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

Faith, Meet Ted and Karen Peters

The interim period between pastors at Faith Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for us in the congregation to assess the strengths and weaknesses of our current program, to discern the directions to which the Holy Spirit may be calling us, and to plan for the next phase of our parish mission. While we are engaged in this long range planning, Pastor Ted will provide transition pastoral services. Karen will be available to make contributions upon invitation.

Pastor Ted's full name is Theodore F. Peters. He was ordained into the Lutheran ministry on April 30, 1970. He served as pastor to Trinity Lutheran Church on the south side of Chicago in the early 1970s, and

he places his fictional action thriller, *For God and Country*, in this Chicago neighborhood. In addition, he has conducted summer ministries at Diamond Point Community Church near Lake George in upstate New York since 1974, a part-time ministry he has maintained to the present day. He has served interim pastorates in South Carolina and Louisiana as well.

Much of his professional life has been given to the teaching ministry, most of which has taken place at our ELCA seminary in Berkeley. In 1978 he was called to teach women and men preparing for the ministry as well as those preparing to become university professors at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in conjunction with the Graduate Theological Union. Pastor Ted continues research, (cont. on Page 2)

*"Nothing now...in the future...
in the whole world will ever be
able to separate us from the
love of God that is in Christ
Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38 - 39*

Come See!
Adult Sunday School
Sundays 9:00 A.M.
Worship 10:00 A.M.



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



FAITH, SEXISM, JUSTICE:

Conversations toward a Social Statement

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY MODULES

JANUARY - JULY 2017

Daytime meetings will be held at Thanksgiving Lutheran at noon on the 4th Mondays. Evening meetings will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran at 7:30 PM on the 4th Tuesdays

I. Why do we need to talk together?

Jan. 23, 12 noon and Jan. 24, 7:30PM TLC leads

II. What problems do women face, and what does justice require?

Feb. 27, noon and Feb. 28, 7:30PM BLC leads

III. How is sexism personal and how are we the body of Christ together?

Mar. 27, noon and Mar. 28, 7:00PM FLC leads

IV. What does economic sexism look like and how can we seek equity for all?

Apr. 24, noon and Apr. 25, 7:00PM TLC leads

V. How can we address violence against women and girls?

May 22, noon and May 23, 7:00PM BLC leads

VI. Why do words and images for God matter?

June 26, noon and June 27, 7:00PM FLC leads

VII. How do we challenge the mis-use of Scripture Scripture against women and girls?

July 24, noon and July 25, 7:00PM TLC leads

AUGUST CLOSING EVALUATION AND CELEBRATION

Date ??? Evaluation, Preparation of commentary to send to ELCA's Force on Women and Justice: One in TaChrist, and closing celebration with all groups coming together. Maybe a potluck?

MARCH OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Monday 3/6: 9:30 - 5PM

Mondays 3/13, 3/20, 3/27: 9:30 - 3:30

Tuesday 3/7: 1:30 - 5PM

Tuesdays 3/14, 3/21, 3/28: 1 - 5PM

Thursday 3/2 12:30 - 5PM

Thursday 3/9: 9:30 - 2:30

Thursday 3/16: 1 - 5

Thursdays 3/23 and 3/30: 9:30 - 2:30

Friday 3/3: 12:30 - 5PM

Friday 3/10: 9:30 - 2:30

Friday 3/17: 9:30 - 3:30

Friday 3/24 and 3/31: 9:30 - 2:30

Faith, Meet Ted and Karen Peters (cont. from Pg. 1)

writing, public speaking, and occasional part-time teaching as Emeritus Professor of Theology and Ethics. He specializes in the relationship between faith and science, and he co-edits the journal, Theology and Science. Visit his website to see video as well as print resources: TedsTimelyTake.com.



Please show Rev. Dr. Peters and wife Karen our heartfelt greetings and welcome. They will be with us for 1 - 2 years as the Call Committee searches for a permanent Pastor. More news to follow.



Rick Steves' ***Luther and the Reformation*** travel documentary available to congregations.

For years, Rick Steves has had his sights on 2017. As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approached, the travel guide knew he wanted to create for his popular PBS series a special devoted to Martin Luther and the ways in which his tumultuous time helped lead to the Modern Age. With "Luther and the Reformation," Steves set about crafting a documentary that highlighted the historic, economic and social context of the Reformation. His goal was to produce a special that could be used as a resource for congregations and have wider appeal for TV audiences. "I hoped to contribute to community within the Lutheran family," said Steves, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA. He also sought to "find a way to witness in the secular world through the teaching and media platform I've been blessed with. Steves' *Luther and the Reformation*" is airing in 2017 and a DVD copy has been sent to every ELCA congregation. ***Stay tuned for viewing opportunities at Faith Lutheran Church.***

Prayers of the people

Please pray for **India Geibel** recovering from emergency hospital; **Donna Besser** who moved to Summerfield for the next 4 to 6 weeks; **Lloyd Koonst** in Memorial Hospital, **Sederholm Family** as they remember the loss of **Scotty**; The family of **Jerry Mathwig** as we mourn his passing; **Betty Engle**, **Karen Anderson** and **Linda Coffman** recovering from hospitalization; **John Roche** - Janet Hammond's brother, a veteran suffering with health; **Faith Parson** with health struggles; **Erin Caltstrom** and family for strength and peace; **Helen Kemper** (Connie Duncan's mother; **Patti Gillhooley** suffering from blood clots; **Lucinda Moore** - friend of the congregation; **Ward and Karen Casper** recovering from surgery; **Caroyln Huntington**, struggling with cancer; Tammy **Barajas** and **Blythe Babb's granddaughter's** family; **Nelia Crews**; **Dick & Pat Petersen**, recovering from health issues; **Marianne Burns**; family of **Ruth Fawcett**; **Jack Marsh** (Helen O'Donnell's brother in law); **Eleanor & Hal Martin** (Mariann Hubbs' mother and stepfather); **Pastor Carnahan Family**; **Kathryn Miller**; **Blanche Mansoor**; **Susan Wilkinson**, high school classmate of Joyce Stohlman suffering with cancer; A friend of the congregation suffering from cancer, who wishes to remain anonymous; **Ginny & Pat Fleming family**; **Mary O'Donnell**, Helen's mother with health concerns and our friends at **Thanksgiving Lutheran Church**.

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2630076>

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<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!

Your 2016 Church Council

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
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Financial Secretary	India Geibel	707-539-2521
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"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the window of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." *Malachi 3:10*



**Faith Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
February 28, 2017**

**CELEBRATE!
Birthdays and
Anniversaries in
April**

2 Janet & Chuck
Hammond (56 years)

4 Tim Nelson

5 Samantha & Christian
Francis

13 Garrett Caldera

17 Don Lee

23 Pat & Genetisiwa
Fleming (40 years)



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

GOT (TOO MUCH) STUFF?????

Annual Yard Sale is tentatively scheduled for July. We will sell your stuff to go to the church's campus maintenance (roof) fund. Categories (not all inclusive): books, appliances, electronics, nic-nacs, clothing (men-women-children), toys, kitchen and housewares, automotive, collectibles, furniture, and..... WANTED: Helpers to set up, cashiers, clean up, hot dog sales? Please contact aNna rybaT for more info: arybat@comcast.net or 707-536-9855

The total General (non-Designated) income for February 2017 was \$11,773.94
Year to date was \$23,039.10.

The General expenses for February were \$5,850.30
Year to date was \$19,266.93.

The total net income for February was \$5,923.64
Year to date net income was \$3,772.17.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$588.93 (was paid in March)

Special funds received were \$100.00 for Campus Maintenance, \$1,498.00 from the Wine & Food Fest, \$67.00 from Dine & Donate, \$21.16 From Memorial (Ruth & Bob Bell), \$50.00 from Key Replacement, \$10.00 from India's Necklaces, \$18.94 from Amazon Smile, \$23.56 from Scrip and \$25.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for February were over budget by 232.17 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 326.20. (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 6) Revelations & QuickBooks have not been reconciled yet.
- 2) Total income for February was under budget by 528.76 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 1,566.23 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for February were under budget by 6,559.86 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 3), and year-to-date were under budget by 5,562.27 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for February was over budget by 6,031.10 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to date were over budget by 3,996.04 (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 431,983.40. 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?

Church clean up Saturday April 8 (prior to Palm Sunday)
0930- 12:00

Outdoor and indoor help needed.
Church has limited tools, so if you have some please bring yours!
Please contact Ed Rybat erybat@comcast.net for sign up or questions
or call 757-681-3480
Snacks provided by Blythe.

Campus Maintenance



Replaced pressure reducer valve and repaired hot water flow to Pre-School. Organ fixed. Gas leak fixed. Lawn mower fixed.

Roof maintenance will begin after rainy season. Next up: Hummon Hall, Charter Hall and Breezeway. Annual maintenance contract tentatively approved by Council to begin this fall. Annually ~ \$1200.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

We give thanks and pray for the service and sacrifice of those who are serving our nation: If you know someone who is serving, please email arybat@comcast.net or to remove someone from this list. Thank you!



Bring some cheer to a recovering service member. Address cards and letters to:

A Recovering American Soldier
C.O. Walter Reed Army Medical Ctr.
6900 Georgia Ave. NW
Washington, D.C.
20307-5001

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EASTER MORNING

PANCAKE BREAKFAST will again be hosted by the Men's Group beginning at 8:00 - 9:45 AM on April 16. Volunteers needed. BREAKFAST will be free of charge this year (Donations greatly appreciated). Easter Egg Hunt for the children begins at 9:00 AM

Al -Anon Meeting every Saturday Night at FLC
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
"Adult Children of Alcoholics" group meeting.
Toll free number for Information only 1-888-4Al-Anon.
www.al-anon.org
wso@al-anon.org



*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. **EASTER LILIES:** Please fill out forms in the bulletin (or contact church office) if you would like to purchase lilies (\$10), hydrangeas (\$16) or azaleas (\$14) to decorate the sanctuary. Flowers on the altar in **APRIL** are lovingly given by: April 2: Chuck and Janet Hammond in celebration of 56th wedding anniversary: April 16 by Elly Kensinger in memory of Jim; April 23 by Pat and Geni Fleming in celebration of 40th wedding anniversary.*



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 (April 5). 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.

Soup Suppers throughout the season of Lent. We will share a meal prior to worship at 6PM, followed by Holden worship at 7PM. Please join us!

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 707-578-4755.

HISTORY OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- excerpted from Ruth Bell *Church History*

THIS IS DEDICATED TO ALL OF THE SAINTS OF FAITH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SANTA ROSA
WHO MADE THES WRITTEN WORDS POSSIBLE.

21ST Century-- Here we Come! This is where we have been.

As we approach the twenty-first century, we celebrate our heritage
by looking at the past forty years that we have been known as Faith
Evangelical Lutheran Church.

There will be names of some that we have forgotten, some who
have died, some who have moved away and those who have joined
us and will celebrate with us.

The congregation began with four families: The Rev. & Mrs.
Robert Freistedt, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel White, Dr. and Mrs. Robert
C. Bell Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Christensen, who met at the
Service of Ordination May 15, 1960 at St. Marks Lutheran
Church in San Francisco for Pastor Freistedt, who was designated
mission developer in Santa Rosa for the United Lutheran Church
in America. Those on the steering committee were: Pastor
Freistedt, Robert Bell, Jim Nelson, Eva Vaughan, Helmut Klee,
Lyle Christensen and Dan White. Our congregation met at 1411
Carlos Court in Rincon Valley. The first service of our mission
congregation took place Oct. 16, 1960 at the Luther Burbank Art
and Garden Center, our church for four years.

The "Name the Church" contest was won by Dan White, Helmut
Klee and Stephen Bell.

The first child baptized into our congregation was Terry Williams,
Nov. 6, 1960.



Above: Helmut Klee, Stephen Bell and Dan White

"Faith Lutheran Taking Final Organization Steps" were the words
in the local newspaper. It begins with the signing of the Charter
by 70 adults and 10 confirmands. Little did we know that the roll
would be open for signing until we built our first church in 1964.
Our first service was held with 140 in attendance. Bethlehem
choir sang. Lily Greer had returned from her trip to Europe to
help Dorothy White with h music. I still miss Dorothy's "Oh toot"
who she would hit the wrong key. Our coffee time had been called
a time when the "sweetest aroma of fellowship fills the air. Stay a
few moments after service and let us become acquainted with you.

The Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church
in America purchased property on Hwy. 12 as a site to build our
new church for \$49,000 (needless to say, it was not built there.)

On May 7 we had our Service of Organization. The Board of
American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in Americas
sent us a letter of congratulations, as did the other fellow churches
Dr. C.V. Tambert of the Southwest Synod gave the sermon and
officiated at the installation of the church council. They were Dr.
Robert Bell, Robert Bills, Roy Besser, Elmer Elvig, Helmut Klee,
James Nelson, William Schmidt, Eva Vaughan and Daniel White.

By this time Mrs. Allen Parson had joined the ranks of the
musicians. The first confirmation class had the following
members. Blythe Allen (Babb), Billie Jean Block, Robert Bell III,
Brian Compton, Eldred Compton, William Kent Davis, Dennis
Neiblas, and Stephen Robinson.

Pastor Freistedt and lay delegates, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel White
attended the convention of the ELC and we were officially
accepted in to the Southwest Synod.

Bill Schmidt headed our first stewardship program. Our choir was
organized under the direction of Lily Greer. The young people
started the Luther League Program which we now know as F.L.Y.
We grow. We had our usual picnics, potlucks, social hours, and
special films (no videos then). In August a two week VCS was held
with 40 students and 10 teachers. There were always special
services to celebrate church holidays.



Service of Organization, May 7, 1961

Above: Service of Organization, May 7, 1961

APRIL 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5 Sunday of Lent	3	4 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	5 Men's Cookout 6PM	6 Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7PM choir practice 7:30	7 <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela</i>	8 SPRING CLEANUP 9:30 - 12:00
9 PALM SUNDAY of the Passion 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	10 Holy Monday	11 Holy Tuesday 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	12 Holy Wednesday	13 MAUNDY Thursday Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7PM choir practice 7:30	14 <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela</i> Good Friday 7PM	15 Easter Vigil
16 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 -9:45 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 Children's Egg Hunt 10:00 Worship	17	18 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop 6:30 PM COUNCIL MTG	19 —	20 choir practice 7:30	21 <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela</i>	22
23 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	24	25 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop	26	27 choir practice 7:30	28 <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela</i>	29
30 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	May 1	25 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop	3	4	5	6

A Reading from Luke 24: 22 - 29

Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it was just as the women had said; but him they did not see. And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter in to his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to

them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent."



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



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