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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 Report:

This is such an exciting time to be a member of Faith Lutheran Church! Changes are coming, we are not looking back to what we were, we are looking forward to what we can become! It is a time for truth, and the truth is, we cannot keep going on the track we are on. Sharing our campus with the congregation of Redeemer Presbyterian will be a breath of fresh air for FLC. We will be cleaning out the kitchen cupboards, the coffee closet, the shelving under the Reformation Painting, the closet that holds the tables and chairs, the library, the youth room, the cabinets in Charter Hall, the Noah's Ark building, and the "scary" room in the Red Cottage. Things that we "might use someday" need to be earmarked for the Yard

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Sale. We will be SHARING space. Once all items, not needed, are out of our rooms, we will find plenty of room to share! So many issues on our grounds need to be addressed: paint, parking lot, roof repair continues, & general clean-up inside the buildings. The outside bathroom needs tile repair and paint, the walls in Charter Hall need paint, and the list goes on. Compromise from both congregations is a necessity! Let's keep a positive outlook, keep praying for our congregation, our council and our Call Committee. Thank you, Pastor Ted, for being willing to "hang in there" with us during this time of transition. Peace be with you,

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
Children's Sunday School during worship



Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ted Peters

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



On February 11, the children performed a skit for the congregation of the story of Joshua and the Battle for Jericho (above). Ernie Engle teaches Sunday School each Sunday during the worship service. All ages are welcome. Chris Carson is teaching the children songs. They performed on Feb. 25th (below). Next "Concert" will be March 25. They make a JOYFUL noise to the Lord, indeed!



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

When Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith and Clarence Henderson took their seats at the whites-only counter at Woolworth store in Greensboro, NC, the waitresses ignored their coffee and food orders. They stayed put until closing and returned the next day. Photos of their sit-in ignited a movement: A few days later, 300 people showed up to peacefully protest the segregated establishment. Their collective efforts ultimately led to desegregation: First of the Woolworth Lunch counter, on July 25, 1960, and later of the country at large. Let us honor the sacrifices of people of color by remembering their courage this month, and every day. We are a better people for it. photo credit: Granger/Granger

"Fire and Prayer: Remembrance and Renewal"
Special Service of the Word, Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 10:00am
Bring a photo of your loss: home? pet? friend? love one?
Bring a neighborhood friend to church with you.

On October 8-9, 2017 and the days following, residents of Santa Rosa and surrounding communities were visited by a sudden and devastating disaster. It was a firestorm that destroyed homes and turned treasured memories into ash. We gather this day for emotional and spiritual care, offering prayers of both anguish and thanksgiving to the God of grace, our creator and redeemer. The people of God at Faith Lutheran Church along with friends in the neighborhood stand and even kneel in solidarity, in remembrance and renewal. – Pastor Ted Peters

CAMP MICHELA *Homeless Outreach Ministry*

THANK YOU to all who have donated, cooked, baked, delivered and helped serve meals to Camp Michela. Camp Michela will be evacuated by 23 March and no one knows yet, WHERE? Stay tuned to this space for updates, and please pray for the people who will be displaced.

BOOK CLUB
The Literary Ladies AND Gentlemen of FLC
will meet Monday, March 19
3:00 - 4:30 pm in Hummon Hall
The book to be discussed is *Small Great Things* by Jody Pirrault We hope you will join us in the New Year

Prayers of the People

Richard Seefeldt who was hospitalized recently; Geni Fleming with health concerns; Connie Duncan's mother **Helen** who will need hip replacement; **Terry Larson** with cancer; **Betty Freeman**, former FLC member; **Erickson Family** (friends of Karen Peters) suffering with cancer; **Duncan, Koonst, Bell, Besser, Helen O'Donnell Family** and **Norton Family** as they mourn the loss of loved ones; **Jeanine Dahlquist** who cracked her pelvis; **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, **Janet Hammond**, recently hospitalized with flu/pneumonia; **Chuck Hammond** and son **Curtis**, in need of caregiver; **Faith Parson** struggling with vision; **Erin Caltstrom** 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; **Carolyn Huntington**, struggling with cancer; **Elena & Tami Barajas**, 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 Stohlman suffering with cancer.

Your 2018 Church Council

POSITION	NAME	PHONE
Pastor (Interim)	Rev. Dr. Ted Peters	707-539-2521
President	Laurie Wennes	707-526-3889
Vice President	Ernie Engle	707-292-5816
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Buildings & Grounds	Steve Norton	707 888-1684
PreSchool	Kathy Corsiglia	707-528-8520
Sharing Faith	Mary Seefeldt	707-494-4212 (cell)
Treasurer	Connie Duncan	707-708-7291
Worship Experience	Linda Coffman	707-721-4798
Finance/Stewardship	Chris Carson	707-239-6332
Social Ministry	Cherie Maria Barnett	707-480-0908
Parish Administrator	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 able to endure it.” - I Corinthians 10: 1-13

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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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

“The point is this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
 - 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 7



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CELEBRATE! Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

- 5 Lillianna Anderson
- 13 Ed Rybat
- 15 Lauren Morris



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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 January 31, 2018

The total General (non-Designated) income for January 2018 was \$10,199.00

The General expenses for January were \$12,628.93

The total deficit for January was \$2,429.93

The amount transferred and paid to the Benevolence was \$572.30 (was paid in February)

Special funds received were \$35.00 for Deacon’s Fund, \$280.00 for Campus Maintenance, \$10.00 for Dine & Donate, \$160.00 for the Reformation Books, \$50.00 for Memorial Fund (O’Donnell), \$6.00 for the Endowment Fund, \$300.00 Food & Wine Fest, \$137.00 for the LSS Fire Fund, \$14.35 from Scrip and \$25.00 from Flowers.

- 1) Offering donations for January were under budget by 1,535.00 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, line 1, column 3)
- 2) Total income for January was under budget by 1,434.64 (see page 1 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3)
- 3) Total expenses for January were over budget by 2,038.29 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, 3rd to last line, column 3)
- 4) Net income for January was under budget by 3,472.93 (see page 4 of the Income & Expense Budget Performance, last line, column 3)
- 5) You will notice Notes, Mortgages & Leases 27.1 has a balance of 433,806.72. 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



Warren Roofing repaired roof rot to the apex of the sanctuary roof where the woodpeckers had bored to the bare wood. They replaced the siding, primed and re-painted the exterior. It looks beautiful again. Total bill: \$6228. Next action for roof: Upgrade and repair roof on Charter Hall and Charter Hall breezeway. Est.: \$7184. Annual preventive maintenance in the fall: Est. \$1,116.



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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, last 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>

Seniors in Transition (SIT)
January 17 – March 8, 2018
11:15 am – 1:00 pm
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Facilitator: India Monroe Geibel
(if interested, please contact the church office)



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in MARCH lovingly given by:

- 3/11: aNna rybat in celebration of Ed's birthday.
- 3/25" Chuck and Janet Hammond in memory of daughter Debbie.

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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:

Lenten Soup Suppers every Wednesday evening during LENT (Feb. 14 - March 30). Please join us in Hummon Hall for soup, salad and bread at 5:30 PM followed by a brief prayer service and choir rehearsal. If you can provide a soup, salad or bread, thank you.

Men's club fellowship cookout night is on the first Wednesday of each month (March 7) This month, we will meet during the Lenten Soup Supper hour around 5:30PM

Food & Wine Festival will be held Sat. March 3 at 6:00 pm. Get your favorite recipes and table decorations out to compete for prizes! This year's theme will honor the memory of Helen O'Donnell who loved this event so much. We are asking for donations of gift baskets that will be raffled out, and gift certificates for our money/gift certificate tree."

MARCH 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
					4:30 Camp Michela	ANNUAL FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL 6PM
4 3 LENT 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Fire Prayer Service of Remembrance & Renewal	5	6 8 AM Men's & Women's Breakfast iHop	7 Lenten Soup Supper and Men's Group 5:30 Prayer service 6:30 Choir rehearsal 7PM	8	9 4:30 Camp Michela	10
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18 5 LENT 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Children's Sunday School	19 <i>Book Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM Hummon Hall</i>	20 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop	21 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 Prayer service 6:30 Choir rehearsal 7PM	22	23 4:30 Camp Michela TBA - -	24
25 6 LENT 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship/ Children's CHOIR	26	27 8AM Men's & Women's Breakfast i Hop	28 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 Prayer service 6:30 Choir rehearsal 7PM	29 Maundy Thursday	30 GOOD FRIDAY 12:30 Vigil  7PM Vigil	photo credit: allfestivalwallpaper. com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY - 1973

reprinted from Mrs. Ruth Bell's notes

Once again we start the year without a pastor. Fortunately for our members, we had a fellow member, Dr. Edward Hummon, Ret., that provided care on behalf of the Vice-Pastor Kenneth Stenmon, named by Synod. Roy Besser was elected Council President. The Council approved placing a one inch ad in the *Press Democrat* to advertise our church services. Elmer Burns retired as church treasurer. For years, Elmer has served this congregation as Head Usher, Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer and Councilman.

The Vietnam War ended. Dr. Hummon lead a special prayer service on Saturday, February 27th at 4:00 PM, the time coordinated with the signing of the peace agreement. The phones were ringing to call our members and friends to this special moment in history. So many came on such short notice.

Lutheran youth were busy this year, adopting a girl at an orphanage in the Philippines, having a garage sale, snow trip, camp outs, swim parties, and sending six of their members to a youth gathering along with their leaders, Howard and Elaine Finger in Houston, Texas. There was caroling, visiting London House, on several occasions, harvesting and selling walnuts to cover some of their expenses.

In April our congregation sent letters to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration supporting the astronaut's reading the Bible from their space craft and to support the right of every human being to express his faith on God and the Bible publicly without fear of censure.

Pastor Lorents J. Flak was called to become the new Pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church. He will assume that position in June. The parsonage will be sold because Pastor and Mrs. Flak desire to purchase their own residence. The Flak's have two children, Beth and Jon.

On July 24th, our beloved Dr. Hummon died after a short illness. In his honor, Hummon Hall was named. A funeral pall that was purchased with with Memorial Fund money was dedicated. Dr. Hummon served as a pastor in Illinois, Colorado, and Washington prior to moving to Santa Rosa, California.

He was a teacher, counselor, pastor, but most of all, he was our friend. His wife Mildred lives in San Rafael and worships with us occasionally.

A new logo has been adopted to be used on our church stationery, Pastor's calling cards, and in our church ad. The symbol was designed by Ruth Bell.

Janet Hammond reported for the Social Ministry Committee that approximately 100 pounds of clothing, and blankets were sent to Lutheran World Relief. The account at the Blood Bank continues to grow. \$120 was given to Santa Rosa Community Ministries.

The Faith Lutheran Church Women had a busy year. Rolled bandages were still needed. They created three banners, did some necessary house cleaning in the kitchen and Red Cottage. They served at the 50th wedding anniversary for Hjlmer and Ruth Elvigand installation and reception for Pastor Flak. Many sweaters were collected for Lutheran World Relief. Shirley Williams served as president.

Finance director Gary Wilkening reported that the parsonage was sold for \$33,500. Those serving on council were Roy Besser, Chuck Hammond, Lily Greer, Gary Wilkening, Richard Sackett, Russ Letherman, Ron Hudson, Paula Nordby, Don Christensen, Robert Bell, Howard Finger and Joanne Lantz.



Pastor Lorents J. Flak

A Reading from Peter 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good

conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



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