

July 2026 Edition

Monthly Newsletter

FAITH Lutheran Church



“We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church but as a people held in God’s grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves.”

The Rev. Yehiel Curry

Welcome Statement

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.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

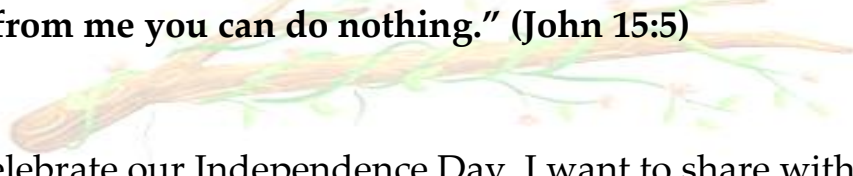
In-person & Live Streamed at 9:30am

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Faith Lutheran Church Roseburg

PASTORS LETTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)



This month, as we celebrate our Independence Day, I want to share with you a brief study by David deSilva that I found meaningful. I hope it will help you to reflect as well.

Pastor Matt

“Why Christians Should Give Up Independence for Interdependence”

God’s Spirit indeed lives in each one of us, but there is another, indispensable dimension of encountering God as a result of our having been brought together with and joined to one another. God has placed each of us in the context of the larger body—whether we conceive of this in terms of our local Christian assembly or in terms of the global body of Christ—so that we could receive the benefits of what other Christians contribute to our lives and our walk of faith and so that we might contribute beneficially to their lives and their walk of faith. If we are to know, experience, and realize God’s vision for us, we need to lay aside the value of independence and embrace the New Testament vision for interdependence, each one with each other in the body of Christ, the household of faith

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

Granted that we experience God’s presence both in our times of prayer alone and in times of worship in the company of fellow believers, how would you describe the differences, if any, between these two experiences? What dimensions of worship and of encountering God have you discovered in worshiping alongside others that you might not experience in private prayer?

Think about several Christians who have exercised a personal and beneficial impact on your faith formation or your life and who you have seen exercising such impact on the lives of others in the community of believers. How would you and how would the congregation have been diminished without their presence in the body? What have been some of your own contributions to the faith journey and the lives of other believers? How important are we to one another in this life of faith?

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, your Son redeemed us not to live in splendid isolation but to become one family together in him and to love one another as dearly as our blood relations, for we are all now related by the blood of Jesus. Grant us to grasp more fully the mystery that you have been working out in Christ across centuries and continents—the building of a single, holy temple for your dwelling, the fashioning of a single, well-functioning body—and help us to include ever more fully in our love and care the larger whole of which you have granted us to be parts. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the firstborn of your many sons and daughters. Amen.



SAVE THE DATE

July

Saturday 4th

Sunday 5th

8th – 12th

Saturday 11th

Sunday 12th

Sunday 26th

4th of July

FISH Day – Wear your FISH shirts

Graffiti Weekend in Roseburg

Donuts for Diversity with Sam Friedman
of the Umpqua Valley Havurah Group

Cristina Schnautz Confirmation

Bread Making with Olga Petrova

Sawdust Theater in Coquille

America at 250: Holding gratitude and humility

Dear church,

As we look toward the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, many of us will celebrate with fireworks, parades and barbecues. Independence Day often brings us together with family and friends. Yet there is more that connects us than our communal celebrations. We are also connected through a common vision.

Signed in 1776, the Declaration of Independence proclaims a vision of equality for all people. While there were other nations pushing for equality at the time, the declaration was and is a monumental document in the way it names the aspiration so boldly. As we observe and celebrate the 250th anniversary of that signing, we also affirm the vision of freedom and equality it casts. We can be grateful.

And with contrition and humility, we acknowledge all the ways we have failed to embody that vision. As members of this church, we are called to “pray, participate in, and advocate for civic life in the United States that reflects God’s activity and call, which seek both the well-being of all people and a creation marked by justice and peace” (ELCA social statement [*Faith and Civic Life*](#), p. 89).

As Lutherans, we know the importance of naming realities for what they are. As citizens, we confess the ways we have not yet realized the vision of the Declaration of Independence and, more importantly, as Christians we confess the ways we have participated in or been complicit in failures to live into the vision God provides. This vision is rooted in creation and redemption. God crafts each person in God’s own image and sends Jesus Christ to redeem us, setting us free to follow Christ’s new commandment to love one another.

The history of the United States is complex, and all too often we have fallen short of our stated values. Indigenous peoples across this land have been forced to cede their ancestral homes and pushed to reservations. Women and men have been prevented from voting because of their sex and race and spat on and jailed when they demanded their rights. Japanese American families were interned during World War II. Queer and transgender people’s lives are obstructed by federal and state orders.

There is a photograph of Elizabeth Eckford, one of the nine Black teenagers who integrated Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957. Books under her arm, she faces forward as angry white people crowd behind her. She was just trying to go to school.

Holding both the failures and the vision in our hearts and minds, I invite us to ask ourselves, “What does it mean to celebrate a promise that is real and yet still unfolding? What does it mean to be a people who always live in ‘the already but not yet’?”

This is a central question for us not only as we mark the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence but also in our daily lives as people of faith. The prophets repeatedly remind us of the vision God casts for all of creation, and they call us to account when, as God’s own people, we fall short.

When we fall short, we remember we are rooted in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We think, speak and live out faith through God’s future. God’s future is resurrection. As a church, we are turned not only to the past but to the future God is making possible right now through us as we love and serve others.

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that God calls us to:

- Remember our connection to each other through baptism, as Scripture teaches us: “We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” (Romans 12:5).
- Name sin for what it really is and to repent of it, as the Augsburg Confession and the catechisms remind us.
- Serve the common good in society as “earthly measures toward God’s intention” ([*Faith and Civic Life*](#), p. 11).

As we celebrate 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, we can hold gratitude and humility, possibilities and shortcomings. We continue to live in the already and the not-yet.

And we hold fast to the most important promise of all: the presence of God with us, the power of the resurrection of Christ, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit and the ever-unfolding grace of God.

We celebrate this occasion neither as a perfect nation nor as a perfect church but as a people held in God's grace and called into community in service to all neighbors and for the sake of the world God so loves.

In Christ,

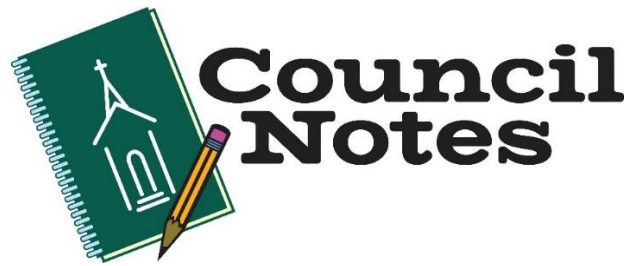
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yehiel Curry', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

The Rev. Yehiel Curry

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America





Greetings from the Church Council!

As we move through another season of ministry and fellowship, we would like to share a few updates and celebrations from around the church. We are grateful for the many ways our congregation continues to serve, support, and care for one another.

The church painting project has been completed, thanks to the many members of Faith who generously gave their time and energy to help. A special thank you goes to Jackie and Chad Hill, who organized the project and devoted an extraordinary number of hours to its completion. They worked weekends, days off, and Chad even took time away from his regular job to help move the project forward. Their commitment truly went above and beyond anything that was asked or expected, and we are deeply grateful for their dedication and service.

We are also happy to report that the electrical work for the HVAC system has been completed, an important step toward providing a more comfortable and climate-controlled environment throughout the church. This improvement will help us better care for our facilities while enhancing comfort for worship, fellowship, and ministry activities.

The Paulson Room continues to be well received and enjoyed by our congregation. We are thankful for this welcoming space and the opportunities it provides for fellowship, meetings, and ministry.

This year marks a special milestone as Pastor Janine celebrates the 30th anniversary of her ordination. We give thanks for her faithful ministry and service to our congregation and community.

Looking ahead, church members are invited to enjoy an outing to the Sawdust Theater melodrama in Coquille. Opportunities to attend are available on July 26 or August 30. More details will be shared soon.

Thank you for being part of the Faith family. We look forward to worshiping, serving, and growing together in the months ahead.

Blessings,

The Church Council

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS



Getting to Know You

Donuts for Diversity presents –

Come meet ***Sam Friedman from the Umpqua Valley Havurah***, the local Jewish group that meets here, at Faith, for their celebrations.

He is coming to share with us on **July 11th at 10:30am.**

We will meet in the Paulson room over coffee and donuts as he shares about their community and faith traditions.

Please mark your calendar and join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn about their community and faith traditions.

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We rejoice with ***Cristina Schnautz as she celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation!*** A special confirmation service will be held on **July 12, 2026 at 9:30am.**

All are welcome to join us for worship, fellowship, and a time of celebration in the fellowship hall. Let's come together to support and celebrate this important step in her spiritual walk.



We are so proud of Cristina's spiritual journey and ask that you continue to keep her in your prayers as she steps into this next chapter of her faith.



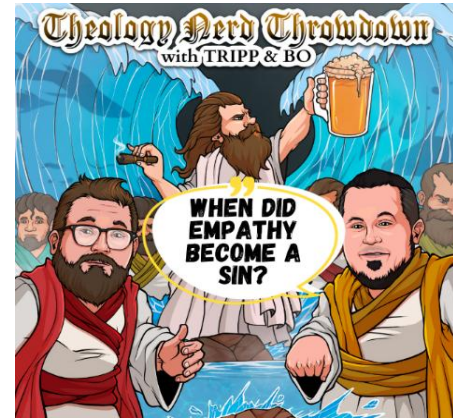
**July 19<sup>th</sup>** is ***National Ice Cream Day!*** The In-Reach committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Bar!

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BREWED THEOLOGY

Thursday, July 23, 2:30pm and 6:30pm
at Brix in the Upper Room

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Our joint **worship/ picnic in the park** with St. George will be **August 16th in the pavilion at Stewart Park. Worship at 10:00** with potluck following!



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Laughter, Pizza, and a Whole Lot of Fun!



Whether you love a good strategy game, enjoy friendly competition, or mostly come for the pizza and conversation, there is a place for you.

We still have **one more game day coming up this summer:**
🎲 **August 9th at 3:00 PM**

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And the fun continues with outings to the **Sawdust Theatre** for melodrama performances on:

🎭 **July 26th**

🎭 **August 30<sup>th</sup>**

If you have never experienced melodrama at the Sawdust Theatre before, let us tell you — **it is a hoot and a half**. Expect laughter, cheering for the heroes, booing the villains, and enjoying a wonderfully entertaining time together.



We hope you will join us — whether around a game table or at the theater. There is always room for one more.

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The **Women of Faith Bible study** is the **4th Friday's of each month** in the room across from the conference room – Sunday School Room.

Ladies, bring a bag lunch and join us

Friday, July 24 at 12:00 pm in the Paulson Room

USEFUL INFORMATION



Dear friend,

You've likely seen the news that two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela last week. Entire communities have been shaken to the ground. More than 1,700 lives have been confirmed lost so far, thousands more are injured, and countless families are now without shelter, safety or access to necessities.

Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding through trusted, long-standing partners in the region, including the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (IELV). ELCA partners have deployed assessment teams to affected areas, working together to identify urgent needs, provide immediate relief (e.g. food, shelter, water) and coordinate a plan for long-term assistance.

Your gifts enable this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need and to remain for as long as recovery takes, whenever and wherever a disaster occurs. **Will you give today to provide critical aid in these early days and, crucially, in the months and years to come?**

Please consider a generous gift today. In Venezuela and around the world, your support makes a difference for families facing unimaginable loss.

In Christ's service,
Maryn Olson signature
Director, Lutheran Disaster Response
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

WAYS TO GIVE:

By phone, call **800-638-3522**.

Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Please mark in the memo which disaster you are giving to.

Online - ELCA Disaster Response - Here you can choose which disaster you wish to give to.

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5 FISH SUNDAY 8:15a Crossroads 9:30a Worship 10:30a Celebration of June's Birthdays & Anniversaries 7:00p Mt. Nebo AA Mtg	6 10:00p Watercolor Fellowship	7 Noon Alanon - Brown Baggers 1:00p AA District Meeting 6:30p Joint Youth Group at FUMC	8 10:00a Morning Prayer St G 10:30a Bible Study - St G 4:30pm Crossroads Rhsl 6:00p Women's AA 6:30p Alanon - Easy Doers 7:00p NA Meeting	9 1:00p Lydia's Ladies Quilting 7:00p Mt Nebo AA Mtg	10	11 10:30a Donuts for Diversity with Sam Friedman of the Umpqua Valley Havurah
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THANK YOU

To our wonderful Faith family.... We all started a project that included many hands, many tools, and a whole lot of paint!!! Many had made plans in advance so the volunteers were varied each day of this project. We couldn't have done it without you all! So, we say thank you to ALL the volunteers from time to tools to food – THANK YOU.

From Chad and I – we are overwhelmed by the generosity and incredibly humbled by your gift. We did not expect it and have no words to convey our feelings, so, we say Thank You, and hope you know how deeply felt your gift was.

Thank you to my family at Faith Lutheran. You are the most caring group of people in the county.

I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone for their support, assistance, and genuine Christian Love during my illness and my fall.

I am truly blessed to have helpful friends and family in a crisis.

I love you all!

Donnamarie Bosier



"Heavenly Father, thank You for the life You have breathed into my church family. Thank You for every member, the encouragement we share, and the ways we support each other through both joys and hardships. Please continue to bless, guide, and protect our congregation."

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention on arriving safely in one pretty and well-preserved piece...but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, worn out and defiantly shouting, "Wow! What a ride!"

