


<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) PO Box 325 926 West 6th Ave Junction City OR 97448 Office: 541.998.2601 www.faithlutheranjc.org A Reconciling in Christ Congregation</p>		<p>Pastor Stuart Holland 971.344.7537 pastorstuart@frontier.com Ed Amundson, Council President brufiato@gmail.com Shanti Deck, Music Director</p>
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MAY Rays of Sonshine

April 28, 2024

Dear Ones in Christ,

Righteousness is a 'quality of mercy' that shows up less in our standing rightly before God and more in the way we hold life and treat each other. This is why so much of the Torah reads like a law book rather than a spiritual manual. This suggests that God is deeply concerned with how we live with each other and less worried about our brownie point book. (And is why Luther was right to argue that salvation is by the Grace of God rather than the result of our earning). I bring this up to talk about garments taken in pledge and what this might mean for how to apply what we read in the bible into current life.

The garment is an overgarment worn to show one's part of the community. The pledge mentioned in Deuteronomy 24:12&17 is a loan for which the garment is collateral. What's more, pawnings are often rather small loans that are vital to the borrower because they are putting up something precious in order to secure that loan. Since a person can pawn just about anything, in this case they pawned a "garment."

The garment spoken of is a piece of outerwear, often specially made, which showed the person's status as a member of the community. It was also the last thing to wrap oneself in when nights were cold. This is why God admonishes the powerful in Amos 2:8 for not just keeping these garments but also making a nest of them to sleep in while the poor who offered and lost said garments are now shivering in the cold and crying out to God.

The garment was their last piece of social respect, the last marker that they belonged to the community. Essentially, they had to pawn their dignity in order to live. Also, this was their shelter from the storm so of course God is going to be upset at those who claim to be the people of God taking away a person's dignity and shelter.

The application to us should be fairly clear, God is not best pleased with those who insist on claiming the last bit of another's dignity, gaining position by humiliating someone weaker than themselves. Further, those who take the dignity are also taking their shelter from them. None of these actions are god-pleasing. So, when someone out on the campaign trail declares that what we need is to deprive people of dignity and shelter, as someone inevitably will, it's campaign season after all, keep in mind that God is not happy with those who do these things.

Blessings,
Pr. Stuart

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Pastor Stuart on vacation, April 22-May 2.
NO Bible Study April 23 & 24 and April 30 & May 1.

For emergency pastoral care, contact:
Eric Dull at United Lutheran 509.570-8386 or
Laurie Jones at Central Lutheran 206.354.6756, both in Eugene.



In our Prayers ...

- **Lois Keefer** at the death of her brother, Gordy.
- **Caleb Thoele & Family**, cancer has returned, now on hospice care
- **Craig Rothenberger & Family**, pancreatic cancer diagnosis, chemotherapy
- **Parker Ogburn**, awaiting stem cell, Lund family
- **Vicki Glasglow**, brain tumor, surgery, other health issues
- **Carmen Meza**, breast cancer, currently in Honduras
- Teri Fries, Linde Wicklund, Vicki Glasglow, Ray & Mary Marik, Steve & Janice Fender, Sue Huntley, Sharon Reaves, Mike Shelby, Lonny & Don Wilson
- all who protect, defend, feed, and care for others; all in need of healing; and those seeking justice.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

MONTHLY POTLUCK May 14 at 5:30 in the hall. No agenda, just food! Sandy G has answers to your questions... 541.998.6168



JC Lions Club Spring Chicken BBQ Sale!

Sunday May 19, 9:00a-2:00p
\$9.00/half chicken

100% profits to local charities.

Pick-up is at Ivy St & 2nd St (by the JC food trucks location in the Guaranty Chevrolet Truck lot)

Jean Larkin selling tickets after church each Sunday through May 19.



Thinking of our Mothers and other Women who have cared for us with deep and never-ending love.

Happy Mother's Day.

Faith Church Council 4/9/2024 Highlights

Treasurer's Report--March

Operating Income \$11,350
Operating Expense \$ 12,411

Pastor Report:

- Home visits to elderly and sick ongoing.
- Setup online viewing of Lois Keefer's brothers' memorial for her, she was unable to attend.
- Worship/Music meets in May to select hymns.
- Pr office has new lighting and paint; Scott, Lori and Dorothy worked on this.
- Electrical outlet in office has been fixed, fire inspection has now been passed.

Old Business:

- Discussed energy efficiency of the church and parsonage. Ed will call Energy Trust of Oregon to set an appointment and walk through the buildings with them. Their report will show where our deficiencies may be.

New Business:

- Sandy W & Jean L relayed info regarding our participation in the 2024 Scan. Festival. Boy Scouts will again take on majority of the labor involved. Faith and Sons of Norway Lodge will fill shifts similar to what they did in 2023. Council feels due to age, we should get preference. Signage will reflect the joint running of the booth. The booth is in the same location. Irene L in charge of jam making primarily using Faith workers. Judy & Jean are her back up. Council thought the booth was run pretty smoothly considering it was BSA's first year. Kitchen needs a bit more help in staying clean and organized. Suggest all kitchen workers have food handler certification.
- Camp Lutherwood is requesting Faith to be a shelter for campers in event of natural disaster i.e. fire, earthquake, etc. Faith will provide shelter, water, bathroom until parents could retrieve their children. Insurance covered by Camp Lutherwood. M/S/P
- Irene L needs to present the "Parsonage walk thru report" to council. Items: door and screen door to be replaced; Pr indicates there is a soft spot in the floor by the toilet in downstairs bathroom. Rodent problem appears to be under control.

Next meeting, May 14, 3:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Senchina

Friend of Faith & aebleskiver baker extraordinaire,
Eva Buenau will be performing the role of Ariel in
Junction City High School's production of
Disney's Little Mermaid
Friday, May 24-Sunday, May 26



LWR QUILTING CORNER Quilters meet
9:30am to 4pm every Thursday, except holidays.
LWR could use your sewing, cutting, pinning, and
tying abilities! Contact Nancy Clough,
naclough@yahoo.com

The completed LWR quilts will be blessed
Sunday April 28 during worship, then be sent on
their way to people who need them.

What you do speaks

So loudly that

I cannot hear

What you say.

~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

Giving Opportunities Deposit at the hall
++Collecting **socks, hats, gloves** and such for those
w/o shelter in our area. Gently used or new.
++**Bunches of Lunches** Leave your donations of **fruit
cups** and/or **applesauce cups** in the blue tote in the
hall. Or donate to BOL. Make check out to Faith
Lutheran and indicate the money is for BOL.
++Bring your empty **egg cartons** to the hall, Larry will
deliver to Local Aid for use.

Like wheat arising green

It was a warm fall day when my husband and I
planted nearly 200 spring bulbs. In fact, it was
All Saints Day. Taking advantage of the
unseasonable temperatures, we worked to
create a new bed in our backyard.

After the work was done, with the All Saints
celebration on our minds, my husband and I
reflected on the bulbs being buried, imagining
their resurrection, as it were, come spring. It
wasn't lost on me that the newly created bed
looked a lot like a newly filled grave mounded
over.

Now, in the cool days of spring, we are
enjoying the beautiful blooms. They've come
forth from the dark earth, the crocuses
pushing through the snow to bring their
delicate buds to our attention.

Our backyard bulbs remind me of the hymn
"Now the Green Blade Rises" (ELW #379),
written by Anglican theologian and poet John
MacLeod Campbell Crum (1872-1958). The
flowering bulbs seem to sing, "Love lives
again, that with the dead has been; love is
come again, like wheat arising green." The
hymn's Easter message is just what our weary
souls need.

This was excerpted from Daily Grace, a daily
devotional prepared by Women of the ELCA.
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Grace at welca.org/dailygrace.

[Listen to "Now the Green Blade Rises"](#)

Keep in the back of your mind that **Strawberry
Jam** making for the festival will be happening
early June probably. As always, it depends on
Mother Nature. 😊

Also, what are your preferred shifts in the booth
or kitchen? Be sure to let me know.

Sharing our Talents Thank You for serving in whatever capacity you are able. We are all a part of the body of Christ. Contact me to sign up. Jean 541.514.9820

Date	Reader	Worship Asst	Altar Flowers	Coffee Hour	Custodian, Clean Church & hall by this date
Apr 28	Sandy W	Scott	Sandy W	Lamae Stout & Bonnie Keller	Ed & Joan
May 5	Cynthia	Cynthia		Rosemary Gappa	Rosemary Gappa/Teri Fries
May 12	Ed	Scott		Cynthia Marrs	Rosemary/Teri
May 19	Cynthia	Cynthia	Ed A	Ed Amundson	Jean & Joe Larkin
May 26	Scott	Scott	Larkin	Jean/Joe Larkin	Jean & Joe
June 2	Cynthia	Cynthia	Larkin		Judy Simpson/Lamae Stout
June 9		Scott			Judy & Lamae
June 16					Sandy W & Nancy C

May

Ushers: Dave & Tami McCormick
Altar Guild: Jean & Joe Larkin

June

Ushers:
Altar Guild: Judy Simpson



May Readings

Sun. May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 10:44-48
 Psalm 98
 1 John 5:1-6
 John 15:9-17

Sun. May 12
Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 Psalm 1
 1 John 5:9-13
 John 17:6-19

Sun. May 19
Day of Pentecost
 Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Romans 8:22-27
 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sun. May 26
The Holy Trinity
 Isaiah 6:1-8
 Psalm 29
 Romans 8:12-17
 John 3:1-17

All Church YARD SALE
JUNE 14-15 **9 am – 3 pm**

Please go through your closets, attics, garage, sheds, etc. Donate items that are in good condition, clean, and still usable. 😊

Good stuff to donate: Tools, fishing gear, children’s toys and clothing, books, collectibles, music/videos, puzzles, small furniture, small electrical appliances, kitchen ware, handyman stuff, etc.

NO computer or phone items, no adult clothing/shoes.

We’ll have manned drop off dates/times, please deliver donations on these days: 9am-2pm June 7, 8, 10, 11
 If you need items picked up, let us know.

Prep and Setup happens June 11-13. Can you help set up or work the sale? Please let us know.

We’ll be selling hotdogs, soda, and water also!

Please spread the word!


Fundraiser opportunity ... **Blue Bags** for non-profits from **Bottle Drop!** Special blue bags are distributed to those wanting to participate; tags are affixed so the bottle deposit will be credited to our church account. *All you need to do is fill the bag with bottles that qualify for deposit (soda, water, etc) and return it to church. we will do the rest.*

Rosemary Gappa & Larry Clough in charge.
<https://bottledrop.com/donate-nonprofits/>

WW = Weight Watchers

MAY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 28 10:30a Worship Pr. Kim Krogstad leads worship LWR Quilts blessing	29 5-7p WW	30 NO Bible Study Jesse Knudsen BD	MAY 1 NO Men's Study/Brkfst	2 9:30a LWR Quilting & Memory Makers	3	4 Gary Keller BD
5 10:30a Worship	6 5-7p WW	7 6:30p Bible Study	8 8a Men's Study/Brkfst Gail Goshert BD	9 9:30a LWR Quilts & Hens Chicks	10 10a DLA mtg & lunch, Jean's	11 Chenoa Chavez BD Ky Christiansen BD
12 10:30a Worship Happy Mother's Day	13 5-7p WW	14 3:30p Council Mtg 5:30p POTLUCK 6:30p Bible Study	15 8a Men's Study/Brkfst	16 9:30a LWR Quilting & Memory Makers	17 	18
19 10:30a Worship Lions Club BBQ Chicken 9a-1:30p	20 5-7p WW	21 6:30p Bible Study	22 8a Men's Study/Brkfst	23 9:30a LWR Quilts & Hens Chicks	24 9a INFO due for JUNE News Karen Chavez BD	25
26 10:30a Worship	27 5-7p WW	28 6:30p Bible Study	29 8a Men's Study/Brkfst	30 9:30a LWR Quilting & Memory Makers	31	June 1

As members of Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) we affirm that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. We celebrate both the diversity and inclusive unity of all people as created by God. Following Jesus' example we embrace all people regardless of ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic circumstance.

With welcoming hearts, we invite you into full participation in the life and ministry of our congregation.
Faith is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. For more info, <http://www.reconcilingworks.org/about/>



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Rejoice in the Lord and be *glad!* Psalm 32:11