

FROM THE PASTOR

I just had a great book study outside at church and saw a lot of our new members & soon-to-be new members today. We're all excited and focused on the future—grateful for FLCCV. I'm seeing people who are showing up and participating. We have a lot of great things going on. Join us at this same book study on Church of the Wild, Sundays at 12:30.

Being church in 2023 is different. Maybe we have to stop comparing FLCCV of today with its earlier identity and compare it with the other ELCA congregations around us in 2023?

It was wonderful that the seminary sought me out to be Vicar Kelly's supervisor. Also wonderful was that I could ask Gail Kiyomura to help organize our food pantry, since I had already worked with her on stewardship. Those great connections depended on me. A lot of my leadership is the invisible glue that holds our missions together. At our recent Synod Assembly, our Interim Bishop Claire Burkhart said, "This wouldn't have happened without me." You don't hear that often, especially from women leaders.

As leaders, we need to point the way to the future and to Jesus. What we say and how we say it matters. Picture yourself as an excited new member—how would you explain our church to them?

There are so many wonderful ministries for you to be part of at church. Be an active member of FLCCV, ask God how your gifts can be used for the common good, and help us lead others to the future with Jesus!

Together, we move forward in faith!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Barbara

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Our voting members to Synod Assembly on September 15-17 in Burlingame at the SFO Hyatt were: Ben Monroe, Dennise Templeton and Pastor Barbara. At this fall Assembly, which is usually in the spring, we will elect a new Synod Bishop: Pastor Jeff Johnson of Berkeley CA. Congrats to Bishop Elect Jeff Johnson!

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 Looz. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

Save the date for our Annual Meeting & Missional Budget info session the 2 Sundays prior to the meeting, as well as a zoom option:

- October 1 Missional Budget Info Session in Graydon Room at 10 am
- October 8 Missional Budget Info Session in Graydon Room at 10 am
- October 11 Missional Budget Info Session on zoom at 7 pm
- Annual Meeting is October 15th

LSS GUEST AT WORSHIP

10-22-23

LSS Guest at Worship 10-22-23

We are pleased to welcome Jerry Metzker, Development Director of Lutheran Social Services of Northern California as our guest preacher on Sunday, October 22, 2023. With a history dating back to 1884, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) serves the most vulnerable throughout Northern California, providing housing and supportive services to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. LSS is a social ministry partner of the Sierra-Pacific Synod. Jerry Metzker joined Lutheran Social Services of Northern California as Development Director two years ago, where he oversees the organization's fundraising, communications and community relations, including parish relations. Jerry is a cradle Lutheran, born in Ohio, attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and moved to the Bay Area from New York City. currently attends St. Paul Lutheran Church (an ELCA congregation) in Oakland. Jerry is also Godfather to Malachi Stiers.



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.

BACH FROM THE DEAD

Invite your fiends & family to join us for a Halloween & Reformation Sunday Pipe Organ Concert October 29 @ 1:30 by Cole Stanford

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

Faith Lutheran Food Pantry Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway



Your Pantry has started planning for its largest event during the year, and we need your help to bring this to a close. Because of your generosity, last year your Pantry provided over 330 individuals with the means of a pleasant holiday feast. This would not have been possible without the support from the congregation of Faith – **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

The need for food assistance continues to grow in our community and the Pantry provides about 1.5 bags per client (or an average of 350 bags for the month) during our 1st and 3rd Thursday distributions. We fully expect this number will go up in 2024.

Preparation for this year's Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway has already started and we are planning for 120 families. The Giveaway will occur on November 18th in the parking lot. In addition to the food distributed, we will be giving to each client family a Safeway gift card so that they can select any additional items for their meal.

The Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway is supported by food from the Alameda County Community Food Bank but some items are not available from the Food Bank – **this is where we need your help from you**. For a suggested donation of \$25.00, the Pantry can shop for additional items such as pumpkin pie filling, brown sugar, stuffing, and other Thanksgiving items to make a Thanksgiving meal for our clients.

This year the food basket distribution is schedule for Saturday November 18 rain or shine from 10:30 until noon in the church parking lot. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be helping us but if you would like to help especially during the week of November 13th to help pack bags during the day, please contact Michelle Johnson at mjohnson925@comcast.net - she can set you up. If you cannot help on that Saturday, you can support the Pantry with a monetary donation (suggested donation-\$25.00) – on your check, please put in the memo area "Thanksgiving basket"

Faith is an incredible community and congregation who knows how to be God's hand here in Castro Valley – let us continue to serve our clients and make this Thanksgiving satisfying both in their hearts and their stomachs.

In Peace and Blessings
Gail Kiyomura
Interim Pantry Administrator

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).

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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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ALTAR GUILD

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1. Kyle Callihan | |
| 14. Abby Arellano | 31. Bonnie Nentwig |
| 17. Natalie Rowe | Peggy Jones |
| 22. Sierra Rowe | |
| 23. Lawrence Holm | |
| 24. Emma Woitdke | |
| 25. Robert Lozano | |
| 28. California Rowe | |
| 30. Alicia Anderson | |

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Thomas and Kathy Bostrom 10-30



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CALENDAR NOTES: 9:15am In-Person Worship Fellowship Time following both services <i>Fellowship after both services</i> 11:00am In - Person Worship Service & Live Stream online on Facebook: Faith Lutheran Castro Valley and on Zoom (link emailed) 7:00pm AA Meeting (Jensen Hall)</p>	<p>Mondays: 7:30pm AA Meeting (Jensen Hall 3rd Monday)</p>	<p>Tuesdays: Noon Deadline for Bulletin information and TWAF articles 7:00pm Adult Bible Study on zoom 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesdays: 6:00pm 1st Wednesday of each Month- <i>Wonderful Wednesdays</i> (Jensen Hall) 7:30pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>Thursdays: 11:00am Quilters (Jensen Hall) 6:00pm Emergency food distribution (1st and 3rd Thursdays) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 722 Meeting</p>	<p>Fridays: 10:00am Watercolor Art Class (Jensen Hall)</p>	<p>Saturdays: Sanctuary–Altar Guild 11:30am Hayward Travelers-Second Saturday of every other month (Jensen Hall)</p>
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<p>15 Congregational Meeting 10:00am In - Person Worship Service & Live Live Streamed 12:30pm Church of the Wild Book Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:00pm Emergency food distribution</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:15am In-Person Worship 11:00am In - Person Worship Service & Live Streamed 12:30pm Church of the Wild Book Study</p>	<p>23 <i>November FAW Deadline</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:15am In-Person Worship 11:00am In - Person Worship Service & Live Streamed online 1:30pm Organ Concert by Cole Stamford</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 </p>				



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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.