



Minister: Pastor Brennen Guillory

2015 Council:

President	Tom Fries (2015)
Vice President	Marie Lockett (2016)
Secretary	Judy Simpson (2017)
Treasurer	Nancy Clough (non-voting position)
Financial Secretary	Robert (Pete) Lund (non-voting position)
	Irene Lund (2017)
	Sandy Wiese (2017)

Faith Lutheran Church
Connecting Spiritually in Christ
Passionately Serving Those in Need
Welcoming all as Christ

WELCOME STATEMENT: 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.

AGENDA JANUARY 31, 2015
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION OF
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, JUNCTION CITY, OREGON

Opening Devotions	Pastor Brennen Guillory
Welcome	President Tom Fries
Report of Nominating Committee	President Tom Fries
Presentation of 2014 Budget	Treasurer Nancy Clough
Old Business	
New Business	
Adjournment	Pastor Brennen Guillory

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

25 January 2015

There were 26 members of the congregation present.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Pastor Brennen. Pastor gave a devotional prayer and the congregation was welcomed by the council president.

Sandy Wiese and Irene Lund were nominated to fill two vacant council positions. A motion was made, seconded and congregation approved for selecting Sandy and Irene to fill the positions.

Irene Lund volunteered to be the voting member for the 2015 Oregon Synod Assembly. The congregation approved her selection.

Pastor Brennen commented that his goal for the year is to have a One to One conversation with every member of the congregation.

Nancy Clough presented the financial report and the 2015 proposed budget. Nancy stressed how important the festival is to our income. There was a question as to what the cost of the P.O. Box and Safety Deposit box were. Answer was ~\$100/year and \$25/year respectively. There was a question if there was any designated funds for property. Answer was no. A motion to accept the budget was made, seconded, and approved.

One correction was made to the Membership Statistics report to indicate that Chenoa Lund-Chavez became a member through baptism.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Pastor thanked the work of the Danish Ladies Aid. Dorothy Senchina was thanked for the new drapes. Sandy Garrett was thanked for her council service.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 12:45

Submitted by Tom Fries, Council Secretary



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members of Faith Lutheran Church

This is my first annual report as president of the Council and I must say how privileged I am to serve in that position. I appreciate the work of all the Council members in supporting the business of the Congregation.

We all know that our facilities are aging and there is no budget for major repairs. Two special repair funds were set up to provide for new carpeting and replacement of the boiler system. Through fundraising and giving beyond our regular offerings, we will be able to have new carpet installed and we also have almost enough for a new boiler.

The Council continued their work along with the leadership team of JCUMC on Conversations with Congregation and Community. Unfortunately, with the transfer of Pastor Cathy, this has been temporarily put on hold.

The challenge for the upcoming year will not be just continuing what we are doing well. The challenge will be in addressing needs and improvements beyond the status quo and using our time and talents to achieve these goals.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Fries, Council President

REPORT OF THE PASTOR FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT 2015

“Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!” Paul reminds us of the grace that fills every moment, every day, week, month and year of our lives, and for 2015 I am grateful.

We got our boiler fixed, and we raised enough (almost) to get a new one. We raised money for new carpet that we will all be enjoying by the time you read this. We expanded our concert series and expanded the community breakfasts that we share with JCUMC. We made it through another Scandi Fest without anyone going completely mad and raised plenty of funds for our work together here. The Danish Ladies Aid worked hard this year raising money and having events and dinners, the pizza lunch crew fed nearly 100 kids at each of their events. We continue to be a major contributor to Bunches of Lunches and Local Aid. We met for prayer and study, gathered each Sunday, even in bad weather, to celebrate God’s presence in our lives, to hear the message of the gospel and to pray for the world.

I lift these up to bring to mind all the amazing things that have happened over the last year. I know there are anxieties about the future of any church, and the future of the church throughout the United States. I know we are a small church with an ageing congregation. But we raised \$30,000 over the last year or so just for a few special capital projects. We feed however many thousands of people between Scandi Fest and the events we held here, and the breakfasts we served. We touched the lives of many people and engaged with leaders in our community about what is going on in it this Lent. We may be small but we are mighty. We have done great things by the power of the One who has created and sustains us, for we gain a measure of that power when we put our trust in God to accomplish things through us.

We will continue this work as we enter 2016. We will continue to feed people, to give of our time, to find ways of bringing the kingdom into the lives of the people in our towns. We will continue our shared services with JCUMC. Because 5th Sundays weren’t terribly convenient this past year, however, we have decided to simply schedule them once a quarter. The dates this year are February 7, May 22, July 24 (which will be our picnic), and October 23. We continue to look for ways to share our ministry with churches in our town. More importantly we are building relationships, getting to know one another and trust one another, which makes partnering together for ministry, when it makes sense, easier. We build capacity. We find we can do more kingdom work together than alone.

For my own particular work this year, I completed my one on one conversations with everyone that I could, and I plan on picking that up again this year. I often have a chance to interact with almost everyone in our congregation, but only occasionally in a real one on one conversation. That particular dynamic is important I believe, so I will be contacting you this year to continue that practice. You pretty much know what to expect on that point.

This year I have also been asked to continue as Dean of our cluster. I will continue to work to support the churches and pastors of our cluster in any way I can. The bishop has started a monthly teleconference with the Dean’s which has allowed us to hear more about the church in Oregon and to share about our own clusters. I believe it has built a better sense of connectedness in the synod, that we are more of a whole.

I have also been asked by the synod to lead a pilot project in our area. I have been having a lot of conversations in our town, something I have always done, but now with a more strategic purpose behind it. The synod is interested in supporting some broader based ministries in different areas of the state, one of them being here. Although what shape these might take is open ended, they are committed to the work, and are compensating the church for my time. These conversations have already lifted up some important issues. Some of which you might remember from our conversations this past Lent, when we invited town leaders to share with our congregations their concerns about our town. Some of which are new. Over the next months it will be interesting to see where this leads and what the Spirit might be saying to the people of our area.

Part of that work was to be a part of a community of practice that met about once a quarter. I found this group to be both challenging and energizing. It was the closest thing I have had to an actual retreat experience in some years. I am happy to say that I will be continuing this practice into the next year, meeting regularly to learn, listen, share and pray with other pastors and leaders involved in the work of the ministry.

Finally in October I was part of a mission review process in Portland. Myself with leaders from the Chicago national office and Portland did a three day evaluation of the area ministries strategy that is taking place primarily in Northeast Portland. It was a helpful learning experience for me, seeing how area churches went about working to be the church together in their part of that city.

2015 was a year with struggles, but many, many blessings. I expect 2016 to be like it. We will have difficult days to be sure, but I also believe that God continues to walk alongside us and before us preparing the way. We need only to trust in the One who empowers and sustains us, to trust in grace, in faith, hope and love, and we will see the kingdom of God take shape in ourselves, our church and even our town. Rejoice, brothers and sisters, again I say, Rejoice.



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Membership Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 2015

	BAPTIZED	CONFIRMED
	(Total Membership)	(Voting Membership)
1. Membership, end of 2014	<u>151</u>	<u>119</u>
2. Members received during 2015:		
a. Baptism (15 years & younger)	0	0
b. Baptism (16 years & older)	0	0
c. Affirmation of faith	0	0
d. Transfer from other ELCA	0	0
e. Transfer from other Lutheran	0	0
f. From non-Lutheran	0	0
g. Other and statistical adjustment	0	0
h. Total Members received this year	0	+0
3. Baptized youth confirmed in 2015		
4. Total BAPTIZED and CONFIRMED	<u>151</u>	<u>119</u>
5. Members removed during 2015:		
a. By Death	3	3
b. By transfer to other ELCA	0	0
c. By transfer to other Lutheran	0	0
d. By release to non-Lutheran	0	0
e. Other and statistical adjustment	0	0
f. Total Members removed this year	-3	-3
6. Membership, end of 2015	<u>148</u>	<u>116</u>

Deaths:

Dorothy Maahs
Ken Van Devender
Lois Nielsen

Respectfully submitted by:
The Reverend Brennen Guillory
[This Report is included in the 2015 ELCA Parochial Report.]

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

We had a contractor install a new roof over the North side of the Church after a leak was noticed in the sanctuary. The parking lot was sealed. During the winter the boiler quit and while we were awaiting parts to fix the boiler we held services in the hall with the aid of space heaters. The boiler was temporarily repaired. Lester checks in almost daily. We hope to have enough money saved to purchase a new boiler this coming summer.

We did our usual church maintenance such as trimming, mowing, gutter cleaning, etc.

The church interior continues to be cleaned weekly by members of the congregation, with help from Sylvia Strauss three times a year. This extra cleaning is paid for by the Danish Ladies Aid.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Gregersen, Gary Keller, Frank Marrs, Greg Garrett Property Committee



FIRST TUESDAY POTLUCK 2015

We have had a wide variety of topics and speakers for our First Tuesday Potluck and Speaker held on the first Tuesday of the month. We hosted Katie Bode the outreach coordinator and Andrea Scofield the executive director of Camp Lutherwood, Aubrey Thornvold Faith Director at the Freedom to Marry Initiative, Rabbi Maurice Harris, David Slocum, head of the Junction City Recycling Program, John Chesbro from Thrivent, Ellen McCumsey with her new presentation of Jacob Riis photographs of the early 1900s. and I'm sure there were more. It continues to be a source of fun and fellowship.

I'm always open to your suggestions for speakers, so if you know of someone you'd like to hear from, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted by:

Submitted by Sandy Garrett



BOOK CLUB 2015

This is the book club's third year. The goal is to get more people reading books that have something to do with a spiritual theme and to have discussions about the books. We encourage parishioners to read the books even if they are not interested in coming to the discussions. The books are kept in the church library for checkout. We have around six people who have been participating in the discussions.

Books we have read:

Any book of readers choice to share as a book report

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Any book of readers choice written by Jane Kirkpatrick

The Red Tent by Anita Diamant

We are currently reading *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, a novel filled with humor and plenty of heart.

Submitted by Irene Lund

MUTUAL MINISTRY REPORT OF 2015

The Mutual Ministry Committee focuses on the mutual ministry between pastor and people. We have met as needed this year. Next year we intend to schedule quarterly meetings.

This year Pastor Brennen has chaired the board of Local Aid. At the synod level he has been serving as the Dean and is also in the organizing leaders community of practice. At the national church level he has served on a ministry review team. As the church on local, regional and national levels seeks future direction in a changing world; Pastor's involvement brings ideas and information to us here at Faith.

We continue to be involved in exploring ways to strengthen our ministries with Junction City United Methodist and welcomed their new pastor Craig Pesti-Strodel. Their leadership team and our council have had one joint meeting and we will continue to have a shared worship service on a quarterly schedule. It is important to remember that there are no end goals for this process. Together we are looking at ways to be of service to each other, reach out to people beyond our doors as ambassadors of Christ, and enrich the service that each congregation provides in our community. Members have joined with them in offering a community breakfast one time per month.

Opportunities for growth of individual faith and support are provided by the Men's Bible Study, Danish Ladies Aid, the book club, study and services during Lent and Advent, individual pastoral counseling, and visits to shut-ins. Of course worship is a large part of this growth process.

Faith has continued its outreach and service activities through the High School pizza lunches, first Tuesday potlucks, involvement in the 2015-2016 Junction City Arts Council Sunday Concert Series, Habitat for Humanity, and all the service activities of individual members. Faith's presence and involvement in the Scandinavian Festival is a very visible statement of our continued existence and the contact we make to those who visit the booth is an important part of our ministry

For 2016 Mutual Ministry intends to stay open to opportunities for ministry and where the Spirit may be leading us as a congregation.

Submitted by Pastor Brennen, Jean Larkin, Irene Lund, Sandy Wiese & Scott Zimmerman.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTING

There are two groups of quilters making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The Thursday group meets 1st, 3rd, (and 5th) Thursdays 9am to noon or later. The Saturday group meets 9am to 3pm on the 1st Saturday of the month. In 2015 we shipped 25 quilts to LWR and we have quilts in varying stages that will begin the shipping process in May. We quilters and non-quilters alike have enjoyed the fellowship with each other and have learned new skills from each other. Our quilts have been shipped to India, Djibouti, Tanzania, and Serbia in 2015.

We also made 25 school backpacks for LWR and sent them to Luther House (Corvallis) to be filled with school supplies. Luther House then took them to the fall ingathering.

Even if you don't know how to quilt, you are welcome to join us. There are tasks that require no sewing as well as people who can teach you how to make simple quilts. Both men and women are welcome to help.

The following people have helped and/or given supplies. (And some supplies just appear.)

Ruth Buckley	Dorothy Hansey	Kathy Likens	Denise Miller
Nancy Clough	Gary Keller	Marie Lockett	Peggy Potterf
Lucy Crook	Jean Larkin	Irene Lund	Edith Relf
Teri Fries	Joe Larkin	Carol MacKimmie	Lucille West
Michelle Guillory	Donna Lee	Cynthia Marrs	

2015 FESTIVAL REPORT

Thank you to everyone involved in the Scandinavian Festival in any way, shape or form! From jam making in June to booth take down and cleanup after the event, countless hours were spent by members, friends, family, neighbors and other church folks. Hurrah for the kind heart and willingness of those people!! We are always open to ways to increase the number of people staffing the booth and kitchen during the festival to avoid total exhaustion on the part of those working. There are 15 shifts during the festival and each shift needs 12 people (kitchen & booth) to have it run smoothly! That's a lot of bodies in motion.

Big thanks to **Judy Simpson** for organizing and running the kitchen; **Irene Lund** for the jam making effort in June; **Nancy & Larry Clough** for keeping the money straight; and **Les Gregersen** who makes sure everything runs, gas tanks are filled and the coffee's perking in the morning. J

Our ice cream sundae coffee hour was held in September... our annual thanks to everyone for all they did.

Festival Dollars:

\$21,887.50	Gross Booth Receipts
4,528.72	Expenses (\$2,187.65 10% to Festival Assoc; \$27.75 DLA cookbooks sold)
\$17,393.03	Net Income (includes leftover ingredients sold)

From Festival Net we tithe 10% to local charitable causes as a way of giving back to the community who supports us; those groups were God's Storehouse, Local Aid, Luther House and The Navigators school group (home school kids who work in the booth).

THANKS again to all for a successful year!

Sandy Wiese and Jean Larkin
Aebleskiver Booth co-chairs



DANISH LADIES AID 2015

The members of the Danish Ladies Aid (DLA) host the annual Danish Christmas Party in January, receptions following memorial services and various other occasions, and sponsor fundraisers through various dinners and the Christmas Bazaar. The DLA also sells Dansk Mad (a Danish Cookbook) which makes an excellent gift.

All ladies of Faith Lutheran Church are welcome to be members and you don't have to be Danish or even Scandinavian to belong; most of those who attend aren't. We still celebrate the heritage because it's important to remember how we began. Besides the support we give to the church and others, it's also a time of fun, fellowship and support of each other. Additionally, men are welcome to be associate members.

Calendar year 2015 was another fantastic year for the DLA. We hosted three fundraisers – the Fabric Sale in April, the Frikadeller Dinner in October, and the Christmas Bazaar mid-November.

The majority of the money raised during 2015 was donated to the church Boiler/Roof Fund. Donations were also made in January 2015 to Viking Sal Senior Center, Junction City Senior Meals, Junction City Local Aid, Hens & Chicks Quilters and Memory Maker Quilters. In March a donation of bus tokens was made to Womenspace.

FAITH LUTHERAN WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2015

The Worship and Music Committee had a busy 2015. Here are some of the highlights of the past year:

- 1) Under the leadership of Vincent Centeno, the Choir sang for Holy Week and Easter. Vincent also coordinated the soloists for our Good Friday Worship Service.
- 2) The Junction City Arts Council gave monthly concerts (3rd Sunday at 3:30) at three Junction City Churches (Faith Lutheran, United Methodist Church of JC, and St. Helen Catholic Church). Each concert was arranged by Vincent and was hosted Vincent, Nadine or Nancy. The Pastors from each church gave the welcome speech. Pastor Brennen, Nancy Clough and Vincent Centeno, Nadine Wiles, Fr. Charles and Pr. Craig are members of the Arts Council.
- 3) Vincent was the pianist for the Danish Ladies Aid dinner, with Pr. Brennen and Ed as vocalists. Ed led the program.
- 4) Vincent arranged throughout the year for a soloist the first Sunday of every month. The congregation has been treated to many marvelous musical offerings.
- 5) The Choir sang on the first Sunday after Epiphany. They were scheduled to sing on Epiphany Sunday, but due to weather conditions it was postponed to the following week.
- 6) Vincent arranged for a harp soloist to perform musical selections at our 7:00 Christmas Eve Service. Some members of our choir sang in a Christmas Cantata at JC United Methodist on December 20, 2014. This musical event was sponsored and part of the music series offered by the JC Arts Council.

The current members of the committee are:

- Nancy Clough, Chair
- Pastor Brennen Guillory
- Ed Amundson, Secretary
- Dorothy Hansey
- Vincent Centeno, Organist

Submitted by Vincent Centeno , Organist



COMMUNICATIONS 2015

Faith Lutheran web page is located at: <http://www.faithlutheranjc.org>. Thank you to Jean Larkin who produced the newsletters this year. The monthly newsletter can be found on the web site. If you have problems with the website please contact Pastor Brennen



GAME NIGHT 2015

A special thanks once again to Joe and Jean Larkin for again hosting the monthly game nights, which continue to be a great success. They are enjoyed by all who attend, and help us get to know one another even better. Join us for game night on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 PM.

PIZZA LUNCH FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

Volunteers host a pizza lunch for Junction City High School once a month. Normally 80 to 100 students come for pizza, to hang out and visit with their friends, and connect with some of our members. Currently the lunch has been funded by individual donations and has been provided regularly since this year while school was in session.



TREASURER'S REPORT 2015

Thank you for your support in 2015. You have provided monetary support, time, expertise, labor, in kind donations, and prayer for the mission of Faith Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your generosity to our local community and to the larger global community. There have been donations for the local branch of Habitat for Humanity, Food for Lane County, Camp Lutherwood, Local Aid, and Lutheran World Relief. A little over \$625 from Coins 4 Bread was distributed to Junction City Local Aid and God's Storehouse. You gave \$489 and the quilters added another \$47 to the box for Local Aid holiday chickens. In addition we were able to give Local Aid, God's Storehouse, and Luther House \$550 each from our tithes of festival proceeds.

Thank you for your support of the Oregon Synod. Oregon Synod Mission Support is that money which you designate as "benevolence" in your weekly offerings. In 2015 we sent \$2,400 to the Oregon Synod, which is about 1.7% of our total income.

Thank you for your hard work and the hard work of your friends at the Scandinavian Festival. Without this income we would be unable to pay our bills and obligations.

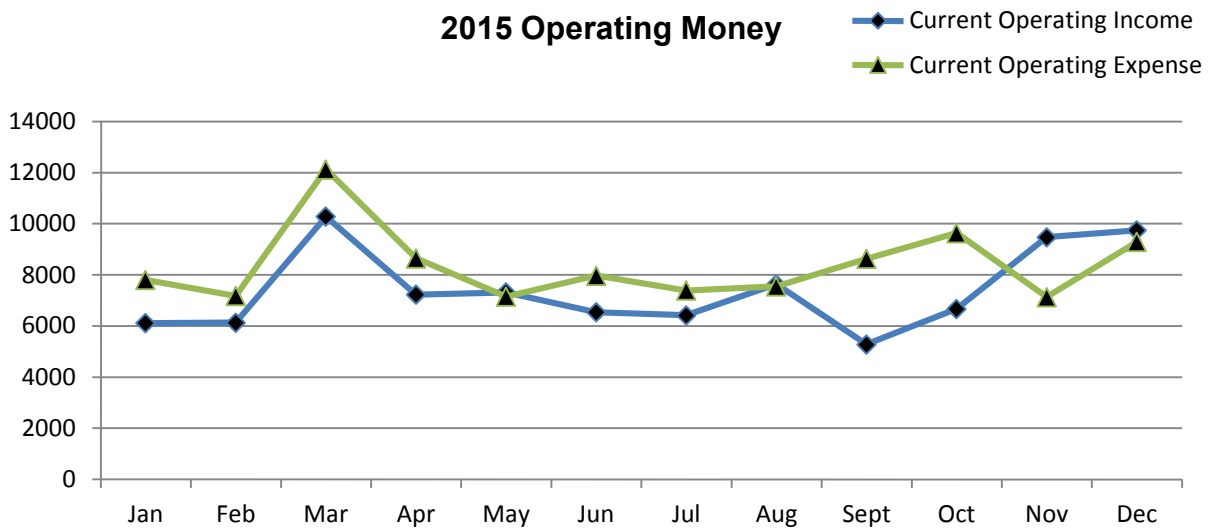
Thank you to Pr. Brennen Guillory, Pete Lund, Teri Fries, Judy Simpson, Les Gregersen, and the Mutual Ministry Committee for working on the budget proposal. And thanks to Judy Simpson, Teri Fries, and Les Gregersen for their work in auditing the books.

Finally, I pray that we will follow God's will and seek his guidance in all that we do in our church and community in 2016.

Nancy A Clough, Treasurer

Assets		Accounts	
Checking	\$ 29,964.03	Current	\$ -
MMA-ELCA	\$ 13,900.95	Liabilities	\$ 73.80
Total	\$ 43,864.98	Benevolence	\$ -
		Coins 4 Bread	\$ (0.04)
		Misc	\$ 7,597.40
		Festival	\$ 19,025.47
		Boiler/Roof	\$ 17,168.29
		Total	\$ 43,864.92
It was necessary to use \$11661.73 from festival funds for current			
operating expenses in 2015. This is an average of \$224 per week.			
However this is about \$2500 less than was needed last year.			

Month	Current Operating Income		Current Operating Expense		
Jan	6107		7800		
Feb	6126		7174		
Mar	10276		12126 (includes boiler repair)		
Apr	7225		8642		
May	7313		7150		
Jun	6537		7969		
Jul	6415		7385		
Aug	7628		7548		
Sept	5277		8624		
Oct	6667		9633		
Nov	9468		7132		
Dec	9737		9291		
Totals	\$ 88,776		\$ 100,474		



Report of Giving Units from Financial Secretary			
Amount	# of Units	Amount	# of Units
\$0-\$50	3	\$3000-\$3500	1
\$50-\$100	1	\$3500-\$4000	1
\$100-\$200	1	\$4000-\$4500	1
\$200-\$500	5	\$4500-\$5000	0
\$500-\$600	1	\$5000-\$6000	3
\$600-\$700	1	\$6000-\$7000	3
\$700-\$800	1	\$7000-\$8000	0
\$800-\$900	0	\$8000-\$9000	2
\$900-\$1000	1	\$9000-\$10,000	0
\$1000-\$1500	1	\$10,000-\$11,000	0
\$1500-\$2000	2	\$11,000-\$12,000	1
\$2000-\$2500	3	\$12,000-\$13,000	1
\$2500-\$3000	0	Total # of Units	33

2016 Budget Proposal

		Jan - Dec 15	2015 Budget	2016 proposed budget
Income				
	Benevolence Offerings	2,400.00		
	boiler/roof fund	20,588.29		
	Coins 4 Bread	627.86		
	Current	85,986.40		
	eScrip	13.40		
	Festival	22,821.75		
	Miscellaneous	6,432.69		
	Thrivent deposits	1,801.00		
Total Income		140,671.39		
Expense				
Benevolence				
	Oregon Synod	2,400.00	2,500	2,500.00
	Special Missions	3,922.90	4,000	4,000.00
Total Benevolence		6,322.90	6,500	6,500.00
Christian Education				
	Materials and Supplies	0.00	200	Moved to programs and
Total Christian Education		0.00	200	education
Communications				
	Postage	0.00	50	50.00
	Telephone	1,310.19	1,300	1,300.00
	Website	0.00	150	150.00
Total Communications		1,310.19	1,500	1,500.00
Evangelism				
	Materials and Supplies	0.00	300	Moved to programs and
	New Initiative	0.00	500	education
	The Lutheran	-35.80	275	
Total Evangelism		-35.80	1,075	
General Administration				
	Conventions	520.00	1,200	600.00
	Materials and Supplies	25.99	200	100.00
	Other (incl copier)	4,026.40	3,800	2,500.00
Total General Administration		4,572.39	5,200	3,200.00
Misc Projects				
	Capital Improvements	4,230.00	5,000	25,000.00
	Festival	5,528.72	6,000	6,000.00
	Other	5,371.50	1,000	1,000.00
Total Misc Projects		15,130.22	12,000	32,000.00

			Jan - Dec 15	2015 Budget	2016 proposed budget
		Music and Worship			
		Choir/Special Music	630.00	900	900.00
		Federal W/H	0.78	0	0.00
		Materials and Supplies	716.64	825	825.00
		Medicare	107.01	100	110.06
		Music Director	7,440.00	7,440	7,590.00
		Organist	185.00	300	300.00
		Social Security	457.56	400	470.58
		state W/H	0.00	0	0.00
		Workshop	0.00	100	100.00
		Total Music and Worship	9,536.99	10,065	10,295.64
		Pastoral Ministry			
		Auto Allowance	0.00	3,000	3,000.00
		Base Salary	38,256.00	38,256	39,136.00
		Benefits	2,141.52	2,142	2,464.68
		Conferences and Conventions	664.55	750	750.00
		Continuing Education	0.00	250	250.00
		Housing Equity	3,600.00	3,600	3,600.00
		Medical Insurance	12,487.44	12,742	14,240.16
		Pension	6,424.68	6,425	6,572.40
		Pulpit Supply	975.00	750	750.00
		SAIF	539.92	600	600.00
		Social Security offset	2,928.00	2,928	2,995.00
		Unemployment	698.65	900	900.00
		Total Pastoral Ministry	68,715.76	72,343	75,258.24
		Property Committee			
		Cleaning	0.00	400	Delete
		Insurance	3,763.00	3,650	4,000.00
		Maintenance	1,812.37	2,500	2,500.00
		Taxes	2,187.19	2,200	2,200.00
		Utilities	8,575.02	10,000	10,000.00
		Total Property Committee	16,337.58	18,750	18,700.00
		Stewardship			
		Materials & Supplies	0.00	0	Moved to programs and
		Total Stewardship	0.00	0	education
		Youth			
		Expenses	0.00	1,000	Moved to programs and
		Total Youth	0.00	1,000	education
		Programs and Education			
		Materials and Supplies			500.00
		The Lutheran			275.00
		Other Expenses			1,500.00
		Total Programs and Education			2,275.00
		Total Expense	121,890.23	128,633	149,728.88



Oregon Synod
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God's work. Our hands.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:16-19 NRSV)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Epiphany is a "green" season signifying hope and new life. We celebrate Jesus' baptism, hear the call to discipleship and this year, from Luke 4, Jesus tells us clearly why he has been anointed. Jesus brings the world good news, in words and deeds!

As you gather for your Annual Meeting we once again reflect on why we have been called and why our community is anointed. You will likely vote on a budget. You may elect new leaders or perhaps consider ministry opportunities and challenges. Remember, we are not here for ourselves. We, with Jesus, are sent out for the poor, the blind, the oppressed and the captive. There is great freedom in such a call.

As your bishop I thank you for your faithfulness this past year. I pray that your neighborhood and immediate community know you are present and feel your love. In Hood River the church has taken a lead on a new regional food bank. Those people know Christ cares. In Roseburg you and the ELCA were able to be present with members of Faith Lutheran after the terrible shooting of October 1. Those people know our faith is sincere. Your community, I know, has likewise offered it witness in word and deed.

I thank you for the Mission Support you offer for the work of the larger church, and for those congregations that press on to make their gift a true tithe, or an increase from the year before. We received the funds needed to function faithfully as a synod in 2015, even while you were doing more for those in your immediate community

In a year of political turmoil and confused values our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, has spoken out clearly about our respect for, and valued partnership with American Muslims. Lutheran Community Services Northwest stands ready to receive and help integrate Syrian refugees into this great land of ours. As a synod we are forging new partnerships with sister denominations about Latino Ministries and I know many of you house worshipping communities or preschools that serve our neighbors from the South. This is not the church being political. It is just the church being the church. Again, thank you!

So, my prayers –and those of your Synod Council and staff –are with you as you meet today. Let God bless your proceedings, your decisions and your work so that all might know the love of Jesus.

Blessings,
Bp. Dave Brauer-Rieke
Oregon Synod -ELCA

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The nominating committee this year was Tom Fries. There is one open position on the council. Tom Fries has agreed to run for a second term.

Voting Members are still being sought for the Synod Assembly April 29-May 1, 2016 in Eugene. Nominations or volunteers will be accepted from the floor.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men meet Wednesday mornings at church at 7:30 for a Bible study and then go to breakfast. This year they read the book of Matthew, John's letters, Galatians, Romans, as well as the nativity and passion stories. It is an enjoyable time of good fellowship .



FESTIVAL SUPPLIES THEN & NOW!

Many thanks to Enola Nielsen who put the information from 1965 & 1970 together from some documents she found! While some things haven't changed that much, it's pretty amazing how much less coffee and lunch milks we use now. !

In 1970 aebleskiver cost 10 cents, coffee 10 cents and milk 15 cents. Gross sales were \$2,110.85 and they paid the Festival \$211.00.!

In 1970 Ronnie Grabe was the contact person and Sigrid Rasmussen was the Food Committee chair.

Supply	Festival 1964	Festival 1970	Festival 2015
Flour	200 #	500#	500#
Sugar for batter	50#	50#	50#
Wesson Oil	15 gallons	8 gallons	18 gallons
Coffee	1 case MJB	12 #2 cans	1 medium can
Margarine	20#	34#	68#
Lefse	None	21 cases	None
Eggs	60 dozen	120 dozen	170 dozen
Cinnamon	None	2 boxes	None
Milk	20 gallons	80 gallons	122 gallons
1/2 pt. lunch milks	50 per day	518 total	100 total
Butter	20 #	21#	None
Half & half	none	3 quarts	none

