

Following Faith

October 2022 Newsletter



Zelve Open Air Museum, Cappadocia, Turkey

Friends in Christ,

What a time in the church! I come to you so thankful for two weeks of vacation, during which I was able to travel to Turkey, seeing Istanbul, Cappadocia, and Izmir/Ephesus. It was a trip of a lifetime. And if you've been on vacation time like that, then maybe, like me, you know: a) it takes time to integrate back into "daily life" and b) you are so thankful for the people and processes that run while you are away.

Truly — I am so thankful for the ways we are the body of Christ together. It means your Pastor can be gone while the life of the Church still shines! And while the Holy Spirit still moves among us.

For instance, I am so proud and blessed to know you all gathered together for service to our neighbors for God's Work, Our Hands. While I'm super bummed to have not been able to participate this year, it's also immediately heart warming to know that when I — or any of us — are gone, or we're unable to give/participate, the work continues. It's God's Work, Our Hands.

And this month, October, is one of my favorite worshipping months together. On October 30th we'll observe Reformation Sunday, our yearly wake up call to be Always Reforming!

My travels in Turkey were, in part, to see cave churches from the 4th century onward, and to be in awe about our ancient faith Fathers and Mothers. I loved to imagine their lives, see their art, read their words and pray in some of the same places they prayed and lived.

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Still, Reformation will remind all of us that we are Living, Worshipping, and Working in our day and time. We are Praying, making Art, building Community in the unique ways we are being called to in 2022-2023.

From sermons of retired pastors like Rev. Bob, to heartfelt messages from up-and-coming ministers like Lukas, God's redeeming and creative Spirit is active. God renews our faith, again and again. And what a gift!

Vacation was truly a gift. And Turkey is a gift I hope to tell you more about.

And Faith Lutheran is a gift. Older voices, younger voices, and our lives of service are gifts.

You are a gift.

Thanks be to God! *God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.*

+ Pastor Shaun

Sierra Pacific Synod



Fall Conference Gatherings
WITH INTERIM BISHOP CLAIRE S. BURKAT AND VICE PRESIDENT SIMON WONG

Conference 1: Redwood Mountain	—	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2
Conference 2: Bridges	—	October 9
Conference 3: Capitol Valley	—	September 24
Conference 4: Sierra Nevada Foothills	—	October 29 - 30
Conference 5: San Francisco Peninsula	—	October 8
Conference 6: El Camino Real	—	November 12
Conference 7: Mt. Diablo	—	September 25
Conference 8: Sierra Central Valley	—	November 5
Conference 9: Central San Joaquin	—	November 6

Gather in community with your fellow Conference for a time of fellowship with each other, your Conference Dean, Bishop Claire S. Burkat, and Synod Vice President Simon Wong. Times, locations, and other details to come!

Sierra Pacific Synod
United Methodist Church

RWANDA

A wire transfer for **\$1,863.00** was sent to Rwanda on 09/29/22.

Thank you everyone for your support!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You for the Retirement send off. It has been my pleasure to clean the church for the last 16 years. I can't believe it's been that long. I'd like to thank Chuck Johnson who very faithfully helped me out. Thanks to Lukas Butterfield who stepped up and is taking over for me. He is also cleaning for the Waldorf School and doing a wonderful job.

I participated in God's Work Our Hands Sunday it was a great success. Thank You all who supported and participated.

We welcome October, hoping for cooler weather, perhaps with a little precipitation to make the grass and trees happier. With pumpkin pie and Fall Festivities such as our own Octoberfest. I hope to see you all there.

At the end of the month, we'll celebrate Martin Luther's Reformation.

Loss of Member

It is with a saddened heart that we lost Johannes Fjellingdal who went to be at home with our Lord. He died September 10, 2022 at Renown Hospital due to respiratory failure. Johannes was a valiant Marine, serving six years in Viet Nam, and honorably discharged as a 100% disabled veteran. He loved going to the Marine Ball, he lived to play golf, and he loved going to the Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor. He loved his car too, but most of all, he loved His Lord and Savior and cherished his church friends. He will be missed. We'll have a celebration of life service as part of our Worship for Oct 16th. A brunch will be held with eulogies. A short service will follow at the Mountain View Cemetery, on Stoker Ave, for those wishing to attend.

Peace be with all of you,
Eileen Way, President

FAITH IN ACTION

Meet the Weldon's!

Eric, Katie, and Zack Weldon joined the Faith Lutheran family in May of 2022. The Weldon's hail from South Reno where they live with their two cats (Loki and Thomas) and their Doberman pup Raven.

Katie is a small animal veterinarian and owns Mount Rose Animal Hospital. She enjoys dog training, hiking, and gardening. Eric, a chemist and environmental permitter, retired from Sierra Pacific Power/NVEnergy a few years ago and now works for Katie as the hospital's Facility Manager. Zack is a freshman at Galena High School where he is currently enjoying being a member of the school's JROTC program and running on the Cross-Country team. Zack earned his black belt at 360 Martial Arts last October and is currently working on his second degree.

Welcome Weldon's!

COMMUNITY NEWS & CONNECTIONS

Property Committee News

October is going to be a busy month!

So much has been happening with painting and roofing, that some things needed to be delayed. New rain gutters will be installed on October 5th. New ceiling tiles in the hallways, by the offices and school, will be installed in October. We will be getting new screens and/or repairs November 3rd. We also want to clean the outside of the windows and window casings. The wood window trim was painted, but some were a form of plastic and they need cleaning.

We are planning a fall clean-up. Before the cold sets in, we want to clean up the inside and outside of the church and yard. There is some dusting and cleaning inside. Ramiro, our gardener, has been trimming trees and weeding. We will bring in a dumpster and fill it with limbs, leaves, weeds, and debris in the yard.

Able to help? Be at the church at **9 AM on October 22nd**. With enough helpers we should be able to finish by noon. Wear your "God's Work, Our Hands" t-shirt. Questions, call Sonja at 775-750-9250. Hope to see you there.

A BIG "Thank You" to Boy Scout Troop #152.



They did a great job cleaning out our kitchen shed and painting it for us on August 6th. They actually emptied the shed on Thursday, Aug 4th at their evening meeting and did the painting on Saturday the 6th. Supervised by the leaders, the troop painted shelves and each other and had a great time. I noticed some white hair and a touch of

white on clothing as well. But they were laughing and having a good time. A great bunch. They did a great job and helped us get the shed ready for storage. A big "Thank You" to this troop for a job well done.

Sonja Dresbach, Property Chair

Shared Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped assemble bags last month! Below are the requested items for the October Shared Harvest. Bags will be assembled at 1pm on October 23rd at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sparks.

Cold Cereal.....	28 Boxes	Tuna.....	42 Cans
Canned Fruit.....	42 Cans	Shampoo.....	Unlimited Qty
Canned Chicken Noodle Soup.....	42 Cans		

COMMUNITY NEWS & CONNECTIONS

LUNCH BUNCH - Wed, Oct 5th

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

Prayer Requests

Please send any prayer requests to
the prayer team at:
prayers@faithlutheranreno.org

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.

Bible Study

Join us Tuesday afternoons, from 1:30p-2:30p, 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 Zoom via Video

Meeting ID: 97416357933

Password: 303457

-OR-

Join Zoom via Phone

Dial: 1 669-900-912

Meeting ID: 97416357933

Password: 303457

October Schedule

- **Oct 04**/for 10/09: Luke 17:11-19; Psalm 111; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15
- **Oct 11**/for 10/16: Luke 18:1-8; Psalm 121; Genesis 32:22 - 31; 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
- **Oct 18**/for 10/23: Luke 18:9-14; Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:7-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
- **Oct 25**/for 10/30: John 8:31-36; Psalm 46; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28

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

Sunday Worship Zoom Information

**Visit our website at faithlutheranreno.org to join Zoom
- via phone or video -**

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Work Our Hands - Update

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed items for our Blessing Bags! We met after the Worship service on September 11th to participate in the ELCA *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday. We completed 78 bags which were distributed to our Food Pantry guests on September 12th.

Many adults and two dedicated kiddos worked together to stuff the bags with all your donations. **Thank you for your participation!** It was a feeling of community and care for our neighbors. Blessings all around Faith friends.

Judi Hein, Church Council



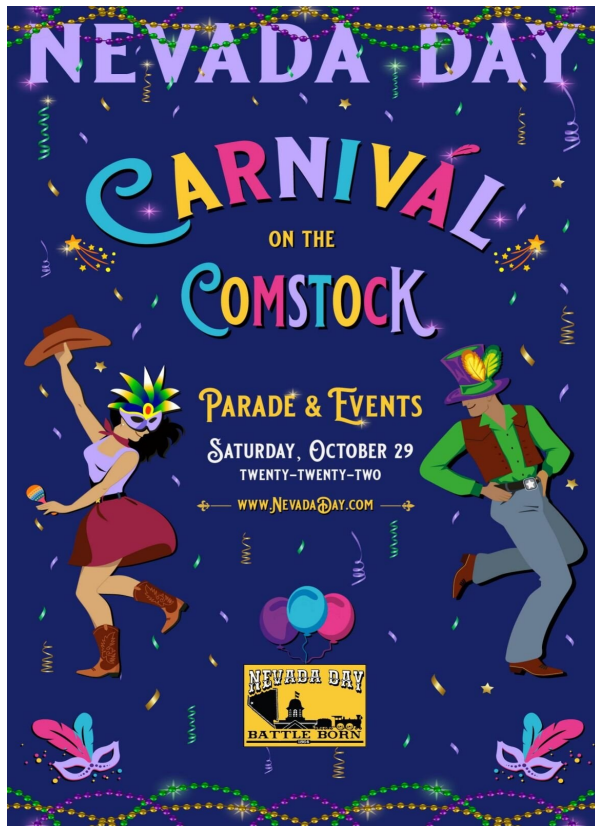
Save the Date!

Sunday, Dec. 4th, 2022

Cookie Palooza!

Bring holiday cookies and sweets to share following the "Greening of the Church", after worship, on the first Sunday in December.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy Nevada Day

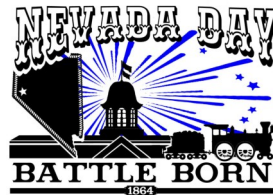
Friday, October 28th!

Nevada Day Parade in Carson City

Saturday, October 29th at 10am

Moving North to South On Carson St

"Carnival represents colorful floats, upbeat music, it's a reason to dress up and have fun!" stated the President of the Nevada Day Board of Directors, Bobby Bean. "Wear capes, wear costumes, anything goes at Carnival... just remember, it's a family event."



Save the Date!

Elementary and middle school youth invited to Mt Cross Camp for a weekend retreat.

Nov 18-20



Food Pantry

Mondays @ 11am



OCT 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st

We had 3 food pantries in September. We served 84 households with 168 members; 78 women and 86 men. We gave out 4,719 pounds of food.



October 2022

Faith Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 OKTOBERFEST 5-7P
2 9:30am Worship	3 11am Food Pantry	4 1:30p Bible Study	5 12 Noon LUNCH BUNCH	6	7	8
PASTOR SHAUN OUT - SEP 30th thru OCT 8th						
9 9:30am Worship	10 11am Food Pantry COLUMBUS DAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	11 1:30p Bible Study	12 1pm Finance Team	13	14	15 10am Worship Team 3:30-6p Boy Scouts in Yard & Patio
16 9:30am Worship Celebration of Life Johannes Fjellingdal	17 11am Food Pantry 6pm Council Mtng	18 11:45am NARFE 1:30p Bible Study	19	20	21	22
23 9:30am Worship	24 11am Food Pantry	25 1:30p Bible Study	26	27	28 	29 10am Nevada Day Parade/Carson City
30 9:30am Worship REFORMATION SUNDAY	31 		Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ACA; Mondays at 5:30pm ◆ Sierra High Notes; Wednesdays at 6:45pm ◆ 4-H WhipStirs; 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm ◆ Scouts; Thursdays at 7:00pm ◆ NARFE; 3rd Tuesday at 11:45am 			