

Following Faith

June 2022

Newsletter



"That they may be One"

- *John 17*

Friends, I write to you with many things on my heart and mind. Just yesterday was another school shooting in our country, with many young students slain in southwest Texas. We are broken and distraught. We cry: God, have mercy!

Before this event I was already lamenting the vitriol around our national debate of Roe v. Wade, and the current (seemingly unending) state of deep division in American politics. On the heels of debates about the right way to survive the Covid pandemic, there are just so many and various things for which we have not found easy answers, and in so many ways we are not conversing directly with one another. Again, God, have mercy!

In the gospel readings during this Easter season we've been listening to Jesus teach the disciples lessons before he is to leave them. He is conversing directly with them. He is reassuring them, like a Shepherd to the sheep.

The teaching and culture Jesus gives are keys like: Love one another; My peace I give to you; God is sending you the Spirit to accompany you; You are not alone; Take heart; Keep going.

Friends, I am trying to listen to Jesus' commands and encouragements here. I hope you will too; that, amidst the turmoil, we might be living new life.

On Sunday, May 22nd, we welcomed nine new members to the congregation and received them in Affirmation of Baptism. And this Sunday, May 29th, we'll receive two new members, through Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism!

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In the middle of desolation is also some affirmation. And we do this together. We are affirming our baptismal commitment “to proclaim the good news” and “strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” Amidst the turmoil we are following Jesus’ prompting toward PEACE and ONENESS in a hurting world. We are embraced by Christ’s liberating gospel and made new to live through trouble and hardship. We are continually freed to keep loving one another and our neighbors.

This doesn’t mean we stop crying out! We do cry out. We must! God, have mercy! These days are days of prayer. Remember how we prayed for our new members and let this prayer echo for all of us as we follow the Shepherd.

O God, Stir up in us the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

+Pastor Shaun

Your Fellowship Team sends a huge “Thank You!” to everyone who helped with the Bingo/ Taco festivities last month. There were so many food dishes, tacos, frijoles, nachos with all the fixins' and of course Margaritas (ok they were non-alcoholic, but tasty). Cookies and ice cream for dessert. It was quite a spread!! Then Bingo with prizes and fun fellowship.



Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, set-up, cleaned up. (Kathy, Jean, Eileen, Cheryl, (forgive me if I missed someone). Thanks to the Zimmerman family for handling the Bingo games. Our next Fellowship event will be a Father's Day ice cream social right after services. Blessings to all,
Pat Porter, Chair
Faith Fellowship Team

Online Giving

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

faithlutheranreno.org

Click on “Support Faith” at the top right of the page.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings from Your President & Council

Thank you all who took part in the Special Congregational Meeting on May 15th. It was approved to apply for a loan from Mission Investment Fund to get the church painted, the roof redone, and put gutters on to protect the church from water runoff. The vote was 32 yes and 3 no. We are working diligently to get this done while the Waldorf students are on their summer break.

June will be a busy month. We have Synod Assembly at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks June 1-4. Judi Hein, Sonja Dresbach and Pastor will be representing Faith Lutheran Church Reno. It will be live on You Tube if you'd like to join in.

June 5th we'll celebrate Pentecost so remember to wear Red.

June 19th is Father's Day and the Fellowship Team will be serving up an Ice Cream Social.

Remember to keep each other in prayer.

FAITH does not make things easy. It makes them possible.

- Luke 1:37

Your Friend in Christ,

Eileen Way, President

Watch the Synod Assembly Livestream

All Business Sessions and Opening and Closing Worship Services of the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly will be livestreamed via YouTube for all to watch. We encourage you to tune in as we vote on important business, hear from keynote speakers and invited guests, and worship as one body of Christ.

Be sure to tune in, June 2nd, 1-5pm, June 3rd, 9am-2:30pm, & June 4th, 9-11:30am.

The YouTube livestream will be available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SPSELCA>



Community News & Connections

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.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH IS AN ELECTION DAY VOTE
CENTER ON
JUNE 14, 2022, 7AM TO 7PM**



*Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all
the earth! - Psalms 96:1*

Time is drawing near for the choir to start up again. If you would like to add your voice and sing praises to the Lord, give Dorothy in the office a call or email her at office@faithlutheranreno.org. Choir won't start again until September, but we need to begin practice in August. Also, let Dorothy know if you would like to sing a solo/duet/etc., or play an instrument, or you are in a group who would like to play at one of our services. We also need a choir director so if you, or someone you know, would like to lead the choir please pass that information on to Dorothy as well.

Father's Day Fellowship...

Join us Sunday, June 19th, at 11am for an ice cream social in celebration of Father's Day.



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. This month we are focusing on the members of your Church Council. They were asked to speak to how they came to Faith Lutheran Church and what they value most about the church. Below are their responses:

Eileen Way, President: Eileen and her husband, Ed, moved to Reno in 1970 and joined FLC by letter of transfer. Her 3 sons were all baptized and confirmed here. *FLC is most appreciative of Eileen's ever-present positivity and problem solving skills in the SO MANY hats she wears here, i.e., she works at FLC but also with the Boy Scouts, NARFE, the Food Bank, Bible Study, is the church “taxi” for so many, and is presently the custodian as well!*

Amy Zimmerman, Vice President: Amy has been at FLC for 45 years. She finds value in the FLC congregation through the feeling we all have as family that we all care about each other. *Amy is also our Communication Liaison and helps with technology such as the web site and Zoom broadcasts. FLC appreciates her “techie” contributions!*

Jean Carter, Secretary: Jean has been at FLC for 4 years originally by way of Rev. Stan Pesis’ Welcome Class and does not mind, so much, of being called “the Kitchen Lady.” *Did you know that Jean does a lot of the gardening around FLC? She is directly responsible for the beautiful flowers and plants growing outside of the main church doors to the Narthex. Thank you Jean!*

LindaLu Miller, Treasurer: In 2019 LindaLu, and her husband Bob, decided to move to Reno from Arizona to be closer to their daughter’s family. She found FLC through Sonja Dresbach and started as a Scripture Reader, then was later was asked to join the Finance Team. She values the generosity of the congregation. *FLC is so thankful to LindaLu for being available for, and participating in, the Evening Prayer programs via Zoom during the COVID-19 closure.*

Sonja Dresbach, Member at Large: Sonja’s husband, Neil, got stationed at Stead Air Force Base in 1963. They became members at that time, transferring their membership from South Dakota. Their children were baptized and confirmed here. She values FLC for making her feel welcome, and a part of the family, from the very start. This was especially important to her as the congregation rallied around her, and her family, during her husband’s illness and passing. *FLC is so grateful for Sonja’s good advocacy on behalf of the church, she has served on just about every council, chair, and church team position there is at FLC and is presently the Property Chairperson as well as a Co-Chair on the Fellowship Team. Her “Institutional” knowledge is invaluable to FLC.*

Judi Hein, Member at Large: Judi started coming to Faith when Pastor Shaun started, approximately 2 years ago. She is grateful that the Faith community has welcomed her into the congregation and the church council. *FLC is in awe of Judi’s tremendous artisan skills which she generously shares with our congregation, most recently in the adornment of the Narthex at Easter and the beautiful banner! She is a team player and valued member of our congregation!*

Kathy Wilson, Member at Large: Kathy has been with Faith for about 2 years now and is presently assigned to attend Worship Committee and report on their plans. She first came to Faith after seeing the sign out on 7th St and was so warmly welcomed by everyone she decided to return. *FLC recognizes Kathy’s heart-filled honesty, inquisitiveness, and her ability to confidently ask questions pertaining to gaining a better understanding of her church studies.*

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

June Schedule

- June 07: John 16:12-15; Psalm 8; Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Roman 5:1-5
- June 14: Luke 8:26-39; Psalm 22:19-28; Isa 65:1-9; Gal 3:23-29
- June 21: Luke 9:51-62; Psalm 16; I Kings 19:15-16; Gal 5.1, 13-25
- June 28: Luke 10:1-11; Psalm 66:1-9; Isa 66.10-14; Gal 6 [1-6] 7-16

For more information contact Eileen Way at helenflc@hotmail.com or 775-560-3248

LUNCH BUNCH

Wed, June 1st, will be Lunch Bunch.

We meet at noon in back of the church. It's a potluck so bring a dish to share. -Eileen Way, President



On May 11th, we received a large capacity commercial two door refrigerator from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. It was funded by the NV Build Better Dollars grant.

We are very grateful to be the recipient of this great gift.

Sunday Worship Zoom Information

**Visit our website at 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.

Shared Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped assemble bags last month! Below are the re-requested items for June's Shared Harvest. Bags will be assembled on June 26th, 1pm at Lord of Mercy Lutheran Church in Sparks.

Peanut Butter	28 Jars
Mac & Cheese	58 Boxes
Chicken Noodle Soup	42 Cans
Powdered Milk Packets	42 (each pkt makes 1 qt.)
Disposable Razors	Unlimited

FOOD PANTRY

JUNE 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th — OPEN, Mondays @ 11am

For the Month of May we had four Food Pantry Mondays.

- We served 193 people from 152 households.
- A total of 421 for the month.
- 94 women and 99 men
- We had 27 new clients sign up for food.
- We gave out 6,712 pounds of food.

-Submitted by Eileen Way

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
5 9:30am Worship Pentecost	6 11am Food Pantry	7 1:30pm Bible Study	8 1pm Finance Team 6pm Communications Team	9	10	11 10am Worship Team
12 9:30am Worship	13 11am Food Pantry 6pm Council Meeting	14 1:30pm Bible Study Polling Place 7am-7pm	15	16	17	18
19 9:30am Worship Father's Day 11am Fellowship Ice Cream Social	20 11am Food Pantry 6pm Council Meeting	21 1:30pm Bible Study	22	23	24	25 Enumclaw Trinity Lutheran Church (ETLC) Youth Group (staying at FLC thru 07/01/22)
26 9:30am Worship (ETLC)	27 11am Food Pantry (ETLC)	28 1:30pm Bible Study (ETLC)	29 (ETLC)	30 (ETLC)	July 1 (ETLC)	

Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space

- ◆ ACA: Mondays at 5:30pm
- ◆ Sierra High Notes: Wednesdays at 6:00pm
- ◆ 4-H Whip-stirs: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm
- ◆ Scouts: Thursdays at 7:00pm
- ◆ NARFE: 3rd Tuesday at 11:00am