

Following Faith

September Newsletter 2024



Wilber D May Arboretum

Friends of Faith,

As Labor Day is passed it feels like fall is approaching and here. That means cooler weather (thank the Lord!), and football and other sports returning, and kids back to school too.

It also means it's a time for churches to bring back or begin programming and help folks get into the swing of faith forming routines after summer.

And this year, that's Faith Lutheran Church in a new way!

We are so happy to announce that we've hired Sam White to join us in a joint role as choir director AND kids/youth ministry assistant! We met Sam this summer as she helped us play music. And she

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directed the choir in singing “How Great Thou Art” in July. Sam’s energy and heart and choral knowledge and skill impressed us all. It also helped us dream that — as we had budget money for children’s ministry this fall — Sam could uniquely help us both in worship with music and also beyond worship with kids/youth. We know we want to encourage our children to learn the great stories of Christian faith and also be self-expressive through the arts. Lo and Behold— Sam is equipped to help in exactly these ways; we feel like God has brought us a double blessing!



So, please say Hi and welcome Sam White to our staff! She will be with us on Sundays, and then Wed/Thurs evenings, as we plan family programming and choir practices.

Sam works as a board certified Music Therapist with Note-able Music Therapy and she brings years of experience as a music therapist, vocalist, actor, music/choral director, adaptive music teacher, and more! She comes to Reno from working in Chicago, and from work and school in Ohio before that.

(You know how our scriptures mention God’s way and work is like “rivers in the desert”? Well, that’s already how we feel Sam’s gifts of energy and faith and exuberance are to us Renoites and desert-dwellers! Ha.)

Thanks be to God for new life this fall, new programs, and new hope for reaching our community and inviting families to find a church home with us. Please be in touch with me (Pr Shaun) or Sam if you’d like to give time/talent/treasure to support the choir or the children’s ministry. We can always use it!

Mostly, we’re grateful. This is exciting, and we’re only able to do it because our Faith community continually steps up in support and vision. Let’s keep going!

Cheers to these rivers in the desert and the refreshing view of Autumn,

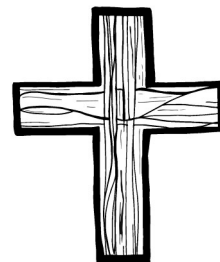
†Pastor Shaun O’Reilly



IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

September 15th - The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words.



But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3).

And, so, we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

September 22nd - The 18th Sunday after Pentecost



Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

September 29th - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



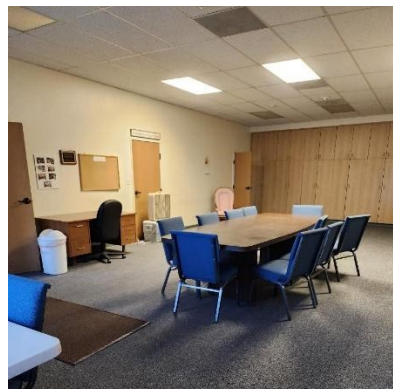
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Exciting things are happening in our church for the fall.

God's Play Room is ready for our young people to come and explore a new adventure in God's word. Thank you to Eric Weldon, Sharon Scagliotti, Louis Ling, Carolyn Cramer, and Lukas Butterfield for preparing the room for learning and exploring. Tables, benches, shelves, pillows, and a nice rug for sitting. Thank you, Pastor Shaun, for applying and receiving a grant for leadership training and supplies for our youth.



Eric has been cleaning out and rearranging rooms making more open space for all. Two rooms for storage of chairs, tables, custodial supplies and other miscellaneous items. By storing some items away, he has opened up the Fellowship Room for events or meetings or whatever we want to envision. It is the room across from the offices. It's not yet finished, so keep your eyes on it and see what appears. The room is already booked for an event in October. Thank you Eric for all your time and effort in making our rooms more efficient, accessible and comfortable.

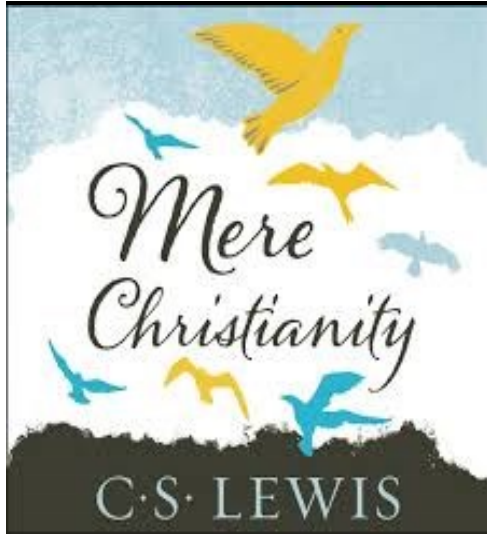


Keep your eyes on what's next. If you want to help, contact Eric 775.354.4247. He would appreciate your help.

Sonja Dresbach, Council President

Message
from the
President

FAITH FORMATION



ADULT FORUM

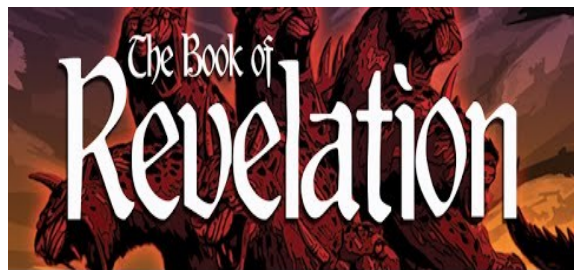
At 11am on Sundays, join us for learning and discussion following worship. It's our Adult Forum!

On Sept 8th, we begin talking about C.S. Lewis' classic work *Mere Christianity*. Find yourself a copy and join us for Sept/October.

Just come along!

SATURDAY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Join Pastor Stan as we study the books of the new testament. In August we started a series of presentations on the Book of Revelation. This conversation is open to everyone and all of your questions are encouraged, *especially* from those who are novices on the new testament.



**Join us for fun & learning, questions, wonderings, and of course, treats!
All are welcome and encouraged! Led by Stan Pesis and Elizabeth King.**

BEGINS AGAIN NOV 2ND* ~ SATURDAY'S @ 1PM

****No more classes will be held in September - but will begin again in November.***



10:50am - 11:50am

FAITH IN ACTION

2024 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Sonja Dresbach

Vice President: Eric Weldon

Secretary: Benjamin Pesis

Treasurer: LindaLu Miller

Members at Large: Jean Carter, Matthew Rhiley,
Amy Zimmerman, and Pr. Shaun O'Reilly

2024 TEAMS & LEADERS

Communications: Amy Zimmerman

Finance: LindaLu Miller

Outreach/Social Action: Judi Hein

Worship and Music: Sharon Scagliotti

Fellowship/Hospitality: Pat Porter, Jean Carter

Property: Eric Weldon

Stewardship: Eric Weldon

Personnel: Linda Zimmerman

*Let's get a little acquainted with new member,
Mark Herman!*



Mark comes to Faith Lutheran from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in San Jose, where he was baptized in 1960. He attended regularly until 6th grade and then continued to attend, off and on, with his Mom, Frida Herman, until she passed in 2016.

Your Faith Community welcomes you Mark!



More info to come!

SAVE THE DATE !

SAT, OCT 26, 2PM

**Drag out your Lederhosen and
beer steins and join us!**

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY

Navajo Blessing Way Prayer

In beauty may I walk.
All day long may I walk.
Through the returning seasons may I walk.
On the trail marked with pollen may I walk.
With grasshoppers about my feet may I walk.
With dew about my feet may I walk.
With beauty may I walk.
With beauty before me, may I walk.
With beauty behind me, may I walk.
With beauty above me, may I walk.
With beauty below me, may I walk.
With beauty all around me, may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, lively, may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, living again, may I walk.
It is finished in beauty.
It is finished in beauty.

-Author Unknown, shared by LindaLu Miller



SHARED HARVEST

For September we have everything we need!

Thanks to all who so generously donated.

Packing is Sun, 09/22, 1pm @ Our Savior, Sparks.

In October we need only **33 cans of Fruit, 20 cans of Chicken Noodle Soup, and 28 boxes of Cold Cereal.**

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. Study schedules may be found on the table in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome!

Prayer Requests


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

Online Giving

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online option at our website:
faithlutheranreno.org
Click on "Support Faith" at the top right
of the page.

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Faith Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am Worship	2 	3 1:30pm Bible Study	4 12pm LUNCH BUNCH	5	6	7 1pm FAITH FORMATION CLASS
PASTOR SHAUN OUT AUG 26th - SEP 3rd						
8 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Forum 11am Kids Place	9	10 1:30pm Bible Study	11 12pm Finance Mtng CANCELLED - WILL BE RESCHEDULED	12	13	14 11am Cindy Burroughs MEMORIAL
15 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Forum 11am Kids Place	16 6pm Council Mtng	17 11:45am NARFE 1:30pm Bible Study	18 8pm Children's Ministry Dinner	19	20	21
1ST DAY OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH						
22 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Forum 11am Kids Place	23	24 1:30pm Bible Study	25	26 5:45pm - 7:15pm Choir Practice	27	28
29 9:30am Worship 11am Adult Forum 11am Kids Place	30			Weekly Group Meetings in the FLC Space ♦ ACA; Mondays at 5:30pm ♦ 4-H WhipStirs; 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm ♦ Scouts; Thursdays at 7:00pm		