

# Following Faith

August 2022 Newsletter



## Friends in Christ,

In July I celebrated two years as your pastor! I began the first Sunday in July, 2020, and my ordination as an ELCA pastor took place twenty days later, on the 25th. What a whirlwind! And what a blessing! Two years goes by fast, huh? Or maybe it's because of the pandemic. Either way, I can't believe it's been that long.

In 2020 I painted my new office. This July the painters painted the outside of our building! It's all a work in progress, the whole way through.

And just as I was blessed to receive the call to serve as your pastor in 2020, I feel like we all have been blessed by one another's generosity and mutual calling to build, hope, grow, and renew this year. We don't always know what is to come, or

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what's possible. I surely didn't know what to expect at my first pastoral call, beginning work during distancing and worry. Similarly, it has been a big step to move forward with repairs and renovations too. When is the right time? Is now too soon, or too late?

But our resolve at our congregational meeting and vote, our faith that we are blessed to be a blessing, our work to help share our space with a school, and faithful visioning and giving ... these moves this year helped call the work to fruition.

And you can see it. (Hint: See Paint)

I know, there are many projects — there's more we can/should do. Always is.

And in Luke 14, Jesus spoke to the crowds saying "for which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him." So, we the church, and your Council, we all will strive to balance all the needs and assets of our church and act in the best interest of the congregation.

We'll keep hoping and renewing. God calls us to this, in big and small ways.

For now, we have a roof overhead (soon to be resurfaced and then ... no leaks!). We have one another in worship and prayer and fellowship. And we have a community we can serve. Both, all along 7th st, and all the way in Ndego, Rwanda (where we are contributing over \$1300 to their worship building and instruments).

I'm glad for the calling two years ago, and I'm glad today. May our worship and service—and may this newly painted building—all be echoes of Christ's gospel, saying to those in need:

**God's love renews us. And you are welcome to it.**

+Pastor Shaun

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### **Prayer Requests**

Please send any prayer requests to the prayer team at:  
[prayers@faithlutheranreno.org](mailto:prayers@faithlutheranreno.org)

### **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 and Church Council!

President's Report for August

I'd like to call attention to and thank Judi Hein for her creative Pentecost Bulletin Board located in the Narthex. Pentecost is our longest season of the church year, a time of learning and reflecting. With the different shades of green and foliage it makes me feel that we are growing in Christ.



Pastor Shaun has an after-church class on Prayer and the Catechism. We also have the Tuesday Bible Readers group. It's good to share knowledge and learn from each other.

The church is sporting a fresh new look with new paint, the roof will be getting worked on soon. The Waldorf School is a little behind on getting the modulars in place, but they will be getting them soon.

I look forward to the Fellowship's Volunteer Appreciation Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank You all for your talents to make our Church Special.

Monday mornings we have our food pantry. We serve about 80 households per week. The hot weather keeps a few away. With the rent and gas increases people have had to turn to food pantries to make ends meet. We are glad we can serve our neighbors.

Peace to You,

Eileen Way, President

## COMMUNITY NEWS & CONNECTIONS

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### Make a Joyful Noise!

All you people; come before his presence with singing your worship team is looking for musical talent this summer. If you would like to sing a solo, a duet, a group effort or you'd like to play an instrumental piece for one of our summer services let myself or Pastor Shaun know. We'd love to have your talents enrich our Sunday services.

Also the team is still working on getting our choir back together. If you know of a person who is available as a choir director let myself or Pastor know. Of course we need your voices too and we'll keep you up to date on our progress.

Sharon Scagliotti, Worship Team Leader 

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### FROM THE TREASURER

#### **2023 budgets are due by Sept. 15th, 2022**

Attention Committee Chairs — to prepare for your 2023 budgets, monthly reports will be placed in your mailboxes. Your draft 2023 budgets are due **Sept. 15th**. If you need help figuring them out, please call me at 623-332-5812 or talk to me after church.

LindaLu Miller, Treasurer

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### LUNCH BUNCH

**There is no Lunch Bunch scheduled for the month of August.**

Lunch Bunch will return in September!



## YEE HAW !!

Time to dig out your Stetson hats, Tony Lama Boots, and Wrangler jeans . Join us on Sunday, August 14 after worship for our Volunteer Appreciation Western BBQ.

The Fellowship Team will provide the burgers and dogs, along with the fixins', and we'll have a sign-up sheet for the sides. We're planning on having horse shoes, corn hole, and croquet available (depending on how hot it is) and western dancing.

Come and help us celebrate all the dedicated folks who help make our worship service meaningful, our building clean and our grounds beautiful. Basically, that is all of you!




Thank you,  
we appreciate you!

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP** On the last Sunday of the month, July 31st, Aug. 28th, & Sep. 25th, we will continue our tradition of outdoor worship on the patio. Bring your lawn chairs to sit under the shade trees or know that chairs will be set up at the back of the sanctuary for the comfort and safety of our folks needing a little more stability. There will be the singing of some old but familiar gospel hymns along with our regular worship practices. If you have a favorite gospel piece let me know. So bring a friend to share in our worship and let us praise God together in the sunshine!

Sharon Scagliotti, Worship Team Leader 

### Trinity Lutheran Church Youth—Enumclaw, Washington



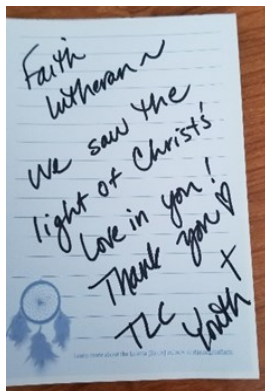
This youth group arrived at Faith on June 25<sup>th</sup>. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> Mission trip to Reno and each trip they have a new group. This time there were 17 people including youth and leaders.

They come every 4 years and do mission work at various places in the Reno area. This year they focused on different areas at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission; food service by helping serve breakfast to the homeless in the morning, food pantry by helping to sort and set up food, and also

helping at the donation site by sorting and fixing broken items to prepare to go into the thrift stores. They enjoy staying at Faith. They feel very welcomed and they said it feels like home.

They also went to Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum and learned of the Paiute Native People.

They helped our Faith food pantry by serving those who came for help. They also helped us with some yard work by taking our compost pile apart, taking down the hoop house, and helping to clean the areas.



They also helped to set up everything for our outdoor worship on Sunday and then helped take it down after. What a big help they were!

The group was gone during the day and came back late afternoon for down time, catching up on their bible study, and they participating in a worship service which they held each night for the group.

Tammy Person Rismiller, their Youth Pastor, shared the love and grace of God with the youth and helped them share it with others. They are always a joy to have sharing our space. This is the note they left when they departed on the morning of July 1st.

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## Shared Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped assemble bags last month! Below are the requested items for the August Shared Harvest. Bags will be assembled at 1pm on August 28th, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Reno.

Cold Cereal	28 Boxes
Peanut Butter	28 Jars
Canned Fruit	42 Cans
Powdered Milk Pkts.	42 Boxes
Bar Soap	Unlimited

## Food Pantry

Mondays @ 11am

AUG 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

For the Month of July we had three Food Pantry Mondays.

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

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## 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:

Dial: 1 669-900-6833    Meeting ID: 81034813266    Password: 430175

### August Schedule

- **Aug 02**/for 08/07: Luke 12:32-40; Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- **Aug 09**/for 08/14: Luke 12:49-56; Psalm 82; Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- **Aug 16**/for 08/21: Luke 13:10-17; Psalm 103:1-8; Isaiah 58:9b-14; Hebrews 12:18-29
- **Aug 23**/for 08/28: Luke 14:1-7; Psalm 112; Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- **Aug 30**/for 09/11: Luke 15:1-10; Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

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## 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.

# UPCOMING ECLA EVENTS

## God's Work Our Hands

We are participating again this year with the ELCA nationwide in *God's Work Our Hands Sunday* on September 11th. These bags will be distributed to our food pantry customers and other places in the community that serve people in need.

We will be putting together Blessing Bags after the service on September 11th but we need to start collecting all the items to put in the bags ahead of time. On the opposite page is a "checklist" of items that will be appreciated and useful. Other things which would be useful, but aren't on the list, are socks and bandanas.

Your donations can be left in the welcome space any Sunday before September 11th. Judi Hein will be organizing donations if you have questions.



*LOTS OF FUN WAS HAD BY ALL IN PREVIOUS "BLESSING BAGS" ASSEMBLY!*



# CHECKLIST FOR *Blessing Bags*



## *Necessities*

- Gallon size Ziploc bag
- Hand-warmers
- Bag of quarters
- Bottle of water
- Band-aids
- Baby wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Wash cloth
- First aid kit (travel-sized)

## *Non-Perishable Foods*

- Instant oatmeal packs
- Granola bars
- Energy bars
- Tuna/ cracker packs
- Trail mix
- Raisins
- Peanuts
- Fruit/ applesauce (with spoon)
- Gum/ hard candy
- Hot cocoa/ spiced cider mixes
- On-the-go coffee mixes
- Tea packets
- Beef jerky sticks

## *Toiletries*

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/ conditioner
- Comb
- Personal hygiene items for women
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick

## *Extras*

- Note of encouragement
- List of local resources
- Prepaid phone card
- Grocery store gift card

## *Personal Items*

- Towels (bath & washcloth)
- Biodegradable Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Brush/comb/hair elastic bands/etc
- Face & body care
- Feminine products
- Contact Lens supplies
- Medications

## *Notes*

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# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11am Food Pantry	2	3 <b>NO LUNCH BUNCH</b>	4	5	6
7 9:30am Worship	8 11am Food Pantry	9 1:30pm Bible Study	10 1pm Finance Team	11	12	13
14 9:30am Worship <b>11am Fellowship Appreciation BBQ</b>	15 11am Food Pantry 6pm Council Meeting	16 1:30pm Bible Study <b>NO NARFE MTNG</b>	17	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship	22 11am Food Pantry	23 1:30pm Bible Study	24	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship "Garden Patio Church" Outside	29 11am Food Pantry <b>PASTOR SHAUN OUT AUG 29th &amp; AUG 30th</b>	30 1:30pm Bible Study	31			
			<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 WhipStirs; 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm</li> <li>◆ Scouts; Thursdays at 7:00pm</li> <li>◆ NARFE; 3rd Tuesday at 11:00am</li> </ul> </div>			

August 2022 Worship Assistant Schedule

Task	August 2022			
	7	14	21	28
<b>Greeter</b>	Judy Carlin	Linda Zimmerman	Cole Powell	Debbie Hansen
<b>Acolyte</b>	Welmerink Family	O'Reilly Family	Sharon Walker	Butterfield Family
<b>Reader</b>	Davyann Schalnath	Judi Hein	Cindy Thompson	Lukas Butterfield
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Judi Hein	Sonja Dresbach	Lukas Butterfield	Cole Powell
<b>Cantor</b>	Richard Scoggin	Cheri Daur	Dan Powell	Louis Ling
<b>Usher (2)</b>	Connie Anderson & Debbie Hansen	Betty Thompson & Annette Warner	Debbie Hansen & Tom Landis	Annette Warner & Dan Powell
<b>Altar Guild (2)</b>	Eileen Way & Sharon Scagliotti	Betty Thompson & Sharon Walker	Betty Thompson & Sharon Walker	Cole Powell & Kathy Wilson
<b>Musician</b>	Karon Felten - Piano		Madeline Lenz - Violin	
<b>Tech Support</b>	Sonja Dresbach & Eileen Way	Lukas Butterfield & Sonja Dresbach	Amy Zimmerman & Eileen Way	Amy Zimmerman & Lukas Butterfield
<b>Counters</b>	Cheri Daur & Cole Powell	Davyann Schalnath & Sigrun Coffman	Linda Zimmerman & Stan Pesis	Betty Brown & Davyann Schalnath
<b>Fellowship</b>	Judy Carlin	Fellowship Appreciation BBQ	TBD	TBD