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### From our Council President

The month of July just flew by! Perhaps welcoming the congregation of Redeemer, Surf Shack Vacation Bible School, and planning Camp Big Oak all contributed to the speedy month! The offices for Redeemer are slowly coming together. Take a look! Anyone willing to work with a team from Redeemer on signage out front? Ideas for names, design, colors...if you have thoughts, please share them by volunteering to be on the committee. Contact Rick Hall from Redeemer or me! Members of FLC Call Committee and Council, will be meeting same groups from Thanksgiving Lutheran in August. Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson will be attending as well as a pastor from Sacramento area who serves two churches. The discussion will be that perhaps our congregations could share a pastor. VBS was small this year, but really fun. The Butterflies, Ladybugs, and Dolphins learned songs and dances with Chris

Carson, made crafts with aNna rybaT, heard Bible stories from Uncle Ernie, and played games with me. The children are now "Rays of light shining God's amazing love". Snack was provided daily by Janet Hammond, Blanche Mansoor, Ellie Kensinger and Joan Muzzin. Big thank you to our youth counselor, Rachel who helped with crafts. Thanks to Redeemer members Kim and Gordon for teaching Chris, Tracy and Ernie how to operate the big screen and projector so the children

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"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!
WORSHIP
9:00 AM
Adult Sunday
School 10:00 AM



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



Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Ted Peters

## Prayers of the People

Ashley Alexander, friend of Lauren Morris, having a difficult pregnancy; Bob Anderson with health issues; Pat Fleming recovering from heart bypass surgery; Connie & Robert Duncan Family; Terry Larson with cancer; Erickson Family (friends of Karen Peters) suffering with cancer; The families of Koonst, Bell, Besser, Helen O'Donnell, Duncan, and Norton Family as they mourn the loss of loved ones; Jeanine Dahlquist recovering from surgery; Betty Engle with health struggle; Linda Coffman who recently lost her mother; Chuck Hammond and son Curtis, in need of caregiver; Faith Parson struggling with vision; Erin Caltstrom for strength and peace; 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; Family and friends of Susan Wilkinson, high school classmate of Joyce Stohlman who passed recently after struggle with cancer; A neighbor of Blythe suffering with cancer. PRAISES: Stohlman who recently completed graduated with her Doctorate degree in music. Please send additions, corrections, deletions to arvbat@comcast.net. Thanks!

"He reached down from	
heaven and rescued me."	,

Psalm 18:16

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#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Life, Your faith. Our lives are journeys of faith and generosity. As our faith matures and deepens, so does the way we support God's work in the world. We start as children, dropping a few coins into a Sunday School donation box and watching as our parents make a Sunday offering. As we grow up and grow older in the church our giving evolves as well, reflecting new depths of meaning, understanding and experience. Our giving is an enduring testimony of lives joyfully lived in faith. That giving may involve time, talents and treasures. I invite you to take a moment to reflect on on your journey of faith. Who has influenced your faith life? What was it about that person or persons that impressed you? How can you pass that gift on?—Chris Carson

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could watch the video and they loved it!

The needed repairs on the roof will begin next week. The cost will be approximately \$8,000, which Dine and Donates, our yard sale, and your continuing contributions have made possible. Thank you.

Life Touch is creating a new photo directory for FLC beginning September 14 - 15. Please sign up to save a time for you, your family to have be photographed here in the sanctuary. The process is free, you can purchase photos if you so desire, but not necessary.

Remember to share to WAVE of God's awesome love!

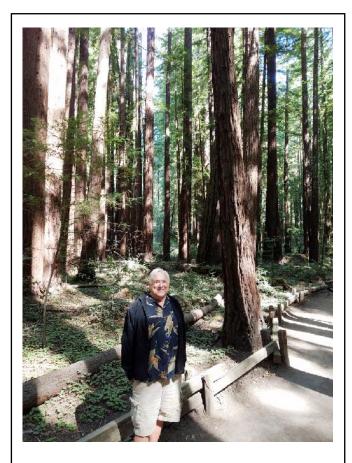
Laurie Wennes

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Now that worship hours have changed to 9:00 AM, Bible Study will change to AFTER the worship service. Pastor Dave and Bible Study group will meet in the Red Cottage as soon as worship is over (Approx. 10:15 AM). In the past, bible study prior to worship was based on the scripture lessons for each Sunday. Dr. Stohlman would now like to focus on a topic that the group chooses. We will go more in depth based on the interests of the group. All are welcome!

#### LITERARY LADIES OF FLC

Meets on third Monday of each month at 3:00 - 4:30 PM in Hummon Hall. There is a new Suggested Book Reading List available (Please see India Geibel for complete list). All are welcome to join!



Pastor Ted, India Geibel and Steve Norton joined several friends from Redeemer Presbyterian for a walk thru the magnificent redwoods at Armstrong Woods, followed by lunch in Bodega Bay!

photo credit: Passtor Ted

#### DIRECTORY/Phone Tree

A PDF version of Faith Lutheran Church's Member Directory/Phone Tree is available. If you would like a (paper) copy, please pick one up in the narthex or contact church office to have one mailed. Due to Privacy Act, the Directory will not be posted to website or made available except to members. Please send updated info and photo to <a href="mailto:arybat@comcast.net">arybat@comcast.net</a>. Thank you!

Photographer will be available Sept. 14 - 15 for the regular Membership Directory

#### **CELEBRATE!**

# Birthdays and Anniversaries in **AUGUST**

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- 5 Joyce & David Stohlman (46 yrs)
- 7 Janet Hammond
- 7 Louise Woelbing
- 19 Donald Coffman
- 21 Robert Duncan
- 24 Bob Anderson
- 25 Kathryn Miller
- 27 Tammarae Barajas
- 28 Karen Anderson
- 29 Jeanine Dahlquist
- 29 Ryan Seefeldt

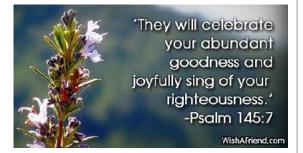


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"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

-John 15:11

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Thank you!

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STORIES

Each day consisted of three story-telling sessions attended by the children. The stories were selected from the Cokesbury "Bible Storyteller" agenda. Ernie Engle told the stories:

- The first day's story was "God Creates".

  The telling from Genesis of God's plan to create a world for people and how He, (day by day), fulfilled His plan, resting on the seventh day.
- The second day's story was "God Helps".

  The telling from Exodus of how God helped Miriam save the baby Moses from the Egyptian Pharaoh's law that all boy babies be drowned on the Nile River.
- The third day's story was "God Loves".

  The telling from Matthew and John of how God so loved the world that He sent his own son to save His people. The story centered on Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist.
- The fourth day's story was "God Calms".

  The telling from Luke of how Jesus calmed a stormy, raging sea as He and His disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee and how He rebuked them for being so afraid and lacking faith.
- The fifth day's story was "God Sends".

  The telling from John of the breakfast on the beach where the risen Jesus appears to His disciples for the third time. Jesus instructs them that they are to become "fishers of men" and they are to go throughout the world preaching the Good News of His new church.



The roof repair for charter hall and the connecting walkway is now scheduled for Thursday of this week. August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We signed a contract for the fire year sprinkler inspection for the preschool. Work is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>. Price will be \$1100. We expect that Redeemer will complete their administrative move-in including relocation of the exterior door from the FLC pastors office within the next couple of weeks.



Remembering those who have served and continue to serve: Medical personnel, our armed forces, Police, professional, Volunteer and Inmate Firefighters, EMTs, National Guard and all First Responders. Special prayers AGAIN this year to firefighters battling fires across CA (and more...) in Redding, Lake County, Napa and Mendocino County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

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#### 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

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Plan Ahead:

**Men's club fellowship cookout** night is the 1st Wednesday of each month ((AUG 1)) around 6 PM. Bring something to grill, a side dish & BYOB.

**Picnic with Redeemer Presbyterian** Labor Day, Sept. 3! 11:00AM - 2PM. Mark your calendars More info to follow.

CAMP BIG OAK: Friday, Aug. 3 to Saturday Aug. 4th. **Registration** deadline July 20th. Ages 3 - 10. Contact Betty or Ernie Engle

## AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
			1 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900 Men's Group Cookout 6:00 PM	DINE & DONATE Ozzie's Grill 11:00 - 9PM	3 CAMP BIG OAK	4 CAMP BIG OAK
5 PENTECOST 11 9:00 Worship	6	7 8 AM Breakfast iHop	8 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900	9	10	11
12 PENTECOST 12 9:00 Worship	13	14 8AM Breakfast i Hop SEEN YEARS 11:00	15 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900	16	17	18
19 PENTECOST 13 9:00 Worship	Book Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM Hummon Hall	21 8AM Breakfast i Hop	Spring Lake Walking Club 0900	23	24	25
26 PENTECOST 14 9:00 Worship Children's Choir sings	27	28 8AM Breakfast i Hop SEEN YEARS 11:00 Day Trip	Walking Club 0900	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1
2	3 LABOR DAY PICNIC w. Redeemer Presbyterian	4	5	6	7	8

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY - **1977** reprinted from Mrs. Ruth Bell's notes

This was a good year. We experienced growth in every area. The Marriage Encounter movement was in place and many members of our church took part in it. Two dear members of our congregation died: Mildred Laver and Hilmer Elvig. We had always been able to turn to Hilmer for advice, whether it be financial, constitutional or for repairing a foundation. He and Ruth gave many hours, days and years to further the growth of Faith. Our Council president, Will Gretter wrote in his report that the most tangible evidence of our progress was to be seen in the increased participation of our members.

Val Peterson was added to our list of organists, that included Barbara Leach, Faith Parson and Lily Greer. We are fortunate to have these talented people as part of our church family.

Confirmation classes were changed from a two year program to a three year program so it would give more time to teach all of the material needed. Lani Thompson reported that 80 students were enrolled in church school with an average attendance of 48.

Believe it or not, the Altar Guild used to make all those palm crosses that we give out on Easter Sunday.

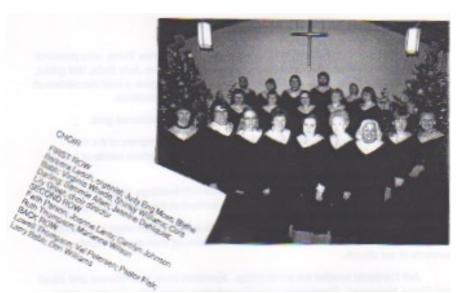
F.L.Y. (Faith Lutheran Youth) painted the Red Barn (yes, we had a barn/chicken coop) that we used for storage and a Halloween spook house. President Terry Finger wrote that it was an active year with campouts, snow trips, regular visits to Sonoma State Hospital and participating in church activities.

Fifteen ladies attended the Pacific Southwest Synod L.C.W. convention at Asilomar. Throughout the year, the ladies were busy with activities ranging from making tray flowers and knitting slippers to hosting Mother-Daughter luncheons, Father-son banquets, arranging for speakers on social issues, Bible studies, etc.

Melodies Dahlinger was our president.

Quoting Pastor Flak from his year end report, "I don't know what the future will bring, all I know is that we will walk together in the faith that God is beside us, guiding us along new paths and ever new beginnings.



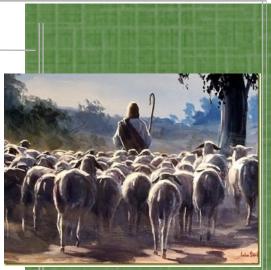


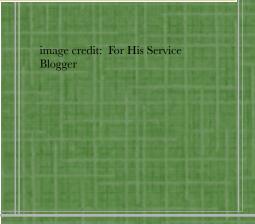
#### A Reading From: John 15:

I am

the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, your are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and

withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.







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