

Faith Lutheran *LINK*

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Pastor Ted blessing the bread, with
Worship Assistant Chris Carson



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.

From our Council President

As we look forward to the Labor Day Picnic with Redeemer, we should be congratulating ourselves on the smooth transition of two congregations sharing one campus. We have compromised on space, parking has not been an issue, and the more interaction with the Redeemer congregation, the more we are happy to have them with us. The large screen has been used for VBS and in 3 sermons during the month.

Please consider the "Seen-years" events on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Rick Hall does a terrific job planning and making each meeting meaningful. The meetings begin at 10:30 and are well worth the time spent together. Movies, field trips, prayer sessions, luncheon, all really great "Stuff"!

Photography sessions for our new directory are in process, and if you haven't signed up for a time slot, please do so. September 14th and 15th, a Friday and Saturday.

Octoberfest planning is in full swing. Concert at 4:00 followed by our usual Octoberfest buffet. It is Saturday, Oct. 6th. Hope you all plan on attending.

Call Committee and Council continue to work on hiring a pastor. Sharing with Thanksgiving is a possibility as both congregations would most likely be unable to afford a full-time minister. Pray that we are able to call the minister who will be a blessing for all.

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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**



Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Ted Peters

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

Prayers of the People

Praises! Birth of **Chloe Elizabeth**, great granddaughter of Karen and Ward Casper's (Mother is granddaughter Carla); **Meg Stohlman** who recently relocated to NC and is taking a teaching position after earning doctorate in music. Mary Seefeldt recovering from surgery; **Joan Muzzin's brother-in-law** who underwent open heart surgery; **Ashley Alexander**, friend of Lauren Morris, having a difficult pregnancy; **Bob Anderson** with health issues; **Pat Fleming** recovering from heart bypass surgery; **Terry Larson** "What? Me Worry?" SURVIVING and BEATING cancer; **Erickson Family** (friends of Karen Peters) also suffering with cancer; Our FLC families who mourn the loss of loved ones; **Jeanine Dahlquist recovering from surgery**; **Betty Engle** with health struggle; **Chuck Hammond** and son **Curtis**; **Faith Parson** struggling with vision; **Erin Caltstrom** for strength and peace; **Lucinda Moore** - friend of the congregation; **Carolyn Huntington**, struggling with cancer; **Elena & Tami Barajas**, and **Blythe Babb**; **Nelia Crews**; **Pat & Dick Petersen** recently relocated and struggling 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; Please send additions, corrections, deletions to arybat@comcast.net. Thanks!

Your 2018 Church Council

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“He reached down from heaven and rescued me.”

Psalm 18:16

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<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

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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(Cont. from Page 1) From Our Council President

Thank you all for your continued financial support, for the wonderful donations to Christmas in July/August, giving of your time to the maintenance and care of our campus, and thanks to the council for their continued support. Also, please consider becoming a council member. All positions are up for grabs!!!! Pray for FLC, that we continue to be a light that shines the love of God in our community.

Peace,

Laurie Wennes

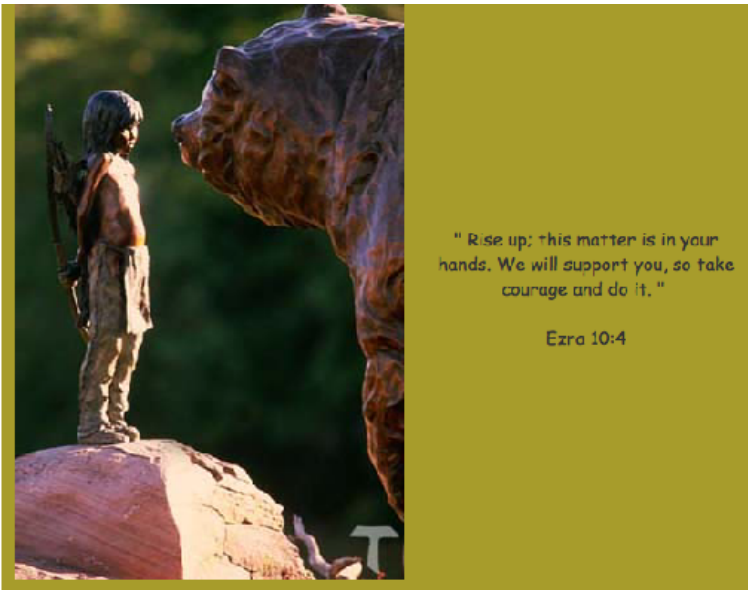


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BOOK CLUB

Meets on third Monday of each month (September 17) at 3:00 - 4:30 PM in Hummon Hall. There is a new Suggested Book Reading List available (see above Right). Please see India Geibel for complete list. All are welcome to join! This month's selection is *The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye* by David Lagercrantz & Stieg Larsson. Women and men are all welcome to join.

LITERARY BOOK CLUB READING LIST

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

Big Little Lies by Erin Moriarity

Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

All the News I Need by Joan Frank

The Forgetting Time by Sharon Guskin

Beartown by Fredrik Backman

Under a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

The Girl on a Train by Paula Hawkins

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Between Sisters by Kristin Hannah

The Things We Do for Love by Kristin Hannah

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Met with Pastors Bense (has experience managing two churches simultaneously) and Pastor Galbranson for further discussion. FLC Council will consider options. Thanksgiving Lutheran has sold their property (and are leasing it back for the time being...). They are similarly sharing their campus with Knox Presbyterian Church. The profile has been completed and submitted, so please pray for our Council, Call Committee and decision makers.

CELEBRATE!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 William Lantz
- 12 Chuck Hammond
- 12 Karen & Bob Anderson
- 20 Patrick Fleming
- 20 Mary & Richard Seefeldt
- 22 Hannah Ahders
- 27 Judy Fitzgerald
- 30 Amber Boscano

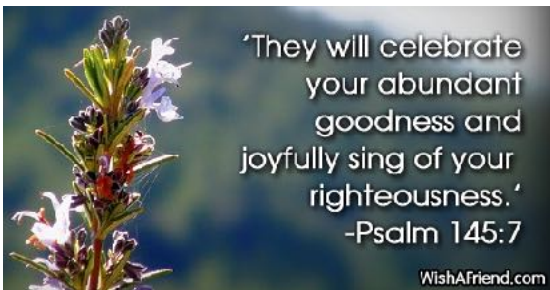


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“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”
- John 15:11

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Thank you!

HELP FOR WILDFIRE VICTIMS

Don't you just feel awful every time you hear about the latest tragedy caused by Northern California's wildfires? Maybe it's sadness you feel because of the unnecessary loss of life. Or maybe it's anger because California has already suffered more than enough tragedy in recent years. Or maybe it's helplessness because you believe there's nothing you can do to make a difference.

But what if you could make a difference? What if you could help provide for someone's immediate needs after they lost everything? What if you could help someone access counseling and resources so they can better process their experience? If you could do these things, wouldn't you?

Because you can when you make a donation to Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Northern California's 2018 Wildfire Relief Fund at <https://www.lssnorcal.org/get-involved/give/>.

It's perfectly normal to feel saddened or even angry in the wake of such devastation, but you don't have to feel helpless. You *can* do something. You can join with LSS and with others who refuse to stand by idly and watch wildfires destroy homes and lives. To those who've already donated to LSS' 2018 Wildfire Relief Fund, thank you! We have already raised \$10,275, and because of your generosity, \$5000 worth of \$100 gift cards has been dispatched to those affected by the wildfires to provide for their immediate needs. But, for most, the journey to recovery will be long and there is still a great deal of work to be done.

Perhaps you've tried to ignore Northern California's wildfires or pretend it isn't happening. But you couldn't. Images of ashes scattering the ground where someone's home once stood and scorched hillsides dominate our television and cell phone screens. No, you can't ignore it. And it is happening.

Every day you get an update on what percentage of each fire is contained, but it's never enough. It doesn't bring back someone's wife or grandchild. It doesn't heal the brokenness that lingers after someone witnesses their home burn to the ground. It doesn't provide for someone's immediate needs after losing everything. It doesn't change anything. But you can.

You can help someone whose entire world has been shaken by Northern California's wildfires when you make a donation to LSS' 2018 Wildfire Relief Fund at <https://www.lssnorcal.org/get-involved/give/>. All it takes is a little compassion and a few clicks.

If you have any questions about LSS or about donations, please feel free to call me at 925.825.1060 x15 or email me at scasenza@lssnorcal.org.

Sincerely,

Stephane Casenza
Director of Development

Campus Maintenance



Working on a new sign at the street for our church - gathering inputs from all interested. Pressure washed garden shed and east side of Charter Hall. In the process of replacing incandescent lights with LED throughout the campus. Redeemer continues to make progress on their administrative offices. Roof repair/maintenance for Charter Hall and breezeway completed per July 2016 master plan by Warren Const. and Roofing. Cost bid was \$7184.



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.

India will be on vacation from **September 19 - October 02.** Part-time help is needed in the office during her absence. If you can help answer phones, collect mail and other light administrative tasks, please contact India. Much appreciated!

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



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE LOVINGLY DONATED in SEPTEMBER BY/for:

- 9/2 Glory of God
- 9/9 Glory of God
- 9/16 aNna rybaT in memory of my father's 94th birthday
- 9/23 Glory of God
- 9/30 Glory of God

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ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Plan Ahead:

Men's club fellowship cookout night is the 1st Wednesday of each month ((SEPT 5) around 6 PM. Bring something to grill, a side dish & BYOB.

Picnic with Redeemer Presbyterian Labor Day, Sept. 3! 11:00AM - 2PM. Bring a dish to share, but most important: BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!!!!

OKTOBERFEST Fire Remembrance and Renewal; A Reformation Concert & Oktoberfest (rescheduled from last year): **Saturday, October 6:** Concert at 4PM, Feast at 5:30 with combined congregations. *Bach, Brats 'n Beer* is presented by Redeemer Presbyterian, Thanksgiving Lutheran and Faith Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar!

SEPTMEBER 2018 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 PENTECOST 15 9:00 Worship	3 LABOR DAY FLC/RPC Picnic 11AM - 2PM	4 8 AM Breakfast iHop	5 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900 Men's Group Cookout 6:00 PM	6 Choir Practice 6:30	7	8
9 PENTECOST 16 9:00 Worship	10	11 8AM Breakfast i Hop SEEN YEARS 10:30	12 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900	13 Choir Practice 6:30	14 Photography for new member directory	15 Photography for new member directory
16 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Worship	17 <i>Book Club 3:00 - 4:30 PM Hummon Hall</i>	18 8AM Breakfast i Hop Committee Mtg 6:30PM	19 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900 —	20 Choir Practice 6:30	21	22
23 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Worship	24	25 8AM Breakfast i Hop SEEN YEARS 10:30	26 Spring Lake Walking Club 0900	27 Choir Practice 6:30	28	29
30 PENTECOST 19 9:00 Worship Children's Choir	31					

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY -

1978 reprinted from Mrs. Ruth Bell's notes

Will Gritter was elected to serve as Council resident for a second term. Newly elected members were Emile Emmel, Gene Darling, Thomas Reinecke and Marianne Wilson.

Will Gritter wrote in his report that 1978 can be seen as a time in which we tried, among other things, to be caring people of God.

Over 40 people attended our "Soup, Salad and Scholar." This was Dr. Goese's series on "Theology of the Cross vs. theology of Glory."

Evangelism Chairman {sic} Elaine Finger, wrote that the committee visited inactive and active members as well as prospective members. New member packets, including keys to the church, were handed out to 31 new members.

Yes, we had a volleyball team. Judy and Tom Reinecke were in charge and the team won the league championship.

Sammie Allen was responsible for the "profiles" of new members in the church "Link" each month.

This was the year we purchased 125 new green hymnals, the "Lutheran Book of Worship." Many members gave hymnals in honor of or in memory of friends and loved ones. We started using them the first Sunday in Advent.

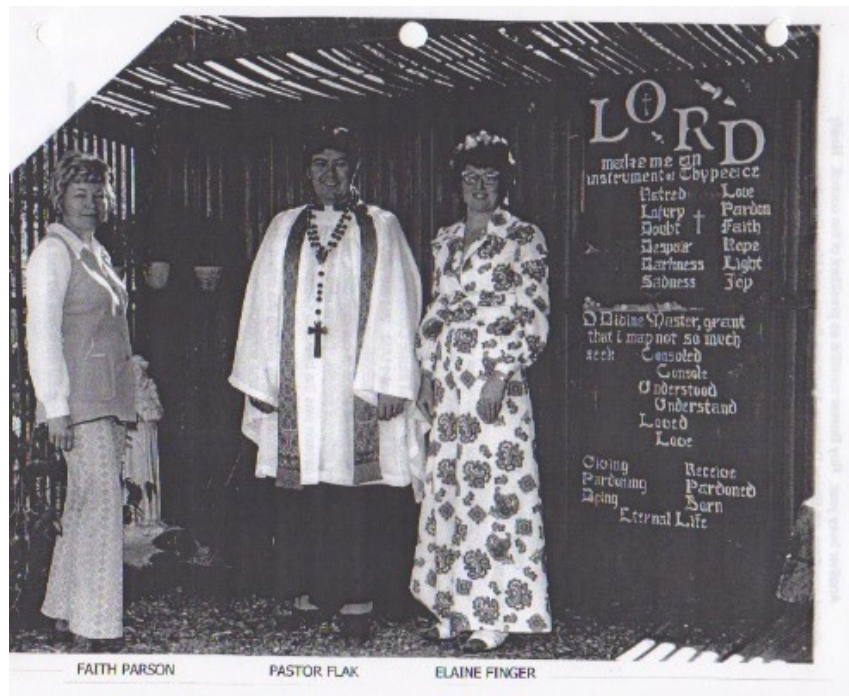
The Men's Club was active as well. Mick Anderson wrote that the meetings were a very relaxed type and the discussions were on a variety of subjects (no change there). The men did serve Easter breakfast and this year they served soup and sandwiches at the Country Faire held at our church in December. Monies were given towards the purchase of tables.

Terry Finger served as president of Faith Lutheran youth. Fun time was a trip to San Francisco for dinner, a snow trip and a Valentine Dance. Activities included an Encounter Group dealing with drugs and alcohol led by Diane Warner, visiting the ladies at Sonoma State

Hospital, a car wash and fixing the nursery. Grant Doering, Val Peterson and the Proknows were sponsors.

Historian's Note:

In reading over the report of the Lutheran Church Women written by Melodie Dahlinger, President, I had forgotten the love, sharing, support, activities, learning and good times we had. Is it possible to live it again?



A Reading From: Mark 1: 21 - 28

And they went into Carper'na-um; and immediately on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his teaching for he taught the as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit,

convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching! With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.



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