

Following Faith

October Newsletter 2023

God arrives & it is the season for fruits



Happy October, Church!

It's been weeks and months in the time after Pentecost; in October and November we come upon our Holy Days of Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29) and All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5). What a blessing comes to us in the church now!

The Wednesday night learning class has been looking at tenets of Reformation, and so we are well prepared to recall the brave acts of Martin Luther and Protestants. We are reminded in these months and rhthyms of community that we are always reforming, always being Christ's community together. We are listening to God's Spirit and living from God's vision of faith in our time and place.

We continue to comfort each other after the loss of church members—Tami and Paula most recently. We keep their families in our prayers for comfort and the promise of eternal life.

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR -continued

And, as we always do in this faith, we also experience God's new life and promise among us. Here are some signs:

- ◆ We will pave our parking lot this month.
- ◆ We will participate with Elmcrest Elementary for a Trunk or Treat and we'll encourage each other to be active in supporting local foster families.
- ◆ We will celebrate Oktoberfest and party together too on Sunday, Oct. 22nd.
- ◆ We will welcome new members to our church on Reformation Sunday (29th)!

Thanks be to God!

These months contain our anticipation for a new year of the church beginning in Advent at the end of November, and yes these times are full of life.

Come and see! Taste and see! Give your life to the God of promise who makes all things new with us!

Happy October, Church,

†Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

COUNCIL NEWS

Blessings Faith Community,

The Council meeting was fairly quick this month. Pastor Shaun let us know we have nearly ten people who would like to join the congregation and that he's planning to put on a new members class soon. There was a vote to confirm the hiring of Sarah Toney through the end of December. Sarah will teach classes here at Faith and will preach on occasion. Our lease with the Waldorf school was finalized. Eric Weldon, our vice president, will with Pastor Shaun be a point of contact with the school to help discuss future plans including the possibility of shared use projects. The council also approved \$3,000 for the concrete wheelchair ramp to be completed before the paving of the parking lot begins, in fact, I believe that has already occurred! The Council is still looking at beginning fundraising campaigns for the remodeling the kitchen, bathrooms, and beautifying the driveway/frontage along the road. However, those may be postponed until the annual congregation meeting.

That's all for now,

- Ben Pesis, Council President

2023 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Ben Pesis

Vice President: Eric Weldon

Secretary: Judi Hein

Treasurer: LindaLu Miller

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

IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

October 8th - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost Creation Care & Blessing of the Animals

We hear Jesus' parables about workers in a vineyard. We are reminded of the good care we are called to Steward with all of creation, and to help the life of this world "bear good fruit." We are reminded, with this fall season, that this is the season of fruits (as Matthew 21 puts it). Your pets are welcome to our worship service for a blessing!



October 15th - The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



October 22nd - The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.



October 28th - Worship for the Festival of Reformation

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work.

The Faith Lutheran Chancel Choir sings "Built on a Rock!"

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our Refuge.

Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed:

and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

God is our Refuge and Strength: a very present Help in trouble!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” - 1 Peter 4:10

Everything that we are and everything we have comes from God. All that we are and have has simply been entrusted to us. Our lives, our special talents and gifts, our relationships, our energy and time, our creativity and intelligence, and our material resources, these come to us from our Beloved. And we are called to use what we have been given to serve others, to be good stewards of God’s amazing grace.

Stewardship is a term we all struggle with. For most of us it conjures up images and memories of fund raising and pledges, of being asked to tithe, or to financially support this or that good cause within the congregation. And while monetary giving to the church is indeed a component of sharing our blessings, it is certainly not all that stewardship means. Nor is practicing good stewardship a way we bargain our way into God’s forgiveness; rather, it is a proclamation of God’s love for us freely given.

Stewardship is an action-oriented sort of thing. It is love in many guises and disguises. It includes compassion, empathy, an open heart, and mindfulness when making decisions. It means acknowledging and attending to the needs of others and of our world. It asks that we know, grow and use our unique talents and gifts. It calls us to participate fully in life and to serve those whom God has put in front of us.

Thank you to all who so generously share your time and talents, your knowledge and skills, your encouragement, your financial gifts and your smiles and hugs with this family of God. You are truly faithful stewards of God’s grace. May your blessings be multiplied!
- Your Stewardship Team

**November is traditionally Stewardship Month at Faith. It is time to recognize not only your financial generosity, but your Time and Talent contributions to our church. In November, we will be distributing new Time and Talent sheets to everyone. If you want to participate in specific teams this will be your chance to hop on board any one of nearly ten teams.*

Dear Friends,

It is hard to say goodbye to seeing you all on a regular basis. My health has led me to choose to worship at a congregation nearer to my home, one that I am already familiar with—South Reno Baptist Church. It is about 2.5 miles round trip, compared to over 16 to and from Faith. I will miss the love and acceptance I find at Faith. I look forward to the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ and the reunion party in heaven at the wedding feast of the Lamb. We are friends, brothers and sisters, forever.



Love,
Judy Jack

SHARING WITH EACH OTHER

Shared Harvest

Items needed for this month's assembly are; 28 Boxes of **Cereal**, 42 Cans of **Canned Fruit**, 42 Cans of **Tuna** and **Shampoo** in unlimited quantities. Our assembly this month will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sparks, at 1pm, on Sunday, October 22nd. Thank you so much to all of you who have donated!

Food Bank

The need for food grows more and more in demand for our community. The volunteers at our Faith Lutheran Church/Food Bank of No NV location grows smaller and smaller. If you have the time on either Mondays to help distribute, or Wednesdays to help pack for the following week, please contact Eileen Way at 775.560.3248 or helenflc@hotmail.com.

Join Vicar Sarah for a new workshop, Practicing Resurrection!

This 6-session program is an exploration of how God meets us in our grief and whispers to us of new life, bringing about resurrection in our lives now.

These six sessions are intended to help us deepen in our connection with ourselves, others, and the Holy One who always shows us the way of new life. These sessions are about how we deepen in this walk of love for each other, ourselves, creation, and God through grief to new life. If you'd prefer to attend online, this program can be made available hybrid. Please RSVP with the office – **office@faithlutheranreno.org** or **(775) 747-3246**.



Practicing resurrection

*a 6-week exploration of how we move from grief to
new life with God*

Faith Lutheran

*Saturdays 10:30am - 12pm
6 Saturdays beginning October 14*

CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Adult Faith Formation Forum - "Reformation History"

New days and times for October - in the Fireside Room

Adult Faith Formation continues on Wednesday nights in October with some scheduling changes **Wed, Oct 11th, at 5:00pm**. With the remaining meetings in **October, the 21st and 28th, starting at 1pm on Saturdays**.

Continuing through October we will 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 with multi-week videos and discussions. Bring your questions, your experiences, and munch on snacks as we explore the Reformations.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This is an invitation for your kids to join Eileen & Sharon for Children's Sunday School (after worship) for this year's lessons & activities. Our Sunday School Room has been redone and is more user friendly for teachers & students. We are looking forward to a great year to learn about God and all the wonderful blessings He offers us.

Preschool thru 6th grade

MUSIC - LESSONS - CRAFTS & FUN

Feel Free to invite friends & family. Come & See !



Sharon Scagliotti, Worship Committee Chair



Outreach

Our OCT focus will be *Foster the City* with an interest meeting at the church on Oct 17th.

-Judi Hein, Outreach Chair

Remembering

Paula Guinn, long term member of FLC passed away the Monday morning of September 4th, 2023. Her funeral and memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on 1pm, Wednesday, October 4, 2023.



CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

Dial: 1 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 97416357933 Password: 303457

October Schedule

- ◆ **Oct 03**/for 10/08: Matt 21:33-46; Ps 80:70-15; Isaiah 5:1-7; Phil 3:4b-14
- ◆ **Oct 10**/for 10/15: Matt 22:1-14; Ps 23; Isaiah 25:1-9; Phil 4:1-9
- ◆ **Oct 17**/for 10/22: Matt 22:15-22; Ps 96:1-9 [10-13]; Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thess 1:1-10
- ◆ **Oct 24**/for 10/29: Matt 22:34-46; Ps 1; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; 1 Thess 2:1-8
- ◆ **Oct 31**/for 11/05: Matt 23:1-12; Ps 43; Micah 3:5-12; 1 Thess 2:9-13

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

Sunday Worship Live - Online via YouTube

To join with video, go to our website and follow the video link (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

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.

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.

October 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship	2 11am Food Pantry	3 1:30pm Bible Study	4 NO LUNCH BUNCH 1pm FUNERAL SVC For Paula Guinn	5 10am ECLA Pastors' Gathering	6	7
8 9:30am Worship 	9 11am Food Pantry COLUMBUS DAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY	10 1:30pm Bible Study	11 12pm Finance Mtng 5:00pm CLASS, THE REFORMATIONS	12	13	14 10a WorshipTeam 10:30am PRACTISING RESURRECTION
PASTOR SHAUN OUT						
15 9:30am Worship	16 NO FOOD PANTRY 6pm Council Mtng	17 1:30pm Bible Study (ZOOM?)	18 NO EVENING CLASS (moved to Saturday)	19 NO SCOUTS	20	21 8:30am-6pm D of NORWAY 10:30am PRACTICING RESURRECTION 1PM CLASS, THE REFORMATIONS
PAVING PARKING LOT						
22 9:30am Worship  (After Worship)	23 11am Food Pantry	24 11:45a NARFE 1:30pm Bible Study	25	26	27  10am NEVADA DAY PARADE IN CARSON CITY	28 10:30am PRACTICING RESURRECTION 1pm CLASS, THE REFORMATIONS
29 9:30am Worship REFORMATION SUNDAY	30 11am Food Pantry	31 1:30pm Bible Study REFORMATION DAY 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ ACA; Mondays at 5:30pm-4-H ◆ WhipStirs; 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm ◆ Scouts; Thursdays at 7:00pm 			