



Faith News

November
2025

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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Give thanks
in all circumstances;
for this is the
will of God
in Christ Jesus
for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person & live streamed at 9:30am

Livestream:

<https://streamlabs.com/faithlutheranchurchroseburg>

PASTORS LETTER

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? (Habakkuk 1:2)

Let us pray

O God,

I am undone by the weight of it all. The cruelty. The lies. The faces of those who suffer while the powerful satisfy themselves on their pain.

Every headline feels like another blow to the ribs, and I can no longer tell if I am angry, grieving or numb.

I work, I scroll, I watch, I study, I listen, and I cannot turn away.

Children wailing in the dust, the vulnerable being abused, the Earth cracking beneath greed, neighbors despising neighbors, and those who bear your name using it to bless violence.

Where are you, O God of mercy? Why do you seem so silent while the truth is strangled, and justice mocked?

Have you grown weary of our prayers, or are we simply too overwhelmed by it all to hear your reply?

I confess, Lord, I feel powerless. My words fall flat, my strength fails, and my hope flickers like a candle in the wind of this world's madness.

But still,

Even in despair, I will not stop calling your name. I will not stop joining the work of those who insist on loving their neighbors.

You who brought life out of dust, You who split the seas, You who were crucified by cruelty itself Rise again!

Teach us to hope as those who refuse to look away.

Give us courage to love when the world worships power.

And when all strength is spent, hold us in the dark

Until Your light returns.

Amen.

Rev. Benjamin Cremer (Oct. 13, 2025)



The People of God have a very long history of going toe to toe with the Creator of the Universe. Jesus, amid breathing his last breath on the cross, was speaking for all the abused, the vulnerable, the lowly, the hurt, the angry, the lost when he yelled ... “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?!?!?”

When answers are few and far, if at all. When the weight of grief falls heavy on our neighbors and on us and all we have is our voice, crying: “Where are you ... Why are you silent ... How long will you seem so far away??” We gather as a community of believers and surround the vulnerable, and each other, with our hearts and our prayers. And as we wait for God’s promises to be realized, we gather to do what we can. Life and Faith are a Team Sport. I know our Redeemer lives!! And so shall we.

Pastor Matt



COUNCIL CORNER

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We had a productive council meeting Thursday evening October 16, 2025.

We learned that Tracy Parker has resigned from the council and we wish her well and regret that she has left us.

We spent much of the meeting dealing with financial and property issues. There is always some focus on financial issues as we head into the year-end budget writing season and Stewardship Sunday reminds us of our opportunities to more enthusiastically support the mission of the church.

This is written before the Octoberfest Celebration and you will read it after the celebration, but I really look forward to a fun event, which is also a kick-off for capital fundraising for the new ductless heating and cooling units to replace the present patchwork and unreliable boiler and vent and blower system. The new system should be cheaper to operate, provide cooling as well as heat, and will avoid the ever-increasing chance of a catastrophic and expensive failure of the boiler system. It has served us as well as it could, but it is time for it to retire.

It seems to me that we have had more life and enjoyment in the weekly services lately than we had for a long time, particularly as we have seen more young people taking part in the services. The more vigorous the church can be in pursuing its mission the more successful the church can be. Stewardship Sunday is a time to dig into our pockets to support the mission of the church, but is also an opportunity to appreciate the chances to volunteer and serve the church's mission other than by monetary donations. At the same time, we must remember that the church's costs go up year by year just as all of us have costs that rise.

God Bless You All!

Charles Lee

COMMITTEE CORNER

Embracing Diversity

We invite anyone who would like to have input or join us to attend meetings. Our Next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 18, at 4:30 in the Atrium.**

Your Embracing Diversity Team

In-Reach

Just a heads-up and an invite to join! In **November** we will be collecting needed items for **Saving Grace**. A printed list will be available to us at the beginning of the month. We will also be able to access a “wish list” online.

You may bring your items to church any time during the month, and they will be presented at the altar each Sunday. They will remain around the altar until the end of November and be delivered to **Saving Grace** in early **December.**

November is a month with five Sundays. We are hoping to use these 5-Sunday months in the future to choose other non-profits, find out their needs, and do what we do so well: reach out and help others.

The next 5-Sunday month is March 2026. If you know of an organization that may benefit from this service, please let Jackie or someone on the In-Reach committee know.

We have moved our **meetings** to the **third Tuesday's at 3:00pm in the Atrium.**

Next Meeting is **Wednesday, November 18, at 4:30 in the Atrium..**

From your In-Reach Committee

Outreach Meeting on **Tuesday, November 4, at 3:00 in the Atrium**

Worship and Music Committee meeting is
Tuesday, November 4, at 4:30 in the pastors office

Web & Mobile Giving

*The two options for giving at Faith are Web and Mobile giving.
Both these options are powered by tithe.ly (recommended by the ELCA).*

To give via the web go to:

<https://faithroseburg.org/online-giving/>

To give via your mobile device (phone and/or tablet), make sure location services is turned on, go to your android or iPhone App store, search for Tithe.ly Click on ELCA giving tool by tithe.ly and download (get) the App.

It is super simple!!



HVAC:

After many years of limping by with an outdated boiler system for heat, we will be upgrading our heating and air conditioning systems next year,. We had 3 different HVAC companies come, inspect, and give bids. Mahalo, Pacific Air, and Addcox.

After council meetings and many discussions it was decided we would go with Addcox Heating Center. Their bid came in at \$55,520.00 for 8 Daikin units. In addition, preliminary estimates for the electricity will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. This new HVAC system will be much more efficient than our present setup and will bring dependable heat and air conditioning into the Sanctuary, Atrium, and Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for grants to help offset this cost and have promising leads. These grants would help but not pay for the entire installation. We do not yet know the grant amounts for this project, so we are starting a fundraising campaign in anticipation of our new HVAC system. It starts with *Oktoberfest*. So, we look forward to this next fun fundraising event and to our warmer (and cooler) days ahead.

Here are the most common reasons for upgrading:

If your current boiler struggles to meet your building's needs, it might be time to consider a replacement. Aging or inefficient systems can lead to higher energy costs, frequent breakdowns, and uneven heating — issues no business can afford to ignore.

Here are a few key signs that your boiler needs replacement:

- The boiler is over 15 to 20 years old. ✓
- Your energy bills have significantly increased. ✓
- Repairs have become more frequent and costly. ✓
- It struggles to maintain consistent temperatures. ✓
- You notice unusual noises or leaks. ✓
- It fails to meet your building's heating demands. ✓



1. Your Existing Commercial HVAC System is Nearing the End of Its Lifespan - Fewer Repairs, Less Stress

If you have been noticing lower efficiency and overall poor performance, it could be because your old commercial HVAC system installed in the 90's or before is finally

coming to the end of its life. In addition to decreased efficiency, you may find that your system requires more maintenance to keep up with the required workload. Are you tired of paying for frequent repairs? Older boilers can be maintenance nightmares. Upgrading to a new system means fewer breakdowns and lower maintenance costs, so you can spend more time focusing on what matters.

2. The Benefits of Replacing a Commercial Boiler System - Improve Energy Efficiency and Lower Energy Bills

If you have looked at your electricity bill, you already know that a large part – about 40% – of your expenses go towards heating and cooling. Like any business, you are probably always looking for ways to cut costs and reduce expenses, but you may not have considered your commercial HVAC system.

Your heating and cooling bill, while being one of your highest, is also one of your most controllable. Upgrading your system could mean big savings over the next many years! You may also be surprised to know that your local utility company is probably offering rebates and subsidies to help facilitate the purchase of higher efficiency commercial HVAC systems.

Upgrading your commercial boiler isn't just about replacing old equipment — it's about investing in the future of your building's comfort and efficiency. Newer systems, like high-efficiency gas boilers, ductless systems, electric water heaters, or heat pumps, offer advanced technology and plenty of perks that your outdated system can't match.

Modern heating systems are built for efficiency, using less energy to get the job done. Whether it's a gas boiler or a heat pump, these systems can heat your building while cutting down on energy waste, which means noticeable savings on your utility bills.

3. Improve Indoor Air Quality

While we mainly think of our commercial HVAC systems as the reason we stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer, do not forget the additional health benefits the system provides as well! Proper ventilation and filtration facilitates a healthy worship environment.

Update from our
Oktoberfest Capital Fund
Fund-Raiser

Our generous (and possibly cold) members have kicked off the fund with **\$16,214.61**. Wow!
Way to go Faith members and friends!

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

MOVIES WITH MEANINGS

PRESENTS

On November 7th at 6:30pm



FREE
Family
Friendly
Event

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

Bring your
own snacks
and non-
alcoholic
beverages

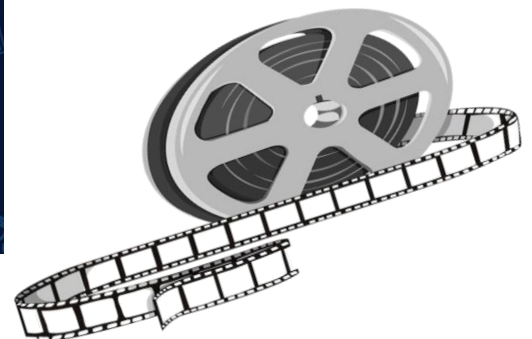
FANCY DANCE

Fancy Dance is a 2023 American drama written and directed by Erica Tremblay (in her feature debut), that unfolds on the Seneca-Cayuga Reservation in Oklahoma. The story follows Jax (Lily Gladstone) and her thirteen-year-old niece Roki (Isabel DeRoy-Olson) after the disappearance of Jax's sister Tawi. As the authorities stall, Jax takes matters into her own hands, spirited Roki away from her white grandparents and embarking on a road-bound journey toward the state powwow. Along the way the film subtly reveals the larger crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women, while tenderly exploring the bond between aunt and niece, the power of cultural resilience, and the everyday struggles of reservation life.

Popcorn and water will be available

Faith Lutheran Church-
Fellowship Hall
follow the parking lot to the back
820 W Kenwood Dr,
Roseburg, OR
Off Harvard, behind Rifes

**Friday
November 7,
6:30pm**

A stylized illustration of a movie theater audience. The audience is shown from behind, sitting in rows of blue seats. They are looking towards a large screen that displays the movie poster for "Fancy Dance". The theater has red walls and a red curtain. The overall theme is cinematic, with film reels and popcorn motifs.

DONUTS FOR DIVERSITY PRESENTS

Join us as we welcome local author Betty Simon, who will share her powerful journey of hope and resilience, as told in her newly released book, *From Orphan to Inspiration: 11 Miracles That Helped Me Escape Death*.

If you'd like to learn more about Betty's story, books will be available for purchase at the event.

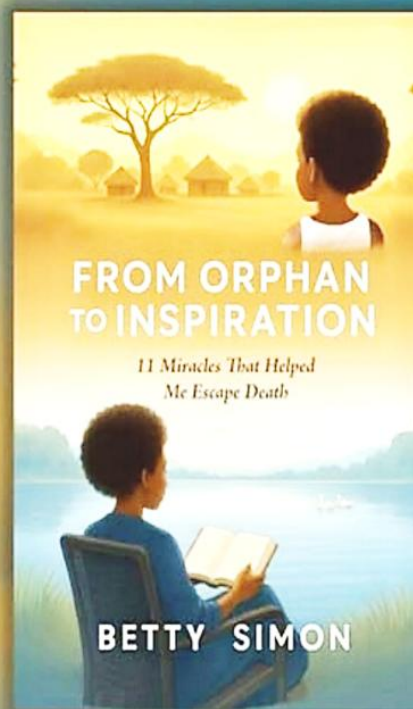
🍩 Donuts and coffee will be provided!

These events are always inspiring and a great opportunity to connect with amazing people in our community.

We hope to see YOU there!

📅 When: November 8, 2025 at 10:30am

📍 Where: Faith Lutheran Church, 820 W. Kenwood St



***Rachel, Mitchell and Marilie Chauvie,
Leah and Nova,
Mary Delong-Nelson.***

**New Member
Reception on
November 16,
2025 during
worship.**

Crafting with Jenn



Join us for **Crafting with Jenn Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 12:30 PM** in the **Fellowship Hall** for a cozy afternoon of creativity! Most or all materials are included depending on project. Details will be shared. Just bring your coffee or hot cocoa and settle in for some relaxing fun. Everyone is welcome!

Brewed Theology

As we head into the busy holiday and Advent season, Brewed Theology will be taking the rest of the year off. We look forward to our conversation with you on January 26, 2025.

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We continue to collect food bags every Sunday for the FISH Pantry.

Please bring your donations to the Sanctuary so it can be brought to the front during worship

We all should to be aware of where our FIRST AID KITS are located.

We have one **under the pew in front of the AV room**, and another in the **kitchen on the counter in the corner**. There are **hygiene kits** in the **women's restroom** as well.

These are for anyone to use as needed.



SAVE THE DATE

November

Tuesday 11/4	Worship Committee Meeting Outreach Meeting
Friday 11/7	Movies with Meanings
Saturday 11/8	Donuts for Diversity "A Refugee's Story"
Sunday 11/9	WOF Meeting
Sunday 11/9	Book of Jonah book study starts
Sunday 11/16	WOF Bake Sale New Member Sunday
Tuesday 11/18	In-Reach Meeting Embracing Diversity Meeting
Thursday 11/20	Council Meeting
Sunday 11/23	Book of Jonah book study Chicken Sunday Crafting with Jenn
Thursday 11/27	THANKSGIVING

*Brewed Theology will take the rest of the year off.
Next meeting is January 22, 2026*

THINGS TO KNOW

**The Schlueter-Greenwalt Foundation Warming Center
is being held at
St. George Episcopal Church
1024 SE Cass Ave Roseburg, OR 97470**

Donations can be dropped off here at Faith Lutheran in the Narthex and at St. George's Episcopal Church

Volunteers are needed. Please consider helping out with this opportunity to help our houseless neighbors.

Gratitude goes both ways when you volunteer...

FOUNDATION WARMING CENTER DONATION REQUESTS

Here's how you can help:

- Warm socks
- Warm hats / beanies
- Warm sweatshirts/jackets/coats
- Warm shirts
- Long pants/sweatpants
- Pull-up disposable Briefs
- Warm gloves
- Blankets
- First aid /Band-aids



Either used or new items are very much appreciated!

To save lives, link resources, and encourage dignity by providing a safe and warm, low-barrier shelter during extreme weather.

To receive warming supplies, share testimonies, and receive God's grace.

Hi friends,

First off, I want to apologize that we didn't get a newsletter out last month. Things have been moving fast here at the pantry, and we've been in full "all hands on deck" mode. I'm hopeful we'll have a November issue ready to go soon!



We've also had some big changes on our team. Bella has left the pantry, and while we'll miss her deeply, we're so proud of the incredible work she's doing over at Douglas CARES. We'll be celebrating her with a going-away potluck lunch at the pantry on Friday, November 8th — if you'd like to stop by and wish her well, please reach out to me for details.

At the same time, we're thrilled to share that Kimberly will be joining our team in November, and we're looking forward to working with her as we continue to grow and serve our community.

Now for a quick update on what's been happening at FISH — and why your support matters more than ever.

We are truly in the middle of a food crisis unlike anything we've seen since the Great Depression. The need for food support has skyrocketed, and we are doing everything we can to keep up.

We've been featured recently in radio, newspaper, and television coverage, which has helped spread awareness — but it's also brought even more families to our doors. Last week alone, we served 834 families, and this week we broke another record with 135 families in a single two-hour shift. Of those 834 families, 150 were brand new to FISH, and about 125 hadn't been to the pantry in over 100 days.

To meet this growing need, we've added new Thursday evening hours from 4–7 pm for those who can't make it during the day. We're running these shifts with a small but mighty volunteer crew, and the community response has been wonderful.

We're also teaming up with Aviva and UCAN to launch the Umpqua Valley Food Rally, a countywide effort to collect and distribute food across Douglas County. The Saturday Market will also be holding a winter food drive, and I'll be picking up donations weekly. It's inspiring to see our community step up — even as the demand continues to rise.

Behind the scenes, we're buying as much food as we can, as often as we can, and putting standing orders in place to help stabilize supply. As always, every shopper who has a number before closing will be served — that's a promise we'll always keep.

Our volunteers are absolute rock stars. They lift, stock, smile, and serve with kindness every single day. If you see one of them or stop by the pantry, please take a moment to thank them — we couldn't do this without them.

We've also had some wonderful community partners step up in big ways:

- Grocery Outlet is working to provide 10% off coupons for our shoppers, helping families stretch their budgets.
- We're beyond grateful for Grocery Outlet, Sherm's, and Franz Bakery, who continue to help with large orders and discounted pricing whenever they can. Please remember to shop at and support these local businesses — they're part of the reason we can keep serving our neighbors.

How You Can Help

If you've been wondering what you can do, here are some simple ways:

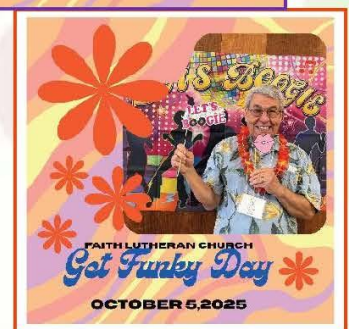
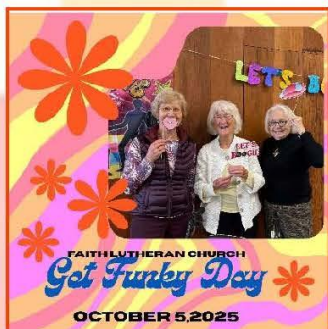
- Volunteer: We need extra help, especially on Mondays, Wednesdays, and our new Thursday evening shift (4–7 pm).
- Donate Food or Funds: Every can and every dollar helps us keep food on the shelves.
- Shop Our Amazon Wish List: It's an easy way to send help directly to the pantry.
- Spread the Word: Share our posts, tell your friends, and remind people that FISH is here for anyone in need of food support.

We are doing everything possible to meet this moment with dignity, compassion, and heart — but we can't do it alone. The more our community understands the urgency, the more we can rally together to keep families fed.

Thank you for being part of this mission, for sharing our story, and for helping us feed our neighbors through these challenging times.

Jenn Reida, Executive Director
afishcalledjenn@gmail.com

LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO





OKTOBERFEST



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH OCTOBER 26, 2025



Conga Line Fun



**The Ein Prosit led by
Pastor Matt**



OKTOBERFEST

2025





CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS - DONT CLICK ON ANYTHING

In 2025 over 25,000.00 people a day are attacked via technology. Here are the top 4 ways they are attacking you,



RANSOMWARE

Ransomware is a type of malware that encrypts the victim's personal data until a ransom is paid. Difficult-to-trace digital currencies such as paysafecard or Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies are commonly used for the ransoms, making tracing and prosecuting the perpetrators difficult.



PHISHING AND SOCIAL ENGINEERING



Social engineering is a broad term for psychological manipulation to trick people into giving up information or taking certain actions, while phishing is a specific type of social engineering attack that uses deceptive emails, texts, or websites to steal sensitive data like passwords and credit card numbers. Phishing is one of the most common social engineering tactics, which also includes other methods like tailgating, pretexting, and baiting.



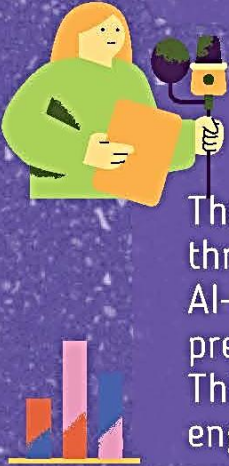
CREATE PERSONALIZED CONTENT

Use technology to create personalized content based on user data.



INTEGRATE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Use social media management tools to integrate and automate posts across multiple platforms.



AI-DRIVEN ATTACKS

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in attacks is a major trend, making threats more dangerous and harder to detect.

AI-driven malware can automatically scan systems, mutate its code, and predict user behavior, leading to more successful and sophisticated attacks. This includes AI-powered phishing and the use of deepfakes for social engineering.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 <u>8:15a</u> Crossroads <u>9:30a</u> Worship Service <u>10:30a</u> Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebration <u>7:00p</u> Mt. Nebo AA Mtg <i>Deviled Egg Day</i>	3 <u>10:00p</u> Watercolor Fellowship	4 <u>Noon</u> Alanon – Brown Baggers <u>2:00pm</u> Worship & Music Comm Mtg <u>3:00pm</u> Outreach Meeting	5 <u>10:00a</u> Morning Prayer St G <u>10:30a</u> Bible Study – St G <u>4:30pm</u> Crossroads Rhsl <u>6:00p</u> Women's AA <u>6:30p</u> Alanon – Easy Doers <u>6:30pm</u> Joint Youth Group <u>7:00p</u> NA Meeting	6 <u>1:00p</u> Lydia's Ladies Quilting <u>7:00p</u> Mt Nebo AA Mtg	7 <u>6:30pm</u> Movies with Meanings "Fancy Dance"	8 <u>10:30am</u> Donuts for Diversity
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