

Faith Lutheran News

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Pastor's Message

Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel... (Ephesians 6:19)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is slipping away, and we look forward to cooler autumn days. This message will be short, as our newsletter editor Kaarn and I are preparing to leave on vacation (not together J).

Faith's council met for a retreat at my home in August. (We had intended to go to Calaveras Big Trees Park, but that was the day the cold front came through and we decided meeting indoors would be better!) The day included an extended time for devotions and prayer; reviewing Faith's constitution (we found a few things that need updating); and reflecting on where we are now as a congregation and our future together. We were reminded that Jesus Christ is the head and the authority over all the church.

We are doing Christ's work in the world, and he promises that his yoke is easy. We ate lunch together as we talked, and concluded with Holy Communion. It is a joy to work with our council, and I appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness and faithfulness. Please keep our council in your prayers, as they work to strengthen the ministries of Faith.

Also in August, we celebrated the baptism of Tony Reid; we rejoice with Tony and his family! And there was more: Mike Skенfield was on TV!

Looking ahead, the Walk for Sierra HOPE is coming in September, and our Bible study on Genesis continues. See all the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I will be on vacation for the first part of September. Thank you for this time away, and thank you for your care and your prayers for one



Martin Luther statue in Germany

another and the work of our congregation.

In Christ and his love,

Pastor Karen

Baptism for Tony Reid August 4

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated for Tony Reid on August 4, with many family and friends attending – a joyful day! Tony is Teresa Johnson's brother. We welcome Tony into the body of Christ and the mission we share!

Mike Skenfield on TV

Our own Mike Skenfield was featured on KMAX31 TV in a presentation on "Cody Caravan!" about the Logging Museum in White Pines. You can see the episode at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhJ_4sBJyv0

Worship in September

We return to the Gospel of Mark this month, and turn to the Letter of James for our second readings. Sunday September 8 will be a Service of the Word, and KC Anderson will give the message while Pastor Karen is away. Sunday September 29 is Michael and All Angels, celebrating the heavenly host. We celebrate this Lesser Festival whenever Sept. 29 falls on a Sunday. October will bring the HarvestFest Service at Ironstone and Reformation Sunday. See you in worship!

Interested in Helping in Worship?

Our worship services have many opportunities for leadership and assistance; perhaps you would like to help! Especially needed are helpers for altar care (setting up communion), counting offerings, and providing fellowship. And we always need readers, acolytes, ushers, and worship assistants. Training is available! If you are interested, please talk to Kaarn or Pastor. Thank you to those helping already, and to Kaarn Westerhoff for coordinating our worship helpers.

Save the Date – HarvestFest October 6

The annual multi-congregation HarvestFest Worship and Luncheon at Ironstone Vineyards will be on Sunday October 6. Watch for details to come!

Bible Study – "Genesis"

The stories in Genesis are foundational to the whole of scripture, setting out who God is – the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – and what God has always intended for humans and the world – "be fruitful and multiply" and "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Join us as we rediscover the God revealed "in the beginning." We meet **Wednesdays at 3:00 PM, September 18 and 25; no meeting Sept. 4 or 11.**

Murphys Food Pantry Needs Help!

The first Sunday of each month is designated as “**Fill the Red Barrel**” Sunday. You are invited us to bring in food for the Pantry’s red barrel in the narthex or make an extra monetary donation to the Pantry (make checks to “Faith Lutheran Church” with “Murphys Food Pantry” in the memo). September 1st is Red Barrel Sunday this month. Thank you for your generosity toward this ministry of caring for our community. Together we are making a difference!



Breakfast Fellowship

You are invited to gather with Faith folks for breakfast each week, **Tuesdays at 8 AM at Grounds** in Murphys, a time of food, fellowship, and faith. Check with Rob if you are coming for the first time, because occasionally the schedule changes.



Council meeting – Tuesday, September 17 3:00 PM, in the narthex.



Walk for Sierra HOPE September 21

The annual Walk for HOPE fundraiser in support of Sierra HOPE will be held at Calaveras Big Trees State Park on Saturday September 21. **You** may participate in the Walk for HOPE by registering to walk and begin collecting donations:

https://walkforhope.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjA5NTA4

Or you may make a donation – checks made payable to **Sierra HOPE**. Pastor Karen has registered as a walker, and she can collect your check (sign up in the narthex), or you may support her fundraiser page here: <https://walkforhope.flipcause.com/secure/fundraiser/MjA5NTA4/100363>

Sierra HOPE is the only organization providing housing services for homeless persons in our county. Faith Lutheran is a partner with Sierra HOPE through our “Home for HOPE,” providing permanent supportive housing for two Sierra HOPE clients.

September Birthdays

Liz Gilbert	7 th	Kyle Johnson	12 th
Judy Earthman	25 th	Edie Diegoli	30 th

October Birthdays

Teresa Johnson	1 st	Song Croyle	21 st
Dave Johnson	3 rd	Sherry Rogers	23 rd
Andrea Schoen	5 th	Janet Skenfield	23 rd
Kathy Walsh	12 th	Gary Thomas	25 th
Allison Pry	18 th	Jason Burita	27 th
Susi Lewis	21 st	Charlene Perry	31 st

October Anniversaries

Kaarn and Rob Westerhoff	6 th	Ruth and Henry Ferguson	31 st
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Sunday Date	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Theme	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Reader/Worship Assistant	Janet Skenfield	Vivian H./KC Anderson	Kathleen Walsh	Janet Skenfield	Robert Westerhoff
Altar Care	KC Anderson		Carol Lagomarsino	Rob Westerhoff	Kaarn Westerhoff
Counters	Carol Lagomarsino	Kathleen Walsh/Wayne Earthman	KC Anderson and Kathleen Walsh	Rob and Kaarn	Rob and Kaarn Westerhoff

Sunday Date	October 6	October 14	October 21	October 27
Theme	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Twelve Sunday after Pentecost	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Counters		Carol Lagomarsino Kaarn Westerhoff	Rob Westerhoff/ Wayne Earthman	KC Anderson/Rob Westerhoff

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*Do justice, love kindness, and
walk humbly with the Lord.
Micah 6:8*