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"BACH, BRATS & BEER"

"Oktoberfest" combined with the celebrations of the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation is almost here! Saturday, October 28, beginning at 3:00, here in our sanctuary you will be delighted and amazed by the combined choirs of FLC, Thanksgiving Lutheran, and Bethlehem Lutheran's, directed by our own Janice Hall.

We will celebrate Martin Luther and the Reformation for the impact he had on the world. Hopefully some of you have seen the movie of Martin's amazing life recently shown at Summerfield Theater or on PBS.

Following the concert, we will dine on Brats and Beer in Hummon Hall and on outside areas on our campus. Please invite friends and family to join us!

e I us. Stop in to see the new floor in Charter Hall. Thank you to an AA member for putting in the floor at a reduced price, paying for labor only. We are most appreciative.

Please remember, that the Campus Maintenance Fund needs your support. If you have an extra few dollars or a lot of extra dollars, donate to keep this fund afloat, as the roof has ongoing issues.

Thanks for your monetary support, your willingness to volunteer your time and talents, and your prayers.

You are the beloved children of God, Laurie Wennes

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—and the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

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



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



Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Ted Peters

Children's Choir will be practicing and singing on the following dates:

September 24th and October 29th Your kids, your grandkids, your neighbor's kids – all kids – are invited to join For further information, contact Erin Carlstrom or Chris Carson

CAMP MICHELA feed the homeless outreach ministry

Every Friday 5 - 6PM (behind the Dollar Store on Sebastopol Ave. — near Dutton) Thank you Chris Carson, Joan Muzzin, Ernie and Betty Engle, Laurie Wennes, Steve Gaultney, Blanche Mansoor and Janet Hammond for extra help in September. HELP NEEDED in October.

Please contact Geni Fleming or aNna rybaT for more info.

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

GRACE CATHEDRAL

1100 California St., San Francisco CA 94108

Sunday, OCTOBER 29, 2017 (the day AFTER our own Oktoberfest!) free admission

 $2\hbox{-}2\hbox{:}30$ Interfaith Justice Event on the steps of the Cathedral $2\hbox{:}15\hbox{-}2\hbox{:}45$ Bach Contata prelude inside

3pm Festival Eucharist inside

Preaching: Bishop Dr. Victoria Cortez of Nicaragua

Presiding: Bishop Mark Holmerud of the Sierra Pacific Synod - ELCA

Music By: Tactus SF,

abt 4:30 Reception following the service will be in the courtyard in front of the cathedral (or downstairs if there is rain expected). We will have a fiesta with kid friendly games and activities.

Refreshments include non-alcoholic drinks, wine and beer brewed by Middle Circle.

abt 4:30 Exhibition of photos from Palestinian Youth, downstairs inside the Cathedral

Interested in volunteering, singing, helping with coffee hour, ushering, donating or other opportunities to get involved at the worship service? If so, let us know:

Getting There

Whenever possible, Grace Cathedral encourages the use of public transportation. Parking on Nob Hill is fairly scarce.

If you need to drive, consider parking somewhere along the #1 California MUNI bus line. It is one the city's most frequent, dependable lines and has very convenient stops near the Cathedral both inbound and outbound.

Public Transportation

The California Street Cable Car stops at California and Taylor which is at the foot of the Great Stairs.

The 1 California bus stops at Sacramento and Taylor (outbound) or Clay and Taylor, walk one block south (inbound).

The Powell-Hyde and Powell-Mason Cable Cars stop at Powell and California, walk two blocks west (up the hill).

The 27 Bryant bus stops at Leavenworth and California (northbound), walk one block west (up the hill) or Hyde and Sacramento (southbound), walk two blocks east and one block south.

Street Parking

Daytime street parking near the Cathedral is limited to two hours, except on Sundays. There is no parking on the right (north) side of Sacramento Street on weekdays from $4-6~\mathrm{p.m.}$ Please note that the tow away zone is strictly enforced.

Prayers of the People

Kathryn Miller's ex-husband Bud Miller passed after a brief stay in hospice care: Liz **Stamp,** friend of India, who died in a fire; Daniel Driver, Pat Fleming's uncle who has entered eternal rest; Jeanine Dahlquist's brother in final stages of life; The Koonst, Bell & Donna Besser's family who all have lost loved ones; Betty Engle, Linda Coffman's friends Glen and Kathy; John Roche, Janet Hammond's brother, a veteran suffering with health and Janet's second cousin who lost everything (and 4 cats) in a fire, and son Curtis, in need of caregiver; Faith Parson with health struggles; Erin Caltstrom family for strength and peace; Helen Kemper (Connie Duncan's mother); Patti Gillhooley with health concerns; Lucinda Moore - friend of the congregation; Ward & Karen Casper with health; Caroyln Huntington, struggling with Elena & Tami Barajas, and Blythe Babb; Nelia Crews; Dick & Pat Petersen with continuing health issues; Marianne Burns; Ruth Fawcett family; Kenneth Lantz; Eleanor & Hal Martin (Mariann Hubbs' mother and stepfather); Kay 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 Geni & Pat Fleming family; Mary O'Donnell, Helen's mother with health concerns; the son and family of a member, that they find faith, healing and strength.

"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
able to endure it." - I Corinthians 10: 1-13	

Like to shop at <u>amazon.com</u>? Use the link below and choose FLC: a portion of the proceeds will come back to Faith Lutheran Church! EASY!

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!

Your 20	017 Church Cou	ncil
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Pastor (Interim)	Rev. Dr. Ted Peters	(510) 280-4161
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

"Bring the full tithe 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 windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

- Malachi 3: 10



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Soli Deo Gloria: Martin Luther at 500

Reformation Commemoration & Oktoberfest

Bach, Brats, 'n' Beer

Saturday, October 28, 2017

3:00pm Musical Concert 5:00pm Oktoberfest

Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga Avenue, Santa Rosa CA 95405

Three Santa Rosa churches--Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, and Faith Lutheran Church--will host a combined choir to sing hymns composed by Martin Luther and cantatas composed by Johan Sebastian Bach. The combined choir will be directed by Janice Hall.

It was 500 years ago on October 31—yes, Halloween or the Eve of All Saints—when the Protestant Reformation began. On this date, so the legend goes, the young Augustinian friar Martin Luther nailed the "95 Theses" on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. Ten years later, in 1527, princes and priests who found inspiration in Luther's leadership coined our word, "Protestant," meaning protestor. On June 25, 1530, what would become the Lutheran church took shape in the city of Augsburg.

What we should remember, however, is not the history. Rather, we should remember the gospel message so dear to Luther's heart: in Jesus Christ our gracious God offers forgiveness to us sinners and promises resurrection to everlasting life in God's coming new creation.

This gospel message is heralded in voice and trumpet in the music of Luther himself and most powerfully in the genius of Johann Sebastian Bach. We will re-live and re-experience the gospel of grace on October 28.

No admission at the door. A free will offering for the concert and a free will donation for the Oktoberfest are invited.

Wear your Lederhosen and Dirndls. Children welcome!!! If you can make your favorite German recipe, bring it and let everyone take a bite.

CELEBRATE!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

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- 12 Chuck Hammond
- 12 Karen and Bob Anderson
- 20 Patrick Fleming
- 20 Mary & Richard Seefeldt
- 22 Hannah Ahders
- 27 Judy Fitzgerald
- 30 Amber Bosanco



image by Mother Nature Network

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

- John 15:11

Faith Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report August 31, 2017

The total General (non-Designated) income for August 2017 was \$8,997.07 Year to date was \$91.600.53

The General expenses for August were \$10,284.99 Year to date was \$81,447.55.

The total deficit for August was \$1,287.92 Year to date net income was \$10,152.98.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$457.50 (was paid in September)

Special funds received were \$100.00 for Campus Maintenance, \$120.00 from Memorial of Lloyd Koonst, \$147.82 from Dine & Donate, \$25.00 for Christmas in July, \$25.00 from SIT printing, \$345.00 for Camp Michaela, \$172.00 for Camp Big Oaks, \$14.07 from Amazon Smile, \$18.36 from Scrip and \$80.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for August were under budget by 1,958.33 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 2,630.18 (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 3,305.62 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 6,820.96 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for August were under budget by 2,128.19 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 3), and year-to-date were under budget by 17,862.93 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for August was under budget by 1,177.43 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to date were over budget by 11,041.97 (see page 5 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6).
- 5) You will notice Notes, Mortgages & Leases 27.1 has a balance of 420,481.35. 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?



Floor in Charter Hall has been replaced! THANK YOU Marcus Meyer and the Al Anon Group that meets on Friday nights in Charter Hall. Roof Maintenance is happening this month in preparation for rainy season.

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



OFFICE HOURS

MON. - FRI 9:30 - 2:30PM except CLOSED THURSDAYS

AL-ANON support group for those with family members suffering with alcoholism

Meeting every Saturday Night at FLC 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

"Adult Children of Alcoholics" and for Women, every Monday from 9:30 -11:00. AM Child care provided! www.al-anon.org



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in October

" See how the lilies of the field grow.

They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."

10/1: Norm Nielsen

10/8: Helen O'Donnell

10/15: Ed & aNna rybaT in memory of our parents

10/22: Blythe Babb in memory of

Larry

10/29: Karen Larson in memory of sister Kathy Williams



Link newsletter editor: aNna rybaT, <u>arybat@comcast.net</u> 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 -- Plan Ahead:

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

Wanted: Altar Guild members / Acolytes/ Usher Coordinator. Please contact Chris Carson. TRAINING STARTS SOON!

Saturday, October 28: *Soli Deo Gloria Concert and* **Oktoberfest** FLC will join with Bethlehem and Thanksgiving Lutheran churches to host a combined choir to sing hymns composed by Martin Luther, and a cantata composed by J.S. Bach. The combined choir will include the Sonoma Chamber Singers under the direction of Janice Hall. We need help in raising the estimated \$6000 for the concert. Please annotate checks with *Reformation Concert*. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Council Meeting Minutes available to read in the narthex or church office or contact aNna (arybat@comcast.net) and i will email you a copy.

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Summary Overview – Town Hall Meeting #2 9/10/17

Objective: This Town Hall is a follow-up to the one held in June. The purpose for this gathering was to start the process of looking ahead to designated areas for focus in order to ascertain what is important to the congregation and consequently the type of leader the congregation will need for this next phase of congregational life.

Process: The discussion included reviewing the current areas of strengths and weaknesses identified in the first town hall, according to those attending. The discussion moved to projecting into the future where the attendees would like to see Faith Lutheran church, focusing on 2022. In moving forward, we looked at what "first steps" could be taken to create positive movement.

Observation: Due to a limited time frame, the discussion did not include the "backward timeline" to establish the steps over time that would be needed to do a complete plan, and then move to specifics. However, the group responded favorably and with enthusiasm on next/first steps in three identified areas.

In addition, it is important to emphasize that nothing in ministry is "one thing." In other words, in talking about Outreach, other areas play into a single effort that effects that effort. For example, in discussing Wedding Ministry, facility maintenance comes into play as well as the welcoming attitude of members who are working with a wedding party.

Hopes for 2022:

- Large, active youth group with contemporary music at core
- Fill the pews!
- Have a younger demographic but with a strong intergenerational presence, especially with families.
- "All are welcome." Have a stronger representation of diversity both ethic and culturally.
- Many events that are well-attended by the community and the membership such as Bach, Brats & Beer, Ice Cream Social
- Develop special invitations to neighbors that elicit responses, especially for Advent and Christmas

Most important areas of focus:

- 1. Visibility (So people will say, "I know that church..."
 - Facility & Physical Visibility

- o Church signage/marquis (currently looks dated)
- o Corner sign
- o Improved landscaping
- o Possible signage on Summerfield (with City approval)
- o Adopt-a-highway
- o Wearing FLC t-shirts
- o Use projection screens for worship (include music)
- Air conditioning
- Updating of narthex/possibly new carpeting
- o Institute a crying room
- o Replace cross on steeple
- Presence in the community
 - o Greater presence at Community Events
 - o Greater presence at Interfaith events
 - o Extending personal invitations to family, friends, neighbors
 - o Invitation to neighbors directly through door hangers, post cards, etc.
 - Have more events that are attractive to the neighborhood/community such as having 50/50 raffles, classic car events, etc.

2. Outreach/Programs

- Programs expansion:
 - o Wedding Ministry
 - connect with key people who are organizing, referring facilities for weddings
 - create packet of information about wedding possibilities at FLC
 - o Greater use of facility, especially Hummon Hall
 - Weekday use for classes
 - Yoga
 - Community programs
 - After school programs for any/all ages
 - Band or music program for children
 - Other faith-based organizations/program – cooperate with them and use our facility (not necessary to re-invent programs/capitalize and/or expand on those already in operation)

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- o Small groups to invite others to participate and get to know those at the church and possibly move into membership
 - ♣ Movie night
 - Book Club
 - Others according to interests
- Internal emphasis
 - o Contacting former members
 - o Develop deeper relationships with parents of preschool
 - o Better or more personal followup with visitors (train ushers)
 - o Develop rack cards

3. Worship:

- 2 services
 - o Contemporary
 - o Traditional
- Investigate alternate times for worship, particularly contemporary
- Outdoor worship (contemporary or other)
- Consider bringing back the Easter Sunrise Service
- Children's Choir (in process)
- Sunday School (expand)

Foot note:

In relating all this to the calling of the new pastor, three things are of importance:

- Pastors seeking a call are attracted to congregations who are already moving forward in areas of service and worship. Such activities indicate an engaged congregation who see themselves as the ministry, and not simply waiting for a pastor to do the work of ministry.
- 2. Movement creates movement. In other words, as congregants become more engaged on specific tasks that can produce visible results, others are more likely to come on board. It is attractive to those visiting the congregation. Other, often unexpected, outcomes can happen.
- Many members are already deeply engaged in ministry activities. Those members should be appreciated for their work, and not be the only ones to bear the burden of additional responsibilities.

We have identified some hands-on, actionable areas for ministry that are crucial to maintaining a healthy ministry. In moving forward, the congregation and individual members will need to take a deeper look at the cultural shifts in the society at large and in the Santa Rosa community.

IT'S FINALLY HERE

THE REFORMATION BOOKSTORE IS IN THE HOUSE (NARTHEX, THAT IS) NOW ACCEPTING YOUR ORDERS THE BOOKS ON DISPLAY ARE SAMPLES ORDER YOUR BOOK(S) ON THE ORDER FORM PROVIDED AND GIVE WITH YOUR CHECK (MADE OUT TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH)TO INDIA OR LEAVE IT FOR HER in the office All books are 50% off AND WILL BE ORDERED AND DELIVERED IN EARLY NOVEMBER (FREE SHIPPING) IF ENOUGH BOOKS ARE SOLD, ALL THE BOOK SAMPLES WILL BE DONATED TO OUR CHURCH LIBRARY BY AUGSBURG **FORTRESS** SO BE SURE TO CHECK IT OUT!!!



BOOK CLUB

Our 1st meeting 9/18 discussing A Man Called Ove. Pastor Ted surprised us by serving tea and fancy cookies, complete with china cups and teapots. He was charming in his bow tie, cummerbund - and shorts! No preparation or clean-up for the ladies. Next meeting Monday, 10/16, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, to view the movie of *A Man Called Ove.* Popcorn and libations will be available. Everyone is invited!

Getting the Ball Rolling!
Commitments made by
members of FLC
Moving the congregation
forward

Task/Commitment(s)

Member

Signage for Summerfield Helen O'Donnell

2. Weddings/parties Blanche Mansoor

Camp Michela

3. Prayer Chain Karen Casper

Caller Book Club

4. Movie Night Ernie Engle

Visit Shut-Ins Visit "SAY"/young people

5. Begin Conversations Steve Norton

with other congregations for:

- Outreach
- Community Events
- 6. Call 3 members who don't attend often Jeanine Dahlquist
- 7. Create rack card Chris Carson
- 8. Explore new t-shirt designs Church logo Lauren
- 9. T-shirts Mary Seefeldt

Events

10. Camp Micheala Joan Muzzin

Money counting Contact 2 former members

11. Events Janet Hammond

T-shirts

12. Event/wedding Venue Lauren

Research-wedding expo booths Direct mailer

13. Landscaping Bythe Babb

Planning afterschool youth Program

14. Landscaping John Hall

Movie Night

15. Ad in Press Democrat Rita McGowan

16. Personal Invitations Kay Miller

17. Door hangers India Geibel

Letters to neighbors

Landscaping/

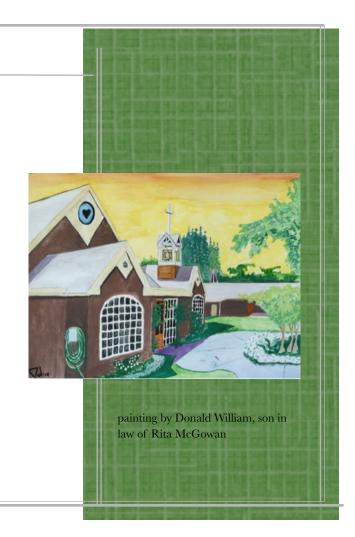
Signage (donations)

OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship "Living the Small Cathechism;" A Reformation Study during worship	2	3 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	4 Men's Cookout 6PM	5 6:30 Choir Practice	6 5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela	7
9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship "Living the Small Cathechism;" A Reformation Study during worship	9	10 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	11	6:30 Choir Practice	5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela	14
15 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship "Living the Small Cathechism;" A Reformation Study during worship	16 A Man Called Ove 3 - 4:30 Charter Hall	17 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop 6:30 Council Mtg	18 Dine & Donate IHop 4 - 8PM	19 6:30 Choir Practice	5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela	21
22 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship "Living the Small Cathechism;" A Reformation Study during worship	23	24 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop	25	26 6:30 Choir Practice	27 5PM Feed the Homeless Camp Michela	28 Soli Deo Gloria Concert 3PM OKTOBERFEST 5PM
29 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship "Living the Small Cathechism;" A Reformation Study during worship Children's Choir during worship	30	31 Happy Halloween 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	NOVEMBER 1 All Saint's Day			

A Reading from Deuteronomy 18: 14

"The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the Lord your God has not permitted you to do so."





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