



## MARCH 2024

*The organizational meeting was held on March 6, 1949 with 33 members signing the charter. At this meeting the model constitution of the Lutheran Free Church was adopted. Each article of the constitution was discussed. The Church was officially named "Faith Lutheran Church." A nominating committee was appointed. The first Church officers were elected. A motion was made to instruct Pastor and Trustees to "file the necessary paperwork to incorporate." Faith Lutheran Church was now formally organized.*

*--50th Anniversary Memory Book, page 4*

This month marks the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of Faith Lutheran Church in Shelton, Washington. Sunday services, led by Rev. John DeBoer, had begun November 7, 1948. By February of 1949 there was a confirmation class, a choir, and a Ladies Aid.

Ben and Ellen Gohrick were charter members and instrumental in bringing a Lutheran Church—with "open communion"—to Shelton. Their daughter, Joane, was one of the first to be confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church. Joane eventually married Jerry Hart, and remained active at Faith for over 40 years. Joane died last November, age 91. Her memorial service will be held here at Faith later this spring.

There is no way to measure the value of a church community. Faith is "home" to generations of Christ-followers who taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, served on the Council, received Confirmation Instruction, gave tithes and offerings, baked cookies and casseroles, built altar furnishings, studied scripture and prayed at the Pastor's house.

More importantly, Faith is "our" church home. Welcome home, we say. It's GOOD to be home, we say.

This spring we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary. The main event will be a Worship and Anniversary Banquet on Sunday, April 21. We'll get dressed up, eat first at the Lord's Table, then later at a buffet table in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Photo Booth there, too, for individuals and families to receive a free portrait to commemorate the occasion. Maybe we can share a story or two, and recognize some of our longest tenured members. That's what anniversaries are for, after all.

Meanwhile, Faith continues to participate in God's mission in Shelton in the present, with hopeful eyes toward the future. Faith continues to be a hub for Bible study and prayer; worship and praise; hospitality and care; serving and compassion. The current campus is home to three Christian congregations; a preschool; two non-profit agencies; and dozens of groups and activities that further God's mission—the same mission envisioned by the Gohricks and the 31 other Christ-followers who signed that church charter 75 years ago.

--Rev. Doug Peterson

*"A servant of the Lord is he who in body stands before men, but in mind knocks at Heaven with prayer."*

*~ John Climacus*

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## LOVE WELL READING GROUP

**Monthly, Second Saturdays 10-11:30 on Zoom**

**Monthly, Second Sundays, 11:30-1:30 at FLC**

Enjoy some of the best fiction and non-fiction reading for growing, stretching, and even resting your spiritual muscles in a monthly book club facilitated by Pastor Brenda. On Sundays we'll take turns providing soup or salad and bread to make this a lunch meeting. **Call or text 406.381.1919 or email [brenda@faithshelton.org](mailto:brenda@faithshelton.org) to inquire or sign up.** Purchase your own book at your favorite local bookseller.



Our first book is *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right*, by Lisa Sharon Harper. Writing on the pivotal biblical concept of *shalom*, Harper engages American history and Evangelical Christianity with power and integrity—this is a faith-shaping read!

Coming up: *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor; *The Road Back to You*, Suzanne Stabile (personality styles), *Let Your Life Speak*, Parker Palmer, and awesome suggestions from participants.

## Lent Wednesdays Continue

- **Worship, 6:00pm**
- **Soup Supper, 6:30**
- **Community Service Partners/Youth Group, 7:00 – 7:45**

Slow down and catch your breath midweek with a lovely, singable evening prayer service new to our congregation from Holden Village: *Bless this Night*. Stay for soup and bread (or hot dogs ;o), then connect with the terrific work of Faith's community service partners in 45-minute forums while our youth group does their thing.

## Presentation Schedule

- March 6: Connection Street Theater, ***Intergenerational Theater Game Night***
- March 13: Love, Inc. and The Youth Connection
- March 20: Agua Viva Internacional

## March 6 Grub & Games (aka Lent Wednesday)

**Intergenerational theater games** hosted by Connection Street Theater pro's Michelle and Shannon. Bring friends ready for fun! Bless This Night Evening Prayer at 6pm, Soup and Hot Dogs at 6:30, games from 7 to 8pm. Come for any or all!

## Extending Ministry

Pastor Brenda will continue to support Wednesday programming, adult formation, and community connections here in Shelton, even as she adds half-time interim work at St. John's in Chehalis most Sundays and one day each week. We look forward to growing our ministry in the area!

## EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2024

Celebrate the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, at Faith Lutheran Church, with WORSHIP and BRUNCH, beginning at 10:00am. Worship will feature favorite hymns, choral numbers, and readings that proclaim the good news of Christ's victory over sin and death. Then, after worship, gather in the Fellowship Hall for brunch. We'll provide the main course: breakfast casserole and ham. You bring your favorite baked goods, fruit dish, and anything else you want to share.



## KITCHEN UPDATES IN 2024

Faith continues to replace/update areas of the North Addition, built in 1997. We redid the gym floor in 2019. Last year we replaced the 25 year old roof. This year we are turning our attention to the kitchen, beginning with the flooring. A new, seamless kitchen floor will be poured the week of March 11-18 (Monday-Monday). During that time, there will be no access to the kitchen area. To prepare the area, the people of Faith and Agua Viva will have a campus cleaning party on Saturday, March 9, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We need to move the gas stove and oven, as well as the freezers and refrigerators. We also need to clean out the pantry and the area underneath the dishwasher. Contact Terry Ray if you have questions or want to offer to help.

Speaking of dishwashers, our current machine is on its last legs. Replacement parts are expensive and no longer in stock. A new pass through dishwasher will probably run us between \$20,000 and \$35,000, depending on availability and new code regulations. Faith sets aside money every month toward building improvements, but the Council is asking congregation members to consider a special 75th Anniversary gift toward a new dishwasher, over and above your usual tithes and offerings.

What we are learning these days is how valuable a commercial kitchen is, not only to the congregation, but to the greater community. Faith's kitchen is being used for the Annual Bazaar, the Sandwich Club and Funeral Receptions; also, Connection Street Dinner Theatre and Love INC cooking classes; Wednesday night youth programs and soup suppers; CIELO community food bank; and meal prep for Community Lifeline, outside church groups (like Agua Viva), and the Oyster Fest. Simply put, our kitchen is an invaluable resource which God has entrusted to us to steward, share, and maintain.

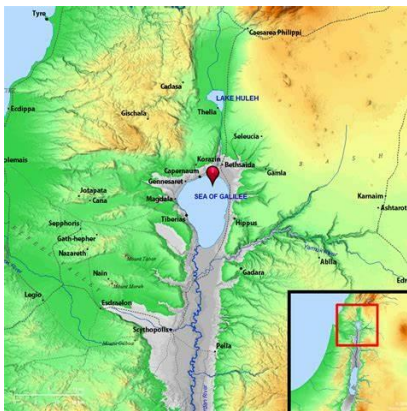
## FAITH LUTHERAN 75TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Make plans now to participate in a very special day of worship, food, friendship, and recognition of the faithfulness of God as Faith gathers to celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Sunday, April 21, 2024.

- 10:00am Worship led by the Celebration Team
- 11:00am-2:00pm Photo Booth provided by Cooper Studios — receive a free 4x6 portrait print (and NO sales pitch).
- 12noon-1:00pm Catered Dinner
- 1:00pm-1:30pm Anniversary Program and Recognitions

## SEARCHING FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS

This is the title for our current Adult Study at Faith Lutheran Church. Our Sunday morning sessions are examining the life of Jesus and will begin again as follows:



**March 3:** Growing Up in Galilee.

**March 10:** Rabbi Jesus

**March 17:** John the Baptist in the Desert

**March 24:** The Ministry Begins

**March 31** is Easter Sunday. There will be no class on that day. Classes will resume April 7.

Our textbook is the Gospels of the Bible.

Our lecturer is Jean-Pierre Isbouts.

Our facilitators are Tyger and Todd Penson.

The lectures should stimulate your mind for thought and insight into how it all may have been “back then.”

We invite you to experience this series on the life of Jesus following worship each Sunday morning. The time is 11:15 a.m. for opening conversation with the video beginning at 11:30 a.m. We conclude each week after discussion around 12:00 to 12:15 p.m.

# 2ND MONDAY ADULT BRUNCH

Monday, March 11th in the  
3 Door Room from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM  
All are welcome! Make someone's day invite a friend!

**GUEST SPEAKER - Tyger Penson**

**TOPIC: Her newly published devotional book 365 Days on Route 66**

Lunch Menu: Bar-B-Que Sandwiches will be provided.  
Bring your favorite Side Dish or Dessert to share with the group.  
Sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

*Due to some kitchen remodeling the kitchen will be off limits. Please bring your side dishes or desserts prepared and ready to serve. Serving tables will be set up near the back door.*



*Building Community One  
Production at a Time*

**Performances:**

**May 11 & 12 and  
May 17, 18 & 19**

## Director's News and Notes – March 2024



The recent Valentine's dinner theatre was a great success! We had 3 nights of intrigue and fun with a full house each night. The event garnered rave reviews on Facebook with several people saying how nice it was to have a "night out" dinner and show on Valentine's Day right in Shelton and hoped it would be an annual event. We do plan on having this annually. If your group would like to cater/serve the dinner as a fund raiser next year, please contact me.

## Spring Broadway Musical



**AUDITIONS MARCH 3 AT 1:00!** Seeking volunteers! Our spring musical is a big endeavor. We're looking for a few people who would be willing to help. Here's what we need:

- Sewing costumes – would you be able to sew a couple of costumes for the show?
- Props Manager – would you be able to gather the props that will be needed?

If you can help please contact Michelle at [connectionsttheatre@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsttheatre@gmail.com).

We are continually grateful to have the opportunity to extend Faith's impact in the community.

You can always find information about what we're up to by clicking on the "Groups" tab on the church's website. Thanks for all your support. See you at the show!

Thank you, *Michelle*

Dear Faith Lutheran Friends,

Thank you, each and every one, for the ways in which you have blessed my life. Thank you too, for extending your gracious farewell blessing—and cake—on February 11. God's love shines through you and I will miss you all.

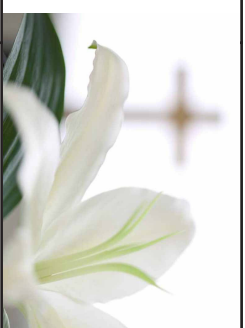
Living thankfully, Joan

# March 2024

SUNDAY                      MONDAY                      TUESDAY                      WEDNESDAY                      THURSDAY                      FRIDAY                      SATURDAY

*"Easter is a time when God turned the inevitability of death into the invincibility of life."*

*Craig D. Lounsbrough*



<p><b>3</b> 9:00 Choir Confirmation 10:00 Sunday Worship 11:30 Historical Jesus 1:00 CST Audition</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 YAC</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:30 Sandwich Club 9:00 Office Hours 9:00 Prayer Group 9:00 Property Committee 1:00 Pinochle Club 6:30 Great Bend Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 Good Grief 6:00 Bless this Night 6:00 Grub and Games 6:30 Lent Soup Supper</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:00 Office Hours 10:00 Sewing Saints 2:00 Grief Support</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:30 Men of Faith Bible Study 10:00 Love Well (Zoom) 5:30 Community Dinner</p>
<p><b>10 Waves of Change</b> 9:00 Choir Confirmation 10:00 Sunday Worship 11:30 Historical Jesus Love Well Book Club 1:00 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>11 KITCHEN CLOSED</b> 9:00 Office Hours 10:30 Second Monday Luncheon 6:15 YAC</p>	<p><b>12 FOR REMODEL---</b> 7:30 Sandwich Club 9:00 Office Hours 9:00 Prayer Group 6:30 Great Bend Choir</p>	<p><b>13 KITCHEN CLOSED</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 Good Grief 6:00 Bless this Night 6:00 NAMI Family Support 6:30 Youth Group 6:30 Lent Soup Supper</p>	<p><b>14 FOR REMODEL---</b> 9:00 Office Hours 10:00 Sewing Saints 2:00 Grief Support 5:30 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>15 KITCHEN CLOSED</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 2:00 CIELO Food Bank</p>	<p><b>16 FOR REMODEL---</b> 8:30 Men of Faith Bible Study 9:30 <b>Spring Cleaning</b></p>
<p><b>17 KITCHEN CLOSED</b> 9:00 Choir Confirmation 10:00 Sunday Worship 11:30 Historical Jesus 1:00 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>18 FOR REMODEL</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 YAC 5:30 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:30 Sandwich Club 9:00 Office Hours 9:00 Prayer Group 1:00 Pinochle Club 6:30 Great Bend Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 Good Grief 6:00 Bless This Night 6:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Council</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9:00 Office Hours 10:00 Sewing Saints 2:00 Grief Support 5:30 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:30 Men of Faith Bible Study 10:00 Great Bend Choir</p>
<p><b>24 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Choir Confirmation 10:00 Sunday Worship 11:30 Historical Jesus</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Staff Meeting 6:15 YAC 5:30 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:30 Sandwich Club 9:00 Office Hours 9:00 Prayer Group 10:00 Newsletter Team 11:00 Faith + Luncheon 6:30 Great Bend Choir</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:00 Office Hours 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 Good Grief 6:00 Bless This Night 6:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Youth Group</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 Office Hours 10:00 Sewing Saints 12:00 Maundy Thursday Worship 2:00 Grief Support 5:30 CST Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 12:00 Good Friday Service</p>	<p><b>30</b> 8:30 Men of Faith Bible Study</p>
<p><b>31 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday Worship and Brunch</p>		<p>THE STONE WAS ROLLED AWAY FROM THE DOOR, NOT TO PERMIT CHRIST TO COME OUT, BUT TO ENABLE THE DISCIPLES TO GO IN.  ~ PETER MARSHALL</p>				



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### March Birthdays

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Sandy Carlson   | 21 David Vimont   | 26 Warren Holzapfel |
| 6 Ashley Bellisle | 22 Sandy Miller   | 27 Joel Barkman     |
| 7 Kristi Knott    | 23 Donna Pedersen | 28 Pat Gibson       |
| 9 Rose Ignagni    | 23 Lois Poe       | 28 Pamela Estvold   |
| 9 Bert Woods      | 23 Lora Ott       | 28 Laury Thorson    |
| 12 Carol Miller   | 23 Dorothy Thomas | 28 Siciley Whiting  |
| 13 Kathy Kruse    | 23 Richard Smith  | 30 Thomas Tribble   |
| 14 Ronald Miller  | 23 Jerry Sem      | 31 John Kurpius     |
| 14 Jeff Eastby    | 24 Norris Swanson |                     |
| 17 Chase Busenitz | 25 Pearl Krumland |                     |

### March Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| 4 Jim & Diane Avery      | 46 yrs | 20 Bert & Donna Pedersen | 59 yrs |
| 14 Pat & Janice Sullivan | 71 yrs | 24 Jack & Lora Ott       | 45 yrs |
| 15 Ab & Laura Van Etten  | 44 yrs | 28 Mike & Marcia Boyd    | 55 yrs |
| 17 Clay & Cathy Wilson   | 62 yrs | 28 Jim & Ann Watson      | 63 yrs |
| 18 John & Jan Roney      | 57 yrs |                          |        |

***If you are missing from the Birthday and Anniversary list, please fill out the "Welcome Home" card in the pew.  
Please include the year of your anniversary. It is important that everyone is included!***

