

Faith Lutheran *LINK*

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We are a family of professing Christians inspired by Christ's grace and love. We are committed to joyful worship, spiritual growth, caring relationships and community outreach.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A prayer of gratitude and thankfulness to the firefighters who saved our church and many of our homes by lighting back fires on the ridge above us!

Beverly, a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, lost everything in the Santa Rosa fire. This is her home: ashes. On Reformation Day, October 31, 2017, she told Pastor Ted along with Michael Stadie, Program Director of the Lutheran Disaster Relief Program, and also our synod Bishop Mark Holmrud, that she is blessed because she is safe.

She now lives with her son in his home. "We will rebuild," she says. "We'll be just fine."

It will take time for Santa Rosa to rise above the ashes but we will, with the love and support of friends, family and neighbors.

God's blessings on FLC and all who worship here. All are welcome in this place!

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."

- John 14: 16 - 17

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



Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ted Peters

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



HOLIDAY SHOPPING CAN CHANGE LIVES

After her husband died of AIDS, Kenyoyozi was left to take care of her 3 young children alone. Living with HIV herself, most of her modest income from selling bananas went to her antiretroviral treatments. When those became too expensive in her Ugandan village, she had no choice but to go without. Too tired and weak to work, her children had to drop out of school and many days they all would go hungry.

Things changed the day Kenyoyozi received a special gift - four goats. After a short time, and agricultural and animal training, four goats became 12. By selling the milk and a few of the offspring, she was able to provide a steady income and proper nutrition for her family, her children could go back to school and she was able to continue her treatments.

For Kenyoyozi, this gift of four goats was life-changing. And with ELCA Good Gifts, you can be a part of her story. Select from more than 50 gifts, each will make a life-changing difference in the lives of people like Kenyoyozi. The gifts provide support to ELCA ministries that are already at work in nearly 100 countries.

Americans spend over \$300 Billion on Christmas shopping each year. By substituting one traditional gift with one from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog, your gift will redirect a significant amount toward the fight against poverty and hunger. Last year, over \$5.4 million was raised through ELCA Good Gifts with supporting work in 83 countries. Help us continue to grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives by getting started today at ELCA.org/goodgifts

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

SOUP SUPPERS AND VESPERS

...coming again in December in Hummon Hall, during Advent. As in the past, we will post a sign up sheet for soup, salad and bread. There will be a brief worship service. STAY TUNED FOR DATES AND TIMES!



Poinsettias will be available for sale during Advent. Price: \$10. Order forms will be available in the bulletins beginning November 5. Help beautify the sanctuary! Thank you.

CAMP MICHELA - feed the homeless outreach ministry

Every Friday 5 - 6PM (behind the Dollar Store on Sebastopol Rd. Please contact Geni Fleming or aNna rybaT if you can help with a Thanksgiving Dinner on FRIDAY NOV. 24th: We would like to provide: Turkey or ham, sweet potato, mashed potato, gravy, fresh vegetable dishes, bread & butter, pies, etc. for approx. 40 people. Thank you India Geibel, Lauren and John Morris, Patti Gillhooley, Steve Norton, Blanche Mansoor, Laurie Wennes & Steve Gaultney, Janet Hammond, Chris Carson, for helping/donations recently.

Prayers of the People

Steve Norton Family as they mourn the loss of wife Linda; Friends & neighbors who lost their lives and homes and businesses during disaster; **Kathryn Miller's** ex-husband **Bud Miller** who recently passed; **Daniel Driver**, Pat Fleming's uncle who entered eternal rest; Jeanine Dahlquist who broke her hip and her brother who died recently; The **Koonst, Bell & Besser family** who all have lost loved ones; **Betty Engle** with health struggle; 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** who had to evacuate; **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 cancer; **Elena & Tami Barajas**, and **Blythe Babb**; **Nelia Crews**; **Dick & Pat Petersen** with health issues; **Marianne Burns**; **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.

Your 2017 Church Council

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Pastor (Interim)	Rev. Dr. Ted Peters	(510) 280-4161
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Parish Administrator	India Geibel	707-539-2521
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“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

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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!

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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Time & Talents Forms for 2018 have been issued to all members (If you did not receive one, please contact church office). After prayerful consideration, all ***Pledges will be gratefully received and commemorated during Offering Collection Nov. 5.***

THANK YOU!

CELEBRATE!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in NOVEMBER

- 11 Jaleah Baumgarten-Hall
- 19 Tracy Francis
- 26 Ward Casper
- 27 Connie & Robert Duncan
- 27 Pat & Dick Petersen

(apologies to OCTOBER babies and anniversaries, the SEPTEMBER celebrations were repeated in October LINK): Belated wishes to:
 October 1: Karen Casper; Oct. 5, Angelo Muzzin; Oct. 6, Sabin Ward Duncan; Oct. 8, Tracy and Wallace Francis; Oct. 10, Joan Muzzin; Oct. 13, Joshua Barnett; Oct. 18, Katalina Motley; Oct. 19, Ashley Bonsanco; Oct. 25, Pat Petersen; Oct. 28, John Hall and Oct. 29 Betty Freeman

Pls. send changes to arybat@comcast.net Thank you!



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“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 September 30, 2017

The total General (non-Designated) income for September 2017 was \$11,877.02
 Year to date was \$103,330.55

The General expenses for September were \$9,640.06
 Year to date was \$91,087.61.

The total deficit for September was \$2,236.96
 Year to date net income was \$12,242.94.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$547.23 (was paid in October)

Special funds received were \$260.00 for Campus Maintenance, \$97.02 from Dine & Donate, \$25.00 for Camp Michaela, \$12.00 from Jam sales, \$100.00 for Reformation concert, \$205.00 for Hurricane Relief, \$60.00 for Lutheran Relief, \$10.00 for Reformation Book, \$75.00 for SAY, \$17.56 from Scrip and \$60.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for September were under budget by 462.83 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 3,093.01 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 6) Revelations & QuickBooks have not been reconciled yet.
- 2) Total income for September was under budget by 425.67 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 7,393.63 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for September were under budget by 2,773.12 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 3), and year-to-date were under budget by 20,636.05 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for September was over budget by 2,236.96 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to date were over budget by 13,242.42 (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 418,605.86. 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?

Campus Maintenance



Preventive Roof Maintenance done, Thank You Warren Roofing!

Woodpecker damage repairs delayed due to fires, will be accomplished soon.



Remembering those who serve and who have served, including our Police, Professional, Volunteer and Inmate Fire-fighters, EMTs, National Guard and all First Responders especially, on this Veteran's Day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

OFFICE HOURS

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

Additionally, Office will be closed Friday, Nov. 17 and Friday, Nov. 24. India will be on vacation from Nov. 17 - Nov. 30. If you can help out in the office, please contact India at 707-539-2521

If you are a THRIVENT member, you can choose to donate your Thrivent Financial Choice money to Faith Lutheran Church. Go to <https://service.thrivent.com>

or telephone 1.800.847.4836 to speak to an agent



image of our altar outdoor worship by aNna

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in NOVEMBER

- 11/19: Ed and aNna Rybat in Remember our Parents
- 11/26: India Geibel in memory of her father, Ralph Geibel



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 -- Plan Ahead:

Men's club fellowship cookout night is on the first Wednesday of each month (Nov. 1. 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!

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.

Altar Guild: Please plan to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent on Saturday, Dec. 2. Ladies' Christmas Party during Dine & Donate at Mary's on Dec. 6. Bring a gag gift (under \$15) to swap.

SOUP SUPPERS AND VESPERS:coming again in December on Thursdays during Advent. As in the past, we will post a sign up sheet for soup, salad and bread. Watch for details and dates.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY
1969 - reprinted from Mrs. Ruth Bell's history.

The year started with the Youth of the Church handling the folk service. At the annual meeting, Dr. Bell and Mr. Roy Besser were reelected to council, along with Mr. Hammond, Mr. Harold Sorenson. Don Christensen was president. Mildred Linden was our delegate to synod convention.

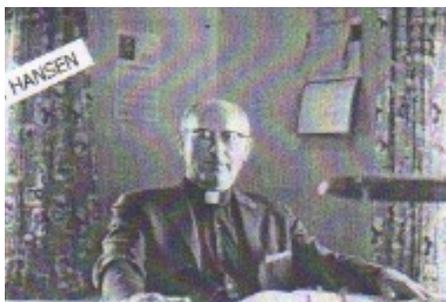
LCW was busy with its Bible studies, projects and gifts to Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Social Services. The ladies also helped at the Rescue Mission. There was a trip to Berkeley for a tour of the Pacific Seminary and the wonderful view of the Bay Area - - what a sight to see. We continued our work for the Vietnam servicemen. Mother-daughter luncheon and the "Fun and Festival" were special functions for the congregation. Lily Greer was our delegate to the LCW Convention at Asilomar. Esther Hansen served as our president. Please not that for some years the Sunday School Classes have given school supplies to the Rocky Boy Indian Mission at Box Elder, Montana.

The "Couples Club" has also met for a number of years. Mr. Y Mrs. Rich Pearson were the first to organize it. This afforded a social time for us and was usually a potluck with the host providing the entree. Entertainment could be slide shows given by our travelers, games, story tellers, semi-professional dancers, sing alongs, or just good conversation. We knew one another and we were family. There were times we had service projects, such as one evening repairing toys at Welfare League's Christmas Unlimited," and trimming the tree and decorating the church for Christmas.

Bob Sergeant led the Luther League this year with its many activities, spaghetti feeds, camp-outs, trips to the snow country, swim parties, folk service "Rejoice," Sunrise Service at Mt. Gilead, trips to San Francisco, live nativity scene, etc. etc.

Mr. Charles Christian was appointed to Council to fill the unexpired term of Kris Dermott. Mr. Robert Duncan replaced Mr. Harold Sorenson.

In December Pastor Hansen submitted his resignation to accept a call at St. Marks Church in San Fernando. he writes in the annual report, "I close this report with words of deepest personal thanks for the kindness and cordiality you have extended to us all through the years we have been in Santa Rosa. Our prayers will always rise in your behalf." Signed, Elvin S. Hansen, Pastor. The council accepted with regret the resignation of Pastor Hansen.



OKTOBERFEST, CONCERT & November CRAFT FAIRs

.... all cancelled due to the enormity of the fire disaster. Too many people are suffering and in need of help, so to request donations (food & beer, etc.) seemed insensitive. We will try to possibly reschedule for next year, possibly in conjunction with the Food & Wine Festival. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused.

HOWEVER, Geni's Jellies & Jams are available for \$5 each or 3 for \$12.50 and India's crocheted necklaces are also for sale.

Available in the church office. Proceeds go to the Campus Maintenance Fund

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 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**  
*The Literary Ladies AND Gentlemen of FLC will not meet in November and December*  
*The next meeting will be Monday, January 15, 2018*  
*3:00 - 4:30 pm in Hummon Hall*  
*The book to be discussed is The Woman in Cabin 10*  
*a mystery by Ruth Ware*  
*(We hope you will join us in the New Year)*

## NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY                                                                           | SATURDAY                                                                                                          |
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|                                                                                                                                                                          |        |                                                                                                   | 1<br>ALL SAINTS<br>DAY<br><br>Men's Cookout<br>6PM | 2<br><br>6:30 Choir<br>Practice                                                                                          | 3<br><br>5PM Feed the<br>Homeless Camp<br>Michela                                | 4                                                                                                                 |
| 5<br>9:00 Adult<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 Worship<br><br>PLEDGE<br>COMMITMENT<br><br>"Living the Small<br>Catechism;" A<br>Reformation<br>Study during<br>worship        | 6      | 7<br><br>8 AM Men's &<br>Women's<br>Breakfast iHop                                                | 8                                                  | 9<br><br>6:30 Choir<br>Practice                                                                                          | 10<br><br>5PM Feed the<br>Homeless Camp<br>Michela                               | 11<br>Veteran's<br>Day<br><br> |
| 12<br>9:00 Adult<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 Worship<br>"Living the Small<br>Catechism;" A<br>Reformation<br>Study during<br>worship                                       | 13     | 14<br><br>8 AM Men's &<br>Women's<br>Breakfast iHop<br><br>6:30 Council<br>Mtg<br>at Rybat's home | 15<br><br>—                                        | 16<br><br>6:30 Choir<br>Practice                                                                                         | 17<br><br>5PM Feed the<br>Homeless Camp<br>Michela                               | 18                                                                                                                |
| 19<br>9:00 Adult<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 Worship<br>"Living the Small<br>Catechism;" A<br>Reformation<br>Study during<br>worship                                       | 20     | 21<br><br>8AM Men's &<br>Women's<br>Breakfast iHop                                                | 22                                                 | 23<br>Day of<br>THANKSGIVING<br><br> | 24<br><br>5PM Feed the<br>Homeless<br>THANKSGIVING<br>DINNER FOR<br>Camp Michela | 25                                                                                                                |
| 26<br>9:00 Adult<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 Worship<br>"Living the Small<br>Catechism;" A<br>Reformation<br>Study during<br>worship<br>Children's Choir<br>during worship | 27     | 28<br><br>8 AM Men's &<br>Women's<br>Breakfast iHop                                               | 29                                                 | 30<br><br>6:30 Choir<br>Practice                                                                                         | DECEMBER 1                                                                       | 2<br><br>Decorate<br>Sanctuary<br>Altar Guild<br>10:00 AM                                                         |

## A Reading from Isaiah 40: 9 - 11

You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice and should, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a

shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.



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