

# Following Faith

May 2022  
Newsletter



The Second Sunday of Easter we reflected on what, to me, is just one of the most blessed proclamations that can come to us in our Easter season. (Want to revisit? Go to our YouTube page and watch the sermon from 4-24, 2nd Sunday in Easter, on Jesus proclaiming Peace).

Jesus arrives to the disciples, as they hide away in a room in fear, and he doesn't say: "Behold, the glory!" And he doesn't say: "Revenge time!" And he doesn't ask, "Where were you?"

Jesus, finds the worrisome disciples; Jesus finds us, in our stuck practices, and proclaims: "Peace be with you."

And that is the blessed Word. This is what Jesus gives. And my constant prayer is that this Word gives you faith.

As a further meditation on this Word of Peace, here is an early church poetic reflection on how Jesus announces "Peace" to the troubled sea, and all the troubled seas of our inner/outer lives.

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Fierce was the wild billow—  
Dark was the night;  
Oars labored heavily,  
Foam glimmered white—  
Mariners trembled,  
Peril was nigh:  
Then said the God of God,  
"Peace! it is I."

Ridge of the mountain-wave,  
Lower thy crest!  
Wail of Euroclydon,  
Be thou at rest!  
Peril can none be,  
Sorrow must fly—  
When, saith the Light of Light,  
"Peace! it is I."

Jesu, Deliverer!  
Come Thou to me:  
Soothe Thou my voyaging  
Over Life's sea!  
Thou, when the storm of Death  
Roars, sweeping by—  
Whisper, O Truth of Truth,  
"Peace! it is I."

*-Saint Anatolius of Alexandria (died 283)*

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Thanks be to God! This Word lives and continues to give. At Easter all our troubled seas give way to Christ's peace.

God of God. Light of Light. Truth of Truth.

He meant it when he said "it is finished." —>That's what he said to sin and death.

He put the deathly power to death.

The Risen Christ's word to you, now and forever, is "Peace."

+Pastor Shaun

## Giving Thanks...

- ◆ Jean Carter thanks Pat Porter and Cheryl Vought for a successful day of re-organizing the kitchen. We are making progress. We still need to re-paper several areas. If that is your strength please volunteer!
- ◆ Jean Carter also wishes to thank everyone who donated to Easter Breakfast. All of the wonderful drinks and bakery goods contributed to our success!
- ◆ Eileen Way thanks Judy Hein for sharing her artistic work with us to beautify our Narthex.
- ◆ Pastor Shaun thanks all the dedicated folks for the beautiful adornments all around the Church, inside and out, which made Holy Week visually, as well as spiritually, special and inviting.



BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX

## Online Giving

For your convenience we offer an online option at our website:

**[faithlutheranreno.org](http://faithlutheranreno.org)**

Click on "Support Faith" at the top right of the page.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings from Your President & Council

**We will have a special congregation meeting Sunday, May 15th, following the worship service to get your approval for a loan to make much needed Improvements.**

Happy May Day!

April Showers bring May flowers...

The church council is moving forward on getting funding for Capital Improvement Projects for our church. The property team has bids for the roof from CTR roofing for \$30,000, Parker Painting to paint the exterior of the church \$26,750, and Aces Seamless Gutters for \$3,662.10. We are applying for a loan from Mission Investment Fund for \$60,412.10.

The Waldorf school has been meeting at our church since August 2021 and are very happy with the arrangement they have here. They compensate us \$1030 a month to use our space. They would like to expand and the council has given them approval to add two modular buildings which will add 4 classrooms to their school here. They will pay \$1800 to reverse the zoning of the two existing lots located on the east side of our property. That would make our property one parcel which is tax exempt. The modulares will have their own bathrooms and will need to be connected to the sewer and electricity. The school will pay all accrued expenses. This will be a 5 year plan and they will compensate us for the use of our land. Our partnership with Waldorf School, and what they pay us for the use of our property, will cover the cost of the loan to make the Capital Improvement to our property.

If you have concerns or questions be sure to ask a council member.

Additionally, I'd like to thank everyone who made Palm Sunday and Easter Special. I think everyone was touched by the Easter celebration. Now we celebrate 50 days of Easter which will bring us the Pentecost on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Pentecost means 50 in Greek. We should remember our baptism and partake in the Lord's Supper. Christ died on the cross that we may be forgiven for our sins.

Your friend in Christ,

*Eileen Way, President*

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> , we'll celebrate Mother's Day. It's a tradition a Faith Lutheran to bring a flower for your Mother whether she's in heaven or on earth. We place our flowers in a vase and make a blended bouquet in remembrance of our Mothers.



# Community News & Connections

## Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

Volunteers still needed for the June 1- 4, Pacific Synod Assembly being held at the Nugget in Sparks. Volunteers may sign up using the online link.

<https://www.spselca.net/volunteer-at-synod-assembly>



The online portal provides good information on the different types of volunteer opportunities and the "work shifts". We still need folks for Greeters, Set-Up, Registration and Event Photographers.

I am happy to help sign up any volunteers if needed.

Peace and blessings,

*Diane Torry, Volunteer Coordinator, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 775.747.0976*

## Adults Faith Formation Class in May & June

Join us in the Fireside Room on Sundays\*, 11am–Noon, as we read and discuss the book of Acts! The Acts of the Apostles is a fitting Easter season text. It's a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension to heaven.

\*Sundays in May & June, with a break for the Special Congregation Meeting on May 15th.

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE !!!



It is time to get the choir back together. Can't read music? No problem. Can't sing in harmony? No problem. Want to sing praises to God? Now you're talking! If you would like to participate in the choir, please let Dorothy know at [office@faithlutheranreno.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranreno.org) and we'll put you down. Choir won't begin until after the summer, so you have plenty of time to consider joining us.

We also need a choir director. If you would like to be considered or know someone who would, please send that info along to Dorothy as well!



## Faith In Action

“Faith In Action” is a returning section in the monthly newsletter expressly devoted to those in our Faith community—and what they are up to. It may be a personal profile on a specific individual, an update on life, or even a personal literary submission such as the following poem;

### Growing in Trust

Lord, I sing Your praise As You  
control my days. The plans  
You have for me Exceed what I  
can see.

Trusting all that comes Is  
still a stress for me.  
I know that You are right If  
not emotionally.

But You have seen it all. You  
rescue me from me. My im-  
age grows towards You And  
all I'm meant to be.

*Judy Murray Jack  
April 2022*



### Have You Met Dorothy Barry?

In case you haven't yet heard, I'm Dorothy, your church office assistant (replacing Grace). I want to thank everyone I've met for the very warm "Welcomes!" I have received. It's been quite pleasant learning the ropes and working with Pastor Shaun. I enjoy referring to FLC as my "gentle environment".

Here's how I got here. After working for the State of CA, at UC Berkeley, for almost 15 years, I decided I needed a less stressful and more affordable living environment. I had visited Reno for horse shows and "girl's weekend away" and always thought it was as hospitable as my Alabama/Georgia Southern origins.

I moved to Reno in 2005 with my (then) 11 year old son, Sean. I settled in as a State of NV employee working for over 10 years at UNR then another 5 years working for the NV Historical Society.

Sean grew up, received his Master's from UNR, and lives locally here in Reno. I retired early due to the COVID Pandemic and after being off for about a year and a half I decided I needed to get back to work!

Hope to get the opportunity to meet all of y'all real soon!

*-Dorothy*

# BINGO !!! TACOS !!!

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1	27	33	48	75
8	19	45	56	61
3	18	FREE SPACE	49	69
15	26	41	53	66
2	21	37	46	65

Join the FUN on  
**Friday, May 20, 2022**  
**Starting at 5:30 pm**



## BINGO NIGHT AT FAITH

Serving

**\*TACOS!!\***



**\*Pork, Chicken, and Veggie Tacos \***

**\*Enchiladas\***

**\*Frijoles (Beans)\***

**\*Nachos\***

**\*Drinks\***

**All provided by your Fellowship Team**

**\$5.00 for dinner and 3 cards.**

**Additional cards \$1 each - or 3 for \$2.**

**(Such a deal!)**

## Sunday Worship Zoom Information

Visit our website at [faithlutheranreno.org](http://faithlutheranreno.org)  
to join Zoom via video or phone

Dial: 1 669-900-9128  
Meeting ID: 97416357933  
Password: 303457

If you feel so moved, you are welcome to set aside a designated space to worship. You are invited to light a candle, add a flower vase, or perhaps cover the space with a special cloth; whatever aids you in centering for worship.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, will be Lunch Bunch. We meet at noon in back of the church. It's a pot-luck so bring a dish to share.

*-Eileen Way, President*

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## Shared Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped assemble bags last month! Below are the requested items for May's Shared Harvest. Bags will be assembled on May 22nd, 1pm at Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church in Sparks.

Mac & Cheese	56 boxes
Chili	42 cans
Tuna	42 cans
Saltines	42 Sleeves
Laundry Detergent (Powdered)	Unlimited

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## Prayer Requests

Please send any prayer requests to the prayer team at:

[prayers@faithlutheranreno.org](mailto:prayers@faithlutheranreno.org)

## Bible Study

Join us Tuesday Afternoons 1:30-2:30 to read and discuss the Bible scripture for the following Sunday. This helps us prepare for the next Sunday's Worship Service. All are welcome, join us as we share and learn from each other.

To join us on Zoom, follow these instructions:

Call: 669-900-6833  
Meeting ID: 81034813266  
Password: 430175

### May Schedule

- May 3: John 10:22-30; Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43; Rev 7:9-17
- May 10: John 13:31-35; Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; Rev 21:1-6
- May 17: John 14:23-29; Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Rev 21:10, 22-22:5
- May 24: John 17:20-26; Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- May 31: John 14:8-7; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21 *or* Gen 11:1-9; Rom 8:14-17 *or* Acts 2:1-21

For more information contact Eileen Way at [helenflc@hotmail.com](mailto:helenflc@hotmail.com) or 775-560-3248.

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## May Food Pantry

Mondays @ 11am\*

May 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd—OPEN

\*May 30th, CLOSED for Memorial Day

Recipients are asked to remain in their vehicles while Food Pantry volunteers distribute pre-bagged food in the parking lot.

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.  
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Faith Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship	2 11am Food Pantry	3 1:30pm Bible Study	4 12 Noon Lunch Bunch	5	6	7
-----PASTOR SHAUN OUT MAY 2ND THROUGH MAY 6TH-----						
8 9:30am Worship <b>Mother's Day</b>	9 11am Food Pantry	10 1:30pm Bible Study	11 1pm Finance Team	12	13	14 10am Worship Team
15 9:30am Worship <b>*Special Congregation Meeting*</b>	16 11am Food Pantry 6pm Council Meeting	17 1:30pm Bible Study	18	20 5:30pm Fellowship Night - Bingo & Tacos!	21	
22 9:30am Worship	23 11am Food Pantry	24 1:30pm Bible Study	25	26	27	28
29 9:30am Worship	30 <b>Memorial Day</b>	31 1:30pm Bible Study	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ ACA: Mondays at 5:30pm</li> <li>◆ Sierra High Notes: Wednesdays at 6:00pm</li> <li>◆ 4-H Whip-stirs; 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm</li> <li>◆ Scouts; Thursdays at 7:00pm</li> <li>◆ NARFE; 3rd Tuesday at 11:00am</li> </ul> </div>			