

# Following Faith

July 2022 Newsletter



## Garden Patio Church



### **Blessed summer friends in Christ!**

Our outdoor worship on June 26th felt connecting a few different ways.

1. We re-oriented the "set-up" to face the opposite direction. It finally had dawned on us that folks might want to be facing some of the trees and the lawn, instead of looking at the back of the church building.

### **Re-orientation. It was fresh and inviting.**

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2. We had a visiting youth group from Enumclaw, WA. It was a blessed connection to see a group of youngsters willing to help us move chairs and equipment at 8:45am after they had slept on the floor of the church. Our church membership has grown this year, and we've welcomed new faces and we feel the energy of new connections and relationships. And this youth group was like that too. It also reminds us that the body of Christ is larger than we know, usually larger and more diverse than we can imagine.

### **Relationship. We help and care. We are stronger together.**

3. Okay, we have done some work together. And we're facing a new direction. Then the gospel reading included Jesus being blunt and single-minded. He "has set his face toward Jerusalem." Does this fit our outdoor context of invitation and welcome?

Well, as I posted the video of the sermon to YouTube I could hear birds singing and chirping in the background of this (serious) gospel reading. Should birds be singing while Jesus barks out the orders and marches on?!

What if it all fits? What if it's all true, and all at once?

What a mystery and miracle. I don't know about you, but being in nature brought a comfort even as Jesus pushed his listeners to the hard work of following.

I felt as Howard Thurman has said:

*The earth beneath my feet is the great womb out of which the life upon which my body depends comes in utter abundance. There is at work in the soil a mystery by which the death of one seed is reborn a thousandfold in newness of life. The magic of wind, sun and rain creates a climate that nourishes every living thing. It is law, and more than law; it is order, and more than order—there is a brooding tenderness out of which it all comes. In the contemplation of the earth, I know that I am surrounded by the love of God.*

Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart* (1953), 210–211

### **Resurrection. Christ invites us to abundant life!**

And I am glad to be connected,

+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!

Welcome Summer!

We'll enjoy outdoor services on the last Sunday of the each month, weather permitting.

We were approved by the ELCA credit union for our projects. We are just waiting for the money to pay the contractors. We should be seeing improvements soon.

First, they will paint, then do the roof and then the gutters. All the contracts have been signed and sent to the credit union.

The Waldorf school will be putting two modular classrooms on the northeast side of the property.

We finally picked out a beautiful October Glory Maple tree that will be planted on our lawn area in memory of Ken Johnson.

We are wishing you all a Happy and Safe 4th of July. I'd like to close by sharing this poem with you.

Your friend in Christ,

Eileen Way, President

## Before You, Lord, We Bow,

A hymn by Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843

*1 Before you, Lord, we bow,  
our God who reigns above  
and rules the world below  
with boundless pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
in joy and praise,  
our hearts we raise,  
to you we sing!*

*2 May ev'ry mountain height,  
each vale and forest green,  
shine forth in wisdom's light,  
and its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
be tuned to praise  
and join to raise  
a grateful song.*

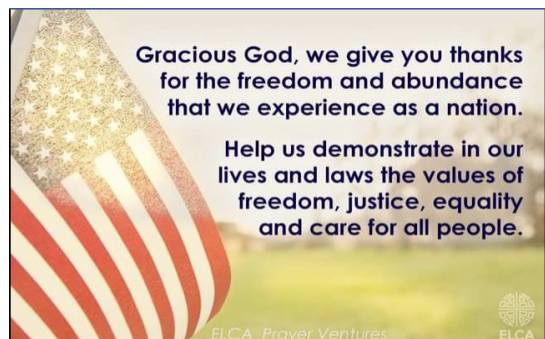
*3 Earth, hear your maker's voice;  
your great redeemer own;  
believe, obey, rejoice,  
and worship God alone.  
Cast down your pride,  
your sin deplore,  
and bow before  
the Crucified.*

*4 And when in pow'r he comes,  
oh, then may ev'ry land  
from all its rending tombs  
send forth a glorious band,  
a countless throng,  
with joy to sing  
to heav'n's high king  
salvation's song!*

## FROM THE TREASURER

**2023 budgets are due by**

**Sept. 1st, 2022**





# COMMUNITY NEWS & CONNECTIONS

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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](mailto: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

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## Christmas in July Fundraiser

This July we will be having a fundraiser for a sister congregation in Rwanda. The Sierra Pacific Synod connects to congregations in Rwanda and El Salvador. We have connected with a parish in Ndego Rwanda to pray together and support each other in our missions to live God's love throughout the world. The pastor of this parish is Pastor Shema, a young man with a wife and new baby who can communicate in English which is very helpful. We have been praying for each other throughout the Covid times and now they are meeting in person again and were very excited to recently get electricity to their church for the first time. They are a very musical congregation and are asking for instruments and sound equipment to enhance their worship experience.

Our church council has voted to offer matching funds up to \$500 from Faith's Mission Investment Fund. We are asking individuals and families in our congregation to make donations to the Rwanda music fund for a Christmas in July Fundraiser.

Judy Hein, Church Councilmember

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## God's Work Our Hands

Sunday, September 11th, will be God's Work Our Hands Day. If you do not have a God's Work Our Hands T-shirt, now is the time to order one. They are golden rod in color and 100% cotton preshrunk. They come in all sizes:

Youth: S, M & L and also Adult: S, M, L, & 1X—5X

They are \$10 per shirt which is really a bargain. Make your check payable to Faith Lutheran Church. A sign-up sheet will be available on Sundays or order by email: Eileen Way at [helenflc@hotmail.com](mailto:helenflc@hotmail.com) or call me 775-560-3248.

# FAITH IN ACTION

*A section highlighting our members' activities!*

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4-H volunteer Linda Zimmerman named

## 4-H Western Region Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer

Linda Zimmerman, 4-H volunteer for University of Nevada, Reno Extension for over 34 years and a University alumna, is one of only four 4-H volunteers nationally to have recently been named a 4-H Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer. Zimmerman was named the 4-H Western Region Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer as part of the 4-H Salute to Excellence Awards for her dedication and service to Extension's Washoe County 4-H Horse Program and support of youth statewide.

Participating in the 4-H Youth Development Program as a youth herself, Zimmerman went from being a club member to being the parent of 4-H youth, and then a 4-H club leader and a 4-H Leaders' Council member. Her positive impact on youth in her club has inspired many past participants to enroll their own children in the program, and to become 4-H leaders themselves.

Having earned her doctoral degree in social psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno, she is interested in trying new strategies for engagement and retention, while supporting youth and their families in figuring out how best to participate in clubs and activities.

"Linda understands some youth may struggle in different areas as they join 4-H or try to engage in activities or projects," said Carrie Stark, Nevada's 4-H state director. "She goes above and beyond to assist them, finding a way to help them with extra time, resources and meetings to overcome their struggles. She exemplifies positive youth-adult partnerships."

For three decades, Zimmerman has served as the 4-H Horse Leader for the Silver Knolls Spurs in Washoe County, managing horse shows and serving as the secretary for others. She has served both on the Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council and the General Washoe County Leaders' Council for over 15 years.

Amy Zimmerman, Vice President & Communications Chair

## Welcome New Members to the Faith Community!

On May 22nd and May 29th we received new members through Affirmation of Baptism! Let it be acclaimed, and we welcome with warm hearts:

- ◇ Lukas Butterfield, and his niece Amelia Butterfield (6)
- ◇ Paul Campbell & Linda Radie
- ◇ Louis Ling & Carolyn Cramer
- ◇ Robert Tonkins, a.k.a. "Rev. Bob"
- ◇ Eric & Katie Weldon, and their son Zach Weldon (14)
- ◇ Adam & Diana Welmerink, and their children Claire (9) & Isaac Welmerink (5)



God's Blessings on our New Members and on our life of Faith!

**WELCOME**  
*to Our Newest Members!*

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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 

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### Summer Makeover

An exciting time is upon us. We are getting a much-needed sprucing up. The loan has been approved. Painting will begin in July and then a major roof repair followed by gutters. Our sprinkler system is being upgraded to cover more of the grass area and new grass seed will be planted to fill in bare spots. Small projects along the way will be happening. Some can be done with volunteers. Some may need to be hired out. Are you a handyman? Are you are interested in helping with building or yard maintenance? Please contact Sonja @ 775-750-9250 [flcangels@aol.com](mailto:flcangels@aol.com).  
Sonja Dresbach, Property Chair

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### Sierra Pacific Synod Leadership

After consultation with the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and per the Sierra Pacific Synod Constitution (S8.54), the Sierra Pacific Synod Council has appointed the Rev. Claire S. Burkat as its Interim Bishop. She hopes to begin working in the synod the week of July 10.

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### Garden News

Since the group using our garden space in the past will not be using it this year, we are asking if any of you are interested in using this space to garden with your family or a group of families. In the past, the produce grown here has been donated to our food pantry but we are looking at options going forward. Please contact [judihein@gmail.com](mailto:judihein@gmail.com) or 775 750-2347 to be put on an interest list.

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### LUNCH BUNCH

Wed, July 6th. We meet at noon in back of the church.  
It's a potluck so bring a dish to share.

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## Shared Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped assemble bags last month! Below are the requested items for July's Shared Harvest. Bags will be assembled on July 24th, 1pm, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Reno.

Cold Cereal	27 Boxes
Mac & Cheese	55 Boxes
Canned Vegetables	42 Cans
Crackers-Saltines	42 Boxes
Deodorant	Unlimited

## Food Pantry

OPEN: JULY 11th, 18th, & 25th

Mondays @ 11am

For the Month of June we had two 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

### June Schedule

- July 03: Luke 10:1-11; Psalm 66:1-9; Isa 66:10-14; Gal 6:7-16
- July 10: Luke 10:25-37; Psalm 25:1-10; Deut 30:9-14; Col 1:1-14
- July 17: Luke 10:38-42; Psalm 15; Gen 18:1-10a; Col 1:15-28
- July 24: Luke 11:1-13; Psalm 138; Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:6-15
- July 31: Luke 12:13-21; Psalm 49:1-12; Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Col 3:1-11

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.

**Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30am Worship	4 <b>Independence Day</b> <i>FOOD BANK CLOSED</i>	5 1:30pm Bible Study	6 12 Noon LUNCH BUNCH 1pm Finance Team	7	8	9
10 9:30am Worship	11 11am Food Pantry	12 1:30pm Bible Study	13	14	15	16 10am Worship Team
17 9:30am Worship	18 11am Food Pantry 6pm Council Meeting	19 11am NARFE 1:30pm Bible Study	20	21	22	23
24 9:30am Worship	25 11am Food Pantry	26 1:30pm Bible Study	27 <b>PASTOR SHAUN OUT - JULY 27th THRU JULY 29th</b>			30
31 9:30am Worship						

**Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space**

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





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 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 <>



## 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!

