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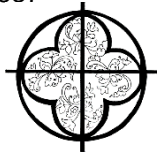
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## **Rays of Sonshine – May 2018**

**Tomorrow!!! Sunday April 29 11:00 am Faith will worship at JC United Methodist Church located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Laurel and Maple Streets. Pastor Stuart will lead worship and preach as Pastor Craig is out of town.**

**Potluck follows worship, bring something yummy to share! Remember, worship begins at 11 am.**



### **From Pastor Stuart Holland:**

Part of our work of faith is discernment. This is the 'waiting and listening for God's nudge in our life' part that we need to do well and yet generally do quite poorly. Part of our poor practice is simply because we do not well... practice it too often. Part of the reason that we do not practice is of course, because we do not always notice the opportunities we have to practice. So while the call committee is working to discern our future direction as a congregation, I'd like to share some of the things I've learned in the work of discernment and transition.

The first thing I learned is that God only rarely, in fact, only extremely rarely, gives an unequivocal sign. The Old Testament and even the New are filled with signs and wonders, blatant, obvious Signs From God. My life? not so much. In fact, I've had only one really obvious Divine Encounter where I had a Word From God. Most of the time God is subtle.

When God is not subtle, hooray! For the rest of the time God tends to work by taking our gifts and history and then shaping this into our future. To have any hope of making good future decisions then, we have to know who we are and what we can do. Thus the first work of discernment is knowing who we are and what we can do. What is our history that brought us to this point, what are our gifts. (And yes, everyone has gifts, even if it is "just" the "ministry of helps" [1 Cor 12.28] or a "talent for loving" [1 John] all of them are gifts).

So church, what are your gifts?

Once we know our gifts, our inclinations can lead us. What excites you? What brings you hope? What could God be inviting you to do in and through this? (That last is the discernment question). Where could God be in all this messy world of hope and strength and unsurety?

To find that last out, we read scripture, listening for a voice that might suggest our direction. We pray in community and alone, seeking in reflection, some hint of a way to go. And, after training our ear, after much practice and work, we begin to see the edges of where we can go.

That is discernment that is the work our call committee is involved with at the moment. Pray for them.

And pray for yourselves as well, that we may all work to see the direction God is calling us into.

## MAY Services

*Thanks for giving of your time and talents this month... and always!*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lay Reader</i>	<i>Worship Asst</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Custodians – Have church &amp; hall cleaned by this date</i>
5/6	Jean L	Scott Z	Judy Simpson		Jim & Mindi Wilson
5/13	Cynthia M	Cynthia M	Tom/Teri Fries	Tom/Teri Fries	Teri Fries, Irene Ferris
5/20	Sandy Wiese	Scott Z		Ginger Budington & Lucille West	Teri, Irene F
5/27	Cynthia M	Cynthia M	Joe/Jean Larkin	Joe/Jean Larkin	Judy Simpson, Lamae Stout
6/3	Ginger Budington		Ed Amundson	Ed Amundson	Judy, Lamae

### May

Ushers: Lori & Scott Zimmerman, Jean Larkin  
Altar Guild: Judy Simpson

### June

Ushers: Irene Ferris, Jack Ogan  
Altar Guild: Jean & Joe Larkin

#### March Treasurer Report

Operating Income \$7,585

Operating Expense \$8,115

*Junction City Arts Council  
in Oregon*

[www.jcartscouncil.com](http://www.jcartscouncil.com)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:30

Sunday May 20 at 3:30 pm  
JC United Methodist Church

**Pianist**  
**Andrew Pham**  
**& Friends In concert**

Visit [www.andrewtpham.com](http://www.andrewtpham.com)

This is the final concert of the season,  
returning for season 5 this fall!

**Pete Drongesen's** fight has come to an end and he is at peace having died April 23<sup>rd</sup>. He leaves behind his love, **Dorothy Senchina**, family members and many friends to mourn his loss but also to rejoice in his resting place with Christ.

A memorial is being planned for June.

*Be still, and know that I am God.*

*Psalm 46:10*

#### Notes from the April 3, 2018 Council Meeting

**Review** of the Secretary, Treasurer, Pastor Reports.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

++ Joint service at JCUMC is April 29.

++ Council and Discernment/Call Committee will be installed at April services. Also, LWR quilts will be blessed at an April service.

#### **Old Business:**

++ Parsonage update: insulation, windows and electrical work have all been installed and paid for. Down payment of ½ has been made for living and dining room refinishing.

++ Trees at NW corner of property have been taken down and removed.

#### **New Business:**

++ Gary presented parsonage roofing bids from four contractors; a bid from All-Rite Roofing was accepted. Work to begin in August, paid by festival funds.



**"HE HAS RISEN!  
He is not here."**

**Mark 16:6**

**Danish Ladies Aid** (DLA) meets Mon June 11, 11:30 am at Jean Larkin's home for lunch and meeting. All women are invited; we are working on the fabric sale set for June 22-23 and the all church yard sale scheduled for July 20-21.

\*\*DLA voted to pay for the parsonage living and dining room floor refinishing work.

\*\*DLA voted to pay for bark dust for the church and parsonage areas that are in need.

### Helping our Neighbors

Ongoing efforts that you are assisting with...

**Bunches of Lunches**... a program to send home meals with students who on non-school days might not have anything to eat. We collect ***low sugar fruit cups & oatmeal packets***.

***You may donate money towards this effort and we will shop for you! If donating by check, make it out to Faith and indicate the money is for Bunches of Lunches. Or you may give cash to Jean Larkin who will make sure it gets spent appropriately.***

**DLA Toiletry Drive**... As you are travelling, bring home the toiletries found in your hotel room and donate to Local Aid; or you can pick up extra travel size items to donate. Donation box in the hall.

**Socks, gloves & mittens for the Eugene Mission**  
Items need only be clean and have some wear left, they do not need to be new, although those are welcome also. Thanks Sandy for delivering.



FIRST TUESDAY POTLUCK is this coming week... May 1 beginning at 6 pm.  
No speaker, just food and conversation.

### Discernment/Call Committee named

Installed on April 22 as committee members were:

Larry Clough	Teri Fries
Sandy Garrett	Jean Larkin
Donna Lee	Irene Lund
Frank Marrs	

The committee's work on determining what our Faith community is going to become and what our ministry focus should be has already begun. Pastor Stuart will be shepherding us in our journey and God is be our ultimate guide.

**Kid's Activity Bags**... Linde Wicklund is collecting materials appropriate for the Kid's Activity Bags that are available for visiting children during Sunday worship. Do you have Sunday School books, lessons, coloring books, etc that you can donate for the cause? Or copies can be made of what you have.

Talk to Linde, or if you have something to donate, please put in the blue box located in the nursery.



### **LUTHER HOUSE HAPPENINGS:**

#### **COME VISIT US!**

Springtime is the season for campus visits for prospective college students and their families. At Luther House we want to connect and build relationships with students before they arrive on campus so they see us as a rich resource for faith and friendship. If you're planning a visit to Oregon State University, please let us know when you are coming. We'd love to have a chance to show you 'round the place and give you a warm Luther House welcome!

#### **LUTHER HOUSE HITS THE ROAD**

Pastor Mike continues his congregational visitation tour of Oregon Synod churches hoping to meet and establish relationships with prospective students. So far, he has visited 16 congregations. His visits will continue through the month of June. If you would like Pastor Mike Ostrom to visit your congregation or youth group, please contact Luther House at 541-753-5213 or [lhouse@peak.org](mailto:lhouse@peak.org)

[www.luther-house.org/](http://www.luther-house.org/)

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Oregon State University

***Jesus said ..., "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." - John 11:25***

### **FABRIC SALE COMING AGAIN**

The DLA is again having a FABRIC SALE at the hall on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23 from 9am to 1pm each day.

Beautiful, high-quality fabric has been donated.  
Tell your quilting and sewing friends!

### **JC Lions Club Chicken BBQ time!**



**Sunday May 20**

Pickup 9:00a – 2:00p at 5<sup>th</sup> & Ivy,  
Junction City \$6/half chicken

Jean is selling tickets now through May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Proceeds go for Lions Club hearing and sight financial support projects.

## All Church YARD SALE JULY 20 & 21 9 am - 2 pm

We're having a yard sale to raise money for church/parsonage upkeep. The sale will be Friday, July 20 and Saturday, July 21 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Set up, arranging and pricing the items will occur Wednesday and Thursday before the sale.

Start going through your stuff and set aside items that are in good working order, clean and still usable. We will have dates posted at a later time when someone will be at the church to accept your decent donations for the sale. We won't be accepting anything until July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need items picked up, let us know.

Tools, fishing gear, children's toys, books, puzzles are favorites of shoppers. Clothes will be accepted but must be clean and wearable.

Do you want to help set up and work the sale? Let us know. ☺

Those who will accept donations: Donna Lee  
Jean Larkin

Dorothy Senchina  
Cynthia Marrs



Mother is a name held sacred  
By most mortals of the earth;  
It means great love and sacrifice  
From the very day of birth,  
A love that's so full of beauty,  
So tender, so very true!  
Something, seemingly, from Heaven  
That has come to me and you.  
There's no love so understanding  
And so faithful to the end  
As a Mother's love—God bless her!—  
That to us our Lord did send.

~Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Mother" (1940s)

*We remember our Mothers and those who cared  
for us like Mothers with deep and never ending  
love. Happy Mother's Day.*




*We are connected with others...  
sometimes by only a thread.*

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) quilters have made 55 quilts the past six months that were blessed on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. What a wonderful exhibit of love and devotion to God's children who are in need. The quilts will be sent to a collection site then delivered to people who find themselves in the midst of disasters worldwide.

Continue your great work quilters!

*Alleluia, Christ has Risen,  
He has Risen indeed!*

# MAY 2018

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<b>29</b> 11:00a Worship at JC United Methodist Church, potluck follows	<b>30</b> 7p Weight Watchers  <b>Jesse Knudsen BD</b>	<b>May 1</b>  <b>6p First Tuesday POTLUCK</b>  7p Church Council	<b>2</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	<b>3</b> 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	<b>4</b>  <b>Gary Keller BD</b>	<b>5</b> 9-4 Lutheran World Relief Quilting
<b>6</b> 10:30a Worship	<b>7</b> 7p Weight Watchers	<b>8</b> 2p Call Committee, library  <b>Gail Goshert BD</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	<b>10</b> 9:30a Hens-Chicks	<b>11</b> 7p Game Night at the Larkin's  <b>Chenoa Chavez BD</b>	<b>12</b> 8-10a FREE Breakfast at JCUMC
<b>13 Mothers' Day</b>  10:30a Worship	<b>14</b>  7p Weight Watchers	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	<b>17</b> 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9-4 Stashbusters, quilting group
<b>20</b> 10:30a Worship <b>9a-2p Lions Club Chicken BBQ pickup 3:30p</b> at JCUMC, Pianist Andrew Pham	<b>21</b> 7p Weight Watchers	<b>22</b> <b>3p June newsletter items due to Jean</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast  <b>Megan Gregersen BD</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30a Hens-Chicks  <b>Karen Chavez BD</b>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 8-10a FREE Breakfast at JCUMC
<b>27</b>  10:30a Worship	<b>28 Memorial Day</b>  7p Weight Watchers	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30a Men's Bible Study/Breakfast  <b>Lacy Larson BD</b>	<b>31</b> 9-12 LWR Quilters 1-4 Memory Makers	<b>June 1</b>	<b>June 2</b> 9-4 Lutheran World Relief Quilting  <b>Kim Nelson BD</b>

## MAY Readings

	May 6	Acts 10:44-48	Psalms 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
	May 13	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalms 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Pentecost	May 20	Acts 2:1-21	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
Holy Trinity	May 27	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalms 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
	June 3	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6

MAY 2018 NEWS  
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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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 information, <http://www.reconcilingworks.org/about/>

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**JUNE news/announcements/prayer updates due to Jean by 3 pm Tuesday MAY 22.**

***Time to update this list, please review for those who can now be removed from community prayer.***

**As a community we gather in Christ's love to support one another in prayer:**

**Family & Friends of Pete Drongesen**

Shayna & unborn baby Jazzlyn (Mara Taylor family)	Dorothy Senchina	Darla Knudsen, chemo
Marie Lockett, surgery recovery & chemo	Quintin Nelson	Efrem, Dale, Amie Zimmerman
Doris	Michael Peterson	Lois Gregersen
Steve Christiansen	Mara Taylor	Bobbi Nelson
Rick Stout	Liane Dierich	Leah Kelley
Allan Close	Willy Lambert	Alyce Riddle
Victoria Centeno	Gene Coughran	Kenneth
Frank Fries	Lynn Randall	Dan Thompson
Linnis Jones	Sheila Rediger	Linda McClellan
Sue Nichols-Collins	Ruth Buckley	Bonnie Miller
Clint Gillette	Mike Ross	Sam Bliese
Collin Randall	Nerissa Townsend	Don/Shawn/Jason Wilson

**Those in the Military & their Families:** Paul & Shaila