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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.

Looking Back/Looking Forward

Sometimes, we take for granted how fortunate we really are, especially after a year of such incredible disaster. But Faith Lutheran Church has so much to celebrate this year. ELCA & LCMS provided gift certificates to distribute with over \$18,000 provided to Lutheran churches in the areas affected by the fires.

The Annual Chili Feed in January became a Farewell Potluck for Pastor Tim & family. Our Interim Pastor Ted and wife Karen brought a welcome presence to our worship and church life, while the Call Committee began the work of finding a replacement (we will be lucky to find someone so loved as Karen and Ted). Karen led us in Town Hall

meetings to get us to think and talk about where we are headed as a congregation.

In February our Winter Wine Fest was well attended. Our cooks did a fabulous job making a variety of different foods to sample. With the generous donations of raffle baskets from our congregation we raised \$1,500 towards our Campus Maintenance Fund. Terry and Karen Larson won the Wine Train Raffle just in time for their 50th wedding anniversary! Our monthly Dine & Donate events throughout the year raised an additional \$1,500 for our Campus Fund. We want to thank everyone for his or her (Cont. on next page)



"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

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continued support and generosity. Thank you to our Sharing Faith Committee: Mary Seefeldt, Tracy Francis, Connie Duncan, Patti Gilhooley, Blythe Babb and Genie Fleming. We welcome back Janet Hammond in 2018.

We repaired the worst of the roof damage, thanks to the congregation rising to meet the goals of our Campus Maintenance Fund. The roofs on the sanctuary and other buildings still need to be replaced within next few years (est. \$40,000), but we have averted more serious damage for now. The cross on the sanctuary had to be removed due to wood rot and hopefully, will be replaced soon.

The old carpeting in Charter Hall was replaced with a beautiful floor, courtesy Marcus Meyers, from one of the groups who meets on Mondays. Thank you Betty and Ernie Engle for the huge success of the Pancake Breakfast on Easter Morning!

Under Ernie and Betty Engle's leadership, we renewed the Sunday School teaching of our youth, including a hugely successful Camp Big Oak in August. Chris Carson is teaching the children to sing. To celebrate the 500th year of Martin Luther's posting the 95 Theses, Pastor David helped us understand the catechism of Martin Luther and deepen our understanding of the Bible each Sunday morning before worship. For such a small volunteer group, the choir under the direction of Janice Hall, enhanced our worship experience with amazing beautiful voices ("One who sings prays twice").

VBS was a big hit in July with over 20 children in attendance. The children brought in canned food and backpacks and school supplies to help the less fortunate children in the community. Kathryn Miller generously donated \$160 in proceeds from the sale of her newly published book, *Ring Around Reality*.

The homeless Camp Michela has grown and over Thanksgiving week, about 70 souls were fed! We collected for Toys For Tots, and started up a new Book Club. Men and Women of Faith met at iHop every Tuesday for fellowship and returned the proceeds of Dine & Donate to Noe (faithful waiter) who lost his home in the fires. The men met each first Wednesday of the month for fellowship and food. The Pre-School is humming along smoothly with a full

house of busy toddlers, thanks to hard work donated by Steve Norton, Ed Rybat, Steve Gaultney, John Hall, John Morris, Norm Nielsen, Chris Carson and others.

India, our Parish Administrator began writing Grace Notes each week, filling the void of Pastor Tim's weekly notes. Her stories were little devotions in themselves. We hosted another Yard Sale to raise funds for Campus Maintenance and sponsored another Car Show in memory of long time beloved member, Lloyd Koonst.

One new soul baptized in to the Kingdom in November: Mathew James Abraham, born May 6. Sing Hallelujah!

Lastly, in December the Altar Guild will decorate the sanctuary once again for the Advent Season. We give thanks for the promise of the birth of our Savior and look forward to the New Year with a fresh sense of purpose.

-Ed. aNna rybaT

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2018

needs two new members. aNna and Ed Rybat have served 4 years (term limit) and must step down. All other 2017 Council members have (so far???) agreed to serve again. If interested, please notify Laurie Wennes, Council President

CAMP MICHELA - feed the homeless outreach ministry

Every Friday 4:30 - 5:30PM (behind the Dollar Store on Sebastopol Rd.) Please contact Geni Fleming or aNna rybaT if you can help with a Christmas Dinner on FRIDAY Dec. 22nd: We would like to provide: Turkey or ham, sweet potato, mashed potato, gravy, fresh fruit & vegetable dishes, side dishes, bread & butter, pies or dessert, etc. for 50- 70 people. The population of Camp Michela increased recently due to the clearing of the 6th Street Underpass in Santa Rosa. Some will be relocated to other shelters, but many are still in need of help. Thank you!

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20

Prayers of the People

Steve Norton Family as they mourn the loss of wife & mother **Linda** and for son in hospice care in NV; Friends & neighbors who lost their lives and homes and businesses during fire storm disaster; **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**, Tami will undergo surgery, and **Blythe Babb**; **Nelia Crews**; **Pat & Dick 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 Stohلمان 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
President	Laurie Wennes	707-526-3889
Vice President	Ernie Engle	707-292-5816
Secretary	aNna rybaT	707-536-9855
Buildings & Grounds	Ed Rybat	757 -681-3480
PreSchool	Chris Carson	(707) 239-6332
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Treasurer	Connie Duncan	707-573-1762
Worship Experience	Kathy Corsiglia	707-528-8520
Finance/Stewardship	Cherie Barnett	(707) 480-0908
Social Ministry	Chris Carson	(707) 239-6332
Parish Administrator	India Geibel	707-539-2521
Christian Ed/Youth	Ernie Engle	707-292-5816

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

"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

"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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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!



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Time & Talents Pledge Forms for 2018 have been issued to all members (If you did not receive one, please contact church office). If you pledge only \$1 per week, we need to know so that we can create a budget for 2018. No amount is too small nor too great.

THANK YOU!

CELEBRATE!
Birthdays and Anniversaries
in DECEMBER

4 Blythe Babb
14 Steve Norton
18 Marlyse Stocklin
18 Linda Coffman
21 Karen Larson



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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

Pls. send corrections/additions/deletions to
arybat@comcast.net

Thank you!

Faith Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
October 31, 2017

The total General (non-Designated) income for October 2017 was \$12,863.75
Year to date was \$116,341.30

The General expenses for October were \$10,025.01
Year to date was \$101,112.62.

The total income for October was \$2,838.74
Year to date net income was \$15,228.68.

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$608.87 (was paid in November)

Special funds received were \$2,480.00 for Campus Maintenance, \$20.00 from Dine & Donate, \$290.00 for Deacon Fund, \$40.00 for Reformation Book, \$100.00 from Thrivent choice dollar, \$21.65 from Scrip and \$90.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for October were over budget by 564.42 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 2,528.59 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 6) Revelations & QuickBooks have not been reconciled yet.
- 2) Total income for October was over budget by 561.06 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date they were under budget by 6,685.57 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 6)
- 3) Total expenses for October were under budget by 2,388.17 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 3), and year-to-date were under budget by 23,024.22 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 6).
- 4) Net income for October was over budget by 2,949.23 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3), and year-to-date were over budget by 16,338.65 (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



Repair of the woodpecker damage has been pushed back due to the fires and now the rainy season. Completed annual roof preventive maintenance (clean the roofs/minor repairs). Contract with Warren Roofing, cost \$1116.00, \$268 for Pre-School. Painted southside Hummon Breezeway support pillars. Cleaned up debris in front/rear parking lots from wind storm. Cut down and removed dead plants from front lawn.



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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, this year.

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SERVICE AND
SACRIFICE**

OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

Ladies Christmas Party starts at 6:00, Dec. 6th at Mary's Pizza on Summerfield (Dine & Donate). We are exchanging gifts. We ask anyone who wants to participate to bring a present that is a re-gift. Something you received or bought that you would like to gift to some one else. Don't spend a lot of money. In the past we have had books, candles, ornaments, scarves, etc. Don't forget to bring a flyer and if your spouse is going to come they will need a flyer also since we won't be sitting together.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in December

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!

11/17 Janet and Chuck Hammond

CHOIR SELECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

12/3 (Advent 1) "In The Silence, Wondrous Love"

12/10 (Advent 2) "A Waiting Carol" by Helen Kemp w/Children's choir
(12/14 Wed. 6:00PM Service - choir practice from 7:00 - 9:00PM)

12/17 (Advent 3) "Our Lord Emmanuel"
Medley arr. by Tom Fettke
(Following Sunday service Choir will carol for Don Lee)

(12/21 - Wed. 6:00PM Service - choir practice from 7:00 - 9:00PM)

12/24 (Advent 4) "Mary On A Mountain" by John Carter

12/24 5:00PM Christmas Eve Music
"Gloria in Excelsis" Antonio Lotti
"Our Lord Emmanuel" - Medley arr. by Tom



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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 (Dec 6. 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: on Wednesday Dec. 13 & 20th beginning at 6PM. followed by brief worship and choir practice. As in the past, we will post a sign up sheet for soup, salad and bread.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY

1970 - reprinted from Mrs. Ruth Bell's notes

Again we find ourselves without a pastor, but the work of the church goes on. Thank goodness, we have competent lay people and interim pastors, Ed Hummon, and John Zeltin. The church calendar continues along the same lines. In April, Mr. George Falk accepted our call. He was ordained on June 14 in Concord. Several families from our congregation attended Pastor Falk's ordination. He was installed on the 21st of June. A reception followed for the Reverend Falk, his wife Ethel and their four children, Patricia, Cynthia, George and Katherine. Fortunately our parsonage was large enough for them. New things were happening. The contemporary Service of Worship and Celebration was introduced and became our regular service at 8:30AM.

A newly - organized parent cooperative nursery was started for children in the three year old group. This was not run by our congregation. The Reverend Edward Hummon (retired) and his wife Mildred joined our congregation. God knew we needed him. In September, the Council went on retreat to write a "Statement of Purpose" (one of many) for our church.

Our hearts were saddened by the death of Thomas Kjeldgard.

The Altar Guild seems to do its work quietly, behind the scenes. Those that prepare the altar for Sunday worship services are Emma Chance, Edith Ricker, Esther Christensen, Dee Pearson, Elaine Finger, Mildred Hummon, Sandra Wilkening, Ethel Falk and Donna Besser. Some have done this for years.

There is always something to do on the property, re-staining the buildings, picnic tables, repainting parking stripes, and refinishing doors. you should have seen the look on some of the faces when they saw the blue doors. Arrangements were made with a neighbor to use the back acreage for his livestock. This solved our weed problem in that area. The youth group erected a basketball hoop for its own use and for the benefit of the neighborhood.

With no paid janitor, it was up to the congregation to keep the buildings clean. We have done so with our parish care groups.

The LCW continued to have their regular activities

Bible Study, hosting receptions, etc. Besides the Mother/Daughter Luncheon this year, the LCW prepared a banquet for a Father/Son evening. Dr. George Rostel showed his abilities as a magician. Esther Christensen was elected delegate to Asilomar. after two years of baking cookies for our servicemen [sic] it (fortunately) was time to stop. Yvonne Hudson had charge of collecting and packaging these boxes, and probably baked dozens. Doris His was president.

Carol Parson (Sergeant) headed the Luther League program ice skating and ski trip to Boreal started off the year. Later there was a swim party and a return to get some of Mrs. Emmes's "famous" tacos, plus kite flying. and camp-outs . Sounds like fun time. A "kidnapping party" welcomed the Falk kids. Not all was fun and games. The youth found that a car wash was a very successful undertaking. The money earned went to defray some of the church organ's repair costs. In the fall a new set of guidelines were drawn up. The former Luther League is now referred to FAITH YOUTH!!! Year's end found them caroling, praying, and presenting the traditional nativity scene. Carol parson (Sergeant) was their leader.



BOOK CLUB

*The Literary Ladies AND
Gentlemen of FLC
will not meet in 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)*

DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					4:30 Camp Michela	2 DECORATE THE SANCTUARY Altar Guild 9:30 AM
3 FIRST ADVENT 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Children's Sunday School	4	5 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	6 DINE & DONATE at Mary's Women's Christmas Party	7	8 TOYS FOR TOTS DEADLINE and Pick Up 4:30 Camp Michela	9
10 SECOND ADVENT 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship FIRST CONGREGATIONAL MTG. AFTER WORSHIP Council Mtg.	11	12 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	13 Soup Supper 6PM Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice 7PM	14	15 4:30 Camp Michela	16
17 THIRD ADVENT 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Children's Sunday School	18	19 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop	20 — Soup Supper 6PM Vespers 6:30 Choir Practice 7PM	21	22 4:30 CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR Camp Michela (HELP WANTED)	23
 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 PM Candlelight Service & Children's Drama	25 1000 Worship Thanksgiving Lutheran Church	26 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	27	28	29 4:30 Camp Michela	30
31 FIRST CHRISTMAS 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship & Children's Choir					image credit: Google stock photos	

A Reading from Matthew 24: 36

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is

taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



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