

Faith Lutheran News

Pentecost Season

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Pastor's Message

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh..."
(Acts 2:17)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Summer is upon us, the season of rest and renewal. To celebrate summer, we will have a potluck on June 22 after worship. I hope you will join us that day and, if you can, bring a favorite summer dish to share.

On June 8 we celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the birth of the Church, as the Holy Spirit was poured out on the disciples and thousands were baptized. We yearn for that kind of Spirit power to be poured out on us, and this year's Synod Assembly theme, "Do Not Lose Heart," is addressing the challenge of being the church in this time. I spend a lot of time pondering how *we* are called to do ministry here at Faith Lutheran, with our small numbers, and I am eager to hear the keynote speaker at the Synod Regional Gathering on May 31, who will speak about church innovation. Be sure to ask Rob, Kaarn, or me what we learned, and pray for the Spirit to guide us into vital and faithful ministry.

I continue my work as Dean of our Sierra Central Valley Conference. All ten of us deans are white, as well as the Bishop and all his staff, so we are reading together and discussing an anti-racism book, *Call to Allyship*. This is important work – uncovering our hidden biases, even within our best

intentions, and teaching us how to more faithfully love our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color) neighbors and fellow believers in Christ as we love ourselves and as Christ has loved us all. Do you think we could learn from similar discussions here?...

If you are traveling this summer, I encourage you to visit a local worship service wherever you are. It is good to hear the gospel proclaimed in a different voice and different setting, and helps us to grow in our connection as the body of Christ in the world. May you be blessed with rest, refreshment, and renewal in faith this summer.

In Christ and his love,

Pastor Karen

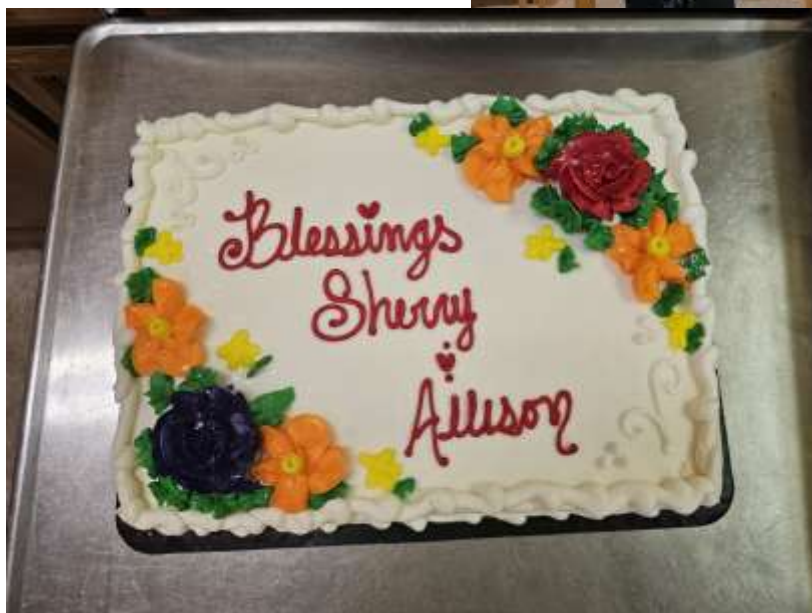


Blessings and Godspeed

...to Allison P, graduating from Bret Harte High School on May 29. She will be attending Cal Poly Humboldt in the fall. Congratulations, Allison!

Blessings and Godspeed

...to Sherry Rogers, moving to Santa Maria this month to be near her daughter Kim. We will miss you, Sherry!



New Bell Tower!

Thank you to K.C. Anderson and team for putting up the new bell tower! Once it is all hooked up, we will begin ringing it. The men working were, KC, Rob Westerhoff, Joe Jackson, and Mark Anderson.



Worship in June

June is a multi-colored month in worship this year, with a different liturgical color each week:

June 1 is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, still white of the Easter season. On this Sunday we always overhear part of Jesus's "high priestly prayer" for his followers at his last supper, just before his arrest and crucifixion.

June 8 is the Day of Pentecost; wear **red** to celebrate the fire of the Holy Spirit!

June 15 is Holy Trinity Sunday, another white feast day, as we contemplate the mystery of the Triune God, the holy dance of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

June 22 begins Time after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, the "long **green** season" hearing stories of "ordinary" ministry and discipleship.

On June 29 the green season is interrupted with the lesser festival of Peter and Paul, Apostles. The color is red for the Holy Spirit working through these towering leaders of the early church. Both were martyred for their faith.

Murphys Food Pantry Fill the Red Barrel April 6

The first Sunday of the month is designated as "Fill the Red Barrel" day. You are invited to bring in food for the Pantry's red barrel in the narthex or make an extra monetary donation to Pantry (make checks to "Faith Lutheran Church" with "Murphys Food Pantry" in the memo.) Thank you for your generosity toward this ministry of caring for our community. Together we are making a difference!

Meal-in-a-Bag" Program for Senior Center

We are invited to fill a bag with the following items for a sustainable "shelf food" meal: 1 can whole kernel corn, 1 can cream style corn, 1 can diced potatoes, 1 can of cream of chicken soup, 1 can evaporated milk, chicken bouillon, 1 box biscuit mix. The bag may be placed in the red barrel, marked "meal in a bag." A recipe will be added to the bag.

In Memory of Lisa Westermann Open House

Paul Westermann is hosting an open house on June 21st from 2-4. If anyone is interested in carpooling contact Kaarn. Paul's address is 4685 W. HWY 4, Angels Camp. 95222..

Synod Assembly – “Do Not Lose Heart”

This year’s Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly will be on Saturday **June 14 on Zoom**, 9 AM-12 noon. There will also be three regional on-site gatherings for worship, fellowship, and conversation together, on May 10 in Chico, May 17 in Walnut Creek, and on **May 31 in Fresno** especially for our conference 8 (Pastor Karen will be helping to lead this one). Faith is allotted two lay voting members – are you interested? Please talk to Kathleen or Pastor Karen. Registration deadline is April 26, and the council has budgeted funds to pay for the registration.

Council meeting – Tuesday, June 17 3:00 PM, in the narthex.

Bible Study “Pericope” not “periscope”

Our Bible study for the summer is a “pericope” (*per-ih-cuh-pee*) study, looking at the lessons for the Sunday coming up. What do we notice in our readings? What do we wonder about? What delights us or concerns us? This kind of study helps us to get more out of the readings as we hear them on Sunday... and your insights could make it into the sermon, so that you will be part of the ministry of proclaiming the good news of God in Jesus Christ! You are invited to join anytime and be a part of this weekly dive into the scriptures. **Wednesdays at 3:00 PM** in the narthex.

Breakfast Fellowship – Tuesdays 8 AM

You are invited to gather with Faith folks for breakfast each week, **Tuesdays at 8 AM**, even-numbered days at **Grounds** and odd-numbered days at the **Murphys Hotel**. 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.

Potluck – June 22

The summer solstice is June 20, and just for fun, we will have a potluck after worship on Sunday June 22. Please sign up in the narthex to bring your favorite summer dish!

Synod Assembly June 14 – “Do Not Lose Heart”

The Sierra Pacific Synod will hold its business meeting Assembly on Saturday, June 14, by Zoom. Before that, there is an in-person Regional Gathering at Hope Lutheran in Fresno on May 31. The theme this year is “Do not lose heart” (2 Cor. 4:16). Thank you to Kaarn and Rob Westerhoff, who will be serving as voting members from Faith. Find and follow all the info here: <https://www.spselca.org/synod-assembly-2025>

Congregational Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the congregational meeting on May 18. Council members were elected, and we received the Annual Report. If you were not there and would like an Annual Report, please email the office. Elected to a new two-year term: Kathleen Walsh, president; Susi Lewis, treasurer; and KC Anderson, property. Continuing for another year in their current term: Wayne Earthman, vice president; Carol Lagomarsino, secretary; and Kaarn Egge, worship & music. Thank you all for serving as leaders among us! We will install the council during worship later in June.

Happy Birthday

June Birthdays

Henry Ferguson	24 th
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July Birthdays

Liz Armstrong	17 th	Isaak Walsh	29 th
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Vickie Burita	3 rd
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July Anniversary

Pastor Karen and David Johnson	17 th
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Sunday Date	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Reader/ Worship Assistant	Rob Westerhoff	Janet Skenfield	Liz Gilbert/ KC Anderson	KC Anderson	Kathleen Walsh
Altar Care	KC Anderson	Annette Stout	Carol Lagomarsino	Kathleen Walsh	Kaarn Westerhoff
Counters	Rob and Kaarn Westerhoff	KC Anderson	Kathleen Walsh	Carol Lagomarsino	Rob and Kaarn Westerhoff

Thanks for serving

Sunday Date	July 6	July 13	July 18	July 27
Theme	Third Sunday in Easter	Fourth Sunday in Easter	Fifth Sunday in Easter	Sixth Sunday in Easter
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Altar Care	Annett Stout	Kaarn Westerhoff	Carol Lagomarsino	Kathy Walsh
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*Do justice, love kindness, and
walk humbly with the Lord.
Micah 6:8*