

*May 2026 Edition*

# *Monthly Newsletter*

## *FAITH* Lutheran Church



*This month we celebrate the 6th anniversary  
of becoming an RIC congregation.*



*Thank you for your commitment to welcoming all God's children!*

### **Welcome Statement**

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.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

In-person & Live Streamed at 9:30am

Livestreamed on YouTube:

*Faith Lutheran Church Roseburg*

# PASTORS LETTER

I didn't realize when I became a pastor how much time I would spend wrestling with computers, working through issues with websites and online service providers - for everything from word processing, email, zoom, church finance software, websites, live streaming services, domains, copiers, phone systems and much more. Jackie and I keep trying to simplify things here at church -- to save money and also to make it easier to manage -- but every step involves a whole host of new issues. They often ask for our IT (Information Technology) department...and we simply say, "Unfortunately, that's us." The reality is that churches are run by amateurs for the most part. Every once in a while, an expert gets involved in things...but that usually just makes it worse for the amateurs that follow them because we're left trying to manage complicated set-ups that we don't completely understand.



I'm guessing some of you can relate to this...the frustrations of the technology we all live with that both makes our life so much easier and so much harder at the very same time. Some of us might remember and long for the days when an electric typewriter and answering machine were the height of technology. There was so much less to go wrong. Sure, we can put together and print fancy bulletins and newsletters and have a snazzy directory on our phones. We can get information out to everyone with the click of a mouse...but every one of those cool things comes with extra costs and extra headaches. The good and the bad come together...and that is the world we live in.

Of course, that has always been the world we live in. The good and the bad always come together. With every gain, something is lost. With every change, we have to say goodbye to what is familiar. With every exciting new development and every beautiful new relationship, life gets more complicated. And as we try to navigate a path through it all, we can lose our bearings and get frustrated and discouraged. And it's understandable...because we're *all* just amateurs, really. This is our first life, after all. And even if we have some expertise in one area of our lives...there are so many other areas that we will just have to muddle through. We are all simply human and there is no getting around it.

And that's the good news. You get to be human. This is your first life and you aren't supposed to have all the answers. You get to make mistakes. You get to grieve. You get to feel overwhelmed at times. You are not God.

But...dear friends....you are **beloved** by God. So very *beloved*. And this ordinary, sometimes overwhelmed and exhausted life you live is utterly beautiful. And at every step along the way, God wraps you in grace that is exceedingly more than you could ask or imagine. You were never supposed to know it all or be it all or have it all. You are simply created to be the beautiful ordinary amateur you are, living your first life. And there is grace for you. So much grace. You are enough.

And to that I say, "Thank God."

Pastor Janine



### **May 30th Synod-Wide Worship!**

Our Oregon Synod Assembly is online this year, and you are all invited to join in the *Zoom Worship service* on **May 30th at 10:30am**

[Register HERE and save the date to join the saints from all across Oregon at 10:30 for an online worship service.](#)



**Pentecost Sunday** is Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Wearing red on Pentecost is a great tradition: it's an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As "tongues of fire" came to rest on these disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather together and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God's Spirit. The red is a sign that the good news of Jesus came to all who were there in a language they could understand from people with whom they would not otherwise have communicated.

# COUNCIL CORNER

## March/April Council Corner

The 2026 Church Council has committed itself to building strong communication channels both within the council and with the congregation. If you ever find yourself with questions or items to discuss that impacts the whole congregation and our community, please reach out to any council member and/or the pastors.

The 2026 Council includes:

Wendy Jessen - President and Stewardship liaison

Charles Lee - Secretary and Legacy liaison

Mark Allen - Treasurer and Finance/Budget liaison

Scott Beery - Property liaison

Jane Hill - Worship/Music and In-Reach liaison

Kim Reida - Embracing Diversity liaison

Erik Schnautz - Outreach liaison

Gwen Soderberg - Worship/Music and WOF liaison

Each council meeting begins with a devotion led by a council member. We are also reminded each meeting of the characteristics of respectful and productive discussions. The council approved guidelines are posted on the conference room wall.

The following topics have kept discussions lively and fruitful.

### Church Events and Ministries

- **Abelskiver Brunch** has been postponed from April to sometime in the fall.
- **Spaghetti Dinner and Auction** is planned for Friday, May 29. Al and Barb Townsley will lead the effort with support from WOF and others. Individuals and groups are encouraged to plan a basket, service or item(s) to auction. Funds will be used to support the new HVAC system.
- **A Little Food Pantry** was approved by the council to be placed next to the Little Library on church property. Members and friends are encouraged to keep the library full of non-perishable food products to be accessed by our neighbors to address food insecurities.

## Property

- **HVAC System** - Council approved the start of the new HVAC system installation. Electrical upgrades will take place first. The goal is to have the system in place ASAP as funds become available.
- A partnership with the VA is being pursued for **Landscaping Maintenance**. Patients at the VA involved with workforce development activities will mow, weed and trim under the supervision of a VA staff member.

## Finance/Budget

- All financial reports are reviewed monthly. Congregation members are encouraged to request documents when desired.
- **WOF** accounts are being added to the church designated funds for all future income and disbursements.

## Embracing Diversity

- The Embracing Diversity group has planned a movie night for May 17th - "Will & Harper", a documentary about actor Will Ferrell and his lifelong friend who came out as a trans woman. They are also rescheduling the conversation with Sam Friedman from the Jewish Havurah group that meets here at Faith.

## Worship/Music

- **Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Services** were once again joint efforts with First Presbyterian, First United Methodist and St. George Episcopal churches. Excellent feedback has been shared about our services.
- Planning for new music and use of instruments is in the works.
- Bible Studies during the Lenten season were incorporated into services and after service on Sundays.

## In-Reach

- **In-Reach** regularly reaches out to members with cards. Social events including bowling and game afternoons have also been planned to help us to get to know each other better.

## Women of Faith

- **WOF** is continuing the third Sunday Savory Treats and Bake Sale. Each sale is designated to a particular ministry.
- A **Bible Study** led by Stephanie Roberst on the Fourth Friday at noon is being held using the magazine “Gather”.
- The church has been gifted furniture by the Paulson family made in Norway to help make the center classroom inviting for WOF and other groups.

The church council typically meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:15. All interested members are invited to attend.

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From the **In-Reach** Folks – May is a 5 Sunday month and the selected non-profit focus is Habitat for Humanity. They appreciate volunteers of all skill levels, that may be the biggest need. Scott Beery will share about their current projects and share more specific needs.

Please consider giving any amount of time or donation. Assisting and participating in a deed that will provide a family with the opportunity to own a new home at an affordable cost and rate.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

|                                        |                                                   |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>   | <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>                              |
| <b><u>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></u></b>   | <i>Mother's Day</i>                               |
| <b><u>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></u></b> | Lewis and Beverly Paulson Memorial                |
| <b><u>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></u></b>   | Movies with meanings “ <i>Will &amp; Harper</i> ” |
| <b><u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>  | Council Meeting                                   |
| <b><u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>   | WOF Bible study                                   |
| <b><u>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></u></b>   | <b>Day of Pentecost</b> (Wear <b>RED</b> today)   |
| <b><u>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>   | <i>Memorial Day</i>                               |
| <b><u>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></u></b> | Brewed Theology                                   |
| <b><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>   | Spaghetti Dinner & Auction                        |
| <b><u>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></u></b> | Synod Assembly                                    |
| <b><u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></u></b>   | Cyber Awareness Presentation                      |

## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Our Movie with Meanings this month is ***Will and Harper*** Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm, in the Paulson Room (across from conference room).

*Will & Harper* is a 2024 American documentary film directed by Josh Greenbaum and following actor Will Ferrell and writer Harper Steele as the duo make a 17-day road trip across the United States, the latter having recently completed a gender transition.



Peter Debruge of *Variety* wrote that "It can sound like a cliché to say that any given movie is what the world needs now, but *Will & Harper* earns that distinction. Struggling to recognize her own beauty in a society that often seems determined to deny her identity altogether, Steele brings the trans experience down to earth. Meanwhile, by

accepting his fledgling gal pal on her own terms—and asking how to make her more comfortable in her own skin—Ferrell sets the best kind of example. We should all be so lucky as to have friends like these. Bilge Ebiri of *Vulture* ended his review: "The film's familiarity may well be part of its design. It clearly wants to help change hearts and minds and find purchase with audiences that would otherwise avoid a movie with a subject like this.



This Brewed Theology gets into mental health and how people of faith can and should engage. Another deep and necessary conversation. Join us on

Thursday, May 28, 2:30pm and 6:30pm  
at Brix in the Upper Room



## Summer Trip to the Theater in Coquille

Mark your calendars for a day of fun and laughter at the Sawdust Theater in Coquille! This year's production is "***Calamity at the Coquille Creamery or Udder Confusion***". Tickets are \$12.00 and we have the option of two dates to attend as a group: **Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**. Both performances begin at 2:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex beginning May 17<sup>th</sup>.



We will be carpooling to these events, so if you would like to go but don't want to drive, just make a note next to your name. On the other hand, if you plan on driving and have extra seats, please note that and how many you can take next to your name.

Be prepared to sit back, enjoy, "Boo" and "Hiss" and "Ahh" as the villain pursues the heroine! A fun time to be had by all, come along and enjoy the afternoon with your Faith family and friends.



The **Women of Faith Bible study** is the **4<sup>th</sup> Friday's of each month** in the room across from the conference room – Sunday School Room.

Ladies, bring a bag lunch and join us  
**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am in the Paulson Room**



Mark your calendars for this easy to understand and informative talk about "*Cyber Security Awareness*". Join us in the Fellowship Hall **after worship Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**.





## **Women of Faith**

### *Annual Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner*

**Date:** *Saturday, May 29,*  
**Time:** *6:00 p.m.*  
**Location:** *Faith Lutheran Church*  
*820 W. Kenwood*  
*Roseberg, OR 97471*



**Do you have something to donate for AUCTION??**

- **A themed basket built by you or a group?**
- **A cherished item?**
- **A skill to share?**
- **Something yummy you've made?**

**All money earned will go to the HVAC fund to keep us warm in the winter and cool in the summer.**

**Bring your items to the office during the week or to the fellowship hall on Sunday. Items must be at church by Sunday,**

### **Dinner Ticket Prices:**

\$15 per person

\$35 per family of 3 or more (all must live in the same household).

Tickets can be purchased by stopping by the church office during business hours (9:30am - 4:00pm Monday – Thursday) after each service on Sundays or at the door on Saturday.

**Both Vegan and Gluten –free options will be available.**

# The FISH of Roseburg

## April 2026 Service Summary

FOODSERVICE: This month, the FISH Pantry was Open 23 times for 49 Hours

| Totals for the Month |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Families:            | 1387 |
| Persons:             | 3063 |

| <u>Family Size:</u> |     |    |    | <u>Age Groups:</u> |     |       |     |
|---------------------|-----|----|----|--------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| 1                   | 810 | 5  | 82 | 0-4                | 125 | 25-44 | 611 |
| 2                   | 174 | 6  | 47 | 5-17               | 523 | 45-64 | 571 |
| 3                   | 121 | 7  | 42 | 18-24              | 239 | 65+   | 396 |
| 4                   | 89  | 8+ | 22 |                    |     |       |     |

**491 Anonymous clients for the Homeless Outreach Project**

Areas of Service:

Roseburg Area: 554 Households (39.9%)  
 Outside Roseburg, but within DC (includes anonymous): 825 Households (59.5%)  
 Outside of Douglas County: 8 (0.6%)  
 North: 90                      South: 80                      East: 9                      West: 76

Miscellaneous Information:

Pantry Volunteers: 57    Volunteer hours: 504

Retail Non-Food Purchases: \$282.50



Retail Food Purchases: Total 12097 lbs \$9714.15

Wholesale Purchases: Total 1098 lbs \$874.14

UCAN/ OFB Donation: Total 5764 lbs \$355.36

USDA (Federal Food Program): Total 0 lbs

**Grand Total FISH Pantry Food Expenditures: \$10943.65**

Food Donations Direct to FISH: Total 14352 lbs Includes:

Churches: 247 lbs, Other/Community: 2178 lbs, and Roseburg Food Project: 11927 lbs

**Total Food Purchased and Donated: 33311 lbs**

GAS SERVICES: FISH provided 12 gas vouchers totaling \$300

SHELTER SERVICES: FISH provided 0 person equaling 0 nights of emergency shelter: Totaling \$0

DOORDASH SERVICES: FISH provided 37 at home deliveries.

See our website for current news about the FISH – <http://fishofroseburg.org>

The FISH of Roseburg is an agency of the Greater Douglas United Way

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

As we become busier, we have more committees returning, including the Mutual Ministry committee. Their job is to care for the pastors, discuss new ideas, and be attentive to the needs of the congregation.



Mutual  
Ministry the

Most of you are familiar with this committee, below is a description of their role and responsibilities as described in constitution.

Mutual Ministry from our FELC Constitution -

The mission of the MUTUAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE is to support strong, healthy relationships between the pastors and congregation. Their role is to care for the pastors and to help (a) facilitate open communication about expectations, attitudes, and concerns within the congregation; (b) identify early warning signs of misunderstandings; (c) provide a “listening post” for the pastors and the members; (d) serve as a group with whom the pastors can test new ideas and share confidential matters; (e) conduct annual review and affirmation of the pastors; (f) plan for continuing education and sabbaticals that benefit both the mission of the congregation and ministry of the staff; and (g) assess each year the working conditions, compensation, housing and benefits provided to the pastors. Our Mutual Ministry consists of:

Rebecca Allen, Ken Hoffine, Cindy Kent, Terry Sickler.



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u></b><br/>In-person &amp; Live Streamed at 9:30am<br/>Livestreamed on YouTube:<br/><i>Faith Lutheran Church Roseburg</i></p> |
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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                       | MONDAY                                                 | TUESDAY                                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                            | THURSDAY                                                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                          | SATURDAY                                        |
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| 3<br>8:15a Crossroads<br>9:30a Worship<br>10:30a Celebration of May's Birthdays & Anniversaries<br>10:30a Genesis Bible Study<br>7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg                       | 4<br>10:00p Watercolor Fellowship                      | 5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i><br>Noon Alanon – Brown Baggers<br>6:30p Joint Youth Group at FUMC                                 | 6<br>10:00a Morning Prayer St G<br>10:30a Bible Study – St G<br>4:30pm Crossroads Rhsl<br>6:00p Women's AA<br>6:30p Alanon – Easy Doers<br>7:00p NA Meeting                          | 7<br>1:00p Lydia's Ladies Quilting<br>7:00p Mt Nebo AA Mtg                                                    | 8                                                               | 9                                               |
| 10 <i>Mother's Day</i><br>8:15a Crossroads<br>9:30a Worship Service<br>10:30a WOF Meeting<br>10:30a Coffee & Refreshments<br>7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg                           | 11<br>10:00p Watercolor Fellowship                     | 12<br>Noon Alanon – Brown Baggers<br>3:00p Outreach Mtg<br>6:30p Joint Youth Group at FUMC<br>6:00p U.V.N.P.S. Meeting   | 13<br>10:00a Morning Prayer St G<br>10:30a Bible Study – St G<br>4:30pm Crossroads Rhsl<br>6:00p Women's AA<br>6:30p Alanon – Easy Doers<br>7:00p NA Meeting                         | 14<br>1:00p Lydia's Ladies Quilting<br>7:00p Mt Nebo AA Mtg                                                   | 15                                                              | 16<br>1:00p Paulson Memorial                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        | Jackie on Vacation                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                                 |                                                 |
| 17<br>8:15a Crossroads<br>9:30a Worship Service<br>10:30a WOF Bake Sale<br>10:30a Genesis Bible Study<br>5:00p Movie: "Will & Harper"<br>7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg               | 18<br>10:00p Watercolor Fellowship                     | 19<br>Noon Alanon – Brown Baggers<br>3:00p In-Reach Meeting<br>5:15p Council Meeting<br>6:30pm Joint Youth Group at FUMC | 20<br>9:30a P.E.O. Meeting<br>10:00a Morning Prayer St G<br>10:30a Bible Study – St G<br>4:30pm Crossroads Rhsl<br>6:00p Women's AA<br>6:30p Alanon – Easy Doers<br>7:00p NA Meeting | 21<br>1:00p Lydia's Ladies Quilting<br>7:00p Mt Nebo AA Mtg                                                   | 22<br>Noon WOF Bible Study                                      | 23                                              |
| 24 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i><br>8:15a Crossroads<br>9:30a Worship Service<br>10:30am Chicken Sunday<br>7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg                                                   | 25 <i>Memorial Day</i><br>10:00p Watercolor Fellowship | 26<br>Noon Alanon – Brown Baggers<br>6:30pm Joint Youth Group at FUMC                                                    | 27<br>10:00a Morning Prayer St G<br>10:30a Bible Study – St G<br>4:30pm Crossroads Rhsl<br>6:00p Women's AA<br>6:30p Alanon – Easy Doers<br>7:00p NA Meeting                         | 28<br>1:00p Lydia's Ladies Quilting<br>2:30p Brewed Theology<br>6:30p Brewed Theology<br>7:00p Mt Nebo AA Mtg | 29<br>6:00p WOF Present the Annual "Spaghetti Dinner & Auction" | 30<br>10:30a Oregon Synod Assembly Zoom Worship |
| 31<br>8:15a Crossroads<br>9:30a Worship Service<br>10:30a Genesis Bible Study<br>10:30a Coffee & Refreshment<br>10:45a Cyber Awareness Presentation<br>7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg |                                                        |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                               |                                                                 |                                                 |