

# 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.

## Pastor Ted's Message

*Fire Remembrance and Recovery:*

### *A Reformation Concert*

One year following the devastating fire storm of October, 2017, we in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County are still grieving. Some of us lost our homes, family treasures, pets, and daily routine. With or without such loss, a mere puff of wind can remind us of those fateful days and nights when we faced the peril of the unpredictable. Reports of 2018 California wildfires only rekindle caution, if not terror.

Beyond fire there is peace. That's the promise of God in the New Jerusalem (*Revelation 21*). We will pray that some of God's

ultimate peace will bless us in the present moment.

Our prayers for renewal will be interspersed with remembrance of our Reformation Christian heritage in the music of Martin Luther and Johann Sebastian Bach. Luther and Bach remind us of the gospel message in the New Testament: In Jesus Christ our gracious God offers forgiveness to us sinners and promises resurrection to everlasting life in God's coming new creation.

SOLI DEO GLORIA To God be the glory!

image (center) above: Faith Parson



*"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  
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## 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](mailto: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

Our fall stewardship program will kick off in October with pledge forms, temple talks, and Celebration Sunday on October 28. The council met with the ELCA Regional Gift Planner, Josh Kerney, recently to learn about his role in working with congregation regarding their charitable intent. Part of that is helping congregations write a Gift Policy and Endowment Policy. Faith has an endowment policy but it hasn't been reviewed in a while and no Gift Policy. Josh would like to meet with a small group to to work on these topics. We should plan to commit a couple hours at a date to be determined for this. If you are interested in working on this hours at a date to be determined for this. If you are interested in working on this please contact Chris Carson.

“To whom much is given, from him much is expected.”

- Luke 12:48



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## President's Message

### "BACH, BRATS & BEER"

"Octoberfest" is almost here! Saturday, October 6, a concert in the sanctuary will begin at 4:00. Following the concert, we will dine on Brats and Beer in Hummon Hall and on outside areas on our campus. Please invite friends and family to join us!

The Red Cottage has been cleaned, rodent proofed, disinfected and ready for an outside facelift. A fresh coat of paint, a little landscaping and it will be good as new! Ok, maybe not considering its age, but it will look much better. You can still contribute to Red Cottage Fund.

Take a look in the Redeemer offices. They are nearing completion. Our Redeemer friends have extra paint and have offered to paint the inside of Charter Hall. I said "Yah sure you betcha!" and thank you.

Thanks for your monetary support, your willingness to volunteer your time and talents, and your prayers.

You are the beloved children of God,

Laurie Wennes



## REFORMATION SUNDAY

Celebrating 501 years (1517 - 2018)

Don't forget to wear RED Oct. 28!

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### CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The first major task is to complete the Ministry Site Profile, MSP. It is this document that is used by the Synod to start selecting candidates and needs to be a true representation of Faith Lutheran Church.

In July 2017 we began to approach this task with the idea of possibly including Thanksgiving Lutheran somehow, somehow by considering a shared part-time pastor at both churches, or if we merged, by having only one pastor at one merged site. Neither of these ideas has panned out.

Additionally, significant changes and events have occurred in these 14 months; the loss of Helen O'Donnell the chair of our call committee, the Oct 9<sup>th</sup> fires, Thanksgiving Lutheran moving out of their building and renting space at Knox Presbyterian, retirement of Pastor Jean at Thanksgiving, the sharing of our campus with Redeemer Presbyterian. Since the MSP is meant to reflect what we are as a church, these events have had to be considered or included in our writing. Even so most of the MSP preparation done thus far is still applicable.

At the September Council meeting the Council gave the Call Committee the direction to pursue our search independently, "go it alone". Thanksgiving Lutheran is many months behind in their call process and we need to move ahead.

We now need to make the modifications to the MSP with this in mind and with the budget also provided to us by the council. Once completed the Council will be able to see it and a copy will be available in the office for interested congregants to read.

The Synod will then start their process of selecting candidates for the Call Committee to consider.

However, as events unfold, yet another modified version of our MSP may be required and we need to be open to this possibility. But for now we will move ahead with the understanding that we are looking for a part-time pastor for just Faith Lutheran Church.

### BOOK CLUB

Meets on third Monday of each month (October 15) 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! Women and men are all welcome to join.

John Hall

### CELEBRATE!

Birthdays and Anniversaries  
in **OCTOBER**

- 1 Karen Casper
- 5 Angelo Muzzin
- 6 Sabin Ward Duncan
- 8 Tracy & Wally Francis
- 10 Joan Muzzin
- 13 Joshua Barnett
- 19 Ashley Bonsanco
- 25 Pat Petersen
- 28 John Hall

## Fire Remembrance & Renewal: Reformation Concert & Oktoberfest



### *Bach, Brats 'n' Beer*

*presented by*  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

**Saturday, October 6, 2018**

**4:00 p.m. Concert**

**5:30 p.m. Oktoberfest**

*Costumes welcome!*  
*Fun for all ages!*



'They will celebrate  
your abundant  
goodness and  
joyfully sing of your  
righteousness.'  
-Psalm 145:7

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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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deletions to [arybat@comcast.net](mailto:arybat@comcast.net)

Thank you!

### *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



- 10/7 To the Glory of God
- 10/14 Pastor Darrell Haner, Redeemer Presbyterian Church
- 10/21 Blythe Babb in memory of Larry
- 10/28 Karen Larsen in memory of Kathy Williams (sister)

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Plan Ahead:

**Men's club fellowship cookout** night is the 1st Wednesday of each month ((OCT 3) around 6 PM. Bring something to grill, a side dish & BYOB.

**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!

**Dine & Donate** This Month: TBA.

## OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR

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

## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY -

**1979** reprinted from Mrs. Ruth Bell's notes

1979 began with Chuck Hammond being elected President of the Church Council. Chuck was to serve on Council for many years and as we go into the 21st century, he is still among the leaders of Faith Lutheran Church. Newly elected councilman were Val Peterson, Debra Hammond, Gordon Stedman and Eileen Flater. Bob Bell and Betty Freeman have been serving as Treasurer and Financial Secretary, respectively.

Pastor Flak writes in his report for the annual meeting, "We have many people working together to carry out the various functions of the Body of Christ within the congregation. We have a pastor, worship assistants, acolytes, ushers, altar guild, choir members, musicians, teachers, organizers, typers, staplers, mimeographers, folders, filers, cleaners, counters, checkbook writers, attendance takers, people who sing, people who pray and worship, people who give up their time, abilities and their money. It takes all of this for the Body of Christ to function at 4930

Newanga." (Twenty years later, in this computer age, things haven't changed much.)

It was a busy year for the Women of Faith. There were three circles that met monthly and four general meetings at which outside speakers were invited. For several past years (and years to come) they provided tray favors and goodies monthly to the patients at Santa Rosa Convalescent Home.

Cecilia Procknow was Christian Action Chairman. A successful Mother-Daughter luncheon was held. Fellowship for all members was a "Food Fair." Emily Emmel and Eileen Flater were the chairmen for this event.

Afterwards, it was hoped that it would be an annual affair.

This year, Lily Greer was elected President of Lutheran Church Women. She has also served as choir director for the past nineteen years and was council secretary for six years.

1979 was a god year for our church. The Executive Board reported that we experienced growth, spiritually, financially and numerically. Our council and congregation have continued to show love and concern toward people and needs throughout the congregation and community.

Twenty-nine new members were welcomed into the church. Sammy Allen had a busy year as she headed the Evangelism committee. Coffee continues to be served at the After Church Social Hour, added an ad in the Press Democrat, made name tags for every members attending the four Sundays of June, had a faithful group of callers, had a photo made of the Council members (with various responsibilities noted), had photos of our new Saints in the narthex, assigned Share and Care Coordinator, wrote membership profiles for the "LINK" and had shepherding couples for each new family. We honored new members with a flower when they joined, a membership packet and a get acquainted pot luck dinner. New members were truly welcomed into the Family of Faith.



### ***Bible Study***

....on Sunday after worship is continuing with ACTS although this coming Sunday (Sept 30) we will spend the time compiling a list of "Starred Chapters", ie chapters that contain a story, event etc. which everyone should be able to know where it is to be found without having to search for it. Join us! - Rev. Dr. Dave Stohlman

A Reading From: Romans 1: 11-18

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brethren, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish: so I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the go

ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth.



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