 p.m. Sunday service and the wet weather. And we started replacing all kitchen appliances with a new freezer and two Wolf electronic ignition gas ranges.

Now it's on to the bigger stuff--the "big ticket" items. By the time you read this I expect we will be well into the hard work on replacing all four of the roofs on the church buildings (including skylights, gutter repair and downspout replacement, flashing, venting, and gutter covers). If the weather cooperates, all of this should be done by the end of January. My thanks to Mike Baird and Priscilla over at Baird Roofing in Durham for taking this job on (Michael was the guy that did the roofing on our new buildings—a job that lasted more than thirty-five years!).

A good chunk of the rest of Spring 2026 will be spent getting our remaining five oldest HVAC units replaced—four in the sanctuary and one in rooms 5-8 of the education wing. Our business building has some structural issues along the walkway that need to be addressed, and those will likely require some rebuilding of the pillars holding up the south side of the building.

That's the scope of our near-term plan. Of course, smaller projects will need to be added as we move into late 2026 and beyond, including a couple of campus work days, some addition to our landscaping, exploring an expansion of our columbarium, and some interior remodeling work and painting in a few rooms. There is a lot of interest in getting the Fellowship Hall refurbished, but first things first! The Council will decide when and in what order new tasks get added to the work board. You can be sure that new challenges will arise and we'll have to address those as well, but for now I feel like we have our work over the next seven or eight months clearly before us.

The only reason we can address all of these needs is because of the generosity of this congregation through our Stewardship Campaign. It's just amazing how folks have been willing to step forward and contribute to this three-year drive at keeping our doors open for ministry. I am in awe of how steadily and generously those pledges came in, and know that going forward into 2029 and beyond we are going to have a fully functioning facility that will make it possible to fulfill the Great Commandment (and Great Commission) that we all live by. Love of neighbor can be brought to life in lots of different ways, but having space that we can occupy and share is an important part of living out that life.

Beyond the financial support you all contribute, keeping Faith Lutheran Church's facilities in good working order is a team effort. My sincere thanks to Rick Bentler, Bob Bay, Bill Kehoe, Judy Struck, Michael Nicholson, and many other members who step in frequently to help in the management of our property. Lights go on, stoves ignite, toilets flush, fridges stay cold, doors lock, and plants stay alive because of the consistent and caring work of these folks, as well as our hired janitorial, security, and yard maintenance services. If you have any questions or concerns, please let the office know and they will get the word to the Facilities Maintenance Team.

Joel Zimbelman



GROWING SUNDAYS @ 5 TOGETHER⁶

JOSH EDWARDS, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Faith Lutheran recently gathered to talk about the future of Sundays @ 5, and the meeting was full of energy and encouragement. About 15 people came together, many of whom are excited to volunteer and help grow this new service.

Several people shared interest in doing outreach around Chico, including passing out flyers at local events, connecting with people in the community, and visiting places like Chico State to invite students. One idea that stood out was offering a slice of pizza along with a flyer as a simple, welcoming way to start conversations and invite people to Sundays @ 5.

There was also strong support for creating space for community after worship. A number of people volunteered to help provide food following the service, whether that looks like soup, spaghetti, tacos, pizza, or other shared meals. The hope is to give guests a reason to stay, connect, and feel a sense of belonging.

Overall, the meeting showed a clear commitment to building a welcoming, relational service. With volunteers ready to reach out and care for others, Sundays @ 5 is off to a meaningful start, and we are excited to see how it continues to grow.

STEVE TROESTER MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Faith Lutheran Church will host its 14th annual blood drive on February 22nd this year during and after morning worship. Whether you are a new donor, an annual donor or a regular donor, we make it easy for you to participate in this life supporting ministry. We will have sign ups after Sunday worship in February. In the meantime, please pencil this in on your calendars!





A LETTER FROM TRICIA AND RON

TRICIA HOMESLY-HEATH AND RON HEATH



Good Morning from beautiful Texas! I have been wanting to write our family at Faith, however, we have been very busy Oma and Opa!

Our move to Texas was a big move and a fun one. We were happy to have my brother's mother-in-law ride with us for the adventure, Pat Hawkins, who is 92 years old. She has known me since I was 8 and I love having her around. She enjoyed the drive as we stopped along the way to see the history of the west. So much history here! She stayed with us for 3 weeks and helped unpack our new home. She is delightful. We arrived safely driving across the west and that was a great blessing.

Ron and I have a new fresh start in life here in Schertz TX, no history here for either of us. lol.

I am proud of Ron for the challenge to start fresh as he has never moved out of CA, but has traveled a few places in the U.S. He has seen more ports around the world than places in the U.S. On the other hand, I have lived in Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Idaho and Colorado. I have traveled through all of the western US, half of the east coast and all of the south since leaving CA in the 80's. Every state has its own culture and very fun to experience. We are very happy to be here in TX and to experience the new culture. The move from Chico was a large move for the both of us, but not without some heartfelt feelings. We miss Faith and all the kind people. I often think about the group of people that we met on a Sunday afternoon for a movie and dinner. Sheron, Ken, Pat, Dorothy, Faye, Bruce and Connie Chapman (Ron's Aunt and Uncle through Carol) Judy and Bert Thompson, all wonderful people. We called them our geriatric group because they were all 20 years older than Ron and I, except Sheron. I find the older generation wonderful and a delight to listen to. We all had fun and we miss meeting up with them. We are in touch with Margaret, and miss her a lot. Although she is older, she is truly wise and sharp.

We miss seeing all the faces at Sunday services and please let them know we are doing well and think of them, seeing them on the streaming service is not the same, but a wonderful service to stay connected. Your sermons Ben, always gave us strength, hope and a greater understanding of the Lord. We thank you for that. Ben and Michael, you are a great asset to the church and are much needed for its success and growth.

Well, we have found a church here that mirrors Faith and was a blessing to find. We have joined St. John's Episcopal Church in New Braunfel TX, just north of us 10 miles. It is so much like being at Faith, we love attending Sundays. The real blessing is my daughter, son-n-law, grandchildren and Ron are happy to attend. It has been years since my daughter, and her husband have attended church and look forward to Sundays now.

I am so pleased to be able to attend church as a family, you don't know how long it has been for me. Interestingly, the church has their own hired security service at the front of the church. Parishioner's who have military background or security experience volunteer to protect Sunday worship using a paid alarm system that they carry that goes directly to the police department. Seems unbelievable that we have reached this point in life, but many of the parishioners are elderly and feel safer while worshipping.

Well, I am sorry this email has taken almost 6 months to write, but while we have joined the Episcopal church we don't want to sever our ties with Faith as we will be visiting a couple of times a year and watching online. Please let our family at Faith we miss them all! I don't do social media, FB or other platforms, so I haven't responded to some alerts through FB. if you could pass on our message and thoughts to all we would appreciate it.

Happy Holidays, Ron and Trish



TORRES SHELTER MEAL TEAMS

ELISE GLADU

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As many of you know we have had trouble getting team leaders for the Torres shelter monthly dinners. Also the shelter numbers have increased beyond our volunteer and financial resources.

I have volunteered for this ministry since its inception, over 20 years ago. This is an amazing opportunity for our congregation to help all God's people who may need a little extra love and a warm yummy meal.

Myself and the council discussed our options and decided we will serve the meal the shelter chef cooks on the first Tuesday of every month. This means we no longer need to cook the meals, only serve them. If you would like to help continue this ministry by serving at the shelter please sign up for the months you would like on the sign up sheets on the hallway bulletin board. Your commitment would only consist of a couple hours 5:15- 7:15 pm the first Tuesday of each month.



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS:

CARE KITS AND THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



**God's work.
Our hands.**

**Sunday, January 11
After Worship**

On Saturday, January 11, our congregation will gather for a God's Work, Our Hands service project as part of our celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord. Together, we will assemble care kits for unhoused and underprivileged members of our community. This is a tangible way to live out the promises made in baptism.

When Jesus was baptized, he entered fully into the human story, including vulnerability, need, and shared life. In baptism, we are claimed and named as God's beloved, and we are sent into the world to love our neighbors as Christ loves us. This project is one small but faithful way we respond to that call.

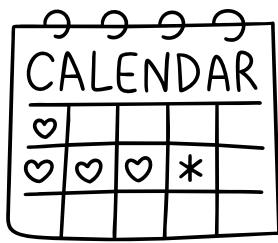
During the event, participants of all ages will work together to assemble care kits containing hygiene items, food, weather protection, and comfort items. These kits will be given to those in need and also shared with congregation members to keep in their cars, ready to offer with kindness and dignity when the opportunity arises.

The project will begin after worship with a brief devotion and prayer, followed by hands on assembly and a closing blessing. Everyone is invited to participate by donating items, helping assemble kits, or carrying a kit to share afterward.

Donation Needs

Please donate new, travel size, and non perishable items. No glass containers.

- Weather and Warmth: Socks, gloves, hats or scarves, hand warmers, rain ponchos, Mylar blankets
- Food: Crackers, peanut butter and jelly packets, tuna or chicken salad kits, granola or protein bars, nuts, dried fruit, instant coffee or oatmeal, applesauce or fruit cups
- Miscellaneous: Notebook and pen, basic art supplies, reusable water bottles, small flashlights, gas cards or five to ten dollar gift cards



SPECIAL EVENTS

Office Closed on...

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

Day after Christmas, Friday, December 26

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 19

Devlin Gillespie Preaching, Sunday, January 11 (Baptism of Our Lord)

Pastor Ben will be on vacation (January 9th-17th). Our preacher will be Devlin Gillespie, a young army veteran who is applying to seminary. The Rev. Bill Kees will officiate and be available for pastoral emergencies.

God's Work, Our Hands, Sunday, January 11 after Morning Worship

From now until January 11, the Equipping Ministry with the support of Candy Munson, Kate Ory, and Michael Nicholson are collecting items to package for those living on the street. Please see page 8 for details. We are encouraging the whole congregation, young or old, to see what can be given to those who need these items most, and to stay after church on the 11th to help package items.

GriefShare, starts Wednesday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 7

Are you an adult grieving a loss of a person? We are here to offer encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the challenges of grief. We invite you to our GriefShare group beginning on Wednesday, January 14th. These regular sessions will happen each week at 2pm until mid-April.

Stephen Ministry will celebrate 25 years of ministry at Faith on Sunday, January 18th! After worship they'll host an opportunity to learn more about the ministry.

Safe Space Winter Shelter On Site at Faith Lutheran in the Fellowship Hall from Sunday, January 18th-Sunday, February 1. On Sunday evenings, Marge Troester is organizing a crew of folks to cook and serve meals to the guests so that they get to know our congregation. Please let us know if you are called to serve in this way.



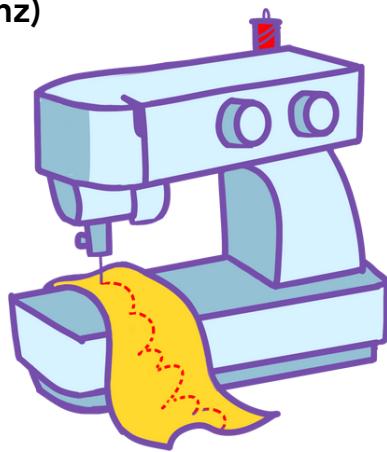
ONGOING GROUPS & EVENTS

Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons (5e) on 2nd Sundays of Month, 5:00 p.m. 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 3:00 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)



FINANCIAL REPORT

MARK KIMMELSHUE, COUNCIL TREASURER

Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 11/30/25

	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$208,931.19	\$193,988.65	92.85%
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$262,791.95</u>	<u>\$234,159.99</u>	89.10%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$53,860.76)	(\$40,171.34)	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2024		\$40,786.02	
Net Revenue through 11/30/25		<u>(\$40,171.34)</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u>\$614.68</u>	

The above figures represent the General Fund activity for the first 5 months of the current fiscal year. The General Fund Balance is low at this time. This is not unusual and we expect major giving for the year to occur in December and January which should greatly increase the General Fund balance.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:
Mark Kimmelshue
530-520-8228
kimmelshue@armcorice.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

DIANE KNIGHT, CHAIR



It is with pleasure that the Capital Campaign is able to report the following updates.

Through Sunday, December 14, 2025 we have received the following pledges and donations:

18 Donors without pledges totaling	\$9,585.00
68 Donors with pledges totaling	\$499,642.00
Funds Received to date	\$126,856.00

**This number includes donors without a pledge form*

It is important to note that a few capital campaign checks have arrived after the December 14th reconciliation and will be reported on our next recap. All donations received by December 31st will be included on your year end donation recap for income tax purposes.

Now on to the celebration!

Everyone on the capital campaign is so thankful for the support of our friends and congregational family. Because of you, we are happy to report that the roof replacement should begin as soon as there is a break in the rain. The classrooms will be phase one, with the offices, sanctuary, and fellowship hall to follow. Since the solar panels will need to be removed and stored during the roofing of the fellowship hall & kitchen, the contractors will be working around our Safe Space schedule which is slated to take place effective January 18th through February 1st.

Please refer to your Sunday bulletins and Faith News (the weekly, digital newsletter) for updates to the roofing timeline.

Once again, we would like to thank each of you for your commitment. These improvements to our campus would not be possible without your generous support.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of our committee: Diane Knight, Bill Kees, Beth Bradley, Bill Kehoe, Mark Kimmelshue, Joel Zimbelman or Tod Kimmelshue.

With deep gratitude,
Diane Knight



COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2025

ELISE GLADU, COUNCIL SECRETARY

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Members Present: Pastor Ben Colahan, Dawn Stafford, Faye Johnson, Elise Gladu, Candy Munson, Cheri Sandberg, Chris Brown, Kate Ory. Members Absent: Kathleen Pappani, Mark Kimmelshue. Visitors: Luke Nicolay.

- Call To Order: 6:29pm
- Reading of the Covenant
- Welcome: Celebrations, Appreciations and Prayer Requests
- Devotions/Prayer: Dawn Stafford. Dawn invited all council members and their families to a potluck dinner at their house for our December meeting January (Faye Johnson, Devotions; Cheri Sandberg, Snacks)
- Book Discussion: “Planning Small Groups With Purpose” Chapter 3. Most found the books 10 commandments most interesting and how the church should function as a family
- Approval of Minutes: Filed with changes
- Financial Reports: General: Dawn reviewed Marks report, doing ok for the month of October (usually a poor cash flow month). Filed as written. Capital Campaign: Filed as written.

Staff Reports

- Josh’s report, filed as written.
- Michael’s report, filed as written. It was decided to have Pastor Ben call a meeting of the Columbarium Committee to review policies and procedures for the upkeep of the Columbarium.
- Luke’s report, discussion regarding the Sundays at 5 service and the toll it will take on staff after Daun [Weiss] leaves for the next nine months (she has been volunteering coordinating the musicians and music) (No other musicians have volunteered to take this job on in the future). It is believed that in order to continue with this service two things need to happen 1. Josh will need to develop a committee to take over community building. 2. Hire a part-time music director specific for Sundays at 5. There were many questions regarding this but ultimately a Motion was made by Chris and seconded by Faye: to hire a part-time music director supporting Sundays at 5. The perimeter being 15-20 hours per week at \$25 an hour on a month to month basis. This motion was passed.

Old Business

- GWOH: Project has been postponed until Epiphany Sunday 1-2-2026.* After service we will be making Bags Of Blessing for people to hand out to those in need.
- Council overseeing ministries: carried over for discussion next month

New Business

- Discussion regarding AV Consultants, their recommendations and future training. A Motion was made by Kate and seconded by Dawn to purchase recommended equipment and training for our AV operators, cost \$2000.00. This motion was passed

Announcements

- Safe Space is scheduled at Faith 1-18-26/2-1-2026. There will be presentations after church on 12/7 @ 5 and 12/14 @ 9:30
- Torres Shelter has only one new team, making only 3 teams for this program. We can get volunteers to help but not lead a team. It was decided to keep trying!!
- December will be a potluck dinner/meeting at the Stafford's on December 16th at 6:30 pm

Adjourned 9 pm

CONTENT: WHEN, WHERE, HOW?

MICHAEL NICHOLSON, OFFICE MANAGER

I've been getting some asks: *I have something to share, how do I share it? When is my content due? How long should my article be?* I am here to answer those questions! Below, I will tell you about each "news outlet" we have and how you can contribute.

THE SLIDE SHOW plays a few minutes before worship. People at church can see it playing in the sanctuary, and folks worshiping online see it play on their screens before the service begins. That means the people worshiping from home get to see announcements and events, even without a bulletin.

THE BULLETIN is the piece of paper that Denise P., Carol G., Laurae D., and Diane F. fold on Fridays so that they are ready for worship on Sundays. (If you would like to help them on a Friday, please let them know.)

THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER or "Faith News," is sometimes referred to as the "E-blast" (a word your email provider ((Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, etc.)) may flag as spam which is why we don't use that word in our emails anymore.) Faith News goes out each Friday.

FACEBOOK allows us to make posts that can be seen anywhere, but are most relevant in the Chico and Butte areas. This is a primary ways new folks find our church. Because strangers can see these posts, we do not publish phone numbers here and relay all correspondence directly to the main office.

THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WALL is a great place to share your event. We can print your article out easily and hang it there. If you have a graphic, please include it when you send me your information.

FAITH TALKS is the larger, monthly, paper newsletter that is delivered to your homes by mail.

THE WEBSITE allows us to share events, news, livestreams, and dedicate entire pages to worship, community resources, an archive of Faith Talks, a copy of the reimbursement form so ministers can print them from home, information about facility rentals, and a bunch of other stuff. Your feedback will help me further develop the website. *Feel free to give it a look: chicofaithlutheran.org.*

These outlets are listed in order of brevity; things like the slideshow and bulletin should have short blurbs, but you can post whole articles on the website or in Faith Talks. We can't fit a whole poster in our slideshow or bulletin, but we can certainly do so in the fellowship hall.

No matter where you want your news shared, please send ANY and ALL content to my official work email address (which I check way, way more than my cell phone!):
FaithLutheranInChico@gmail.com.

A blurb or article should always include: (A) The name of your group/event (B) An explanation of what your group/event is and what kind of help we need to ask the congregation for (C) The time and date including setup, cleanup, and start/end times (D) The space you want to use (E) Who people should contact (ideally a facilitator, directly) and how they can be reached.

SLIDE SHOW BEFORE WORSHIP

- Maximum Length: 2 sentences
- Content must be received by Friday
- Shared before worship on Sundays
- Runs as long as needed



BULLETIN

- Maximum Length: 2 sentences
- Content must be received by the Monday before (1 week in advance)
- Shared at church in the paper bulletins
- For recurring events like every-other/weekly meetings, your whole blurb will be posted for 2 weeks, then will migrate to a single sentence under the list of events



FAITH NEWS (DIGITAL EMAIL, E-BLAST)

- Maximum Length: 4 sentences / 1 short
- Content must be received by the Monday before (1 week in advance)
- Shared digitally once a week, goes out Fridays (Thursdays if done early)
- Events are posted about a month from the start date and run up to 4 weeks



FACEBOOK

- Maximum Length: 4 sentences
- Content can be received anytime
- Facebook posts are scheduled as needed and will be shared at the earliest open slot (if you'd like it shared tomorrow but there is already a post scheduled, we would share it the following day)
- Is posted once and stays on the page



FELLOWSHIP HALL WALL

- Maximum Length: 1 poster, page, or article
- Content can be received anytime
- Anyone who visits the hall on Sundays or any other day will see this information
- Stays up until the event is done

FAITH TALKS



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Worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

12/24 Christmas Eve Pageant 4pm, Candlelight Service 9pm

12/25 Christmas Day Service 9:30am

- Preferred length, 1 page or less; Maximum length, 2 pages

- The 15th of every month

- Printed in paper and mailed to homes; available digitally on the website, chicofaithlutheran.org

WEBSITE (AND WEBSITE CALENDAR)

- No max length, but we recommend you write an article for Faith Talks, which can be copied and pasted to the website. This is almost always how content goes onto the website
- Content can be received anytime
- Anyone who visits our website can see this content, so to keep member info protected, we do not publish phone numbers or emails for individuals (instead, we direct people to call the office)
- Appears on our web calendar until the event/s conclude





JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

ROSES

Bill Kees for hosting *Inviting Silence* on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Caryl Quinones, Sherrill Heinz, and Alynn Brutsman for continuing to host Time Out for Art on Mondays, and for making Room 6 organized and fun to play in.

The facilitators for Adults Children of Alcoholics, Nar Anon, AA Candlelight, and Gamblers Anonymous for continuing to host 12-step groups.

All those who helped plan and put on Bill Augros' funeral.

PEO and Passages for their continued ministries.

Marin Hambley with Safe Space for hosting an informative presentation to the congregation.

Luke Nicolay, Jeff Cooper, and all who helped make the Festival of Lessons and Carols possible.

Our Christmas carolers.

Our Souper-Duper soup supper helpers and cooks.

The Zimbelmans for hosting a celebratory staff lunch.

Each and every one of you who made the Advent Workshop such a special occasion.

Cindy Kampf for teaching a workshop for our Sunday school teachers.

Everyone who has offered to help Michael in the office this holiday season.

Sherrill Heinz, Linda Zimbelman, and Caryl Quinones for overseeing the God Sightings project.

Synergism for their beautiful musical offering.

Joel Zimbelman, Bob Bay, Rick Bentler, and Bill Kehoe for their group and individual oversight and maintenance on the property team.

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