

# Following Faith

## Blessed Pentecost and Summer!

May your summer be filled with joy, and rest, and friends and relaxation too!  
What are your plans this summer?

I am leaving this Sunday night to attend my grandmother's funeral in Irving, TX. And then I'll stay a week and drive my fiancé, Amanda, from Texas to Reno. We'll be back on June 20th! I hope all your plans/travels are blessed too.

The church has plans to be together in June/July, so note some of these great opportunities:

- **Festival of Pentecost** this Sunday, the 8th, and welcoming new members!
- **Ice Cream Social** Following worship on June 15th - Father's day!
- **ArtTown Jazz Vespers** - July 9th and July 30th here at Faith Lutheran Church! See page 4 for more info.

Friends, the gift of grace is Life and Freedom, and may that be a blessing real to you this summer season.

Body of Christ with you,  
+Pastor Shaun



# Letter from the Council President

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Summer is almost upon us.  
Vacations, lazy days, warm to hot days.  
June 20<sup>th</sup> is our longest day, so enjoy  
these long days of sunshine. Spend  
time with family and/or friends.

Want to do some work and help the church at the same time? The property team is always looking for people to help with the outside of our church, watering, raking, planting, trimming, touch up painting, work day. Inside help with cleaning, organizing.

We have 2 prayer lists. One is for those who only want prayer on Sunday morning during intercessory prayers. The other is an online prayer chain that is sent to 90% of our members who have agreed to pray for those in need. If you would like to be part of our email prayer chain by praying for others or have a prayer request of your own, please contact [prayers@faithlutheranreno.org](mailto:prayers@faithlutheranreno.org).

Like to help with snacks during fellowship time after worship service? Can be as simple as cookies, breads, veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Want to donate flowers in memory or honor of someone or a special time in your life? Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

And we always need help with our worship assistant list: acolyte, altar guild, cantor, counter, greeter, reader, tech support, ushers, assisting minister.

I will be doing the Worship Assistant list temporarily, starting July. I will be doing the list for 2 months at a time. I have a list of those who have been helping, so if you know you will be on vacation or not available on special dates, please let me know

If you would like to help with any of the above opportunities or have questions, please let me know. I will direct you to the team leader for help. Email: [flcangels@aol.com](mailto:flcangels@aol.com), or phone, 775-750-9250.

Sonja Dresbach, Congregational Council President

## 2025 FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

**President:** Sonja Dresbach

**Vice President:** Matthew Rhiley

**Secretary:** Benjamin Pesis

**Treasurer:** Erica Wilfrid

**Members at Large:** Eric Weldon, Sharon Scagliotti, & Pr. Shaun O'Reilly

## 2025 TEAMS & LEADERS

**Communications:** Amy Zimmerman

**Fellowship:** Eileen Way

**Finance:** Erica Wilfrid

**Property:** Eric Weldon

**Outreach/Social Action:** Judi Hein

**Stewardship:**

**Worship and Music:** Sharon Scagliotti

**Personnel:** Linda Zimmerman

# Faith Treasurer’s Report

I’m happy to report that through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025, we are hitting our budget! It’s so nice to report on good financial health – I hope to be able to do so throughout the year.

<b>Total Inflows</b>	<b>\$ 63,778.77</b>	<b>Total Outflows</b>	<b>\$ 47,054.39</b>
General Offering	\$ 50,966.64		
One-time Giving	\$ 10,000.00		
Designated Giving	\$ 2,769.61		
Interest Income	\$ 42.52		

You’ll notice that our inflows are outpacing our outflows: don’t get too excited! Our budget for General Giving through Q1 is ~\$57,600 and actual is \$60,966.64. We have some light months throughout the summer where we historically receive less than we spend. This year we’re accounting for that to help us understand if we’re getting ahead enough in the months where we typically receive higher giving amounts. The Outflows above reflect budgeted spending and will not include expenses related to the Kitchen Remodel. That money was raised largely in 2024 and expenses are reducing that asset as Eric Weldon carefully planned and executed his expenditures, which started to hit in March and will continue into April.

Below is our Financial position as of March 31, 2025:

<b>Assets</b>		<b>Liabilities and Retained Capital</b>	
Bank Accounts	\$84,417.95	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	\$19,638.74 <sup>1</sup>
MIF - Salaray Support	\$21,832.46		
MIF - General	\$25,630.02	<b>Retained Capital</b>	
		Unrestricted (Undesignated)	\$82,687.84
		Restricted Funds (Designated)	\$29,553.85
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$131,880.43</b>	<b>Total Liabilities and Retained Capital</b>	<b>\$131,880.43</b>

<sup>1</sup> This amount is primarily the loan for the roof but also includes some small credit card balances that are off-cycle from a month-end reporting perspective.

The Restricted Funds (Designated) amount is still nearly 2/3 designated for the Kitchen Remodel: we expect to see this number reduce next quarter (as well as the Bank Account value) as those expenses are fully paid. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Erica Wilfrid. Thanks!

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## Connections (from Jean)

Hello,

I am Jean Carter. Some have referred to me as “The Kitchen Lady”. Oh Boy! I am really liking my term of endearment now.

Faith members should be very proud of the new kitchen. On faith, everyone pitched in during difficult times and raised the necessary funds to redo the much-needed improvements in the kitchen.

If you haven’t seen it, peer in it’s fantastic.

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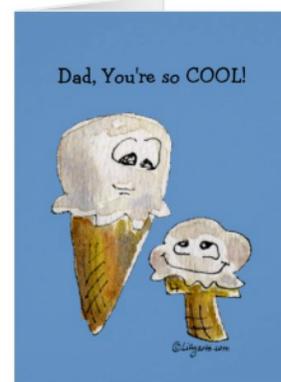
If you see our Buildings and Grounds member, Eric, please thank him for the countless hours he donated to see this project done. We thank God for him. This is everyone's kitchen. Please treat it as would your own.

Our Sunshine Team wants to remember our members who need a lift or just a card to let them know we are all here for you. We want to reach out to members and others to let them know we are thinking and praying for you. So please advise the prayer line if you need prayer or a card sent to someone.

Blessings, Jean Carter



### Father's Day Ice Cream Social!



**Join us following worship on Sunday, June 15**

### Faith Lutheran is hosting Jazz Vespers during Reno's Artown in July!

**COOL JAZZ VESPERS - JULY 9 & 30, 7PM-8PM**

These evenings of music will be a contemporary riff on an ancient prayer service.

For over 1,500 years, people have celebrated the close of their days with a serene service (called Vespers) featuring candles, singing, and prayer. We will be blending the very cool ancient forms and words with cool jazz.

We will sing. We will light candles. We will pray.

We will meditate on our lives. We will be thankful. We will relax.

We will be safe to find peace in our hectic, noisy times.

The music is written especially for this service by our local composer — Louis Ling— and will be performed by an unusual jazz nonet (nine players), all locals.



So join us at twilight in peace, with thankfulness, as part of a living, inclusive, embracing community. We cannot make the darkness go away forever, but we can be light in that darkness for a peaceful hour.