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Faith Talks

*Worship Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
All Saints Day, Sunday, November 3rd*

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All Saints Day is observed across several faiths and cultures, and Lutherans are no exception. On this day, we honor the saints in our lives; those who have died who made us who we are today, and those alive who continue to be our pillars of support.



Worship & Music



Music Practice

Bell Choir Wednesdays at 4:00 PM

Choir Practice Thursdays at 5:45 PM

Contemporary Music Practice Thursdays at 7:15 PM



All Saints Day

Sunday, November 3rd

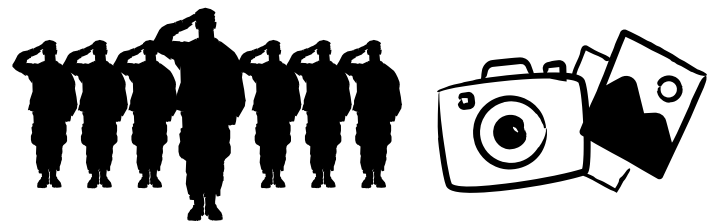
Each year, Faith Lutheran Church observes All Saints Day by honoring saints past and celebrating saints present. Join us on Sunday, November 3rd for a community celebration of life followed by lunch and dessert. Ham and desserts will be served.

We invite you to share photos of your loved ones -saints past and saints present, deceased or living- with us via email. We will print your photo and put it into a paper frame delightfully crafted by Dottie Erhardt. The framed photos will adorn the altar in the sanctuary. You do not have to do anything except email us photos to faithlutheraninchico@gmail.com. There will also be an opportunity to share stories of the saints in your life during the luncheon.

Delight in honoring our deceased and celebrating our living over a warm meal and company. We also invite you to wear the colors blue (any shade), black, gold, and white in any combination.

Veterans' Appreciation | Picture Day

Sunday, November 10th after Worship

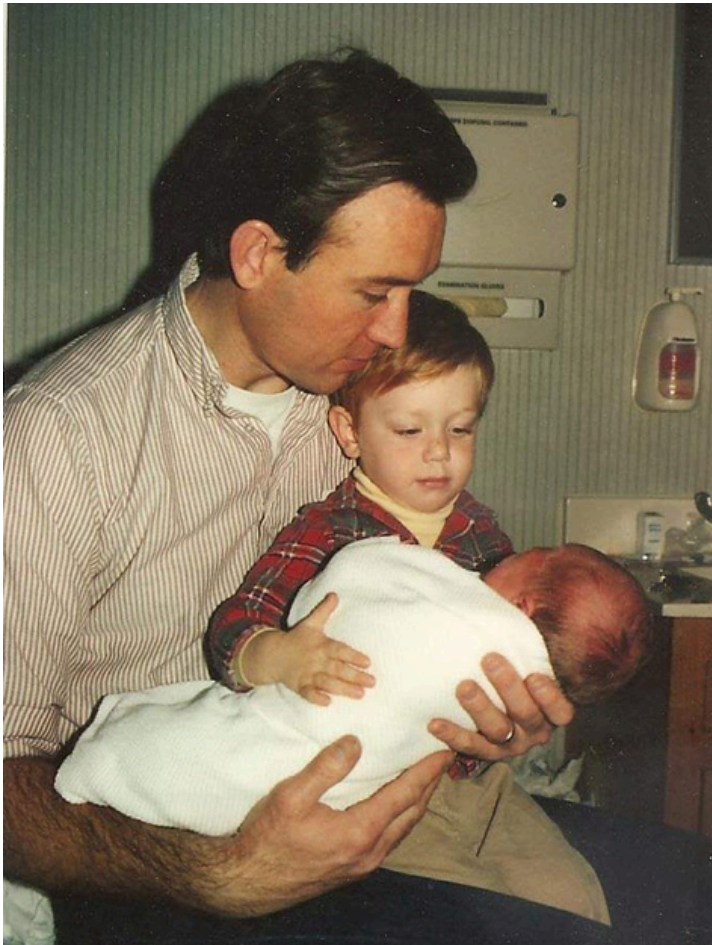


After our service with special prayer for our Veterans, we'll invite everyone to coffee hour for conversation, refreshments, and the invitation to place a photo of loved ones who have served -you included- onto our table of appreciation. | Ryan Day will be taking photos, so if you'd like to have your picture taken for the upcoming directory, find him after worship!

Steve Troester Memorial Blood Drive

Sunday, November 17th

Every two seconds there is someone in the US who needs blood. Faith Lutheran Church and Vitalant are pleased to offer you the opportunity to contribute to this need! Steve was a loving and dedicated community man, and each year, Marge Troester organizes a blood drive in his honor. Signups are available after church.



More about Steve...

Known for his compassionate nature, his playful spirit, and his genuine love for people, Steve was truly a world citizen having lived and worked extensively in Africa, Asia and South America. He was fluent in French, Spanish, Portuguese and English. Steve had an unwavering Christian faith and ethic that informed his interaction with the people and the world around him. He was as equally at home in the company of accomplished professionals as he was with the poor and those living in the margins of our society. Over his years in Chico, he could be found serving breakfasts at the Jesus Center, dinners at the Torres Shelter or sharing a sandwich and conversation on a park bench with a homeless friend. Since arriving in Chico in 1986, Steve

has served on the Board of Directors for the Torres Homeless Shelter, Lucian Manor senior housing, CHIP, and Habitat for Humanity. He also Chaired the American Red Cross Volunteer response to the 1995/96 flood in Chico. He was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church, serving on their Church Council, Chairing their Worship and Music Committee and mentoring Junior High Youth. There was no greater pleasure in life to Steve than to spend time with his boys, Jacob and Quin, and his wife, Marge who are grateful to have been a part of the legacy of his well-lived life.



Pastor's Article

As November approaches, I know many of us have our minds on the election. But this November, I want to invite you to focus on something else: gratitude. Each Sunday in November, we will be giving thanks after worship.

On Sunday, November 3rd, we celebrate All Saints Day, a day to give thanks for the people who have shown us God's love, especially those who have died yet live in Christ. The Equipping Team is planning a special potluck after worship to give thanks for those saints. As usual, we invite you to bring photographs of your saints to place on the altar during worship. After worship, we'll invite you to bring those photographs to a table during the potluck. While you eat, the people at your table will be encouraged to share stories of the people whose pictures they've brought. In this way, we learn to tell others about the hope that is within us, by telling others about the people who taught us the hope we have in Jesus.



Vickie and Dottie preparing last year's All Saints event



(Left) All Saints altar, 2017
(Above) Susan Kimball, Navy

On Sunday, November 10th, we give thanks for the veterans in our congregation. Leanne Chrisman and Karen Kimmelshue are organizing a special coffee hour after worship. If you are a veteran, or your loved one is a veteran, we encourage you to bring a photo of yourself or loved one in uniform to be displayed during coffee hour as our congregation thanks you and your family for your service.

On Sunday, November 17th, we give thanks for the gift of life. After worship, we will have our annual Steve Troester Memorial Blood Drive organized by Marge Troester. Christ poured out his blood on the cross that we may have life. In gratitude for the life we have, we too pour out our blood so that others may live. In the coming weeks, you'll be invited after worship to sign up to give blood and save lives.



Annette (left) and Count Candy (right) at 2022's Drive

On Sunday, November 24th, we give thanks for warm shelter against the cold. Thanks to the organization of Kate Ory, we will kick off a coat drive that will culminate on Sunday, Dec. 15th, when we hear John the Baptist proclaim, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none" (Luke 3:11). These coats will go to the 6th Street Center for Youth, and so we have invited a speaker from 6th Street to talk to us after worship about their services that help children transition from homelessness to healthy adulthood. We'll also have a representative from Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) share a video about the work they have been doing to get people off the streets of Chico and into homes permanently. This includes a collaboration with Faith Lutheran, called the Mercy House, which provides long-term housing for four women with chronic medical needs.

In this time of national anxiety, I invite you to join me in giving thanks for what God is doing at Faith Lutheran. Our government is not our country; our people are. You are the America that I know and love. Together, you remember our ancestors in faith, you honor those who serve, you give of yourselves, and you serve our neighbors in need. Nov. 5th won't change that. As followers of Jesus, we are defined not by an election, but by the resurrection. While that isn't always easy to remember, I am grateful that I get to live into that reality with you.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Ben Colahan

7 Hanging of the Greens

**An Old Fashioned Faith Lutheran Hanging of the Greens
Saturday December 7th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

There will be food, music, sanctuary decorating, a swag making competition, crafts, cookie decorating and more! Help is needed to bring back this beloved Faith Lutheran tradition. Check out the sign up table in the sanctuary to see how you can be involved. Non perishable donations of items are also needed and can be placed in the box by the table. Perishable donated items can be brought to church the day before. Borrowed items that will be returned can also be brought the day before.

Perishable Items Needed: (to be brought the day before)

- Plain, unfrosted sugar cookies
- Greenery for swags and yule logs
- (please put on columbarium patio)
- Fresh rosemary trimmings for wreaths
- (please put on columbarium patio)

Tool Donations Needed (to be brought day before) (all tools will be returned, please label with your name)

- Big staplers that open
- Hammers
- Wire Cutters
- Pruners

Non Perishable Items needed:

- Metal lids from frozen juice containers
- Cookie decorations
- Wide and narrow Christmas ribbon
- Pine cones (all sizes)
- Floral wire
- Logs for yule log making
- Zip ties (small. dark green or black preferred)
- Popsicle sticks
- Jute twine
- Hot glue sticks

With thanks from your
H.O.G. committee: Elise
Gladu, Elaine Lund, Sue
Reed and Jill Bentler



Torres Shelter



Our family has served at the Torres Shelter for many years. It has been part of our family's life to serve. As our two boys grew up I feel it has been good for their "life understanding" to serve there. They saw that homeless people are just people who have fallen on difficult times. It has been good for our family to see that the people who reside at the Torres Shelter are very appreciative of the warm meal, the roof over their heads, showers, support and even comradery with others in the same situation. They are not alone. It is a true warm fuzzy for us to be appreciated for doing something that is so easy to do.



However, serving is a daylong commitment. The menu has to be decided upon. The shelter has to be called to see how many folks will be eating that night, to determine how much food to purchase. Then food must be purchased, prepared, set up, and lastly, served. None of these tasks are hard to do, but they all must be done. The shelter has a clean up crew, so we don't have to do clean up. Faith Lutheran pays for all the food that is purchased. We have been doing this approx. four times a year.



We would like to invite folks/families to join us in this ministry. As you all know we are a church that likes to serve, and this is an excellent way to do so. We experience such a feeling of joy and compassion to serve these children of God by helping at the Torres Shelter. If you feel drawn to this ministry, it would be easy to get a taste of the process by helping to serve with one of the groups. FLC is responsible for the first Tuesday of each month.

It would be wonderful to have you join along with one of the existing groups. For more information, please talk with Pastor Ben.



-The Sample Family



For All the Saints

The Equipping Team is working hard to prepare for All Saints Day on November 3rd, "To honor those who have departed before us and to celebrate the saints who are still among us." Pastor Ben and our team are asking for your help to prepare.

Starting now, please send digital photos of the saints in your lives to Michael Nicholson-Dick or Steve Hall. All photos sent in digitally will be added to a slideshow; they will also be printed and placed in hand-made frames by Dottie Erhardt for the altar. You may also give Michael or Steve a hard copy to scan. If you do not want to send a digital picture but still want to see your saints on the altar, we invite you to bring their pictures the day-of.

Steve: jshall2323@gmail.com | Michael: office@chicofaithlutheran.org

Please stop by the Welcome Table Sunday mornings before or after service to sign up to attend the Lunch on November 3rd. We would love to have an accurate number of attendees before we set up. The Equipping Team is providing the main protein for the lunch. You may sign up to serve a side dish, salad, or dessert. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BRING ANY FOOD TO ATTEND.** We welcome all to the luncheon!

The Equipping Team is looking forward to this opportunity to worship, honor and celebrate together to better connect our congregation to God, our church and each other. As you think about your saint, reflect on the words below and consider which most accurately describes them. God Bless you all, your Equipping Team.



INSPIRED me or others
SERVED me or others
LOVED GOD and me or others
STOOD BY ME or others
TAUGHT me or others



Faith's annual day of community service was on October 13th at Rosedale Elementary school. The planning team worked for months to plan the details. There were 14 volunteers that came on Saturday the 12th, to sweep, blow and pressure wash the blacktop and repair and wash the picnic tables. And then came Sunday! Being blessed with cooler weather, 97 volunteers gathered for communion and a blessing at the school at 8:30 a.m. and began the work of painting the blacktop and back board, painting and repairing 12 picnic tables, weeding, and doing paperwork inside to help the teachers with their lessons. There were 13 projects going on at one time! And boy, what a difference it made! Yes, the children of Rosedale are going to benefit from the spruced- up campus, but just as important, our community of Faith came together, worked side by side, and connected with one another, even the children with their families. What an awesome opportunity to show how God's work is done with the hands of volunteers!

"It was great fun working with the many dedicated, creative, and hard working Faith Friends! God's Work Our Hands continues to be one of our favorite Sundays of the year!" -Molly & Dave Barnum

"We had laughter, chatter and helping hands doing God's Work. What a beautiful day we had." -Charlaine Sandberg

"The day was fun and it feels good to help a local school and be part of a community that cares." -Tom Melvin

"Using Leads was helpful. A great turnout. I loved taking the picture at the front."

-Bill Kees



"Rosedale staff and students were thrilled to see the massive improvements to their playground, picnic benches and gardens as well as all the classroom tasks accomplished when they got to school on Monday. On our walk to school, I could hear children exclaiming, 'THEY PAINTED, THEY PAINTED!' As though Santa had come in the night and done it himself. There are 564 students that attend Rosedale Elementary school and this act of service has made their world better. Thank you!"

-Beth Bradley, our liaison and PTA president for Rosedale

We thank everyone for their generous support for Faith Lutheran's service day. Thanks to the donations of money, discounts, and supplies we received, we were able to make this project possible. A special thank you to:

- Sherwin-Williams (Thomas Vichi), gallons of paint
- Knight's Paint on Highway 32, Paint donations plus paint supplies at cost
- Safe Space loaned the brightly colored vests for the team leads
- Starbucks coffee, coffee to serve 100 volunteers
- Grants from Thrivent of \$250 for paint project and \$250 for Lunch
- Thrivent also donated all our work t-shirts that say "Live Generously"
- Each and every last volunteer



Financial Report

Faith Lutheran Church General Fund Finances as of 9/30/24

	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Percent Of Budget
TOTAL INCOME	\$110,194.35	\$111,018.18	100.75%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$147,579.34	\$101,501.73	68.78%
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$37,384.99)	\$9,516.45	
Beginning General Fund Balance as of 7/1/2024		\$16,135.61	
Net Revenue through 9/30/24		\$9,516.45	
Ending General Fund Balance		\$25,652.06	

The above figures represent the General Fund activity for the first 3 months of the new fiscal year. Giving to the General Fund during September with positive revenue YTD of \$9,516.45. This is normal for this time of year. It will need to continue for the next 9 months to meet our budget needs.
Thank You All for your continued support.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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Faith Lutheran Hurricane Relief

This month, Faith Lutheran sent approximately \$1,400 and 18 quilts to the survivors of Hurricane Helene in North Carolina.

Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, FLC Conference Room

Members Present: Pastor Ben Colahan, Jill Bentler, Steve Hall, Mark Kimmelshue, Mary Schweder, Elise Gladu, Candy Munson, Dawn Stafford, Elaine Lund, Kathleen Pappani / **Members Absent:** Alyssa Manes and Leann Chrisman. **Guest Present:** Caryl Quinoes.

Call to Order, Reading of the Covenant, Welcome

Devotions/Prayer - Led by Dawn Stafford. Sometimes we are at a crossroad in life and God can help show us the way. Read the poem "Lord, Show Me the Way", by M.S. Lowndes. Also read Romans 8:27-28.

Approval of Minutes – September, 2024 minutes approved as written.

Reports

Financial Report – presented by Mark Kimmelshue: Capital Campaign has negative balance of \$4,659.79 due to the payment for the bathroom remodel. Mark Kimmelshue moved this amount from the Refinance account to cover the difference. Motion made to move \$4,659.79 from the Children Youth and Family Ministry account to the Refinance account for repayment. Motion was approved. Motion made to approve the Financial Report as read. Motion was approved.

Staff Reports – reviewed by email. Actions taken in New Business.

Facilities Report – Discussion on keys. Discussion will continue in November.

Safety Team Update – Submitted grant. Security company has stepped up patrols – had to remove 3 people.

Old Business

Personnel Team Recommendation: Recommends a 30/60/90 day review period. Supervisor needs to be diligent about documenting issues. Motion made to approve the review process as described by the personnel team.

New Business

Ministry - Time Out for Art – presented by Caryl Quinoes: It is a small group where people can come and work on art projects together. They meet on Mondays at FLC from 1-4pm. The group is welcoming and accepting. They have non FLC members joining. There are 20-25 people that are part of the group with 6-10 people attending a meeting each week. They made prizes and donated them for Rally Day. They have a storage closet in Room 6 available for their use. It needs shelving to hold the supplies. Motion made to spend up to \$100 for supplies to have shelving built and installed in the storage closet. Motion was approved.

Ministry - Quilting – presented by Elise Gladu: Meets Tuesdays from 10-4. Donated 18 quilts to hurricane survivors in North Carolina. Bob Bay can alter a cabinet to fit their storage needs.

Swap Rooms 4/5: Motion made to swap Rooms 4 and 5. Room 4 to become staff storage and Room 5 will be available to rent. Motion passed.

Thermostats: Discussed electronically locking thermostats and requiring a code to override. Groups need to make sure they are reserving rooms through Michael so that temperature controls can be set accordingly. Motion made to program thermostats so that the temperature can be overridden without a code but that the temperature will revert back to the preset mode after 2 hours.

Pillar Rot/Roof Shingle Repair: seeking estimates.

Safe Space Rental Fee Proposal: Elaine Lund and Candy Munson to review usage for the times that Safe Space used the premises. Tabled to November.

Michael's Continuing Education Class: Elise Gladu to cover Wednesdays from 10-11:30 while Michael is taking a class for 6 weeks.

Sunday School Space Rental: Butte Behavioral Health is interested in renting Sunday School classrooms while they are using other rooms on campus. Motion made to rent the Sunday School classrooms to Butte County Behavioral Health at the same rental rate as Rooms 7 and 8. Any other rental requests for that room will be determined separately.

Council Meeting: October 29, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m. to vote on applicant for the Director of Children and Youth Ministries job. Need at least 6 council members to attend for a quorum.

Disaster Relief Funds: Pastor Ben to determine if any remaining funds in the account should be paid out as allocated. Any remaining non-allocated funds plus all funds being received (\$1,000+ to date) shall be sent to the Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief. Motion made to pay all remaining non-allocated funds in the account plus all funds being received to the Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief.

Hanging of the Greens: December 7 from 12-4 p.m. Lunch, crafts, hanging of the greens and garland contest. No motion needed for funds since request is only \$500.00. Pastor Ben can approve.

Council Christmas Party: potluck in December

Wooden Figurines from Palestine For Sale: Have the Christians from Palestine that Pastor Ben met send more figurines to sell. Motion made to sell wooden figurines and send the funds back to Palestine for people in need. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

*Submitted by Alyssa Manes (Council Secretary)
Minutes Taken by Dawn Stafford (At Large)*



Dungeons & Dragons: Gauntlet of Gobbles

Sunday, November 10th at 5pm

Game Master: Malinda Ard

It's the night before the big feast, and something is stirring in the butchery. Join us for a fight for survival. Feathers will fly, but will our heroes escape for freedom? Or will they be gobbled up?

Winter Coat Drive

Kicks off on Sunday, November 24th

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