



Serving Christ in the Heart of the Umpqua



Faith News

Welcome

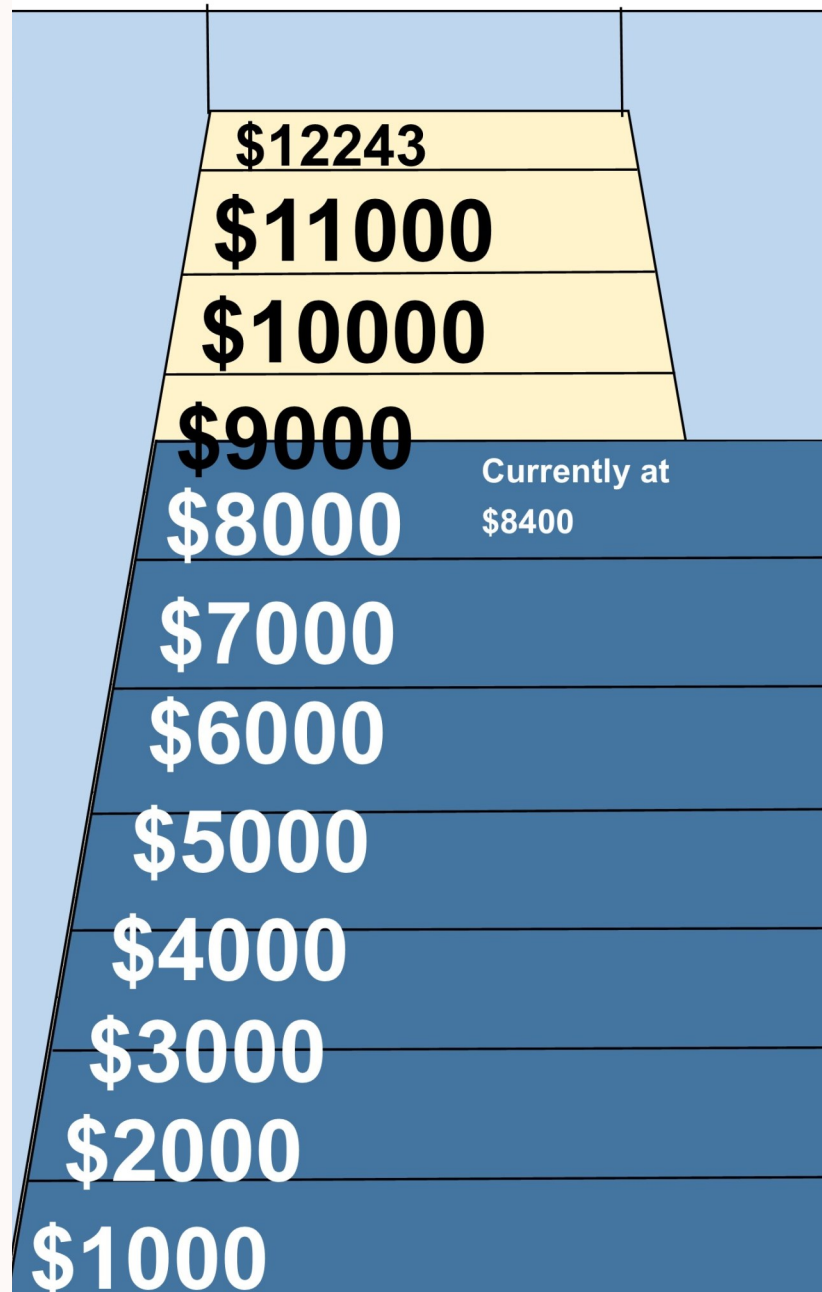
We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace everyone as a whole person, with questions, doubts, complexities and all. We are moved by God's grace to welcome all who have ever felt marginalized, no matter your gender identity, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, marital status, or faith background. We welcome you as we worship, learn, and share Christ's love together.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB:
WWW.FAITHROSEBURG.ORG

FELLOWSHIP HALL CARPET



See page 5 for updated information on Fellowship Hall Flooring Drive

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person 8:30am Sunday & Live Streamed
<https://streamlabs.com/faithlutheranchurchroseburg>

How wonderful it is to smell the flowers as we walk in the parks, gather with friends outside, or enjoy the fragrance of freshly cut flowers from our garden. Spring is indeed a marvelous time. "Earth Day" was on April 22 and I will take the time to GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD and OUR CREATOR! What a blessing it is to live on our Mother Earth, created by God to give us nourishment and encouragement. On Sunday May 10, Mother's Day, I'll be sharing more about how we have an attitude of "Care for God's Creation," from a very Christocentric way of exploring the way we walk on Earth.

Let's take a look at a passage that is all about The Resurrection—Living in Hope. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you."* These words were sent by Peter from Rome to the churches in Asia Minor while he was awaiting trial. They give us great encouragement and hope.

Let's think back to the text from Luke 24. I think some of the saddest words in the Bible are, "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel," spoken by the disciples who were on the road to Emmaus on that afternoon, almost 2000 years ago. They were joined by Jesus as they trudged back to their village. But they did not recognize him until he revealed himself to them in the breaking of the bread. They had despaired because the man who had raised so many hopes with his miracles and holy teachings had been cruelly killed. They thought that their hope had died with Jesus on the cross. Once Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it & gave it to his disciples, they recognized him. Jesus revealed himself in the "breaking of the bread." They knew instantly the truth of the women who had come back from the tomb saying that the stone had been rolled away & that two angels told them Jesus had arisen. What they had thought an idle tale was TRUE! Their hope, joy, & ultimately their salvation were true.

Sometimes, we in the church can feel somewhat hopeless, somewhat adrift. When there is a change in leadership, or a friend dies, or someone we love is sick—we can feel hopeless. Sometimes our church's finances can be uncertain, or we would like to have more visitors who become members, or we feel like we need to be uplifted, rather than doing the uplifting. We had hoped things would be easier. But that kind of hope dies when our sinner-sides show up for church as often as our saintly-sides.

Fortunately, by God's grace, we have a deep hope that sustains us in disappointment and failure. Through the water of Baptism we are permanently connected to a hope that lives no matter what the world does. The deepest truth of our life together is the certainty that God has already won the victory over death & hopelessness. Living & working in that hope equips us to do the work of Christ & his church.

Leaders are called by God to build a bridge from the hopelessness of mistrust and judgment to the living hopefulness of joy, mercy, and peace. That bridge is built from the bricks that God gives us to structure the life of faith, regular worship, Bible study, daily prayer, acts of love for our neighbor, holy listening to one another, and a selfless hospitality that welcomes every person as a gift from God.

We cannot build that bridge alone. God gives us the tools, guides our hands, and fills our hearts as we work. God has given us a living hope that has the power to transform the world with love & gather all people to Jesus Christ. By God's grace we are saved from despair and freed to lead in HOPEFULNESS. Amen, let it be so.





Lots of things are happening at the Fish Pantry.

First of all, The Fish Pantry is having an event to celebrate 50 years since it began. That event will happen on Saturday, May 14th from 10.30a-2.30p. There will be some speeches about 1p but there will also be neighboring non-profits there to talk about services they provide. There will be tours of the pantry and much more. Please plan to attend.

TIME To
Celebrate

As things return to normal at the church, please remember to bring your food donations as you come. We will probably not bring to the front but please bring and put it in the usual spot in the back. Other small things you can do to help also include bringing empty plastic bags and put them in the orange barrel in the alcove on the way to the fellowship hall. There is also blue bags underneath the mailboxes. Please take a couple and put your empty soda and water bottles in

them. You can return to the bottle drop and Fish will get the credit for it. Also, if you shop at Fred Meyer, you can sign up for community rewards on their website . You only have to do it once and it costs you nothing. Fred Meyer uses that to direct their community dollars that they give back. These are all just small things but they add up.

As always, thanks for your support and I hope to see on May 14 to meet our new executive director and tour the pantry.



~Nis Jessen,
Fish Pantry Board President

News on New Flooring in the Fellowship Hall



We now have \$8400 toward making our hall updated and user friendly. Every little bit helps toward reaching our goal of \$12,243.00.

Each square can be purchased for only \$13.00! You can buy one square, two squares, three squares or more! You could even buy a whole box for \$234.00!

We only have \$3,843 left to reach this goal!

Donations can be placed in the offering plate, please note on your check or envelope that the money is for the Fellowship Flooring, you can also mail a check to Faith Lutheran P.O Box 2349, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, donations can also be dropped by the church office.

Consider donating to this project.



FELC Income Vs. Expenses

Income	Expense	Income Vs. Expenses
\$48,481.06	\$46,568.38	\$1,912.68



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

We are having a Birthday bash for all of the last two years of birthdays this Sunday, May 1st.

Bring your coins, cash, or checks. We will have birthday cake to celebrate!

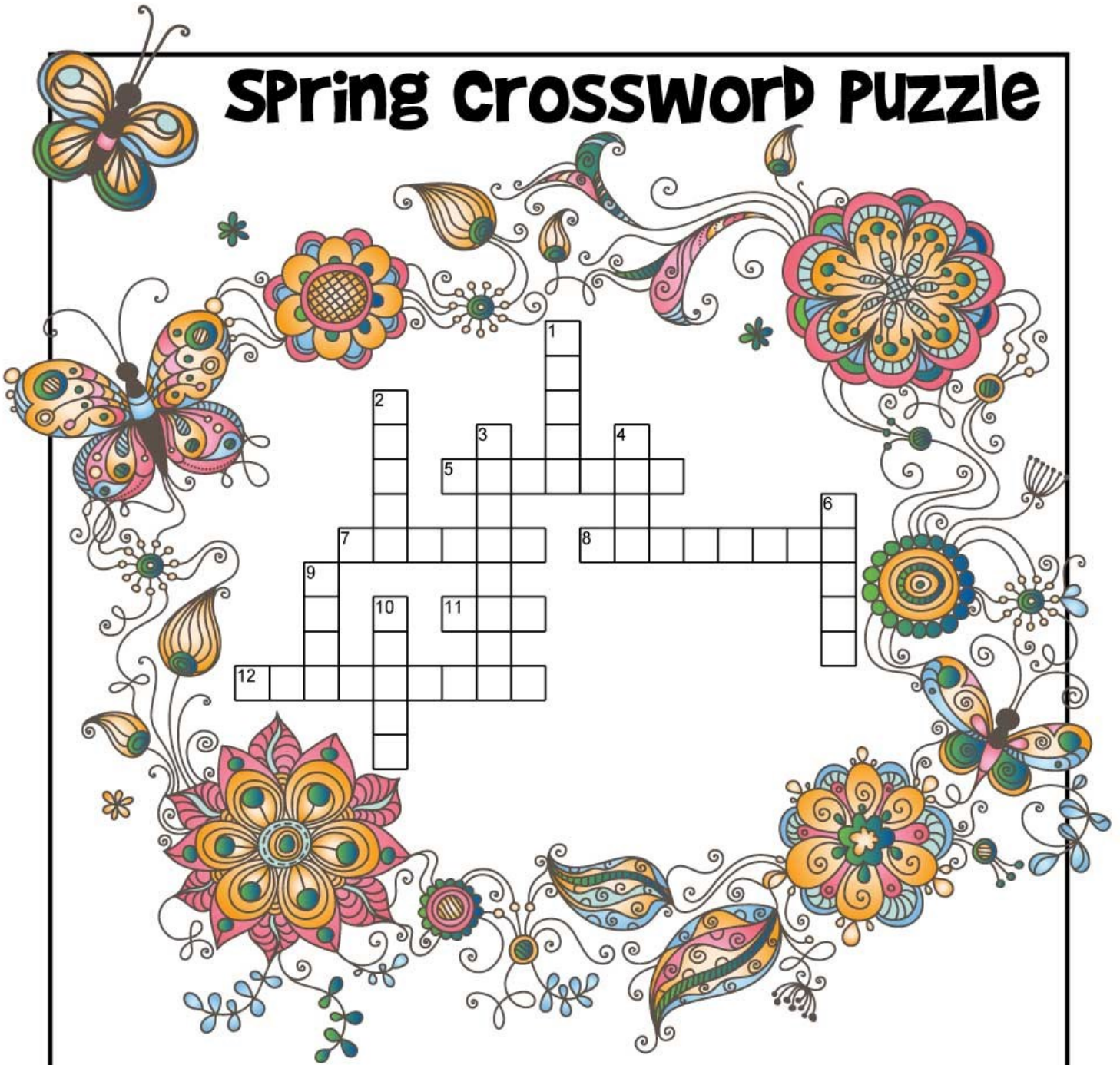
After this Sunday, the birthday celebrations will continue to be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.



The McCue family welcomed our first grandbaby into the family. Reed Iris Minch was born to our daughter Chloe' and her husband Jon Minch on Monday, April 11 (she shares her bday with her Aunt Rain) at 7:50 am. She weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great and she is the love of all of our lives.



Spring crossword puzzle



Across

5. A spectrum of color in the sky when it rains.
7. A colorful plant with leaves and petals.
8. A circular device that keeps the rain off your head.
11. The month in which we celebrate moms.
12. A winged insect that comes in many colors.

Down

1. One of the earliest birds to appear in spring.
2. _____ showers bring May flowers.
3. A sport played with a bat and ball.
4. The early bird gets the _____.
6. The month in which spring starts.
9. When snow and ice turn into water.
10. The color of grass once it comes back to life.



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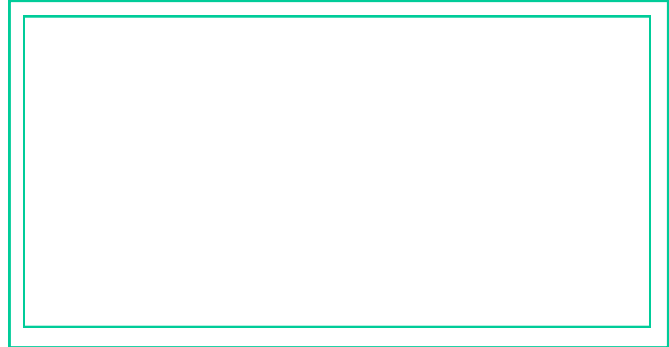
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