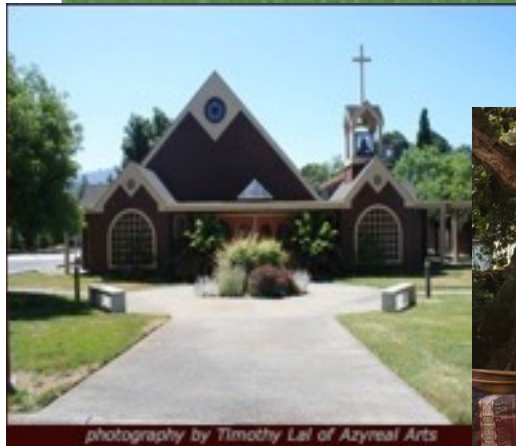


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*We are a family of  
professing  
Christians inspired  
by Christ's grace  
and love*

## President's Message

Since I became council president last January, some things have gone well and some things have been very expensive. We just finished paying for the roof repairs with financial aid from our preschool. Those were just the most urgent repairs. There are more to come and Ed Rybat is working with the roofing company to address there repair issues in a timely fashion. Who knew we were going to have to deal with a gas leak! PG&E directed us to shut off the gas to the church buildings not including our preschool. The estimate to repair the gas line is approximately \$5000, funds which we currently do not have. So I ask you to look at your own family budgets and

see what you might be able to contribute. I thank the Sharing Faith Committee for scheduling Dine & Donate events, The Cook Book pot luck, and October Fest fundraisers. Please support these events. You can buy a Brick for \$80 to be placed in front of Noah's Ark between Charter and Hummon Halls. Thank you Jenny Fleming for donating all money paid for your delicious jams and jellies to "Raise the Roof". Any ideas for fundraising would be greatly appreciated. Our grounds are looking better and our intent is to advertise our church inside and out for events. Donations could make a big difference in our budget. Thank you all for your continuing support of all we do at Faith Lutheran Church. All are welcome in this place!

Laurie Wennes

'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

- Jeremiah 29:11

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



Pastor: Rev.  
R. Tim Carnahan



Faith Lutheran Church  
4930 Newanga Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

**ELCA ENCOURAGES  
CONGREGATIONS TO SPEAK OUT**

Lutherans have a unique voice, and it's one that should be heard.

That's why ELCAvotes was created, to empower church members to become civically engaged - - in local campaigns, the presidential election in November and beyond - - by providing faith-based resources regarding voting and public issues.

"The point of this initiative is not to tell people who to vote for...[ but to get them] voting on the local level or national level or serving on [their] school board so that we don't live in seclusion in a little cave somewhere, that we're active in our local communities," said Jennifer Manis, a campus minister at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC and an ELCAvotes ambassador.

ELCAvotes is not about pitting one candidate against another, said Kwame Pitts, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in South Holland, ILL., and one of the leaders of the movement. It's about educating yourself on public issues and having open, faith-filled conversations about advocacy and justice.

The initiative, spearheaded by ELCA Advocacy, ELCA Racial Justice Ministries and ELCA Young Adult Ministry, launched in February, through work that started in fall 2015.

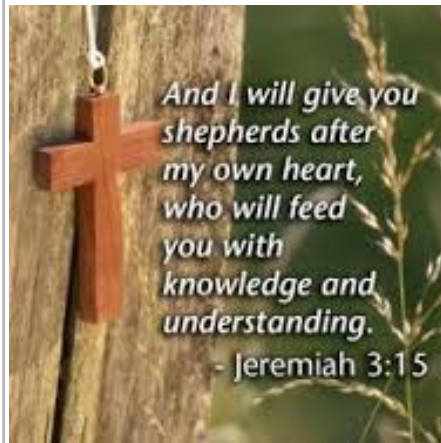
Pitts, who wrote the ELCA's social policy resolution that calls on churchgoers to protect the voting rights of all citizens, already has written a Bible study that examines what the Bible says about injustice.

The study is one way to participate in ELCAvotes, but congregational members also can make sure their church is a polling place, contact their representatives in Congress about issues they feel strongly about, or join in churches that are doing advocacy work, Pitts said.

"When people just come to church, sit in the pew, hear that God loves them and then go home and don't do anything, that's when everything ceases," she said. "Whatever your [comfort] level is, DO SOMETHING."

-reprinted from *Stories of Faith in Action, Your Offering at Work*

*A portion of your offering is used by the ELCA churchwide organization to fund ELCA advocacy work in Washington, D.C.*



Did you know: **OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!!!** Have you told Pastor Tim how much his shepherding means to you? If not, this might be a good time! Send a card, sing a song, give him a hug, call him on the phone. Best gift idea: Forgive him for any transgressions, and perhaps you could give yourself a gift by apologizing for any of your transgressions? Just sayin'.

New church office hours: (somewhat flexible):

Office will not be staffed from Oct. 4 - 17 due to India's vacation. If you are interested in helping, please contact India.

Wednesday 10/19/16	CLOSED
Thursday 10/20/16	1:00 – 5:00
Friday 10/21/16	9:30 – 1:30
Monday 10/24/16	9:30 – 2:30
Tuesday 10/25/16	1:30 – 4:30
Wednesday 10/26/16	CLOSED
Thursday 10/27/16	9:30 – 1:30
Friday 10/28/16	9:30 -1:30
Monday 10/31/16	9:30 – 2:30 HALLOWEEN



Our "Red Cottage"

## Keep in Prayer

The Koonst Family, mourning the death of "Freddie;" **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; **Ward and Karen Casper** recovering from surgery; **Antonia Sotelo**, Pre-School teacher undergoing chemo; **Caroyn Huntington**, struggling with cancer; **Barajas Family**; **Blythe Babb and family**; **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 and Family; **Kathryn Miller**; **Blanche Mansoor** recovering from 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; a teacher at FLPS.

## 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	<b>757</b> -681-3480
PreSchool	Ed Rybat	<b>757</b> -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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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2630076>

Also: Sign up for ESCRIP here:

<http://www.escrip.com/>

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 October**

- 1 Karen Casper
- 3 Janis Motley
- 6 Sabin Ward Duncan
- 8 Tracy and Wallace Francis
- 10 Joan Muzzin
- 18 Katalina Motley
- 19 Ashley Bosanco
- 25 Pat Petersen
- 28 John Hall
- 29 Betty Freeman

**Faith Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report  
August 31, 2016**

The total General (non-Designated) income for August 2016 was \$11,916.18  
Year to date was \$101,418.90.

The General expenses for August were \$11,744.31  
Year to date was \$100,862.69.

The total income for August was \$171.87  
Year to date income was \$556.21.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$597.20 (was paid in September)

Special funds received were \$90.00 for Roof Fund, \$91.67 for Dine & Donate (Ozzies), \$24.00 from Jam sales, \$150.00 for the Memorial of Flak, \$56.00 from Thrivent Choice dollars, \$10.60 from Amazon Smile, \$15.79 from Scrip and \$70.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for August were over budget by 370.00 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were over budget by 3,931.29. (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 6) Revelations & QuickBooks have not been reconciled yet.
- 2) Total income for August was under budget by 511.51 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were over budget by 1,997.41 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for August were under budget by 133.76 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3<sup>rd</sup> to last line, column 3), and year-to-date were over budget by 5,837.97 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3<sup>rd</sup> to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for August was under budget by 377.75 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to date were under budget by 3,840.56 (see page 5 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6).
- 5) You will notice Notes, Mortgages & Leases 27.1 does not have a new balance. I have not received the bill yet. \$449,535.71 is the balance due on the Pre-School mortgage.(see page 2 of the Balance Sheet, 10<sup>th</sup> line from the bottom, column 1)
- 6) The breakdown of the amounts in the Memorial fund as of August \$525.00 Lorenzen, \$35.00 Kensinger, and \$1,360.00 Koonst.

Are there any questions?



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

-John 11:15

Thank you all for your generosity and support!



All Dine and Donate proceeds are deposited to Roof Fund. Please invite your friends too! In October: Best of Burma, Oct. 27

### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

We give thanks and pray for those who are serving our nation: Michael Bell, US Army, currently serving in Virginia. If you know someone who is serving, please email the editor

[arybat@comcast.net](mailto: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://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2630076)? 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!

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

**COOKBOOKS ARE IN!!!**  
\$20 each. Please contact church office if you are interested and unable to buy one in person from Connie Duncan or Mary Seefeldt. This will be an heirloom someday, so get one for your children and grandchildren! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



*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 **October** are lovingly given by: 10/2 by Helen O'Donnell in honor of Pastor Tim; 10/16 by Pat and Ginny Fleming in memory of our daughter, Corinne. If you would like to donate flowers, please sign up on the poster in the narthex.*



Link newsletter editor: aNna rybaT, [arybat@comcast.net](mailto: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 (Oct. 5 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 Teacher, please contact Kelli Watkins, 280-4797 for more info or go to <https://www.gofundme.com/ypaeh98> to help with a financial donation, 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.

**JOIN US THURSDAY,  
October 27<sup>nd</sup>, 2016  
11:00 am – 3:00 pm Lunch  
5:00 pm – 9:30 pm Dinner**



**BEST OF BURMA  
BURMESE CUISINE**

**&**

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**Are teaming up to raise money  
for the church roof repair!**

**“Dine and Donate Event”**

**You can raise money for Faith Lutheran Church in a fun, friendly, family-oriented environment. Bring this flyer in to the Best of Burma restaurant at 528 7th St, Santa Rosa, CA 95401, and we will donate 20% of your final bill back to Faith Lutheran Church.**

**This offer is good for dining in the restaurant only, offer not available for take-out or gift certificates.**

## OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
2 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	3	4 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 6:30 PM Bible Study	5 MEN'S COOKOUT~6PM (BYOB)	6 6:30 PM choir practice	7 <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Micaela</i>	8
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23 0930 Worship @ Thanksgiving Lutheran Church	24	25 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 10 AM Bridge Club 6:30 PM Bible Study	26	27 6:30 PM choir practice DINE & DONATE	28 <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Micaela</i>	29
30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 MEN'S COOKOUT~6PM (BYOB)	3 6:30 PM choir practice	4	5

## A Reading from Acts 23: 1 - 6

And Paul, looking intently at the council, said, “Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience up to this day.” And the high priest Anani - as commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, “God shall strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?” Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God’s high priest?” And Paul said, “I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’” But when Paul perceived that one part

were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; with respect to the hope and resurrection of the dead I am on trial.”



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



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