

Faith Lutheran Church

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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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HAPPY Father's Day



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person & live streamed at 9:30am

Livestream:

<https://streamlabs.com/faithlutheranchurchroseburg>

Pastors Letter

Dear friends –

Whenever my husband grumbles about the crop of dandelions flourishing in our yard, I like to remind him of my long-held belief that the dandelion is probably one of the clearest symbols of the gospel. (For some reason, he's never impressed.) But think about it with me for a minute.

The dandelion is about as healthy and pure a plant as ever existed. The dandelion was intentionally brought over by colonists to North America because they knew how good it was for us. It provides much needed vitamins (it's better for you than spinach!), and works as a spring tonic to help to purify the body after a long winter of rich foods and little exercise. On top of that, it improves liver function, helps control diabetes, builds up the blood, and even slows some forms of cancer. Dandelions are the incredible edible with absolutely no toxic nature whatsoever. They are all about life and health.



Yet, these amazing little plants manage to undo our peace of mind at times, don't they? They threaten our ideas about what is good. They pop up in the middle of our smooth green expanses of lawn and "ruin" them, to our way of thinking. They are a nuisance, a problem, an eyesore, a *weed* - something to be eradicated. And we try...oh yes, we try.

But, despite our best efforts to get rid of them - all our digging and mowing and the toxic chemicals we throw at them - they pop up again and again, anywhere and everywhere. The middle of the sidewalk? Why not! They are resilient and prolific, and the minute we stop fighting them...they win.

Sound familiar? It should. Jesus offers only life and life abundantly to this world...to us...but the life he offers upsets our apple cart and challenges our ideas about the way life "should be". He makes our orderly lives messy...a place where the last is first, the worthless are worth dying for, and the unlovable are loved without end. It's really no surprise that people wanted to get rid of him 2,000 years ago. And it is no surprise that we try to edge him out of our comfortable neat lives as well.

But try as we might...we can't get rid of him. Jesus always wins. Jesus always comes back, popping up anywhere and everywhere, with joy and life for us all...for all the world.

And if that isn't enough to convince you...just consider who it is that *does* appreciate those stubborn yellow flowers in our midst.

Do you remember? It was you, once, I'll bet...a long time ago. Don't you remember the excitement of summer's first dandelion when you were little? I sure remember my kids' delight over them...they collected bright yellow bouquets for me and later blew their seeds with enthusiasm and joy, and begged us not to mow them down or dig them out.

It is the children who celebrate those dandelions in our midst. And Jesus tells us it is also the children who will recognize God's kingdom in our midst most clearly. We grown-ups too often see only weeds....yet, the kingdom of God is flourishing all around us. This summer...as you wage your own battle on the dandelions....may you pause to consider the dandelions of the fields...and to open your heart to the presence and love of God that flourishes in this world....like a weed.

Peace to you -
Pastor Janine

Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned and revealed them to little children." (Luke 10:21)



Lawn Care Humor

GOD AND ST. FRANCIS DISCUSSING LAWNS

GOD: Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No Sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No. What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough. I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have they scheduled for us tonight?"

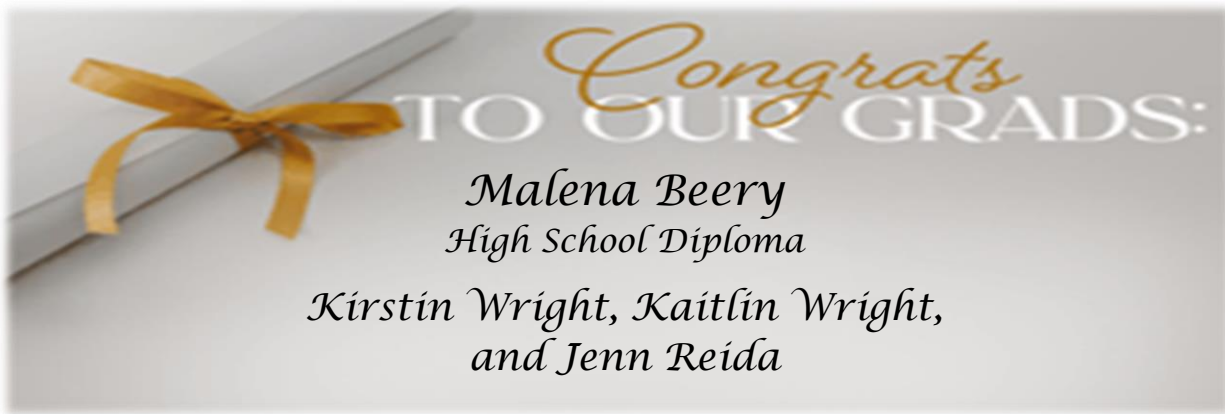
ST. CATHERINE: "Dumb and Dumber", Lord. It's a really stupid movie about.....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.



Pentecost Sunday is Sunday, June 8th. Put on your favorite **reds** to wear to worship.





Malena Beery
High School Diploma
Kirstin Wright, Kaitlin Wright,
and Jenn Reida



A Prayer for Graduates

At this exciting time of changes and challenges, no matter what life brings, may you always be:

Gracious, your life a reflection of our good and gracious God.

"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus," 2 Pet. 3:18

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit," Phil. 1:25

Reliant, on God in every area of life, work, and relationships.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding," Proverbs 3:5

Assured, of God's love, presence and protection always.

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you," Hebrews 13:5

"I have loved you with an everlasting love," Jeremiah 31:3

Diligent, remembering always—you serve the Lord Jesus.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Corinthians 10:31

Unwavering, in your commitment to what is right.

"So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left." Deut. 5:32

Attentive to your Lord because he promises to guide you.

"Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Isaiah 30:21

Truthful, never lying in any way to yourself or others.

"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment." Proverbs 12:19

Eternally-focused, so all else in life is in proper perspective because:

"Only one life, will soon be past.

Only what's done for Christ, will last."



Committee Corner

Embracing Diversity news for June:

Mark your calendar for these exciting happenings in June:

June 17 ~ A regional "book study sponsored" by the Oregon Synod. The title of the book is "Where They Last Saw Her" by Marcie R Rendon. The book is about a Native American woman, who becomes determined to find justice for missing Indigenous women on the Red Pine Reservation. The story explores themes of community, trauma, and the fight for justice within the face of systemic issues and injustice. More information is available in the newsletter.



June 22 ~ Pride Parade. The Quirings will be supplying the flatbed trailer. We'll meet in the St. George Parking lot around 12:15 to walk or ride together with the folks from St. George and Faith. More information will be given closer to the date. Please plan on being a part of this fun, loving, supportive event!

The long table in the entryway, under the Council pictures, will soon be the information table for Embracing Diversity information. We are excited to share information and happenings with you. We have decided to invite the members of St. George, the Methodist Church, and others who may be interested to join us at the Embracing Diversity meetings and events as well. Our Donuts for Diversity have been so informative. We want to share with as many as possible. We have had information on Trauma Informed Care, Indigenous Peoples, Food insecurities, LGBTQIA2s+, presented at the Donuts for Diversity as well as sharing DONUTS! We are now planning for our next event. More news to come soon.

Embracing Diversity ~ Eliminating barriers through information, guidance and education.

*** Show your pride and have some fun with a unique t-shirt from Beth Quiring. She is making Special t-shirts for us to wear at the parade. They are available for \$20; orders must be placed by June 11th. Contact Beth Quiring to discuss details.*

The *In-Reach* committee has invited us all to the Sawdust Theater on July 13 at 2:00pm to see “*Recipe for Disaster*” or “*Camilla’s Culinary Quandary*” (one play, 2 titles). Sign up if you are interested in watching this fun play as they search for missing gold... but might find love instead ...
Rides will be available if needed.

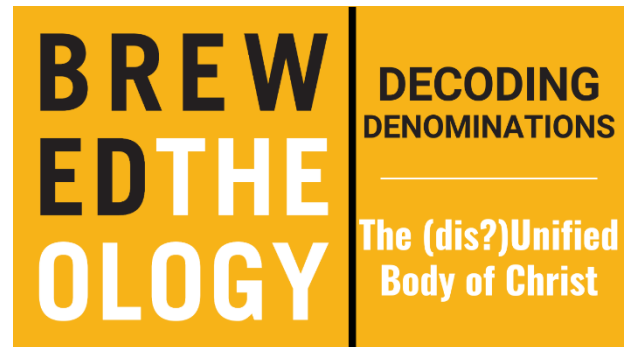


Upcoming Happenings

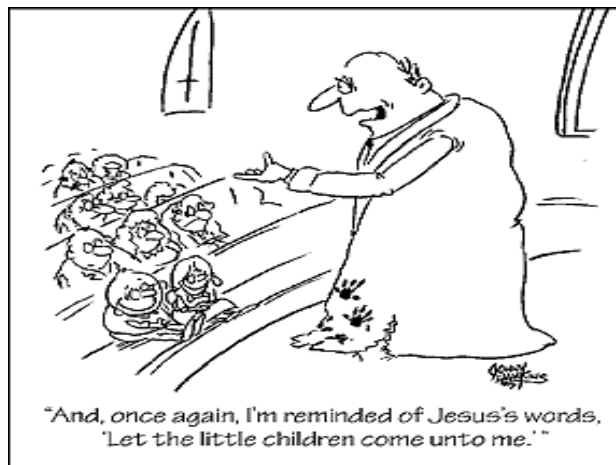


This month at *Craft Night with Jenn*, we will be making our own “*Morse Code Bracelets*”. Join Jenn Reida as she teaches us another craft. We will meet at **6:00pm on June 26th** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is free to attend so bring your friend for a nice, fun evening activity.

Brewed Theology is June 26 at 2:30 and 6:30 in the Upper Room at Brix Bar. This month we will be talking about all the denominations ... not an exhaustive conversation at all ... but a starting point as we consider what does it mean to be one Body of Christ in so many different expressions.



Come upstairs early if you are planning to eat -- we'll be there at 2:00 and 6:00!



The FISH of Roseburg

May 2025 Service Summary



FOODSERVICE: This month, the FISH Pantry was Open 17 times for 34 Hours

Totals for the Month

Families: 986 Persons: 2444

Family Size:

1	375	5	81
2	169	6	46
3	102	7	33
4	88	8+	20

Age Groups:

0 – 4	147	25-44	526
5-17	431	45-64	509
18-24	189	65+	386

256 Anonymous clients for the Homeless Outreach Project

Areas of Service: Roseburg Area 485 Households (53%), Outside Roseburg: 386 Households (47%)

North: 189 South: 172 East: 19 West: 121

Miscellaneous Information:

Pantry Volunteers: 58 Volunteer hours: 643

Total Food Donated: 23,225lbs



GAS SERVICES: FISH provided 4 gas vouchers totaling \$100

SHELTER SERVICES: FISH provided 1 person equaling 1 nights of emergency shelter:
Totaling \$73.01

DOORDASH SERVICES: FISH provided 25 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.

*****WE will be collecting food every Sunday throughout the Summer for the FISH Pantry.
Please bring your donations to the Sanctuary so it can be brought to the front during
worship.***

WE ELECTED A BISHOP!!!

2025 Oregon Synod Assembly has re-elected Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar for a second term (2025-2031)!

Bishop Caesar was elected through a series of three ballots.

First ballot (blank) - 75% needed to elect (219 legal ballots)

- Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar - 163
- Pastor Christopher Kramer - 16
- (20 other names were nominated, each earning ten votes or less, and they all opted out of being part of the second ballot)

Second ballot - 75% needed to elect (259 legal ballots)

- Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar - 188
- Pastor Christopher Kramer - 71

Third ballot - 67.7% needed to elect (258 legal ballots)

- Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar - 192
- Pastor Christopher Kramer - 66

We are grateful to everyone who participated in the process, from the Bishop's Election Team, chaired by Deacon Laura Gifford, to the Synod Assembly voters, to ELCA Vice President Imran Siddiqui, to the candidates who stood for election. What a gift to be walking together

CAMP LUTHERWOOD

Spring Work Day on June 7th!

Please join us for a day of service, community, and fellowship at the Spring Work Day this Saturday, June 7th. We are working from 9 AM to 3 PM with lunch prepared by Elliott, our Food Services Director! There will be a variety of projects for all ages and abilities. Follow the QR Code below, or email office@lutherwoodoregon.org to register!

[Registration Link!](#)



Last Week of Outdoor School!

This week marks the final week of the first season of Branches Outdoor School! Over the past 7 weeks, 11 schools have brought their 5th graders, teachers, and chaperones to Camp Lutherwood Oregon to learn and play in the outdoors! More than 650 students crossed the bridge to have outdoor classes on everything from stream science to how to think like a scientist! Students got to climb the rock wall and shoot arrows at the archery range!

In addition to the 5th graders, a few schools brought high school leaders from their areas to be leaders during outdoor school. These high schoolers earned volunteer hours for their time and were able to gain valuable experience leading kids.

Our Branches Outdoor School Director, Marco, has been gathering great feedback from the teachers and chaperones who accompanied the 5th graders during this Spring Session, and is already working hard to make the Fall Session even better!

We are thrilled to have had such a successful inaugural season for Branches Outdoor School and are thankful for Marco and his team for their hard work!

27 Days Until the First Day of Camp!!!

It's not too late to register for camp! A handful of programs are almost full, with Friends and Family Camp Weekend 2 being completely full! Those who would still like to come to Friends and Family Camp can register for Weekend 1, which is July 4th-6th.

Still have questions about whether Camp Lutherwood Oregon is right for the campers in your life? Contact us at office@lutherwoodoregon.org to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Tiered Pricing and Camperships are available to ensure that every family can afford to be part of Camp Lutherwood Oregon. Contact the office with any questions!

Visit our website at lutherwoodoregon.org and click on Summer Programs to see a complete list of programs offered this summer!

Summer Staff Update!

Camp Lutherwood Oregon is excited to announce that we are finishing up interviews for summer staff and have gathered a great group of counselors who are ready to have a great summer working with kids. Training will begin shortly, which means that camp is right around the corner! We are more and more excited every day to have staff all together and get ready for a great summer!

SAVE THE DATE:

June 7th, 2025 Work Day at Lutherwood

October 12th, 2025 Harvest Festival at Lutherwood

Best,

Heidi and Camp Lutherwood staff

Camp Lutherwood Oregon

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A big thank you to Pastor Gail Duba for filling in on this special day where we said Goodbye & Farewell to beloved members Ed Cole, and Alicia, Lucia, and Isla Wishart.

Many blessings on your new journey.





Some trees had to be removed due to maintenance and upkeep.

This will go a long way in helping us prevent leaks and damage from large roots and leaf pile up.

A big THANK YOU to *Carol Quiring, Ken Hoffine, and Jeff Hill.*

You are appreciated!



Now we're cleaned up and looking sharp ...





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THE FISH OF ROSEBURG FOOD PANTRY

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

2200 N.W. Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, OR 97470

June 12, 2025*

If ordering online, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Start your order at redrobin.com/order and select the restaurant above.
- 2 In the menu, go to the category labeled "Fundraisers (To-Go Only)" and click on that item.
- 3 Click the "add" button, and then "add to bag."
- 4 Add your meal items and check out.
- 5 Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!

*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours.
Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:15a Crossroads 9:30a Worship Service 10:30a Gospel of Matthew Book Study 10:30a Birthdays & Anniversaries 7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg	2 1:00p Watercolor Fellowship	3 Noon Alanon – Brown Baggers 4:30p Crossroads	4 9:30a PEO Meeting 10:00a Morning Prayer - St. G 10:30a Bible Study - St G 4:30p Crossroads 6:00p Women's AA 6:30p Alanon– Easy Doers 7:00p NA Meeting	5 1:00p Lydia's Ladies 7:00p Mt Nebo AA Mtg	6	7
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