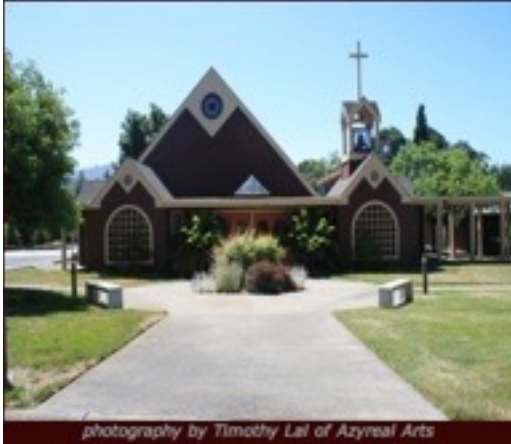


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*We are a family of
professing
Christians inspired
by Christ's grace
and love*

GETTING TO KNOW YOU- Laurie Wennes

The day I was baptized, in Sunburst, Montana, population 1000, I cried as I was haltingly carried to the altar, "I don't want a hair wash!". So I have been a Lutheran nearly all of my life. My dad worked for Texaco so we were transferred a couple of times, from Sunburst to the wildly exciting city of Casper, Wyoming, (where my sister went to high school for a short time with Dick & Lynne Cheney), and finally to Long Beach. What a change from my previous homes! Disneyland, orange groves, beaches, awesome! I was confirmed, married and my daughter, Cindy, was baptized at St. Timothy Lutheran. I have 3 siblings, my sister, Joan Muzzin, member of FLC, my two brothers, Chuck, who lives in Santa Maria, and David who lives in

Santa Maria, and David who lives in Park City, Utah. From all of my siblings came 7 amazing children, and from them, 9 grandchildren, every one of them a winner!

I was an x-ray technician, a restaurant manager, a gift wrapper at Penney's for 6 weeks, a micro and fiber optic assembler for 28 years at Hewlett-Packard/Agilent and finally an assembler/tester at Lady Bug Technologies. I am retired and haven't sat down since!

My parents both died at the age of 63 so it was really important for all of us to make it past 63! Thankful to say, we all made it! As a family we have had many highs and many lows, both of my brothers had a child die, brain surgeries, car accidents, the usual

stuff all families face. At one time in my life I believed that God made things happen to us, good and bad. However, and thankfully I know now that God loves us, forgives us, comforts us, and guides us

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Come and See!
Adult Sunday School
Sundays 9:00
Worship 10:00



Pastor: Rev.



Faith Lutheran Church
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Sonoma County Seniors

Prevent the growing crime of elder financial abuse:

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Join us in June for a free, 90-minute presentation near you.

6/9, 1:30PM, Vintage House, Sonoma

6/10, 10:00 AM, Healdsburg Senior Ctr.

6/10, 10:00 AM, Petaluma Senior Ctr.

6/14, 1PM Russian River Senior Ctr.

6/15, 1PM, Cloverdale Senior Ctr.

6/15, 1PM, Rohnert Park Senior Ctr.

6/16, 1PM, Windsor Senior Ctr.

6/16, 2PM, Sebastopol Area Senior Ctr.

Plus a special event of 6/14, 4-7PM:

A Little Help From our Friends
Petaluma Community Ctr.

Speakers on financial fraud and medical issues, plus local resource agencies, including the Police Dept. Senior Outreach Task Force. Free personal document shredding on site. For details: Petaluma Partners in Protection on Facebook.

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Concerned about an elder or dependent adult? Call 24/7 Confidential-Anonymous

Adult Protective Services (APS)
707-565-5940 or
800-231-4024

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707-526-4108 or 800-231-4024

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YARD SALE!!

Got too much stuff? Donate it!

Saturday, July 2nd, FLC will be having a yard sale. If you wish to donate items for the sale, please do not bring them until the last week in June. We can use the youth room to store items. Of course, clothes for all ages, shoes, linens, jewelry, glassware, exercise equipment, toys, books, tools, etc. would be appreciated. We are also considering having a bake sale and selling root beer floats.

We need volunteers on Friday, July 1 to help price and set up and again on Saturday to man the cash boxes. If you can help, please call me, Laurie Wennes at 849-9004.

Thank you.

New church office hours: (somewhat flexible):

Mon: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Tue: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thus. & Fri: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The office is closed on Wednesday and Saturday.

LIKE TO COOK? LIKE TO EAT?

Sharing Faith will publish a cookbook for sale this fall with recipes provided by our congregation. We are asking for members to provide us recipes either by email to: tdb1141@gmail.com, or faithsr@sbcglobal.net with a PDF, xerox copies, or hand-written. notes dropped in the Sharing Faith slot in the church office.



“crepe Suzette” by aNna rybaT

HELP NEEDED!!!

Erin Carlstrom is adopting 6 year old Emilee and is in need of the following items:

- Girls clothes size 6-8
- Girls shoes size 11
- Art supplies
- Horse toys suitable for a six year old
- "Frozen" toys
- Twin mattress
- Size appropriate booster car seat

FLC will hold a “Little Girl Shower” for the Family after worship on JULY 3. If you can donate some of these items, please bring them that day.

Thank you!!!!

Keep in Prayer

Chris Carson, recovering from knee surgery; **Helen Kemper** (Connie Duncan's mother, suffering with health issues); **Patti Gillhooley** suffering from blood clots and her son Christopher; John & Lauren Morris as they mourn passing of **Jan Goree**; Lucinda Moore - friend of the congregation; **Karen Casper** who will have surgery June 6; **Antonia Sotelo**, Pre-School Director, undergoing chemo; **Caroyln Huntington**, struggling with cancer; **Barajas Family**; **Blythe Babb safe travels to TX to visit her daughter**; **Nelia Crews**; **Jerry Mathwig**; Thanksgiving for new job; **Dick and Pat Petersen**, recovering; **Marianne Burns**; family of **Ruth Fawcett**; **Jack Marsh** (Helen O'Donnell's brother in law); **Kenneth Lantz**; **Faith Parson, Eleanor and Hal Martin** (Mariann Hubbs' mother and stepfather); **Donna Besser**; Pastor Carnahan's step-grandmother **Vera Dickie** who recently passed at age 95. **Kathryn Miller**; **Blanche Mansoor** for pain due to ruptured disc; **Susan Wilkinson**, high school classmate of Joyce Stohlman suffering with cancer; A friend of the congregation suffering from cancer, who wishes to remain anonymous and **Bob and Ruth Bell**, struggling with health as they celebrate 70 years of marriage; prayers for **Ginny and Pat Fleming's family**; **Mary O'Donnell**, Helen's mother.

Your 2016 Church Council

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Pastor	Rev. Tim Carnahan	707-539-2521/490-5340
President	Laurie Wennes	707-526-3889
Vice President	Ernie Engle	707-292-5816
Secretary	aNna rybaT	707-536-9855
Buildings & Grounds	Ed Rybat	757 -681-3480
PreSchool	Ed Rybat	757 -681-3480
Sharing Faith	Mary Seefeldt	707-494-4212 (cell)
Treasurer	Connie Duncan	707-573-1762
Worship Experience	Kathy Corsiglia	707-528-8520
Finance/Stewardship	Cherie Marie Alvarez	707-480-0908
Social Ministry	Terri Abramson	707-523-1670
Financial Secretary	India Geibel	707-539-2521
Christian Ed/Youth	Ernie Engle	707-292-5816

"God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be

"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."
- II Corinthians, 7 - 8

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and choose merchants you shop with regularly (Safeway, Lucky, etc.). Choose Faith Lutheran Church and a portion of the profit will go to FLC. Thank you!



CELEBRATE!
Birthdays and
Anniversaries in

JUNE

- 5 Norm Nielsen
 11 Janice Hall
 12 Alexander Caldera
 14 Paige DeBiase
 15 Terry Larson
 22 Laurie Wennes
 23 Carol Hintze
 28 Elly Kensinger
 28 Ken Lantz
 30 Ruth & Bob Bell, 70th
 year Anniversary!
 Congratulations! We miss you!



“These things I have spoken to you,
 that my joy may be in you, and that
 your joy may be full.”

- John 11:15

Faith Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
April 30, 2016

The total General (non-Designated) income for April 2016 was \$8,282.67
 Year to date was \$50,280.17.

The General expenses for April were \$11,400.86
 Year to date was \$52,773.56.

The total deficit for April was \$3,118.19
 Year to date deficit was \$2,493.39.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$391.14 (was paid in May)

Special funds received were \$50.00 for the Deacon's Fund, \$270.41 for Roof Repair, \$23.85 from Cattlemen's Dine & Donate, \$31.75 from BJ's Dine & Donatet, \$790.07 from the Block Party Reimbursement, \$470.00 from Thrivent Choice dollars, \$25.00 from SIT printing, \$200.00 for the Memorial of Jan Goree, \$5.89 from Scrip and \$25.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for April were under budget by 3,064.34 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were over budget by 1,371.29. (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 6) Revelations & QuickBooks have not been reconciled yet.
- 2) Total income for April was under budget by 4,145.02 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were over budget by 569.44 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for April were under budget by 477.21 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 3), and year-to-date were over budget by 5,261.12 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for April was under budget by 3,667.81 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to date were under budget by 4,691.68 (see page 5 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6).
- 5) You will notice Notes, Mortgages & Leases 27.1 has a new balance of 457,755.88. This is the balance due on the Pre-School mortgage.(see page 2 of the Balance Sheet, 10th line from the bottom, column 1)

Are there any questions?



Est. cost to date for Warren Roofing Co.:
 \$16,679
 Paid to date (50%) \$7275

Amount raised thru offering/general funds/
 fundraising: \$7145

Collections in May: \$3718

Shortfall (due end of July): We are very
 close!!!!

We give thanks and pray for those who are serving our nation; particularly this month of remembrance, Flag Day: Michael Bell, US Army, currently serving in Virginia. If you know someone who is serving, please email the editor

arybat@comcast.net or to remove someone from this list. Thank you!



Al-Anon
Meeting every
Saturday Night at
Faith Lutheran
Church 6:00 pm to
7:30 pm
"Adult Children of
Alcoholics"

Like to shop at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)?
You can help FLC earn \$\$
by clicking on this link:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2630076> Log in and
choose FLC and
a portion of all sales will be
directed to our church!

Please mark your calendars for **Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 25-29**. Invite your friends and family. Preschool is participating again this year, so we can anticipate 40-50 children. It takes a village to put on this special program. I am looking for volunteers to lead crafts, games, snacks, story telling, and music. Let me know if you are interested. Sign up sheets will go around shortly.

— Chris Carson

Have an article, story, letter, news that is of interest to the congregation? Please submit via email to arybat@comcast.net by 20th of each month to be included in next month **LINK**. Thank you!



We would love to have flowers from your garden for the arrangements each Sunday. If you prefer to keep your arrangement, please pick it by Monday morning. Flowers left on the altar after Monday may be delivered to someone in need of cheer.

*Flowers on the altar in **June** are lovingly given by: 6/5 Seefeldt's for Ryder's 2nd birthday; 6/12 Helen O'donnell in memory of Dad Tom; 6/19: Chris Carson in honor of son Jared; 6/26: K Miller in loving memory and in mourning for Al. If you would like to donate flowers, please sign up on the poster in the narthex.*



Link newsletter editor: aNna rybaT, arybat@comcast.net or 707-536-9855. Please submit articles/corrections by the 21st of @ month. i welcome your photographs (.jpeg) or articles of general interest! Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's club fellowship cookout night is on the first Wednesday of each month (May 4 this month). Bring something to grill and a side-dish to share. Starts around 6PM. BYOB!

Wanted: Altar Guild members / Usher Coordinator. Please contact Chris Carson.

The Sharing Faith Committee needs support and membership! Please contact Tracy Francis at 707-372-8892.

If you can help provide meals, support for Antonia Sotelo, our Pre-School Director, undergoing chemotherapy, please contact Kelli Watkins, 280-4797 for more info or go to <https://www.gofundme.com/ypaeh98> or go to sign up sheet for meals at Preschool office.

Like Bridge? Join FLC Bridge Club in Hummon Hall on the 4th Tuesday of the month, 10:00 AM. For more info, call Blanche at 578-4755.

Dine and Donate

(All day dine in or take out)

Fundraiser on June 20th & 23rd

25% of purchase will be donated

Faith Lutheran Church

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Quest for Success (FLC Plus Thanksgiving Lutheran Church)

We met on Sunday May 22. The group discussed a number of ways to make the church more visible to the community. Ideas included purchasing a changeable letter sign for the entrance, applying for the Adopt A Highway program, posting regular (daily/weekly) one-liners on social media to be shared, consistently being seen at the Human Race, Rose Parade and other community events.

Helen reported that the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Granite Bay has seen some growth since they began holding a casual contemporary service 1 time a month. We discussed doing a similar service in Charter Hall.

We also discussed a way to introduce Faith to the new SAY residents by offering life skill mentoring. It was noted that many of the youth have never been exposed to a life of faith and this would be an opportunity to share what that is with them.

Following our joint worship with Thanksgiving Lutheran Church (TLC) on Sunday 5-29-16, the question of what our churches could possibly do together for the benefit of the community was discussed. Imagine TLC and FLC working side-by-side keeping a section of our highway clean and/or working with the young adults at SAY.

During the summer months we will be holding a 20-minute meditation at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and invite the community to participate.

The good news about most of these ideas is that the costs involved are negligible. However, the ongoing commitment and participation is paramount in the success of any of these activities. Won't you help to make one or more of them a reality?

Quest for Success meetings will be held monthly on the 4th Sunday of the month following the worship service in the Lilly Greer room. All are invited to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 26.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

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through His holy word, and we have complete free will!

This is what I know...blessings come out of tragedy. If you get knocked down, you get back up and move forward. How can we appreciate the highs, if we don't know the lows? God is always there for me and doesn't care what big mistakes I have made or the many sins I have committed, but forgets them, forgives me and loves me. I have a beautiful daughter, Cindy,

a son-in-law, Eric, who loves to spar with me, and my grandchildren, Casey and Mackenna, the loves of my life!

I am so thankful for my other family here at FLC, such a loving, giving community of people with the biggest hearts! How blessed am I? To the moon and back!

Laurie Wennes

JUNE 2016 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 MEN'S COOKOUT ~6PM (BYOB)	2 NO CHOIR OVER THE SUMMER	3	4
5 09:30 Worship with Bethlehem Lutheran at Thanksgiving Lutheran Church	6	7 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 6:30 PM Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	13	14 Flag Day 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 6:30 PM Bible Study	15 —	16	17	18
19 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	20	21 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 6:30 PM COUNCIL MTG	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Adult Sunday School 0930 Worship at THANKSGIVING LUTHERAN, Fulton Rd.	27	28 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 6:30 PM Bible Study	29	30	JULY 1	2 YARD SALE

A Reading from Proverbs

Does not the wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depth I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made art and fields, or

the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighted in the human



Did you know? This illustration of Faith Lutheran Church is by Donald William, son in law of Rita McGowan



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