

This Week at Faith

September 10th, 2023

September Birthdays

Robert Pimentel	9-2
Paige Eickmann	9-2
Florence Soldahl	9-3
Charlie Monroe	9-5
Brad Suchanek	9-6
Craig Callihan	9-11
Linda Willis-Hutchings	9-14
Sharon Joy-LeMay	9-14
Mary Ann Williams	9-18
Cathy Callihan	9-18
Tom Williams	9-23
Jacob Eickmann	9-26
Margee Slattengren	9-30
Aidan Monroe	9-30

September Wedding Anniversaries

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

Annual Reports Due: Monday, September 25th

Fellowship Time

The Fellowship Committee thanks those who stepped up to help make coffee in the morning and to occasionally help with cleanup after the second service. If you can help support Fellowship please contact Don Reince at 510.695.5323 or Perri Gallagher at 510-542-1882.

If you need to contact Angelina, please email her at parishadministrator@flccv.org or you can call the office (510) 582-0818. Thank you!

New ACS book showcase!

We're enjoying the new *All Creation Sings* purple worship book at both services and adding back the red ELW. We're having more upbeat music starting this fall at 9:15 am!

Early Service folks: Please sign up to be a Reader & Intercessor at 9:15 am by emailing parishadministrator@flccv.org

Communion Assistant volunteers needed: Please contact Angelina if you're interested in volunteering.

Bell Choir rehearsals are 7:30 pm on Wednesdays. Contact Grant Hughes to join at grookes@gmail.com

Thanks to all who made Oktoberfest a success!

Thanks to those who participated in the graveside service for longtime member Mary Vieregge. Please see the bulletins in the narthex with pictures of Mary V.

Weekly Calendar

9/10 - 9:15 am In-Person Service

**11:00 am In-Person Worship Service
& Live Stream**

Fellowship Time after Worship Service

Doris Shaw passed away and the family is planning a memorial in Vacaville.

Sarah Circle Bible Study, Monday, September 11th

Sarah Circle will have our first Bible Study of the 2023-2024 year on Monday September 11th @ 7:00 pm Via Zoom. Invite your friends if you have any questions please email Susan Jensen at susanloisjensen@gmail.com.

Save these dates:

- September 15-17 Synod Assembly at SFO Hyatt to elect a new Bishop!
- Sunday September 24 @12:30 new book study *Church of the Wild*
- October 4th Wonderful Wednesday potluck 6-7 pm Jensen Hall
- Congregational Meeting October 15th

Staff

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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

Missional Budget Info Sessions

Sundays 10/1 & 10/8 between services in Graydon Room and on zoom 10/11 @ 7pm.

New Book Study Sundays @ 12:30

Please get a copy of *Church of the Wild* and join us on the church patio, starting Sept 24.

New Members Welcome!

Please email Pastor Barbara or Angelina if you'd like to officially join FLCCV. We'll set up new members classes soon!

How do Christians show love to others?

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

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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