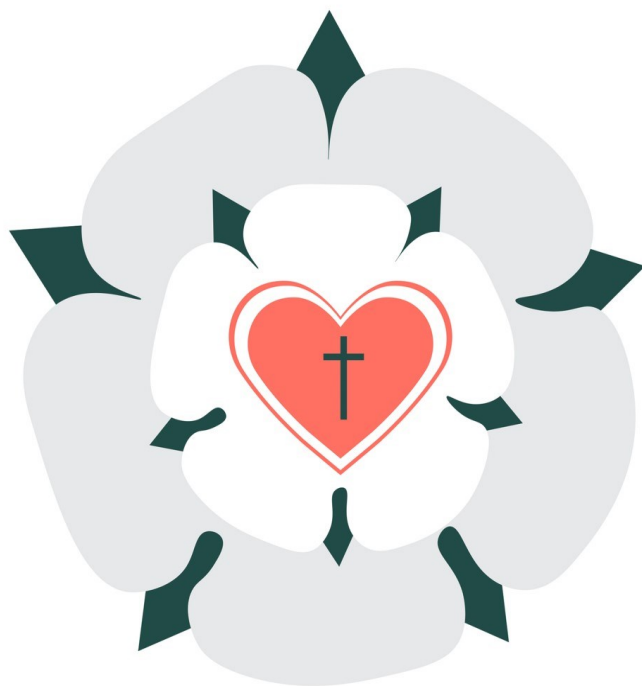


# Following Faith

November Newsletter 2023



## Restored. Resolved. Reformed.

We are blessed to be this church, together.

Along those lines, I wanted to see the pictures which follow this text. You'll notice the parking lot. And you'll notice the Reformation theme we're using this Sunday (the 29th). But you'll notice an older picture too. Weeks ago I asked Betty T and Eileen W to clean out a cabinet. It was full of great pictures. They all spark stories and commentary, but there were many from the 90s too, cataloging the work and construction that went into reshaping (Reforming?!) the building's entry way and worship space. It was fun to see members from 30 years ago, snapping pictures and moving furniture and really making room for the big changes.

And it truly felt like—*"See? We are at it again!"*

We're making way, moving cars, getting things squared away so that work and formation can be done. In a really beautiful way, we're not alone in this re-construction work.

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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR -continued

It's comforting and powerful (headed into Reformation and All Saints Sunday) to be reminded: We are \*still the church. We are \*still at work.

We are living into our present calling, just like faithful folks have done through the generations.

And this is God's work with us, here and now, this gift together! Buildings get re-formed, and parking lots get re-formed too. But what comes from God's giving—all God's doing, not what we work up—the gift of forgiveness and freedom, it is our never-changing experience of grace. The ways we keep encountering this grace through communities and buildings and driving up parking lots ... sure, sometimes those avenues fluctuate, change, and need to be re-formed. But the love of God in Christ is our sure foundation; and it is the Word we proclaim through all the means we've been given.

So come up the parking lot. Come inside.

Park your heart for a while and then head outside to live and serve.

The steadfast love of God is ever with you, with us, and for our world.

Thanks be!

†Pastor Shaun O'Reilly



### **2023 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

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**Secretary:** Judi Hein

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**Members at Large:** Jean Carter, Sonja Dresbach,  
Amy Zimmerman, and Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

# IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

## November 5th - All Saints Sunday\*

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem. *\*GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS - Wear your t-shirts!*



## November 12th



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. It is nearing the end of the "church year," and the readings are infused with this nearing. Vicar Sarah Toney preaches and presides.

## November 19th

### ***Faith Lutheran Chancel Choir sings on this day!***

Our gospel reading shows Jesus telling the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us. This Sunday we "pledge" our gifts — in gratitude for what God has brought to life among us. We bring our offerings: Time, Talent, and Treasure—to be rededicated to God and to the activity of this church. We are Christ's body together.



### ***November 21st, Tuesday, 6pm - Thanksgiving Service!***

*O give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever." - Psalm 136:26*



We gathering this evening for a service of Thanksgiving. Friends and family and neighbors are welcome. We reflect, we rejoice, and we hope together in prayer, readings, and song. We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation and as Christ's ministry of love continues, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

## November 26th - Christ the King

On this final Sunday of the church year, we journey through the narratives that guide us through the seasons of the Church. We experience a bit of all the seasons, reading and singing our way through the year and celebrating the God who makes all things new. We raise our voices in thanks for God's victory of death, as we await the consummation of all things yet to come.



# STEWARDSHIP TEAM

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## ***November is Stewardship Month at Faith Lutheran!***

While you may not feel that Stewardship Month is all that exciting, let us assure you it is! This is the month when we reflect as a congregation on:

- ◆ What have been the gifts of God's action in our lives this year?
- ◆ How do we see Christ's mission blooming in our church?
- ◆ What is God's call on our lives as individuals and as a congregation?

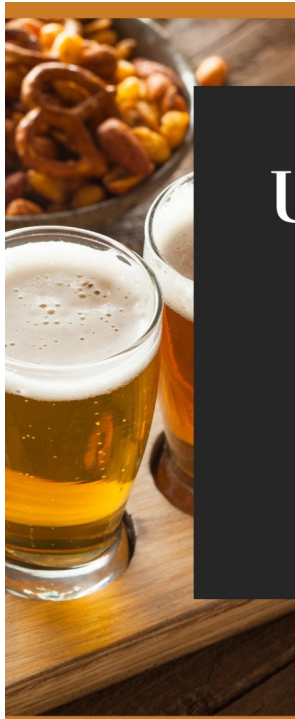
The first question is perhaps the most important. How is God showing up for us and for our neighbor through us? For all you do and give in the Spirit of our shared mission, we give thanks to God and we give thanks to you! Because of our shared community in Christ, Faith is a church of abundant love, community, inclusion, celebration, service, and growth. Thanks to you and thanks be to God! In the weeks ahead, your stewardship team and council will ask you to reflect on these questions and more, including how you personally want to engage in our congregation with your time, talents, and treasure. We all give by being present as we are able, by praying, by sharing the peace, by singing, by helping in the activities and service of Faith, and by sharing our personal abundance. This is the time of year when we ask what that might mean for you in 2024.

Stay tuned for questions like these and opportunities to answer in the weeks ahead.

We give thanks to God for all that you bring to our vibrant community. We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit that are to come in 2024.

Blessings from your Stewardship Team - Eric, Davyann, Ben, and Sarah

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**Unfiltered  
Faith  
at Faith  
Lutheran**

**Happy Hour with the Bible  
at Faith Lutheran!**

**OCTOBER 1  
NOVEMBER 12  
DECEMBER 3  
2-4PM**

**We can all get so serious about the Bible!  
Why? Let's talk about it over a beer.**

# CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## Shared Harvest

Items needed for this month's assembly are; 56 Boxes of **Mac n Cheese**, 42 Cans of **Chili**, 42 Sleeves of **Saltine Crackers**, 42 Cans of **Tuna**, and **Powdered Laundry Detergent** in unlimited quantities. Packing will be on **Nov 19th, 1pm @ Faith Lutheran Reno**. Thank you so much for your support!

## Food Bank

With the recent absence of Eileen Way, the Food Bank held at Faith Lutheran Church will take a temporary respite. The Food Bank will not be held for the months of November and December, 2023. The other locations will help to pick up the shortage which will give FLC a chance to "revamp" the program and make an analysis of how to continue, if at all, in 2024. Bless all of you who have participated, some for many years!

-Eileen Way, Food Bank Director

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM

Please do not put donated items in the supply cupboard. We do appreciate all donations. However, our space is limited. The Fellowship team is now in charge of all kitchen supplies. All paper goods, coffee, napkins, anything that has to do with running the kitchen. Plus purchasing anything we need for our fun activities throughout the year. We have a budget for the year. To keep cupboards in a tidy manner, please leave donations on the kitchen counter marked (donation). Here is a list of items we always need.

- ◆ **Paper towels**
- ◆ **Coffee**
- ◆ **Coffee cups 8oz. or 10 oz.**
- ◆ **Sturdy paper plates**
- ◆ **NO stir sticks needed**
- ◆ **Splenda or Stevia packets**



Our congregation is very giving and we are so Blessed by your generosity.

Thank you,  
The Fellowship Team

**Please Note: Campbell Soup Can labels are no longer needed nor accepted.**

**Thank you.**



Well behaved  
furry friends  
received  
blessings, Oct



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**COOKIE PALOOZA!**

**SUNDAY, DEC 3RD**

# CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Adult Faith Formation Forum - "Reformation History"

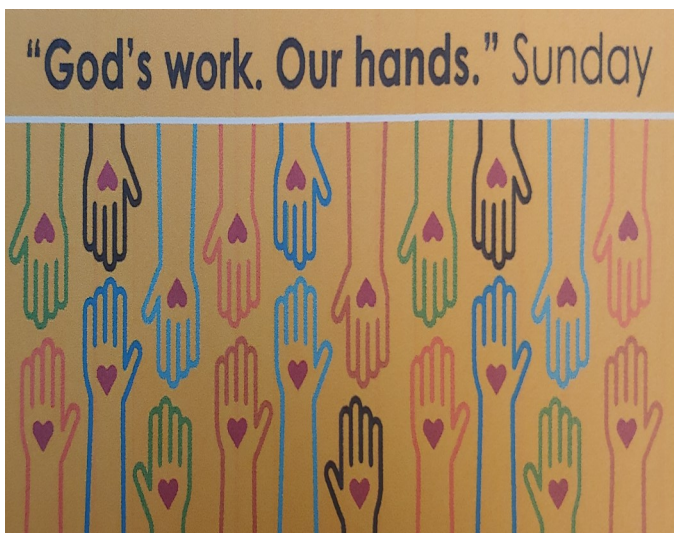
***Saturdays in November - in the Fireside Room***

Adult Faith Formation classes continue through most of November up until Thanksgiving. Remaining meetings **starting at 1pm on Saturdays.**

We will continue the walk through the theology and history of the Lutheran Reformation, the Protestant Reformation, and others. Pr Stan Pesis will host the group interacting with these ideas through multi-week videos and discussions. Bring your questions, your experiences, and munch on snacks as we explore the Reformations.

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## Outreach



God's Work Our Hands, **GWOH**, is taking place November 5th, after worship service. We will dedicate this day to getting our church ready for Advent by cleaning the outdoor and indoor spaces. We will need many hands to accomplish many tasks and it will make our spaces ready to celebrate a new season. Please wear your GDOH T- shirt and work clothes!

We are sponsoring a **Foster the City** information meeting at Faith on Tuesday, Nov 14th, at 6:30pm. This is your opportunity to learn more about our dedication to and involvement in this ministry. There will be refreshments and childcare available. Please sign up in the Narthex to learn more.

-Judi Hein, Outreach Chair



# CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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## Worship Team



Dear Members & Friends of Faith Lutheran Church,  
Your worship team received the list of your most requested hymns we are sharing the results. Of the 247 hymns selected from the cranberry hymnal, 128, or 52%, of those chosen have been sung during worship in the last 18 mos, many more than once. Also, it's important to note that 73, or 30%, of the 128 are specific to Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter and communion. As your worship team we will take your requests into consideration and use in worship services specific to the liturgical & church year. We will also denote in the bulletin by an asterisk \* hymns which were selected as favorites. As your worship team we desire to support and work for you to the Glory of our God have our worship services, especially music, be one of worship, praise and be an uplifting and joy filled experience for all.  
In His Service, ☩ Sharon Scagliotti, Worship Team Leader.

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## 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 Service.

*All are welcome! Visit our website for online attendance.*

### **November Schedule**

- ◆ **Nov 07**/for 11/12: Matt 25:1-13; Ps 70; Amos 5:18-24; 1 Thess 4:13-18
- ◆ **Nov 14**/for 11/19: Matt 25:14- 30; Ps 90:1-12; Amos 5:18-24; Zeph 1:7, 12-18
- ◆ **Nov 21**/for 11/26: Matt 25:31- 46; Ps 95:1-7a; Ezek 34:11-16; Ephe 1:15-23
- ◆ **Nov 28**/for 12/03: Mark 13:24-37; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinth 1:3-9

For more information contact the office at [office@faithlutheranreno.org](mailto:office@faithlutheranreno.org) or call 775.747-3246

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## Sunday Worship Live - Online via YouTube

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link ([www.faithlutheranreno.org](http://www.faithlutheranreno.org)) or find us on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheran-reno>

***Be sure to click on the "LIVE" tab once in YouTube***

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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.

# November 2023

## Faith Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:30am Worship  <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>	6 	7 <b>Election Day Polling Place</b> 1:30pm Bible Study	8 <b>12pm Finance Mtng</b>	9	10 <b>VETERANS DAY</b>  (observed)	11 10a Worship Team 10:30am PRAC RES <b>1PM CLASS, THE REFORMATIONS</b>
<b>PASTOR SHAUN OUT</b>						
12 9:30am Worship <b>2pm UNFILTERED FAITH</b> <b>PASTOR SHAUN OUT - youth retreat</b>	13 <b>6pm Council Mtng</b>	14 1:30pm Bible Study	15	16	17 <b>PASTOR SHAUN OUT - youth retreat</b>	18 10:30am PRACTICING RESURRECTION <b>1PM CLASS, THE REFORMATIONS</b>
19 9:30am Worship <i>Pledge Sunday</i>	20	21 <b>11:45a NARFE</b> 1:30pm Bible Study <b>6PM THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b>	22	23 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> 	24 <b>FAMILY DAY (STATE HOLIDAY)</b>	25
26 9:30am Worship <b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	27	28 1:30pm Bible Study	29	30 <b>Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space</b> ♦ ACA: Mondays at 5:30pm-4H ♦ WhipStirs: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm ♦ Scouts: Thursdays at 7:00pm		