

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards and good wishes while I was having & recovering from DBS surgery at UCSF. Now that I am back, I do want to remind us all of the agreement we passed in 2018 for our social media policy (see below). It's wonderful guidelines for all of us, especially as others outside of church wonder how Christians live. Remember the Peter Scholtes' hymn "They'll know we are Christians by our love"?

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).

May all know we are Christians by our love!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Barbara

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 Annual Meeting is October 15th @ 7pm

Annual Reports Due: Monday, September 25th

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Please email Pastor Barbara pastorbarbara@flccv.org or Angelina parishadministrator@flccv.org if you would like to become a new member. We're setting up New Members classes this fall, for new members to join by the end of the year!



Our voting members to Synod Assembly on September 15-17 in Burlingame at the SFO Hyatt are Ben Monroe, Dennise Templeton and Pastor Barbara. At this fall Assembly, which is usually in the spring, we will elect new Synod Bishop.

PASTOR BARBARA'S DBS SURGERY HAS GOOD RESULTS!

Pastor Barbara had Deep Brain Stimulation surgery on August 2nd at UCSF. The DBS device is a pacemaker for the brain and a treatment for Pastor Barbara's tremors and shaking. While there is some fine-tuning over the next several weeks, you can see the good results already. Thanks for your prayers, cards & good wishes for Pastor Barbara's successful surgery!

INTRODUCING ALL CREATION SINGS!

Since copies of ELWs were donated to us, donors allowed us to use that money to purchase copies of the new purple All Creation Sings (ACS) worship book, which is an upbeat supplement to the red ELW. We've been showcasing some of the more familiar tunes in the new purple book at worship this summer. Plans are to have more upbeat songs at the 9:15 am Sunday service this fall. Thanks to all who said "yes" to ACS!

Early Service folks: we have an extra service at 9:15 am! Please sign up to be a Reader & Intercessor by emailing parishadministrator@flccv.org. All Sundays will have 11 am worship.

Communion Assistant volunteers needed: Please contact Angelina if you're interested in volunteering as a Communion Assistant at the early or late service. Thank you!

BELL CHOIR IS ON!

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

PRAYER LIST:

Doris Shaw passed on 8-19-23 at the age of 91 surrounded by loved ones, following a struggle with Alzheimer's. Her daughter, Teresa, has moved to the Vacaville area and is planning a Memorial there. Please contact Teresa at 925-785-1417 to share your sympathy and attend the service.

Service for our dear Mary V.

Pastor Barbara talked with Jackie Roselli who said that Mary Vierrege passed away on August 29th. Jackie, Mary's cousin, is inviting folks to a prayer service on Wednesday, September 6th at 1 pm at Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward. Please call Jackie if you can be there (925) 550-3274. Let us offer our prayers for the family and thanks for Mary, who was a longtime, dedicated bookkeeper and active member for decades at our church.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Clients 198
 Bags 344
 #members 760

I can't remember if I gave you a volunteer highlight or not - if not, I'll get one for the October newsletter.

And, I know we have Jensen reserved for the T-Day give away week (11/12-18) but do we have Jensen scheduled for 10/12 from 5:00-6:00?

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS —POTLUCK AND CONVERSATION

Join us, starting in September, 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

SARAH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

Hello Friends,

I hope everyone has had a nice restful Summer. Sarah Circle will have our first Bible Study of the 2023-2024 year on Monday September 11th @ 7:00 pm Via Zoom.

The Gather Magazine study is a 3 part study entitled Holy Places

"Physical places often shape our identities, relationships and faith. "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it," Paul writes. Part of what this means is that faith doesn't just reside in our thoughts or emotions. Faith resides in our whole bodies, and how our bodies "live and move and have our being" in the sacred places where God encounters us. In this Fall 2023 Gather Bible study, written by an ELCA missionary living in Jerusalem, we'll explore what holy places mean, not only for the Holy Land of the Bible, but for each of us, wherever we may be.

The Website says they are planning to have all the mailing done the last week of August so hopefully we will each have a copy. If not I am sure they will have the PDF available.

I will take the first turn leading the Study, Sam will send out the zoom link day of.

Invite your friends if you have any questions email me at susanloisjensen@gmail.com

Enjoy,
 Susan

OKTOBERFEST 2023

Saturday, September 9, 2023

From 4:30PM to 8:00PM

Faith Lutheran Church

20080 Redwood Road

Castro Valley, CA

Tickets go on sale August 12, 2023 at

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z43C/home>



Advance Ticket Price

- 21 & up with one alcohol - \$20.00
- 11 & up without alcohol - \$15.00
- 4 to 10 - \$8.00
- 3 & under - Free



Menu

Price at the Door

- 21 & up with one alcohol - \$25.00
- 11 & up without alcohol - \$20.00
- 4 to 10 - \$10.00
- 3 & under - Free

Salad

- Hot German Potato Salad
- Cumber & Sour Cream Salad
- Fresh Fruit

Side Dishes

- Braised Red Cabbage
- Ciabatta Bread & Rye Bread
- Potato Pancakes w/Apple Sauce & Sour cream

Entrées

- Sauerbraten
- Bratwurst
- Bockwurst
- Hot Dogs

Dessert

- Black Forest Cake

Beverages

- Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, Spezi, Coke, 7-up
- 12oz. Beers or 6oz. Glasses of Wine for those over 21
- Additional Alcohol Drink Tickets Available for \$5.00

Beer sponsored by



Don't Forget to Wear your Lederhosen or Dirndl

For Information Contact Glen Davis - 510-507-6195

Half of the net proceeds will go to the Youth Program & Food Pantry

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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
Angelina at
parishadministrator@flccv.org

ALTAR GUILD

**For Altar Guild
Information,
please contact**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 2. Robert Pimentel
Paige Eickmann | 18. Mary Ann Williams
Cathy Callihan |
| 3. Florence Soldahl | 23. Tom Williams |
| 5. Charlie Monroe | 26. Jacob Eickmann |
| 6. Brad Suchanek | 30. Margee Slattengren
Aidan Monroe |
| 11. Craig Callihan | |
| 14. Linda Willis-Hutchings
Sharon Joy-LeMay | |

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jean & James Holien	9-7
Jan & Greg Hamilton	9-8
Susan & Michael Nepodal	9-14
Ben & Beth Monroe	9-23



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2023						
<p>CALENDAR NOTES: 9-15am In-Person Worship Fellowship Time following both services 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 starts again 9-26-23 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- On Break (Jensen Hall)</p>	<p>Saturdays: Sanctuary--Altar Guild 10:00am Scrapbooking (Classroom 3) 11:30am Hayward Travelers--Second Saturday of every other month (Jensen Hall)</p>
<p>9:15am In-Person Worship Fellowship after both services 11:00am In - Person Worship Service & Live Streamed online on Facebook: Faith Lutheran Castro Valley</p>	<p>Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i></p>					
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<p>9:15am In-Person Worship Service Fellowship after both services 11:00am In - Person Worship Service & Live Streamed online on Facebook: Faith Lutheran Castro Valley 12:30pm Church Book Study</p>	<p>Annual Reports Due</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.