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Faith News



Pastors Letter ~

In our former community, as the rhetoric was heating up between political parties and getting more and more nasty, the local Interfaith group (Buddhist, Christian, Ba’Hai, Mormon) wanted to help us focus on what brings us together, instead of what divides us. So we made banners saying “Welcome Diversity. Choose harmony. Show kindness.”

Our church council decided to hang one of the banners under our church sign on the highway....only to hear from some folks in the community that we were “being too political”. They were angry that we were “pushing an agenda” and it was inappropriate.

Now mind you, the big non-denominational churches in our community had voting pamphlets and huge rallies with speeches by their favored candidates...but our sign...now THAT was too political.

Welcome. Harmony. Kindness. How dare we?

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you.” Romans 15:7

“Live in **harmony** with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.” Romans 12:16

“Be **kind** to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32

Welcome

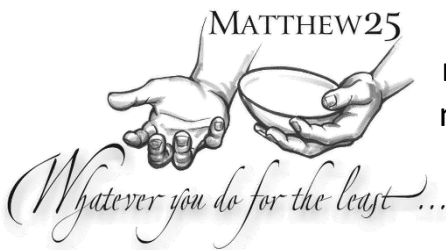
We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace everyone as a whole person, with questions, doubts, complexities and all. We are moved by God’s grace to welcome all who have ever felt marginalized, no matter your gender identity, sexual orientation, 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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It is interesting, isn't it... how simply reminding people of faith what the Bible calls us to do can sound so "political" when the political voices around us are justifying cruelty and intolerance and hatred. Last week, when Bishop Budde preached at the Inauguration prayer service, many bristled that her words were "too political". But if you read her sermon (and I encourage you to do so), she simply reminded us all of the compassion and mercy we are called to live out as children of God...that all God asks of us is to *"do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God."* (Micah 6:8). She simply reminded us that we are to treat every person as holy and precious... *"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* (Matthew 25:35)



The fact will always remain that God's word, calling us to compassion and mercy...calling us to love our neighbors, will often rub up against the powers of this world that seek to justify greed and nationalism...and often may sound "political". The prophets in the Bible were all hated for being "too political". Jesus was hated for being "too political". But may we pray for the courage of Bishop Budde, to speak the truth anyway and not back down. May we remain steadfast in seeing every person as God's beloved child.... and may **we** welcome diversity, choose harmony and show kindness.

Always.

Pastor Janine



Congratulations to Our New Council Members

As we say goodbye to council members Ed Cole, president; Debby Russell, secretary; and Jennifer Harrington, Worship & Music liaison, we thank them for their time, knowledge, and care & concern that kept us moving forward through the 2 years we were searching for a pastor. Little did we know that we would be blessed with the Goodrich's.

So, thank you Ed, Debby, and Jennifer. You have been a blessing to your Godly brothers and sisters.

We welcome new council members Carol Quiring and Kim Reida and returning member Jane Hill. Congratulations and thank you for joining the council.

Committee Corner

From the In-Reach Committee:

InReach met on Thursday, January 23. Discussions on reviewing the need to contact and keep in connection with those who live alone, making sure everything is going well and speaking on a regular basis was discussed. Please contact Jackie or someone on the InReach committee if there is a need. Also, if there is a need for transportation to church services, please let the church know.

There was a discussion on having some upcoming social activities, Bowling was a success last year and we are planning to schedule another bowling day, tentatively for March 2. Other ideas are the Sawdust Theater visit, and Art by Jenn, Suggestions for other activities are welcomed.

We are asking members of the church to help greet and make visitors welcome on Sundays. Some of the current group will be greeters, so you will be able to see what it entails. Please consider helping and sign up on the Sunday servant sheet.

If you would like to be part of the InReach group, our next meeting will be at 4:00 in the Atrium on February 27.

Donuts for Diversity - January 11, 2025

The Embracing Diversity Team held its first Donuts for Diversity event in 2025. We welcomed Mckenzie Schultz, the Program Manager for Creating Community Resilience (CCR) to share her expertise on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and the impact of trauma on the social, emotional, cognitive and physical well-being of us as humans.

Mckenzy provided us with foundational information about how trauma impacts the human condition and was able to answer several questions from the audience that personalized the information to lived events and experiences.

A key message is to shift our response to people expressing trauma related behaviors and illnesses from “What is wrong with you? (Fix it!) to What happened to you? (How can I support you?)

We look forward to inviting Mckenzie back to FAITH for future presentations.

The Embracing Diversity Team will continue to share resources to help build our understanding and skills in ensuring that the ministry of FAITH represents trauma informed practices to support our members, families and our community.



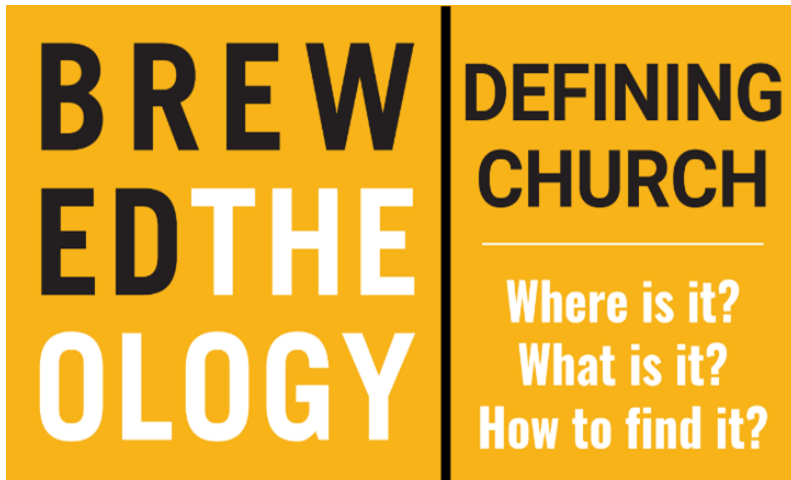
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-person & live streamed at 9:30am

Livestream:

<https://streamlabs.com/faithlutheranchurchroseburg>

Upcoming Events



Brewed Theology will return February 6th. We invite you to join us for "Brewed Theology" - conversations about faith and life at Brix Bar downtown.

We meet in the upper room in Brix bar on Thursday, February 6th at 2:30 and 6:30

(come upstairs early if you plan on ordering dinner 😊) See you then!

This month Jenn Reida will be leading a class on Origami making at 6pm, Thursday, February 27th in the fellowship hall.

Supplies are provided and you can come in your comfy clothes. This is a relaxed atmosphere, and ALL are welcome.



“Distinctly Lutheran”

February 23rd after church, Pastor Matt will be starting a class talking about the distinct ways Lutherans understand our faith. We use words like “Word of God, Grace, Faith, Communion and many others but what do we mean when we use them? Who is this guy named Martin Luther and why was he important and is he still?”

We will begin our journey with a 7 part series exploring how Lutherans read and interpret the Bible. We will then explore our Catechism (Our what??? We’ll talk about what that is, where it came from and why we find that helpful in our Faith journey). We will explore our worship style and the history that shapes the Lutheran witness.

Please come with questions and curiosity. We will meet every other Sunday in the classroom behind the Sanctuary.

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"There's grace for that."





Help Stock the FISH Pantry's Cookbook Lending Library!

The FISH of Roseburg is looking for gently used or new cookbooks to expand our cookbook lending library. This resource helps our clients discover creative ways to turn pantry staples into delicious and nutritious meals. If you'd like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at 405 Jerrys Dr, Roseburg, during pantry hours, or here at Faith Lutheran Church and we will take them to the FISH Pantry. Thank you for supporting our mission to feed and empower our community!



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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES

JANUARY 2025

ELCA.org/wildfires

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life.

This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, whenever and wherever disaster may strike.

Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster

Response is here to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by wildfires and other disasters. By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you give the gift of relief today and resilience tomorrow.

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and write "Lutheran Disaster Response" or "U.S. Wildfires" on your check's memo line.

FEBRUARY 2025

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Saturday

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