

Faith Lutheran News

Happy Easter

April, 2024 Page 1

Faith Lutheran Church

65 Mitchler
Murphys, CA 95247
(209) 728-2041
Faithlutheranchurc@att.net
www.flcmurphys.com
Facebook:

Faith Lutheran Church, Murphys

Pastor Karen Johnson

KarenWJohnson@sbcglobal.net

707-696-5947 cell

209-890-7682 home

Office Phone number

728-2041

Office Hours:

Contact Pastor for an appointment

Tuesday and Wednesday

Church Council

President: Kathleen Walsh

Vice President: Wayne Earthman

Treasurer: Susi Lewis

Financial Secretary: Loretta

Soracco

Secretary: Carol Lagomarsino

Director of Worship & Music:

Kaarn Egge Westerhoff

Property Chairperson:

KC Anderson

Newsletter Editor: Kaarn Egge

Westerhoff

Pastor's Message

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

(John 20:29)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

We have just come through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday, and what a blessed season we had – with reflections on “holy lament” and great fellowship during midweek services and soup suppers; Maundy Thursday supper at Mountain Ranch; the solemn Good Friday Tenebrae service at Faith; and a joyful Easter Day. It has been wonderful to have so many family members and visitors in our worship services. We also had a very successful Irish Day fundraiser in March. Thank you all for your faithfulness, energy, and love throughout this season.



April is quieter for us in the church, but looking ahead, May will bring Pentecost and our Annual Meeting “Part 2,” both on May 19. However, April is a significant month for me. I always remember that in April of 2016, you held the vote to call me and then I was ordained. I give thanks to God always for the joy and privilege of being in ministry with you!

There is a Danish Christmas song that says (in Danish): “Christmas lasts until Easter.” After Christmas, there was one poinsettia left, so I brought it home. It’s always an experiment to see if I can keep it alive, and this year it has lasted beautifully until Easter, with new “petals” growing at the centers.

Christmas marks the beginning of the Incarnation of our Lord, while Easter and resurrection mark the end of the Incarnation. Now Christ lives *in us* through the Holy Spirit. We *are* his body, his “new growth” in the world, called to embody Christ’s gracious love for all people. As resurrection people, may we grow in faith, hope, and love in this Easter season

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Karen



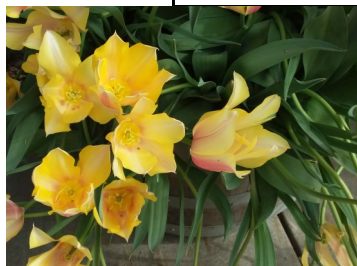
Worship in April

The risen Jesus may have been missing on Easter Sunday, but he appears to his disciples on the Second and Third Sundays in Easter. The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday. On the Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, we will observe Creation Sunday, following Earth Day earlier that week.



Pastor Karen will be away on April 7 (vacation) and again on April 21 (dean duties), and we will welcome Pastor Liz Armstrong as presiding minister for those two Sundays.

Council meeting – Tuesday, April 16, 3:00 PM, in the nar-



Save the Date – May 19 Congregational Meeting

Please plan to stay after worship for a brief meeting to elect our congregation council, followed by a potluck lunch together. This is also Pentecost, so wear red that day!

Synod Assembly coming June 7-9

The Sierra Pacific Synod will meet in Assembly Friday-Sunday, June 7-9, at the Convention Center in Fresno. Find all the info here: <https://www.spselca.net/2024synodassembly>

Conference Assembly report

The Sierra Central Valley Conference #8 met in assembly on March 9 at Saron Lutheran Church in Escalon. Thank you to Kathleen Walsh for serving as Faith's delegate. Pastor Karen was elected to be dean of the conference, and Rob Westerhoff was nominated as a candidate to represent the Sierra Pacific Synod at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2025 in Phoenix, AZ. Congratulations to them both!

Bible study begins April 17

Bible study is moving to Wednesdays at 3:00 PM. The next study will be "Holy Places" from *Gather* magazine, reflecting on "the places where God's story and our story connect." Starts Wednesday April 17.

Breakfast Fellowship

You are invited to gather with Faith folks for breakfast each week, **Tuesdays at 8 AM at Grounds** in Murphys. Hope to see you there for this time of food, fellowship, and faith. Check with Rob if you are coming for the first time, because occasionally the schedule changes.



Murphys Irish Day Results

It was beautiful day for Murphys Irish Day. Downtown was packed, the parking lot was full, and we had many hungry visitors. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the day, and especially KC who organized the parking, and Kathleen who organized the bake sale. We raised over \$2600!



April Birthdays

Robert Westerhoff

17th

May Birthdays

Kaarn Egge

9th

May Anniversary

Kim and Tom McCarthy

25^h



Sunday Date	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Theme	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Read/Worship Assistant	KC Anderson	Vivian Hansten/Rob Westerhoff	Janet Skenfield	Robert Westerhoff
Altar Care	Kaarn Westerhoff	Kathleen Walsh	Carol Lagomarsino	Kaarn Westerhoff
Counters	Kathleen Walsh/Wayne Earthman	Carol Lagomarsino Kaarn Westerhoff	KC Anderson and Kathleen Walsh	Rob and Kaarn Westerhoff

Sunday Date	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Theme	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Ascension Sunday	Day of Pentecost	Holy Trinity
Read/Worship Assistant	Robert Westerhoff	KC Anderson	Kathleen Walsh	Janet Skenfield
Altar Care	Kaarn Westerhoff	Kathleen Walsh	Carol Lagomarsino	Kathleen Walsh
Counters	Kathleen Walsh/Wayne Earthman	Carol Lagomarsino and Kaarn	KC Anderson and Kathleen Walsh	Rob and Kaarn Westerhoff

If you are unable to perform your service, **please switch with someone and then report the change to the church office prior to Tuesday of that week** (209) 728-2041. We do not have a church secretary at this time.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

65 Mitchler
Murphys, California 95247

Phone: (209)-728-2041
Email: Faithlutheranchurc@att.net

*Do justice, love kindness, and
walk humbly with the Lord.
Micah 6:8*