

# **FAITH TALKS**

**Worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

# ABOUT THE COVER

Rally Day, our ministry fair, is on Sunday, September 8th after worship! Brought to you with great excitement and enthusiasm from the Equipping Ministry, turn to page 4 to learn more about our ministry fair, BBQ, and raffle.



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# Worship & Music



## Bell Choir

Wednesdays at 4:00 PM

## Choir Practice

Thursdays at 5:45 PM

## Contemporary Music Practice

Thursdays at 7:15 PM



Music at Faith is for everyone regardless of skill level. Let us know if you or your children would like to participate in any way - - vocals, piano, or even tambourine! And if you'd like to participate in Chico community music with our affiliates, the Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC) or the Chico Children's Choir, let us know and we'll pass along their info!

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sundays, September 15, 22, 29,  
October 6 and 20.

Whether you're looking to become a member of our congregation here at Faith Lutheran or you're curious to learn our history, theology, and traditions, we welcome you to our New Members Class! This class covers the history of the Lutheran church, our beliefs and theology, and how these things apply to worship, community, and life.

Those who choose to become a member will be installed during church on Reformation Sunday, October 27th. You are invited to attend these classes even if you don't want to become a member, no strings attached.

# RALLY DAY

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8**

## RACE TO FIND YOUR PLACE!



Stick around after church on Sunday, September 8th and explore over 25 FLC-exclusive ministries in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and courtyard!



Learn more about each ministry and get a stamp from each ministry table. 1 stamp = 1 point, and you can exchange your points for prizes at the prize booth!



Enjoy classic rock, classic cars, and a BBQ while the kids hit a pinata and toss water balloons. Unlike the '57 Edsel, Rally Day is something you won't want to pass up!

# ***A Message from Pr. Carl***

**PR. CARL WILFRID**

When I retired from full time ministry in 2014, gifted with good health, good energy, and 45 years of experience, I prayed that I could still be useful to our ELCA and Sierra Pacific Synod. That prayer was answered in ways that I expected (many, but not too many, Sundays of preaching and presiding at various area congregations, including our own), and in some unexpected ways (helping to mentor a young Reno pastor, serving at St. John's in Sacramento as part-time interim senior pastor while their senior pastor was on a 3 month sabbatical). But these 7 weeks here at Faith, Chico, helping Pr. Ben accomplish his sabbatical, have been the tasty whipped cream and cherry on top of my retirement sundae!

When I learned in Faith Talks that Pr. Ben's application for sabbatical funding had not been approved, but that the council and congregation were working diligently to make that sabbatical happen anyway, I sent an email to Ben, saying, "My 1993 sabbatical was a most valuable time for me and for the congregation. If there is anything I can do to help make yours happen, let me know." I was thinking maybe a funeral for some old timer whose family remembered me, something like that. I heard from Ben a few weeks later. He said, "Carl, I'm going to swing for the fences; the Council and I would like you to come back to Chico and serve this congregation part time from July 1 to August 18." I am honored to have been invited, and delighted that, despite some trepidations about my age (80) and mental acuity (the elevator doesn't always reach the top floor these days), I was able to do the job fairly well.



When I left this congregation in 2000 after 20 years as pastor, I thought I would miss individual people, our friendships. I discovered, however, that what I missed most was being the body of Christ with you! These 7 weeks have been for Dianne and me fun reconnecting time with many old friends, but it has been especially good to again “be church” with you, to see and experience how well you care for each other and for the hungry, homeless and vulnerable ones in the larger community.

While we are looking forward to returning to our home and friends in Reno, to our familiar drug stores we visit frequently, and doctors and hairdresser and physical therapist and more, this time has also been a kind of sabbatical for Dianne and me, a time away from our usual routine in which we have lived in new ways and learned new things. But wherever we are, at Don and Carolyn’s house in Chico, at a shed in a church member’s back yard in Sacramento, or at our own home in Reno, Dianne proves herself to be a genius at “making a place a home,” and a treasured companion on all my “adventures in usefulness.” I applaud and thank her!

Faith Lutheran Church in Chico is always in my heart and prayers. I wish you, Pr. Ben and the congregation, a rich time of post-sabbatical reconnecting and ministry partnership.



# God's work. Our hands.

*Sunday, October 13th at Rosedale Elementary*

**This year God' Work Our Hands will be held on Sunday, October 13th at Rosedale School. Each year, we worship God not in our building, but through service to our neighbors. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. for a brief service and then caravan over to Rosedale to begin work at 9:00 a.m. This year our projects will include gardening, re-painting the blacktop, building a Gaga Ball court, cleaning and more. A brown bag lunch will be provided. Volunteers are needed to help plan this event as well as to participate in the event. Please check out the Welcome Table for more information and to sign up. Additionally, this year we will be collecting school supplies for the students and teachers at Rosedale school. Please check the Welcome Table in August for wish lists. Donations can be brought to the sanctuary or the church office.**

# ***Dir. Youth & Children Job Desc.***

The Faith Lutheran Church Council recently approved the following job description for the new position of Director of Children and Youth Ministry. The council is very grateful for the hard work our HR Committee put into creating this job description! If you have any questions please seek out a council member.

## **Purpose**

To focus on ministry with children and youth and develop spiritual and faith resources for them and their families within the ELCA tradition. To recruit, equip, and nurture volunteers to serve with confidence and to build a sustainable system for ministry.

## **Essential Responsibilities**

- Participate in the life of Faith Lutheran Church and the larger church as able.
- Serve as a leader for faith formation ministries for children and youth.
- Participate in staff meetings and coordination of ministries with other staff persons.
- Articulate to the congregation the purpose and goals for children and youth ministry.
- Build and maintain collaborative relationships with children, youth, parents/guardians.
- Work in cooperation with other staff members and leadership of the congregation.
- Build and maintain a network of professional relationships and pursue continuing education in children and youth ministry.
- Coordinate and integrate children and youth ministries with congregational ministries.
- Communicate events and opportunities within and outside of the congregation for children and youth.
- Recruit and supervise volunteers for the children and youth ministry.
- Provide an ongoing training program for volunteers.
- Provide resources specific to volunteers.
- Develop and work with a volunteer team to cultivate sustainable structures for ongoing ministry.



- Develop a faith formation plan for children and youth.
- Maintain a weekly time to rest from the responsibilities of the job.
- Set aside regular times to reflect on the ministry and set long-term priorities.
- Meets with their Council Representative regularly.
- Other duties/responsibilities as assigned.

### **Essential Duties (Children):**

- Work with a Children's Ministry Team and meet monthly or as needed with the Team to plan and execute the children's ministry.
- Review and help select curricula for Christian education opportunities for children including Vacation Bible School, Children and Worship, and Sunday School programs for preschool children and elementary-age children.
- Provide opportunities for children to gain appreciation for worship and service.

### **Essential Duties (Youth):**

- Work with a Youth Ministry Team and meet monthly or as needed with the team to plan and execute youth ministry.
- Review and help the Youth Team select curricula for Sunday school classes.
- Work with the Pastor on the Confirmation program.

### **Required Knowledge and Skills**

- Enjoy working with children and youth.
- Demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Possess a gift for listening, understanding, and offering wise counsel.
- Be self-directed and have strong organizational skills.
- Have leadership skills required to equip volunteers for ministry.
- Be able to create and develop a long-range vision for children's and youth ministry.
- Work collegially and in close consultation with the pastor, staff, leaders, and volunteers of the church.
- Demonstrate understanding and effective use of Microsoft or Google suites and social media platforms.
- Be comfortable with learning new software as needed.

## Qualifications and Education

- Preferred 2 years of experience with children's and/or youth ministry.
- A bachelor's degree preferred.
- An understanding of developmental stages for children and or youth.
- Passage of a background check required upon accepting a conditional offer of employment.



# ***BATHROOM PROJECT***

Since our education building was built, we've had one small, toddler's toilet in the Sunday School room. Teachers and older children have had to go to the Fellowship Hall to use the toilet which as you can imagine has been problematic! But as a part of our Capital Campaign, our parishioners financially supported the installation of a fully functional, ADA-compliant bathroom with 2 toilets: one exclusive to Sunday School (which can accommodate adults as well now) and one available to anybody renting the education wing. No more migrating to the Fellowship Hall! The project is ahead of schedule, and we wanted to show you these pictures taken on August 28th so that in next month's edition you can compare the two. We thank Bill Troudy, our contractor, and his team, and all of you who contributed to this project!





# Financial Report

**MARK KIMMSELHUE, TREASURER**

Faith Lutheran Church  
General Fund Finances as of 7/31/24

	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$55,073.79	\$33,349.48	60.55%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$49,193.11	\$29,836.40	60.65%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$5,880.68	\$3,513.08	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2024		\$15,243.10	
Net Revenue through 7/31/24		<u>\$3,513.08</u>	
Ending General Fund Balance		<u><u>\$18,756.18</u></u>	

The above figures represent the General Fund Balance for the first month of the new fiscal year. It is encouraging that we have positive income for July as this is usually a slow income time due to vacations and other summertime family activities.

Thank You All for your continued support.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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# Staff & Council Retreat



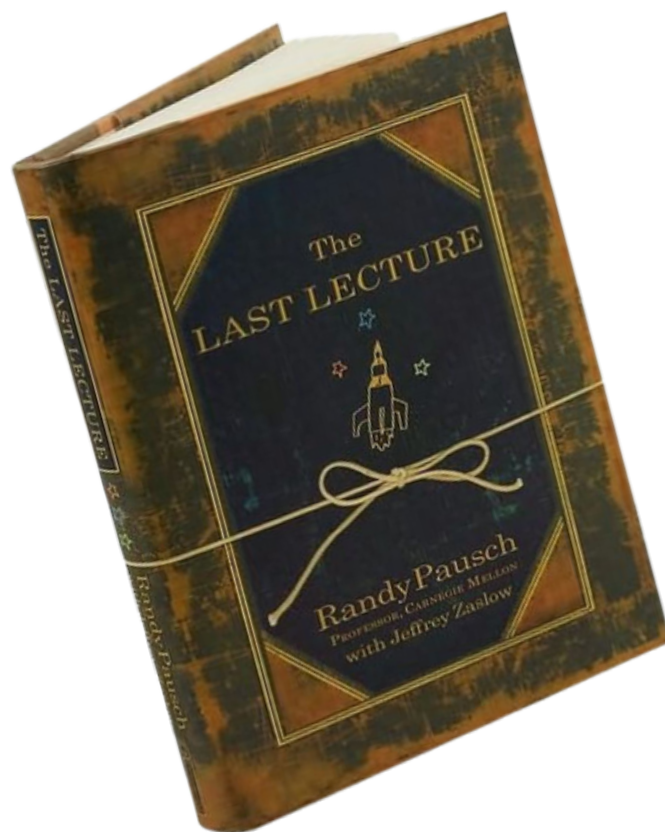
**ALYSSA MANES, COUNCIL SECRETARY**

I had the great delight and honor to go on our church's council retreat on August 23 and 24. It was a wonderful way to welcome Pastor Ben back from his Sabbatical, hear some of his thoughts on the other churches he visited this summer, and get to know the council and staff better than I did before. What a lovely, genuine, funny, intentional, and unique group of people. I have so much admiration and respect for all of these who have volunteered to serve. We had great time getting to visit and connect on our car rides to and from Lake Almanor, during a hike led by Pastor Ben, and playing the "fishbowl" game before bed. We also had a chance to delve into where we've been, reflecting on what brought us to (or has kept us invested in) Faith Lutheran, and discuss what the future may look like and how we can best support our mission of being "a community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone." We also had a chance to get familiar with the flow of our council meetings, including Mark Kimmelshue giving a great overview of the financial reports that he brings to each meeting, and Elaine Lund sharing what the Facilities Team has been working on lately. If you have ever considered serving on the church council, may I say it is worth it just to work with, and be inspired by, these other lovely people who are intentional in investing in our church's present and future.



# JOYS

*just older youth...seniors!*



**Our seniors group will meet on the following Mondays between 10AM-Noon:  
9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, and 11/11.**

**Mark your calendars as we will be starting our JOYS senior group meetings once again on the second and fourth Monday's of the month. Our first meeting will be Monday September 9th at 10:30 in room 7/8. This meeting will be a social get together to hand out our next book, The Last Lecture, by Randy Pausch, get our reading assignment schedule, and share what the summer was like for each of us. The cost of the book is \$11.50. You can drop the money into the offering plate at church on Sunday with a note that says "JOYS," or swing by the office to pay with cash or check. Looking forward to getting together soon!**

# Roses

Pr. Bill Kees, Pr. Greg Cootsona, and Pr. Carl Wilfrid for their pastoral leadership during Ben's sabbatical.

Each and every one of you who helped Luke and Michael throughout the summer whether it was manning the office, helping with music, or anything in between.

Cindy Kampf, Kate Ory, Pat Snyder, and Chris Brown for their leadership in Children's and Youth Ministry.

Glenn Pulliam for helping the staff assemble shelves.

Everyone who helped organize and contribute to Pr. Ben's welcome back potluck.

Cindy Kampf for hosting "Where Have You Been All Your Life?" and for doing family trips to San Francisco.

Barb Janzen, our fabulous guest musician on August 18th.

Our Sacristans who help clean up Communion and keep the sacristy clean on Sundays.

Dave and Molly Barnum for letting the staff and council use their cabin for their annual retreat.

Sharon Prindle for preaching in August.

Elaine Lund for monitoring our PG&E and solar activity, and working with the council to make sure we're using energy effectively.





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