



# Faith News



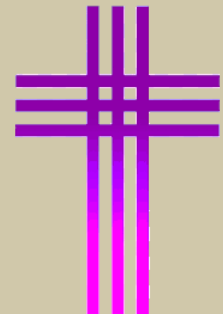
## Worship with us during Lent & Holy Week

### 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.

Inside this issue:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - March 4  
4:30 - 6:00 - St. George Episcopal (make reservations)
- Ash Wednesday Services - March 5  
Noon - St. George Episcopal  
7pm - Faith Lutheran
- Lenten Wednesday Soup & Worship  
@ Faith March 12, 26 and April 9  
@ St. George March 19 and April 2  
5:30 - Soup Supper  
6:30 - Holden Evening Prayer
- Lenten Friday Meditations in Music (March 7 - April 11)  
12:15 - First Presbyterian Church
- Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Service - April 17  
6:00 - Faith Lutheran Church (make reservations)
- Good Friday Worship - April 18  
12:15 - First Presbyterian  
4:30 - St. George Episcopal  
6:00 - First United Methodist
- Easter Vigil - April 19  
6:00 - Faith Lutheran
- Easter Worship - April 20  
6:00 am - Sunrise Service - First United Methodist  
9:30 - Faith Lutheran  
10:30 - St. George Episcopal



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person & live streamed at 9:30am

Livestream:

<https://streamlabs.com/faithlutheranchurchroseburg>

# Pastors Letter

## “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19)

Lent is soon upon us, and it starts with the service called Ash Wednesday where we receive ashes upon our foreheads and these haunting words are said to us ... “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Remember. Remember what, exactly?

In part, we remember that at our core of existence, we are fragile .. we are mortal .. ALL of us! From the most powerful to the least, in truth, we are the same. We are made of dirt and we all will end up where we started. But there is something else that we need to ponder.



In my house growing up, dust was the enemy. Still is as I look over the furniture and see a light film of dust on it. Cleanliness is next to Godliness, right? But I am reminded of a lesson my granddad taught me. He was a master gardener and had the ability to literally make any plant grow. I asked one time how he managed to be so good at it. “It’s easy if you take care of the dirt”, he said. He spent a great deal of time preparing the ground so that life could grow and flourish. Maybe, that is a good way to hear the words of Ash Wednesday and ponder what God in Christ Jesus will be doing to us during Lent. Without Christ, we truly are nothing more than dust. With Christ, we become fertile soil where love, empathy, grace, mercy and compassion can thrive. With Christ we are reminded how important and needed we are for the sake of our neighbor so that they can grow as well. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are all vulnerable. It also reminds us that we are all needed for the sake of life.

Lord, remind us all during this season called Lent.

Pastor Matt

# Council Corner

Hello fellow Faith Members!

The new Faith Council met Thursday, the 20th, and new officers are: Wendy Jessen, President; Kim Reida, Vice President; Charles Lee, Secretary, and Tracy Parker, Treasurer. A very special thank you to Ed Cole, Jennifer Harrington and Debby Russell, who have completed terms on the council. The new Council will have a retreat on Saturday, March 15th, and please know the entire Council is always available for support and questions.

What's coming up? It is time to anticipate Lenten Services, which we will share with St. George's members. Be watching for a schedule, which begins with Shrove Tuesday pancakes at St. George's, on March 4th. YUM! Ash Wednesday services will be held at St. George's, at Noon; and Faith's service will follow at 6:00. You are welcome at either service. Be watching the Newsletter and bulletins for further information.

Finally, as we work together this year, we hope to be financially sound as a congregation. We all have demands and expectations to our personal finances this year! We are hopeful that giving can reflect that the base of our personal faith is our Church, and all it does to help us. As I shared during a service last Fall, we need to support the "nuts and bolts" of our church's operation. Thank you for your prayerful consideration this year for our Pastors, our church structure and its needs, and for each other. As Pastor Matt says, "God Has You, God Holds You, and will never let you go."

Thank you for your support.

Wendy Jessen

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We have our church directory online but it is also available in print for those that prefer a physical copy.

Notify the office for a copy, and a copy will be printed

for you

# Committee Corner

**Embracing Diversity** will *not* be having a meeting on March 12. Our next meeting will be April 9 at 4:30 in the Conference Room.

Our next Donuts for Diversity will be held on May 10. The focus will be how can we support our LGBTQ+ in our community during these difficult times. More information will be shared as it develops. Embracing diversity strives to share information and support people who have been underserved and marginalized. The hope is that as a caring accepting community will support and gain knowledge. We have had Donuts for Diversity meetings dealing with Indigenous peoples, Food insecurities, and dealing with Trauma Informed Care to date, and will continue to share important information. We hope you will attend and support our mission to support and acknowledge the variety of differences that make up God's world.

We will be having a Book Club and will meet once a month beginning on April 23 at 4:30. The book we have chosen is Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know by Malcolm Gladwell. You can access this book free of charge through the Ford Family Foundation website. Go to the Ford Foundation, click on the 3 lines to the upper right and then click Explore. Scroll down to the name of the book, or type the name of the book into the search. It will instruct you how to get the book delivered to you for no charge! If you need help to access this wonderful Ford Family Foundation program ask for assistance from Gwen, Jenn, or Pastor Janine.

If you would like a name tag with your preferred pronoun, please sign up at the sheet by the sign up for Sunday servant and request your preference. Jackie will make a new name tag for you. We also ask that you wear your nametags to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour. There will be a basket by the exit door that you can put your tag in, and it will be returned to your box. It was suggested that you put your box number on the back of your tag so it will be easier to return. You can also return your name tag yourself.



**The In Reach committee** had a meeting on February 27. We are looking for volunteers to help at the Welcome table, located in the entrance hall. Members of the committee will be taking the lead in the hopes that others will step in and choose to help.

A Bowling gathering will be scheduled for April 27 or May 4. Be thinking which would fit best in your schedule. It was great fun last year, so we are looking forward to some more bowling fun!

We continue to look for people interested in working on organizing the history of the church.

## Upcoming

**BREW  
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What  
the  
**HELL**

What...  
Where...  
Why... **IS IT?**

*We invite you to join us for "Brewed Theology"  
- March 6<sup>th</sup> for conversations about faith and  
life at Brix Bar downtown.*

**We meet in the upper room in Brix bar on  
Thursday, March 6th at 2:30 and 6:30**  
(come upstairs early if you plan on ordering  
dinner 😊) See you then!

What is Hell? Where do the images, ideas, and theology about it come from? Different entities throughout Christian history have emphasized, de-emphasized, or re-defined the idea of hell. This conversation dives into definitions, images, ideas, and theology of hell, and what we are to make of it today.



On March 9<sup>th</sup> Christy Sinickas will join Faith Lutheran Church. What a joyous occasion. We are happy to have Christy as our newest member. Welcome Christy....

First United Methodist Church will hold an Easter Morning courtyard service at 6:00am for those interested in a sunrise service.



# ***FAITH LUTHERAN LEADERSHIP RETREAT***

**Saturday, March 15, 2025  
10:00am ~2:00pm**



**Anyone who serves or has served on Council or a committee (past or present) is invited as we talk about a Church genogram -- "Who are we as a congregation? What have we come through? Where are we now?" Please join us as we each bring our stories of Faith Lutheran and together learn to better understand who we are as a congregation together.**

**Let the office know if you are attending so we can plan for lunch!**

# CRAFT WITH JENN CALENDAR 2025



On March 27<sup>th</sup> Jenn Reid will show us how to make Tea Cup Gnomes.  
Be sure to mark your calendar with this fun craft night.  
Hope to see you there...

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Remember that Saturday night, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2am, is we turn the clocks  
FORWARD an hour.

But if you forget...you can turn the lights on at church... 😊



And...the first day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to enjoy the new life that is  
popping up all around.



# WOMEN'S RETREAT

The women of First Presbyterian, First United Methodist,  
St. George's and Faith Lutheran churches are invited.

## May 2-4, 2025

(Friday afternoon through Sunday morning)

St. Rita's Retreat Center, Gold Hill

## HOLDING FAST



*to God's promises*

The cost of \$170 includes five meals and two nights' lodging in a double-occupancy room with twin beds and ensuite bathroom. A one-day option for Saturday only, including lunch, is \$37. Spots are limited. To register, email the First Presbyterian Church at [office@fpcrose.org](mailto:office@fpcrose.org). Provide your name, church name, and phone number.



## WOMEN'S RETREAT INFORMATION SHEET

For many years, First Presbyterian Church has held an annual three-day women's retreat. This year the retreat will be held May 2-4, and we are inviting the women of Faith Lutheran, St. George's and Roseburg United Methodist churches to join us. The theme is "Holding Fast to God's Promises." We will be exploring how we can remain faithful in troubled times.

The event will be held at St. Rita's Retreat Center in Gold Hill, Oregon, just north of Medford. The lovely grounds include trails to explore, a large outdoor prayer labyrinth, and a Stations of the Cross walk.

The retreat begins on Friday; most participants arrive in the afternoon to settle in before dinner at 6:00 pm, but others come later. It ends on Sunday after breakfast at 8:00 am followed by a worship service. The dining room will serve dinner on Friday, three meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

For those who prefer a one-day experience, there is a Saturday only option. This option includes lunch which is served at 12:00 pm.

The 15 rooms each have two twin beds and an attached bathroom with a walk-in shower; two of the bedrooms are handicapped equipped. Bed linens are provided, but guests need to bring their own towels and toiletries—soap, shampoo, etc. You may want to bring a favorite pillow or extra blanket. Ear plugs are a good idea when sharing a room!

The cost to attend the retreat is \$170. There is an option to stay an extra night on Thursday (no meals included) for an additional \$25. (Some women choose to drive down on Thursday to shop in Medford.) The cost to attend on Saturday only is \$37. This covers the cost of lunch and a day use fee.

To register, email the First Presbyterian Church Office at [office@fpcrose.org](mailto:office@fpcrose.org). Carpools will be forming. If you need a ride and would like to join a carpool, let the church know when you register.

Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and mailed to the church (823 SE Lane Ave., Roseburg, OR 97470) or dropped off (Weds. - Fri., 9:00 am to 3:00 pm).

If you have questions, call Rebecca Taylor at [beccaht@aol.com](mailto:beccaht@aol.com) or (541) 637-5220.

# *Lenten Meditations in Music 2025*

A Time for Gathering and Prayerful Contemplation

**Fridays During Lent**

from **12:15 - 12:45 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary**

823 SE Lane Street, Roseburg, Oregon

Also Streaming on Facebook and YouTube

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*March 7*

**Bone Dawgs Trombone Quartet**

Jeff Plummer, Trevor Thompson, Bob Carwithen, Dave Wolf

*March 14*

**UCC Chamber Choir**

Jason Heald, Director

*March 21*

**4 Flutes**

Wanda Eddy, Michelle Juett, Steven Loundsbury, Pat Mehlhoff

*March 28*

**Piano, Tammy Finch-Johnson**

*April 4*

**Organ and Piano, Mark Angle-Hobson**

*April 11*

**Evensong Handbell Choir** - Elizabeth Lonergan, Director

**Celestial Tollers Handbell Choir** - Pat Mehlhoff, Director

*April 18*

**Traditional Good Friday**

**Readings and Music**

Rev. Vicky Brown, Readings  
and Karen Gibbs, Piano



# Experience Lent and Holy Week with Faith Lutheran, St. George Episcopal, First United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches

## 2025 Lent and Holy Week Services

**March 4**

### *Shrove Tuesday*

Pancake Supper 4:30-6:00  
\$5.00 Make reservations  
St. George Episcopal Church

**March 5**

### *Ash Wednesday*

St. George's Episcopal Church  
Service at NOON  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Service at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesdays**

**March 12, 19, 26**

**April 2, 9**

### *5:30 Soup and Bread*

### *6:30 Service*

March 12 - Faith  
March 19 - St. George  
March 26 - Faith  
April 2 - St. George  
April 9 - Faith



**Fridays**

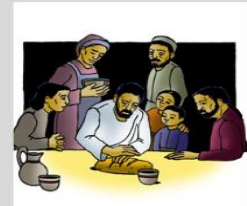
**March 7, 14,**

**21, 28,**

**April 4, 11, 18**

### *Lenten Meditations in Music 2025*

First Presbyterian Church  
12:15 in Sanctuary



**April 17**

### *Maundy Thursday*

Seder Meal and Service at 6:00  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Please Make Reservations

**April 18**

### *Good Friday*

St. George's Episcopal Church  
Service at 4:30p.m.  
First United Methodist  
Service at 6:00 p.m.



**April 19**

### *Easter Vigil*

Faith Lutheran Church  
Service at 6:00 p.m.

**April 20**

### *EASTER*

First United Methodist Church  
SUNRISE Service at 6:00 a.m.  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Service at 9:30 a.m.  
St. George Episcopal  
Service at 10:30



Sunday

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Tuesday



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Saturday

MARCH 2025

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