

FROM THE PASTOR

With All Saints Sunday, we move into the holiday season. This year in 2023, both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Sundays. This means that the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for these special holiday services:

December 24th 10 am worship 4th Sunday of Advent

5 pm & 9 pm Christmas Eve services

December 31st 10 am worship ~ Christmas Hymn Sing

For Advent 2023 leading up to Christmas, Altar Guild and Andrew Thomas (our church musician and Ministry in Context student) are planning a beautiful hanging of the greens ritual, which will honor our heritage, refreshing our understandings of the Advent wreath, Chrismon ornaments and seasonal greenery.

During the Advent season, we also plan to welcome our New Members to FLCCV on Sunday, December 17th at the 11 am service.

Come celebrate with us!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Barbara

BELL CHOIR IS ON!

Bell Choir is back, rehearsing on Wednesday at 7:30 pm, with 3 new members starting. Please email Grant Hughes for more info & to join at: grookes@gmail.com

FALL BOOK STUDY

Join us for a book study on Church of the Wild by Victoria Loorz. We will meet on Sundays from 12:30-1:45 pm, in the grass/patio area. If you are interested, please secure a copy of the book as soon as possible.

TOP 5 FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD - 10/19/2023 MEETING

- Met with special guest Perri Gallagher to discuss modifications to our facility rental structure
- Voted to approve payment for needed fence replacement
- Orlando to obtain second quote for roof patching project
- Ben and Dennise to create a Christmas services newspaper ad campaign
 - Office staff hours are:
 - M, T, W 10 am - 1 pm
 - Thursdays call office to schedule 510-582-0818
 - Fridays closed



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Pastor Barbara is setting up New Members classes this fall, for new members to join by the end of the year. Andrew will observe as part of his seminary training.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS —POTLUCK AND CONVERSATION

Join us for the first Wednesday of the month at 6-7 p.m. in Jensen Hall.

Bring something yummy to share and we'll engage in lively conversation starting with a variety of card decks on hand (example question: "What is your favorite thing about the town you grew up in?").

No need to RSVP. We'd love to see you there!

Feedback and suggestions welcome to perrigallagher@comcast.net

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Great night last Thursday - we were able to start early (6:00) and end at 7:30 - not sure if that is sustainable but with it getting darker earlier, it's always nice to be done early.

Here are the numbers:

Clients 107

Bags 197

avg 1.8

#members 412

For the month of October

Clients 227

Bags 411

#members 864

We signed up an additional 26 clients for our Thanksgiving giveaway - right now we have 136 clients signed up and

244 bags for distribution on 11/18. We will have one more sign up for the Thanksgiving giveaway on 11/2 so we should have a close to final count for the 18th! If you haven't signed up yet with Michelle to volunteer, please contact her.

I want to give a shoutout to Grant Hughes who has been helping with our parking lot logistics. With the signs and a person at the driveway, it definitely helps our clients make it through the line easier (and less stressful for the volunteers) If we ask you to help with the parking lot, please know it truly helps with the whole process and again, Thank You Grant!

And - it looks like we have found additional lights in the parking lot - we'll know how much they will help on the 2nd and with the time change happening on 11/5, more lights will be helpful.

Thank you ALL for your amazing volunteer spirit - for those who do a lot of the shopping and bags on Thursday day, your work makes an incredible difference for those who handle the distribution in the evening. The clients who come in the evening are grateful for the work we all do - please know you are making a difference.

Hope to see you on 11/2 and Happy Halloween!

Gail

Remember to Stop and THINK because You're a Christian

What does it mean for us to text, email, post on social media and even talk with others in a loving way? Remember to stop and T.H.I.N.K. which means:

- **T= Is it true?** Is the information you are sharing true? Has it been posted by a reliable and reputable news source? If you are posting an opinion, does your opinion appropriately represent the values and mission of Faith Lutheran Church?
 - **H= Is it helpful?** Does the information you are sharing help further the mission and values of Faith Lutheran Church?
 - **I= Is it inspiring?** Does the information you are posting inspire, inform, and/or improve Faith Lutheran Church's community engagement on social media?
 - **N= Is it necessary?** Is the information you are posting necessary, or is it better left unsaid? In other words, be aware of the content and be careful not to spam the social media and web presence of Faith Lutheran Church with unnecessary information.
 - **K= Is it kind?** What is your motivation for communicating, and are you aware of how your message is coming across?
- **Martin Luther's Explanation of the 8th Commandment.** A helpful guideline for online engagement is Martin Luther's explanation of the 8th Commandment. Luther writes: "The Eighth Commandment. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.' What is this? Answer: We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light." (Trans. Timothy J. Wengert, Augsburg Fortress, 1996).

Faith Lutheran Church has lost the following members this year:

Lois Goggin, Connie Holm, Doris Shaw, Mary Vierregge

Any worshiper who wishes to remember a loved one who died during this past year, or earlier, is invited to walk forward and light a votive candle in remembrance of a loved one. Names may also be typed into the comments section of our livestream. During the closing hymn today, candles may also be lit, For All the Saints. A chime rings for each beloved saint.

Saints we remember on All Saints Sunday:

Joe Altadonna Ed Alves Diane Anderson Ronald Becnel Beth Baker JaNahn Beattie

Ellen Brazelton Deborah Bell Art Bouthillier Shirley Burt Chris Carnes Beverly & Mitchell Cary

Charles Arthur Castaneda Gerald Connor Shannon Cook Bev Costa

Crystal Cowart Lonnie Cowart Archie and Lillian Enerson Royal Espeseth Willie Espeseth Inga Fabry

Edna Ford Shirley Golish Ruth Anne Grove Mr Gutierrez Mrs Harris Elaine Johnson

Lawrence Jones Jesse Lamb Bob Lavin Jack Lewis Dennis McCole Richard Meyer

David Middleton Marcia Miller David Milton Rick Milton Philippe Mollard Jack & Antonette Morro

Louis DeSales Morgan Paul Nelson Roseanne Pessutti Melvin Nelson Helen Nourse Bob Parma

Bud Peach Glenn Pedersen Myron Pederson Joan Penrose Norma Penrose Bill & Adele Pimentel

Mark Ramirez Claudia Rego Marjorie Remington Mary Rose

Dave Rowe Marilyn Searcy Sherri Shipman Harvey Sitton Lawrence Slattengren

Joshua Steinhorn Jerry Swanson Tony Vivo Winnie Wilcke Eng-Howe & Winnie Wong Jan Zanutto

Gina Zanutto

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Joan Pickle, friend of Bonnie Nentwig
Jean Holien
Larry Malcolm, brother-in-law of Jean Holien
Bev, friend of Kirsten Severson
Chris Kitting
Carleen Cary
Ernestine, friend of Carleen Cary
Warren Combs, Laura Seppala's brother
Nancy Holien Malcolm
Lori Jensen, niece of Jean Holien
Dave Rowe's family mourning his passing on
Kirsten Severson
Sue Abdelatif - Seth Holien's mother-in-law
Travis & Patrick, nephews of Carleen Cary
Wayne Nelson
Joyce Lucchesi
Stacy Green
Bill & Joyce Lewis
Craig Hanson, brother of Julie Davis
Isaac Gold
Karen Stein
Richard Vivo
Craig Hanson
Pastor Craig Minich recovering at home
Virginia Degner
Ashley Tapparo
Justin Camacho
Dottie Newacheck
Connie Zipton
Mary Vieregge
Pedro Figueroa, Orlando's father
Janelle, friend of Kiersten
Julie Davis on home hospice care
Wendy Brooke, Perri Gallagher's sister
Florence Soldahl
Glenda Saylor

Howard Ferrel

Felipe and Franchesca

Sharon Joy, Libby Hendrickson's mom

Laura Nordendahl

Ray Holstead, father of Ed

Gordon Fraser, husband of Katherine Korda

Patricia Kinsel battling cancer and mourning the loss of her son, Jim Kinsel

Orlando Figueroa's family mourning the passing of his cousin's daughter Bella Grace

Joseph Family

Carleen Cary and family on the passing of her sister Claudia Rego

Earle and Candy mourning the passing of their son, Kevin

Nelson Family mourning the passing of Don Nelson

Shaw Family mourning the passing of Doris Shaw

*We pray for those serving in the
Military, and their families:*

Ashley Ogden

Kevin Lois

Alex Barta

Brokk Nyswonger

Jessica Barta

Samuel Reed

Rev Chris Conklin

Bryson Rovetta

Joshua Weideling

Hannah Lois

**Please email updates to Prayer List to
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 3. Glen Davis
- 11. Gabe McDermott
- 17. Todd Stiers
- 21. Wendy Jones
- 28. David Stein
- 29. Bonnie Pederson
- 30. Laura Nordendahl

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Grant & Kim Hughes	11-02
Steve & Nan Hertzog	11=26



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Mission Statement

Faith Lutheran Church is a community of faith centered in the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to share the message of God's love with one another, our community, and the world.