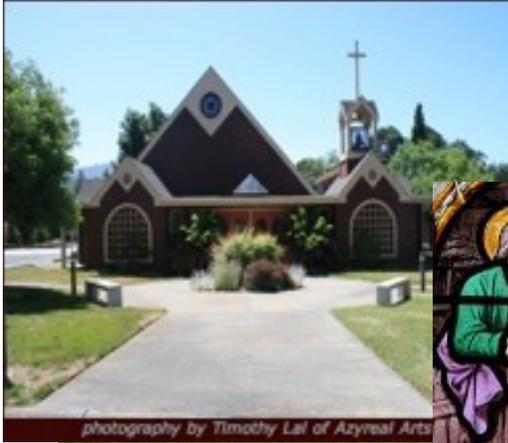


# Faith Lutheran

FEBRUARY 2017

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

## Forgot your valentine?

No worry... just invite him/her to our Food & Wine Festival, just around the corner on February 18th.

This annual event features home cooked food and desserts, wine, and tables decorated with a theme. Tickets are \$5 (available in advance or at the door). Come and try out all of the cuisine and vote for your favorite dish entree and favorite decoration. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds for this event help support the church and the Campus Maintenance (Roof Fund).

Raffle this year includes two tickets to the (Napa) Wine Train and gift baskets. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for cooks (we need more!). We also are asking for gift baskets to raffle off. If you have a favorite restaurant, ask the manager if they would like to donate a gift card for our Money Tree. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome. For more info, contact Mary Seefeldt.

"...then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Proverbs 3:10

Come and See!  
Adult Sunday School  
Sundays 9:00



Pastor: Rev. Tim Carnahan



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, 7:30PM FLC leads

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

Apr. 24, noon and Apr. 25, 7:30PM TLC leads

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

May 22, noon and May 23, 7:30PM BLC leads

VI. *Why do words and images for God matter?*

June 26, noon and June 27, 7:30PM FLC leads

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

July 24, noon and July 25, 7:30PM 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?



In Remembrance, Dr. Robert Bell (1924 - 2017) and Mrs. Ruth Ellen Bell (1925 - 2016)  
Charter Members of Faith Lutheran Church



### FEBRUARY OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Mondays, 9:30 - 2:30 except 1:30 on 1/9

Tuesdays: 1:30 - 4:30

Thursday 2/2 and 2/16: 1PM - 5PM

Thursday 2/9 and 2/23: 9:30 - 1:30

Friday 2/3: 1PM - 5PM

Friday 2/10, 2/17 and 2/24: 9:30 - 1:30

## Keep in Prayer

The **Bell family** as we mourn the passing of Ruth and Bob; The family of **Jerry Mathwig** as we mourn his passing; Betty Engle 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; **Elly Kensinger's** family as they mourn the sudden death of her son-in-law; **Koonst Family**, mourning the death of "Freddie;" **Helen Kemper** (Connie Duncan's mother; **Patti Gillhooley** suffering from blood clots; **John & Lauren Morris** as they mourn passing of both mothers; **Lucinda Moore** - friend of the congregation; **Ward and Karen Casper** recovering from surgery; **Caroyln Huntington**, struggling with cancer; **Barajas and Babb** and family; **Nelia Crews**; **Dick & Pat Petersen**, recovering; **Marianne Burns**; family of **Ruth Fawcett**; **Jack Marsh** (Helen O'Donnell's brother in law); **Kenneth Lantz**; **Eleanor & Hal Martin** (Mariann Hubbs' mother and stepfather); **Donna Besser**; **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; prayers for **Ginny & Pat Fleming family**; **Mary O'Donnell**, Helen's mother with health concerns and all of our friends at **Thanksgiving Lutheran Church.**

## Your 2016 Church Council

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Pastor		
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		
Sharing Faith	Mary Seefeldt	707-494-4212 (cell)
Treasurer	Connie Duncan	707-573-1762
Worship Experience	Kathy Corsiglia	707-528-8520
Finance/Stewardship		
Social Ministry		
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*

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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!

*"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



**CELEBRATE!****Birthdays and  
Anniversaries in****February**

- 2 Betty & Ernie Engle
- 6 Lucia Stolpp
- 7 Ernie Engle
- 9 Rita McGowan
- 11 Brent Hubbs
- 11 Linda Sederholm
- 16 Betty Engle
- 25 Connie Duncan
- 26 Mary Seefeldt
- 27 Jeremy Thompson



“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  
December 30, 2016**

The total General (non-Designated) income for December was \$11,508.75  
Year to date was \$146,016.95.

The General expenses for December were \$9,474.68  
Year to date was \$151,159.36.

The total income for December was \$2,034.07  
Year to date deficit was \$5,142.41.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$546.17 (was no paid yet)

Special funds received were \$5,527.00 for Campus Maintenance, \$50.00 for Deacon's fund, \$20.00 from Cook Book sales, \$10.00 for Choir fund, \$41.10 from Shopping Spree and \$12.52 from Scrip.

- 1) Offering donations for December were under budget by 480.58 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were over budget by 1,948.97. (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 6) Revelations & QuickBooks have not been reconciled yet.
- 2) Total income for December was under budget by 918.94 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 3,115.30 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for December were under budget by 2,403.39 (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 8,622.36 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3<sup>rd</sup> to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for December was over budget by 1,484.45 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to date were under budget by 11,737.66 (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. \$438,425.09 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 December \$70.00 Ms Antonio, \$35.00 Kensinger, and \$75.00 Mathwig.
- 7) You will also notice that the Asset Campus Maintenance Fund and the Restricted Campus Maintenance fund does not balance. This is because in the Accounts payable is the balance still due for the gas leak of \$3,285.84. Also in the Accounts payable is the payment for the Benevolence in the amount of \$546.17.
- 8) The expenses are less this month because I have not paid the Pension & Benefits in the amount of \$2,665.25.

Are there any questions?

## Campus Maintenance



Looking ahead to Roof  
Maintenance for 2017:

Charter Hall and Hummon  
Hall are in need of deferred  
maintenance (2017/18).  
Each will cost about \$6K.  
We will wait until end of  
rainy season to begin, with  
Council blessing.

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!**

We give thanks and pray for the service and sacrifice of those who are serving our nation: Michael Bell, US Army, currently serving in Virginia. If you know someone who is serving, please email [arybat@comcast.net](mailto: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**

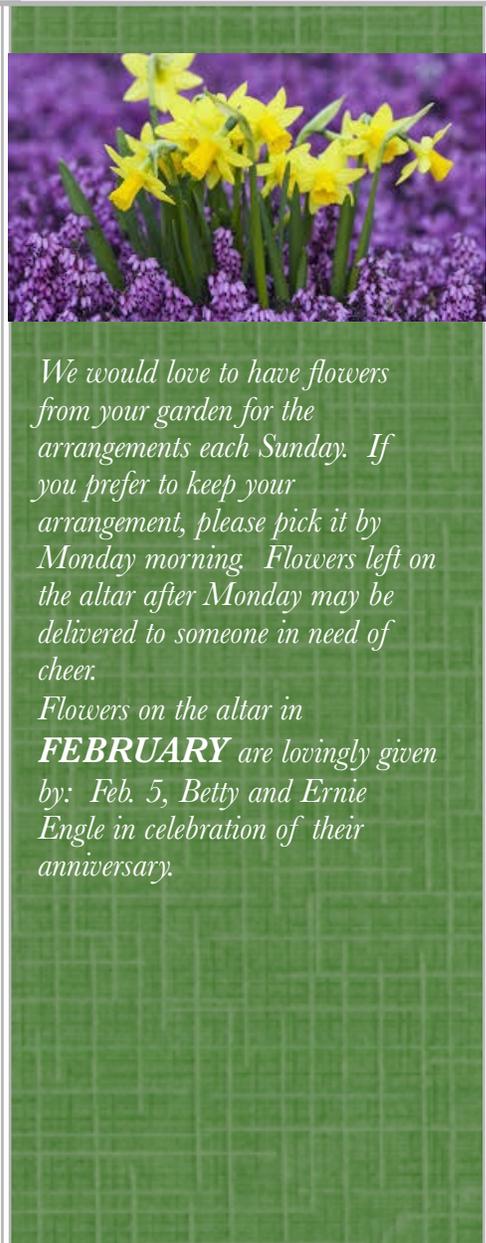
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**Al -Anon Meeting every Saturday Night at FLC**

**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](http://www.al-anon.org)  
[wso@al-anon.org](mailto:wso@al-anon.org)**



*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 **FEBRUARY** are lovingly given by: Feb. 5, Betty and Ernie Engle in celebration of their anniversary.*



*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 (Feb. 1 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 help and/or donations for the homeless at Camp Michaela, we meet there every Friday afternoon. For more information, contact Genetisiwa Fleming.

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.

*Faith Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes, Part II*

January 22, 2017

CALL TO ORDER and Opening Prayer (Laurie Wennes/Chris Carson) 11:18AM

I. Additions/Changes to Agenda (see attached).  
Approved by show of hands.

II. Approval of January 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes (m/s/p Linda Coffman./Kathy Corsiglia.).  
Approval of December 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes (m/s/p Linda Coffman./Kathy Corsiglia.).

III. Financial Report (see attached). Discussion: \$3,753 in checking account; we cannot use restricted funds (for other than restricted purpose).

IV. Treasurer's Report (see attached).

V. Thanksgiving Lutheran: President opened the floor for discussion whether to continue to alternate worship on last Sunday of each month with Thanksgiving Lutheran Church. Discussion: pros and cons. We will continue to share and exchange in social fellowship (Wine Fest, Camp Michaela, etc.); and perhaps alternate hosting of VBS, Oktoberfest, etc. These great ideas need to be headed up by someone who is willing to organize. We need to commit to attend their functions as we hope they will support ours. Resolved to continue the conversation. Motion to continue alternating worship on last Sunday of each month: Kathryn Miller, seconded by Kathy Corsiglia. By show of hands, the motion was defeated. Additionally, motion to continue to allow pets in the sanctuary for worship, by aNna rybaT, seconded by Patti Gillhooley, was, by show of hands, defeated (except for service animals).

VI. Proposed Budget (see attached with changes due to Pastor Carnahan's resignation). Discussion: PG&E Bill for Nov. and Dec. was \$1,100. Pre-School and Living Roots pay their own. We need to help one another and remember to turn off lights and keep temp. turned low when not in use. We cannot consider solar at this time due to condition of the roof. Approved (m/s/p Jeanine D./Cathy C.), with one vote against.

VII. Report on the Council Meeting with Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson, assistant to the Bishop of Sierra Pacific Synod on January 17, 2017: FLC will have a list of candidates for Pulpit services (temporary: pd. \$225 per Sunday) while we consider a list of candidates supplied by Synod as Interim Pastors. We will form a Call committee (separate from the Council) and develop a Profile of what characteristics we are looking for, based on our congregation's values and vision for the future. The Interim Pastor will be paid based on a negotiated salary, but we will need to provide salary, health and housing benefits, as we would for a full time Pastor (unless we choose to hire a part-time Pastor). The Council will approve the selection of the Interim Pastor (with input from the Congregation). Lauren Morris suggested we consider Pastor Jean for part-time Interim Pastor, if we decide to use part-time v. full time Pastor. President offered that Redeemer Presbyterian Church has expressed interest in sharing our sanctuary/facilities. The property where they currently worship is being sold. They are a small congregation of 50 – 60 members. Council will explore this opportunity and keep the congregation posted. Sharing with another denomination would help keep us resilient and responsive to our common ministry.

VIII. Council for 2017: Laurie Wennes (President), Ernie Engle (VP & Christian Ed.), Kathy Corsiglia, Mary Seefeldt (Sharing Faith), India Geibel (Financial Admin.), Connie Duncan (Treasurer), aNna rybaT (Secretary), Ed Rybat (Bldg. & Grounds), Chris Carson and Steve Nelson. Un-committed: Cherie Marie Barnett. Terri Abramson will not continue this year in Social Ministry. The Council will finalize at next meeting, Feb. 21.

Closing prayer: Please keep the Bell family in prayer as Bob died this morning, one month after his wife; keep Betty Engle in prayer, released from hospital.

Yours in Christ, /s/ aNna rybaT (Secretary)

## FEBRUARY 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Men's Cookout 6PM	2	3  <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Micaela</i>	4
5 EPIPHANY 5  9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	6	7  8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	8	9  7 PM choir practice	10  <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Micaela</i>	11
12 EPIPHANY 6  9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	13	14  <b><i>St. Valentine's Day</i></b>  8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	15  —	16  7 PM choir practice	17  <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Micaela</i>	18  <b><i>WINTER WINE FEST</i></b>
19 EPIPHANY 7  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  7 PM choir practice	24  <i>5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Micaela</i>	25
27 EPIPHANY 8  9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship	28	MARCH 1  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	MARCH 2  Begin Lent			

## A Reading from I Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours; Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any

spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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



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